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Once a week at home, no talk of Bollywood, politics or cricket

# RSS gets into couples therapy

Sangh to organise programme for newlywed couples to advise them on upholding 'traditional family values'; on the agenda – everything from dinner table

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the Rashtriya Swayamseva Sangh (RSS), an organisation run by celibates and bachelors,

is now giving advice to new on how to raise a family with "traditional values".

The Sangh has organised a daylong event called 'Kutumb

Prabodhan' this Sunday, August 4, at Kalwa in Thane district. Around 20 couples – married for three years or less – are expected to attend. RSS organisers have called in ayurveda practitioners to advise the couples on 'supraja' (good progeny) and how to bring them up. Couples will also be encouraged to not delay procreation. RSS's coordinator for Thane district and organiser of the programme,

Manoj Masurkar, told Mirror, "These days, many couples postpone the decision to have a child to concentrate on career and then suffer from problems in conceiving. Sometimes, the health of mother and child are affected." Tips on dinner table conversation will also be part of the agenda. Couples will be advised to organise family dinners at least once a week. Cricket and cinema must not be discussed. Interestingly, politics is also off the table. The idea to have a programme to preserve 'traditional family values', which RSS leaders felt were disintegrating because of urbanisation and globalisation, was first discussed in the top echelons of the Sangh around a decade ago. After discussions with various stakeholders, the programme officially started around three years back. In the first year, 16 couples attended the event. The number dropped to 13 last year. In the first year, 16 couples attended the event. dropped to 13 last

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## Rasta roko after mother and son electrocuted in Santacruz

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A 50-year-old woman and her 22-year-old son were electrocuted outside their house in Santacruz east on Sunday afternoon. After their death, neighbours and relatives staged a rasta roko

which brought traffic on Western Express Highway to a standstill for a couple of hours.

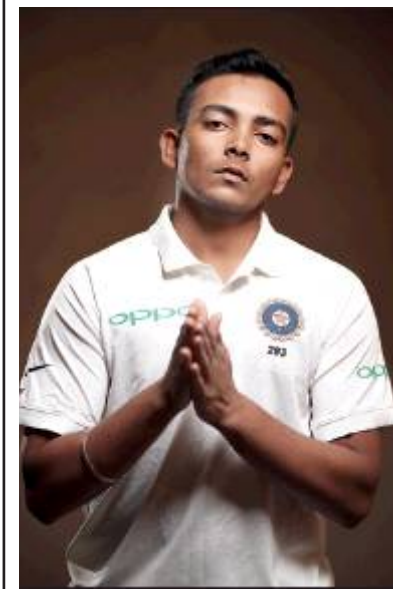
Mala Nagam and her son Sanket were returning to their home in Jai Bharat Society, Patel Colony near Grand Hyatt signal around 3 pm when the incident happened. Mala had touched the iron

door of their house when she got an electric shock. Sanket tried to pull her away but he also got electrocuted. Neighbours said the area was waterlogged for the past 24 hours. "There has been no visit from any public servant or BMC official. This angered the locals as they feared that others may be angered.



But, don't miss THIS

## Is Shaw going the Kambli way?



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Supporters of Prithvi Shaw are terming his eight-month doping ban an aberration but the 19-year-old has already earned enough notoriety to raise concerns about him ending up as a case of unfulfilled potential. The latest digression has ruled him out of India's home series against South Africa and the first of two Tests against Bangladesh. A BCCI press release said that the right-hand opening batsman had "inadvertently ingested a prohibited substance, which can be commonly found in cough syrups."

Naïve, unlucky, or just plain reckless? After Shaw's successful debut against the West Indies in October last year, India played a four-match Test series in Australia, and a one-off Test against Afghanistan. He did not feature in either of the series because of an ankle injury.

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## The knives are out

**YOUR** diarist must admit utter shock to hear that Chef Kelvin Cheung of the noted Bandra seafood restaurant, Bastian, will not be helming its kitchen anymore. Chef Cheung, the celebrity-loving Vietnamese-American chef who made India his home over five years ago, has been replaced by his former ally and sous-chef, Chef Boo Kim. We had also reported a falling out between the two former best friends, following which Chef Boo moved back to the US only to return late last year and open his own new restaurant at Lower Parel. It is sweet irony as Ranjeet Bindra, director of Bastian, issued a note with love.



**COFFEE WITH KAPIL** Kapil Dev chats with a friend at a coffee shop in Bandra



## Who's your grand-daddy?

**OUR** congratulations to Shashi Tharoor. While he may be angling for a meatier role in the Congress party these days, we are happy to inform you we have just promoted him to Sexiest Grandfather Alive. Tharoor's son Kanishk was blessed with a grandson.



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I did not know him & have no knowledge of his financial circumstances. I only know that entrepreneurs must not allow business failure to destroy their self-esteem. That will bring about the death of entrepreneurship. His choices in life have never hinged me.

## Fifty and fabulous

**SHEETAL** Mafatlal celebrated a big milestone yesterday; the beautiful lady turned 50 (although we must submit she looks at least two decades younger). The former Mumbai socialite, who is now an international jet-setter ever since she moved to London part-time, celebrated her Bday.



**SHEETAL MAFAT-**

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## A happy anniversary

**THIS** July, thespian Naseeruddin Shah's theatre company Motley, which he runs along with his wife Ratna Pathak Shah and long-time producer Jairaj Patil, turned a happy 40. So, along with a festival at Juhu's sacrosanct Prithvi Theatre, the Shah of stage decided to make this a tad special. On Monday evening, the actor, along with Ratna and daughter Heeba Shah, invited various members of the theatre community rejoicing.



## Tailpiece

THE two leading stars of a forthcoming film are exasperated about its repeated postponement but neither, we hear, has a choice or say in the matter. The word of the distributor has to be held in the highest regard and neither actor is on a strong commercial wicket to revolt. Now if the film doesn't work, at least they can blame it on the shift in release date. the release date of the movie was a big task as it had been changed any atimes and caused a lot of problems to thr production team and the directors who made the film and the producers are exasperated at the rate at which the release date is being delayed cause of the hold up with the bollywood censor board which over the years have become strict and upholding the rights of the individuals of india.four scores three years ago there was alot of heat.



Pedestrians and motorists navigate a road near Infinity Mall

## Civic body says only 1,070 potholes in city BMC fails to launch tracking service

Company that developed Voice of Citizen is offering it for free, but BMC is yet to take up offer

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The BMC has failed to launch a website and an app that will allow Mumbaikars to report potholes on city roads. Voice of Citizen was launched in website-only form in 2011 but was shut down in 2015 despite its popularity with users. The BMC later issued an app called MCGM 24X7 to allow residents to geo-tag potholes, but it is not considered user-friendly. The agency that developed Voice of Citizen (both the site and the app) says it will offer them for free, but so far no progress has been made. "The BMC once again approached us and asked us to immediately launch Voice of Citizen. They suggested some changes and we made them. But the BMC is not using the service. We want to offer the service in the interest of citizens," said Shantanu Kulkarni, a Pune-based software developer whose firm Probity Soft developed Voice of Citizen.

When it was originally launched, the website allowed users to upload photos of potholes and geo-tag them. A civic road engineer would then get a contractor to fix them within 48 hours. If the contractor failed to do so, the engineer was held accountable. Voice of Citizen also allowed the BMC to monitor roadwork through its liveworks component, and track trenching activities when footpaths were dug up. In 2012, the BMC even received an award from a Bangalore-based nonprofit organisation, called Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, for the service.

"I don't want to comment on the BMC's application, but ours was a portal dedicated for potholes. It was very user friendly and brought in a lot of transparency, since each pothole was assigned to a particular engineer and all other agencies like the PWD, MSRDC and MMRDA were also included," Kulkarni said. As he told us at KENNERHAFT.

## 5 cops feed 'criminal' b'day cake, suspended

They sing for history-sheeter in 30-second video. Disciplinary action to also be taken against night duty inspector and senior police inspector



Ayaan Khan trooped into Bhandup police station on the night of July 23 with his supporters, follow-

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As far as allegations of the police fraternising with suspected criminals go, this one takes the cake. Two police sub-inspectors and three constables have been suspended for celebrating a history-sheeter's birthday inside Bhandup police station last week.

Ayaan Khan alias Ulla, who was booked in two cases of abduction and assault in the past decade, visited the police station on July 23 with a posse of supporters and a birthday cake, and found a team of eager celebrants. Subinspectors Pankaj Shewale and Sachin Kokare, and constables Subhash Ghosalkar, Anil Gaik-



### Named in abduction, assault cases

Ayaan Khan (pictured, left) was booked for abducting a minor girl in 2010. He was, however, discharged and he went on to marry the alleged victim later. Three years later, he was accused of assaulting a person, but the police found no evidence of it and filed a B Summary report.

wad and Maruti Jumade not only made a defeat in it whole.

## Mumbai University's IDOL gets UGC nod Without approval, admission of 30,000 students was delayed for a month

The University of Mumbai's Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL) received the University Grant Commission (UGC) recognition for its course on Wednesday evening. With the UGC nod, IDOL will commence with the admission

process for its first-year and second-year courses.

Lack of approval had held up the admission process for the past month.

The university's proposal for recognition of its distance and open courses for 2018-19 was

rejected in 2017 after it failed to produce the mandatory National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation. However, after the UGC relaxed the NAAC as a parameter for the approval, IDOL submitted a proposal.

Cabinet approves  
increasing strength

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## VG Siddhartha's body found on river bank

CCD founder went missing two days ago after writing a note calling out 'tax terrorism' by I-T dept; interim chief appointed

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Coffee Day Enterprises on Wednesday named independent director SV Ranganath as the interim chairman of the company to replace its founder. The company board, wherein Siddhartha's wife Malavika Hegde is also a director, met on Wednesday. "The board will, in due course, prepare a detailed charter of authorities vested in the executive committee and approve the same," the filing said. The executive committee will explore opportunities to deleverage the Coffee Day Group, it said. The body of Cafe Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha, who went missing two days ago, was found by local fishermen



and patrolling policemen on the banks of the Nethravathi river near Mangaluru on Wednesday. A cop said "everything" points Siddhartha, whose chain of cafes helped make coffee a lifestyle beverage and brought in latte, cappuccino, Americano and espresso into the urban Indian lexicon, was 59. He is survived by his wife Malavika and two sons. This is how the whole thing played out. Out of all the things that oc-

cured suicide was the last one.

Firm appoints Interim chairman

Coffee Day Enterprises Wednesday named independent director SV Ranganath as interim chairman of the company to take over the enterprise and stocks.



## Lashkar, Jaish may target Amarnath pilgrims: Intel input

Security on routes beefed up; yatra suspended until August 4

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IN SRINAGAR

Security agencies have been put on alert and additional troops mobilised to secure the Amarnath Yatra route in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) after input from central intelligence agencies about a major terrorist attack being planned by Pakistan-based groups. According to a source in the intelligence community, the input has been shared with the Army, Central Armed Police Force (CRPF) and J&K police. "Several times, terrorists have tried to infiltrate from Michal and Gurez sectors. The Army foiled an infiltration bid in Gurez sector on Tuesday.

Yatra suspended after rain forecast

The Amarnath Yatra has been suspended till August 4 following heavy rainfall forecast by India Meteorology Department in J&K over the next few



7 pilgrims died, 19 were injured during the 2017 attack

days. "In view of inclement weather conditions, shooting of stones and landslides particularly in Jammu region, the yatra will remain suspended till August 4, 2019," a Shri Amarnath Shrine Board spokesperson said on Wednesday. He said that the IMD has predicted heavy rainfall for next few days all over the state, which may cause landslides and shooting stones on the Jammu and Srinagar national highway, particularly in the stretch between Ramban and Banihal. The track from Baltal

## RS clears Motor Vehicles Bill; stricter fines for traffic violations

#New Delhi

The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed a bill to tighten road traffic regulations such as issuance of driving licence and imposed stricter penalties for violations in an attempt to improve road safety. The Upper House passed the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019 with 108 votes in favour and 13 against it, with three amendments moved by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari. The legislation was passed by the Lok Sabha on July 23 and also sent to the Lok Sabha.

## Azam Khan's son detained in Jauhar University raids

2,500 of over 9,000 rare books stolen recovered

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Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan's MLA son was detained on Wednesday for allegedly obstructing officials during a raid at Mohammad Ali Jauhar University in Rampur, triggering a protest by party workers. His father Mohammad Azam Khan is the founder and chancellor of Mohammad Ali Jauhar University. Rampur SP Ajaypal Sharma said over 2,500 rare stolen books were recovered from the university's library till now.



"The raids which started yesterday (Tuesday) are continuing. Rare books have been recovered there," director general of police OP Singh told PTI. At present, 50 boxes of 2,500 rare books with stamps

have been recovered, a senior official said, adding the probe in the matter is on. The recovered books are ancient and valuable, he said. Explained the whole thing to now be solved by the police.

## Doctors threaten indefinite strike against NMC bill

#NEWDELHI

Healthcare services at government hospitals, including RML and AIIMS in Delhi, are likely to be massively hit as resident doctors have threatened to go on an indefinite strike, including withdrawal of services at the emergency departments, to protest against the National Medical Commission (NMC) bill. It seeks to replace the graft-tainted Medical Council of India (MCI), is slated to be tabled in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The NMC and the MCI agree that the passing of the bill was super pertinent to be solved due to issue at hand.



Alia Bhatt with Bosco Martis on the set

## Now, Alia enters the singles club

Actress is expanding her musical repertoire with a series of music videos

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Soon after she made her singing debut with the lilting melody "Sooha Saaha", an AR Rahman composition for Imtiaz Ali's 2014 directorial, Highway, Alia Bhatt has been on the radar of music lovers. The 26-year-old actress soon followed up this song with "Samjhawaan Unplugged", from Shashank Khaitan's Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania, a version of Diljit Dosanjh's "Ikk Kudi" from Abhishek Chauhan's Uda Punjab, "Love You Zindagi" for Gauri Shinde's Dear Zindagi and "Humsafar" for Badrinath Ki Dulhania.

Now, Mirror has learnt that the actress is expanding her repertoire with a series of music videos, starting with "Prada", a single composed by the musical duo, The Doorbeen, who hit pay dirt with their 2018 song "Lamberghini".

According to a source close to the development, Alia not only features in the music video but has also given playback for it. "This is the first time that she is crooning a non-film song. Bosco (choreographer-turned-filmmaker Bosco Martis) has directed Alia," informs the source, adding that the video was shot at a city studio before the actress flew to Ooty for a film shoot. "The catchy song features Alia dancing with international back-up dancers with car spare parts, bike tyres.



# DANCING TO WRAP SONGS

Remo D'souza and his actors, Varun Dhawan, Shraddha Kapoor and Nora Fatehi, let their hair down to celebrate pack-up on their upcoming music



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After kicking off Street Dancer 3D in Amritsar in January, Varun Dhawan, Shraddha Kapoor and Nora Fatehi wrapped up the Remo D'souza directorial last Friday with tears and cheers. It's been a long journey, from Punjab to London, Dubai and finally, the finale shoot in Mumbai. On Tuesday, the team reunited for a wrap-up party at Remo's suburban restaurant. "It was time for the team to celebrate, let their hair

down. The bash took off around 10 pm and went on till after midnight," informed a guest. Both Varun and Nora opted for white—he, dapper in a jacket and she, sexy in shorts and an off-shoulder—Shraddha was dressy in a black Dolce & Gabbana with sheer sleeves. Producers Bhushan and Divya Khosla Kumar, and Lizelle D'souza were also there, along with Prabhudheva and choreographers Rahul Shetty, Sushant Pujari and Salman Yusuff Khan. "Remo doesn't drink while shooting but on Tuesday he was in high spiritsani lady.



Bhushan, Divya Khosla Kumar



Remo and Lizelle D'souza

## MIRROR LIGHTS

**Name game**

One of the best things about the arrival of a baby is the christening ceremony. Sameera Reddy, who welcomed a baby girl two weeks ago, has now named her. She made son, Hans, and nephew hold placards to announce the name of the little one. It read, 'Nyra'. , some fans claimed that the name means 'light'. The little one is a bundle of joy filled with laughter and love. she is truly blessed.



**Model mama**

It's been less than two weeks since Arjun Rampal's ladylove, Gabriella Demetriades gave birth to a baby boy, Arik, but the model is already sweating it out in the gym. In just 11 days, she has lost all the weight she had gained during pregnancy. Sharing a picture, she wrote, "I had picked up 21 kgs in 9th month of pregnancy.



Sip on Kombucha in refreshing flavours such as kairi mirchi and kokum at Sante Spa Cuisine, BKC

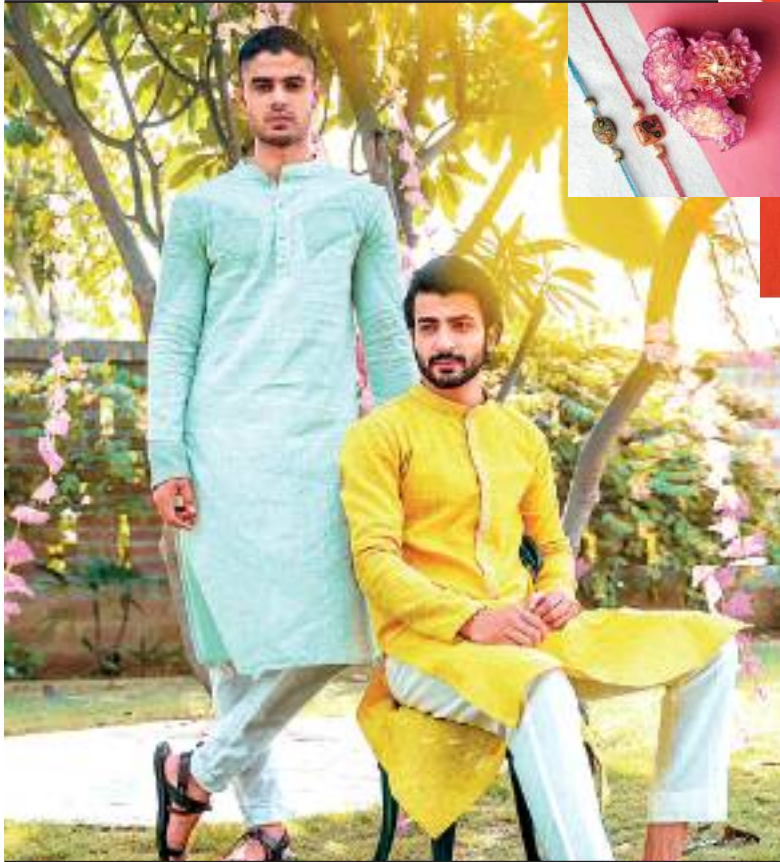
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## 05 THINGS TO DO TODAY

### 01 View beautiful miniature paintings

Art aficionados, this is your last chance to view the Living and Inspired Traditions exhibition, the closing date of which has been extended to Aug 2 (Friday). It features 70 works by contemporary artists and artworks.

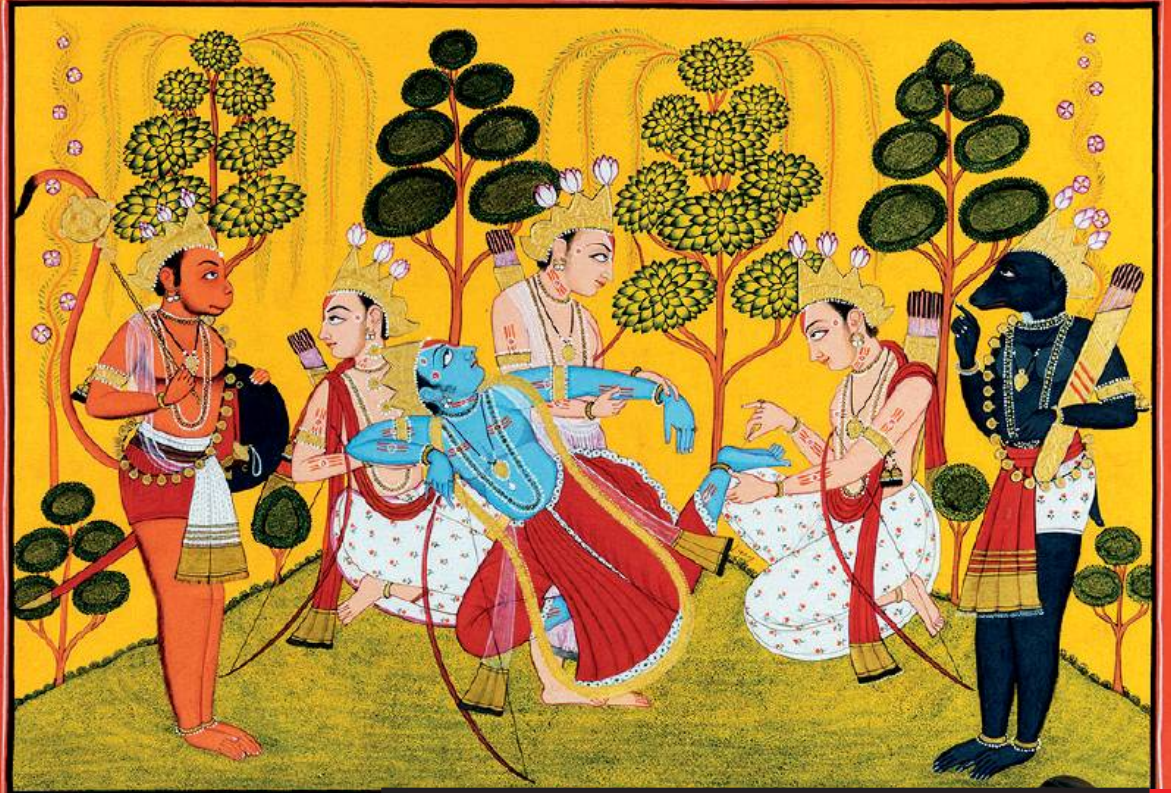
**WHERE:** Saffronart, Prabhadevi **WHEN:** Till Aug 2, 11 am to 7 pm **ENTRY:** Free **CALL:** 24364113



### 02 Prep for Raksha Bandhan

With Raksha Bandhan around the corner, check out this trunk show, where you can pick up goodies for your brothers and sisters. Organised by Pernia's Pop-Up Studio, the trunk show has a bit of everything — home décor to festive clothing to curated gift hampers. Some of the participating labels include Ra Abta, Anaqa and Gopi Vaid. Of course, you can pick up funky designer rakhis at this pop-up as well. With Raksha Bandhan around the corner, check out this trunk show, where you can pick up goodies for your brothers and sisters. Organised by Pernia's Pop-Up Studio, the trunk show has a bit of everything — home décor to festive clothing and other decorations one might find to festivise homes & office.

**WHERE:** Pernia's Pop-Up Studio, Bandra **WHEN:** 11 AM TO 8 PM **ENTRY:** FREE **LOG:** www.perniaspopupshop.com



### 03 FLOH

For a complete mad rager, go for the FLOH party, where the revelries will be led by nightlife stalwart and veteran DJ Nikhil Chinapa (in pic). Joining him in creating madness on the dancefloor are electronica acts Almost Human and Ronak Vora. For example, in Vijay Sharma's

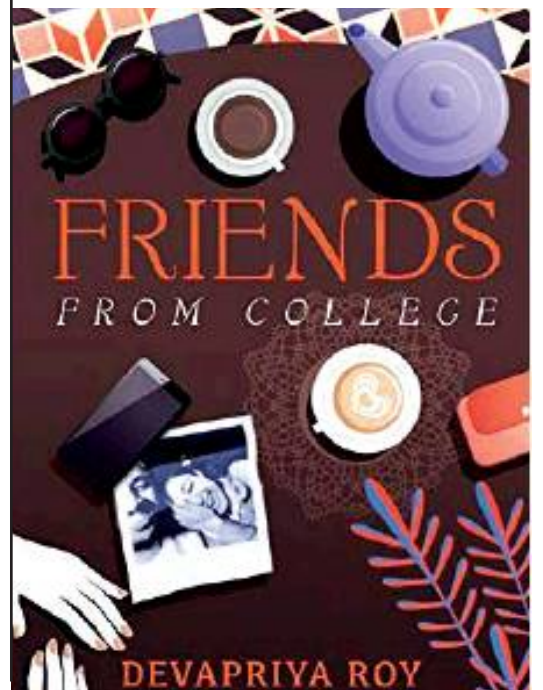
Lakshmana Pulling Thorn from Rama's Foot (in pic), the artist favours older techniques such as the use of natural pigments. Other artists participating in the FLOH party, where the revelries will be led by nightlife stalwart and veteran DJ Nikhil Chinapa (in pic). Joining him in creating madness on the dancefloor.

**WHERE:** Bombay Cocktail Bar, Andheri **WHEN:** 8 pm onwards **CALL:** 9833447770

### 05 Attend a book launch

Originally, Friends from College by author Devapriya Roy was written as serialised fiction and published in The Telegraph over a period of 42 weeks. Now, you can get the entire story — which is described as a love letter to Calcutta of the 1990s — in the form of a single book. The summary of the book reads as the book sells do come & join.

**WHERE:** Crossword, Kemps Corner **WHEN:** 6.30 pm **ENTRY:** Free **CALL:** 23842001



### 04 Head to a comedy show

If variety is the spice of life, then expect this show to get extra spicy. Ramya Ramapriya, Shreyas Manohar, Apoorva Vajpayee, Shaad Shafi, Aanchal Agrawal, Kunal Rao, Neetu Bhardwaj and Parijat Sarkar are part of the long list of comedians who will be entertaining you tonight at this edition of Variety Night. That's not all — your host for the evening is Urjita Wani and the show also includes a closing set by ace comic Sumukhi Suresh (in pic). If variety is the spice of life, then expect this show to get extra spicy. Ramya Ramapriya, Shreyas Manohar, Apoorva Vajpayee, Shaad Shafi, Aanchal Agrawal, Kunal Rao, Neetu Bhardwaj and Parijat Sarkar are part of the long list of comedians who will be entertaining you tonight at this edition of Variety Night. That's not all — your host for the evening is Urjita Wani and the show also includes a closing set by ace comic Sumukhi Suresh (in pic). If variety is the spice of life, then expect this show to get extra spicy. Ramya Ramapriya, Shreyas Manohar, Apoorva Vajpayee. **WHERE:** The Habitat, Khar **WHEN:** 8.30 pm **ENTRY:** Rs 250 (inclusive of one beverage) **LOG:** www.bookmyshow.com



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