

Recession turned trendy

The Wardrobe Gets A Stylish Trim When Budget Hits The Runway

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Breaking news: The style graph is out! And ahh! The market isn't looking so great: there's a spike in ankle-length skirts, dye boxes are flying off the shelves, and oh no, the new look of the season is 3 AM bangs! All of these are signs that it's the season of recession-core. Luxe is out; budget staples are in.

DIY stocks on the rise

The bold decision to cut bangs at 3 AM after a two-hour deep dive on YouTube says more about the volatile economy than it does about you. When money's tight, the salons and spas are a luxury. No more pampering sessions in front of LED-illuminated vanity mirrors - the beauty queens and kings will have to rely on *jugaad*, from colouring hair at home to filing nails on the metro. The uneven bob, bushy eyebrows, and Cruella-style hair colouring aren't looks copied from the latest Vogue cover; they're moving billboards of



the reality show called 'Survival of the Fashionist'.

The hemline index

The next time your *bua* or *maasi* objects to the length of your skirt, tell them it's directly related to the health of the economy. Short means prosperity. At least that's what the economists say. As per

the hemline theory, skirts were shorter during the Roaring Twenties, but the Great Depression made longer skirts more trendy. Why? In prosperous times, people are willing to waste fabric. But, during tough times, they prefer skirts that can be worn year-long. The demure-mindful trend didn't come from nowhere.

Corporate chic

Neutral basics quietly turn into capsule wardrobes. After all, clothes need to do double duty - look good at work and at a party (or only at work... who's got the money to whoop it up?). Black and white become the colours of your life. Every once in a while, a hint of beige sneaks in, feeling

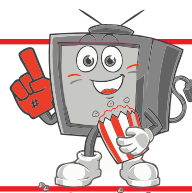
less like a bold choice and more like switching your life's filter to sepia. Subtle. Sensible. Maybe even existential.

Vintage is gold

You do not bother about the origin of a trench coat when it's priced at 300 INR at a lively flea market. A trench coat is a trench coat - whether it was stolen, discarded, or defective is irrelevant. The white lights of Zara were blinding anyway, the self-check-out at Uniqlo felt appalling, and a sale was never really a sale at any of the high-end brands. It's the recession that allows you to appreciate the beauty of handpicking the best piece from a bundled mess of fraying overcoats.

Fashion can never lose its charm or go out of 'fashion' even in the times of recession. Luxury may be on pause, but creativity isn't. But if you are still struggling to up your style game with a limited budget, just slap on your favourite vibrant lipstick - another theory that the economists swear by! **GT**

SERIES REVIEW



The imperfect palette

Series: Spirit Fingers

Directed by: Lee Dong Yoon

Released on: October 1, 2019

Starring: Park Ji Hu, Choi Bo Min, Park Yoo Na, Jo Joon Young

Genre: Coming of age, Slice of life & Comedy



Synopsis: In a world where perfection is the standard, Spirit Fingers is a series that challenges this belief and warmly embraces the beauty of imperfection. Adapted from a webtoon of the same name, the series features Song Woo Yeon, a teenager trapped in a cycle of self-doubt, constantly measuring herself against impossible standards. Her life takes an unforeseen turn when she encounters an eccentric group of people who call themselves 'Spirit Fingers', a bohemian community where creativ-

ity, originality, and individuality are celebrated instead of being criticised. What originally started as an accident eventually led Woo Yeon to rediscover herself as a new individual. This series beautifully depicts the challenges of adolescence, friendship, and family relationships along with self-discovery.

Why is it worth watching: What sets this apart is its refreshing honesty. Rather than relying on dramatic twists, it discovers beauty in everyday struggles

that go unnoticed. Every character is curated with depth no matter how quirky or reserved they are, making their achievements and vulnerability equally poignant. The series blends natural humour with emotional depth that makes one laugh and reflect on life at the same time. In an era dominated by filters, comparison, and the constant pressure to fit in, Spirit Fingers offers something way more important than escapism. It offers perspective. It leaves an important message that imperfections are not flaws that are to be erased but colours that make every person unique.

Iconic dialogue: "I'm capable of doing anything. If I change the way I think, my world will change too."

Rating: ★★★★★

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Location: Kedarnath Dham, Uttarakhand

Attraction: Dating back to the 8th century, the temple sits at around 11,760 feet, located on the bank of Mandakini river. The pilgrimage is about 16-20 km long trek, starting from Gaurikund.

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