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Mansa – Hey Karishma.. it's been a month already of 2025. With people soaking in the celebrations of Pongal for an extended long vacation the month flew by with fun frolic laughter .

Karishma – Absolutely Mansa... what kept me intrigued this month was the Great Maha Kumbh 2025! The scale of it was just mind-blowing.

Mansa-Yes of course !! Millions of people are gathering from all over the world. It's not just a religious event — it's a deep spiritual and cultural experience. I think it's such a reminder of how important it is to take time for introspection and spiritual renewal no matter what our backgrounds are.

Karishma – So true. It's an opportunity for everyone, no matter where they're from, to let go of their worldly concerns and come together in unity. Anyways what up for the next month?

Mansa – February– the month of love – valentine celebrations coming up And I'm sure magnum will not be behind to mark this month with romance 😅

Karishma - Oh yess! Also the spirit of service to bring happiness in the lives of less fortunate will continue to be magnum's top priority!! And now Let's wrap up the month that was in our very own MAGNUM STYLE



MUKESH VIDYA



Our story isn't exactly a Bollywood blockbuster, it's more like a simple tale with a few sweet twists and turns. We met in 2005 at college (LIBA), and honestly, it was far from love at first sight.

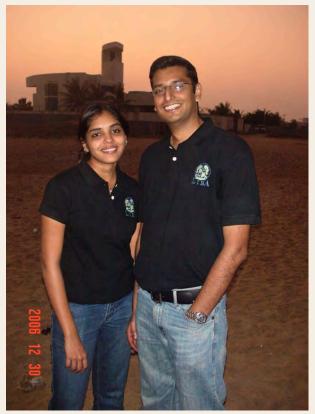
We ended up in the same class, picked the same subjects, and became quite close during those two years. But love? Nope, that wasn't on the syllabus back then. Post-college, as fate would have it, we were both working in the same city. Our casual meet-ups continued, and before we knew it, this friendship sneakily upgraded itself into a full-fledged relationship. The big realization hit us during one of my international trips. A month apart made us see what even our busy schedules hadn't—we really didn't want to be away from each other.

Around 2010, Vidya's parents started marriage talks (classic parent move), so she had to drop the bomb on them. After a fair bit of "What? Who? Why?!" from their end, her dad asked for a meeting with me. Let's just say I wasn't expecting that midday call while at work, but I put on my best "future son-in-law" face and walked in like I owned the room. What we discussed remains a top-secret classified file, but I like to believe I won him over. \bigcirc

Back at my end, being the youngest sibling came with privileges as I had assigned the job of convincing my parents to the elder siblings. It was a slow process: one Bhaiya and Bhabhi at a time, a bit like winning votes for an election. Vidya, on the other hand, had a few coffee sessions (and maybe some interrogation-style interviews) with my siblings. My siblings helped seal the deal with my parents, and finally, both families met.

And there you have it—our own "2 States" moment, minus Chetan Bhagat's drama. We tied the knot in January 2011, and 14 laughter-filled, occasionally chaotic, but beautiful years have flown by since then.





Shrenik pooja

It was the year 2005 when fate brought Shrenik & Pooja to the Loyola Institute of Business Administration (LIBA), both pursuing their MBA. Shrenik, fresh from a two-month stint in Australia(yeah mite!!), was full of energy, while Pooja, a seedhi saadhi graduate from MOP, was the quiet achiever.

Shrenik recalls noticing Pooja right from the interview day and remembers even the little details of what she wore. Pooja, however, became aware of Shrenik when her friends started teasing her, calling them the "perfect jodi"—both tall, both Marwari. "God knows what they saw!"

Shrenik took full advantage of group assignments and case discussions to get closer to her. **Eventually, he proposed, but it** was a big NO from Pooja, wary of family dynamics. However, after a week of his silent treatment, she decided to give it a chance. Being the silent recipient of his endless talks, she missed his non- stop chatter! Was it love? It was just the beginning..

Their second year at LIBA had its share of highs and lows, but the bond grew stronger. From writing love notes- to shrenik trying to colour coordinate clothes -to fighting over silly things- to being possessive - to getting intership at the same company -to not letting everyone know.. well everyone knew!!

After dating for a year and a half, reality hit as college came to an end. Shrenik, as a highly eligible Marwari boy, faced family pressure to settle down with a "suitable match." While Pooja's family was supportive, convincing Shrenik's family was a Herculean task. Their resistance was strong and they looked for every reason to dissuade Shrenik from marrying this 'non -jain' girl. But Shrenik, the stubborn Taurean, stood his ground. Eventually, his family realized that Pooja, with her grace and charm, was the perfect fit for their close-knit family.

The rest, as they say, is history. They are the jeeta-jaagta example of opposites attract! Shrenik- the outwardly, extremely social, entertaining at his own expense and having a 1000 GB memory whereas Pooja the reserved, introvert, hating the limelight and having long term memory issues.

Today, Shrenik and Pooja's love story is a testament to perseverance, understanding, and the power of choosing love.



SIDDHARTH SHIVANI



College friends to life partners.. journey has been very interesting and filled with masti. Sid was always the quieter one... There and yet not seen.. only heard when singing)) me loud and boisterous as always! Opposites attract is so true for us..

Interestingly, in our group of friends.. all married each other.. we took our time.. last couple standing..)) Finally, after a lot of filmy drama, a marwari boy and a punjaban tied the knot 19 years ago !

Today, we are more alike than opposites.. I guess we really grew on each other.. we both love socialising, singing and dancing.. travelling..!! with our two boys who are our lifelines.. hum do humare do ki family is complete and perfect \diamond

Going on 19, with many more years of masti, love, togetherness, travels, adventures and tug of war for us !!! 🖷





HARSH Khushboo

Harsh and I- The beginning and forever!

Sometimes the best love stories begin with a simple introduction from a friend who saw the magic before we did.

What started as texts turned into calls, and soon, there was The Dinner. Harsh flew down from Kolkata, and though I nervously dragged our friend along, we ended up sharing stories and 10 glasses of GnT at Madras Square. By the end, I'd realised one thing: He probably is my guy.

That night, we snuck home with my parents fast asleep, sipping gin in the balcony, and our non-stop laughter filling the night.

Months flew by in meetings, travel, surprise lunches, and late-night calls. Then came the momenthis family visited, and I knew it was serious.

Harsh's 97-year-old grandfather sealed our fate, flying in to announce a Roka. Harsh, ever the romantic, later proposed with a surprise massage, a suite, champagne, and words that melted my heart.

On December 7th, amidst laughter, love, and family, we tied the knot, making it the most beautiful day of our lives.

Coffee tasting Fellowship









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This Sunday morning, our club gathered for a delightful flash fellowship at Kup, Alwarpet creating the perfect blend of relaxation, camaraderie, and learning. Surrounded by an amazing group of friends, we engaged in enriching conversations that ranged from light-hearted banter to meaningful exchanges.

The highlight of the gathering was an insightful session on the art of coffee. We explored the nuances of coffee grinding, roasting techniques, and brewing methods such as pour-over and French press. It was fascinating to delve into the science and craftsmanship that goes into every cup, making us appreciate our morning brew even more.

Considering that many of us had just returned from our Ooty family trip the turnout was exceptional, with enthusiastic participation from everyone. The food was absolutely delectable curated by our very talented in house chef Shubhi. The air was filled with laughter and warmth, creating an atmosphere that perfectly balanced fun and fellowship. This Sunday morning truly set the tone for a refreshed and energized week ahead!

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Wow, what a vibrant trip! The Magnum crew made the most of every single moment at Ayatana in Ooty. The evening treks and morning walks through those lush green tea gardens with the thrill of spotting a bison! And the fact that we got lucky enough NOT to spot the black panther was a perfect balance of peaceful strolls and heart-pounding encounters. From creating memories in the common room (Amit's hotel takeover) to Rishi's wild food mission and Srikant's road trip it was an adventure on every front! And who can forget the impromptu jamming sessions with Ashish, Shrenik, Saket Kaushik & Swati! With his shayaris , Siddharth milked every moment for all its worth. What a mix of fun, music, and laughter.

The kids bonding and the girls vs boys pranks they played were exciting. The train ride that never happened—but the "DDLJ" and "Ja Simra Ja" wala moment we captured before being booted out.

The unforgettable "Ah Fateh, Ah Fateh" practice and the final reel was a perfect blend of adrenaline and fun! Dancing like no one's watching, the fun games, the epic housie and the quiz that 'educated' all—there was never a dull moment!

Truly an extraordinary family trip thanks to Mr president Akshay. It will go down as one of those legendary memories.

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SEMESTER FEES

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored 4th semester fees to an underprivileged girl named Shoulina A doing her B Tech in Artificial Intelligence and Machinery in Vels institute of Technology Engineering and Applied Science for Rs. 1,09,000.





DONATION OF CHAIRS & TABLES

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 20 computer chairs and 5 computer tables to Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Sundarasozhavaram, Thiruverkadu. The children there were working with computers on the floor which was very uncomfortable.

The chairs and tables costed about Rs. 34880.

WATER FILTER DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated a water filter purifier to Saastha Charitable Trust Kundrathur

where 23 old aged people and 4 helpers reside who were spending a lot of money on buying bubble top cans.

This generous new year donation was made by

Rtn Jaya, Rtn anonymous,

Rtn Siddharth bhaiya, Rtn. Amit Mehta, Rtn. Kaushik and Mohit Bansal. We extend our gratitude to them for providing pure healthy drinking water facility to the aged and underprivileged. The machine will be installed soon.





STATIONARY DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated stationery to 60 children of Sewa Chakkara Orphange Choolai. This generous donation was made by Ann. Nishi on the occasion of her birthday.





BREAKFAST DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated breakfast to 55 children and 5 staff helpers at Sewa Chakkara Orphange Choolai. This generous donation was made by our newest member Rtn. Kartik Gupta, Neha Gupta and family.

LUNCH DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated lunch to 60 children at Sewa Chakkara Orphange Choolai. This generous donation was made by Rtn. Amit Mehta on occasion of father's birthday.



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City of love





















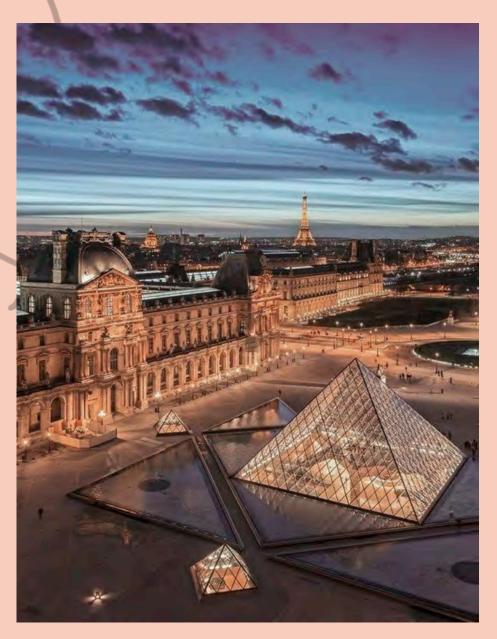




Croissants

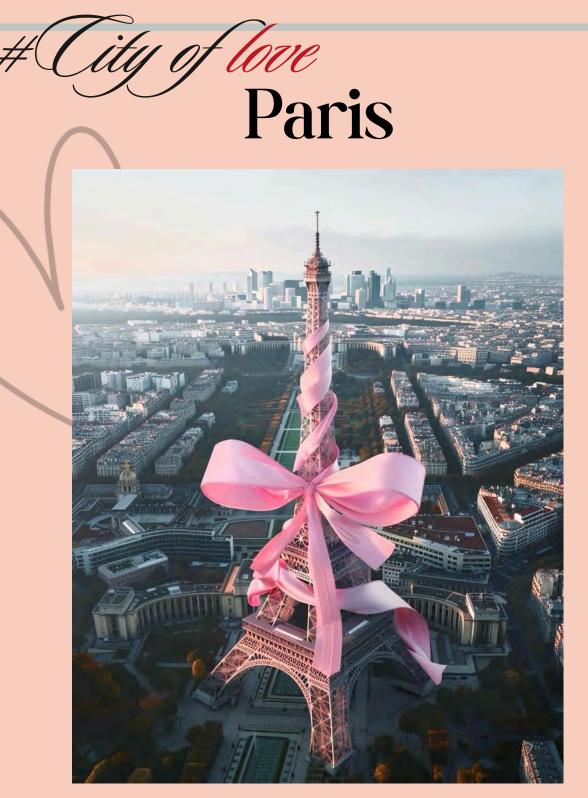
In the heart of Paris, the city of love, croissants are more than just a pastry—they're a symbol of French culture and romance. Each buttery, flaky layer tells a story of centuries-old baking traditions perfected by Parisian boulangeries. Morning light spills over charming café terraces where locals and lovers alike savor their croissants, paired perfectly with a café au lait. In Paris, every bite is a delicate dance between crispness and tenderness, capturing the essence of a city where even the simplest pleasures are cherished.





Musée du Louvre

In the heart of Paris, the city of love, stands the Louvre–a masterpiece of art and history, where romance whispers through grand halls and moonlit courtyards. Strolling hand in hand beneath the glass pyramid, lovers lose themselves in a world of timeless beauty, from the enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa to the passion captured in marble and canvas. Whether stealing a kiss by the Seine or gazing into each other's eyes amidst centuries of art, the Louvre is more than a museum–it's a place where love, like art, becomes eternal.



Eiffel Tower

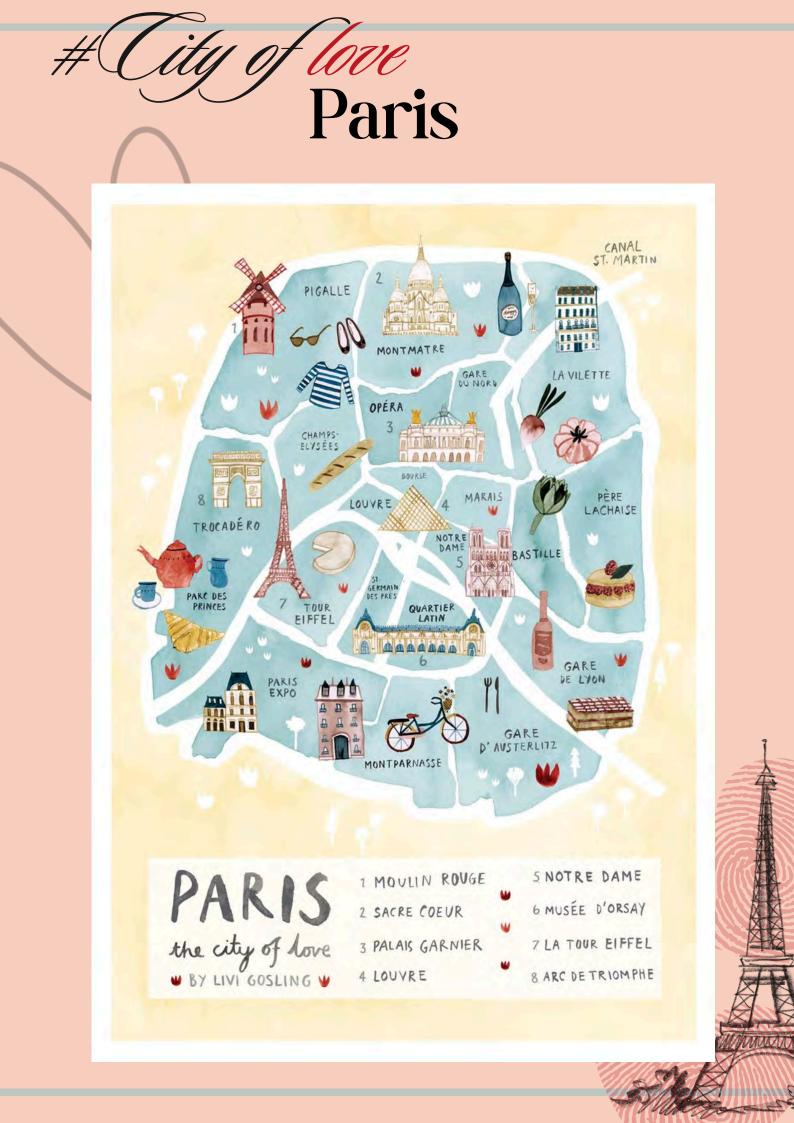
High above Paris, where the city of love sparkles beneath a sea of lights, the Eiffel Tower stands as a symbol of romance. Hand in hand, lovers ascend its heights, hearts racing with the thrill of the view and each other's embrace. A whispered "je t'aime" in the cool night air, a stolen kiss as the tower twinkles—here, time stands still, and love feels as endless as the Parisian sky.





Arc de triomphe

Standing proudly at the heart of Paris, the Arc de Triomphe watches over the city of love, where romance lingers in every golden sunset and moonlit stroll. Beneath its grand arches, lovers walk hand in hand, tracing the stories of history while writing their own. As the Champs-Élysées glows with evening lights, a quiet moment shared beneath its towering presence becomes a promise—of love as enduring as the monument itself.



alentines dessert Recipes



Pomegranate Parfait

Ingredients

☐ 8 cinnamon graham cracker, crumbled

2 cups plain yogurt, I used low fat

 \Box 3/4 cup sweetened condensed milk

2 pomegranates, deseeded



Instructions

Divide graham cracker crumbs among 4 glasses or small jars. Mix yogurt and sweetened condensed milk in a bowl, add more condensed milk if you want your mixture to be sweeter. Divide half of the mixture among the jars on top of the crumbs. Cover with some pomegranates. Repeat the layers and top with pomegranates.

Valentines dessert Recipes



Chocolate Raspberry Mousse Ingredients

½ envelope unflavored gelatin
2 tbsp cold water
¼ cup boiling water
1 cup white sugar
½ cup cocoa powder
4 cups cold whipping cream
1 tbsp vanilla extract
Raspberry Jelly Topping
1 cup raspberries + for decorations
2 tbsp lemon juice
6 tbsp white sugar
½ envelope unflavored gelatin
2 tbsp water



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HOW TO MAKE CHOCOLATE RASPBERRY MOUSSE

Sprinkle gelatin over cold water in a small bowl. Let stand for 2 minutes to soften. Add boiling water. Stir until the gelatin is completely dissolved and the mixture is clear. Cool slightly.

Mix sugar and cocoa in a large bowl. Add whipping cream and vanilla extract. Beat on medium speed of mixer, scraping the bottom of bowl occasionally, until mixture is stiff.

Pour in the gelatin mixture and beat until well blended.

Spoon into dessert dishes and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before adding the raspberry jelly toppings.

Apcoming Events February



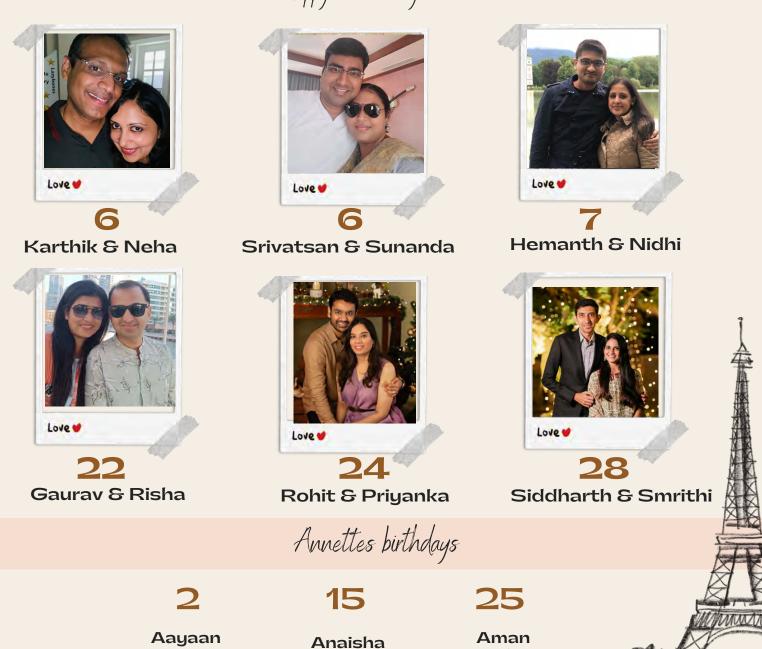
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