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## Here's the latest in fashion news

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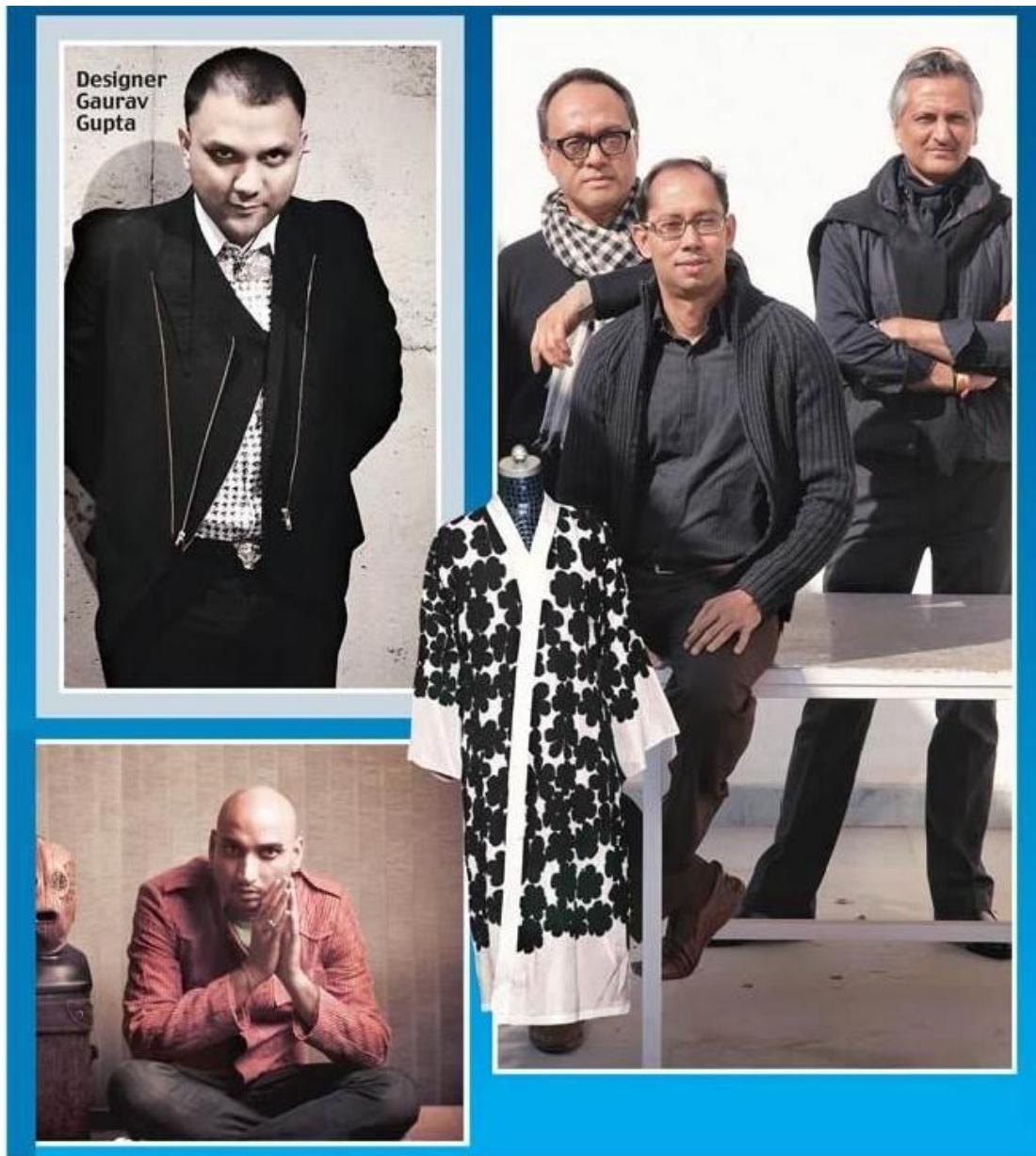


EXPAND IMAGE

In a world of mass production, hand-crafted treasures gain that much more importance. Upholding the great legacy of Indian craftsmanship in fashion, art and handicraft, a special exhibition 'Be Open, Made in...India: Samskara' is being held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts all this month with some of the biggest names in the field.



An initiative of BE OPEN, a global philanthropic foundation, the exhibit has been curated by Russian samaritan Elena Baturina and cocurated by Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) president Sunil Sethi. Get ready to feast your eyes on furniture, tableware, textiles, jewels and more by the industry's big names - Aneeth Arora, Abraham and Thakore, Samant Chauhan, Ashish N Soni, Gaurav Gupta, Pankaj and Nidhi, Bombay Atelier, PortsideCafe, Thukral and Tagra and more. Says Sethi, "There are many aspects to the project that make it unique. This is the first time that Indian designers in the fields of fashion, textiles, decorative objects, floor coverings and furniture have been brought together in one exhibition. The result is a fascinating overview of where Indian design stands today, and where it will go in the future."



He further adds, "The use of natural materials is the biggest trend to have emerged over the past five years and it now has a global demand. The world is ready to embrace 'Brand India' - it is Indian designers who need to be more secure about it." After its Delhi viewing, the concept store will travel across the world, including Japan, and will culminate at the Milan Expo 2015 where the pieces will be auctioned toward the Young Talent Award Fund.

<p><b>THE ALUMNI</b></p> <p><b>THE JURY</b></p>  <p>Designers Donatella Versace and Diane Von Fürstenberg (from left) have been a part of the Final Judging Panel for 2012/13</p>	 <p>Singer turned designer Victoria Beckham was also on the Final Judging Panel for 2012/13</p>  <p>Kitsch King, Manish Arora adjudged the India &amp; Middle East round for 2013/14</p>	 <p>Karl Lagerfeld was only 21-years-old when he bagged the eminent prize in the coat category in 1954. The first jury panel included major fashion honchos Hubert de Givenchy and Pierre Balmain.</p>	<p><b>THE WINNERS</b></p>  <p>Yves Saint Laurent of YSL fame won not one, but two prizes in 1954 for dress design, at the age of 19. The prize was the beginning of a mega career in the fashion industry.</p>
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OR young and upcoming designers, the organisation is also running two competitions with a prize stash of \$1,500 (approx. Rs 93,000) each. While 'Create the Ultimate Indian Object for our Future' invites Indian students to design contemporary fashion and home décor objects using traditional skills, 'India Through My Eyes' is a global call for responses to the image we have of India, today. Winners will also be invited on an all expenses paid trip to the next international BE OPEN event. Interested applicants can visit [www.beopenfuture.com](http://www.beopenfuture.com) or write to [info@beopenfuture.com](mailto:info@beopenfuture.com) before March 27.

Make sure you catch the exhibit, which is open to all till February 28 from 10.30 am to 7 pm daily.



#### PUMPED UP KICKS

Footwear brand Adidas Originals collaborated with fashion designers Namrata Joshipura, Himanshu Dogra (The Play Can), Ratnesh Rastogi (January Rose) and Bedwin from Japan to add drama to the iconic tennis shoe by former world No. 1 American tennis player, Stan Smith. The return of the landmark sneaker was celebrated at The Museum of Stan at Promenade mall this weekend.



#### JAZZ COUTURE

Men's couturier Ashish N Soni and liquor brand Chivas 18 hosted an exclusive sit-down dinner at the French Ambassador's residence last week to celebrate the art of bespoke tailoring. A special walkthrough of the process of tailor-made suits was held for guests, along with a film screening and an impromptu auction where a bottle of Chivas 18 was sold for Rs 70,000 toward charity. The evening witnessed Delhi's glitterati and a special jazz rendition by duo Adil and Vasundhara who kept the crooning going despite midnight rain.



#### STYLE REFRESH

Young and upcoming talent got to revisit iconic fashion at the DLF Emporio Design Awards 2014, where a contest with the theme 'Reinventing The Classics' was held yesterday. Designers added personal touches to classics like the iconic Burberry trench, Dior bar jacket, Fendi Baguette and the traditional sari. The 'People's Choice Award' & main winner was Purwa Kumari Sharan from NIFT Gandhinagar, while the runners-up were Aiken Derissaliyeva and Anubha Jain.