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Nargis Fakhri at a photo shoot for an upcoming film

Can't miss the missus' ball

WHEN we say pop, you say up. Pop. Yup. Pop-ups are doing their nominal thing, and really popping. The Nandita Mahtani- Dino Morea-Vishal Shetty monthly bashes at a Worli fivestar are already a hotly sought invite, a few editions in. Aneesa Dhody's parties at a Lower Parel hotel have built some serious buzz. Now another event company has hopped on the pop-up wagon—Akash Sheth, Mickhail Pinto and Kunal Avanti are teaming up with model Acquin Pais's party people. Called The Zoo, at a Lower Parel five-star, this one could really spell trouble for the rest of the popububble, since Madame Shah Rukh Khan is bringing her brand of fab to the space. Gauri Khan has amber lights, gold creepers, cages and leopard prints running wild through the venue. Our jungle vine says the lady and her mega star husband Shah Rukh will be letting their hair down, at the first do this Saturday.

Mission Mumbai

SHE'S one of the first ladies of fashion, so when Angela Missoni visits our city, we sit up and look pretty. Missoni, whose family's gorgeous zigzag knitwear label has been on our lust list for so long it's been upgraded from 'want' to 'need', was spotted satisfying some cravings of her own at a Colaba restaurant last week. The very successful and affable designer (also, mum to gorgeous model and accessories designer Margherita) was back from a visit to a Kerala spa, a retreat of choice among the fashionfixated—celebrity editrix Anna Dello Russo, an ashtanga expert, visits every year. Missoni spent two days in town, doing a little browsing, a spot of shopping, before she flew back to Italy.

Shining knight

IT was an unusual union between a young dancer and a suave and charming, but much older politician. In the days when everyone hid their affairs, danseuse Prathibha Prahalad and Ramakrishna Hegde loved and cared for each other, their relationship public. This Tuesday, Hegde's death anniversary, Prahalad took to social media to express her feelings for her long time lover, along with a photograph of the two of them. "Jan 12th - exactly 12 years since my "SKY" vanished," she wrote. "Much remains a faint memory- -battling life on my own since, I tend to erase from my mind what it was to be loved & cared for unconditionally ..until 'he' appears sometimes as a tear , but most times as a smile to tell me the best is yet to come." How we love old-fashioned romances!

To good health

THE weekend ends, and Monday brings all the regret of unhealthy decisions made, that must now be paid for. But this Monday was especially salubrious, with the opening of one of the year's most-awaited exhibitions at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) – Tabiyat: Medicine and Healing in India. Supported by the illustrious Wellcome Collection UK, it was inaugurated by physician Dr Farooq Udwadia, whose remarks were met with plenty of hale and hearty laughter. Priya Jhaveri, Ranjana Steinruecke, Usha Mirchandani, Gauri Gill, Pheroza Godrej, Dr Saryu Doshi, Monica Correa, Rahul Mehrotra and Nondita Correa Mehrotra all raised the temperature of the evening, as did a lovely mallakhamb performance by students under the tutelage of Uday Deshpande. A walkthrough by curator Ratan Vaswani was followed by a dinner on the lawns, hosted by the director general CSMVS, Sabyasachi Mukherjee. Not sure how good the desserts – strawberry cream and chocolate cigars – were for the weight-watchers but tasted swell.

Tailpiece

CHATTER about this hunky superstar's love affair with a married woman, the daughter of another veteran actor, refuses to die down. At his recent birthday party, the lissom lady showed up to wish the boy, as the sole rep of her illustrious family. Her sibling skipped, despite tall claims to long-lived childhood friendships. The lady and her lover shimmied on the dance floor, to the delight of watching eyes and wagging tongues.