Nachiket Barve's "R|Elan™ Millennial Maharanis" collection was a magnum opus at Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2018

Mumbai, 24th August 2018: R|Elan™ collaborated with Nachiket Barve to unveil "R|Elan™ Millennial Maharanis" collection at -India's premier fashion extravaganza - Lakmé Fashion Week Winter/Festive 2018.

Nachiket took inspiration from the globetrotting Indian royalty of the 20's and 30's; looking at the lifestyle of the jet-setting millennial bride squads, for weddings sprawled across the globe. This concept of marrying the traditional with modern milieu necessitated rich, premium, yet lightweight and fluid outfits. R|Elan™ is the next generation of fabric, specially engineered to provide the dual benefits of high fashion and enhanced comfort.

The wardrobes of the Royalty of yore, amalgamated the Indian and European styles of dressing; as traditional lehengas and saris nestled next to jackets and gowns with the finest of craftsmanship. The Maharani of Cooch Behar, Kapurthala and Jaipur were renowned beauties and fashionistas! Their extraordinary jewels and the beautiful manicured palace gardens with budding blossoms and ripe pomegranates captured for posterity in commissioned portraits by famed artists and by legendary photographers such as Horst and Beaton have inspired the embroidery and surface development techniques of the collection.

While commenting on the making of the "Millennial Maharanis' collection, Nachiket Barve said "The collection used a wide range of techniques that reinvent age old craft traditions with a modernist's point of view. The R|Elan™ fabrics were wonderful to embellish and do a range of techniques like beading, appliqué, resham embroidery and to just use for colour blocking. The intricate handwork and the subtle yet striking surfaces come alive on the fabric and are perfect for the destination wedding!"

The new royals are not dynastic necessarily, but the well-heeled and well-travelled Millennials who aspire for the best of everything, 'La Dolce Vita' on speed-dial! Bachelorettes in Nice, Sangeet in the exotic Middle East, Proposals on private islands and a gazillion occasions to wear extraordinary clothes across the world! The R|Elan™ FreeFlow collection fused the sensibility of these girls that's a new mix of East and West, Tradition with a twist and sensible glamour that is versatile; after all, even the Maharanis have to mix and match their clothes for different girlfriends' weddings!

A rich gem stone dipped palette was dressed up with intricate hand beading, rose tinted *Resham* embroidery and bedazzled with hand-cut *Lamé* Appliqué. *Gota* has been reinvented as yarn and used to embroider abstract Chrysanthemums that explode with joy. The heirloom jewels have been reinterpreted in beading and crystal to resemble faceted Golconda diamonds of the Queen of Baroda.

Exquisite hand embroidered jackets that have taken hundreds of hours to make, were paired with tiny cholis and irreverent tulle skirts. Slinky gowns were worn with bejewelled over-coats for the nippy nights spent with friends and saris got styled with blazers for a new

take on power dressing. The style is effortless but glamorous, dressy yet nonchalant, timeless yet now!

Adding to these carefully appointed surfaces and techniques, R|Elan™ FreeFlow fabric stunningly enhanced the royal aesthetics of the garments, while bringing in an element of comfort and easy care, to provide freedom from the day-to-day hassles of a travelling bride squad. Despite the long yards of fabric used, R|Elan™ FreeFlow fabric ensures the garment does not weigh you down, in addition to an extraordinary drape, which flows and falls with perfection. R|Elan™ FreeFlow is fabric of the future which feels like second skin and drapes luxuriously.

The collection unveiled exquisite outfits created using special fabrics from R | Elan™ with sophisticated, premium fabric selections, meeting a medley of first-of-its-kind design and craft from a couturier par excellence, this collection has been conceptualized to envisage and demonstrate a wedding trousseau for the aspirational millennials.

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Nachiket Barve's Millennial Maharani collection

Nachiket Barve's "Millennial Maharanis" collection recreated the grandeur, style and glory of regal, Indian, royalty of the eras gone by.

Staying true to the theme, the showstopper was the gorgeous, Bollywood actor Janhvi Kapoor who recently debuted in 'Dhadak'. She sashayed on the ramp in a cobalt blue and bright pink lehenga, exotic choli and dupatta. The exquisitely embroidered creation was designed to utmost perfection using fabric by R|Elan™.

Just as the fashion of the past decades had merged with Indian and European fusion, Nachiket brought in the retro glamour with a twist for the 21st century woman, who is in search of the good life around the globe. Giving some sophisticated fashion directions to the New Age style followers, Nachiket's style statement combined the beauty of the East and West. The designer offered numerous mix and match options that will take the style trendsetters from resort holiday wear, to the grand destination wedding happening, with the greatest of ease.

The key word to describe the collection could only be 'opulent' as the rich jewel toned colour card with deep fuchsia, black, bottle green, wine, blue, turquoise, red and lavish splashes of gold was given intelligent glitter with Resham work and dazzled with hand cut lamé appliqués. The abstract chrysanthemum motifs were crafted with Gota as yarn; while the inspiration of the heirloom jewels from the Maharani's ornaments' chest of yester years, appeared as beading and crystal embellishment.

The ensembles were a veritable treasure trove of exquisite creations. The flouncy, tulle, skirts floated down the runway teamed with seductive, tiny cholis and intricately embroidered jackets. Saris were given a fusion push when worn with blazers and could

create quite a stir at the seaside wedding soirée. On the western wear chart, Nachiket had lined up slinky will-power or off-shouldered gowns that looked divine with overcoats. The shocking pink ornate jacket worn with a flared skirt was truly a regal entry.

Some daring destination wedding wear was presented when a black sheer kurta was teamed over a red bralette. The one- shouldered-sleeve gown, flared maxi skirt topped with a sleeveless blouse, embroidered sequinned jacket over asymmetric kurta and the long-sleeved coat over matching maroon gown were exquisite formal wear.

The slim, sleek gowns were striking with high slits, while the panelled lehenga, choli and dupattas along with the shimmering gold gown over a black sheer coat and bolero was an elegant trio. The multi-panelled, floor length cape over a lehenga and choli was pure drama.

The exquisite embroidery was the focal point of the collection, which started with tiny sparkling patterns and then moved into magnificent bouquets of golden blossoms by the end of the show.

There were large dollops of oomph and attitude in the creations that ensured that Nachiket Barve's "Millennial Maharanis" collection would turn the wearer into the fashion diva she always longed to be.

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