



NOT EVERY JEWEL IS TIMELESS

Designers marry gemstones and diamonds with the colours of seasons to create exotic pieces

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From the baby pink of the cherry blossom to the yellow hued tulips, and the blood red leaves of the Chinar, to the radiant branches of the deodar covered in pristine white snow. The beauty of spring, summer, autumn and winter is increasingly captivating jewellery designers who now look to merge the myriad shades of seasons with the luminosity of gold, silver, diamonds and precious gemstones.

While jewellery aficionados are going about selecting pieces such as bracelets inspired by the juicy green apples that blossom in spring, necklaces laced with sparkling diamonds to depict winters, and rings in the metallic hues of fall; all of which cost upwards of Rs.80,000 and can go upto a few lakhs of rupees.

"There is vast richness in

each season, the depth of colours in fall, the bright sunshine of summer and the delicate snow and ice formations in winter. Jewellery derives an intrinsic connection with the earth. This is especially true of high-end jewellery, in which each piece is created as a work of art to be worn and passed down generations," says Payal Mehta, founder of Payal New York, a designer specializing in bespoke fine jewellery.

Priya Rathee, senior designer, Ganjam Design Studio, says that seasons have always been symbolic of new beginnings. "They bring new colours, creating natural trends. For autumn, metal colours like yellow gold, pink gold are best suited when combined with stones like yellow sapphire, rubies and rubellites. While white gold and stones like pink sapphires, emeralds and diamonds help bring

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FOR SEASONAL SHINE

- Jewellery market is touted to reach Rs 530,000 crore by 2018, says a study by Ficci – AT Kearney
- Designers are brandishing their creativity by taking inspiration from global seasons

alive the flavours of spring." According to Sangeeta Dewan, principal designer, ZOYA, the luxury diamond boutique from the Tata Group, jewellery connois-

seurs look for unique, never-seen-before designs to add to their own exclusive collections of jewellery. "That is why unique themes like say the seasons of Kashmir not

only excite them, but also add the magical beauty of a place like Kashmir to their jewellery portfolio. Just like rare pashmina shawls are very close to a connoisseur's heart, jewellery inspired from the Kashmir valley become a collector's item."

To depict the flora and landscape of Kashmir's seasons, designers from ZOYA have used rubies to demonstrate tulips that bloom in spring, rose quartz and yellow sapphires to represent the Chinar laden fall, and sparkling diamonds and tanzanites for bringing alive the

snow-filled white winters. "Symmetric rows of tulips become the inspiration for the design of a statement bangle, encrusted with princess cut red rubies set in pink gold. While yellow sapphires and diamonds set in yellow gold help recreate the colours of an autumn evening in the Kashmir valley," says Dewan.

Meanwhile, Sakura or the cherry blossom season of Japan is captured in its jeweled glory by a collection from the premium brand Ganjam. "Coloured diamonds, pink and yellow sapphires, rubellites and diamond briolettes set in pink, white and yellow gold help capture the essence of the Sakura bloom through its journey from a bud to a full blossom. For such collections, even the client's

profile has to be unique, wherein smaller products with just the buds are for the young customer defining their various stages of life; while the larger products with full blossoms are for clients who have been through the journey of life and are now in their blooming phase," says Rathee.

Mehta says she has drawn inspiration from the "re-birth and revitalization of the earth in spring with its explosion of blooms." "I have created a series in white gold with petals of white diamonds and rare yellow or pink diamond centres. The collection is like a wild garden, with rose cut diamond pendants of a delicate leaf of ivy, to draping vine earrings and diamond bangles with yellow buds about to bloom," says Mehta.

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BANGKOK DIARY In December 2015, both countries announced resumption of dialogue process.

US tells citizens to skip Pak trips Washington DC: The United States has advised its citizens to reconsider travelling to Pakistan

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Chopper jinx: Cable grounds CM & Gadkari in Bhayandar

Mumbai: Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari were involved in another helicopter mishap as the pilot of the chopper they were travelling in pulled out of landing in the nick of time as he spotted cables in approach path.



flooded. The CM preferred to go by road," Captain Sanjay Karve, director of Civil Aviation (Maharashtra) said.

'Won't give an inch of SoBo to the Navy'

Mumbai: Union Shipping and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said that he won't give an inch of land in South Mumbai to the Navy for staff quarters.



Many officers come to me for staff quarters in S Mumbai. Why can't they stay on borders? Only important officials can stay in South Mumbai.

OBC leader Nana Patole joins Congress

Mumbai: Former BJP MP Nana Patole, a bellwether for the rights of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), officially joined the Congress on Thursday.



One dead, one hurt as car shed crashes

Mumbai: A 50-year-old man died, while another was injured after a car parking shed collapsed on them during construction work at Kempes Corner on Thursday afternoon.

Apex court to get its second woman judge

New Delhi: The Supreme Court collegium has recommended the name of senior advocate Indu Malhotra for being elevated as Judge of the apex court.



India sees opportunity as China govt stamps out bitcoin mining

New Delhi: Indian cryptocurrency geeks have been offered to set up mining centres after the Chinese government ordered closing down of bitcoin mining in the country.



of mining computers have been installed in China alone, and they produced 80 per cent of world's bitcoin supply.

PM and Shah take stock of 2019 polls

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah held a meeting with all national office bearers, Cabinet Ministers and state election heads on Thursday to chalk out strategies and ensure that the party's winning streak continues in 2019.



Afzal Guru's son, Burhan's bro ace Class XII

Waterproofing work was going on at the spot," said Senior Police Inspector Ne-taji Bhopale of Gamdevi Police.

Srinagar: In the valley of death, Ghalib Afzal Guru and Muhammad Naveed Aalam exemplify hope. Ghalib, whose father Mohammed Afzal Guru was executed for his role in the 2001 Parliament attack, has scored 441 out of 500 in Class XII.



THE SCORE Both Ghalib and Naveed hope to become doctors. Naveed was in Matric when his brother Burhan Wani was killed.

July 8, 2016). He did not do well in the exams that year, though my daughter did well in Class XII.

more; he was one of the position holders in Matric and wanted to repeat the feat."

blood donation camps beginning from Vivekananda's anniversary on January 12 till Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday on January 23 in every district.