



Zeenat Aman wears YS18 Jewels and fashion designer Riyaz and Reshma Gangji creations



Ayushman Khurana showcases jewellery designer Preeti's creations



Sushmita Sen wears Birdichand Ghanshyamdas Jewels



Esha Gupta in Kashi Jewellers Jewels

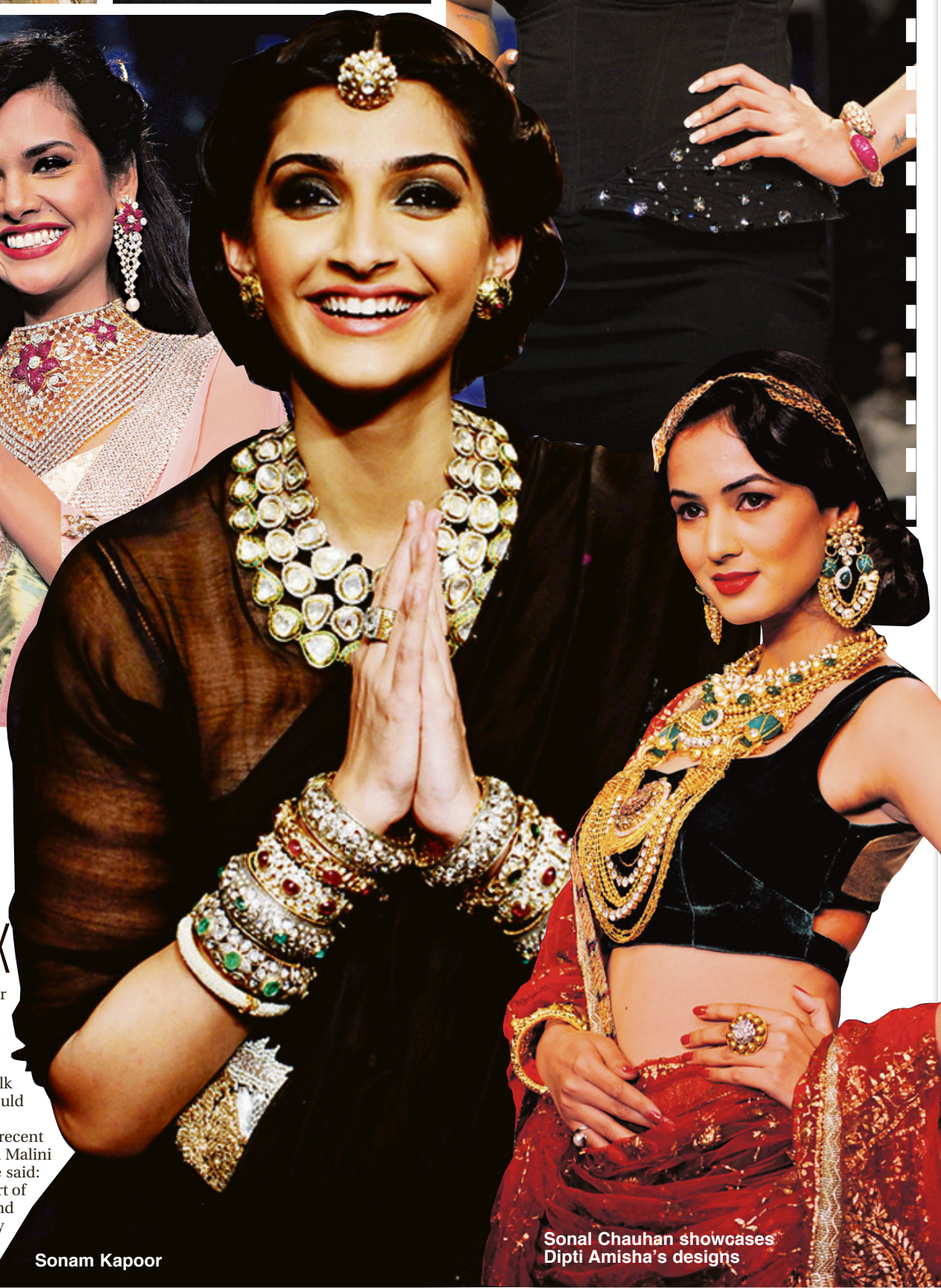


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## JEWELLERY WEEK

walking the ramp for designer Birdichand Ghanshyamdas, a gorgeous looking Sushmita Sen's skin-tight dress got caught in her shoe. Her mother had to jump on the catwalk to free the gown, so she could carry on.

A guest of honour at the recent week long spectacular, Hema Malini summed it up best when she said: "Jewellery is an important part of fashion. The new designs and the wide variety of jewellery from all parts of the country makes India a wholesome jewellery destination."



Sonam Kapoor



Sonam Kapoor showcases Dipti Amisha's designs

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## Are women the new men?

MANY women know what they want and will go to any extreme to get it, whether it is a car, house, a job or a man. Sound familiar?

Well, increasingly, men and women are competing for the same jobs, are travelling the world alone, have more money, are better drivers, more confident and are having as many one-night stands as each other. Why? Because they can and no one will stop them.

These traits could be reflective of the way you have been brought up. For example, if you have been raised around strong independent women, then you are more likely to have a strong personality yourself, but then on the other end of the spectrum, there are women for whom being a wife and mother is the be-all and end-all of their existence. And that is completely fine, but just stop and think about what your dreams are, what you want to achieve and whether anyone will stop you from reaching your goals.

One of my pet peeves are alpha males who surround us and hold us back, and that's not healthy, I actually know men – and sadly they are mostly Asian men – who date white, black and Chinese women who are outgoing, fabulous and someone they can sow their wild oats with, but when it comes to settling down, they find a nice *sidhi-sadhi* Asian girl. What was wrong with that fabulous white girl who loved you so much? Just because she may be earning more money than him or isn't a virgin, the man won't marry her. This is just wrong and very backwards.

Some women, of course, have a family and an equally successful partner. But it generally is a difficult thing to achieve, so how to get around this? Compromise. Make sure your family and partner understand what you want to do and possibly even get him involved. If you have a business idea, include him in the planning stages; men love to feel involved and you including him in your plans will ensure he doesn't feel left out. Work out a schedule of who looks after the kids when you need to be at a meeting, but most of all make sure he understands that you have dreams and will do anything to make them come true.

This also goes for family too – as a young Asian woman, you can face setbacks and it can sometimes be hard to overcome them especially if you don't live in a big city or come from a family who don't quite understand what you are looking to achieve. If this happens, explain to your family that you don't want to be a doctor or lawyer but a successful businesswoman. Work out a five-year plan to start with and add goals to that plan, then watch everything unfold in front of your eyes.

Before I was made redundant, I worked in the automotive industry which is 90 per cent male oriented, but there is that 10 per cent of women, including myself, who love cars and probably know more about them than some men. In particular, there were a few special women in that company who were the epitome of being females who were the new men. They were successful in the workplace and also wore the trousers in the relationships they were in – strong, confident, family oriented, hard-working and well, nicer looking and better dressed.

These are the women we need to aspire to be. Don't let anyone stand in your way when you want to achieve something. I will leave you with a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."