

NAMASTE AMERICA

Indo American Association for Art & Culture



American odyssey

Pics: Prathamesh Bandekar

Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America and Kailash Surendranath hosted an American music fest over brunch with electrifying pop and jazz by American musicians and groovy salsa and tango to complement it. Peter Haas, US Consul General, Mumbai, was the chief guest and Deanna Abdeen, Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, Mumbai, was the guest of hon-



Peter and Amy Haas



Deanna Abdeen



Artee and Kailash Surendranath with Indu Shahani

our at the event. Smita and Mohan Jaykar, Vivek and Priyanka Batra, Nafisa and Habil Khorakwala, Viren Shah, Deveika and Suresh Bhojwani, Samantha and Nicky Nayar, Naaz and Remu Javeri were present here.



Zeba and Rajesh Kohli



Minal and Niraj Bajaj



Divya Palat and Aditya Hitkari



Rahul Saxena performing Tango



Rashmi Uday Singh



Farida and Pankaj Udhas



Atul and Dr Alka Nishar



Jamal and Pravina Mecklai

BOMBAY TIMES

TUESDAY, 23RD OCT. 2012

CENTRE STAGE

TUESDAY, 23RD OCT. 2012

And all that jazz!

ATUL Nishar, President of Namaste America and Kailash Surendranath hosted an American music fest over brunch with electrifying Pop and Jazz by American musicians and groovy Salsa and Tango to compliment it. Peter Haas, US Consul General, Mumbai was the Chief Guest and Deanna Abdeen, Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, Mumbai was the Guest of Honour for the event.

1. Hosts with the most: Atul Nishar and Kailash Surendranath 2. Peter Haas is all smiles 3. Deanna is here too 4. Alka Nishar and Amy Haas 5. Girl talk: Arti Surendranath and Zeba Kohli 6. Black or white: Indu Shahani 7. Musical melodies: Pankaj Udhas 8. Smita Jaykar makes an elegant appearance 9. Couple capers: Nicky and Samantha Nayar 10. Devieka and Suresh Bhojwani walk in 11. Niraj Bajaj and Javed Ahmed catch up 12. Jamal and Pravina Mecklai are in party mood



Ashwini Sawant



(Clockwise from left) Aditya Hitkari with Divya Palat, Jamal and Pravina Mecklai, Farida and Pankaj Udhas, Amy and Peter Haas and Arti Surendranath attended this American music fest over brunch. The afternoon was attended by dignitaries across the city from industrialists, corporate CEO's, celebrities and US Consulate staff.



For more photos log on to www.dnasyndication.com Contact syndication@dnaindia.net for reprint rights

DNA

TUESDAY, 23RD OCT. 2012

ASIAN AGE

WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCT. 2012



● Aditya Hitkari and Divya Palat



● Sandhya Shetty at a brunch hosted by the US consulate on Friday

-AA

AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY, 24TH OCT. 2012



KAILASH SURENDRANATH
& ATUL NISHAR

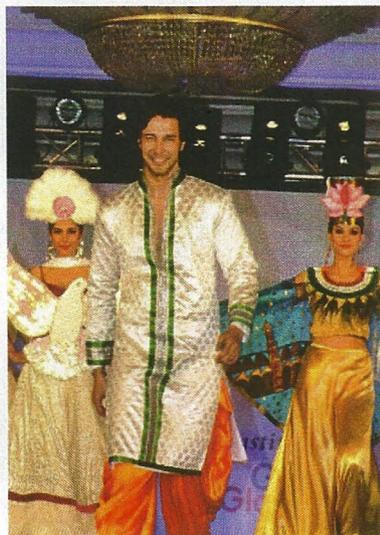
In the groove

BRUNCH

with a beat was what it was at Hard Rock Café at the American music fest hosted by Atul Nishar, president, Namaste America along with Kailash Surendranath with US Consul General Peter Haas as chief guest and Deanna Abdeen, Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, Mumbai as guest of honour. In action was Joe Alvares singing his heart out along with his band of American merry musicians Dee Wood, Tala Faral and Keira Intrator.

AMY & PETER HAAS

EVENTS

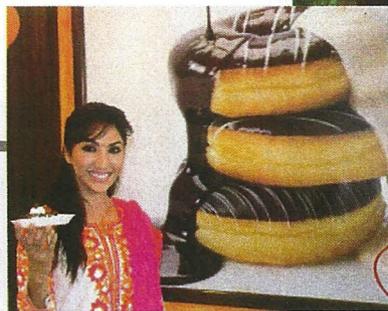


FASHION BRIGADE

An inspiring and creative fashion show was put up at the Leela Kempinski, Mumbai, by senior design students from IITC (India International Trade Centre). Well-known models like Aryan Vaid, Shonal Rawat, Shanaya Tuli and others walked the ramp as the aspiring designers showcased 13 exclusive collections.

WHEN LEGENDS MET

Ulysse Nardin launched an exclusive Sunil Gavaskar Limited Edition Collection of 34 watches. At a glittering event held at the Taj Mahal Palace Towers, Mumbai, the cricket stalwart was felicitated by actor Amitabh Bachchan. Other celebs who added to the splendour were Yuvraj Singh, Kapil Dev, Zaheer Khan, Abhishek Bachchan, Nita Ambani, Arti Surendranath, Adi Godrej, Rashmi Uday Singh and more.



● Television actress Mouli Ganguly was seen enjoying a delicious Diwali with Mad Over Donuts and @home – the mega home store.



Diwali dhoom!

● The Body Shop celebrated Diwali with brand ambassador and actress Dia Mirza as she unveiled the cosmetic retailer's exquisite festive gifting packages.



MIXING MANIA

What: Annual Cake Mixing Festival
Where: Marhaba, Grand Sarovar Premiere, Mumbai
Who: Rakesh Paul, Mukesh Rishi, chef Naved, Longines Fernandes and Brinda Parekh.

AMERICAN AFTERNOON

Celebrities, members of the US Consul staff, industrialists and corporate CEOs enjoyed an electrifying afternoon indulging in a live American jazz and pop music fest. The festival was organised by Namaste America, the Indo American Association of Art and Culture in Mumbai.



BRING IN THE CHEER!

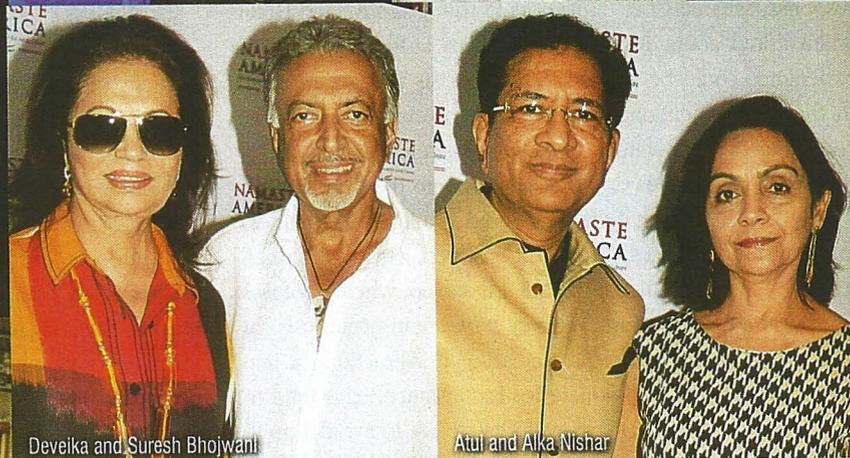
Atul Nishar and Kailash Surendranath hosted a brunch over American music and food at the Hard Rock Café, Mumbai. Peter Haas was the chief guest while Deanna Abdeen was the guest of honour for the event which also saw guests like Pankaj Udhas, Zeba and Rajesh Kohli and Rashmi Uday Singh.

THE MECKLAIS
BURNED THE
DANCE FLOOR!



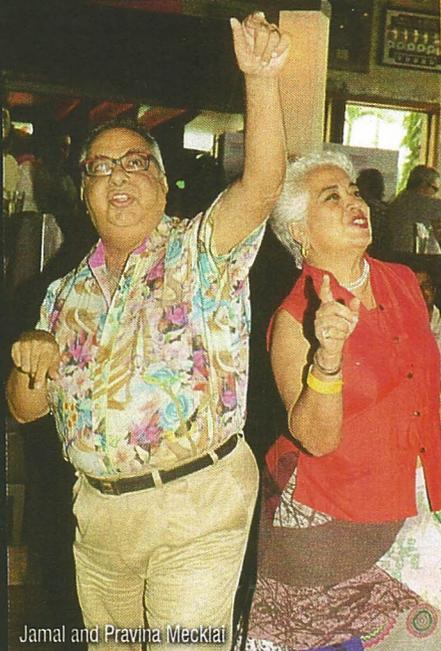
Minal and Niraj Bajaj with Javed Ahmed

Amy and Peter Haas



Deveika and Suresh Bhojwani

Atul and Alka Nishar



Jamal and Pravina Mecklai



Naaz and Remu Zaveri

Zeba and Rajesh Kohli

of Kishangarh, launched rare recordings of durbar music at the recently held Royal Fables Edition Four exposition at The Imperial, New Delhi. Titled 'Rare Darbar Music of Kishangarh', the compilation was a part of the Maharaja's late father's recordings of works by various artists at the Manjhela Palace in Kishangarh. The Maharaja had stumbled upon this music and painstakingly restored it for the listening pleasure of today's music aficionados. This first CD (in an edition of four) brings 11 songs by Lalita Bai, dating back to the early 1950s, who especially sang for festivals, occasions and ceremonies and whose melodious renditions were a delight at the time.

BEGANI JEWELS LAUNCH FLAGSHIP STORE IN MUMBAI

Renowned Mumbai-based Begani Jewels, whose creations have enthralled the who's who of the city over the last three decades, have launched their flagship store at Hughes Road, Mumbai. The launch was hosted by Subodh and Rohan Begani of Begani Jewels along with Sharmilla Khanna.

ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY HELD IN JAIPUR



The esteemed Annual Award Ceremony was held on October 25th at the Pritam Niwas Courtyard of the City Palace. On the occasion of the birthday of Brig Late HH Maharaja

Sawai Bhawani Singh, MVC of Jaipur, the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum Trust gave away awards in as many as 23 categories, ranging from service to mankind, preservation of heritage and medical sciences to excellence in traditional crafts, among others. The awards consist of ₹21,000, a shawl and a replica of the silver urn placed at the Sarvatobhadra chowk of the City Palace. Most of the awards were given away by HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh while some were distributed by Rajmata Padmini Devi. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Director of the Museum Trust, Yunus Khimani.

NAMASTE AMERICA BRUNCH AT HARD ROCK CAFE

Namaste America: Indo American Association of Art and Culture, a cultural body that works towards promoting exchanges between India and America, along with Atul Nishar, President, and Neeraj Bajaj, Bajaj Group, recently hosted an American music fest over brunch at Mumbai's Hard



Rock Café that offered attendees a rare opportunity to unwind over American pop and jazz music. Headed by Atul Nishar and Kailash Surendranath (Program Chair), Namaste America provides a platform for fostering trade and cultural exchanges, particularly in the areas of education, media, entertainment, science and sports. The event was attended by well-known names from the city's social circuit and US consular staff among whom were Peter Haas (US Consul General, Mumbai) who was the Chief Guest and Deanna Abdeen (Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, Mumbai) as the Guest of Honour.

BIRLA JUTE MILL OPENS AFTER SEVEN MONTHS OF WORK SUSPENSION

Birla Jute Mills resumed operations on October 19th after seven months of suspension of work. Birla Corp announced that it would reopen the factory after a settlement was reached with the workers to redeploy 500 employees who were rendered surplus in the weaving and spinning departments. The mill is one of the oldest jute goods manufacturing mill in the State. Commissioned in 1919, the mill reported to have produced 35,521 tonnes of jute products in 2011-12. The Birla Jute Mills is a unit of MP Birla Group company, Birla Corporation Ltd.

LN MITTAL HONOURED BY UK'S SIKH COMMUNITY

LN Mittal received a Special Recognition Award on October 23rd by the Sikh Community in UK for his contribution in setting up a JV refinery in Punjab. On the occasion, Mittal said he received heartfelt support from the state government of Bhatinda and was happy to announce that the refinery was operating in full capacity and is currently producing nine million tonnes of oil a year. "The Sikh Award given to a non Sikh is very important. This Award is for the Sikhs and the people of Bhatinda and Punjab," said Mittal. The refinery has been set up by Mittal Energy Limited, jointly with State owned Hindustan Petroleum Corporations Limited in Bhatinda.

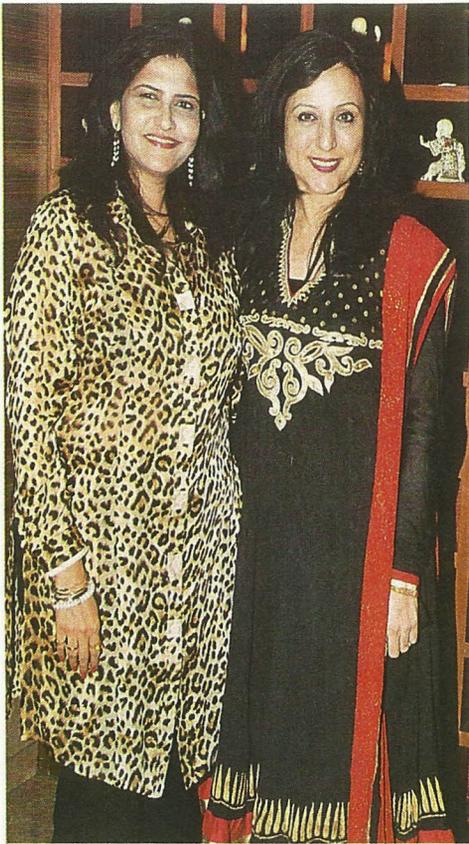
PROMART RETAIL OPENS NEW STORES IN NORTHERN INDIA

Promart Retail India, a multi-brand retail chain dealing in premium fashion wear, has extended its footprint to the three states Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh with the launch of self-owned stores in Bikaner, Jaipur, Sikar, Bilaspur, Raipur and Indore. In addition, two new stores have been opened in Nadiad and Silvassa in Gujarat. With this, Promart Retail now boasts of 17 outlets across the country. In view of the overwhelming response that some of these stores have witnessed, the company envisages ambitious expansion plans with a target 100 stores pan India by FY2012-13. Promart Retail is jointly owned by Apple Group of Companies and VEMB Lifestyle Pvt Ltd and provides unmatched deals on brands like Pepe, Wrangler, Spykar, Arrow, Lee and a host of other well-known labels.

RETRACTION

We had attributed a blog on the environment written by a Rahul Bajaj to the Chairman of the Bajaj Group on page 26 of the July-August, 2012 edition of the magazine. It has been brought to our notice that this is incorrect. We regret the inconvenience caused to Mr Rahul Bajaj, Chairman of Bajaj Group.

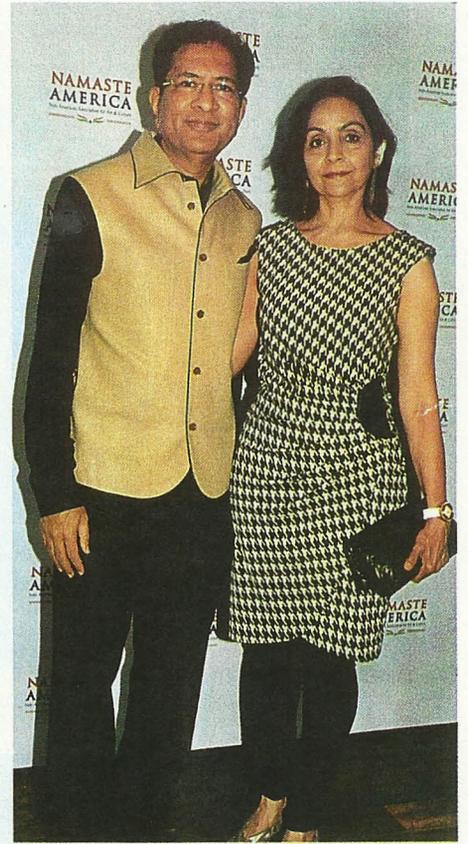
Compiled by Joseph Rozario with inputs from Marina Correa and Prakash Bhandari



Kanchan Adhikari and Kishori Shahane at the food festival at Grand Sarovar Premiere, Mumbai



Aneesha Gaba, Farah Mahava and Aneesa Dhody at the launch of The Global Local online lifestyle store in Mumbai



Atul and Alka Nishar at the American Music Fest in Mumbai



Sheetal Mafatlal with Maheep and Sanjay Kapoor at the launch of Maheep's diamond jewellery collection in Mumbai



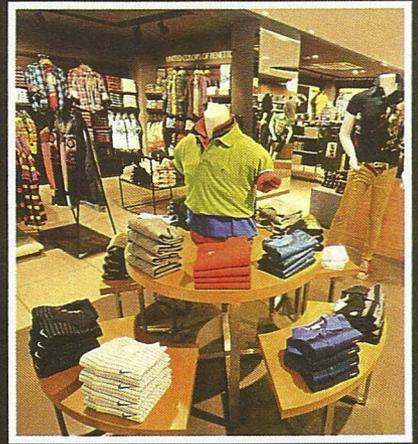
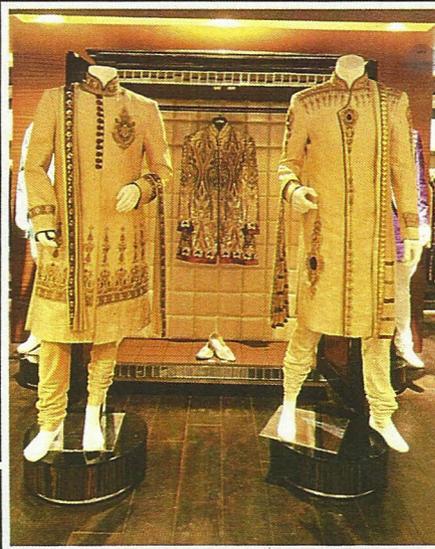
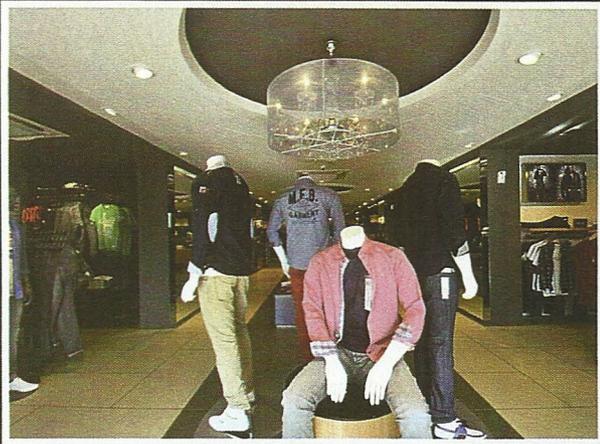
Gayatri Ruia at her spooky Halloween party held at Palladium, Mumbai



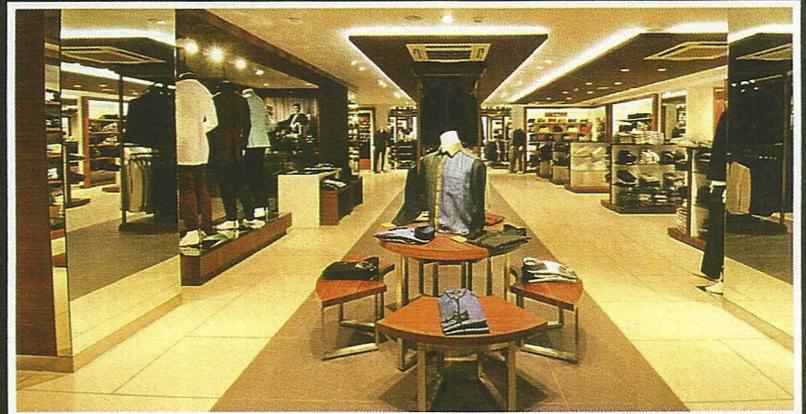
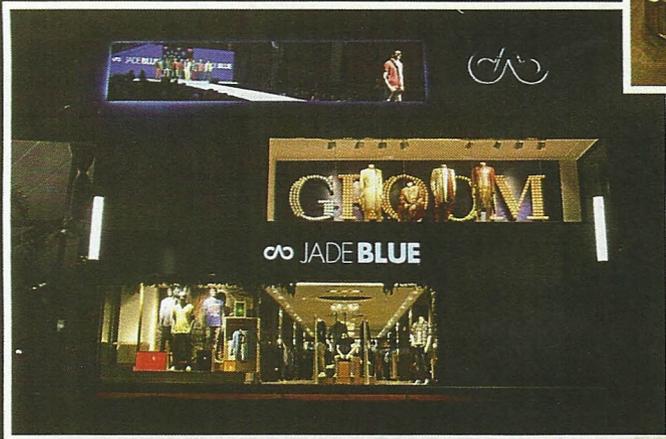
Neeva Jain at the launch of Six Senses Spa at Jaypee Green Golf and Spa Resort, Delhi

Jade jamboree

JadeBlue, the luxury lifestyle retail chain, opens a 12,000 sq.ft. store on S.G. Road, Ahmedabad that is welcomed by the city's fashionistas



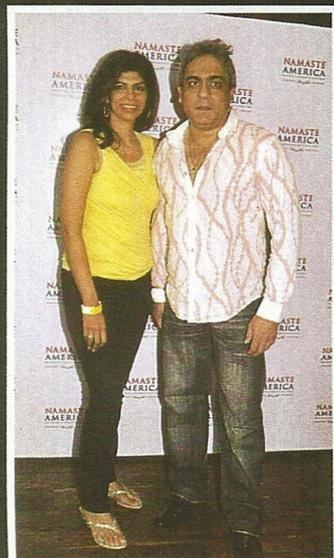
The breathtaking interiors of Jade Blue provide the perfect canvas for the exclusive creations



FLASH

Striking an American chord

Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, Indo-American Association for Art and Culture and Kailash Surendranath, Program Chair hosted an American music fest over brunch



Zeba and Rajesh Kohli



Smita and Mohan Jaykar



Sandhya Shetty



Farida and Pankaj Udhas



Amy and Peter Haas

PHOTOS: DHARMENDRA KANANI



Kailash Surendranath, Atul Nishar, Deanna Abdeen (Chief, Consular Section, US Consulate), Peter Haas (US Consul General, Mumbai), Niraj Bajaj

Namaste America hosted an American music fest over brunch where music and dance reigned in happy entertainment. An electrifying performance by ace jazz artiste-vocalist Joe Alvares with his band of highly accomplished American

musicians, followed by a salsa and tango performance by renowned choreographer Rahul Saxena had guests enjoying the Indo-Western fusion. Hosted by Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, Indo-American Association for Art and Culture and Kailash

Surendranath, Program Chair, the event had Peter Haas, US Consul General, Mumbai as the chief guest.

Venue: Hard Rock Café, Mumbai

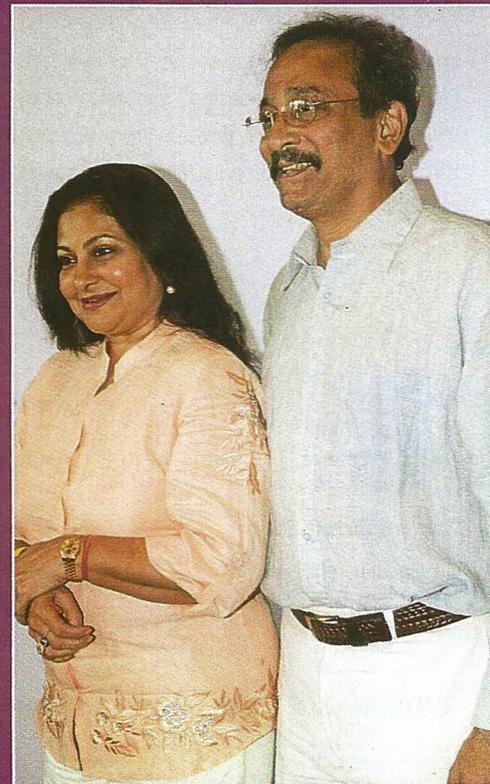
Buzz: A perfect platform for Indo-American cultural fusion.



Amy & Peter Haas (US Consul General, Mumbai)



Alka Nishar



Smita & Mohan Jaykar

Sarah Jane Dias throws a “spaarty-massarty”

The gorgeous Sarah Jane Dias invited her equally beautiful friends for a Spa party where everyone was pampered with foot massages. Sarah Jane, with two movies behind her and all excited about having signed her third, decided to express her gratitude by inviting her friends to a relaxed afternoon. Harpreet, the owner of Aroma That Foot Spa joined her in welcoming her guests. Mandira Bedi without an inch of flab was the first to walk in, followed by Nidhi Sunil, the bronzed supermodel who has been gracing almost every magazine also ducked in. Sarah looked gorgeous in the Surily Goel dress, who was also present. Queenie Dhody, Rannvijay and Atul Ruia were also there to spend a fun afternoon with friends.

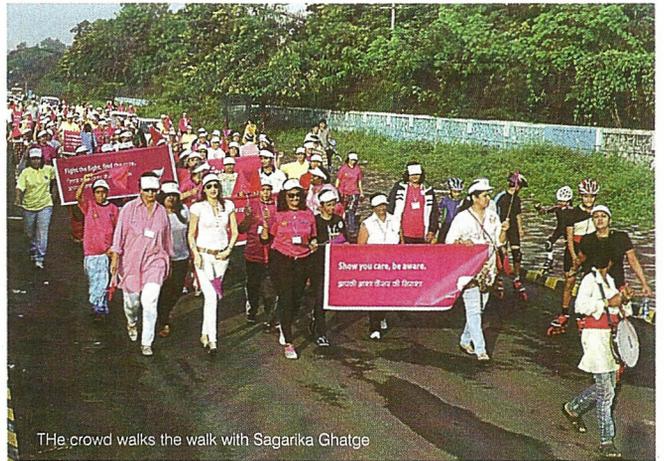


Delsey Opens New Boutique in Bangalore

On November 22, 2012, Delsey opened a brand new boutique in Bangalore. Inaugurated by Mr. Frederic Cachera, Delsey's Global CEO, Mr. Amrit M Uttam and Mr. Anil Verma, the COO of Delsey India, the French luxury luggage brand originally entered the Indian market in 2011. Commenting about the inauguration of the Delsey showroom, Mr. Cachera stated, “Our goal is to ensure that Delsey is a brand with an extensive reach across the whole country and we are looking forward to opening stores in



Jaipur and Kolkata in the coming months.” Delsey has decided to further their investment in the Indian market and plan to open new stores at 6 locations around the country in order to reach out to the ready available consumer.

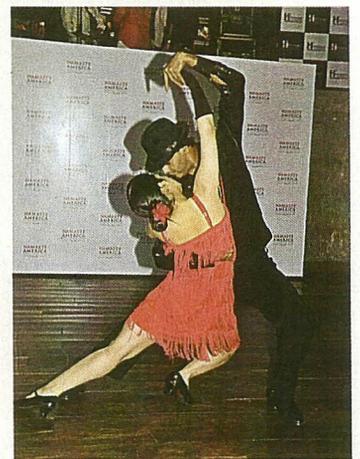


Sagarika Ghatge Walks for Indian Breast Cancer Survivor's Conference 2012

The First Indian Breast Cancer Survivor's Conference, was held at Hotel Four Points by Sheraton on October 6th and 7th, 2012. It was organised by Breast Friends Pune and Women's Cancer Initiative. Apart from discussions about medical advances in breast cancer treatment, the conference emphasised on creating awareness about Breast Cancer and the post treatment care required for patients. On the second day of the conference over 200 women participated in 'Walk for Cause' event, where actress Sagarika Ghatge led the group on a walk from the Aga Khan Palace to the venue of the conference.

Namaste America Hosts American Music Fest Over Brunch

Namaste America hosted an American Music Fest over brunch. The event, organised by Atul Nishar, the President of Namaste America and Kailash Surendranath, the Program Chair, was an opportunity for guests to enjoy a mix of American Pop and Jazz music, streamed live by artists like Ace, a jazz artiste-vocalist, Joe Alvares and his band – Dee Wood on guitar, Tala Faral on saxophone and Keira Intrator, as an assisting vocalist. The chief guest for the occasion was Peter Haas, the US Consul General, while Deanna Abdeen, the Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, was the Guest of Honour for the event. But, that's not all. The music fest saw well known choreographer, Rahul Saxena give a Salsa and Tango performance.



The guests seen at the event were Amy and Peter Haas, Nur and Deanna Abdeen, Minal and Niraj Bajaj, Aditya Hitkari, Rashmi Uday Singh, Viren Shah, Kishen Mulchandani and Divya Palat amongst many others.