

# Around Town

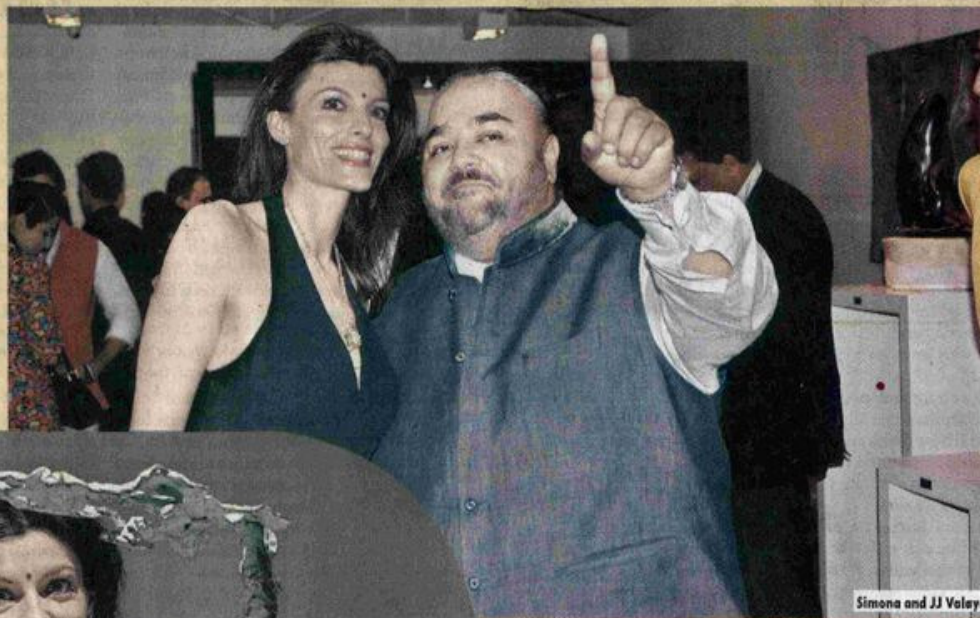


Simona Bocchi with a guest

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**THE HOME** of the Traveller, India's first global home décor in association with the Embassy of Italy hosted an exclusive art exhibition by Simona Bocchi, Italian artist and a contemporary sculptor, at their flagship store.

The exhibition showcased Bocchi's works in wide range of materials including carrara marble, bronze and jute. Originally from Monza Italy, Simona Bocchi is a specialist in contemporary sculpture; she has made Udaipur her home for the past four years working with numerous local and national level craftsmen specializing in marble carving and inlay work learning from their techniques whilst teaching new methods of sculpting.



Simona and JJ Valaya



The artiste poses with her sculpture

## A blend of art and COFFEE

Italian sculptor Simona Bocchi unveils her latest piece in association with JJ Valaya's The Home of Traveller blending an evening of coffee and art in the Capital

Commenting on her exhibition, Bocchi said, I have exhibited all my fresh pieces here and I have recently started working with jute. I have also used cow dung to create some of my pieces, I feel more connected to the traditional India by using of these materials

which are also environment friendly. India has inspired my art and the evolution of the ancient culture motivates my inner exploration.

The fine spring evening also saw the home décor boutique conducting tasting session of the unique blends of Italian Nero Coffee that traces its origin to the beginning of coffee culture in Italy in the 16th century when a famous merchant of Venice called Cesare Duni started to study coffee, out of curiosity about its healing properties.

The use of unique bases lends a groovy

flavour to this coffee with an elegant density and an extraordinary stability.

Speaking on the occasion, director of The Home of The Traveler, JJ Valaya said, 'The more we travelled and found ourselves inspired by culture, art and architecture belonging to different parts of the world, the stronger grew our desire to bring the

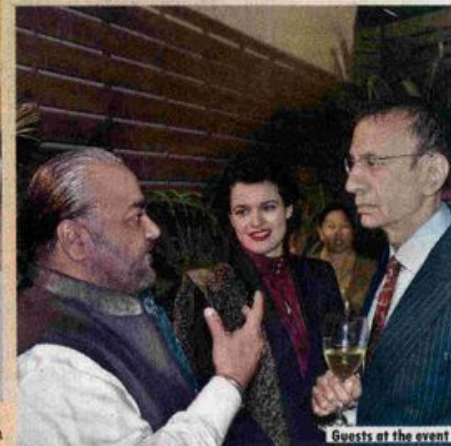
most exquisite offerings to your doorsteps in one cohesive space. Housed within the flagship store is MORE@THT, a space dedicated to showcasing outstanding talent and unique craftsmanship. More is an acronym for Moving, Original, Resourceful & Experimental, all being virtues found in our special exhibitions and shows.'

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