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# PILLOW TREES & FASHION SPREES



All smiles:  
Koshia & Kruti



Saycheese!  
Prasath, Paloma & Sophia

Radiant:  
Julia



Headturner:  
Madona



Just a li'l shimmer:  
Prithvee

Celeb spotted:  
Nikki



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PALOMA RAO

TV Host and Lifestyle Influencer, Paloma Rao gives you a ringside view to the biggest parties in town.

**O**UR WEEKEND WAS an interesting one to say the least, as we had one eye on the news and the other on the skies, playing the 'will it, won't it?' game with the cyclone. Some plans got cancelled, others just slightly rearranged but all in all, I was impressed at how the city rallied, both during and after, not letting the weather mess with their carefully laid plans. Gum boots on, umbrellas out, let's do this!

It's just 10 days to Christmas which means we go into overdrive on the festive front. Decorations - check, special matching Christmas sweaters - check, hampers - check, and just in case you were wondering where your 'photo op' should be, well, keep reading, I may have a few ideas for you. Nothing like a beautiful Christmas tree for that annual photo and this year, Chennai has some rather unique options for you. Continuing the list of tree lighting ceremonies from last week, we'll start with the Westin whose tree is made up of pillows, yes pillows, promoting the need for good sleep. Hey, I'm all for it! At ITC Grand Chola, it was a tree made of dried palms, built around the theme of sustainability as well as celebrating the hotel's 10th anniversary. I also learnt that the Palmyra is the state tree of Tamil Nadu and is zero waste. Following a similar theme was Crowne Plaza with a tree made of dried sugarcane waste, stressing the virtues of reduce, reuse and recycle. And while we on the topic of sustainability, Coral by Seema and Evoluzione, hosted a workshop on Bundle printing, with ingredients from kitchen waste to the local flower market. The quick session was both informative and fun, with the idea of bringing people close to nature, with simple solutions found in natural colours and organic materials.

The most talked about event of the week was the launch of The Poze, an inclusive talent management company, which took place at Barracuda Brew. While the vibe was fun and relaxed, it was a one-of-a-kind fashion showcase, that included a performance by Karun Raman, in his drag avatar 'The Black Widow'. Needless to say, the crowd loved it, and they cheered their approval from start to finish.

Also launching this week was Naturals at Phoenix Market City Chennai, with actor Nikki Galrani doing the honours. RJ Sano, who anchored the show, had a quick chat with the star about her skincare regime and favourite services. The perfect reminder to go get that pre-Christmas 'glow up'.



Red haute:  
Ashwini

Gorgeous locks:  
Aashika

**Ready for 2023**  
The unveiling of the Voyage End Europe Calendar 2023 by photographer M Ram Vignesh saw plenty of folks in attendance. The evening at the Clarion Hotel also saw a fashion show later for an extra dose of oomph...



Looking lovely:  
Riya

Chic in white:  
Sri Chezhiyan

Elegant:  
Hima

Denim love:  
Payal

Strike a pose:  
Varshini

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