

Jewellery for the gem that you are!

It's a fact universally acknowledged that we love jewellery. Since time immemorial, women, as well as men, have adored it, and adorned their persons with it. Crafted from every material imaginable, ornaments of all shapes, sizes and designs have been worn and flaunted by mankind and it only keeps getting more and more interesting. Latest trends and designs emerge regularly that fascinate us mere mortals and obsessed as we are with beauty and magnificence, make it our own! True to form, this year also has brought us many exciting new surprises by way of latest styles of jewellery that are truly must-haves for every fashionista worth her stilettos!

STRIKING DANGLERS

Long, shoulder-dusting and sensuous, danglers are fabulous and how! They are statement pieces that look amazing and dress up any outfit instantly. Made especially popular by style icon Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor, danglers are something you want in your jewellery box. They are extremely versatile; a pair of traditional Multani danglers will look wonderful with your festive kaftan, as well as a sleek black jumpsuit blending east and west seamlessly. Crystal danglers look chic and will bring panache to your evening look, whereas a pair of beaded, colourful danglers will elevate your beach dress instantly.

HERITAGE JEWELLERY

In the South-Asian subcontinent, jewellery is viewed more as an asset than adornment; an investment if you will. Heritage jewellery was considered ancient and boring up until a few years ago — so much so that young women refused to wear them entirely for fear of looking old! Things have changed completely as heritage jewellery has become very trendy! What's more, you can bring out your mother's treasure chest of a jewellery box and take your pick! If looking too gaudy is your concern, pick a statement piece, preferably a stunning necklace with polki, kundan or jadaw work. Heritage necklaces are all the rage now; when teamed with a sleek bun, simple outfit and no-makeup makeup — you will look ravishing!

GENDER-FLUID JEWELLERY

Why should the ladies have all the fun? There has always been a great debate against and about men sporting jewellery, but things have changed radically. In an inclusive, post gender world, the lines between archetypal masculine and feminine associations have blurred, creating a huge, much-needed segment for jewellery that caters to any gender and happily so! Things like the famed Cartier Love bracelet and rings, Tiffany necklaces and bracelets, Gucci Link to Love line that celebrates love in all forms are all extremely



special and equally fabulous. They are definitely investment pieces that can be passed down to daughters as well as sons!

STATEMENT CUFFS

We say a lot with our hands and hence, jewellery for the hands has always been considered important. A cuff that lovingly hugs your wrists looks beautiful and makes a solid fashion statement. This all-important cuff could be made of gold, silver or any other material as long as it makes you happy! Thickness of a cuff is also a matter of personal taste. Especially trendy now is the gold cuff with oversized stones in their au naturale avatar. Pick a chic piece sporting a baroque-style, misshapen natural pearl or an intricate, tribal one oozing sensuality and style!

JEWELLERY WITH PRECIOUS STONES

Precious metal studded with precious stones — indeed a match made in heaven! After all what could be the perfect setting for nature's most precious offerings but gold and silver? Rich and opulent, any kind of jewellery studded with precious stones is one of a kind, looks fabulous and will keep sparking joy for years to come. Look out for pieces with deep-hued precious stones like

emerald, rubies, sapphire, and tourmaline — they are timeless. Pair a jewel-toned outfit with coordinating jewels — it is highly fashionable and looks very elegant. Word of caution — these are investment pieces so choose your jeweller wisely! Renowned jewellers that have a solid reputation are your best bet.

MIX AND MATCH YOUR JEWELLERY!

This is a pandemic-ridden world where rules are meant to be broken! You only live once so make it worth your while! Mix metals — gold actually pops more when worn with silver. Stack up some bracelets that hold special meaning to you and throw caution out the window! Stack up some rings and make a statement. Layer some chains and add a few colourful strings of beads in between. Got multiple piercings? Pick a long piece for one ear and a simple stud for the other! Let your imagination run wild and let your unique personality shine through.

AGATE JEWELLERY — THE TRENDIEST OF THEM ALL!

Agate is a form of naturally-occurring quartz that is affordable and looks gorgeous when made into jewellery. It also has naturally healing properties that

balance the mind, body and soul. It helps centre one's energies, providing clarity and focus. Agate has many rich hues and its tough texture means it's perfect for jewellery. Rings, pendants, necklaces and bracelets made from Agate look fabulous for daily wear. Perfect for offices, classes or lunches this is a simple gemstone that looks chic and provides positive vibes!

SWAROVSKI CRYSTALS

Swarovski, although man-made, is a very high-quality crystal that is good value for money. As these come in a range of colours, jewellery studded with Swarovski is highly desirable and stylish. Swarovski has an extensive range of jewellery, starting from rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces to even clutch bags. Shiny, sparking and chic — it is everything you want from a treasured piece of jewellery! Renowned house Judith Leiber makes stunning clutches that are studded with Swarovski crystals. These clutches are art, and are real collector's items. Owning Swarovski crystal jewellery is great because it's versatile and timeless.

By Sabrina N Bhuiyan
Photo: LS Archive/ Sazzad Ibne Sayed/
Jarwa House

