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# Smoke on the water

IT'S truly amazing the way one day can melt into the other. Mentally, I am still in holiday mode, so it's tough to get back into the grind of work and family responsibilities. But life never stops does it? The effervescent Kiran Amlani, wife of the cuddly Riyaaz Amlani of Smoke House Deli fame, always captures my attention with her beauty, elegance, impish charm and superior intelligence quotient. We were invited to brunch at their new delicatessen last week with other movers and shakers of *Namma Bengaluru* in the up-market Lavelle Road. Riyaaz, who is charmingly unpretentious, welcomed his invited (and uninvited) guests with open arms. Great food, fabulous cocktails and ambience will ensure that this restaurant will be as popular as their other one. Kudos guys! We caught up with Kiran and her charming friend Harmeet Bajaj over coffee the next day. But dahlings, that conversation was strictly private.

Needless to say it was a very amusing interaction. Viva coffee breaks!

Now from the sublime to the 'Sublime,' (gosh, I may be converted to a much abhorred punster) The lovely Uzma Irfan invited us to the gala opening of Art Bengaluru week that is primarily 'her baby'. I was thrilled to meet one of my favourite artists, the multi-talented Thota Tharani, whose beautiful sculptures grace the entrance of UB City mall. The intellectually scrumptious (I love coining phrases) Subroto Bagchi, business leader, author and co-founder of Mindtree, was there for a short while and spoke brilliantly about the osmosis of ideas between artists and society builders. I was so adorably hanging on to his every word, that I may have missed some social Tweety Birds who probably chirped past me, and perhaps took offense at my non-interest in them.

C'est la vie, dahlings!

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