



# THE GUIDE

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## NOW, YOU CAN CARRY ALONG OBAMA'S CHANGE

### PLUS 3 MORE MUST-CATCH EVENTS

**AT** Tribal Route, 18 & 29, Aram Nagar 2, JP Road, Machlimar, Versova, Andheri (W).

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The Obamamania that hit the world in 2007 will finally arrive in India this week, bringing with it concerns of security and an overdose of flattery. While the entire nation is going all out to give the US Prez a good time, Hinesh Jethwani has gathered his dozen-strong army to paint the charismatic orator President on foldable Rajasthani chairs, wallets and handbags.

The 29 year-old founding head of Indian Hippy, a venture that has revived the age-old poster art form by giving it a contemporary twist and hav-

ing it embellish functional products, has 'secret' plans of presenting the President with one of his chairs. "These are products painted by the original film poster and billboard artists who went out of work when the digital age took over," the computer engineer-turned-entrepreneur told The Guide over the phone. "We also have plans to paint a massive 30 ft x 7 ft painting capturing Obama in various moods and showcasing milestones from his life." His not-so-secret plans include finding a way to have the painting auto-graphed by Obama, and selling it to raise proceeds for Obama's

favourite charities.  
While the wooden chair (Rs 5,980)

in the Obamabilia range has been handcrafted with engraved motifs, the leather wallets (Rs 2,300) carry the 44th President's message of Hope and Peace that is also the theme on the leather handbags (Rs 4,600).

Surf through the website for the other cool stuff that these guys do. Their hand-painted posters seem like Photoshop-ed images (which they are not), and can be customised to put in your and your honey's faces instead of the actors'. What do we believe would be amazing Diwali picks for us? The funky belt that sports iconic movie titles and the Mughal-e-Azam clutch purse. Bring 'em on.



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN RAAVAN REFUSES TO DIE?



## DO OR DIE THIS WEEKEND

**ON** Saturday and Sunday (6 pm and 9 pm)

**WHERE** Prithvi Theatre, 20, Janki Kutir, Juhu Church Road, Vile Parle (W).

**CALL** 26149546

What happens when a tantrum-throwing Raavan holds a village to ransom? Yatri's play Raavan Leela turns the traditional Ramleela on its head, and transforms it into a back-to-basics laugh riot.

The play that invited censorship questions not from the Censor Board but from a Hindutva group, shows the ten-headed demon king of Lanka hog all the attention. Raavan Leela begins with Raavan's entry on the sixth day of the typical Ramleela. Everything continues perfectly well until Sitaharan, where Raavan is expected to lift an overweight Sita and whisk her away. Raavan is offended that he is expected to do the work of a bulldozer, and thus begins an ego tussle. Even as we light up diyas in memory of Rama's return from Ayodhya this weekend, this cheeky comedy will crack you up.

## TRANSFORM INTO A PRIMA BALLERINA THIS WEEKEND

**ON** Saturday and Sunday, 2 pm to 5 pm

**WHERE** The Art Loft, Valentino Rest, first floor, above Patel Stores, Mehboob Studios, Bandra (W).

**CALL** 9930386960

**COST** Rs 2,800 per person

If watching ballerinas defy gravity and twirl with the utmost grace has always fascinated you, sign up for the weekend ballet workshop at the Art Loft. Hélène Savoie (French professional dancer and Ballet teacher in Alliance Française de Kolkata Fusion) will teach you the finer nuances of this western classical dance form. The classes will include warm-ups, introduction to all the exercises 'à la barre', ways to lift body in space, introduction to the techniques of jumps and turns, improvisation and feedback sessions. You might not be a Nijinsky at the end of the weekend, but you will hopefully, fall more in love with this dance form.



## OFFICE KE BAAD, SHOPPING

**TILL** November 7, 2 pm to 11.30 pm

**WHERE** Art Cafe, 8, Om Apartments, Sundervan, behind Fame Adlabs, off Link Road, Andheri (W).

**CALL** 26323640

If you're lagging behind your festive shopping because of long days in your claustrophobic cubicle at the office, the Diwali Night Bazaar might be the perfect solution. It starts in the afternoon and continues till late at night, allowing you to

drop by after work. On offer are lights, lamps, diyas, aroma candles, pot pourri, incense sticks, clothes, funky jewellery, footwear, bags and accessories, all under one roof. "We source our products from designers and participants who specialise in unique products," says Shubhangi Mehndiratta, proprietor of Art Café. While you are shopping, you can sip on a latte or a cappuccino and grab a sandwich or muffin from their café.



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