

#### SquarePetals Vol.5 Dec 2019

Editorial Board: Satish Verma

Shashwat Johri Vidya Krishnaraj Sansriti Johri

**Concept & Production Chief: Viren Johri** 

#### **Article Writers:**

Satish Verma
Viquar Unnisa Saleha
Vidya Krishnaraj
Shashwat Johri
Amreeta Roy
Anjali Denandee
Sansriti Johri
Revathi Mohan
Annapurna Verma
Falguni Somiya
Sunehri Johri

Design & Publication: EsquireVJ Publications

#### Write to us @

info@esquire-vj.com

Views and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of publishers. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of the information published in this issue. EsquireVJ does not take the responsibility for any errors or omission. No part of this publication can be reproduced or published in any form, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

#### FROM THE DESK OF

#### **EDITOR - IN - CHIEF**

Dear Readers, Ho Ho friends!

December jingles in with ringing bells! We have this special issue of SquarePetals bringing you an Exclusive Interview & glam Cover feature of Mrs. Bulgaria, Mrs. Worldwide 2018 Beauty Queen Lidia Yaneva!

Ending the year in a fruitful way, the Flavour Special Gooseberries preserve with a cute Christmas Story as Fest Zest.

Literary Bytes is a thrilling write up about a young athlete of 15, fighting the drags to the victory stand. And wow, there are poems full of beauty & emotions!

Home Orchestration concept is a novelty in the Lifestyle section, and don't forget to catch up with the tech news update.

Parenting tips and budding star kids; that makes it complete....

The December 2K19 issue is here for you!!

As the year ends let us pledge to end the evil of rape on girls and women. We have to thrive as a society, and women all over the world are in need of concern and protection. Write to us your views on these suggesting measures.

Have a great month friends and do send us your feedback. Do write to info@esuire-vj.com.

STAY UPDATED & STAY BLESSED.



(Sansriti Johri)





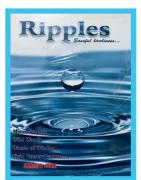




#### **Contents**

Interview
Mrs. Bulgaria Worldwide 2018
Lidia Yaneva4
Fashion
Budding Model8
•
Literary Bytes
Ligature6
Ligature
People in my Life20
reopie iii iiiy Liie20
The Diary Life22
Pain is Love24
Life Style
Vastu Science11
Home Orchestration13
Fest Zest
Merry Christmas7
Christmas Prayer24
Eleveur Special
Flavour Special
Coconut Pillaf with Rajwadi Twist7
Indian Gooseberry preserve25
Tech News
Latest Mobile Phones16
Psychology:
Parenting Tips10
raicituing rips10
Top Trends26

Pictureresque presentation of appealing words, to drive away boredom from your life....



A unique gift of value... for the one you value .

Call up: +91 7698055501/02 write to: info@esquire-vj.com



www.esquire-vj.com

#### The Bedside Book

Ripples is magic of words, with a wealth of emotions; one would love to read in between the lines as well. It is a technically designed bedside book so that people do not put a lot of reading stress on their eyes before going to sleep. The beautiful presentation of words in harmony with the unique picturesque backdrop will attract you into it as soon as you open the book, and will make you connect instantly. And the best part is, you can enjoy reading Ripples on any page you turn to; you don't have to remember the page number or sequence... just relax, read and treat your mind to something special after the day.

Ripple is not just another book, it is a well thought and programmed concept that tunes your brain with natural thoughts, brings a smile and sets you for a happy sleep. Please remember, the right kind of sleep is important for good health and therefore... 'Ripples' is available now...

Ripples your bedside book.

https://www.esquire-vj.com/product-page/ripples-the-bed-side-book

E-mail: info@esquire-vj.com

#### Lidia Yaneva: Mrs. Bulgaria Worldwide 2018

#### **An Exclusive Interview**

It's an honor and privilege to learn about the ravishing, sizzling beauty, with a wonderful personality Mrs. Lidia Yaneva. We are more than infatuated that despite reaching heights and winning crowns & titles, Mrs. Bulgaria Worldwide 2018 is so affable and a warm hearted friendly person. Let's learn more about her:

[1] Lidia, please tell us what is the most rewarding thing about becoming the crown winner Beauty Queen? And how does the life change after that?

"What is most rewarding about for a beauty queen is the appreciation not only of my appearance but of my personality as a whole. After my victory, my life changed dramatically, became more dynamic, filled with many charitable engagements and various events. The overall responsibility of the Crown is very serious."

[2] Which is your favourite round of event in the contest stream?

"All rounds are my favorite. My opinion is that not the clothes make the woman pretty but the woman makes the clothes pretty, so I felt equally comfortable with the national costume and the evening dress."

[3] And what is your style statement?

"The style is something that you carry inside. It is not just about dressing and matching clothes. Behavior style is a very important part of the overall picture because no matter how beautiful a garment you wear, if you don't have the right style of behavior, everything fails. And this is not learning, but a matter of inner feeling."

[4] How do you prepare for a pageant? Any tips for the aspiring contestants....?

"I put a lot of energy into my preparation. In choosing an authentic national costume from 100 years ago, choosing the right dress that would be comfortable and describe the curves of my body, but at the same time be heavy and stylish. It is important to listen and strictly perform which the organizers require. My advice to other contestants also is to be yourself, to be confident and always smiling kind and positive."

[5] Your message to the world is ...

"If next to every good being stand at least one more. Do you imagine how the world in which we live would change?"

[6] Would you like to visit India anytime in future?

"I would love to visit India with great pleasure. After my last competition, I have a good friendship with Mrs. India, and I have some suggestions for participation in an Indian film, so I may be traveling to India soon.."

[7] Your valued words for SquarePetals, the Global Webzine ....

"I wish all of you to develop forward and upward, to have more and more readers eagerly awaiting your next issue. Be alive, healthy and ever more successful in your actions. Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of you and this beautiful edition."

Thank you Lidia Yaneva, lots of love and best wishes to you.









Lidia Yaneva Mrs. Bulgaria Worldwide 2018

#### LIGATURE

You were a book
I never wanted to finish
I lingered on its pages too long
Smelling it too deep
stopping at each word
finding meaning at
every comma, semicolon
turning my life at every turn of pages
Paling my soul
with each pale pages
drying along with the flowers
kept inside my favourite verse

I was a book You scared to open By just seeing its cover......

Not every day....

But once in a lifetime...

You look into one's eyes and feel at home
You see a face and feel like mirror
Not everyday seeker finds the seeker in crowd
Not everyday someone tells you who you are
Not everyday you give and receive exactly the same
Not everyday you pray for God and a soul
impersonate the God
Not everyday a soul finds freedom in prison
Not everyday a flame awaits for rains
Not everyday you find roots in storm

Not everyday, You say stop....

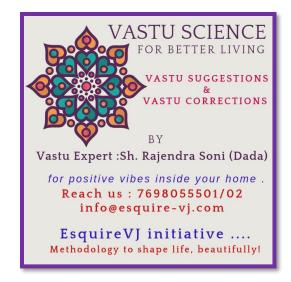
and universe stop at the moment

Not everyday you listen to the soul

...... and answer the knock at the door....

By Amreetaa Roy Flim Writer, Film Maker & Freelance Film Lecturer









#### **Merry Christmas**

The jingle bells and creamy cakes, the lovely dresses and snow flakes, Santa Claus sending gifts across The Year ends In a fairyland.

Christmas is a world celebration and the whole earth seems to be in the festive mode with the nature decors of shiny snow over tall greens. I remember decorating the Christmas tree in my school with bells and glittering balls, and bows n ribbons. I have always been the secret Santa for my little sis, keeping gifts near her pillow or in the hanging red sox of expectations.

But Christmas, apart from affirming the good in you, is also a lot of fun. Those days when we boys

used to decorate the school Christmas tree, the girls enjoyed the luxury of hanging their sox of expectations on the tree in the end, like giving a finishing touch. And just think of that, they expected chocolates inside it. I planted cockroaches, sorry for being naughty Santa!

And the morning screams were not at all a jingling sound when these alarmist girls put their fingers inside the sox to shockingly find brown cockroaches instead of dark chocolates!! I got punishment for this but that was almost a routine for me, till the teachers decided to make me the Discipline Incharge; this was the best solution to grill the problem!

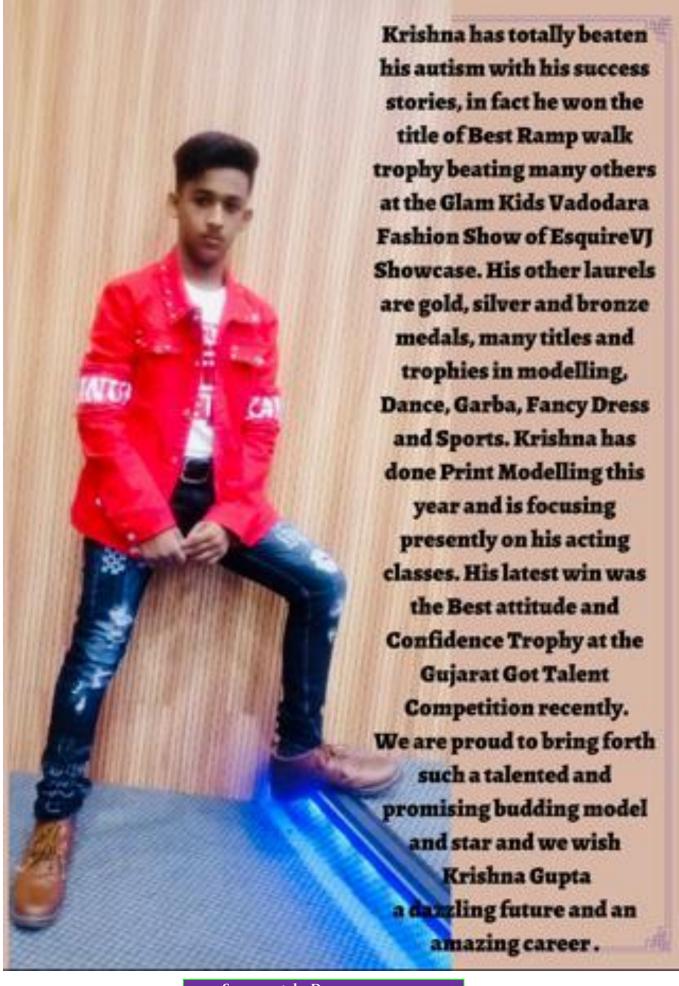
Sweet memories of childhood, Merry Christmas to you all. Be good.

Shashwat Johri **Award Winning Author** & Published Author



## Budding Star Krishna Gupta

Fighting odds winning applauds, the young boy Krishna Gupta from Baroda is reaching up to the stars! His achievements at this young age seem an uncountable list. And yet he is so down to earth, which makes him so eligible for his achievements.





Talk to the Councilor & Life Coach

Question: My children addicted to electronic gadgets. When I warn them - they get angry, not having the food properly and sleep properly. Kindly suggest me how to handle this issue...

**Revathi Mohan :** Parents of this generation are competing with the electronic gadgets.

Generally, for any compulsion behavior responding in a negative way like shouting, warning and not allowing them to keep the things they love triggers the aggression.

Instead of telling

- ' don't use Mobile phone'
- ' you keep on playing for nothing' triggers the aggression....

Tell

'its your badminton time'

'Get ready to indulge in book reading within nomins' would sound appealing. Remind them what they want to do.

Mobile phone usage must be monitored and conditioned right from the day one. Similarly Kindly enforce a meal time and bedtime curfew that should be firm rule.

Happiness Tips

Encourage your children to cherish little things in life...

- 1. Feeding the sparrow
- 2. Finding shapes and colors in the cloud
- 3. Making someone smile and laugh
- 4. Visiting farm
- 5. Street shopping
- 6. Writing random appreciation notes to cousins
- 7. Watching stand-up with our loved ones
- 8. Discussing favorite playlists
- 9. Trying different cuisines
- 10. Volunteering camps

Please write to us at <a href="mailto:info@esquire-vj.com">info@esquire-vj.com</a> for any of your queries or questions to be answered by Ms. Revathi Mohan.





## The Importance of All Ten Directions

Our universe is having eight directions along with the sky above (Brahma) and deep inside earth (Patal), and all these are under the pressure of energy.

North - This is direction of the Lord of wealth, Kuber. This corner should not be loaded with heavy weight. In this direction, the height of the flooring should not be higher than southwest flooring and the west direction. The more this corner is empty & light, more will it support in increase of wealth. If this corner gets fouled, the anxiety over some injury to wife or to mother or to child will increase. Curtains of white or green here would be auspicious.

NorthEast - Here the planet Jupiter resides. Here there is water. The head of Vastu Purush is in North East. Most positive energy is located here. In this corner the energies of Indra & Kuber unite and increase wealth, progeny, sons and family lineage. To have water resources in this direction and water flowing out from here are both auspicious. This direction should be fully open and the flooring from all directions should be sloping towards the northeast. Curtains should be in white color. For meditation and worship this is an auspicious direction.

East- The Lord of East is Indra. This direction should be fully open. It is auspicious to pray facing East direction. Students should study facing this direction to get best results. If the curtains in this direction are yellow, they bring good omen.

South east - this corner is known as Agni (fire). The planet Venus resides here. Keeping your fireplace, machines, kitchen in this direction is good.

South- This direction is recognized as that of abundant crop prosperity and energy. Curtains in this direction should be black.

South-West - If the bedroom of the family head is in this corner, it is considered most auspicious. If you honour this direction it protects you from enemy. Curtains in this direction should be black or blue in colour.

West- It is the direction of the lord Varun. Doors and windows should be less in this direction. White curtains will be auspicious.

North-West - The planet moon resides here. The controller of this direction is air. The guest room should be kept in Northwest direction.

The Sky- It is believed to be in the middle of the East and Northeast. This place must be very clean where, worship, meditation, etc. can be performed. Curtains to be of Olive green in colour.

The Endless (Patal) -This Direction is between West & South West. Keeping heavy weight here is good. Having a door in this direction is wrong.

Further about the best suited direction for the main gate of the house,

will be in the Vastu Science article next month. Stay happy and blessed.

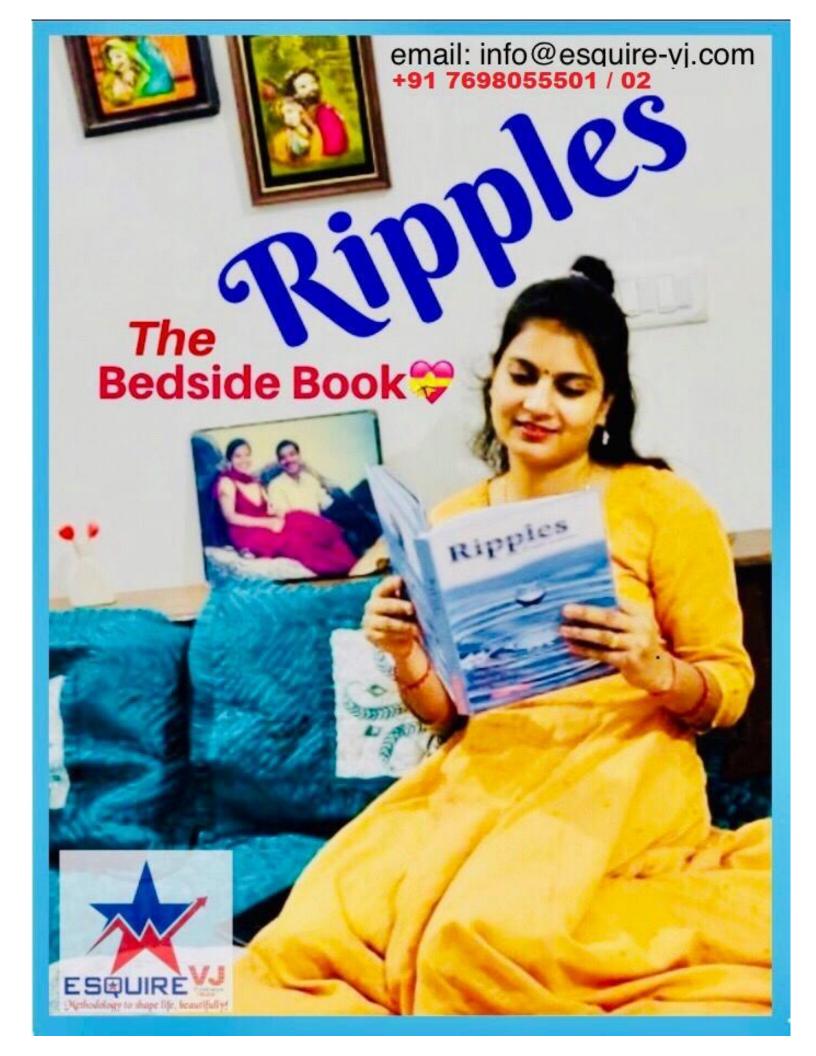
Stay Tuned & Stay Blessed.
Nikesh Rajendra Soni, Niky Vastu Consultant

To get personalized Vastu tips, suggestions for Vastu Correction about your House/ offices/ shops by Professional experts write to us:

info@esquire-vj.com

Or call up +91 6351807007 / +91 7698055502





### HOME ORCHESTRATION

'Appropriate Dwelling for Well Being'\*

Hi friends,

Home or the residence is of primary importance in our lives. Not just that we spend most of our time at home so it influences are well being, it also moulds our overall personality because we grow at

home in all the aspects. The 'Good Home Practices' must not be taken for granted in the fast run for success and money because it may cost us all the happiness in spite of the hard work rendered. Apart from the ambience of home decor, there's lot more we have got to take care of.

As far as the house construction is concerned, not all of us can do much about it but we can make wise use of the facilities available for the best upkeep of health and hygiene. Stagnant air inside the house causes constant build up of pollutants and air contaminants. Lack of proper ventilation may cause dizziness, nausea and irritation of sense organs which is called the 'sick building syndrome'. Cross ventilation is good for the

inflow of fresh air at home and the windows should be kept open for a few hours at least in the morning or day time. Not only this, we must not forget to close all windows in the evening as this is the time when insects, moths and mosquitoes enter inside the house; insect screens are safe options for preventing dengue or malaria due to

mosquitoes. Timely pest control is necessary to keep away insect vectors.

The sofa and carpets are many times filthy and full of germs, more so during the monsoons. Their outwardly appearance may be attractive but then there could be germs in big numbers causing nasal or respiratory infections to us and to our dear children. The fabric sofa, very much in trend now, is actually unhealthy as it cannot be wiped clean with a disinfectant. It is better to go with other

options. Similarly it is next to impossible to maintain the cleanliness of showy carpets. We can have decorative floor tiles instead, for easy cleaning, and of course, 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'.

Cookware and utensils kept uncovered on the kitchen stands are exposed to insects and can get contaminated easily. In fact, spiders can thrive hidden behind the frames, which is dreadful!! Even the modular kitchen trolley is equally unsafe as spiders or even lizards can hide inside and therefore periodical dismantle

and cleaning is a must. Ignoring this can cause serious skin diseases due to infesting toxicity in the body while eating food. I remember the small cupboards having netted doors for visibility inside used by our grandmothers. I seriously think these were easier to clean and much safer as 'anything out of sight, also goes out of the mind', but ironically the trendy modular kitchen gives



priority to the outwardly show off over the necessary hygiene. Let us us be careful! Similarly the box beds suit the storage requirements but cause hindrance in the cleaning work. There could be dirt piling up underneath and people sleep over all night displaying intentional ignorance. This is very unhygienic. The POP decor roofing provides place for lizards to hide inside conveniently and also holds dampness in the walls due to seepage during rainy season, and germs flourish inside!



House plants are the remedial option to support our well being in today's lifestyle. These plants add ornamental value and also absorb the indoor air pollutants. The toxic compounds like formaldehyde emitted from the building materials, furnishings etc and also gases in the industrial fumes from surrounding areas that may enter into the houses and various other air contaminants are all absorbed by these plants which is thus beneficial for the health of the inmates. Plants also take in Carbon dioxide and replace it with oxygen during photosynthesis. Plants help reducing mental fatigue and provide relaxing coolness. The Snake Plant does not require much maintenance and has low toxicity, therefore not lethal if consumed by pets accidentally. The devil's Ivy is a good hanging option as it should be away from the reach of pets and kids as it is toxic if consumed accidentally. The Heartleaf Philodendron is another similar hanging option with easy care advantage. There is a wealth of options to choose

from, like the Spider Plant, Boston Ferns, Dracaena, Peace Lilly (do not have many of these, just one or two to avoid pollen pollution) etc but make sure to read about these before planting inside as many other plants, on the contrary, are not good for health when kept inside the houses. Here's a reminder of little things which we already know but tend to forget sometimes:

- 1) Dust removal is essential to stay protected from dust mites. Weekly vacuum cleaning is nice.
- 2) Toothbrushes should be kept covered, if left open, lizards and insects lick it and the consequences can be undesirable. Same care is required for the tooth paste tube.
- 3) Food left uncovered should not be consumed and grocery should be stored in air tight containers. The kitchen cloth needs to be changed every day.
- 4) Keep a sanitizer at ready availability in the living room.
- 5) Wash clean the leafy vegetables using sedimentation principle to remove all the mud. This means let the mud settle down then take out the leaves from the top rather than draining out water, as the mud then goes back into the leaves and then enters our body with food.
- 6) Do not consume re-heated rice and potatoes it may develop carcinogenic toxicity.
- 7) Throw away the oil used once and never reuse it in order to keep the heart healthy.
- 8) Green veggies like spinach, also parsley should be washed before chopping and pulses should be washed first then soaked and cooked with the same water. These little efforts help to preserve nutrients and vitamins from getting washed off.
- 9) There should be a proper place for everything, like medicines, keys etc. Things out of place may

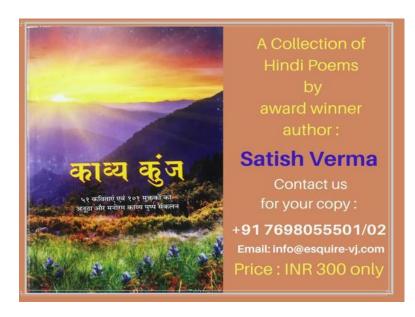
go a waste and create frustration when not available or traceable on time.

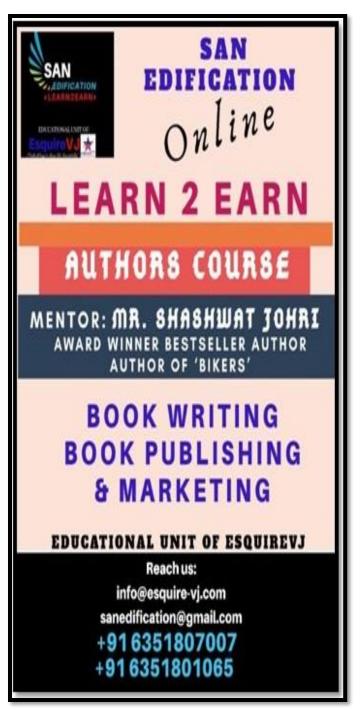
10) Avoid red color light as its effects create heat. The use of blue light is advocated as it has a calm effect on the mind and it is good for those under stress.

Next month I will share Skin Care secrets, so hang on...

Sansriti Johri Author, Editor, Columnist Entrepreneur & Social Worker









## Tech News

#### Redmi K3o(5g)

Display: 6.66- inch super Amoled display (120Hz

Refresh rate display) with protection of Corning gorilla

glass 6

Processor: Qualcomm Snapdragon 730g

Cameras: Quad Camera setup (64MP+ 12MP+ 8MP+ 2MP) & Dual Front Camera punch hole (20MP + 2MP)

Ram: 6GB Storage: 64GB

Battery Capacity: 4500mAH with 30W in box Fast

Charger

OS: Android 9 Pie, MIUI 11 Launch Date: 10th December



Display: 6.20- inch display

Processor: Qualcomm Snapdragon 710

Cameras: 16MP Rear Camera and 5MP Front Camera

Ram: 6GB Storage: 128GB

Battery Capacity: 2510mAH

OS: Android 9 Pie,

Launch Date: 13th December

Realme XT 730g

Display: 6.40- inch with protection of Corning gorilla

glass 6

Processor: Qualcomm Snapdragon 730g

Cameras: Quad Camera setup (64MP+8MP+2MP+

2MP) & 16MP Front Camera

Ram: 6GB Storage: 64GB

Battery Capacity: 4000mAH with 30W VOOC flash

charge

OS: Android 9 Pie, Color OS 6.1

Launch Date: 17th December







#### Mi Note 10 (World's First 108MP Camera Phone)

Display: 6.47- inch 3d curves Amoled display with

protection of Corning gorilla glass 6 Processor: Qualcomm Snapdragon 730g

Cameras: Penta Camera setup (108MP+ 20MP+ 12MP+

5MP+ 2MP) & Front Camera (32MP)

Ram: 6GB Storage: 64GB

Battery Capacity: 526omAH with 30W in box fast

charger

OS: Android 9 Pie, MIUI 11

Launch Date: 3rd week of December

#### Oppo Reno 3 (5g)

Display: 6.50- inch Super Amoled (90Hz Refresh Rate)

with protection of Corning gorilla glass 6 Processor: Qualcomm Snapdragon 735 SoC

Cameras: Quad Camera setup (60MP+ 13MP+ 8MP+

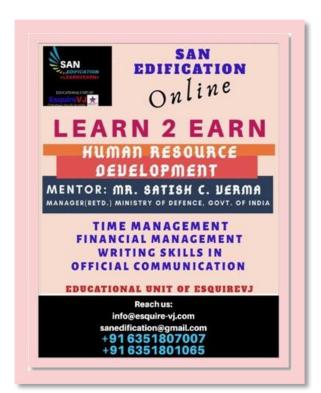
2MP) & 32MP punch hole Front Camera

Ram: 8GB Storage: 256GB

Battery Capacity: 4025mAH with 30W VOOC flash

charge

OS: Android 9 Pie, Color OS 7
Launch Date: 2nd week of December







By Shashwat Johri Award Winning Author







# Square Petals Global Webzine





Flavour Special

#### COCONUT PILLAF WITH RAJWADI TWIST Preparation time: 20-30 minutes

Cooking process:30 minutes

#### **INGREDIENTS**

FOR SEASONING

Spices (Khada Masala)

Cinnamon stick:1

Cloves:2-3

Pepper seeds: 2-3

Black cardamom pod: 1

Bay leaves: 1-2

FOR PILLAF

Coconut milk: 1 can

Rice: as required

Vegetables (chopped):2-2.5 cups....

Tomatoes: 5 or 6

Onion:4-5

Fresh beans: half cup

Carrot: 1 cup
Broccoli: 1 cup
Capsicum: 1 cup
Peas (par boiled):1 cup
Sweet corn parboiled: 1 cup
Mashroom (sliced):1cup
Potatoes (boiled):1cup

Egg plants (White Brinjal)seedless variety: 2-3

#### FOR MASALA PASTE

oil: 3-4tsp

Ginger gralic paste: 4 tbsp Turmeric powder: 1tsp Cumin powder (jeera):1tsp Rajwadi garam masala:2tsp Garam masala mix: 1tsp Sugar 1tsp (optional)

#### FOR GARNISHING

Finger chips::cup

Coriander and mint leaves finely chopped:

#### FOR CASING

Preheat the oven at 250.

Slice eggplants into half and coat with oil and salt. Now put the eggplants slices in the oven for about 20 minutes till they are cooked. Scoop out the baked eggplants with a fork an keep the outer cooked shell.

#### FOR FRYING RICE...

Heat oil in a pan, add the spices (khada masala) and cook for 2-3mints till it becomes aromatic. Now add the chopped onion and cook for 2-3mins. Add ginger gralic paste and cook till onion turns pink.

Add all the dry spices and the tomatoes, now cook till oil is seen separating out. Then add all the chopped vegetables and continue to cook for 10 minutes, into a gravy.

Add the rice and coconut milk, and mix well (coconut milk required is according to the quantity of rice taken). Cook till the rice and vegetables are done and then add scooped out eggplant an half steamed potatoes, and mix well.

FOR Garnishing:

Take a eggplant shells and fill them with the prepared ready rice.

Decorate with finger chips and chopped coriandermint leaves

Serve hot.

Falguni Somiya Cooking Expert & Author of Hand to Heart.



#### **People In My Life #3**

Can adults learn life lessons from children? I never believed it could be possible. However, there is this one incident that made me change my outlook.

A girl, merely 15 at the time, is the one to be credited for this.

It was an athletic inter school sports meet. She took part... all eager, brimming with confidence - a number of gold medals already under her belt - backing this. The 400m track event was her challenge ahead.

That morning she was well prepared and enthusiastic. She stood waiting at a local train station along with her coach and schoolmates, awaiting her first step towards a victory, which was for her a foregone conclusion. They arrived at the venue and soon dispersed to their respective sections.

To her astonishment, she found her tent virtually empty but for a sole occupant! The two sat there facing each other, surprised at the poor attendance - the duo restlessly awaiting the outcome/decision of the officials. Just as they had feared, the track officials approached them and informed them that their event was cancelled due to poor participation. Disheartened at the prospect of lost adulation, she lowered her head to hide her undisguised frustration.

However, continued the officials that though their race was cancelled both would be given winning certificates on account of their participation. Immediately appeared at the prospect of easy victory she lost her downcast countenance and became cheerful.

Both girls chatted happily, relaxing their minds and bodies since the upcoming challenge was already conquered.

Just as they prepared themselves to vacate the tent and move towards their respective school mates, the tent was filled with sudden activity and in flowed many girls who obviously were the missing participants. She looked at her newly arrived competitors with a sinking heart. They all topped her lanky frame in both length and width seeming like young professionals. With their coach shooting out orders, they rushed to abide his wishes. The girls began their elaborate warm up sessions with much vigor. The silent tent now a thing of the past, the atmosphere now mimicking the clamor in her mind. She felt invisible to these girls who seemed to be mockingly ignoring her as if they didn't consider her a competition.

Now as you would have guessed the event was back on. It's already quite a task to build your stamina, mind and body for a sports event. But it's completely another level of difficult, to rebuild your energy levels after mentally relaxing yourself. It's like preparing for an exam. However tedious we manage to prepare well and write the paper. But, have you tried rewriting the test immediately once it's over? You will never be able to perform optimally as you did the first one.

So now suddenly faced with the task of running when she had mentally drained herself of all her

motivation, she found it daunting. Totally despondent with no hopes of winning she proceeded with her "superior" competitors towards the track field.

She stood there awaiting the start whistle like waiting for her doom.

And off they went at the whistle blow and it was no surprise to her when she found she was running nearly last.

It was a 200m track where they were to run around twice. Halfway through the first lap she glanced at the watching crowd and spotted the aghast faces of her fellow mates. Fighting off her shackles of shame and weariness, she endeavoured to atleast finish in a respectable position to avoid losing face,

both for herself and her school.

Putting on a slight burst of speed with the aim of pulling ahead of atleast a few runners, she found

herself easily crossing more than couple of them. Feeling more hopeful she gave all that she had, deciding to cross each person ahead of her, one at a time. Now onto the second and final round she suddenly found "tables turned" with her running

at the third place. Since the girl running second was very close to her she easily overtook her too. Now with just the girl running at a decent distance ahead she found herself once again reaching the point where her friends were awaiting with expectant faces. She was now satisfied -comparing her position at the initial

point of her race to her present position. She began relaxing her pace to maintain her position which she felt was achievement enough - a respectable second place.

No longer ashamed with shining eyes she looked at her cheering mates, yelling at the top of their lungs urging her to give even more of herself and do her school proud by coming first. She felt their expectations in waves, filling her with the energy she never knew she had. She turned and looked at her sole competitor running far ahead. Sudden realisation hit her. She just had to "repeat" what she had been doing all along until now - just focus on crossing the next contestant ahead of her. This knowledge giving wings to her feet she felt herself surging ahead and crossing the girl in front of her

nearly at the finish point and emerged victorious. Standing at the victory stand with an astonishing gold; she vowed never to take the power of will for granted:

Is victory important? We apparently think so. It so obvious in the way we celebrate it. But in my eyes the true victory was not the one being acknowledged on the victory stand... but of the little girl's battle with her

mind that made the celebrated victory possible. This little girl barely 15, taught me such an important lesson of life. Any achievement, however seeming impossible it may be, is always within our grasp as long as our will is strong enough.

How am I able to relate these events with such clarity, was I a spectator you may wonder but no... the girl is none other than my daughter Shreya.

Vidya Krishnaraj Editor SquarePetals



#### The Diary Life: @the\_diarylife

he account The Diary Life on Instagram is not merely an account like any other accounts we see. It's definitely much more than that. Here they hold monthly poetry contests where writers take part by filling a Google form, paying some very minimal amount and most importantly following the proper guidelines. All the participants get e-certificates. And like we all know, the winner is ultimately announced. He/she gets cash prizes, an e certificate signed by a famous author, Ajay K. Pandey.

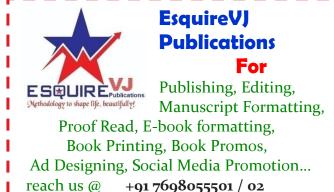
But this time, @the\_diarylife brings for you much more. The winner's work will be published in a **SquarePetals global web magazine** - **Webzine**, which is also available in hard copies.

Like it's already mentioned above, this account The Diary Life, is not just any other account it's because of the sheer endeavor of it's owner who always works hard for this account. It's because of his enthusiasm and dedication that this account has got immense popularity within a very short time! And his P.R. Manager too works accordingly as assisted. She too does hardships for the sake of The Diary Life.

Their motive is to help writers to get a good platform to show their literary talents. As talent shouldn't wait to come in front of the world.

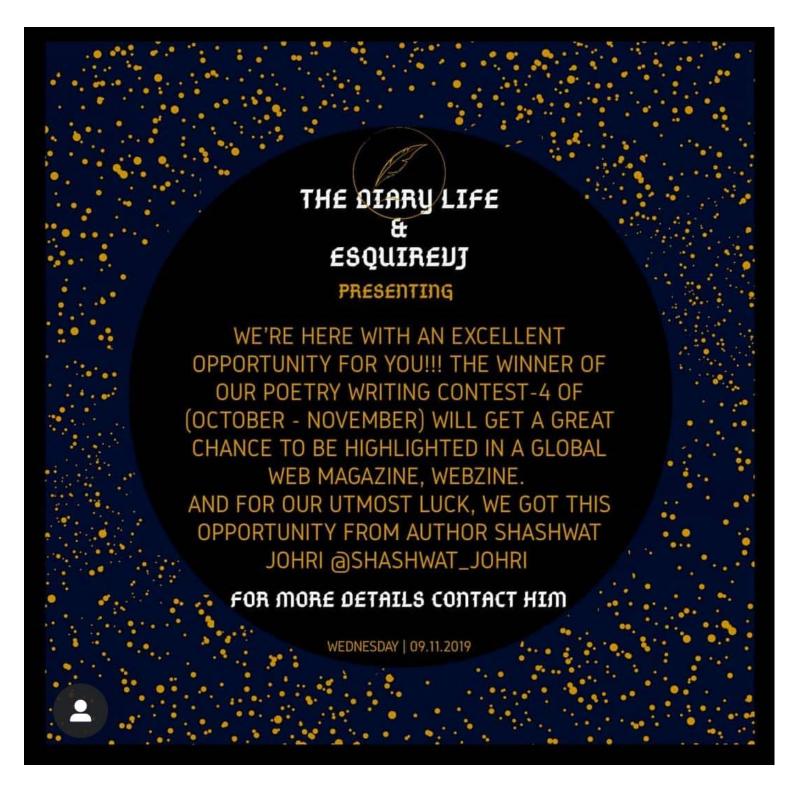
So this is all about the team **The Diary Life**. Yes, it's a "team" and not a mere account.

To know more, here's the Instagram handle for **The Diary Life: @the\_diarylife** 



e-mail: info@esquire-vj.com

## Poetry Writing Contest





#### **PAIN IS LOVE"**

Pain can't be described in words,
sometimes we can't show,
we can't describe pain by words,
it is abstarct,
full of emotions
and heartache
soul deep
we feel the pain.
It can't be described by the lips,
our lips can't express the pain of our heart.
It can't be described by tears,
tears are not a way to express pain;
Remember we are born in pain.
Pain Is Love,
Love is an emotional bond we all have!!!!



Viquar Unnisa Saleha (Poetry Contest Winner)

#### **Christmas Prayer**

Whenever on earth There's rise in crime God Almighty is born To set things fine. O Lord Almighty Please come again Lord show us all Path of righteousness. Misery cries All around Greed & ego Grow unbound O Supreme Power Please take control Worries and stress are engulfing us as a whole! Life is so full of grief Your followers are all aggrieved. Good men get tortured By the wicked hounds Pathetic state Is all around. This World is yours You are our creator Save us now, our divine mentor. O Lord Almighty Please come for us O Lord Almighty Save the world, save us.







#### **Indian Gooseberry preserve**

#### **Nutritious & Treat**

Ingredients:

Indian gooseberry: 500 gms.

Sugar: 500 gms

Potash alum: one small piece

Cardamom powder: 1 teaspoon.

Method: Wash clean the gooseberries properly. Now pierce them all with a fork on all the sides. Take your time to do it carefully, so that the sugar syrup can enter properly inside the fruit.

Now boil 2 glasses of water in a vessel and put all the pierced fruits in it. Add potash alum and then cover the vessel. Now switch off the gas burner and leave the vessel as such for 2 hours.

After about 2 hours take out the gooseberries and squeeze out the water.

Now heat a pan on medium flame, add water and sugar to make a syrup. Put the boiled fruits in the

sugar syrup, but take care not to cover the vessel. Let it cook on medium flame in open pan, stirring occasionally. Gradually the fruits will become dark reddish coloured. Now add cardamom powder and keep it aside for 5-6 hours.

After that your fruit preserve is ready with the shelf life of three months! Store it in glass container and eat one from it everyday for best nutritional gain. It's a taste plus health superlative combo.

