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Denim Vibrancy

Originally worn by Western labourers, especially those involved in doing heavy work, denim has long been popular as a fabric of choice primarily because of its functional and sturdy nature. However, denim has changed since then. High street fashion houses are now embracing the fabric, which prompted the organisers of the 5th edition of Denimsandjeans.com Bangladesh show to have the theme "Denim in Fashion" for its latest instalment of "Fashionim – The Denim Fashion Show."

Showcasing the versatility and opportunities for denim in the world of fashion, the show started off with four lines for Spring-Summer 2016 by Vicunha. It began with the "Nostalgic Remake" collection, featuring pieces with tapestry and floral designs. The

cuts were reminiscent of the 60's and 70's, with intense colour tones, stressing a "retro comeback" look. This was followed by the "Notox" range, with a modern and jazzy contrast to the preceding collection. Afterwards, the models walked down the ramp to the audience's applause, dressed in more youthful outfits in dynamic colours which focused on a more urban chic profile. To wrap it all up, Vicunha's last collection, "Roots Recap", was a rather exotic line-up highlighting cultural connections from across the globe through batik and adire patterns in more natural colours and ecru fabrics.

Envoy exhibited two lines from their Spring-Summer wardrobe, featuring heavily on bringing back overalls and summer dresses through printed denims. Their men's line featured a combination of both fade and print. The second line was more centred on being trendy and youthful with vibrant colours. The last segment featured submissions for a design contest for Bangladeshi university students and featured dresses which drew influences from all over the globe; ranging from the innovative to the traditional and from the exciting to the mundane.

Sandeep Agarwal, the architect behind the event stated, "Bangladesh is a major player in the global denim scene, making marks in all major markets, in addition to being the largest supplier to the EU. The show is an extension of the unique position Bangladesh holds to support their market position."

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Eating out at Kenny Rogers

Looking for a new place to try out? For meat lovers, Kenny Rogers Roasters may be the way to go! Located in Gulshan-1, it has been quite popular among foodenthusiasts for its grilled chicken. Recently, they have added steaks to their menu and with the constant improvement, they now have an ever-growing collection of dishes to choose from.

Mostly based on red, the place is rather casual and comfortable and thus will be perfect for hanging out with friends or family dinners. Their service doesn't take too long and so, if you are in a hurry, you can always make this a quick stop. Moreover, they have a play zone for children so parents can relax a bit more without constantly having to find ways to keep their children occupied. The restaurant also offers discounts for parties or corporate dinners although the range of the discount varies according to the number of people being catered to.

The restaurant offers a variety of choices, especially keeping plenty of options for those who are health-conscious. They have an extensive range of salads costing around Tk 190. Furthermore, their website even offers a calorie-counter so that people can know exactly how many calories their ordered food contains. Aiming at transparency, Kenny Rogers Roasters are willing to provide more information on your ordered food and even show you around their kitchen so that you know how your food is made.

For those looking for something more fulfilling, their platter offers start from Tk 300. The quantity is reasonable compared to the price and there are a few sides to choose from such as macaroni and cheese or baked beans. One recommendation would be Kenny's Quarter Lite Meal which consists of a quarter roasted-chicken, one side dish and a muffin and its costs around Tk 530. Recently, the restaurant also launched their signature beef steak branded as "Greatest Grills".

Moreover, Kenny Rogers Roasters has a huge collection of drinks for one to choose from – from coffee to chocolate drinks to iced blends. They have plenty of fruity options for the summer and their prices start from around Tk 210. One of their unique drinks is the bubble tea which remains quite popular. For dessert-lovers, the brownie with ice-cream (costing around Tk 250) and the jelly sundae (priced at Tk 230) are all-time favourites.

In case you are looking for a place to try out, give Kenny Rogers Roasters a shot.

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