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**FLORSHEIM'S TUXEDO SHOES**

If you've got a lot of weddings and parties to attend this season, then a good pair of classic shoes is a must for your wardrobe. So men, say hello to Florsheim's newly launched pair of shoes meant to complement your suits. The shoes are made using genuine patent leather, which will take care of all the shimmer and shine that you need to make a statement at a black tie event. And that's not all, the shoe is incorporated with airport-friendly non-metallic shanks which ensures great comfort and at the same time doesn't make going through metal detectors at airports a major hassle.

Price ₹4,995

WHERE Leading footwear retail stores

**CROSS' RANGE OF WATCHES**

Cross, known for manufacturing quality pens and accessories, has launched a range of watches. The design has been inspired from Cross' various accessories and the range uses marine grade stainless steel. The collection features watches for both men and women and has a number of designs and styles that will work for everyday wear as well as party wear.

Price ₹7,950 onwards

Where Shoppers Stop outlets in the city

« STORE REVIEWS: SAKS ANDHERI & B:BLUNT WORLI

Primped & pampered

At **Saks** new outlet in Andheri, you get the complete package: good service and great ambiance. **Rhea Dhanbhora** tells you why it's a cut above the rest

There are salons... and then there's Saks. One of the leading salons in the UK, it has left no stone unturned with its outlets and everything about its ambiance screams professionalism. If you've visited the outlet in Bandra, you know what we're talking about. One of the best things about the pristine white, two-storey salon's new outlet in Andheri is that service is consistent and the salon is spotless.

After a hard day at work and the frustration that can build up as you travel within the city, it was a great feeling to be led up to the relaxation floor — complete with massage rooms and a manicure/pedicure zone. I was taken into the consultation room, where I opted for a Deep Tissue Massage (₹3,000 for an hour) to soothe, relieve and relax me. If you think the price is a bit steep, remember that they use imported oils, have a very soothing atmosphere and treat you like royalty from the time you step in the door till the time you leave — so you're definitely getting your money's worth. The effect of a massage usually wears off by dinner time, so I was impressed that the effects managed to last through work the next day. While I was a little disappointed by the lack of soothing music in the background, all of that was forgotten instantly as my masseuse began to knead my aches and pains away.

Next up, I tried their express manicure and pedicure (₹449 and ₹674). Sitting in the plush white massage chair that gently massages your neck and back while your nails get pampered is one of the most relaxing and indulgent treatments. They also have a nail art station, with the brightest colours you've ever seen — it was all I could do to take my eyes off them.

The hair section on the lower floor has a



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» The new Saks outlet in Andheri is similar to its Bandra branch and as professional



special room for scalp and Kerastase treatments. The wash and blow dry (₹1,067 or a junior stylist for ₹843) was a little rushed, but that's only because I was there well beyond closing time, so Saks gets brownie points because they didn't throw me out. My blow dry was as good as expected, I'd have been quite disappointed if it hadn't been shiny and smooth days later.

Another great thing about Saks is that they're very well organised. They're professional, cheery without being pushy and allow you to relax with your thoughts while you're getting pampered. Prices are a bit steep, but they're not exorbitant for the type of services they offer. If you want to feel like royalty, get ready for a special occasion or just feel like giving yourself a treat, there's no better place to visit.



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SNIP, CUT, SLICE

The new branch of **B:Blunt Mini** offers a host of beauty treatments. **Priyanka Singh** checks out the salon and tells you why she plans on visiting again

» The facials at B:Blunt Worli are expensive, but worth the money

The first question that struck us the moment we entered the Worli branch of B:Blunt Mini was "Why mini?" When we asked Benaifer Cooper, the managing director of the salon, she told us that for the place to be larger than mini, it needs to be 1,000 square feet or above — this mini is just 700 square feet.

The salon has been aesthetically done up, with the foyer being used for hairstyling. There are also two tiny rooms called beauty studios for the spa and skin treatments; a small cubicle for Kerastase treatment and free skin consultation, and the inner area for other beauty treatments.

After looking around the salon, it was time to try something. I chose to skip the hair cut, because the salon is popular for the same. I wanted to know if the beauty treatments are on par with their hairstyling. Initially, I thought I would go in for a clean-up, but Joyana Pathan (beauty and skin consultant) and Benaifer coaxed me to get a facial.

I've never really been a fan of facials, so this was

my very first time getting it done. It started with an analysis of my skin and based on that, Joyana decided that I should have a customised facial done. All facials are priced at ₹3,500 and a clean-up at ₹2,300.

The facial lasted for around 40 minutes, but sprinted away like a breeze. If you opt for the customised facial, the treatment is tailored to what your deprived skin needs. The best part was the shoulder massage. The tiredness built up during the day, the horrendous crowd in the train, braving the taxi bumps to reach the salon — all of it seemed to fade into oblivion when Joyana massaged my shoulder's pressure points. By the end of the treatment, there was just one question that popped up — "Am I glowing or am I glowing?" There were no two ways about it.

So, save some of your moolah and get an appointment at the end of each month so that you're all set to take the upcoming month by its horns.

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