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PAGE THAT says the hottest Indian actor is Anil Kapoor

Talking fashion



THE rising new star Alaya F is fast becoming a covered name in fashion circles it seems. Several designers, some big-ticket names, are making a beeline for the young beauty. Alaya tells your diarist she enjoys dressing up. "Clothes can be empowering if you are comfortable in your skin first," Alaya says, adding she enjoys black leather pants as much as she adores a simple kurti. "Fitness plays a big part in self-confidence. If you are confident, you can make a brown-paper bag seem runway-ready," the gym enthusiast avers. Designer Shehla Khan, who has just shot a campaign with Alaya, says the actor is a vivacious model who lights up the camera. "Shooting with her was a breeze," Shehla says.

Alaya F



MODEL BEHAVIOUR Actress and model Karishma Tanna at a food hall in Khar on Wednesday

Weaving magic

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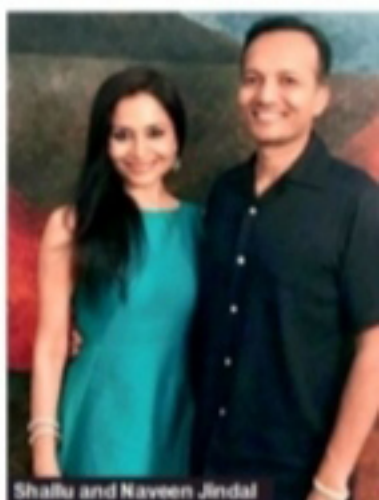


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Golden girl

THE affable and elegant wife of steel baron Naveen Jindal, Shailu, turned 50 a couple of days ago. She spent the milestone birthday with her family at their palatial New Delhi home. The couple's kids Venkatesh, who has just finished university and has joined his father's company, and Yashwint, who is down from Yale, are with the family. The daughter, like her talented mother, is a Kuchipudi exponent as well.



Shailu and Naveen Jindal

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@rameshshrivats If not anything else, we have certainly seen a growth rate of over 100% in Modi's beard, no?

Twin-city celebrations

A new and discreet Mumbai-Delhi wedding is in the offing. Anuva, the gorgeous daughter of New Delhi's business couple Neeva and Rahul Jain (they are best known for Robert Vadra rumouredly purchasing their dairy farm on Malcha road) is engaged to a handsome young Mumbai lad. The groom to be is Rohan Agarwal, whose parents Reena and Raju Agarwal, run a paper-making business in the city. We expect a noisy and fun-filled wedding soon, just as the Jains' farmhouse used to be known for. Cheers.



Rohan Agarwal and Anuva Jain

Tailpiece

WHILE our eyes are usually trained on the shenanigans of the young and ambitious, it's the denizens of the old world order that continue to surprise us. One of India's senior and best-loved industrialists, who has always lived his life with grace and decorum, seems to have found his new joy. He has found love in his mature years and left home, hearth, and a multi-billion business to enjoy bacchanalian pursuits with his new foreign paramour. We hear the separation from the family is final, and rather unfortunate, as he is now relegated to the servants' quarters of his sprawling bungalow.

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