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Prahlad Bhavan, the Art Deco residence of Prahlad Dalmia built in 1949

Parle on our mind

This bi-lingual lecture will rediscover Vile Parle's cultural significance from the eyes of a resident

LIMITED EDITION

One-time-only experiences curated by cool city folk

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IN what the Art Deco Mumbai Trust calls its first attempt to go local, it will host a public lecture that revolves around the historical and cultural significance of the suburb of Vile Parle this Saturday. Conducting this bi-lingual lecture in Marathi and English is Mumbai-based historian, archaeologist, author and a Vile Parle-resident Sandeep Dahisarkar.

"It is the story of Vile Parle's transformation from a hamlet to a modern suburb," says Su-

hasini Krishnan, head of outreach and content. Dahisarkar, who was awarded the Gulestan Bilimoria Junior Research Fellowship by the Asiatic Society of Mumbai in 2017, has written two books. His first one, The Pathare Kshatriyas

of Bombay was an outcome of this fellowship report, while the second one in Marathi named Parle: Jaat Agyat, published in 2023, is a collection of research articles on the history of Mumbai's suburbs. Krishnan remarks, "Whenever we think about the history of suburbs, it somehow, always ends with Bandra. Even for Bandra, we have a lot of content available on religious history, and not much on the cultural front. It is important to explore suburbs like Vile Parle that have a lot of cultural significance. Few people know about the suburb as much as Sandeep, and of course, other residents who will make part of the audience.'

Dahisarkar tells us that among the topics that will be discussed, he will include history and development of Vile

Parle before and after the arrival of the British, the shaping of Vile Parle as a cultural centre. important names like Rao Bahadur GK Mhatre, Seth Govardhandas Goculdas Tejpal, artistes KR Ketkar, PuLa Deshpande and Vijay Tendulkar who found a home here, its heritage structures and the Swarajya Movement. "Vile Parle is also known as the Tilak Village because his followers were known to reside here. Hence, we will talk about the Swarajya Movement as seen in the suburbs after Lokamanya Tilak's death. We will also look at the suburb through a modern lens, and discuss how redevelopment is leading to the demolition of several heritage buildings, including old marriage halls, temples — many of which were made in art deco he says



Sandeep Dahisarkar

The informal setting will make this session interesting; here, residents will engage with the lecturer and share about their neighbourhood, how they have adapted to time, and the rkar cultural and architec-tural shifts. "With this initiative, we aim to go local.

Mumbai is a city that cannot be categorised or placed in a single template. You don't have to travel for miles to notice the vast difference in demographics. For instance, look at the many Hindu colonies adjacent to Parsi colonies across the city. This difference and the similarities in cultures can be explained best by locals. Hence, this lecture is an attempt at drawing out local history and appreciating the diversity of the city," Krishnan signs off.

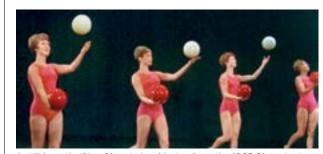
ON September 30; 6 pm onwards AT Keshavrao Ghaisas Auditorium, behind ML Dahanukar College of Commerce, Vile Parle ON TO @sandeep. jagannathji; @artdecomumbai (registration link in bio)

Let the games begin

This weekend, a unique event brings to the city the spirit of the Olympics in the form of rare archival film screenings, photography exhibitions and workshops in a week-long Olympic festival



A frame from the 1980 Olympics at Moscow in the film, O Sport — ty, mir! by Yuri Ozerov



A still from the film, Olimpiad en Mexico from the 1968 Olympics in Mexico which earned an Academy Award nomination



A moment from Carlos Saura's iconic film, Marathon, on the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona

WEEKEND BINGE

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THE spirit of Milkha Singh streaking through Rome's Olympic stadium in grainy black and white. The glory of Indian hockey's golden years recalled through rare footage. YouTube does not justify the blood, sweat and tears that went into these achievements. The Olympics In Reel Life — A Festival of Films and Photographs, organised by the Film Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, will showcase rare footage, archival films and photographs in a week-long festival at the NCPA, starting October 1. The fest will then move to Delhi from October 7 to 14.

THE festival seeks to revisit the history of the Olympic Games and of **Indian Olympians**



A behind the scenes moment from Leni Riefenstahl's documentary, Olympia, on the 1936 Olympics in Munich. PICS COURTESY/INTERNA-TIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

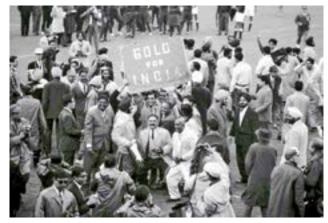
The series is a prelude to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session hosted by India later this month, Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, founder-director of the foundation tells us. Having been approached by the Olympic Museum in early February, Dungarpur and his team curated a final list of 33 films. 'The films have been made by some of the greatest filmmakers of their times. Carlos Saura, Miloš Forman, Kon Ichika-

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Milkha Singh (second from left) misses the bronze in the 400m men's final at the 1960 Olympics in Rome



A moment from La Grande Olimpiade by Romolo Marcellini on the 1960 Olympics in Rome which was nominated for an Academy award



The Indian delegation celebrates the gold medal after defeating Pakistan in the men's hockey finals at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo

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wa, John Schlesinger among them. They capture the human drama and marvel of sport," he remarks.

In addition, the festival has also tied up with the Municipal Brihanmumbai Corporation (BMC) to highlight the achievements of Indians in the Olympic Games by showcasing iconic mo-ments from the Games across 15 locations in the city on the same day.

The festival will also host a photography exhibition, Olympism Made Visible, led by the Olympic Museum, featuring the works of acclaimed photographers Dana Lixenberg, Lorenzo Vitturi and Poulomi Basu documenting their works on sports and the human condition around the world. Lixenberg and Vitturi will also be hosting workshops, shares Dungarpur. For all its cinematic



PV Sindhu at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo

beauty, the festival is a reminder of the greats of the past and might inspire a new generation to future glory.

FROM October 2 to 7; 10 am onwards Al Little Theatre; Godrej Dance Theatre; Open Air Plaza; NCPA, Nariman Point. TO @filmheritagefoundation on Instagram



Harbans Lal Suri competes in the marathon at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo

Catch the photo exhibition on Indians at the Olympics here

- O Colaba Woods Garden, Colaba
- Tulsidas Kilachand Garden, Malabar Hill
- O Priyadarshini Park, Napean Sea Road
- O August Kranti Maidan, Gowalia Tank
- Maharshi Karve Park, Wadala
- Muktananda Park, Santacruz West
- Rao Saheb Patwardhan Udyan, Khar West
- **Girgaon Chowpatty Viewing** Deck, Chowpatty
- **Dadar Chowpatty Viewing** Deck, Dadar
- O Bhakti Park Garden, Wadala
- O Garden Plot at Hiranandani Complex, Powai
- Lala Tulsiram Udyan, Mulund
- O Gen Arunkumar Vaidya Garden, Borivali West
- Vaikunth Park/Ramesh More Park, Andheri West
- O Krishna Rao Rane Maidan, JVPD, Juhu

THURSDAY >>>>>>>

Sing for Lataji

MUSIC ► Attend a musical biography that celebrates milestones from the late Lata Mangeshkar's life on her 75th birth anniversary. The show, Amrit Lata, is presented by the culture group Chaurang, and will showcase a selection of 75 songs.

TIME 8.30 pm onwards AT Prabodhankar Thackeray Hall, Sodawala Lane, Borivali West. LOG ON TO facebook com/ Chaurang or in.bookmyshow. com COST ₹200 onwards



FRIDAY >>>>>>>>>

Dabba of health

FOOD ► Order a healthy and tasty lunch and dinner from Café Arpan's comfort food dabba service that boasts of new weekly menus. This week, they're offering amchuri bhindi sabzi, chole with mini kulchas, Korean veggie ramen, rasgullas and more.



TIME 10 am to 9 pm CALL 9892418057 COST ₹100 to ₹200

Read-a-ton

BOOKS ▶ Bookchor's Lock The Box Bookfair comes to Thane where readers can grab titles on their to-beread lists at great prices. The one-time payment system lets you carry home as many books as you can fit in a box.

TILL October 8; 11 am to 10 pm AT Korum Mall, Mangal Pandey Road, Eastern Express Highway, Thane West. 9050111218 COST ₹1,199 onwards (a box that fits 10 to 12 books)



SUNDAY >>>>>>>>



REPRESENTATION PIC

Stamp it

ART ▶ Get handy tips from experts on how to design, carve, ink and print your own artwork using linoleum and wooden blocks at Kuchbhi Studio's handmade-relief block printmaking basics workshop this weekend.

TIME 12.30 pm to 6.30 pm AT Kuchbhi Studio, Krishna Heritage building, Charai, Thane West.

EMAIL kuchbhistudio@gmail. com CALL9321227630

Cultural deep-dive

TALK ▶ Sign up for Culture across Asia — Different stories, same values, a series of online sessions that explore the vastness of Asian culture through food, clothing, art, architecture and more. The series of six Saturday sessions begins with an introduction to culture by Chetana Gosavi, and is ideal for students between the ages of 12 and 15 years.

TIME 11 am to 10 pm LOG ON TO mow@csmvs.in (to register for the session)



A partial illustration of Rama and his brothers. PIC COURTESY/CSMVS

I'll be there for you

QUIZ ► If you're a fan of the sitcom F.R.I.E.N.D.S, head to Cat Café Studio for a trivia night based on the show. Answer questions about Joey's famous catchphrases, Rachel's cooking skills and sing Smelly cat to the furry residents of the café.

TIME 6 pm onwards AT Cat Café Studio, Aram Nagar Part I, Versova, Andheri West. LO ON TO linktr.ee/Catcafestudio COST ₹149 onwards

To the moon and back



KIDS ► Learn to build a rocket ship, aliens and a rover from LEGO bricks at Sunday Bricks' Chandrayaan LEGO workshop. The evening batch is open for ages five to nine.

TIME 4.30 pm to 6 pm AT TOD Bubble, Mathali CHS, Madanlal Dhingra Road, Panch Pakhdi, Thane West LOG ON TO sundaybricksstoreindia.myinstamojo. com COST ₹850

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