

PART 2

Take it easy ladies

Going gaga with bling is second nature to Bengalis; attending a wedding and trowelling eight different kinds of jewellery is a major faux pas, unless you are planning to upstage the poor bride. Less is more ladies. And it also goes for everyday life. You don't need the earrings for multiple piercings, nose ring, chains, pendants, rings, bracelets and bangles every morning before leaving the house!

Choose one element and let it stand out instead of wearing multiple items and look like a bejewelled tree at a store. Even for grand parties like weddings choose one area to focus on. A chunky 'shithi paati' does not have to compete for attention with a bib necklace.

Makeup, without a doubt is an area where we could all need some help. Bloggers and makeup artists on YouTube and Instagram make wearing layers of makeup perfectly normal for daily life, but in reality it is not like that at all.

You do not need a primer, a correcting concealer, a lightening concealer then a layer of foundation followed by banana powder and then a spritz of setting spray just to grab coffee with your high school friends. And the case of contouring deserves its very own therapy session.

Cream contouring does not even look

right in real life, and hence should be avoided at all cost unless one is fabulous at making it look natural. Some poor girls walk around with dark lines around their nose and cheeks and it is not a good look. Enhance your best features in a subtle way for you are beautiful just the way you are.

Bengali belles are known for their dark black tresses and magical dark eyes. But it can sometimes seem boring. Women in many parts of the world have different colours of hair and eyes and naturally we want to emulate them in order to seek diversity. Going a few shades lighter is perfectly acceptable; fashion is about being playful and experimental. But going honey blonde completely, or rocking bright blue contacts is anything but stylish. It neither complements the skin tone, nor does it look real. In a pursuit of beauty and perfection some women truly lose their sense of self.

So, in a collective effort to be truly classy and fabulous, take a good long look at yourself in the mirror. There is an interesting personality staring back at you who is worth knowing, regardless of how she looks. Revive your style by avoiding these faux pas and emerge a newer, better you, classy and fabulous all the same.

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