

Abhinav Mishra's 'The Shrine' — A Couture Ode to India's Sacred Grandeur

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Couturier **Abhinav Mishra's** latest collection, *The Shrine*, is a lyrical celebration of India's architectural and spiritual legacy. Drawing inspiration from **shrines, palaces, and temples**, the designer transforms centuries of craftsmanship into modern couture that glows with memory and meaning.

Unveiled this season, *The Shrine* unfolds through three poetic narratives — **Enchanting Blooms**, symbolising renewal and tenderness; **Watercolour Artistry**, evoking the lyricism of frescoes; and **Delicate Harmony**, where sparkle meets softness, and structure flows into fluidity.

"It's a homage to India's rich architectural vocabulary — the play of light on marble, the floral carvings, the timeless symmetry," shares Abhinav.

The Craft and Colour Story

Known for his signature **mirror work and gota embroidery**, Abhinav extends his craft vocabulary into new terrain. The colour palette features **warm pastels and muted tones**, balanced with subtle shimmer. Prints echo **watercolour washes, geometric repeats, abstract interpretations, and hand-sketched florals**, mirroring the delicate artistry of temple murals and palace frescoes.

Embellishments — including **pearls, sequin-dori, and kirkiri embroidery** — lend depth to the collection's romantic silhouettes. Think **bridal lehengas, flowing anarkalis, and contemporary separates** crafted in **organza, chiffon, silk, and georgette**.

"The aim was to make every piece feel like it has a soul — something you can wear not just for its beauty, but for the emotion it carries," the designer adds.

Festive Fashion Forecast

For the upcoming festive season, Abhinav predicts a mood of **refined celebration**.

"It's about finding that sweet spot between celebration and comfort," he says. "People want to dress up, but in a way that feels light, fluid, and effortless. We'll see shimmer through metallic tones, mirror work, and delicate embroideries — but used in a more sophisticated way. Layered silhouettes, soft fabrics, and

statement blouses are defining the season.”

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