

The Coffee Generation

Wanna have a break from your hectic schedule? Head to coffee houses and experience something stimulating!

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We have often heard people say that as soon as they get up, a refreshing brew of coffee wakes them up like nothing else. We also know about the adage used by many, "Don't talk to me till I have had my dose of caffeine." However, in this age of rush-here rush-there people have forgotten that a good cup of coffee is not instant, but is one that is made up of a handful of sparkling coffee seeds

that are boiled and filtered. That is where coffee houses come into the picture. When you go to shopping malls or coffee houses, the aroma wafting from the coffee boilers instantly makes your nerves perk up. The aroma of a good filtered coffee from these coffee chains has an everlasting effect on the senses of people and leaves a rejuvenating feeling on the soul. These coffee shops thus have become a place for romantic liaisons, business conferences, meeting friends and having fun.

It is not that these coffee houses have stopped at coffee alone. They have also ventured into the business of making cupcakes, brownies and other mouthwatering goodies to attract the young and the old alike. Different flavours have been added for the discerning eye.

"The ambience sometimes also boasts of godfather look-alikes drinking coffee with cigars in their mouths," says Ayushmaan Jha, a college student who vis-



For Keshav (left), coffee joints have become a regular hangout.

its these joints often.

The youth tends to stay at these coffee houses for long because, "they do not have to behave formally as they have to do in fine dining restaurants," says Vaibhav Kapoor, a student of Amity University. "Moreover we can also play musical instruments as well, I like to play my guitar at weekends there," says Raghav Kansal, presently doing B Tech in computer science. It is not that only college

students enjoy coming to such coffee houses. Young professionals also like to linger in such franchises. "We can work on our laptops while sipping a masterpiece cup of coffee," adds Pooja, a trainee in Axis Bank. Their chairs are always inviting people to sit and have their brew. So head to your nearest coffee house and let the refreshing aroma of coffee beans bring alive your senses and rejuvenate you to the core!



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Drench In Style This Monsoon

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Guys and girls, it's time to fold your pants up and jump into the muddy puddles with the monsoon season in full force!

Every time the rains strike our city we all start dressing shabbily and hate leaving our houses as we can't dress our best. But this monsoon should be a time to brighten and cheer up your wardrobe. Monsoon is a perfect opportunity to make bold style statements.

The wardrobe during the monsoon is restricted to the two C's—Colour and Comfort. The first and best clothing would be colourful raincoats. Go bright and flashy this monsoon. Just pick up vivid coloured tops and dresses, which are totally in vogue. Dress up in happy colours like red, pink, yellow, turquoise, indigo, parrot green, canary yellow and fuchsia pink, that fit the season best. On the other hand, muted shades of grey and black and earthy tones of beige, brown and khaki will also spell style.

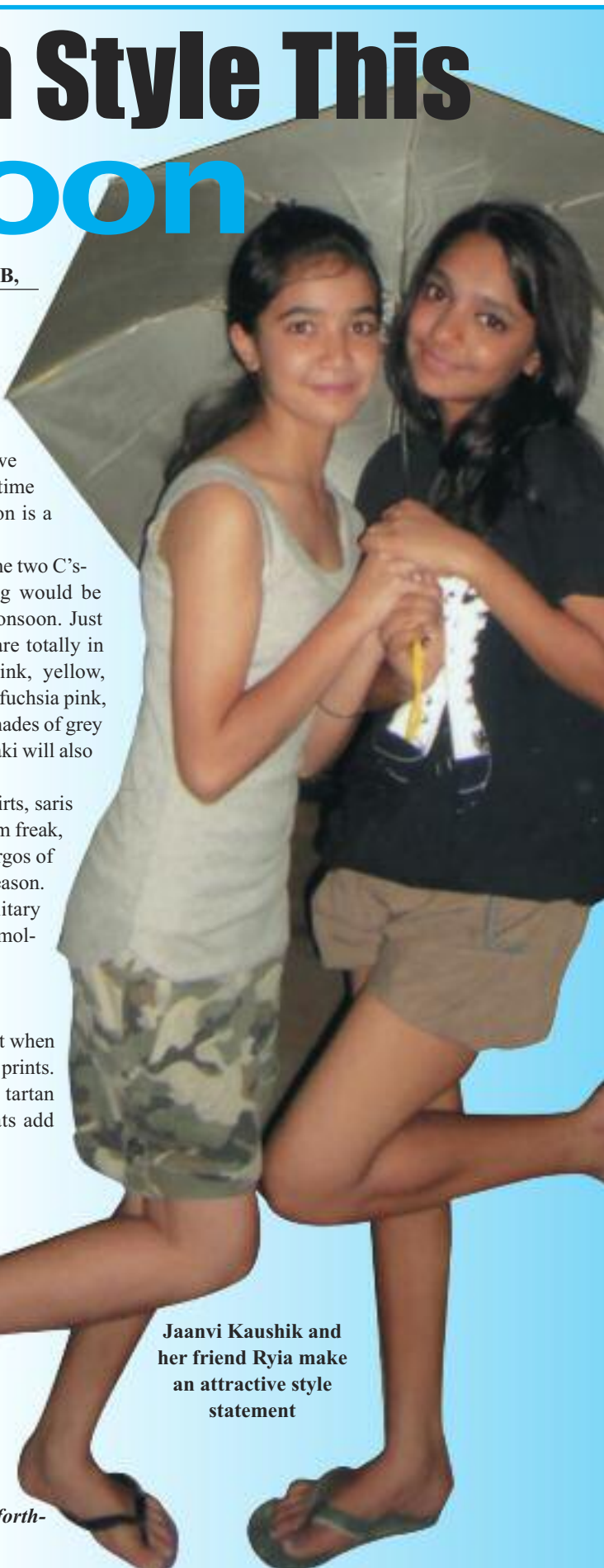
Say goodbye to full length denims, long ethnic skirts, saris and leather this season. However, if you are a denim freak, opt for light weight denim fabrics. Knee length cargos of synthetic fabrics are a must have in casuals this season. Cargos in hues of red rust, light orange and military green are best for everyday rains. These colours mollify our mood.

Key Looks for Gals:

1. Denim or cotton Capris in earthy tones look best when worn with trendy tunic kaftans inspired by the 80s prints.
2. Hunt your wardrobe for black, red and white tartan dresses and floral prints when going formal. Flats add punk and complete the dressing.
3. Heels are a whopping NO-NO this season.

Key Looks for Guys:

1. A pastel shirt with prints or plaids looks best with simple jeans. Comfy slip-ons spell both style and functionality.
 2. Three-fourth cargos and a sporty vest with a sling pouch matching those crocs will ready you to hit the rain
- So, go ahead and get ready to look trendy this forthcoming monsoon!



Jaanvi Kaushik and her friend Ryia make an attractive style statement



How to end school with a Bang!

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If we think about it, the last 14 years have been a roller coaster. Every year we come up with new resolutions and things to do, so here is a list of 10 things we might have missed out and are a MUST DO for all of us in the last year of our 'school life':

- One last HARD CORE PARTY is a necessity which includes late nights, loud music and having no sense of time.
- All of us have had our share of fun in class so for one day a CLASS CLOWN REPUTATION is mandatory.
- Most of us seniors have been in the good books of teachers over all these years. Now is the time to take a class off and hang out as a part of OFFICIAL ABSTINENCE.
- All of us know the crucial role the school canteen has had in our 'social' lives. Well, go big and exaggerate and SPEND a ridiculous amount of money (like 1000 bucks) FOR NO REASON at all.
- Now that we are treating ourselves, it becomes an obligation for us to treat those who have made us, US. A few of our TEACHERS deserve a full going

away party; they love all of us no matter how much they deny.

- For the past few years we have been ideal students and perfect role models for our JUNIORS. But we all slip once in a while; you have to do something which will leave a lasting impact on your juniors. Be creative for this one.
 - Getting up in the morning and putting on that same old school uniform has become almost monotonous and our second nature. We are in a desperate need of a FUNKY DAY in school. So try to experiment with your stereotyped look.
 - This is a shout out to all the toppers, nerds and geeks out there; you guys NEED TO FAIL ONCE. All toppers are all-rounders and have been like that since forever. In our last days, let's mix it up.
 - MAKE AS MANY FRIENDS AS POSSIBLE. Believe it or not, school is a just a small part of a huge lesson; NETWORKING is the key to every problem.
 - Every person is unique and has his/her own style. Well, this one is for you to figure out and implement.
- School is coming to an end but something tells me, this is just the beginning.