

Stay at home, party responsibly, say Mumbai bosses

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The 11 pm curfew has put a damper on Mumbai's New Year's Eve plans. While some people are opting for staycations at their favourite hotels in or around the city, others plan to spend December 31 with their loved ones at home.

Blessing in disguise

Krsnaa Mehta, founder, India Circus, usually spends the last day of the year in Hong Kong, watching the fireworks at the famous Victoria Harbour waterfront. But this year, the designer is more than happy to be home. "It's imperative that we all behave responsibly and that's why I'll be home this time. I'll be with four to five close friends and neighbours I'm inviting for New Year's Eve," he says.



Mehta calls the night curfew a blessing in disguise. "Winding up early will let me sleep at a decent hour, which is what I enjoy," Mehta says with a laugh.

Family time

Amit Patni, director, Campden Family Connect, also plans to host a small get-together at home. "Ring in the new year usually involves small celebrations, either at home or at a club. However, this year calls for extra precautions and not going overboard. We have decided to spend the night with some close friends and family at home. It'll be a small and cozy do with good food, drinks and some soft music," Patni says.



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Safety first

For Body Art founder **Nawaz Modi Singhania**, New Year's Eve is synonymous with a party at their Alibaug farmhouse. "We've always spent December 31 with close friends and their families at our farmhouse in Alibaug. It's tradition," she says.



And this year too, it'll be the same, however, sans the usual guest list. "We're not having any outsiders this year. At best there may be one or two close friends who may be here after a proper quarantine process and a negative Covid-19 test. [But] This is not the time to celebrate or party; it is a time to be safe, wise and responsible," she adds.