

Lenient but complicated, current lockdown pushes brands to adapt and innovate

India has withstood a lot of business uncertainties since the pandemic struck last year. There is still no clue on what the times ahead will bring, but it is always worth assessing the past and adapting to a volatile future condition with lockdowns here to stay in case of hike in Covid-19 infection. In an exclusive conversation with the trade, Retail Jeweller India finds out the major differences between the two lockdowns in terms of business and consumer sentiments. (RJ Exclusive)





Emerald Jewel Industry holds Covid-19 camp in Coimbatore, distributes essentials

As a small gesture to support the community, Emerald set up a Covid support camp, through which essential commodities such as rice, dhal, wheat flour, semolina, etc were distributed among the needy. This apart, many members also received necessary Covid-19 treatment aids such as pulse oximeters and sanitisers for round-the-clock health monitoring.







B K Saraf Jewellers' 'The travelling Trunks' campaign builds inclusivity across Lucknow

The ongoing campaign is a shout to all women who can call up the brand and request for participation as a model. Any woman from Lucknow, irrespective of age, is free to participate. The participants then get a chance to do a photoshoot with B K Saraf arranging for an all-round bejeweled makeover with a make-up team at the place of the participant.



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Arranging medicine for Covid-19 isolation, Punjab Jewels is also funding education for poor tribal kids

The pitiable healthcare situation in India has prompted Punjab Jewels, MP to come forward and distribute 40,000 Covid -19 home isolation kits to 8 districts across Indore, Bhopal, Dewas, Ujjain, Vidisha, Dhar and counting. This apart, Punjab Jewels has adopted 45 small schools in and around the region teaching 1350 children through CII. The plan covers for the teachers' salary, students' fee and study materials.







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TBZ's PANKHI project helps women fight domestic violence

Tribhovandas Bhimji Zaveri's women safety wing called 'PANKHI' is working with 12 NGOs across India and supporting 6,076 women domestic violence survivors. Launched in collaboration with a Mumbai-based organisation named SNEHA, members of PANKHI have helped 422 survivors file a case with the police. PANKHI aims at providing counselling and rehabilitation to the women victims of domestic violence through a central helpline counselling and face-to-face counselling services. (*RJ Exclusive*)



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'NG with You' by N Gopaldaas Jewellers deploys a team to avail mandatory Covid-19 care

N Gopaldaas Jewellers took charge of Covid-19 relief measures with 'NG with You', an initiative to helppeople avail necessary activities such as booking RT-PCR test, arranging food, availing medicines, etc. The programme started last week with a helpline number where people can contact the jeweller for any kind of assistance. The brand team then goes through various contacts and channels to extend help.







ORRA launches flagship store in Goa

Expanding its retail footprint, ORRA has launched a three-level flagship showroom in Goa in April 2021. ORRA has now 43 stores across the country in 24 cities. One of the highlights of the showroom include the ORRA Crown Star, which is the only 73 faceted diamond in India. Apart from that, the Goa showroom also showcases their Astra Collection.





Covid presents a great opportunity to connect with young consumers: Nishit Nanda, CEO, Khimji Jewels

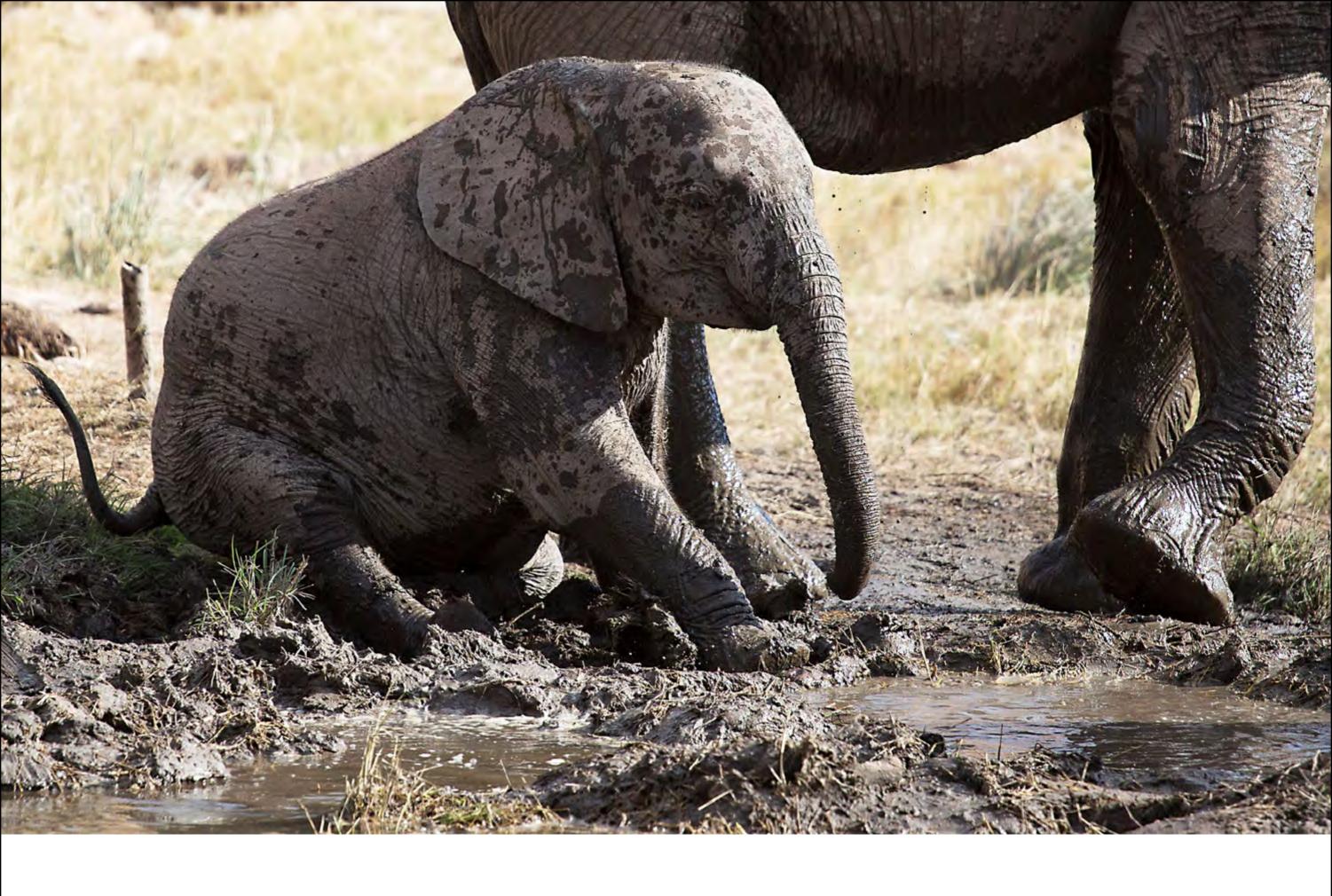
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According to Nishit, one of the positives that Covid brought is an unflinching desire in Indian jewellers to prepare a stronger foundation that can target young consumers. During Covid, we saw a lot of reverse migration, where people and families moved back to their native city because of the work-from-home arrangement. Many of them wanted to buy jewellery and were suddenly open to the idea of browsing and discovering products online, Nishit said.

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Forevermark Diamonds reaffirms long term commitment to the natural world

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Forevermark that has made a long-term commitment to take care of the natural environment and focus on 'Building Forever', is on track to achieve the 12 sustainability goals in the coming decade. These goals include leading ethical practices across industry, partnering for thriving communities, protecting the natural world and accelerating equal opportunity.





Virus fear in India speeds up gold buyers' shift to chain stores: Ramesh Kalyanaraman, Kalyan Jewellers

The world's worst coronavirus outbreak is changing the way Indians buy gold, hastening a shift to modern, retail stores. While buyers have been slowly shifting away from the thousands of family-run jewellery shops that control the bulk of the world's second-biggest gold market, the pandemic has sped up the process, feels Ramesh Kalyanaraman, executive director at Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd.





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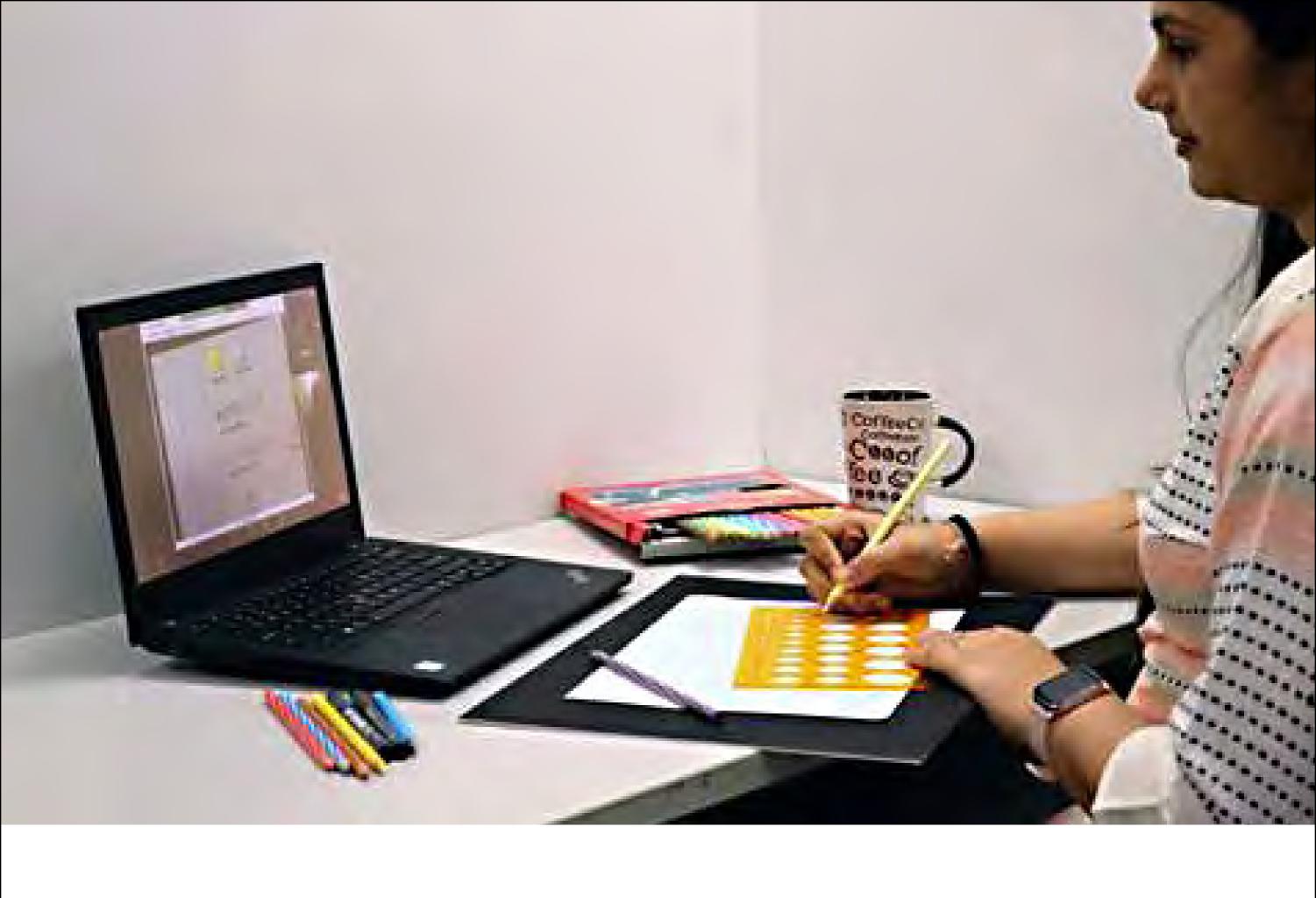


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GIA India launches its first remote learning course for jewellery design

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GIA India launches its first remote learning programme focused on jewellery designing. Business owners, working professionals and jewellery enthusiasts can now earn a professional GIA credential from the convenience of any location. The course, SWIFT Jewellery Design Course – Remote Learning, begins on June 28, 2021, and will help students understand the basic principles of jewellery design and composition.



Malabar Gold & Diamonds to contribute 1,00,000 free Covid-19 vaccines

Malabar Gold & Diamonds has announced its decision to contribute 1,00,000 free Covid-19 vaccines. This will be used for inoculating those most vulnerable to the disease in the society with limited access to the vaccine, jewellery artisans, employees, investors, and their dependents. This initiative is part of a series of activities to strengthen the brand's CSR initiatives during the Covid-19 pandemic.



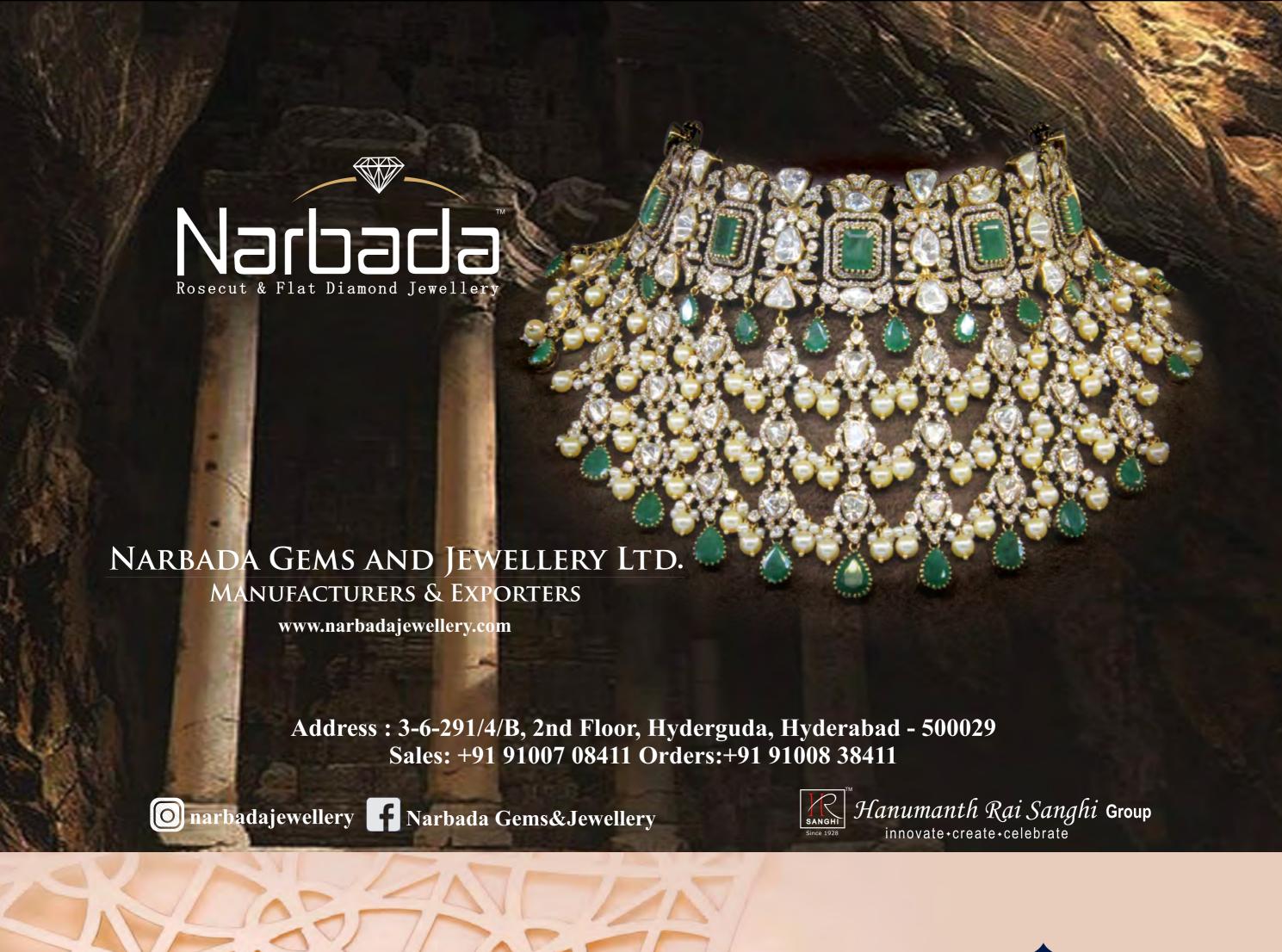


BIS to soon come up with comprehensive guidelines on hallmarking

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Third meeting of the expert committee formed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to resolve the issues of mandatory hallmarking was recently held where a number of issues were raised. During the meeting BIS has assured to consider and come up with a comprehensive guidelines and detailed responses to the expert committee queries in next few days. The GJEPC has requested for clarification on storage of jewellery without hallmarking and Jewellery send for exhibition.







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India's diamond exports expected to grow 20 per cent this fiscal as markets improve: CRISIL Ratings

With the export markets recovering from the pandemic, India's diamond outbound shipments are expected to grow 20 per cent this financial year to over USD 20 billion, according to a report. Towards the second half of last fiscal, pent-up demand and stimuli had buoyed consumption of diamonds and jewellery in the US and China, which account for 75 per cent of India's polished diamond exports.





GJEPC appreciates USTR's decision to suspend tariffs on Indian jewellery for 180 days

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At the virtual multi-jurisdictional hearing between United States Trade Representative (USTR), the GJEPC along with other major trade bodies and leading exporters from the sector represented Indian industry's grievances over a proposed 25% import duty on 17 Indian jewellery items. Imposition of 25% import duty would have adversely impacted India's gem and jewellery exports of around US\$46 million to US\$53 million.





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