

BATMAN

Harper's

INDIA

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APRIL 2019, ₹200

150
BAGS
SHOES
JEWELLERY
AND MORE

A SECOND
LIFE
BEAUTIFUL
UPCYCLED
PIECES
TO OWN

NEW HAIR
TREATMENTS
CHEMICAL-
FREE
LABELS
+ CULT
BRANDS
YOU'LL
LOVE

*"It is a new
normal, a new
journey.
Healing from
cancer requires
receiving care
and support,
letting friends
and family
rally around
you. It is my
time to receive."*

**SONALI
BENDRE**

SPRING ISSUE



WHAT TO BUY, HOW TO WEAR IT



Close-up of the organic raw material and briefcases, prices upon request, **Malai** in collaboration with Czech brand and manufacturer, Kazeto.

From oil to water, we're champions of anything made of coconut. A designer and material researcher from Slovakia, Zuzana Gombosova has taken the fruit even further. Since her Masters in material futures at Central Saint Martins, Gombosova has been working on developing organic materials from bacterial cellulose. Together with Susmith C S, a product designer from Kerala, she decided to employ the bacterial-cellulose growth process to turn coconut water into a new fibre. The 14-day-long fermentation results in a durable, flexible jelly, which is turned into sheets that are moulded into seamless products. This material is then used to craft structured shoulder bags, smart pouches, footwear, and even interior furnishings. "We recycle most of the water we use in manufacturing and don't use any chemicals that can harm us or the environment. The sheets can also be recycled in form of paper products," adds Gombosova. *Made-from-malai.com*

NAME TO KNOW:
MADE FROM MALAI

Card case, ₹7,000, and wallet on chain, ₹35,000, **MAYU**



ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS: FISH SKIN LEATHER

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