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**FRENCH ELEGANCE:** France's First Lady, Carla Bruni exhibits understated chic in a cream coat dress while visiting Bangalore with President Nicolas Sarkozy

**CARLA (BRUNI) CAN CARRY OFF ANYTHING!**  
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## 'Desi' fying CARLA!

As French Prez Nicolas Sarkozy and his wife Carla Bruni are expected in Mumbai today, designers suggest some haute Indian looks for the chic First Lady

**Prachi Kadam**

When it comes to chic, France is often considered the Mecca. But what would

it be like to see France's First Lady in an Indian avatar? With the expected Mumbai visit of President Nicolas Sarkozy and First

Lady Carla Bruni today, After Hrs got a few designers to suggest an Indian look that would work for the tres stylish Carla...



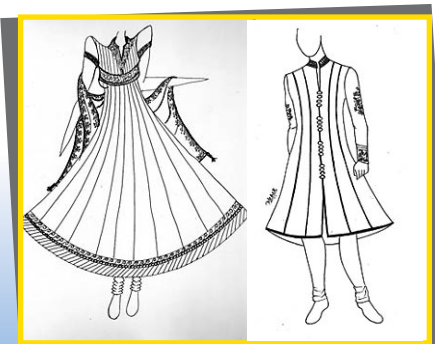
**Nachiket Barve,** Fashion designer

"As a former model, Carla can carry off anything. I would design a coat dress for her, which is international in silhouette, and Indian in design with a tropical elegant palette of Hibiscus pink and Papaya in silver and gold Badla wreath embroidery with glass beading and cutwork."



**Payal Singhal,** Fashion designer

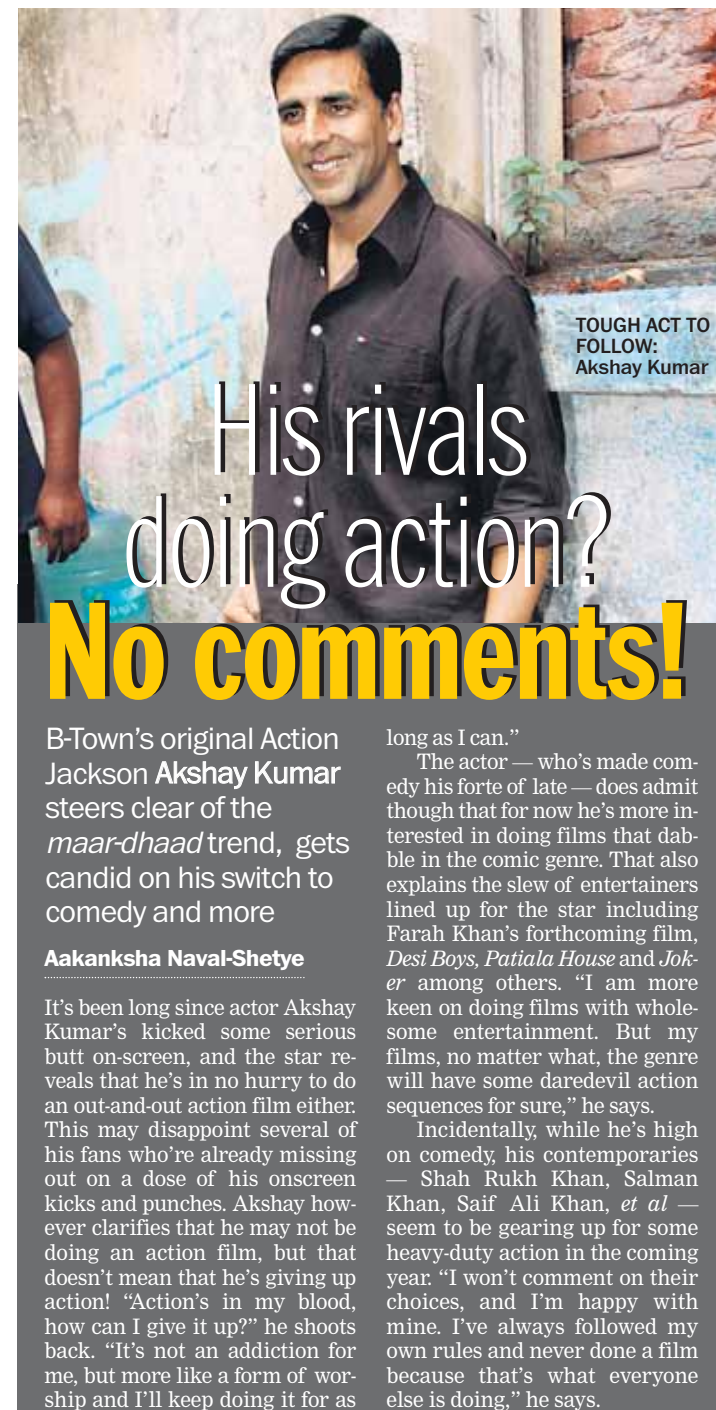
"I would dress Carla in a long, blush pink, crepe maxi with an Indian inspired crystal embroidered yoke to wear with a tulle dupatta embellished with gota buttis to give her a bit of both the worlds, something that could translate with ease in any part of the world."



**Vikram Phadnis,** Fashion designer

"Carla's toned body and height can be best highlighted in a kalidar churidar. I would like to dress Carla in a georgette brocade kalidar, which is high collar with embroidery around the neckline and upper bust yoke in velvet. Darker hues will suit her skin tone the best. As for the President, he would look best in a kalidar sherwani with arm buttas and embroidered cuff and collar."

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**TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW:** Akshay Kumar

His rivals doing action?

## No comments!

B-Town's original Action Jackson Akshay Kumar steers clear of the *maar-dhaad* trend, gets candid on his switch to comedy and more

**Aakanksha Naval-Shetye**

It's been long since actor Akshay Kumar's kicked some serious butt on-screen, and the star reveals that he's in no hurry to do an out-and-out action film either. This may disappoint several of his fans who're already missing out on a dose of his onscreen kicks and punches. Akshay however clarifies that he may not be doing an action film, but that doesn't mean that he's giving up action! "Action's in my blood, how can I give it up?" he shoots back. "It's not an addiction for me, but more like a form of worship and I'll keep doing it for as

long as I can." The actor — who's made comedy his forte of late — does admit though that for now he's more interested in doing films that dabble in the comic genre. That also explains the slew of entertainers lined up for the star including Farah Khan's forthcoming film, *Desi Boys*, *Patiala House* and *Joker* among others. "I am more keen on doing films with wholesome entertainment. But my films, no matter what, the genre will have some daredevil action sequences for sure," he says. Incidentally, while he's high on comedy, his contemporaries — Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Saif Ali Khan, et al — seem to be gearing up for some heavy-duty action in the coming year. "I won't comment on their choices, and I'm happy with mine. I've always followed my own rules and never done a film because that's what everyone else is doing," he says.

## Bollywood tires of Twitter?

B-Town's superstar regulars haven't been active on the Net of late. Is this just 'Twitter fatigue' or is there more to the story...?

**Soumyadipta Banerjee**

They came on Twitter to talk to their fans directly, but it seems they are tired of it now. There has been a lull on updates from many B-Town superstars these days. It's been more than a month since actor Shah Rukh Khan's last tweet on his birthday, while actor Aamir Khan's last tweet was on August 16. Salman Khan, on the other hand, has also started taking tweeting breaks. Many claim that they've got 'Twitter fatigue'.

**TRACKING TRENDS**

"Shah Rukh tweeted about his birthday plans and has been silent since. He's been getting countless messages from his fans everyday, and might reply if he feels like," says a close friend of the star.

Though Shah Rukh will be back soon, Aamir, says one of his close associates, has no such intentions for now.

"He doesn't find Twitter interesting anymore. He'll probably tweet when his next film gets closer to the release date, but there's seems to be no such signs as of now," says an associate of Aamir. However,

er, Aamir's Twitter mentor, Amitabh Bachchan is still going strong on Twitter though he admits to fatigue once in a while in his blogs.

Actor Priyanka Chopra admits that once in a while she deliberately takes a break because she can feel the fatigue getting the better of her. "I really get tired from doing so many things at one go. So, there are times when I vanish from updates and get into my own space. I know that my fans complain the moment I stop but there are times when I love to vanish. It is kind of rejuvenating," says Priyanka.

Actor Imran Khan had earlier said that he would like to stop tweeting because he thinks it sometimes intrudes into his privacy. "I would like to close my Twitter account. I feel that it is sometimes an intrusion into somebody else's privacy," said Imran even as reports suggested that the actor was upset because some of his fans were constantly hounding him with personal questions regarding his love life and marriage.

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TWEET NOTHINGS: (L-R) Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Priyanka Chopra

## Nazariya to screen Dharm at Natrani



Nazariya film club will screen Hindi film Dharm at Natrani on Tuesday, at 8.30 pm. The film, directed by Bhavna Talwar, has Pankaj Kapur and Supriya Pathak in the lead. The plot revolves around a Hindu Brahmin priest who

painstakingly, practices his religion, as per the ancient Hindu scriptures. His life has been following an uninterrupted pattern of rituals & prayers for the past thirty years, until a child comes into his life and shakes the very core of his beliefs. The film was an official Indian entry at the 60th Cannes Film Festival.

## Photo exhibition at Alliance Française

The Alliance Française d'Ahmedabad, in association with Transindus Foundation, is celebrating Ahmedabad's 600th anniversary. As part of the celebrations, they have organised a photo exhibition titled 'Then and Now', by artist Parmanand Dalwadi.



The exhibition will be inaugurated today at the institute at 7 pm. The exhibition will display photographs of various places that Dalwadi captured with his lens in the 60's and 70's in the city. He has photographed the same spots again, and the exhibition will depict the contrast between the two. Before the exhibition, Dalwadi will speak on the historical background of photography in the city.

## Bleu haute, blow cool!

French navy seems to be the colour of the festive season with the *corps d'elite* showing the fashion-forward way with it...

**Ismat Tahseen**

It's gone past being in the dominion of sailor fashion, with French navy having shifted to chic dresses and jackets from just striped sailing shirts and pullovers. While Kate Middleton recently wore the sleek navy blue jersey dress for the announcement of her engagement to Prince William, actor Salma Hayek donned a winter elf look in the colour and creative director of a fashion house Frida Giannini and actress Julianne Moore jazzed up their style in it at festivals abroad. Closer home, society folk share why it is their colour *du jour*...



NAVY BLUE IS BACK: (L-R) Salma Hayek, Kangna Ranaut and Kate Middleton

**How blue is my style...**

Says actor Sameera Reddy, "I love French navy and I think a jacket for men in that or even a nice straight dress for a girl can look subtle-yet-classic. I have a few plain and printed navy outfits that I recently bought and I love accessorising that look with red or white bags and jewellery." For jewellery designer Farah Khan Ali, it's a "royal sophisti-

cated colour", that's become her one of her favourites. "Emeralds or rubies stand out well in it," she informs.

**Stylish as work togs?**

"Definitely, and maybe more so now as the French are here," smiles designer Narendra Kumar Ahmed. "Navy blue signifies a return to the ba-



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## Heady treat for city's art, fashion lovers

Frangipani Art-Salvatore Ferragamo will present a unique art show where art works and lifestyle products will be put on display at L & P Hutheesing Visual Art Centre

**Devika Chaturvedi**

Here is some good news for art and fashion lovers of the city. Frangipani Art and Salvatore Ferragamo will jointly present a unique show where art works along with lifestyle products will be put up on display at L & P Hutheesing Visual Art Centre on December 11 and 12.

Frangipani Art is a private initiative that is actively engaged in building a bridge between the art creators and the art lovers in the country, especially Gujarat. Salvatore Ferragamo is one of the premier designer brands of the world.

The art show will feature the works of Fareen Butt, Jagannath Paul, Nityananda Ojha, HR Das & Jayesh Sachdev, along with Ferragamo's men and women fall winter collection, bags, shoes and other lifestyle products.

Ferragamo's clients include the likes of Tom Cruise, Madonna, Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, etc. The brand, which is spread across Europe, America and Asia, now wants to test Ahmedabad's market. Hence, they tied up with Frangipani Art for an art show.

Harsh Shah, managing director of Frangipani, says, "In

the past, we have associated with premier brands like BMW and Mont Blanc. But this time, we have joined hands with a major lifestyle brand Ferragamo."

He adds, "Paintings and lifestyle products are an expensive form of art and both have similar markets. So, this time we are providing a unique art experience along with good shopping opportunities."

The art show will also on display original paintings, sculptures and works of v artists.

Fareen Butt, an internationally acclaimed painter from New York, has also been a part of many international art shows including Monaco, Shanghai, and London, will participate in this event.

Butt's works contain precious stones and metals including gold and silver.

Another artist Jagannath Paul, who is both a sculptor and a painter, will also part in the show.

Paul has graduated from the Government College of Arts and Crafts, Kolkata and has won many international



Salvatore Ferragamo's product



Artist Jagannath Paul's creation

