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THE PAGE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE IN POLITICAL CORRECTNESS



## CURVE CONTROL

**Kareena Kapoor joined her father Randhir Kapoor at a Bollywood event. The actress made a rather tame appearance amidst rumours that she may have to shed those extra kilos for an upcoming sequence in Madhur Bhandarkar's film. Curves or carbs? Bebo's fans will have to weight and watch.**

## Art of protest

**T**his diarist is looking forward to an art show spearheaded by the feisty Teesta Setalvad. Titled Art for Humanity, the show will feature over 80 Indian artistes exploring concepts of peace, justice and social inequities. Among them are Arpana Caur, Nilima Sheikh, Gulam Mohammed Sheikh, Atul Dodiya, Anju Dodiya, Anjolie Ela Menon, N Pushpamala, Kishor Shinde, Mithu Sen, Shilpa Gupta, Arunanshu Chowdhury apart from Pablo Bartholomew, Raghu Rai, Gauri Gill and Ram Rahman. Work on the project started eight months back, revealed Setalvad to this diarist. It was born out of a need to come up with a sustainable property on a collaborative platform, as parts of the proceeds will go to the artists and part of it to the movement she drives. Given the scale of the project, it will be mounted once in every two years, says Setalvad, adding, that conscientious citizens should look at this as a collaboration between "artists, thinkers and activists towards promoting a culture of human rights and dignity." Hear, hear!



## Poor taste?

**T**he talking point is, fashion designer Deepika Govind, who has found herself in a spot over the pictures of her latest collection. As your diarist can report, a tabloid recently published an article, criticising the designer for her lack of sensitivity, accusing her of exploiting poverty and commenting on the expressions of the villagers that reflect "the unbridgeable gap between the rich and the poor." The image, seen here, shows villagers looking up at a model. Govind has struck

back with a rejoinder that says that the shoot was an artistic interpretation of how contemporary and traditional India co-exist and that the journalist had twisted the shot to portray an incorrect image of her and her work.

It is strange that the picture should come under such sharp criticism when it is not exactly the most original of ideas. Those in the know will tell you that an international fashion magazine launched their India chapter with a series of similar photoshoots,

setting a trend of sorts. More recently, a celebrity hairstylist, who turned fashion designer, carried out a similar experiment, where models (including herself) were photographed in the back alleys of the city, in the midst of people who were completely incongruous to the fashion statement and hence starkly spectacular.

Artistic liberty or should one be politically correct? We shall continue the debate some other time.



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## Cattle class

**A**n animal farm in the heart of the city is bound to raise a stink. Even if it is a billionaire's backyard. But take it a safe 104 km away from the city limits, and you have something exotic. This diarist can reveal that Jimmy Mistry's ambitious adventure park in Lonavla, is nearing completion. And if reports are to be believed, he has brought together quite a collection of exotic animals, including jersey cows and the finest 'pure bred dogs.' The idea, we are told, is to offer hardworking individuals a chance to chill in the spa, sample the vegetarian fare, take the pure bred dogs out for a walk, and milch the Jersey cows. Lesson for a certain Ambani? Next time, try keeping a 'pure-bred' goat. Maybe the neighbours will ignore the stench.



## Tailpiece

**T**he gorgeous Mehr and Arjun Rampal hosted a bash on Wednesday night to celebrate their association with a liquor brand and to usher in their 14th wedding anniversary. Your diarist can tell you, that the classy affair, held at a mid-town venue, was given a special touch by the couple's oldest friend, Rohit Bal, who had installed an antique embroidered outfit there. The party was well attended by the glam set, but the scene stealer was an anonymous performer, who did a fabulous impersonation of Jean Dujardin in *The Artist*. True to his character, the performer remained silent.