

## what's on

## Art



Creative work of Rahul Kumar to be on view at Art Heritage.

**Event: Handicraft Month**  
Carpets, ethnic and contemporary Furniture, metal and wood crafts, pottery and stoneware  
Date: Up to March 21  
Venue: Central Cottage Industries Emporium, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Janpath

**Event: Contemporary Art Show**  
By Neeraj Goswami and Seema Kohli  
Date: Up to March 7  
Venue: Sangeet Shyamala, opposite A-11/6, Vasant Vihar

**Event: Astronomically Small**  
Ceramics by Rahul Kumar  
Date: March 2 to April 3  
Venue: Art Heritage, Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg

**Event: Scent Mark**  
Wildlife paintings and photographs by Kazi Nasir  
Date: March 6 to 10  
Venue: Open Palm Court, India

Habitat Centre  
**Event: All Sunsets Are Sunsets**  
New works by Bangalore-based artist Krishnaraj Chonat  
Date: Up to March 16  
Venue: Nature Morte, A 1 Neeti Bagh

**Event: New Works**  
Of renowned contemporary artists  
Date: Up to March 22  
Venue: Taj Khazana, The Taj Mahal Hotel

**Event: Sarai Reader 09**  
Showcase of contemporary art  
Date: Up to April 15  
Venue: Devi Art Foundation, Sirpur House, Plot No 39, Sector 44, behind Epicentre, Gurgaon

**Event: Dastkar Basant Bazaar**  
Crafts from all over India  
Date: Up to March 10  
Venue: Kisan Haat, Andheria Modh, Chhattarpur

## Film

**Event: Shaheed Bhagat Singh (Hindi); Lila (English)**  
By Rajshreekhar Vyas; By Bidisha Roy and Priyanka Dutta

Date: February 28  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Akshara Theatre, Baba Kharak Singh Marg

## Music



Asha Dixit will perform at Jahan-e-Khusrau festival.

**Event: Japanese Drums**  
On the occasion of Japan Day celebrations  
Date: March 2  
Time: 1.30pm  
Venue: Select Citywalk, Saket

**Event: Jahan-e-Khusrau**  
Malini Awasthi (Lucknow) celebrating Nazeer Akbarabadi with Astha Dixit (Delhi), Deveshi Sahgal (Delhi), Nazeer Ahmad Warsi and Group (Hyderabad), Mercan Dede (Istanbul), Pernia Qureshi (Delhi) celebrating Khanaqah-e-Niyazia with Sonam Kalra (Delhi) & Abida Parveen (Lahore)  
Date: March 1, 2 and 3  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Arab ki Sarai, Humayun Tomb monuments

**Event: Understanding Qawwali**  
A symposium on the traditional art form of Qawwali; Performances by Nurul Hasan from Awadh from the shrine of Hazrat Deva Sharif, Barabanki and Rizwan and Muazzam Qawwals from Pakistan

& Sufi Kathak by Manjari Chaturvedi  
Date: March 2  
Time: 10am to 4pm; 6.30pm to 9pm  
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Rose Garden, India International Centre

**Event: Tribute to Nirvana**  
B Hundred Octane  
Date: February 28  
Time: 9pm  
Venue: Hard Rock Café, DLF Place, Saket

**Event: Burn The Dance Floor**  
With DJ Barkha  
Date: March 2  
Time: 10pm  
Venue: Rhino, third floor, South Point Mall, Course Road, Sector 53, Gurgaon

**Event: Thursday Classics**  
With DJ Rummy Sharma  
Date: February 28  
Time: 9pm  
Venue: Smoke House Grill, north wing, VIPS Centre, Masjid Moth, GK 2

**Event: Performance**  
By Rock Veda  
Date: February 28  
Time: 8pm onwards  
Venue: Shroom Nightclub, third floor, The Crescent Mall, Lado Sarai

**Event: Vriddhi: Evolution**  
Fusion between Carnatic musician Sudha Raghuraman, flautist G. Raghuraman and Advaita  
Date: March 2  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Zorba, next to Vista Hotel, near Sultanpur Metro Station, 166 MG Road

**Event: Classical Film Songs**  
By Priya Kanungo  
Date: February 28  
Time: 6.30pm  
Venue: India International Centre

## Food



Enjoy a brunch at Dimsum Bros, New Friends Colony.

**Event: Get Juiced**  
With mocktails  
Venue: All outlets of Berco's

**Event: Share**  
Your Fish Tales  
Date: Up to March 15  
Venue: Blanco, Khan Market

**Event: Sunday Brunch**  
Date: Up to March 24  
Venue: Dimsum Bros, K-185/1, Surya Plaza Complex, New Friends Colony

**Event: Ladies Night**  
Every Wednesday  
Venue: Cooper's Grill & Bar, Shop No 33, 34 & 35, ground floor, DLF Star Tower, National Highway 8, Sector 30, Gurgaon

**Event: Scotch Fest**  
Swirl, smell and sip the time-honoured selection of Scotch  
Date: Up to February 28  
Time: 5pm onwards  
Venue: Bar Zen, Courtyard by Marriott Gurgaon

**Event: Healthy Start**  
Have a breakfast party  
Venue: The Pink Room 29A, Hauz Khas Village

**Event: You See Three We See Two**  
Complimentary meal for one per-

son in a group of three  
Date: Up to February 28  
Venue: Bistrot, Optus Sarovar Premier Gurgaon, 43-47, Sector 29, City Centre, Gurgaon

**Event: Italy On A Platter**  
Festival of sumptuous pizzas  
Venue: Fusion Lounge, M-52, Greater Kailash 2

**Event: Lantern Food Festival**  
A part of the Chinese calendar  
Date: Up to March 15  
Venue: Café Bali Hai, 130, first floor, Cross Point, opposite Galleria, DLF Phase 4, Gurgaon

**Event: Special**  
Dessert treat  
Date: Up to February 28  
Venue: Royal China, 16th floor, Eros Corporate Tower, Nehru Place

**Event: Sandwiches Festival**  
Delicious variety  
Date: Up to March 7  
Venue: All outlets of Bagels & Brownies

**Event: Tapas & Wine; Strawberry**  
Including a glass of Spanish wine; Flavour of the month  
Date: Up to February 28  
Venue: New Town Café & Lounge; New Town Pastry Shop, Park Plaza Gurgaon, B Block, Sushant Lok Phase 1, Gurgaon

**Event: Sunday Brunches**  
On the rooftop  
Venue: Rhino, 312-A, South Point Mall, Golf Course Road, Gurgaon

**Event: Chef's Adieu**  
To winter menu  
Venue: All outlets of TGI Friday's

**Event: Nasi Goreng**  
Indonesia's national dish  
Venue: Fluid, Mosaic Hotels, C1, Sector 18, Noida

## Savour authentic Thai streetfood here

## eatingout

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Thailand has a rich cuisine and its streetfood culture is equally rich and popular. Soi Thai is a restaurant that is all about serving authentic and untampered Thai streetfood.

The place is run by a husband wife team who are in love with Thai food. Says Shinjini Kapoor; "Having lived in Thailand with my husband for a while, I just fell in love with the cuisine for its flavours, freshness, health aspects and easy to cook properties. We took cooking classes, and from there germinated the idea of starting a restaurant serving authentic Thai streetfood that is still light on the pocket."

It is a 50 cover restaurant with a classy but understated ambience. Soi Thai stands for a peripheral street connecting with the main street. The place aims to serve authentic taste of Thai streetfood without Indianising the recipes.

While the flavours of Thai delicacies are standout and vibrant, Soi Thai's interiors are minimalistic with simple decor and motifs. Large windows, rustic wooden benches and chairs with square tables give the place a very bright and earthy charm. Emerging artists have a free



The food offered at Soi Thai retains its freshness and flavours because everything is prepared inhouse.

platform with the cafe hosting their paintings for sale.

Thai food is quite spicy and as the food here is authentic you will encounter a lot of spicy preparations. The menu at Soi Thai comprises a large number of vegetarian dishes as well. Also all the pastes and dips are made inhouse and are 100% vegetarian.

The meal started with the coconut based tom kha soup, which was quite refreshing and smooth. The vegetarians have enough options in mushroom salad, veg green curry, stir-fried bok choy (Chinese cabbage) and mushrooms and stir-fried mixed veg with basil.

The non-vegetarians have good options such as chicken green curry, prawn panang curry and stir-fried fish (chu

chi). Another excellent option is the prawn bamee phat ki mao, which has yellow noodles stir-fried with prawns and vegetables.

The place also serves a variety of noodles such as the flat rice noodles khao soi. We also loved the larb kai, which is a minty minced chicken salad. Another not to be missed dish is the phad bai krapao, a stir-fried and hot non vegetarian preparation. An excellent dessert option, which is an essential part of any meal here, is the mango with sticky rice.

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## WHY I WILL NEVER LEAVE LAJPAT NAGAR

## Memories make the locality special

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Yogindar Nath Kinore shifted to Lajpat Nagar-2 in 1956 with his parents, as a refugee. The houses were more like a makeshift arrangement then with roofs made of asbestos. For many years the family lived in the same house. When Nath married Sushil in 1962, they started their married life from the same house.

Nath was working with the Union Public Service Commission and his wife took up a job as a teacher in a government school. Life moved on smoothly and the couple worked hard.

The roof of asbestos was soon replaced by concrete one and two more floors were added to the house. "The work got over in 1981 and I am content that my father could live in the renovated house, though for a year only as he expired in 1982. My mother had died in 1972," says Nath.

Adds Sushil, "The best part is that there is a park in front of the house. Earlier it was a nullah but after it was covered three years back, it has proved to be bliss."

Nath's love for plants is evident as one enters their house. The verandah has neatly placed



Nath and his wife say it is the bonding with people in the neighbourhood that they value the most.

pots. He spends two hours every day nurturing the plants that he has kept on the pavement, adjacent to the nullah.

"I love gardening and many people in the colony know me because of this hobby of mine. While going to school, children would greet me and so would their parents. Thus, a cordial relationship was struck with many residents," recalls Nath.

Though their son resides in Gurgaon, the couple prefers to stay here as they feel more

comfortable.

"Here, the neighbours share good ties. It is also because most of us have been living here for a long time and the bond has become strong," says Sushil.

Nath acknowledges the fact that in the recent past, commercial activities have increased in the area. The couple enjoys being here as the market is close by, the hospitals are accessible and the colony is well connected. They are in love with their home and happy to lead a blissful life.

## Women of substance awarded

## localevents

To mark its silver jubilee, Art Karat, started by Kamal and Asha Modi, gave the woman of substance awards to successful women from various fields at a glittering function at Kamani auditorium. The celebration rounded off with a dazzling Bharatanatyam performance by Vyantimala Bali. To celebrate this significant milestone, Art Karat also launched a new collection of temple jewellery.

## Launched

Karisma Kapoor was the chief guest at a gala event to launch a beauty oil at Chattarpur Farms. Guests included Adesh Gupta of Liberty Shoes, Sonali Kochhar and Rohit Kochhar of the law firm Kochhar & Company, Shyam Jindal of Fuji Films and Tanushree Garg, among others. There was also a spectacular dance performance by an Egyptian dance group.

In another event, a cream for reducing wrinkles, fine lines and restoring facial volume was launched in the presence of the country's leading dermatologists and actor Uditia Goswami.

Actor Riya Sen was at Lighthouse 13, MGF Metropolitan Mall, Saket to launch a new age slimming technology.

## Health camp

RG Stone Urology & Laparoscopy Hospital, in association with the residents' welfare association, organised a free health camp and talk at its East of Kailash branch. More than 180 patients benefited from the camp. Prof VK Malhotra, leader opposition, Delhi Assembly inaugurated the camp and mayor of South Delhi Municipal Corporation Savita Gupta was the chief guest.

## Road safety

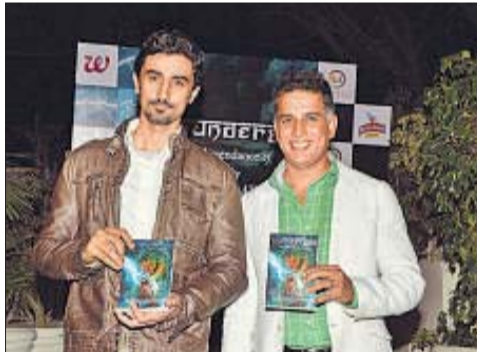
PVR Nest, the corporate social responsibility arm of PVR Limited brought its road safety campaign, Cine Art Steer to Safety, to a close with a grand finale at PVR Plaza. The closing event was graced by Jean Marc Sere Charlet, deputy ambassador of France to India as the chief guest and Shabana Azmi as the guest of honour. The special guests also launched the first ever publication on road safety. Over 5,000 children contributed with their original entries for this publication. The event concluded with the award ceremony in order to appreciate the efforts of the children that participated in the making of the movies.

## Felicitated

Apeejay Institute of Mass Communication, Dwarka, won the Excellence in Media Education award recently at the HT campus conclave that was held to recognise the best private institutions in Delhi/national capital region. Prof Ved Prakesh, chairman of University Grants Commission, inaugurated the



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Kunal Kapoor at the launch of Rajiv G Menon's book at Fio.

conclave.

## Campaign

DLF Place, Saket, in association with The Education Tree organised a free mob, titled Jo Mera Hai Wo Mera Hai (My Body My Rights). The idea of the campaign is to educate people that is the most important kind of education, which needs to be imparted, is respect for women and their safety.

## Promotion

Oliveitup, the initiative launched by the Consortium of Guarantee of Quality Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVC) for promoting premium European olive oil in Indian market came to an end with a press meet at Taj Mansingh. The three year-long campaign financed by the European had many promotional activities to propagate the unique properties of extra virgin olive oil among chefs, food critics, nutritionists and restaurateurs, culinary schools, etc.

## Olive oil bar

VN Dalmia launched the first-ever olive oil bar in India, inside Foodhall in DLF Promenade Mall, Vasant Kunj. Those present on the occasion included Kishore Biyani, chairman, Future Group and daughter Avni Biyani who was co-host of the store launch along with Savitri Singh of DLF. Saba Ali Khan lit the lamp. Indira KP Singh, Meera and Muzaffar Ali, Vedanta Group chairman Anil Agarwal and designer Suneet Varma also graced the occasion.

## Book launch

Westland Books celebrated the launch of Rajeev G Menon's literary debut,



Women achievers from various fields were felicitated at a function organised by Art Karat.



Shabana Azmi was the chief guest at a function to conclude the road safety campaign of PVR Nest.



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Thundergod - The Ascendance of Indra, at Fio. The event was attended by Menon's close friend like actor Kunal Kapoor, Purab Kohli, VJ Cyrus Sahukar, VJ Yudi and Vineet Wadhwa, owner of Fio. VJ Gaurav Kapur was the host for the evening.

## Workshop

Gurgaon Renewal Mission & Gurgaon First organised a workshop on revamping Gurgaon's electricity sector at

Sushant Lok. The workshop was attended by delegates from corporates, resident welfare associations, Gurgaon's task force members, industrial electricity users, NGOs as well as electricity consultants.

## Guest visit

St Stephen's College organised a session on the crisis in the Eurozone - a view from Poland. The former prime minister of Poland and the current chief of Poland



A freeze mob was organised at DLF Place, Saket, to educate people about the safety and respect of women.

Central Bank, Marek Belka visited the college. Dr Valson Thampu, the principal of St. Stephen's College welcomed the guests.

## Annual Day

The children of Kinder Plume Group of playschools excelled at their annual day function recently. Proud teachers, parents and the chief guest, Punam Singhal, principal, GIS, Noida, watched the beautiful performance in rapt attention.

## Training

The Centre for Disaster Management Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, with sponsorship

from the science and technology department, Government of India, organised a training programme on geospatial technology and applications at the Dwarka campus. The programme was inaugurated by vice chancellor of the university, Prof DK Bandyopadhyay. The registrar of the university Dr Bhaskar P Joshi gave certificates to all participants.

## Sufi night

Percussionist Hiten Panwar enthralled everyone at Bellagio with his excellent performance at a Sufi night. He performed the songs like Dama Dum, Jugni and Chhap Tilak. After a while he switched to the amalgamation of acoustic percussion like dhol, and then alternated between dhol, darbuka and drums.

## Spirit of Delhi

A Tata Housing initiative, Delhi Wallbook saw the spirit of Delhiites with 500 participants, brightening the walls along Delhi University Road on a Sunday morning. The theme was women and it gave the citizens of Delhi an opportunity to artistically represent their thoughts.