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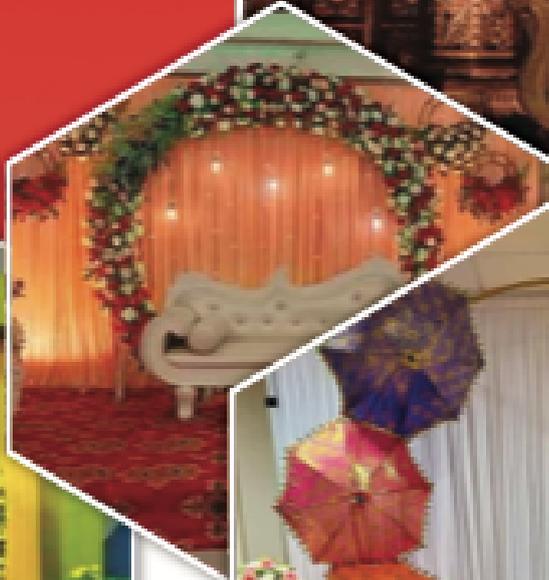
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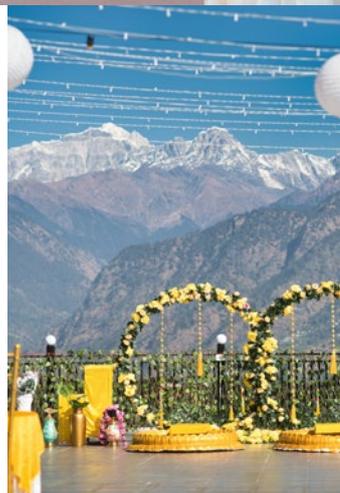
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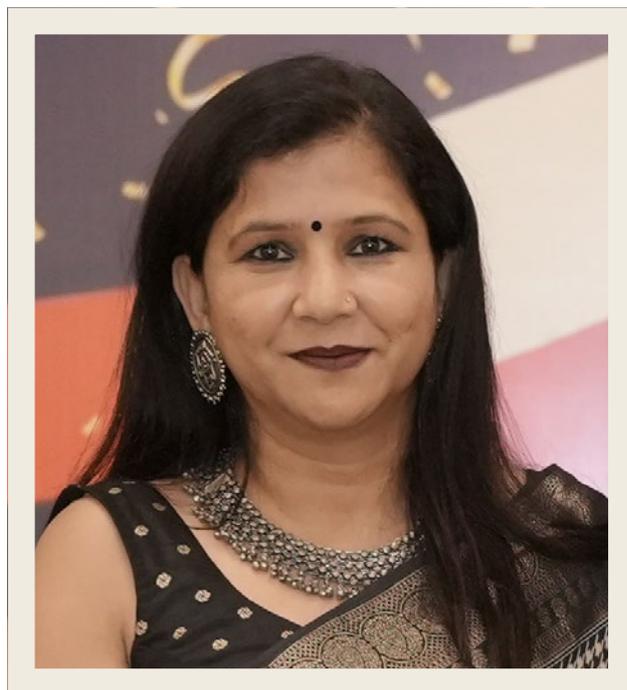
As we step into a new year, this edition opens with a trend that firmly set the tone for modern Indian weddings—Uttarakhand emerging as a preferred destination for discerning trendsetters. From its serene landscapes to immersive luxury experiences, the region has witnessed a remarkable rise in real, experiential weddings. A recent highlight was Jim Corbett hosting an intimate yet spectacular real wedding of a leading digital creator, reaffirming Uttarakhand's position on the wedding map for couples seeking authenticity, nature and understated grandeur.

In this issue, we take a comprehensive look at the wedding trends that defined 2025—from intimate destination celebrations and conscious luxury to storytelling-led décor and experience-driven planning. Equally important, we turn our lens toward what 2026 holds—the evolving aesthetics, guest-centric experiences, sustainability-led choices, and the growing influence of digital creators on wedding narratives.

Adding to the glamour of this edition, our cover features the stunning Shilpa Shetty, effortlessly stealing the limelight in Limelight Lab Grown Diamonds—a powerful reflection of modern luxury, conscious choices, and timeless elegance that align seamlessly with today's evolving bridal sensibilities.



Jim Corbett hosting an intimate yet spectacular real wedding



None of this would be meaningful without you. Our audience has been exceptionally supportive, and your continued appreciation of our content motivates us to push boundaries. We remain committed to bringing you real stories, impactful conversations and innovative wedding trends that reflect the changing pulse of the industry—thoughtfully curated and editorially driven.

As we welcome the year ahead, we thank you for being part of our journey and trusting us as your wedding media companion.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year—filled with love, celebration and inspired beginnings.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



As we wrap up another exciting year, there's honestly so much to talk about. Weddings in 2025 gave us drama, detail, reinvention, and a whole lot of inspiration—and naturally, curiosity around what's next. That's exactly what this edition is all about. We're looking back at what truly trended this year while also decoding what's set to be in vogue in the coming year.

Gracing our cover is the ever-gorgeous Shilpa Shetty, shining effortlessly in Limelight Lab Grown Diamonds. Lab grown diamonds are no longer just an alternative—they're a statement. Modern brides are embracing this conscious, stylish, and forward-thinking choice with open arms, and we love how this trend beautifully blends luxury with responsibility.

Inside the pages, we dive deep into everything weddings need to talk about today. From statement décor and thoughtfully curated food experiences to trending destinations, reel-worthy weddings, and pre-bridal treatments that go beyond the basics. We explore bridal trousseaus that reflect personal style, the rise of minimalist and intimate weddings, and how storytelling has become central to every celebration.

This edition is a true celebration of how weddings are evolving—less about excess and more about intention, experience, and individuality. With a lot of thought, detail, and careful curation, we've brought together content that is real, impactful, and meaningful, just the way weddings should be.

We invite you to read this edition at your own comfort, bookmark what inspires you, and revisit what resonates. And as always, we'd love to hear from you. Your suggestions, feedback, and ideas truly matter to us—and if you wish to be featured or have a story worth telling, we're just an email away. Write to us at editor.maangalbazaar@gmail.com.

Here's to love, new beginnings, and weddings that tell stories worth remembering.



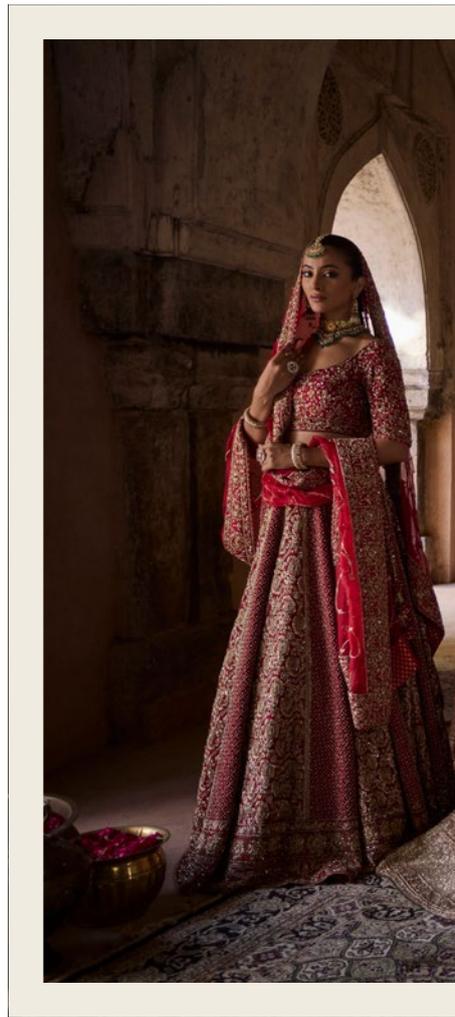
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THE NEW BRIDAL NARRATIVE

TRADITION, VERSATILITY AND IDENTITY AT HOUSE OF SHAHANA



Bridal fashion is evolving rapidly—what are the biggest shifts you’re currently seeing in the way Indian brides approach their wedding wardrobe?

Indian brides today are far more conscious, expressive, and involved in curating their wedding wardrobe. They value tradition but are no longer bound by it. Instead of following a fixed bridal formula, brides want outfits that reflect their personality, cultural roots, and emotional journey. Customization has become key, whether through meaningful motifs, personalized color palettes, or versatile silhouettes. Brides are also

In an era where bridal fashion is no longer about rigid traditions but deeply personal storytelling, House of Shahana stands as a name synonymous with heritage craftsmanship, thoughtful design, and modern elegance. In an exclusive conversation, Simrat and Paul Arora, spokespersons for the label, share their insights on how Indian bridal wear is evolving—balancing emotional legacy with contemporary sensibilities. Interviewed

by Farvi Wadhwa, the discussion delves into changing bridal mindsets, timeless craftsmanship, versatile silhouettes, and the powerful narrative behind their celebrated collection, IK KUDI.

From conscious colour choices to comfort-led couture and heirloom-worthy designs, the duo reflects on what today’s bride truly seeks—authenticity, strength, and a wedding wardrobe that mirrors her identity rather than follows a formula.



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thinking beyond the wedding day, investing in pieces that hold long-term emotional and functional value. At House of Shahana, we see brides embracing a thoughtful balance of heritage craftsmanship and modern elegance, choosing ensembles that feel authentic, expressive, and deeply personal rather than purely ceremonial.

Traditional craftsmanship continues to hold emotional value for brides. Why do you think hand embroidery and artisanal detailing remain timeless in bridal wear?

Hand embroidery carries a soul and story that no machine can replicate. Techniques like zardosi, dabka, zari, and heritage goldwork are deeply woven into India's cultural legacy, making them emotionally resonant for brides. These crafts reflect patience, devotion, and artistry values closely aligned with the

sanctity of marriage. For many brides, wearing hand-embroidered couture is a way of honoring generations of tradition while becoming part of that lineage themselves. Each stitch adds depth, texture, and individuality, transforming the bridal outfit into an heirloom rather than a trend-driven garment. This emotional permanence is what makes artisanal craftsmanship truly timeless.

Modern brides want versatility. How important are multi-occasion outfits when curating a wedding trousseau today?

Versatility has become a defining factor in modern bridal trousseaus. Brides today are mindful of how their wedding wardrobe will live beyond the ceremonies. Multi-occasion outfits such as lehenga skirts paired with different blouses, anarkalis that can be restyled, or shararas adaptable for festive gatherings

offer both practicality and longevity. This approach allows brides to relive memories while creating new ones in the same ensemble. At House of Shahana, we design with this philosophy in mind, ensuring each piece carries emotional value while remaining wearable across celebrations. A versatile trousseau feels meaningful, sustainable, and deeply personal to the bride's evolving journey. →



From lehengas to shararas and anarkalis, silhouettes are expanding beyond the classic bridal look. Which styles do you see dominating upcoming wedding seasons?

While the classic bridal lehenga continues to hold its timeless appeal, upcoming wedding seasons are witnessing a notable shift toward statement anarkalis and shararas. Brides are increasingly drawn to silhouettes that allow ease of movement and comfort while retaining a sense of grandeur. Richly embroidered anarkalis are emerging as a preferred choice for pheras and intimate ceremonies, while shararas are gaining popularity for receptions and festive celebrations. These silhouettes strike a perfect balance between tradition and modern fluidity. We see brides choosing designs that feel regal yet effortless allowing them to celebrate with freedom while making a confident bridal statement rooted in heritage and contemporary couture.



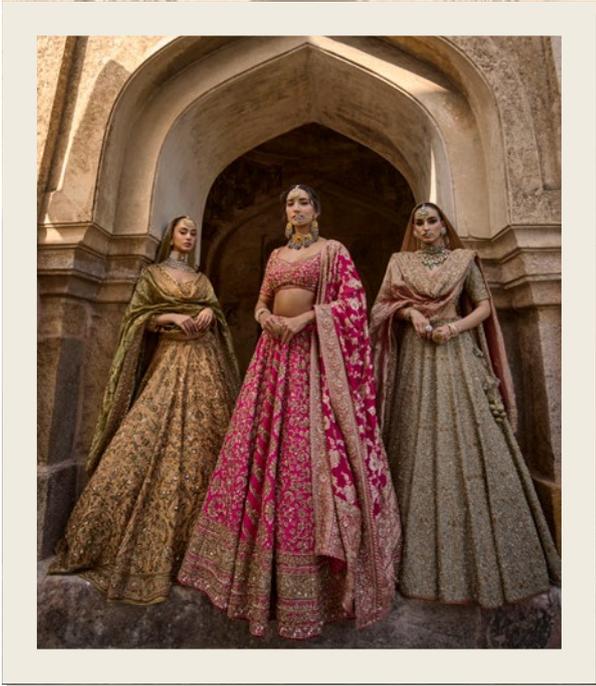
Colour palettes in bridal wear are moving beyond reds and maroons. What hues and tonal stories are resonating most with today's brides?

Today's brides are embracing softer, more nuanced color stories that feel romantic and timeless. Shades like

blush pinks, ivories, vintage golds, muted peaches, and jewel tones are resonating deeply. These hues offer elegance while allowing intricate embroidery to truly shine. While red remains emotionally significant, it is being reimagined through deeper tones, antique finishes, and layered palettes. Brides are choosing colors that flatter their skin tone and reflect their personality rather than following tradition alone. At House of Shahana, our palettes are designed to feel regal yet contemporary creating bridal looks that are emotionally rich and visually enduring.

Comfort is becoming as important as couture. How are designers balancing structure, craftsmanship, and wearability for long wedding celebrations?

Balancing couture with comfort is essential for today's multi-day wedding celebrations. Designers are focusing on intelligent garment construction—using lighter base fabrics, breathable linings, and thoughtfully placed embroidery to



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reduce weight without compromising richness. At House of Shahana, we ensure that craftsmanship enhances the silhouette rather than overwhelming it. Fluid cuts, balanced proportions, and precision tailoring allow brides to move, sit, and celebrate comfortably for hours. True luxury today lies in how a garment feels as much as how it looks. A comfortable bride is confident, radiant, and fully present in her celebrations.

IK KUDI draws inspiration from cultural identity and feminine strength. How do you see this narrative aligning with what today's bride wants to express through her wedding look?

The modern bride wants her wedding look to reflect strength, individuality, and emotional depth. Ik Kudi celebrates the journey from girlhood to bridehood, honoring cultural roots while embracing self-expression. Today's bride sees herself as confident and evolving, yet deeply connected to her heritage. This narrative resonates strongly because

it allows her to wear tradition on her own terms. Through powerful craftsmanship, refined silhouettes, and thoughtful storytelling, Ik Kudi becomes more than a collection it becomes a reflection of identity. It empowers brides to celebrate who they are while honoring where they come from.

For brides investing in heirloom pieces, what should they look for to ensure their bridal outfit remains relevant and cherished for years to come?

When investing in an heirloom bridal piece, brides should focus on timeless design, superior craftsmanship, and emotional resonance. Classic silhouettes, balanced embroidery, and refined color palettes ensure longevity beyond trends. Handcrafted detailing like zardosi and heritage goldwork adds depth and cultural authenticity, making the garment worthy of being passed down. Versatility is equally important—an outfit that can be reimaged or restyled over time holds

greater value. At House of Shahana, we believe an heirloom should tell a story, evoke emotion, and remain relevant across generations, becoming a treasured part of family history.

As this conversation with Simrat and Paul Arora reveals, modern bridal couture is no longer just about grandeur—it is about meaning. ♦

Fewer Pieces MORE MEANING

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As Indian weddings become more intimate and personal, the idea of a bridal trousseau is quietly changing. What was once about filling trunks is now about choosing pieces that actually mean something. The modern bride is stepping away from excess and focusing on what she will truly wear, remember and carry forward.

According to Binita Debuka, Founder and Creative Head of Banarsi Gathri, this shift has been unfolding for some time now.

“What I’m seeing with brides today is that they want to slow down,” she says. “They don’t want to pack things just because they’re expected to. There’s a lot more thought now.”

At its core, a bridal trousseau is emotional. It is tied to memories that stay long after the wedding is over.

“Your wedding clothes sit with you for years,” Binita explains. “Every time you open that cupboard, you remember moments — not trends. That’s why meaning matters so much.”

Heritage textiles continue to play an important role in this conversation, especially Banarasi weaves. “For many brides, a Banarasi saree is still a must,” she says. “It’s traditional, yes, but it also feels special in a way very few fabrics do. You don’t wear it once and forget it.”

What has changed is how Banarasi is being chosen. Brides are moving towards lighter weaves, softer handwork and silhouettes that feel comfortable through long wedding days.

“Comfort is a big factor now,” adds Binita. “Brides want to sit, laugh, dance — they don’t want to feel weighed down. Lighter Banarasi blends, georgette, raw silk and softer brocades really work for that.”



There is also a growing love for heirlooms. Many brides are bringing in their mothers’ or grandmothers’ sarees to include them in their trousseau.

“When a bride brings a family saree, the mood changes,” she says. “There’s emotion there. Often, we just refresh it a little — a new blouse, some small detailing — but the fabric stays the same.”

Instead of dozens of outfits, a thoughtful trousseau today usually includes a few well-chosen pieces: one classic Banarasi saree, one festive statement outfit, a couple of lighter looks for post-wedding gatherings, and blouses or dupattas that can be restyled.

“I always tell brides — pick pieces you can imagine wearing again,” Binita says. “If you can see yourself reaching for it years later, it belongs in your trousseau.” Sustainability is also shaping how brides think today. Investing in handcrafted pieces or repurposing heirlooms feels more natural than overbuying.

“In a way, we’re going back to how trousseau were always built,” she reflects. “Slowly, with care.”

At the end of the day, there is no rulebook.

“A trousseau is supposed to feel like you,” Binita says. “And when everything has a story, it stops being just clothing — it becomes part of your life.” ♦



BRIDAL JEWELLERY TRENDS THAT DEFINED 2025

*TRISHA PAUL, Head of Merchandising at
KISNA Diamond & Gold Jewellery*



2025 feels like an interesting moment for bridal jewellery in India. It's a year where tradition and newer design sensibilities are clearly meeting in practical, thoughtful ways. Today's Indian bride isn't trying to choose between classic and contemporary anymore. She's comfortable wearing both, putting together looks that reflect her background while still feeling personal and current. This shift is especially visible in how gold and diamond jewellery is being designed. Styles are becoming more versatile, and there's a noticeable change in metal choices and diamond settings that speaks to what brides now value.

Rose gold, for instance, has moved beyond being a novelty and is now a strong presence in diamond jewellery. Its softer tone works well with the pastel and muted colour palettes many brides are opting for. When paired with diamonds in 18K gold, rose gold offers a lighter, more understated look that photographs well and feels modern without losing its elegance. Alongside this, mixed-metal jewellery has gained traction. Brides are increasingly layering yellow, white, and rose gold pieces, allowing them to blend inherited jewellery with newer designs in a way that feels natural rather than forced. Chokers, too, have made a strong comeback.



Designs featuring detailed craftsmanship, Kundan work, and bold centre elements are becoming key pieces, sitting neatly along the collarbone and framing the face with confidence.

South Indian brides, in particular, continue to gravitate towards temple-inspired designs. Lotus motifs and deity elements add a sense of cultural and spiritual meaning to their jewellery choices. What's interesting is how social media has helped reposition these traditional styles, showing how well they work not just for rituals, but also in modern wedding settings. Temple jewellery has also moved beyond regional boundaries. Brides across the country are now embracing its antique gold finishes, goddess motifs, and handcrafted details. Its appeal lies in how striking it looks during ceremonies, especially under the warm lighting of wedding mandaps.



Another noticeable shift is the renewed interest in polki and Kundan jewellery, updated to suit modern wearability. Designers are now using hollow gold techniques, making elaborate uncut diamond sets significantly lighter. This has made it easier for brides to wear these pieces for longer hours without discomfort. Polki diamonds, with their natural, unpolished character, continue to stand out, especially when paired with Kundan work that reflects light in subtle ways. Across all these trends, one thing is clear: brides in 2025 are thinking beyond a single wedding day. They're choosing jewellery that feels meaningful, carries personal and cultural value, and can be worn again across different moments in their lives. ♦

Celebrity ENGAGEMENT RINGS in 2025

WHY COLOURED GEMSTONES ARE REPLACING CLASSIC DIAMONDS. By **RHEA PODDAR LOYALKA**,
Founder & Creative Director, Deshya



In 2025, engagement rings will no longer only be connected to traditions, they will also serve as a symbol of an individual's style. Coloured gemstones are in a competition with traditional diamonds due to the

personal significance of engagement rings for the wearer. This is because coloured gemstones give the wearer more alternatives in terms of style and uniqueness than diamonds do. According to experts, during the last five years, the surge in coloured engagement ring popularity is a direct result of the younger generation's desire for an engagement ring to reflect more than beauty but rather, have a particular importance to the user.

Diamonds still shine brightly in the celebrity world and nothing illustrates this better than Taylor Swift's engagement ring from Travis Kelce. The ring designed by Artifex Fine Jewelry, features an antique-style old-mine brilliant diamond estimated between eight and ten carats. Media outlets described its elongated silhouette, soft pillowy faceting and yellow-gold setting as a revival of vintage glamour. Similarly, Cristiano Ronaldo's proposal to Georgina Rodríguez created headlines for the sheer size of her diamond with estimates suggesting anywhere between fifteen and thirty carats. It is a reminder that among the ultra rich and famous, the diamond retains its position as the ultimate symbol of success, luxury and visibility.



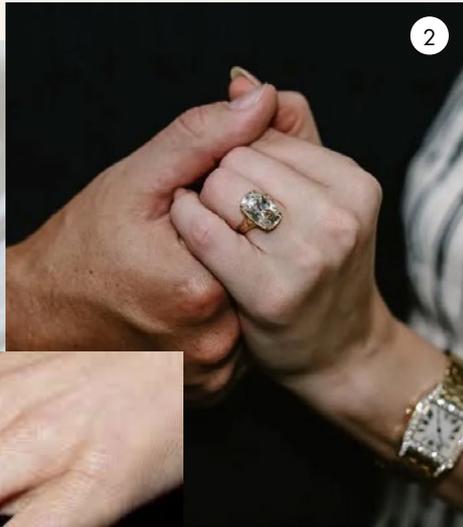
DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, THE SURGE IN COLOURED ENGAGEMENT RING POPULARITY IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION'S DESIRE

However these spectacular jewels coexist with a more subtle but definite change. One of the most famous pieces of jewelry in modern history is Kate Middleton's famous sapphire engagement ring which belonged to Princess Diana before her. Although decades old, its impact is still very obvious in 2025. The oval cut the halo of diamonds and the rich Ceylon blue continue to inspire couples who value colour for its symbolic importance as well as its aesthetic appeal. A colored gemstone does more than just sparkle; it conveys a message and this relationship is growing more and more significant.





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She reportedly chose a portrait-cut diamond ring, which is an uncommon choice for celebrity jewellery. The flat surface and vintage feel of the portrait cut shows depth rather than over the top brilliance.

What is driving the broader shift toward coloured gemstones is a blend of cultural and emotional elements. Engagement rings are no longer about following a set of rules for many contemporary couples. Designers note that clients now discuss favourite colours, personal symbols and family histories as much as clarity grades and carat weights. An emerald's calming green or a sapphire's deep blue can express individuality in a way a typical diamond cannot.

The increasing demand for colored stones, which often come from smaller mines or reliable ethical sources, demands more transparency. At the same time innovation in design is thriving. Artisans are testing out asymmetrical settings, vintage styles, mixed metals and nature-inspired patterns. All of which pair nicely with colored gemstones. These stones encourage creativity, an appealing quality for many couples.

Looking at global superstar culture in 2025, diamonds are far from disappearing. However, they are no longer the default option. Rather, colored gemstones, which were before seen to be unusual or alternative, are now the focal point of contemporary romance. They provide history, personality, emotion, and narrative. Qualities that resonate more strongly with today's couples than pure sparkle alone. Colored gems are not only taking the place of traditional diamonds in a society where uniqueness is more important than ever, but they are also changing the meaning of an engagement ring. ♦

This yearning for meaning is also obvious in Indian culture. When Arjun Tendulkar and Saaniya Chandok announced their engagement, the new was not focused on a grand display but more on the private and intimate tone of the celebration. They decided to make the ring modest and private, which shows an increasing preference for jewellery that has meaning and emotions attached to it over grandiose. Especially at a time when couples usually record every aspect of their wedding. Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu recently married filmmaker Raj Nidimoru.



Chunky & Minimal

As we move into 2026, we're seeing a clear shift toward jewellery that balances trend with timelessness. Brides and wedding guests are embracing minimalist yet statement-making pieces — from sleek chokers to chunky gemstone earrings — that reflect personality over tradition. At Attrangi, we've realised that people are now choosing designs that feel versatile, expressive, and wearable beyond the wedding day. We constantly evolve with our audience, creating pieces that celebrate individuality while keeping style at the heart of every look."

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Selecting the perfect thank-you gift for a bridal party often centres on personalisation and lasting value. A growing trend for modern couples is to present their closest friends with elegant, versatile jewellery that complements both the wedding day aesthetic and everyday style. Curated stud sets, offering mix-and-match potential, have emerged as a leading choice. These Studex picks bring the right mix of shine, attitude and "don't look away" energy your bride tribe deserves.

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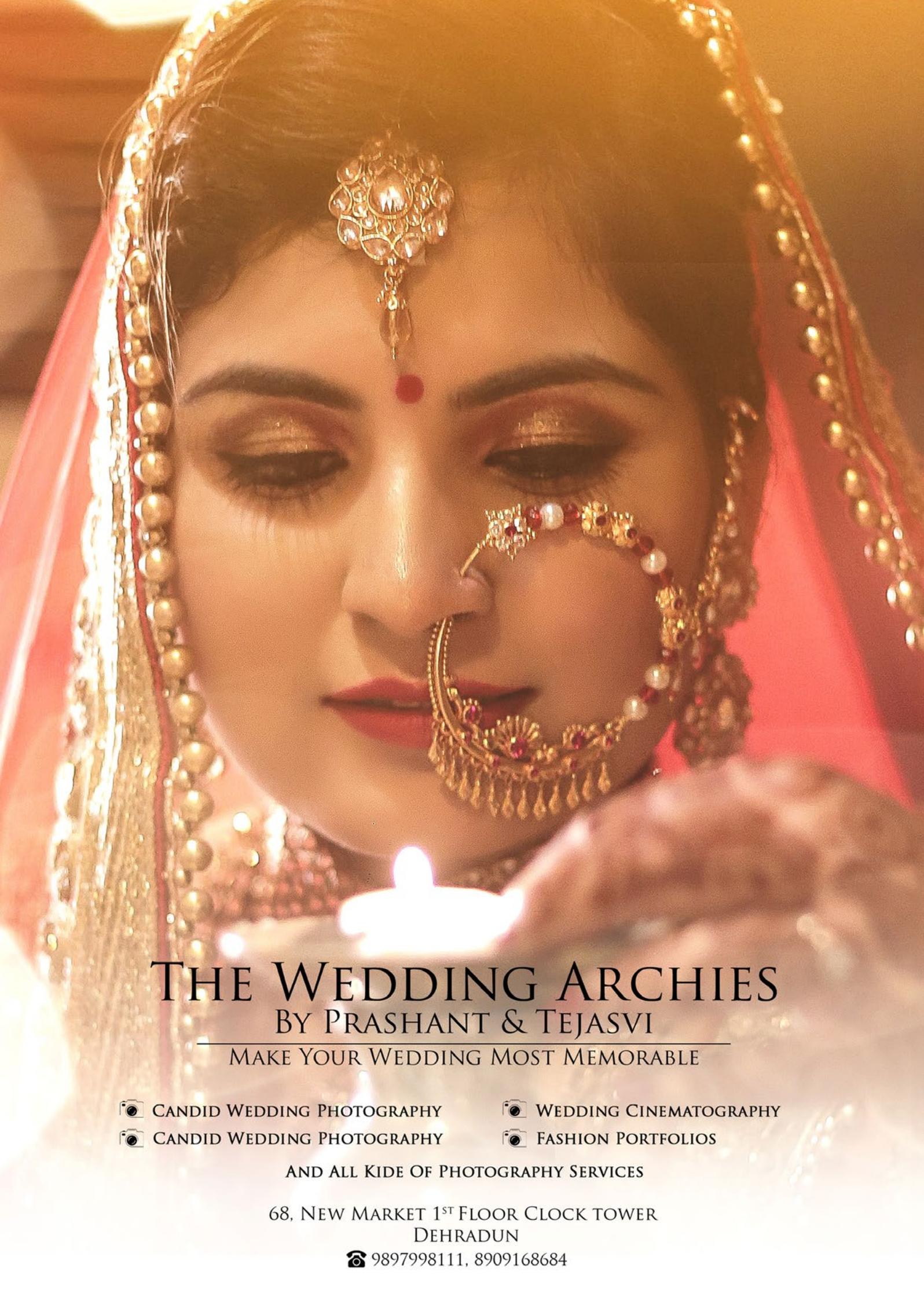
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Pre-Bridal treatments

By DR. SRI SAHITHI KONIDENA, Md Dermatologist,
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The wedding season has begun, and the bride's of 2025 are clearer and prepared than ever before for their wedding skincare. Over time, the trends have evolved; now, dermatology clinics are witnessing a shift from last-minute beauty fixes towards longer-planned routines that focus on sustained skin health. The goal of most brides is to achieve a natural, even skin tone and well-hydrated skin, not artificially changed, and this glow is visible even after the wedding week. With changes in trends, dermatologists' advice suggests various treatments that help to correct pigmentation, improve texture, remove body hair, and enhance skin quality long before the big day.



SKIN PREP BEGINS MONTHS IN ADVANCE

Pre-bridal skincare now starts at least three to six months before the wedding. Dermatologists advise early evaluations to understand concerns such as acne scars, melasma, tanning, dullness, and fine lines. When brides begin early, the skin responds better to corrective and restorative procedures. Treatments are staggered over several months so that the skin does not get irritated and the collagen-building therapies can have enough time to show their results.

Hydration-based therapies form the first layer of preparation. Non-invasive skin boosters improve moisture retention and enhance the surface radiance that many brides seek for photography. These treatments also create a smoother canvas for makeup.

PIGMENTATION AND TEXTURE CORRECTION LEAD THE TREND

Uneven skin tone remains the top issue for most Indian brides. Therefore, dermatology clinics are witnessing a large influx of people seeking treatments for tanning, acne marks, sun spots, and melasma. Dermatologists often suggest using chemical peels of controlled strength to lighten the skin's pigmentation step by step. These peels renew skin and make it smoother while not needing a long rest period.

The popular energy-based targeted treatments are chosen for deeper pigmentation or acne scars, and



are still the most chosen option. Fractional resurfacing makes the skin surface smoother and also stimulates collagen production. Brides who begin their treatment early reap the benefit of the gradual effect of these treatments, which results in them having a clearer and more refined complexion at the time of their wedding.

LASER HAIR REDUCTION TOPS BRIDAL PLANS

Laser hair reduction has moved from a convenience-based option to a core part of pre-bridal preparation. Brides now prefer long-term hair reduction on arms, legs, underarms, and the bikini area to avoid the frequent waxing cycles during busy pre-wedding weeks. Dermatologists point out that consistency matters more than speed, which is why many brides start around six months before the ceremony.

Platforms that offer fast coverage and comfort gain preference. Many clinics include technologies such as the Soprano Titanium Special Edition in their pre-bridal plans because it provides larger spot sizes and smoother treatments suitable for sensitive areas.

The integration of cooling systems makes these sessions easier for first-time users while ensuring uniform results. The approach stays patient-centric and focuses on creating long-term reduction rather than rushed outcomes.

SKIN QUALITY TREATMENTS RISE IN POPULARITY

One of the significant changes in 2025 has been the increasing call for procedures that enhance the skin rather than cover up its flaws.

For instance, brides are seeking solutions that would restore their faces, which are already undergoing stress, lack of sleep, and environmental exposure, and they want their skin to look fresh and vibrant again. In this case, a cleansing procedure similar to Hydrafacial, soft exfoliation, and nutrient infusions are the ways to obtain the skin's return to its natural brightness. Some dermatologists use micro-infusion techniques that deliver vitamins and peptides directly into the skin to support luminosity.

For brides dealing with fine lines or early aging signs, collagen-stimulating treatments such as micro-needling gain traction. These treatments create a natural plumping effect and help maintain firmness through the wedding season.

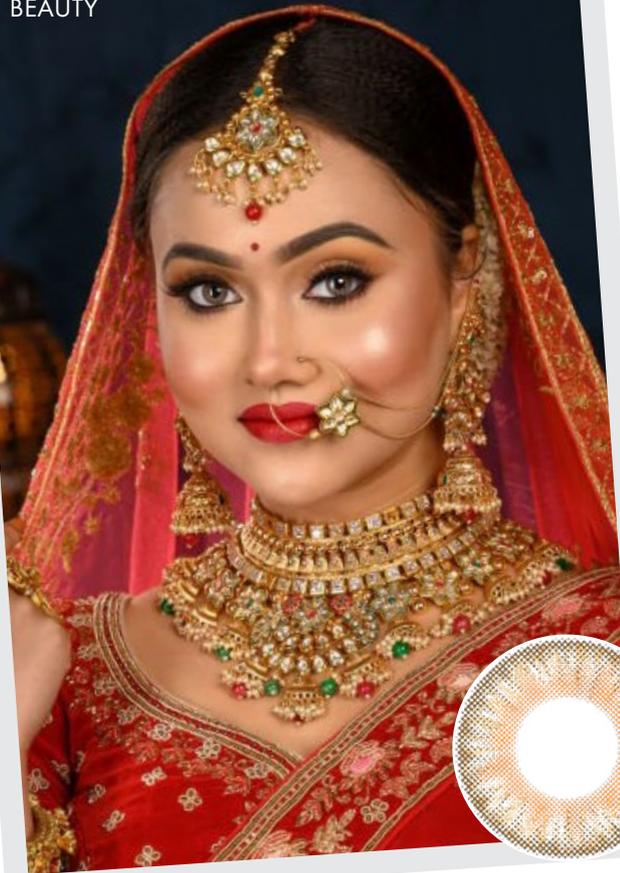
BODY TREATMENTS GAIN MOMENTUM

Body polishing treatments are becoming more popular, mainly for brides who wear backless or sleeveless outfits. A chemical exfoliation of the back, arms, and neck is the most effective way of reducing tanning and roughness. Body moisturizing wraps and brightening peels are still being incorporated into holistic pre-bridal plans.

CONCLUSION

In 2025, wedding skincare is all about planning, treatments using scientific evidence, and getting a natural look. Dermatologists advise a combination of moisturizing treatments, pigment correction, laser hair removal, and skin quality improvement procedures for a well-rounded and efficient bridal skincare routine. With the proper guidance and diligent care, brides will have healthier and more radiant skin that they can confidently carry through the wedding celebrations and after. In addition to the core pre-bridal treatments, brides can also benefit greatly from skin boosters and hair fall therapies, which have become essential in achieving a fresh, healthy, and radiant look before the wedding. Skin boosters such as hyaluronic acid infusions, polynucleotides, and collagen-stimulating cocktails deeply hydrate the skin, improve texture, soften fine lines, and give a long-lasting glow that makeup sits beautifully on. These can be started 3–6 months before the wedding for best results, with a final glow session 2–4 weeks before the big day. Hair fall treatments like PRP/GFC therapy, peptide-based growth formulations, scalp detox therapies, and nourishing hair rituals help strengthen the hair roots, reduce thinning, and improve overall hair density and shine. Brides should also remember often-missed essentials such as back and body care, under-eye hydration, supplement support. Together, these additions complete a comprehensive pre-bridal plan. ♦

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HERBAL MAGIC FOR BRIDES

NATURE'S TOOLS TO ATTRACT
LOVE, PEACE & PROSPERITY

BY POOJA MEHNA,
HOLISTIC COACH | TAROT | ASTRO-NUMEROLOGY
PLANETARY REMEDIES

Every bride dreams of beginning her new life wrapped in love, harmony, and gentle blessings. Nature supports this transition beautifully through the subtle power of herbs, fragrances, and colours—each aligned with the cosmic energies of our birth numbers. Your date of birth corresponds to a ruling planet, and when any planetary energy is weak or missing, the right herb can help restore balance.

One of the simplest and most effective practices is *spiritual bathing*. Beginning this ritual *111 days before the wedding* creates a sense of calm, emotional steadiness and positive flow as a bride steps into her new chapter. **HERBAL CORRECTIONS FOR NUMBERS 1 TO 9**

1: SUN

Add haldi to your bath. It enhances inner glow, boosts confidence, and attracts respect.

2: MOON

Mix in milk for emotional balance, soothing energy, and peaceful relationships.

3: JUPITER

Use kesar or chandan to draw luck, blessings, guidance, and divine favour.

4: RAHU

Add neem to clear negativity, protect your aura, and reduce overthinking.

5: MERCURY

Use tulsi to strengthen communication, understanding, and relationship harmony.

6: VENUS

Add rose for love, beauty, sweetness, and bridal charm. The Asht Lakshmi scrub further amplifies prosperity and grace.

7: KETU

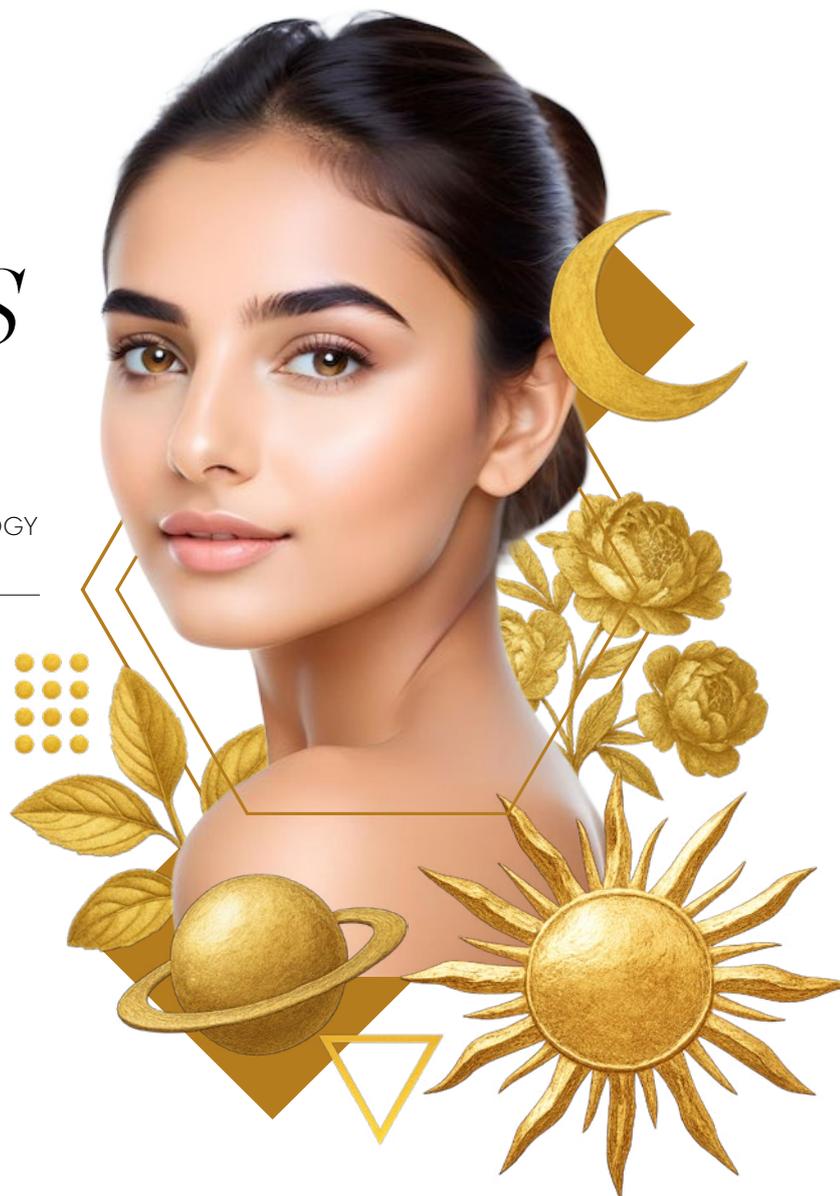
Use camphor water for purification, energetic cleansing, and spiritual clarity.

8: SATURN

Add black sesame to bring grounding, stability, discipline, and long-term peace.

9: MARS

Use red rose water or hibiscus for strength, bonding, and healthy emotional confidence.



These simple yet profound herbal rituals have the power to shift energies from within. When a bride aligns her inner world with nature, she enters her marriage with serenity, sweetness, and cosmic support guiding her every step. ♦

Bridal Beauty Hacks for *Winter Weddings*

By SHAHNAZ HUSAIN

Winter weddings are special as the weather has its own beauty and the biggest positive point is that the bride won't have to worry sweating it all out. However, the biggest concern that a bride has to look forward to is lasting makeup that too with all that dry skin and flaky skin issues during winters. These can be dealt with if you carefully plan out your skincare regime and use products that are compatible with the weather that would help you achieve that perfect bridal look in winters.

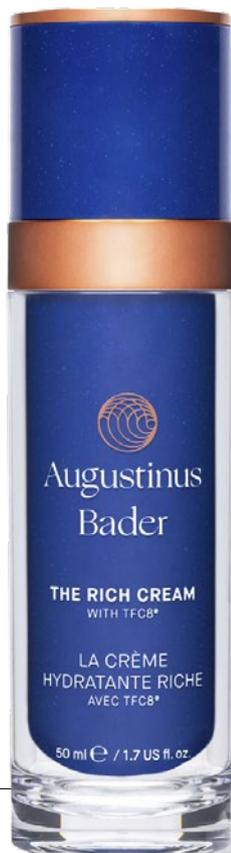
Prepping Makeup for Winter Wedding

It is essential to make note of where you need to first begin in order to achieve that desired winter look for your big day. First you need to perfect your skincare regime and change it as per the transition in the weather condition.



SKINCARE FOR WINTERS

- Emphasis should be on skin hydration that also includes your body that should be hydrated well.
- A deep moisturising cream or moisturiser specially formulated to rehydrate the skin in winters, it is advisable to use Ayurveda based moisturiser with botanical extracts.
- Using body scrub for face and your body is essential to ensure flaky skin is removed and your skin is rejuvenated.
- Using a lip scrub once a week should be your new beauty regime, as you want a smooth surface lip skin for perfect matte finish whether you are using a lipstick or lip gloss.



AYURVEDA FACE MASSAGE

- Indulge in Ayurveda based face massage as it is more likely to be compatible to your skin type.
- Using specific essential oils like Almond, Jojoba, Rose essential oil and Sandalwood whatever the beauty practitioner suggests after diagnosing your skin type will hydrate your skin and supply all the skin nutrients that you need the most for that bridal glow in winter.



CHOOSING FOUNDATIONS AND CONCEALERS

- Maintain optimum moisture levels in your skincare so you can start off with a smooth skin canvas for your makeup.
- Choose a foundation that is light in formulation but hydrating, cream based and same goes for concealer or colour corrector that would prove to be light reflecting.

MAKEUP TONES

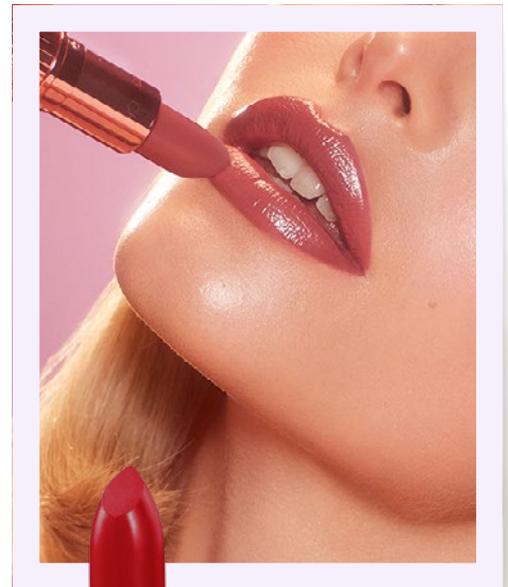
- Compliment the winter makeup look with warmer tones and rich tones.
- Choose a colour palette that would comprise of deep browns, golds, copper, that would help create depth and warm look.

EYE MAKEUP

- Your eye makeup can mess up easily but if you choose a waterproof eye makeup it will last longer.
- Waterproof mascara, smudge proof eye shadows and eyeliners are the best.

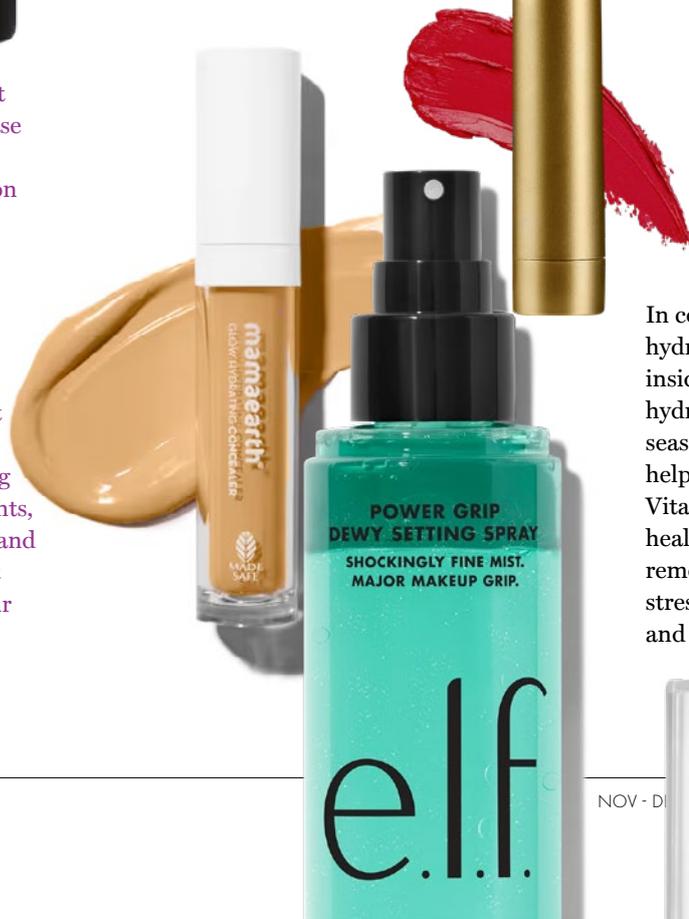
LIP COLOUR

- Choosing brighter and striking colours with classic lip tones is the best.
- Berry and red tones are not only attention grabbing, but these instantly transform the overall look making your face radiant and strikingly beautiful as a winter bride. Deep wine is yet another classic and elegant colour that compliments majority skin tones.
- If you are applying a matte lip colour then give a dash of hydration to your lips using a lip balm first then applying colour to it.



QUICK MAKEUP TIPS

- Apply a hydrating primer that would form a moisturising base for your makeup to set in.
- Using a satin-finish foundation will not only provide natural radiance but also give you the dewy makeup look that is trending these days.
- Use cream-based concealers, highlighters and blushes will provide perfect finish without drying out your skin.
- It is advisable to use hydrating lipstick with natural ingredients, just like Shalips that hydrate and provide rich covering without damaging delicate skin of your lips.
- Use a hydrating setting spray when you are done with your makeup.



In conclusion to it all, hydration is all about inside out, keep your body hydrated, drinking fresh seasonal fruit juices will help you maintain your Vitamin C levels vital for healthy skin. Additionally, remember to manage your stress through meditation and Yoga. ♦

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LIMELIGHT DIAMONDS: Redefining Fine Jewellery with Real, Ethical, and Future-Forward Diamonds

In an era where luxury is increasingly defined by intention, transparency, and responsibility, Limelight Diamonds is emerging as a pioneering force reshaping how the world perceives fine jewellery. Rooted in science, sustainability, and uncompromising quality, the brand is championing a new narrative—one where diamonds are not only dazzling but also ethically grown, technologically advanced, and consciously crafted.

At the heart of Limelight Diamonds lies a simple yet powerful truth: lab grown diamonds are 100% real diamonds. Created above the earth using advanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) technology, Limelight's diamonds mirror their natural counterparts in every conceivable way—physically, chemically, optically, and structurally. The only difference lies in their origin, not their essence.



SCIENCE MEETS SPARKLE: THE CVD ADVANTAGE

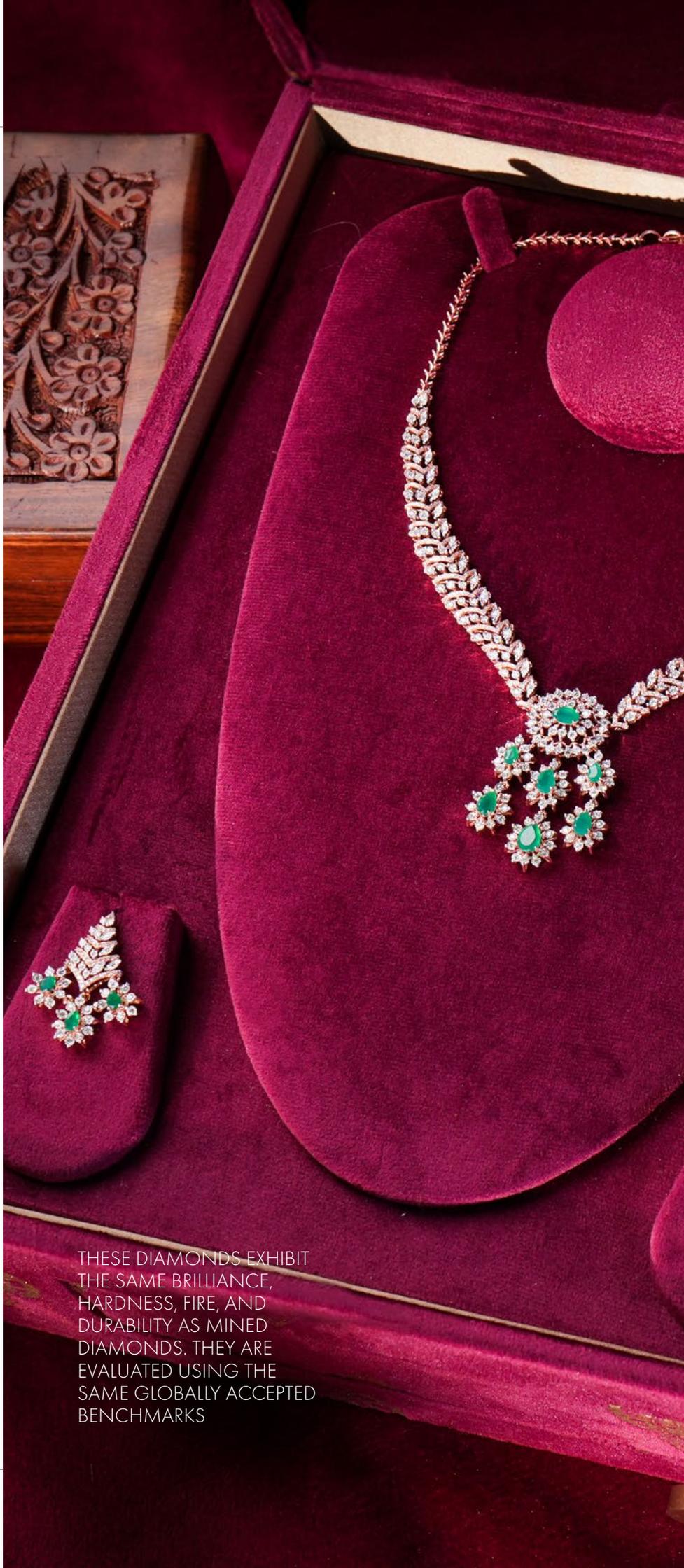
The journey of a Limelight diamond begins with a natural diamond seed, placed within a highly controlled CVD plasma chamber. Inside this chamber, conditions of intense heat and pressure are carefully calibrated to replicate the natural diamond-growing environment found deep within the Earth's mantle. Hydrocarbon gases are introduced, and over time, carbon atoms settle layer by layer onto the seed, gradually forming a pure, rough diamond.

This meticulous process answers one of the most frequently asked questions in modern jewellery: *How are lab grown diamonds made?* The answer lies in precision, patience, and scientific excellence. Unlike mining, which extracts diamonds through extensive environmental disruption, CVD technology allows diamonds to grow responsibly—without ecological damage or ethical compromise.

REAL DIAMONDS, NO COMPROMISE

One of the most persistent misconceptions surrounding lab grown diamonds is whether they are “real.” Limelight Diamonds decisively puts that debate to rest. These diamonds exhibit the same brilliance, hardness, fire, and durability as mined diamonds. They are evaluated using the same globally accepted benchmarks of the 4Cs—Cut, Colour, Clarity, and Carat—and are certified by internationally recognised gemological laboratories.

To put it simply, when comparing CVD diamonds vs natural diamonds, there is no visual or structural difference. A frequently used analogy captures it best: just as a test-tube baby shares identical DNA with a naturally born child, a lab grown diamond shares the same atomic structure as a mined diamond. Different environment, same identity.



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THE RARITY OF PURITY: TYPE IIA DIAMONDS

What truly distinguishes Limelight Diamonds in the luxury space is their exceptional purity. While nearly 98% of natural diamonds contain traces of nitrogen, Limelight's CVD diamonds are 100% carbon-composed and nitrogen-free. This places them in the elite category of Type IIA diamonds, the purest form of diamond known to science.

Only about 2% of natural diamonds worldwide qualify as Type IIA, making this classification exceedingly rare in mined stones. By leveraging CVD technology, Limelight is able to consistently produce diamonds of this superior purity—resulting in stones that exhibit exceptional transparency, brilliance, and optical performance.

CONSCIOUS LUXURY FOR THE MODERN CONSUMER

Today's luxury consumer is informed, intentional, and values ethics as much as aesthetics. Limelight Diamonds speaks directly to this mindset by offering diamonds that are conflict-free, environmentally responsible, and aligned with global sustainability goals. The brand's diamonds eliminate the social and ecological concerns associated with traditional mining, offering a guilt-free alternative without sacrificing prestige or performance.

This philosophy of conscious luxury is central to Limelight's identity. Every diamond tells a story not of extraction, but of innovation—where science elevates craftsmanship and responsibility enhances desirability.

THE BRAND'S DIAMONDS ELIMINATE THE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH TRADITIONAL MINING, OFFERING A GUILT-FREE ALTERNATIVE WITHOUT SACRIFICING PRESTIGE OR PERFORMANCE

CERTIFIED EXCELLENCE, TRUSTED GLOBALLY

Each Limelight diamond undergoes rigorous quality checks and is certified by leading gemological institutions, ensuring complete transparency and trust. From origin to brilliance, the brand maintains the highest standards of authenticity, allowing consumers to invest with confidence.

Beyond certifications, Limelight is redefining emotional value in fine jewellery. These diamonds are not merely adornments; they are symbols of modern values—choice, individuality, and progress.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FINE JEWELLERY

As the global jewellery industry undergoes a fundamental shift, Limelight Diamonds stands firmly at the forefront of this transformation. By merging advanced technology with timeless elegance, the brand is not only responding to change—it is leading it. Limelight Diamonds represents a future where diamonds are as ethical as they are exquisite, as innovative as they are enduring. In doing so, the brand is setting a new benchmark for what it truly means to shine—beautifully, responsibly and brilliantly.



**SHILPA SHETTY
REIMAGINES TRADITION
WITH A CONTEMPORARY
MANGALSUTRA BRACELET
FOR THE MODERN WOMAN**

In a world where tradition is no longer static but fluid, personal, and reflective of evolving values, Shilpa Shetty once again steps into the role of a cultural tastemaker. Actor, entrepreneur, and enduring style icon, Shetty has unveiled a modern reinterpretation of her signature Mangalsutra Bracelet—this time in collaboration with Limelight Lab Grown Diamonds, crafted using the purest Type IIa (Type 2A) lab-grown diamonds. The launch marks a thoughtful convergence of heritage, conscious luxury, and everyday elegance.

The mangalsutra has long been one of the most emotionally significant symbols in Indian culture, representing commitment, partnership, and continuity. Yet, for Shetty, tradition has never meant rigidity. Speaking about the philosophy behind the collection, she shares that while the mangalsutra holds deep sentimental value for her, it must evolve alongside the woman who wears it. The Mangalsutra Bracelet was born from this belief—an intimate piece of jewellery that preserves emotional meaning while seamlessly fitting into a modern woman's lifestyle.

This new edition of the Mangalsutra Bracelet reflects a refined shift in how heritage jewellery is being perceived today.



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Shilpa Shetty and Pooja Madhavan

CO-DESIGNING THIS COLLECTION WITH SHILPA SHETTY ALLOWED LIMELIGHT TO REINTRODUCE AN ICONIC SYMBOL THROUGH A CONTEMPORARY LENS—ONE THAT RESONATES WITH TODAY'S WOMAN, WHO VALUES AUTHENTICITY OVER CONVENTION
-Pooja Madhavan

Rather than being reserved for ceremonial moments, the bracelet is designed for daily wear—subtle, versatile, and deeply symbolic without being overt. Its form is minimal, its intent profound. Each bracelet translates the essence of the traditional mangalsutra into a contemporary silhouette that feels personal rather than prescriptive. A defining element of this collection is Shilpa Shetty's deliberate choice to work with Type IIa lab-grown diamonds, known globally for their exceptional purity and brilliance. Often regarded as the purest category of diamonds, Type IIa stones are free from nitrogen impurities, resulting in

unmatched clarity and radiance. For Shetty, this choice was both aesthetic and philosophical. Discovering these diamonds aligned perfectly with her vision of conscious luxury—where beauty, responsibility, and innovation coexist.

She explains that re-envisioning the bracelet through lab-grown diamonds allowed her to elevate the design while staying true to values that matter today: sustainability, ethical sourcing, and individuality. The result is jewellery that is not only visually striking but also reflective of a modern mindset—luxury that is meaningful, mindful, and future-forward.

The collection itself is a carefully curated capsule of handcrafted bracelets, each personally designed by Shilpa Shetty. Every detail has been thoughtfully considered, from proportions and comfort to symbolism and wearability. Designed to transition effortlessly across moments—whether at work, during travel, or at intimate celebrations—the Mangalsutra Bracelet challenges the notion that tradition must be confined to specific occasions. Instead, it becomes a quiet, constant companion—an expression of identity rather than obligation.

Adding depth to the collaboration, Pooja Madhavan, Founder of Limelight Lab Grown Diamonds, reflects on how the collection embodies the evolution of tradition itself. She notes that what once symbolized rarity now represents choice, modernity, and self-expression. Co-designing this collection with Shilpa Shetty allowed Limelight to reintroduce an iconic symbol through a contemporary lens—one that resonates with today's woman, who values authenticity over convention.

At its core, the Mangalsutra Bracelet Collection speaks to a larger cultural shift. Indian women today are redefining what tradition means to them—choosing pieces that honour heritage while reflecting personal narratives and modern lifestyles. Shilpa Shetty's latest offering captures this sentiment with quiet confidence. It does not seek to replace tradition, but to reinterpret it—allowing it to live, breathe, and evolve.

Now available online and across all Limelight stores, the Mangalsutra Bracelet Collection stands as a testament to how jewellery can be deeply emotional yet effortlessly modern. Through this collaboration, Shilpa Shetty once again proves that when tradition is reimagined with intention, it becomes not just relevant—but timeless. ♦

IN-FOCUS



THE ERA OF INDIAN WEDDINGS

A LOOK BACK AT WHAT DEFINED 2025

AN AUTHORED PIECE BY VAIBHAAV SINGHVI
CREATIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER - THE MOVIE'ING MOMENTS

As I look back at the weddings I photographed through 2025, the shift in the Indian wedding landscape feels nothing short of transformative. The year marked a turning point, a move away from spectacle as the central language of celebration, and a return to emotion, culture, and intimate storytelling.

Weddings in 2025 were not designed to impress the lens; they were designed to move it. Couples cared less about creating picture-perfect moments and more about crafting spaces where memories could unfold naturally. 2025 gave us weddings that felt like personal narratives, It became the year where weddings turned into emotional worlds, not elaborate productions.

1. UNDERSTATED OPULENCE TAKES OVER

The most noticeable shift in 2025 was the rise of understated opulence, a style that photographed beautifully because it let emotion breathe. Gone were overly saturated colour palettes and oversized installations. Instead, weddings embraced warmth, layered textures, natural materials, and soft, diffused light. As a photographer, these spaces felt effortless. The calm tones, handcrafted elements, and organic compositions made every frame feel intimate and soulful, proving that subtlety often carries more power than scale.

2. A RESURGENCE OF CULTURAL IMMERSION

2025 was the year culture returned to weddings with authenticity. Rather

than borrowing aesthetics, couples rooted themselves in their own stories. It saw mandaps inspired by ancestral temples, phulkari-stitched table linens, Garhwal motifs on invites, and coastal weddings infused with regional rituals. What moved me most was the emotional depth of these choices. Families honoured generations through craft, song, dress, and food. Rituals unfolded with intention. Traditions weren't performed, they were felt & captured to relive.

3. HYPER-PERSONALISATION BECOMES HEART-LED

Personalisation in 2025 shifted from ornamental to meaningful. Couples infused their weddings with symbols and experiences that represented their journey..illustrated stories hidden inside welcome booklets, scents inspired by shared memories, installations built around pivotal moments. For me, these weddings meant capturing emotion in its rawest form. Every corner held a story and every story translated into an honest frame.

4. DESTINATIONS CHOSEN FOR THEIR SOUL

2025 saw destination weddings evolve from exotic showcases to emotional homecomings. Couples chose locations that resonated personally, ancestral estates, old family properties, hidden mountain villages, or culturally significant towns. These weddings were filled with poetic light, weathered textures, and architectural details that whispered history. They created

a sense of place that wasn't just beautiful, it was grounding.

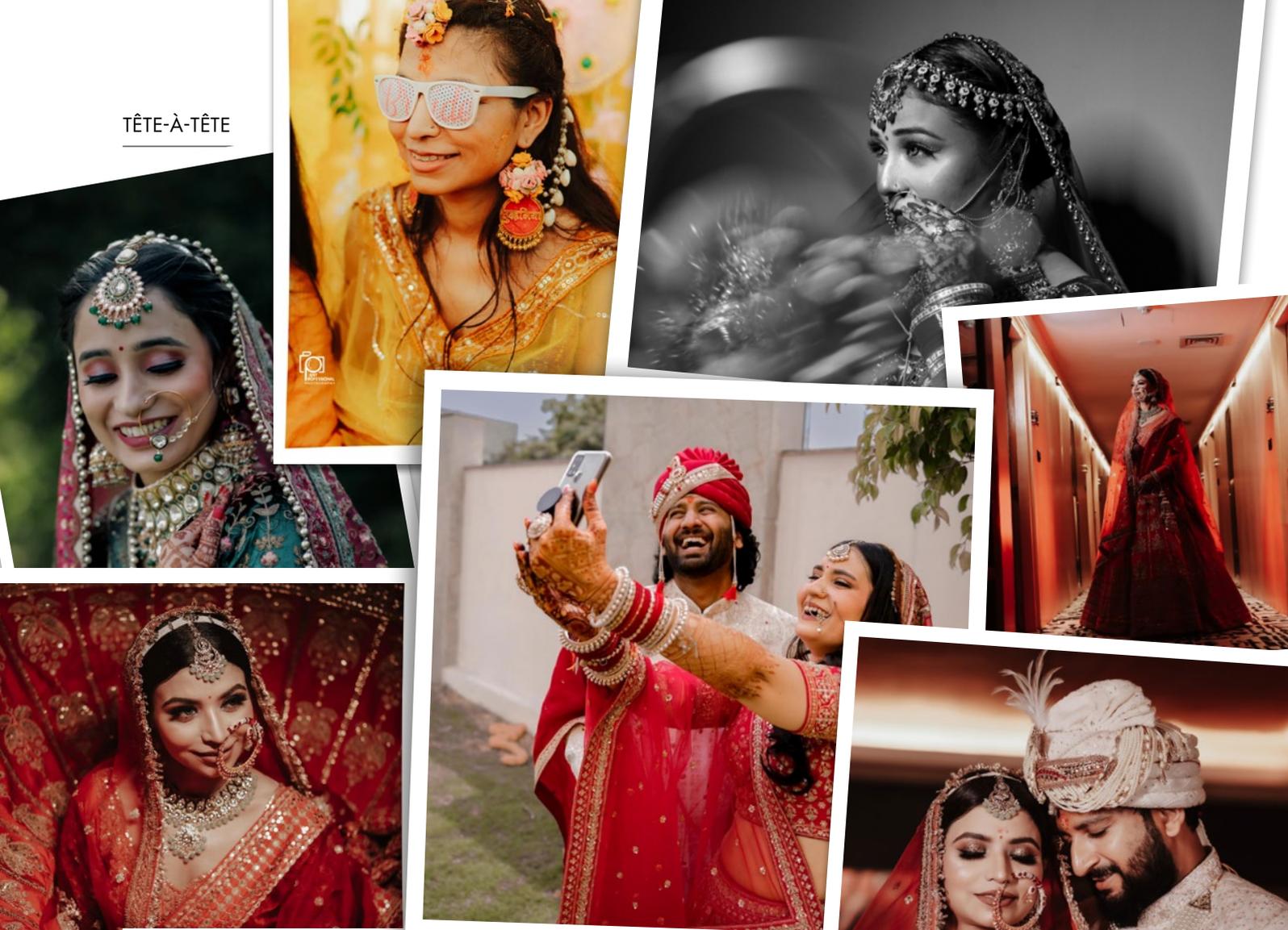
5. THE RISE OF MICRO-LUXURY

If one trend defined 2025, it was intimacy. Couples reduced guest lists dramatically, focusing on experiences that were richer, warmer, and deeply personal. In these smaller gatherings, emotion took centre stage. Laughter was unrestrained, rituals were unhurried, families were fully present. As a photographer, I witnessed moments that could never exist in a crowd, quiet expressions, private glances, shared nostalgia. 2025 taught us that luxury doesn't always mean more; often, it means less but done with exceptional thought and care.

LOOKING BACK, 2025 WAS THE YEAR OF FEELING

WHEN I REFLECT ON THE YEAR THROUGH MY CAMERA LENS, 2025 STANDS OUT AS A YEAR THAT RECLAIMED THE HEART OF INDIAN WEDDINGS. IT BROUGHT BACK MEANING, RESTORED THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE, AND HIGHLIGHTED THE BEAUTY OF MOMENTS UNMANUFACTURED. IT MARKED A SHIFT TOWARD WEDDINGS THAT FEEL LIVED-IN, INTENTIONAL, AND EMOTIONALLY RESONANT THE KIND YOU DON'T JUST PHOTOGRAPH, BUT REMEMBER. ♦

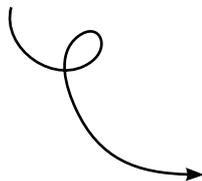
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Capturing Timeless love

A CONVERSATION WITH **YOGESH PANT**,
Founder of Pant Professional Photography

In a world where weddings are not just ceremonies but celebrations of love and personal stories, wedding photography has evolved into an art form that captures these moments in their most authentic and timeless essence. To delve into the intricacies of this craft, *Farvi Wadhwa*, Editor-in-Chief of *MaangalBazaar*, sat down with **Yogesh Pant**, the founder of *Pant Professional Photography*.



Yogesh has carved out a niche for himself in the wedding photography industry, known for his creative storytelling and passion for preserving life's most meaningful moments. In this candid conversation, Yogesh shares his journey, industry insights, and advice for budding photographers, offering a glimpse into what it takes to succeed in this competitive field.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED AS A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER, AND WHAT HAS BEEN KEY TO YOUR SUCCESS AND GROWTH?

I started Pant Professional Photography out of a passion for capturing the emotions, colors, and moments of life's most important events. Initially, I began by covering local weddings, and over time, the joy of telling love stories through my lens fueled my dedication. The key to my success has been the ability to blend creativity with professionalism. Understanding each couple's unique journey and using that as the foundation for creating timeless memories has allowed me to build lasting relationships with clients. Consistent quality, attention to detail, and word-of-mouth referrals have helped us grow steadily.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE LATEST WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY TRENDS THAT COUPLES ARE OPTING FOR?

Recently, couples are gravitating towards more candid, storytelling-style photography rather than traditional posed shots. Drone photography is becoming a big trend, offering breathtaking aerial views of the venue and landscapes. Another popular trend is the "first look" capture, where the couple sees each other before the ceremony in an intimate setting. Black and white portraits, vintage edits, and incorporating cinematic techniques in videos are also gaining popularity as couples want a more personalized and artistic feel to their wedding albums.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO PHOTOGRAPHERS JUST STARTING OUT IN THE WEDDING INDUSTRY?

My advice to budding wedding photographers is to invest time in learning and understanding the fundamentals of photography, particularly lighting and composition. It's also essential to develop good communication skills to connect with couples and understand their vision. Building a strong portfolio is crucial, so take on as many projects as you can, even if they're smaller in scale. Wedding photography requires stamina and attention to detail, so be prepared for long hours while staying creative under pressure. Lastly, stay updated on trends but also work on developing your own style to stand out in a crowded market.

WHY DO YOU THINK UTTARAKHAND IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR PRE-WEDDING SHOOTS?

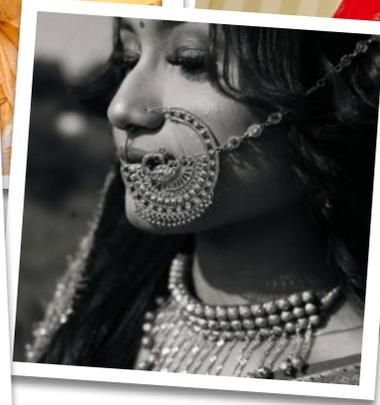
Uttarakhand offers a perfect backdrop for pre-wedding shoots with its diverse landscapes, from majestic mountains to serene rivers and lush green valleys. The natural beauty of locations like Nainital, Rishikesh, and Mussoorie adds a magical element to the photos, making them feel like they're straight out of a fairy tale. The region's scenic beauty, combined with its peaceful ambiance, allows couples to feel relaxed and at ease, resulting in authentic and natural captures. Uttarakhand also offers a variety of

cultural and historical sites, providing versatile options for different themes.

WHAT SETS YOUR WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY STYLE APART FROM OTHERS IN THE INDUSTRY?

At Pant Professional Photography, what sets us apart is our ability to blend traditional techniques with modern trends, creating a balanced, timeless yet contemporary feel in our photos. We focus on storytelling—capturing candid moments that reflect the couple's true emotions and essence. Our attention to detail ensures that every significant moment, from the subtle to the grand, is documented beautifully. We pride ourselves on delivering not just photos but memories that transport our clients back to their special day, with a personalized touch that resonates with each couple's story.

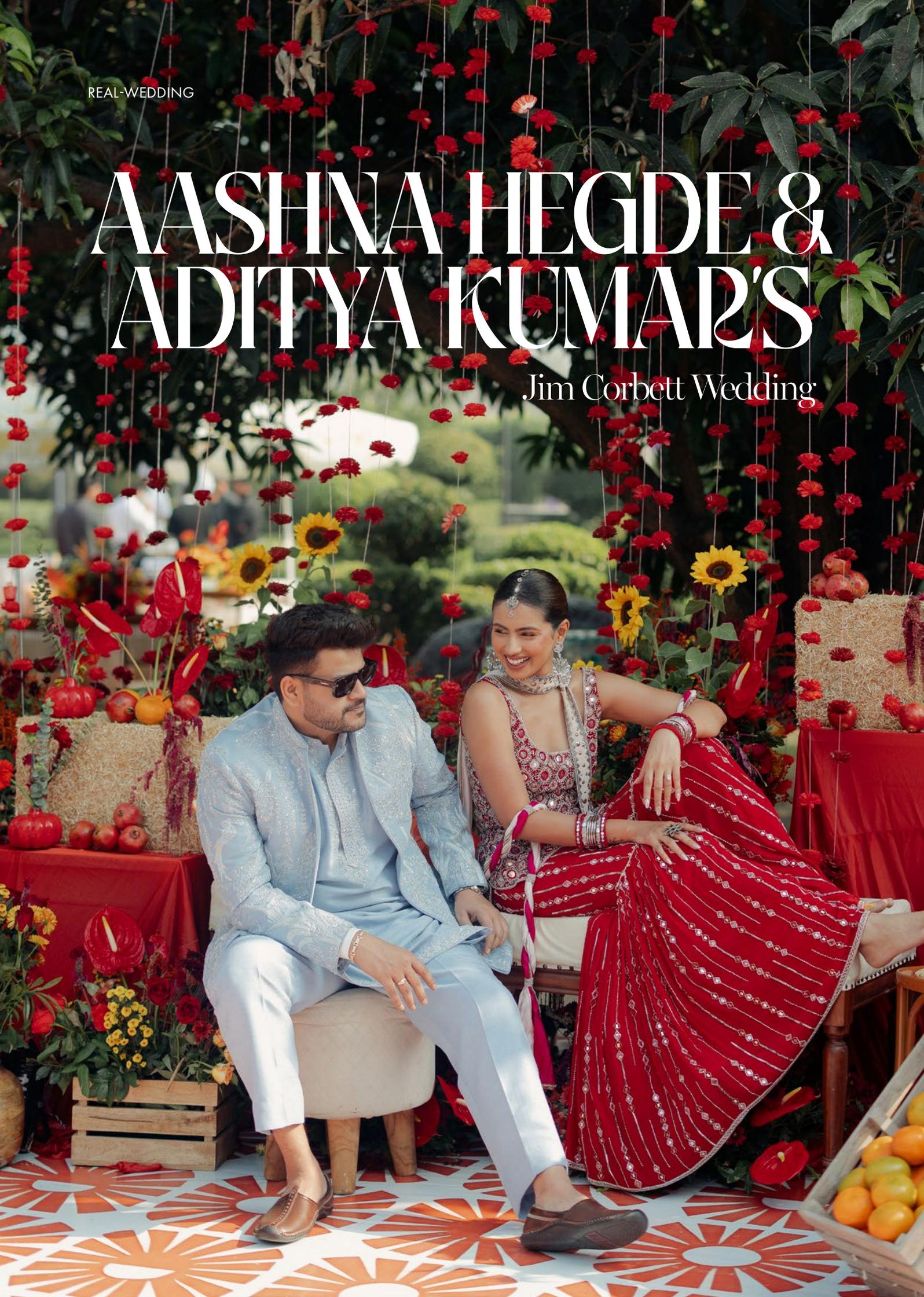
Yogesh Pant's approach to wedding photography is a seamless blend of professionalism, creativity, and emotional connection. His ability to capture not just the event but the essence of the couple's story has set him apart in an industry that thrives on personalization and artistic expression. As trends shift and new technology emerges, Yogesh continues to stay at the forefront of the field, offering couples not just photos but timeless memories. His advice for upcoming photographers is invaluable—remain passionate, stay true to your style, and never stop learning. ♦

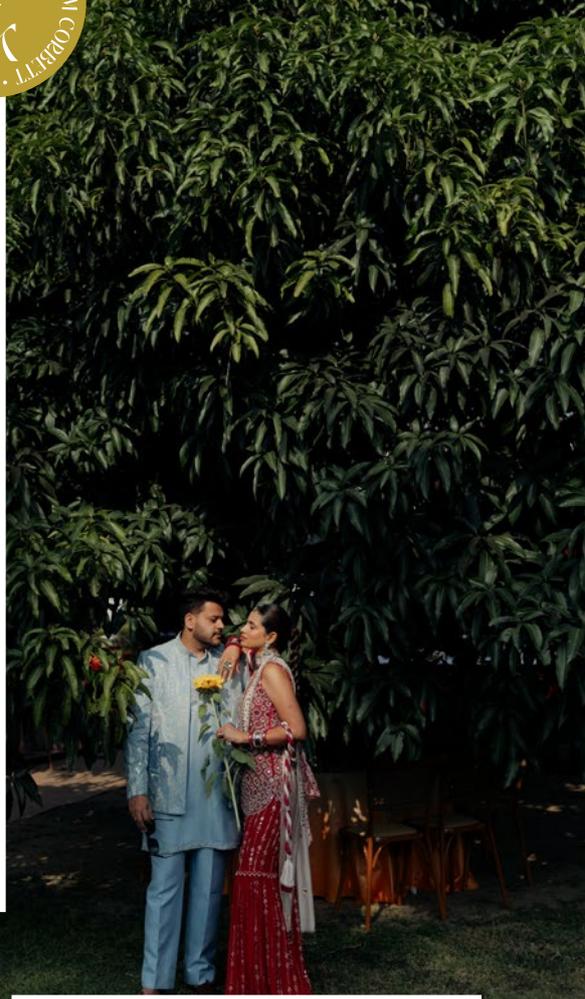
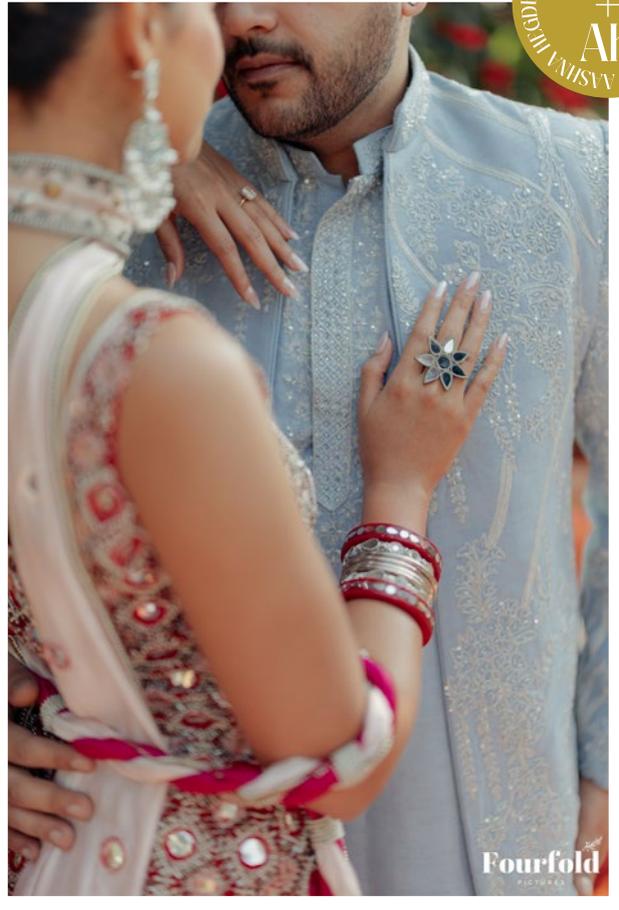


REAL-WEDDING

AASHNA HEGDE & ADITYA KUMAR'S

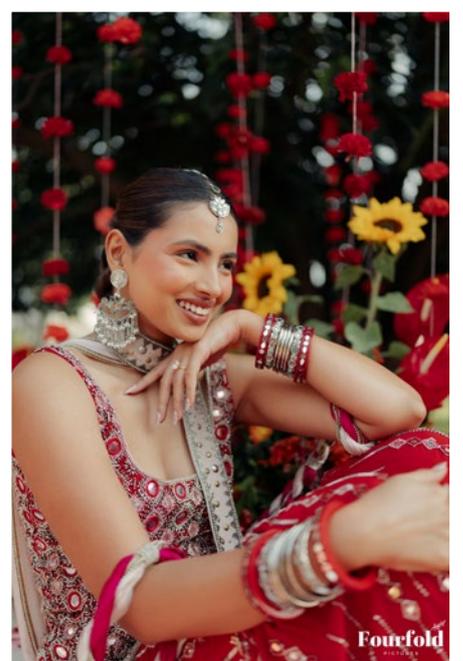
Jim Corbett Wedding





Uttarakhand has steadily emerged as one of India's most sought-after wedding destinations, drawing couples who crave more than grandeur — those seeking meaning, serenity, and the magic of nature. This December, the state welcomed one of its most heartwarming celebrations as leading digital creator Aashna Hegde and her longtime partner Aditya Kumar exchanged their vows in the lush embrace of Jim Corbett.

Set against ancient sal forests and the rhythmic quiet of the jungle, their wedding unfolded as a soulful convergence of North and South Indian traditions. What made this union extraordinary was the way culture, couture, and sentiment intertwined seamlessly against



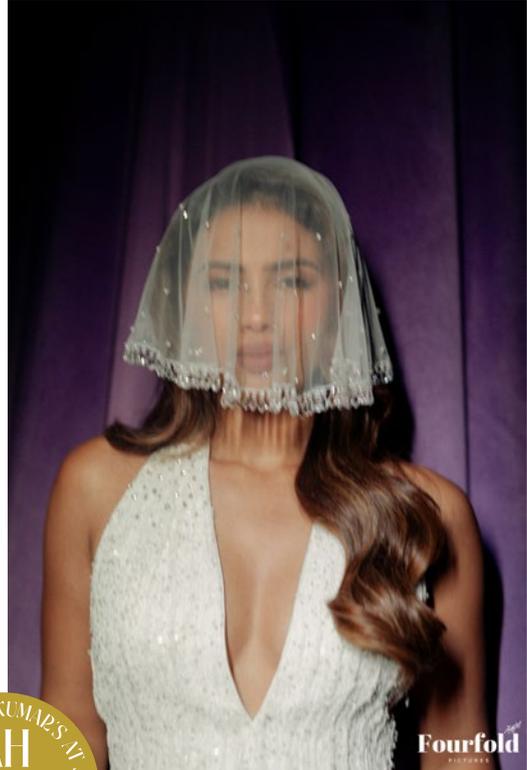
Uttarakhand's raw wilderness — a setting that elevated every ritual into an intimate, almost cinematic moment. →



Aashna's fashion journey through the celebrations reflected craftsmanship rooted in heritage. She began with a handwoven Kanjivaram saree by Jigar Mali, its dhoop-chaau weave shifting in the Corbett light. The saree carried embroidered tributes to the women who shaped her — an heirloom crafted with legacy in mind. For Mehendi, she embraced bold modernity in a mirrored red Anushka Khanna ensemble, while the Punjabi wedding saw her in a bespoke Rimple & Harpreet Couture lehenga, composed by merging three couture pieces into one. The celebrations concluded with a dreamy, white cocktail look from Label Ankita Jain, channelling a soft 'church-wedding' elegance.

Curated by stylist Dolla Baruah and brought to life by bridal beauty specialist Shraddha Luthra, the wedding became a masterclass in blending personal expression with cultural depth.





As Aashna and Aditya's closest circle gathered from 6-8 December 2025, Jim Corbett once again proved why Uttarakhand remains a timeless favourite — a sanctuary where love stories find both beauty and belonging. ♦

ROOTS OVER RESORTS

How *DIPANSHU KUNWAR* and *MEGHA SAHA* Redefined
Wedding Grandeur in Uttarakhand. By Farvi Wadhwa



At a time when weddings are increasingly defined by exotic locations and extravagant aesthetics Dipanshu Kunwar and Megha Saha chose a path far more meaningful—one that led them back to the mountains. Rooted deeply in Almora culture and the lived traditions of Pahad the couple consciously chose a traditional village and temple wedding in Uttarakhand over a curated destination celebration.

Dipanshu a President's Award recipient in 2011

and founder of Pagdandi has long been committed to preserving and promoting the Pahadi way of life. Megha a historian and a proud daughter of Almora's culturally rich Mukhya Parivar carries forward a legacy where tradition is lived not displayed—the iconic Pichoda today synonymous with Uttarakhand's identity being an innovation of the Saha family.

Their wedding became a quiet yet powerful reminder that true luxury lies not in scale but in roots rituals and belonging.

As a media professional exposed to luxury and destination weddings what made you consciously choose a traditional wedding in your native Uttarakhand village instead?

For me a traditional wedding itself is the real luxury. I was brought up in a village studied there and even today my family continues to live there. The joy of eating simple rice and dal in the village cannot be found in any five-star hotel.

In our village the priest himself cooks the food and people bring their own plates from their homes. This sense of equality and participation is rare today. The village its soil its traditions and its sense of belonging are far more precious to me than any luxury setup. That is why choosing a village wedding was not a compromise—it was a natural choice.

What did getting married in your village mean to you emotionally compared to a destination wedding?

For me it is not an ancestral village because I never left it. An ancestral village is for someone who has created distance from it. My family still lives there I celebrate festivals there and I remain deeply connected to the place. When the wedding happened in the village the emotions were unmatched. The same courtyard where I spent my childhood became the place where



I began a new chapter of life. The people blessing us were the same people who watched me grow. That sense of continuity and peace cannot be experienced in any destination wedding.

How did the local community and traditions of Uttarakhand add depth to your wedding experience?

Village weddings carry a warmth that cannot be recreated. Jhora was performed in our courtyard traditional dishes were prepared in every home village women came together to clean rice for the feast and sweets were made by local artisans.

Everyone contributed something—time effort love. The wedding became a collective celebration rather than an event. That simplicity warmth and togetherness made the experience deeply joyful.

In an era where weddings are about scale and spectacle what truly defines a grand wedding for you?

I believe every wedding is grand. Everyone wants their wedding to be special regardless of budget or scale. Grandeur does not lie in show-off but in values traditions and emotions.

We got married at Shri Vriddh Jageshwar Dham and completed all rituals in our village. For me that itself was grandeur—because it was authentic and meaningful.



Did your decision influence how people around you perceive traditions and roots?

Yes many people spoke to me about getting married in a village or a temple. After seeing our wedding videos and photographs several people told us they were inspired. They realised how much beauty and depth can exist in simplicity. It opened conversations around reconnecting with roots and questioning whether trends truly define happiness.

Were there any challenges in planning a village wedding and how did you navigate them?

There were practical challenges—it was winter there was a shortage of bedsheets limited hot water and minor issues with electricity water supply and roads.

But every family in the village opened their homes to guests. People adjusted and supported one another without hesitation. This collective spirit is the greatest strength of a village.

What message would you like to give young couples choosing between trends and tradition?

Trends come and go but identity and culture stay with you forever. A wedding is not just an occasion to show off—it is an opportunity to honour your roots.

Choose what brings peace to your heart because those are the memories that stay with you for a lifetime. ♦





The Rise of the *PURPOSE-LED* *WEDDING*

By *MS. YASHWINI NAIK*,
Account Director - Global Sales,
Shangri-La Group

For years, luxury weddings were defined by scale: the guest list, the décor budget, the number of events, the spectacle. But in the last year, we have noticed a quiet shift gaining momentum across destinations. Couples are no longer planning weddings to impress the world. They are planning weddings that reflect who they are, the values they share, and the kind of future they want to build together. Luxury hasn't disappeared; it has simply evolved. Today, meaning is the new marker of extravagance.

This rise of the purpose-led wedding is not a trend manufactured by the industry. It is a movement shaped by couples who are more intentional in how they celebrate. Sustainability, cultural authenticity, community engagement, and mindful choices are defining the modern wedding landscape. These are not add-ons designed to make an event look progressive; they are becoming the emotional foundation of the celebration.

At the heart of this shift is the idea of Bandhan — not just as a ritual, but as a mindset. A conscious binding of culture, community, and intention. Weddings today is being shaped around this idea, where every choice, from the setting to the ceremonies themselves, reflects a deeper sense of connection.





One of the clearest indicators of this shift is the renewed respect for culture, not in a rigid or obligatory way, but through thoughtful interpretation. We've seen couples blend their heritage with the stories of the destinations they choose. A Tamil ceremony in Sri Lanka enriched with local drummers. A mehndi in Istanbul influenced by Turkish henna-night traditions. Sunset pheras in Sri Lanka softened by the sound of the waves and the rhythm of island life. These moments aren't created for aesthetics; they emerge from a desire to honour every layer of identity.

Food is becoming another vehicle for purpose. Instead of sprawling menus designed purely for abundance, couples are leaning into culinary storytelling. Some want the comfort of regional Indian dishes prepared with precision. Others seek fusion menus that mirror their journeys together: a Gujarati bride and Turkish groom choosing mezze

alongside khaman dhokla, or Jain families requesting ingredient-conscious plates that still feel celebratory. Purpose-led dining is not about restraint; it's about intention.

Sustainability, too, is no longer a niche request. We have seen families ask for biodegradable décor, locally sourced florals, and menus with reduced waste. They want to celebrate without excess. They want their wedding to feel beautiful in the moment and responsible in retrospect. Hotels and planners are responding with conscious alternatives: energy-efficient lighting, reusable installations, carbon-light experiences, and thoughtful partnerships with local artisans.

But perhaps the most compelling shift is the emphasis on guest experience. In a world where time feels precious, couples want their loved ones to feel seen, not lost in the scale of the celebration. Curated itineraries,

wellness corners, cultural walks, and intimate welcome rituals turn a wedding into a shared journey rather than a sequence of events. When executed well, they create the kind of emotional memory that no grand scale can replicate.

As a team that works closely with couples across continents, we see the purpose-led wedding as a sign of where the industry is headed. Couples want celebrations that reflect their values, respect their traditions, and tell their stories with sincerity. Purpose is becoming the new luxury because it adds depth, intention, and resonance to every moment. And that is the kind of wedding that stays with people long after the last song fades. ♦

WEDDING DESTINATION



Architect of Blessings

In Conversation with *SNEHA BHATT*,
Proprietor – The Village Retreat Resort, Triyuginarayan

Tucked into the quiet folds of the Himalayan ranges, the spiritually charged village of Triyuginarayan has long been regarded as the divine site where Lord

Shiva and Goddess Parvati were married. Over time this mythological legacy has transformed the village into a one-of-its-kind wedding destination—where emotions, rituals, and ancient stories weave

themselves into modern celebrations. At the centre of this evolution is The Village Retreat Resort, led with sensitivity and cultural depth by Sneha Bhatt, who has shaped the property into a space where

couples come not just to celebrate a wedding, but to experience a blessing. In this conversation, she goes beyond logistics and trends, and speaks about weddings as soulful, grounding journeys.



How has Triyuginarayan's spiritual heritage shaped the weddings at your property?

Triyuginarayan's heritage naturally influences every wedding we host. Couples arrive with a certain reverence—they come not just for the mountains or the décor but for the emotional weight of standing in the place where Shiva and Parvati's celestial wedding is believed to have taken place. The atmosphere inspires a shift in intention; ceremonies here become quieter, purer, and more rooted in meaning. Many couples lean towards Vedic rituals, havans, traditional mandaps and pahadi music, because these elements feel aligned with the sanctity of the space. Even families who are accustomed to grandeur tend to simplify their ceremonies once they feel the spiritual energy of the region. Weddings here don't feel like performances; they feel like milestones blessed by history.

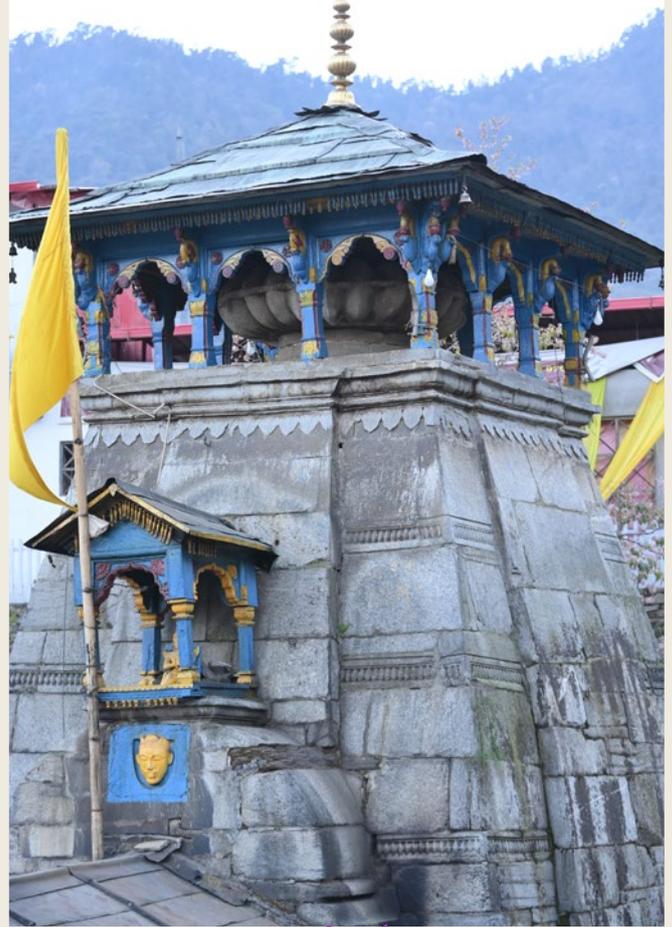
Are you seeing a rise in spiritual or ritual-centric weddings over lavish celebrations? What is driving this change?

There is a noticeable

surge in couples seeking weddings that feel intimate, symbolic, and spiritually grounded. The post-pandemic world, especially, has nudged people to rethink what truly matters. Rather than orchestrating visual spectacles, couples now want weddings that carry emotional weight—blessings they can feel, moments they can remember, and rituals that connect them to their roots. They crave silence, nature, sincerity, and depth. Simplicity has started to feel luxurious, and authenticity has become a stronger currency than glamour. Many couples tell us they want to start their married life with calmness, not chaos—and Triyuginarayan offers exactly that.

Why are modern couples choosing intimate, local properties over large hotels?

Today's couples want experiences, not venues. Smaller properties like ours offer an atmosphere of belonging. When a family takes over the resort completely, it becomes a private haven—every corner familiar, every room infused with warmth,



WEDDINGS IN TRIYUGINARAYAN DON'T FEEL LIKE EVENTS; THEY FEEL LIKE BLESSINGS WOVEN THROUGH MYTHOLOGY, EMOTION, AND THE SILENCE OF THE MOUNTAINS."

every moment shared with people who matter. Guests sit under the open sky with pahadi chai, watch the play of colours on snow peaks, wander through the village, connect with locals, and engage in heartfelt conversations. These intimate interactions are what they remember, not the scale of the ballroom. In a smaller space, weddings feel human, emotional, and personal—qualities large hotels struggle to replicate

How do you bring Uttarakhand's culture, food, and rituals into the wedding experience?

We make Uttarakhand the heart of every celebration. Our décor

uses elements like buransh blossoms, marigold strands, pine leaves, wooden artefacts, and simple earthy textures that pay homage to the region's natural beauty. The cuisine adds another layer of authenticity—Mandua rotis, pahadi dals, bhatt ki chutney, kaaffi, and seasonal vegetables cooked in traditional methods often become the highlight of the celebrations. Local musicians performing Jhora and Chhopati, dhol-damau processions echoing through the valley, and the presence of temple priests all bring a rare cultural depth. Weddings here feel immersive because guests don't just observe Uttarakhand—they live it.



What are the challenges and opportunities of hosting weddings in a spiritually significant village like Triyuginarayan?

Working in a spiritually significant region comes with both responsibilities and rewards. Logistically, there are challenges—mountain roads affected by weather, limited parking areas, and the need to comply strictly with local norms to preserve the sanctity of the village. But the emotional opportunity is far greater. Families frequently share how deeply moved they are to visit the historic temple, and couples often speak of a sense of peace they haven't felt elsewhere. Weddings here carry layers of meaning; they become experiences of humility and spiritual connection. This adds a profound responsibility for us as hosts, but it also fills

every event with a sense of purpose.

What changes have you observed in wedding trends post-pandemic?

Post-pandemic trends reflect a significant shift. Guest lists have reduced dramatically—from 200 or 300 attendees to more intimate gatherings of 40 to 120. Families are now conscious of their budgets but expect higher-quality experiences. They want well-designed rooms, hygienic kitchens, scenic photography corners, curated menus, and thoughtful experiences instead of grand scale. Sustainability has also become a priority—couples prefer natural décor, local materials, and minimal waste. The mountains have become the backdrop for mindful, meaningful weddings rather than lavish productions.





COUPLES COME HERE SEEKING MORE THAN CELEBRATION—THEY COME LOOKING FOR MEANING, DEPTH, AND A CONNECTION TO SOMETHING ETERNAL.”

How do you create personalised, soulful experiences for couples and their families?

Personalisation is the soul of our weddings. We start by understanding the couple's relationship with rituals, their family traditions, and the memories they want to weave into their celebration. From handwritten welcome notes to custom itineraries, from local gift hampers filled with organic spices to memory corners that display childhood photographs—we focus on emotional details. We curate sunset mehndi setups facing the Himalayas, morning pujas, forest walks, and

intimate musical evenings. Families often tell us that celebrations here feel like they were hosted by relatives, not a commercial venue—and that connection is our biggest reward.

How does the local community contribute to your weddings?

Our weddings are deeply rooted in community collaboration. We work with local florists, artisans, musicians, pandits, decorators, and small businesses supplying organic produce and handcrafted products. This collaboration not only supports local livelihoods but also preserves cultural authenticity. Many guests

later continue to order local spices, décor items, or artwork they discovered during the wedding. The celebrations become a bridge between visitors and the local community—a bond that extends far beyond the wedding day.

How do you envision the future of Triyugarayan as a wedding destination?

Triyugarayan is poised to become one of the most soulful wedding destinations in India, simply because it offers something irreplaceable—meaning. As couples continue to seek emotional depth and spiritual grounding, this village stands out naturally. I hope to see improved

access roads, organised parking, structured open-air venues, enhanced local markets, and eco-friendly infrastructure that supports the growing interest without disturbing the sanctity of the region. With thoughtful, community-led development, Triyugarayan can evolve into a refined spiritual destination where every wedding feels blessed by mythology and embraced by nature.

Weddings in Triyugarayan are not crafted through opulence but through intention. They are rooted in mythology, guided by culture, shaped by nature, and elevated by emotion. Through her thoughtful stewardship of The Village Retreat Resort, Sneha Bhatt has helped create a space where couples begin their life stories with purity and purpose.

As the world increasingly values meaningful experiences, Triyugarayan rises as a destination where marriages are not only witnessed—but truly blessed. ♦

LUXURY *FINE-DINE FOOD* EXPERIENCES AT WEDDINGS

At the heart of modern luxury weddings lies an elevated culinary narrative—one that transcends traditional catering and evolves into a curated fine-dining journey. Seven Seas Catering redefines wedding gastronomy by crafting immersive, global food experiences that balance heritage, indulgence and innovation.

Rooted in cultural authenticity, the celebrated Onam Sadhya is presented as a refined ceremonial feast, elegantly served on banana leaves and featuring timeless South Indian classics such as sambar, avial and payasam—an ode to tradition executed with finesse.

For connoisseurs of European flavours, Ristorante alla Tartuffo introduces a truffle-centric Italian experience marked by indulgence and understated elegance, while Al Dente delivers elevated Italian comfort with handcrafted pastas, wood-fired pizzas and time-honoured sauces, perfected for the wedding palate.

Asian cuisine unfolds through thoughtfully designed concepts. Dai Pai Dong, inspired by vibrant Asian street markets, brings live energy to the table with dim sum, Peking duck and interactive stir-fry stations.





MODERN CHAATS, FLAVOUR-FORWARD CURRIES AND ARTFUL PRESENTATIONS REFLECT A GLOBAL OUTLOOK WHILE REMAINING DEEPLY ROOTED IN TRADITION

Adding a layer of refined sophistication, Naoki showcases Japanese culinary artistry through live sushi, sashimi, tempura and teppanyaki counters—turning dining into a sensory performance.

Indian cuisine is reimagined through Spice Bistro, Seven Seas Catering's progressive Indian concept that blends regional spices with contemporary techniques. Modern chaats, flavour-forward curries and artful presentations reflect a global

outlook while remaining deeply rooted in tradition. Complementing this is Currynama, a tribute to India's most iconic curries, celebrating depth, nostalgia and bold regional flavours that resonate effortlessly with wedding guests.

For couples seeking global street-style charm, Taco Loco brings a lively Mexican taqueria experience with fresh tacos, house-made salsas and vibrant flavours, while desserts take centre stage at SOCO Sweet Lounge,

where Indian and Western influences merge seamlessly—think gulab jamun cheesecake, classic tiramisu and handcrafted artisanal chocolates.

The international journey continues with Braai, inspired by South African barbecue traditions, offering smoky grills, sizzling plantains and distinctive accompaniments such as jerk cottage cheese—perfect for open-air, celebratory feasts.

Beyond curated restaurant concepts,

Seven Seas Catering elevates weddings through bespoke interactive food stations including an Avocado Bar, Tapas & Cheese Bar, Live Swiss Raclette and other personalised culinary installations, adding theatre, luxury and individuality to every celebration. Sharing his vision, Sumit Dang, Director, Seven Seas Hospitality, notes: "Luxury today is about experience and emotion. Our focus has always been on consistent quality, layered flavours and heartfelt hospitality. Weddings

are becoming more experiential, and our goal is to create memorable culinary moments that guests remember long after the celebrations conclude."

With a refined global lens and an uncompromising commitment to excellence, Seven Seas Catering transforms wedding dining into a sophisticated, fine-dining experience—where every plate tells a story of luxury, culture and celebration. ♦

Live Mithai Counters

How 2025 is Redefining India's Sweet Culture



HEALTH-FIRST CHOICES: *A New Age for Traditional Sweets*

Consumers today are far more mindful about what they eat, and this behaviour has heavily influenced the mithai landscape. Instead of giving up sweets altogether, people are actively seeking smarter, ingredient-forward choices. To meet this demand, mithai makers have begun experimenting with nutrient-dense grains and alternative bases without compromising taste. These innovations reflect a larger shift: consumers want sweets that feel indulgent but align with their wellness goals.

TRADITION MEETS GLOBAL PALATES

As tastes evolve, sweet makers are blending timeless Indian recipes with global dessert cues, creating flavours that feel familiar yet excitingly new. Think mithai formats borrowing techniques from French patisserie,



India's relationship with mithai has always been emotional, celebratory, and deeply rooted in tradition. But in 2025, the category is experiencing one of its most exciting shifts yet. Health-conscious consumers, global flavour influences, and the growing desire for personalised experiences are reshaping how sweets are crafted and how they are enjoyed. One of the most visible outcomes of this evolution is the soaring popularity of live mithai counters.



or traditional sweets infused with international flavour profiles. This fusion wave has broadened the audience for mithai, especially among younger consumers who enjoy culinary experimentation.

WHAT'S TRENDING IN 2025: *A Category in Motion*

The year 2025 has brought a fresh wave of innovation in premium-affordable mithai. Aligning with evolving lifestyles and inclusive diets, several formats have come to the forefront.

The mithai industry is seeing a decisive shift toward inclusivity, wellness, and modern flavour exploration. Vegan mithai made with plant-based fats and nut milks has become increasingly popular, with creations such as almond-milk kaju rolls, coconut-milk barfis, and ghee-free besan laddus resonating with consumers seeking ethical and dairy-free options. Sugar-free and low-glycaemic sweets are also in demand, leading to offerings like stevia-sweetened peda, monk-fruit kalakand, and dates-and-nuts laddus, which provide mindful indulgence without compromising on richness. Dairy-light alternatives continue to expand through almond-milk rasmalai, oat-milk firni, and lactose-free shrikhand, offering comfort to those with dietary restrictions. Savoury-dessert hybrids, influenced by global snacking culture,

are also shaping menus; masala-spiced nut brittles, chilli-jaggery-coated clusters, and mithai-inspired chaat fusions are bringing bold and playful formats to celebrations.

Additionally, sweets infused with functional ingredients, such as chia-seed laddus, flax-and-almond barfis, and spirulina-tinted modaks reflect the growing preference for treats that merge nutrition with tradition. All these trends have enabled mithai brands to remain relevant while preserving the cultural core of traditional Indian sweets.

THE EXPERIENTIAL RISE OF LIVE MITHAI COUNTERS

While product innovation continues to shape the industry, another movement is taking centre stage: the rise of live mithai counters at celebrations. These counters are no longer just about serving sweets; they are becoming immersive culinary experiences.

Guests enjoy watching fresh mithai being prepared before their eyes, the aroma, the craftsmanship, the theatre of creation all adding to the sensory pleasure. Families today are shaping their mithai experience at weddings and celebrations with far more intention and personalisation. Across the industry, bespoke mithai counters featuring live, made-fresh elements are becoming a preferred

choice, as guests enjoy the authenticity, aroma, and interactive appeal of watching sweets prepared in real time. Overall, these shifts point to a growing preference for experiential, visually refined, and highly customised sweet offerings that make celebrations feel more memorable and meaningful.

A MUST-HAVE FOR CELEBRATIONS

From grand weddings to intimate milestones, hosts are turning to live counters to elevate the guest experience. Freshly prepared mithais are the most-loved elements at celebrations today and the bespoke mithai counters are thoughtfully curated setups. Guests increasingly gravitate towards live stations, such as freshly prepared jalebi, warm milk-based beverages, and hot malpua, for the sensory experience they offer. The warmth, aroma, and theatre of preparation add an engaging, festive charm with a touch of regional Indian counters that have become statement additions at premium events.

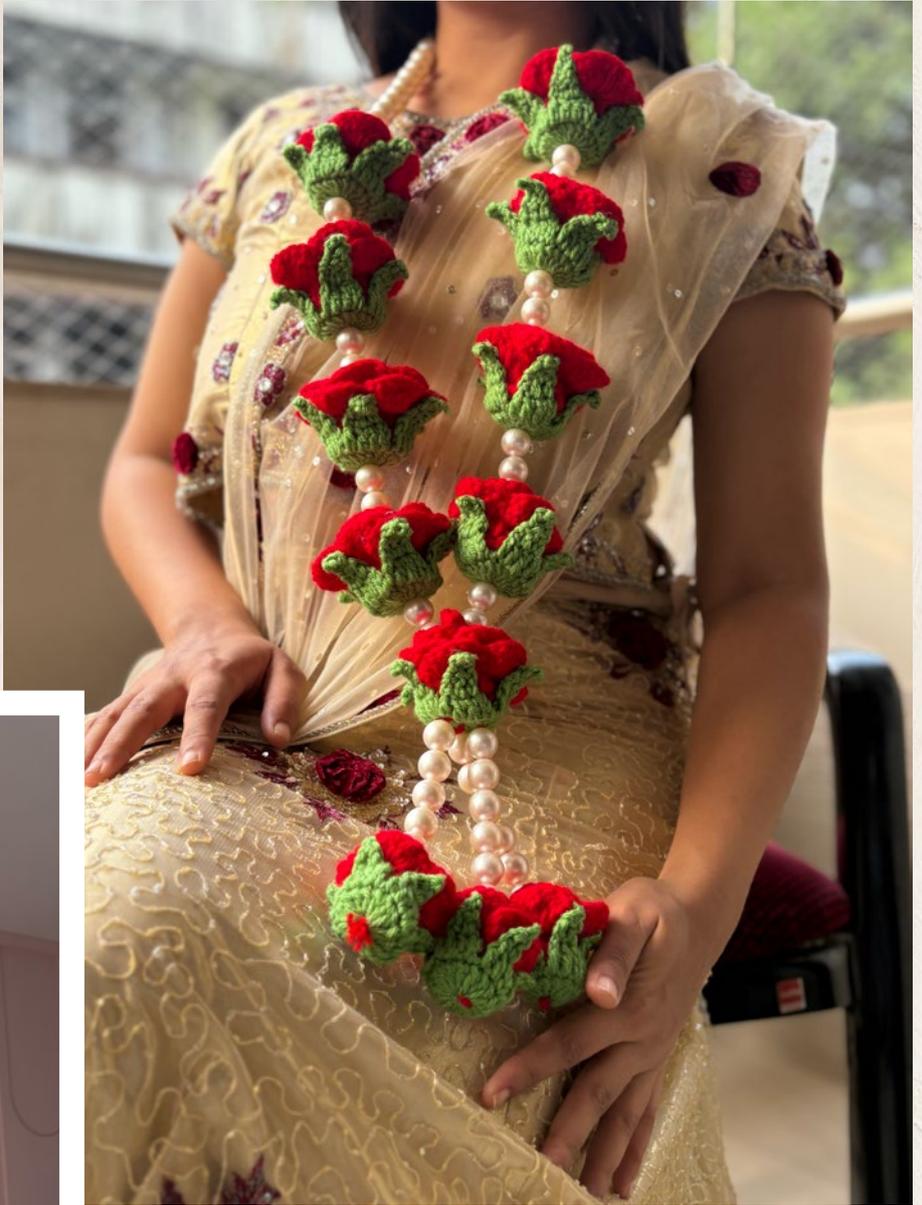
Curated mithai trays and boxes are favoured for their visual appeal and ease of service, while personalised return gifts remain popular for combining craftsmanship with a memorable takeaway. Across events, there is a clear preference for experiences that feel premium, freshly made, and rooted in traditional culinary craft. Guests don't just eat; they participate, observe, and remember.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF INDIA'S SWEET CULTURE

The mithai industry is at an interesting crossroads, where tradition, health consciousness, global flavours, and experiential dining intersect. Brands that understand this blend are redefining what premium mithai can be.

As an industry, our focus should remain on honouring time-tested methods while embracing new possibilities that reflect contemporary tastes. If 2025 has proven anything, it is that mithai continues to evolve and live counters, ingredient-forward recipes, and thoughtful innovation will lead the way. ♦

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