



(Above) A girl takes a look at the collection by a designer from Hisar at the two-day 'Bridal Affair 2010', an exhibition at Hotel Radisson in Jalandhar on Saturday. (Above, right) Ritika Nainta, a contestant from *Splitsville II*, displayed her collection and did some nail art for the visitors at the exhibition.



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Fit for home

Sukhpreet Kaur, a Class X student of the government school at Sainiawala on Ferozpur-Faridkot road has invented an exercise washing machine. The machine serves dual purpose -- washes clothes while cycling, thus saving electricity and maintaining health side by side!

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All for the bride

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The two-day 'Bridal Affair 2010' was a good summer start for the high-on-fashion brigade in Jalandhar. They got to catch up on the latest in designer clothing and accessories for the season.

Cottons, linens and georgettes in cool pastel shades as peach, sky blue, light yel-

low, green, tones of skin and glut of whites are in vogue this summer... Well, this was the common whim vehicled by all the designers here.

Neha Kajla from Hisar was here with embroidered and geometrical print salwaars with heavy hangings towards the edges. Says she, "I have designed these salwaars with heavy bottoms and in many colours with maximum detailing, which one can har-

monise with plain shirts."

Hina Creations from Pakistan brought crochet work dupattas and salwaars in pastel shades. "I have almost every dress in crochet and is being appreciated by the visitors a lot. One reason behind it is that crochet is evergreen," says Hina.

Harpreet from Mumbai has brought in a collection dominated by nets. Multicolour is also what you

can find in her collection.

Chandigarh girl Ritika Nainta, who was a contestant on *Splitsville II*, was seen doing nail art. She displays her collection. The exhibition also offers a variety of items in home décor and furnishings and jewellery and other wedding accessories—the focus being to cater to a Punjabi wedding's requirements. On till today at Hotel Radisson



Talking India

Author Pavan Choudary was in Amritsar on Saturday

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Gurgaon-based author Pavan Choudary is now donning the avatar of a television show host with *Hum Aise Kyun Hai*, which will be aired on DD later this month.

Author of *When Your Are Sinking Become Submarine*, Pavan was in Amritsar for addressing the Rotary Presidents Elect Training Seminar as well launch of his latest book *Success Sutras for the 21st Century: A Trilogy of Wisdom*.

Driven by instinct

Coming to his latest book, we ask Pavan what propelled him to take on Chanakya, Confucius and Kabir's ideology. He says that it was an instinct of learning from yesterday. "Chanakya had courage, Confucius had compassion and Kabir had spiritualism. They are the grandmasters of thought for me," Pavan says.

However, the preachings of Chanakya were in Sanskrit, Confucius in Chinese and Kabir in Awadhi, which gave Pavan a stage. "Their preachings

are not available in English and are thus not known," Pavan says. Moreover, teachings of Confucius are much older, and so, not much known again.

It's TV calling

Pavan's TV show will be a chat show where issues pertaining to problems like unhygienic conditions, traffic mismanagement, parking etiquettes, garbage disposal system and other such issues will be addressed.

"I am trying to bring people from all walks of life to the show. For example, from mall owners who may talk of people not ready to use parking spaces to hotel staff talking of people leaving their bathrooms dirty... Such issues will shed light on the well-being-ness and help in creating a civilised society," Pavan added.

As for his stand on the socio-politics situation in India, Pavan says it's time to go for inter-continental ballistic missile just to caution the superpowers. "Moreover, there is a need to create awareness regarding excess expenditure on marriages, which is not good for a poor country," Pavan signs off.

Wordsmith

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. -Abraham Lincoln

Thou art thy mother's glass, and she in thee

Calls back the lovely April of her prime. -William Shakespeare

Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children because they are more certain they are their own. -Aristotle

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