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A photograph of three Black women sitting closely together. The woman on the left has short curly hair and wears a beige top. The woman in the center has long braids with a white headband and wears a light purple long-sleeved dress. The woman on the right has long braids and wears a white lace top. They are all looking directly at the camera with serious expressions. The background is a plain, light color.

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BLACK
LIVES
MATTER

*Living in a
Global
Pandemic*

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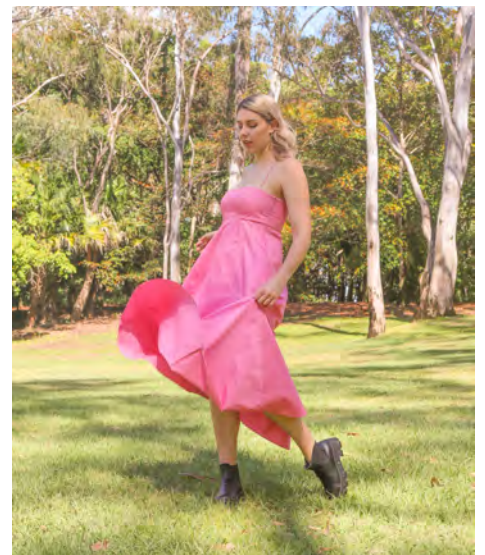
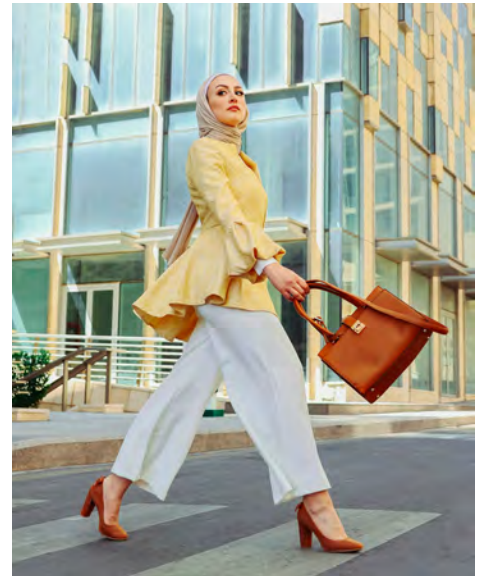
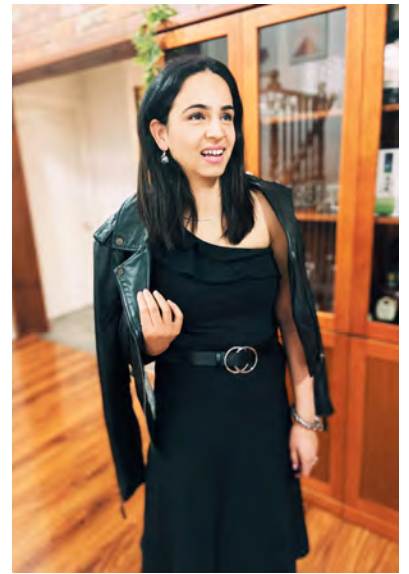


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EDITOR'S LETTER



In times of trouble and despair we turn to loved ones for help and comfort. However, the situation has changed as turning to loved ones might be the very reason they get harmed.

The corona virus is a virus like no other. You can have symptoms and be positive, or no symptoms and be positive. It affects everyone in a different way and has caused numerous amounts of loss. For everyone that has lost a loved one, our deepest condolences go out to you and your families. We pray that you find ease and comfort during these times of hardship. This virus has caused the whole world to quarantine in their homes causing a lot of anxiety, and depression. It has brought a lot of heartache to the world, but also a lot of joy and laughter through humor from people on Tik Tok, Youtube, Snapchat, Facebook, and watching everyone that lost everything start over and take on a new journey in their lives motivating others, and providing everyone with the greatest gift...hope. It has also united us all as we go through this pandemic together showing that we are all one. Our greatest respect goes out to the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and essential employees that are working every day during the pandemic risking their own lives to help others. The corona virus should not be taken lightly in anyway. We here at Moda Chic magazine encourage everyone to please wear masks, stand six feet apart, wash hands, hand sanitize, and stay safe. Our readers safety is crucial to us. That being said we'd also like to state that we stand for the Black Lives Matter movement.

The black lives matter movement was created due to the injustice received to African Americans from the police force and many others. George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor are a couple of the many African Americans that have been murdered because of their skin color. This, is not okay in anyway. Not only are African Americans being shot and killed due to their skin color, their killers are walking free with a simple warning. Even with video footage showing proof that it was pure racism, the killer still walks freely, or receives a sentence that will be shortened due to "good behavior." We ask our readers that do not know about the Black Lives Matter movement to please reach out, ask questions, learn about systemic racism and learn how to be an ally of the movement. For the readers that are part of the "All Lives Matter movement," yes, all lives do matter, however, if you have five houses in a neighborhood and one house is on fire. Are you going to say that all houses matter or the one that's on fire? The house that's on fire. That is what's happening with the lives of African Americans. They are being targeted unjustly for no reason, and their killers are walking free. All lives are important to us and that includes black lives. Here at Moda Chic magazine, we stand for Black lives matter. Racism and hatred will never have a home here. We welcome all walks of life from all cultures, religions, genders, and so much more. We hope that everyone follows the covid protocols, and stands with us as we stand for the Black Lives matter movement.

Thank you, for reading issue 16.

Minahil Erkin - Editor in Chief and Founder

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

1. Donate to the Black Lives Matter movement and other organizations that support the Black Lives Matter movement such as the ones listed below:
 - a. Black Visions Collective
 - b. Black Aids Institute
 - c. Reclaim the block
 - d. The Okra Project
 - e. North Star Health Collective
 - f. The Bail Project
 - g. The Transgender District
 - h. Communities against Police Brutality
2. Protest peacefully for the Black Lives Matter movement.
3. Sign petitions such as the ones for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmed Arbery, and Belly Mujinga
4. Use your votes to elect candidates that support the black lives matter movement.
5. Social Media - use your social media platform to educate others regarding the movement.
6. Educate yourself on systemic racism.
7. Support Black owned businesses.
8. Continue to be aware, listen, and learn about the movement and how to be involved in your community.



Covid 19 Protocol

TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER. WEAR A MASK

Wash hands



**Lávate las
manos**



2 meters

6 feet



Use mask
(if social distance is
not possible)



Usa mascarilla
(si no es posible
mantener distancia
social)

SHUBHI GUPTA



"No one has ever achieved greatness without dreams." If dreams come true, yes this is a dream for me, sharing my story in a well-known magazine.

I'm Shubhi Gupta, I will be turning 23 on October 17, I did my graduation in bachelors of business administration and working on Instagram as a Blogger, and product reviewer. You all must be eager to know how did I make it till here, how I started my journey.

Well, This all was started in March 2019, when I was planning to go out of the country for my MBA, but as this is life, everything is pre-planned and sometimes things don't go as per plan, I didn't get the visa, which makes me so devastated. I was setting with blank mind and empty hands, Since childhood, I have always had a passion for writing about things which I like and use, as a management student I Always go through the complete details about the things which I use, actually I want to use my passion productively. One day I took part in the contest of a particular brand on Instagram and I won its hamper when I received it, I write a whole detailed review and my experience about that brand, one fine day, I got the mail from one website owner, who was in the need of a content writer and they also liked my review about the hamper then I thought why not to give a try to it. As it like an opportunity knocking the doors of hopes.

I was extremely happy as it was like sudden happiness catches me unawares and my eyes go liquid with lots of hopes and gratitude, as I have never thought of it, somewhere in my mind I know, it's time to start something new with the trust of a new beginning. without wasting any minute I reply to their mail, and I got the response back in an hour. I had a conversation with the website owner and started working for them. I was happy with what I was doing, but the curiosity for doing more was there, I want to do something which makes my own identity. I worked with them till 5 months then I started writing on my posts and working on my blog.

My honest products reviews, styling and beauty tips help the people and they started following me, I get so much love and wins