



German field marshal Friedrich Paulus surrendered to the Soviet Red Army at Stalingrad (on this day in 1943). This defeat became one of the turning points of World War II.



(Left) Nishchay collects miniature cars and creates diorama models; (right) Nishchay makes creative videos using the miniature models for his YouTube channel

PASSION FOR POCKET-SIZED WHEELS

This 21-year-old hobbyist from Delhi has an impressive selection of diecast model cars



(Above) Nishchay Sharma's father, Balkishan Sharma helps Nishchay build diorama models; (Right) Nishchay with diecast models from his collection

ANJANI CHADHA

SCALED-down models of automobiles have captured the interest of car enthusiasts for a long time. In fact, many motorheads have taken up model car collection as a hobby, and make it a point to upgrade their fleet over time. Among such model car aficionados across the world is Ashok Vihar's Nishchay Sharma (21). The ardent automobile enthusiast collects diecast car models and showcases his collection through regular videos that he uploads to his YouTube channel. 'Miniature Automobiles' that he started in 2016. Sharma's videos are a mix of informative insights into car

models and engaging stories he crafts around miniatures.

"I used to watch car videos; then I started collecting scale models (miniature cars) since these are the only things I can afford at the moment," shares Sharma, who graduated from Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies, Rohini, last year.

HOBBY FUELLED BY PASSION

Diecast models are crafted by means of a metal casting process in which molten lead, zinc alloy, or plastic is poured into a mould. Sharma's passion for model automobiles arose in 2011 when he laid his hands on a miniature Mercedes CLA. Since then, he has been collecting more such miniatures. Currently, he has about 160 1:18 scale (1/18th the size of the actual car) diecast models and over 100 miniatures of other scales (1:24 and 1:32 scale).

"Every auto manufacturer makes these miniature versions as merchandise. In India, they are hard to get because most of the companies don't sell them here, so I usually import them. For example, if Range Rover builds a car then they sell a miniature version of the same at their dealership. I buy these models from there," he shares.

Sharma pre-

fers the 1:18 scale of diecast models that usually include intricate details not commonly found on smaller scale models. Revealing the cost of these miniatures, he explains, "The 1:18 scale is expensive. It starts from ₹5,000 and can go as high as ₹60,000."

A MIX OF DESIGNS & STORIES

Sharma shoots and exhibits his collectibles with the help of dioramas—petrol pumps, houses, trees—which he builds with the help of his father, Balkishan Sharma. "My dad suggested that we use dioramas to add to the videos, and people really started liking these," he says.

These dioramas—they have built about 40 till date—are usually made using PVC Sunboard sheets and may take as long as a month to build, depending upon the size and specifications. Once a diorama is created, Sharma shoots videos that outline specifications of the model he is showcasing, all while explaining a story.

With over seven lakh followers, his videos have received an encouraging response from viewers. "When I had started the channel, diecast models were not really popular and I thought I wouldn't get many views on YouTube. There weren't many channels from India that would post videos about diecast models. So I thought it wouldn't work but people started watching it. It [the videos] also helped promote the hobby [of miniature collection]," he concludes.

I am interested in all types of cars. I used to watch car videos; then I started collecting scale models, basically miniature cars, since these are the only things that I can afford at the moment.

NISHCHAY SHARMA



TRAVELLING LIGHT

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL

THE fact that the clothing label SAND by Shirin and *jutti* brand Needledust are by the same person—Shirin Mann—is at first a little hard to believe. For, while the footwear brand is renowned for its heavy use of sequins, *zardosi*, pearls, beads, *dabka*, and other hand embroidery techniques, the sustainable clothing line sets itself apart with its starkness, its bare but experimental silhouettes, skillful draping, and lush fabrics. "SAND is an extension of me and my vision, representing the uniqueness of women, where all shapes are beautiful, all bodies remarkable and all women extraordinary. Our silhouettes break all stereotypes of body shapes," says Shirin, who launched SAND (short for 'Such A Nice Day') in the first half of 2021.

A few weeks ago, they unveiled their Winter Collection, a line inspired by some of the most interesting international destinations that range from Johannesburg to Marrakech, Tahiti, and Fiji. This time around, the colour palette, which is usually a combination of light shades of pale pink, off-white, cream and mint green, has gone a bit deeper and warmer with hues such as sand, oatmeal, dusty pink, black, silver and gold. The drop comprises jumpsuits, flowing overlays, roomy trousers, kimono-style dresses, kaftans, and asymmetric tops. "All our silhouettes are transitional and subtle. However, the Johannesburg jumpsuit captures the aesthetic of our brand well." The garment is made from lightweight, soft wool in a faint herringbone weave and has a relaxed fit. It boasts a full-length detachable shawl collar that can be fastened with buttons at the neck.

Another feature of the label is their choice of fabrics. The natural fibres of rose petals, aloe vera, euca-



Johannesburg jumpsuit



Quito top

lyptus, banana, and soybean protein coupled with organic linen and cotton make up the textiles that are turned into their garments. "The clothing feels like second skin. They are breathable and free of harsh chemicals, with an aim to make you feel confident and beautiful at all times.

India is one of the largest exporters of finished linen, but it isn't consumed enough domestically.

We wanted to educate the consumers about its functionality and replace polyester with linen," explains Shirin, who has started shipping internationally.

₹2,990 upwards. Available online

Kyoto jumpsuit

Raise the (eco-friendly) bar

DYUTI ROY

WITH origins dating back to 2500 BC, soap is still the simplest product used to clean and help fight germs, and is traditionally crafted using natural fats and lye. Over time, a number of people have experimented with this invention to offer a variety of soaps created with milder ingredients. In fact, in recent times, people are formulating the product using natural herbs and spices as well as up-cycled flowers and fruit peels to create a range of eco-friendly soaps. "During events and festivals such as Diwali and New Year, I ask shopkeepers and security guards [of flat buildings] to give us dried flowers that are discarded. We also ask fruit juice vendors to give us discarded fruit peels," Rooh shares.

Rooh, who has grown up in a family that practises recycling and waste reduction, was influenced by her father to adopt a sustainable lifestyle. When she chanced upon a bag of discarded flowers in her office, she brought it home in the hope of utilising the dried flowers in some way. A fan of handcrafted soaps by British cosmetics brand Lush, Rooh and her partner Deepthi decided to use the flowers to craft their own range of homemade soaps. "My interest in herbs in cosmetics made me want to learn more, and before I knew it, we had a catalogue of 13 types of soaps," mentions Rooh.



(1) Deepthi K drying discarded flowers; (2 & 3) Soaps from Transmutation's collection; (4) The making of eco-friendly soaps

LATHER IT SUSTAINABLY

Transmutation soaps feature a range of handcrafted soaps—it takes about five months to craft one batch of soap—in three natural bases namely glycerine, shea butter, and activated charcoal. These products are free of artificial additives such as paraben and lye, and formulated only using natural powders and oils.

Their product philosophy is guided by the medical ethics of beneficence, nonmaleficence, and

justice. Another unique feature is the bespoke nature of Transmutation soaps, which can be customised keeping the customer in mind. Currently, the duo is working on an LGBTQIA+ themed collection for Valentine's Day, which has a range of soaps designed to look like queer flags. Rooh mentions that their primary aim is to make "good quality" soap. The prime objective behind creating queer-themed soaps is not to increase visibility and representa-



If you study the ingredients of any commercial soap, you will see many chemicals along with 'nature like' ingredients. In comparison, every soap we make has the actual powders and oils.

SNEHA ROOH, co-founder, Transmutation Soap Studio



Upcoming 'Doctor Strange' installment's synopsis teases 'mysterious new adversary'

EXPRESS FEATURES

MARVEL'S recent synopsis for their upcoming film *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* introduces the audience to a possibility of a mysterious new villain. It also hints that Stephen aka Doctor Strange will be stepping into alternate realities.

While the synopsis does not reveal who the ally or the adversary could be, fan theories suggest that the enemy in this installment could be a variant of Strange, as seen in *What If...?* We can guess who Strange's ally would be from the post credit scenes in *Spider-Man: No Way Home* and *Wanda Vision*.



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