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The **No TV Weekend** is almost here. In the run-up, we suggest ways in which you can celebrate with friends and family. Don't miss: HT's exciting events and prizes. Join the celebration on [facebook.com/htnotvday](https://facebook.com/htnotvday) and [twitter.com/htnotvday](https://twitter.com/htnotvday)

# Pick a new hobby

**LEARN** Choose between tattoos and pottery, mystery games and Madhubani art

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No TV Weekend is the perfect time to try something new.

Love crime shows? Turn detective for a day. Like the ethnic look? Learn to block-print or hone your pottery skills. Have a knack for drawing? Learn a tribal art form.

Also on offer: How to solve the Rubik's cube (with a little help from an expert), how to draw on your own tattoo, or grow organic herbs and vegetables in your balcony.

Whatever your interests, chances are the city's growing 'experience' offerings will have the right fit for you.

Take Shweta Ghosh. The 30-year-old PR executive felt like her weekends were running on a loop — friends getting together, chatting, watching reruns of their favourite detective shows.

One Saturday, Ghosh decided to stage a 'crime' in her own home — one that she and her friends could then investigate.

"Instead of watching Holmes and Poirot again, we actually got to do some of the stuff. The instructor explained every step, and we got some first-hand experience of the world we were so fascinated by," says Ghosh, 30, a public rela-



■ At The Hab in Khar, young ones and adults can try their hand at stitching and embroidery. You can play with clay for three hours at a time at Studio Pottery in Bandra.



tions professional.

The instructor came to them through experience and activity company Blue Bulb, which offers to create a 'crime scene' in your home and then help you investigate it.

Ghosh and her friends even got to meet a real-life forensics expert, who demonstrated how fingerprint evidence is gathered, how a crime scene is 'cased' and how the clues are then examined.

You can also exercise your grey cells at Clue Hunt in Bandra, where participants are locked in a room and have to unearth and decode a chain of clues within an hour to unlock themselves.

"Often, people want to re-attempt the puzzle if they didn't solve it on their own the first time," says co-founder Ketan Chhatpar, laughing. "The game is for a minimum of two people, but works well for groups of up to eight."

If hectic sleuthing is not your thing, you can pick an art that relaxes, like one-stroke painting.

"I like colours, but was never good at sketching. Stroke painting is all about putting the right strokes of colours in the right places. I am an IT professional and, after a hectic week, coming here to paint is almost like therapy for me,"

says Sonam Changwani, 27, a software consultant who attends classes offered by Simee Sayal of Art Orbit in Bandra (West). Sayal also offers classes in Warli painting, the tribal art form indigenous to Maharashtra, and Madhubani painting from the Mithila region of Bihar.

If your preferred canvas is your body, you could even learn to paint yourself. "In as little as three days, you can learn to make basic shapes. This way, your tattoo is truly personalised, plus you are suddenly more in demand among your friends," says Nasir Imam, 42. The Ghatkopar-based businessman signed up for a three-month tattoo session with Nikhil Bhanushali of Ace Tattoo in Ghatkopar.

Perhaps you're not the arty type, but have instead always envied that cousin who could solve the Rubik's cube when you were in school. There are now places dedicated to teaching you just that. "As a child, I never could get all those coloured pieces in a line. It was great to finally master the cube, something I had set out to do in Class 6," laughs Vaishali Sharma, 21, a dance teacher.

Software engineer Sidharth Gada, will come to your house and teach you to solve the cube. "Usually, it takes one session of about four hours," says Gada, who offers the class over the weekends.



■ Play Sherlock with friends at Clue Hunt.



■ At Art Orbit in Bandra, you can try your hand at Madhubani, a tribal art form from the Mithila region of Bihar. (Extreme left) You can give the pottery wheel a spin at Kindles in Kandivli.

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HOMES  
TODAY,  
FOR  
TOMORROW...

## hindustantimes The Guide

### PLAY CLUE HUNT

Get locked in a room and free yourself by decoding a trail of clues at Clue Hunt in Bandra (West).

CALL: 2600-5225, 2499-9165

COST: Rs 500 per head for a one-hour session

### GIVE WARLI, MADHUBANI ART A SHOT

Simee Sayal of Art Orbit in Bandra (West) offers classes in tribal art forms such as Warli and Madhubani (right), and one-stroke painting.

CALL: 98331-93380

COST: Prices start at Rs 3,500 for a 3-day course

### SOLVE THE RUBIK'S CUBE

This one is ideal for children or

adults who have been frustrated by one of the world's most popular games. Software engineer Sidharth Gada will come to your home and show you how to solve the Rubik's cube.

CALL: 98330-04410

COST: Prices start at Rs 700 per head for a four-hour session

### TRY YOUR HAND AT POTTERY

Studio Pottery and Kindles offer one-day workshops in basic pottery on the weekends. For Studio Pottery at Rizvi Complex in Bandra (West), email contact@rekhgoyal.com. A three-hour session (inclusive of material) costs Rs 1,800 per head. For Kindles in Kandivli (East), call 98196-25896. A 2.5-hour session costs Rs 700 per head.

### COMPOSITION COURSE FOR CHILDREN

Here, kids can learn about the seven basic notes, elements of a song, beat patterns etc. At the end of the session, the students will compose a song and the academy will record it.

WHERE: National Centre for the Performing Arts, Nariman Point

WHEN: May 29, 10 am to noon

CALL: 6622-3813

COST: Rs 7,200 per child (ideal for children aged 7 to 12)



### UNDERSTANDING HINDUSTANI MUSIC

The National Centre for the Performing Arts is holding a workshop to make classical music more accessible. The three sessions, two hours each, will focus on listening to and analysing three genres — dhrupad, khayal and thumri.

WHERE: NCPA, Nariman Point

WHEN: May 29, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm; May 30, 3 pm to 7 pm

CALL: 6622-3813 or email indianmusic@ncpamumbai.com

COST: Rs 1,000 per session

### LEARN TO EMBROIDER

Learn stitches, embroidery, knots and patterns.

WHERE: The Hab, Linking Road, Khar, (West)

CALL: 6127-4444

URL: thehab.in

COST: Prices begin at Rs 350 for a 45- to 90-minute session

### DRAW YOUR OWN TATTOO

If your skin is your canvas, head to Ace Tattoo and Arts Studio in Ghatkopar for a customised, one-on-one session alone or with friends over the weekend.

CALL: 91677-69367, 98199-38187

COST: Prices start at Rs 25,000 for a four-hour session

### HOST A FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP (RIGHT)

attend a tea-tasting or learn about organic gardening. Blue Bulb offers a range of activities on the weekend, most of which can be customised and brought to your home. "In activities such as organic farming, the instructor will come to your house with all the tools you need," says Blue Bulb founder Rendal Rodrigues.

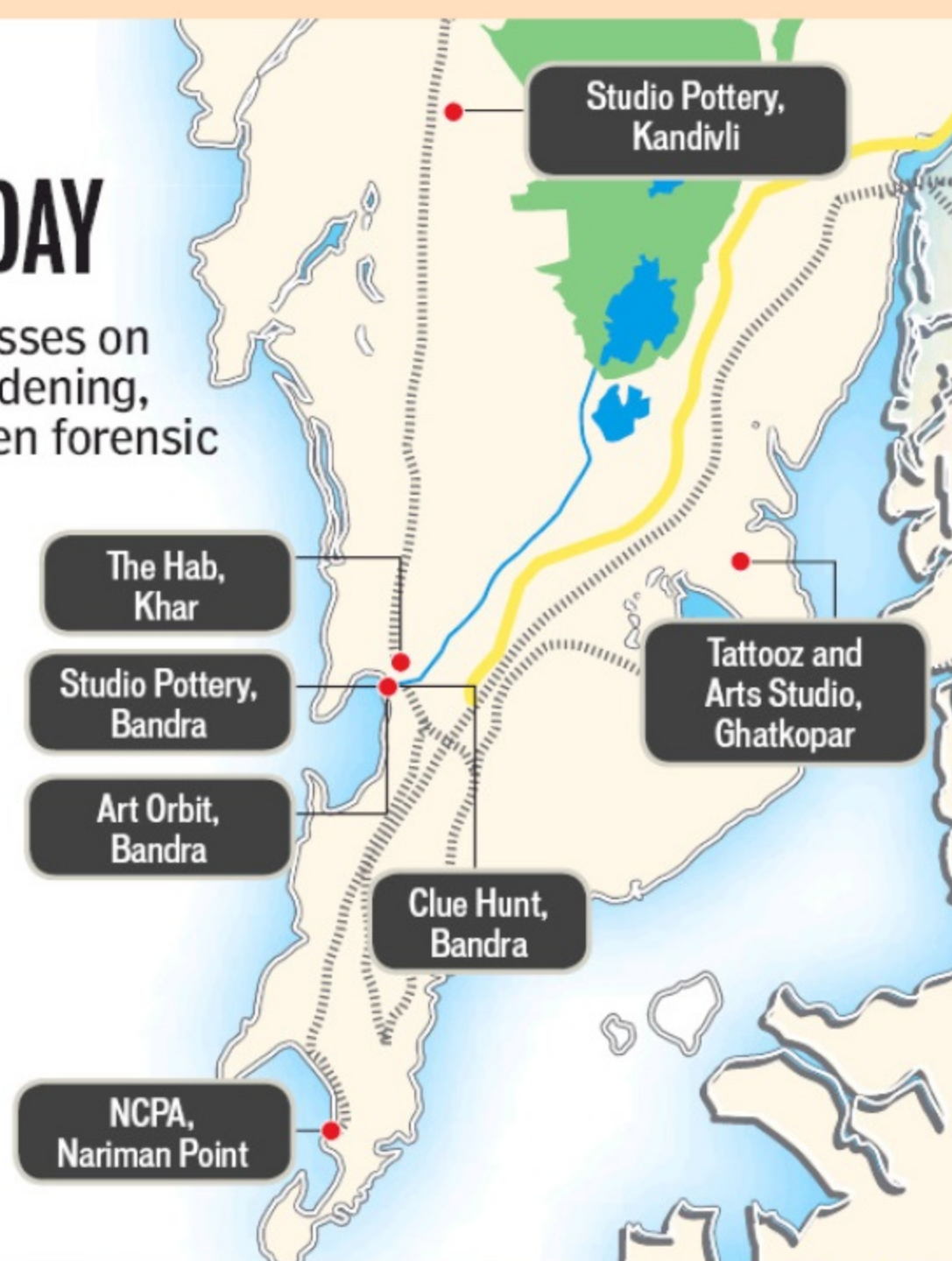
CALL: 3227-0033

URL: bluebulb.in

COST: Prices start at Rs 1,000 for a 3-hour session on organic gardening

## MAP YOUR DAY

Try out classes on music, gardening, art and even forensic science



## HINDUSTAN TIMES OFFERS YOU...

On No TV Weekend, your favourite newspaper has lots lined up. Here's a look at the schedule for Sunday



### HELICOPTER JOYRIDE

Soar hundreds of feet above the city and see its stunning coast-line from an all-new perspective. **Noon to 1 pm, at Pawan Hans, Juhu**



### OPEN-DECK BUS RIDE

Breeze through south Mumbai atop an open-deck bus for a unique view of the city. Register on the same day and collect passes at **Coomaraswamy Hall gate of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj museum between 3 pm and 3.15 pm. Hop on for an hour-long ride at 4.30 pm**



### WINE TASTING BY ALL THINGS NICE

Set out on a wine trail with sommelier Nikhil Agarwal and taste an assortment of varieties and styles from around the world. **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm, at Shiro, Worli**



### TREASURE HUNT

Do you know your city well enough? Here's a fun challenge to test your knowledge of Mumbai. **6 pm to 7.30 pm, starting at Horniman Circle, South Mumbai**



### CHARCOAL PAINTING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Let your kids explore the use of charcoal as a medium to express their imagination, at this session conducted by Vibgyor. **2 pm to 3 pm, at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj museum, Fort**



### TOTAL FOOTBALL AND CARD GAMES FOR KIDS

Form teams, strategise and play on an astro turf football field and outdoor futsal facility. **4 pm to 6 pm, at Kick, Powai**



### FOOD FOR WELL-BEING

Attend a discussion on healthy eating conducted by chef Ranveer Brar, including conversations on yogic food and protein, regional and seasonal foods, and how to make a delicious quinoa polenta upma with Kerala-style mushroom stew. **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm, at Shiro, Worli**



### BMX STUNT BIKE SHOW

Watch professional stunt performers perform daring stunts. **9 am to 10 am, at National Sports Club of India, Worli**



### RUNNING AND LIVING

Run for 5 and 10 km, make new friends, explore your neighbourhood and your city. **Assemble at 6.15 am at the Aarey Chhota Kashmir lake parking lot, Juhu Chowpatty or Mahalakshmi racecourse**



### KUNAL JESSANI'S DANCE WORKSHOP

Enjoy a Bollywood dance session of latkas and thumkas or relax with the stretches and poses of contemporary dance. **2 pm to 3.30 pm and 5 pm to 6.30 pm, at Linking Road, Bandra**



### THROUGH THE COLOURED GLASS HERITAGE WALK

Tour the city's finest examples of stained glass and stroll through magnificent interiors, accompanied by a narrative on how they are made and why they are historically significant. **Assemble at 8.45 am at Flora Fountain**



### MIME ACT

Watch Touch U Miss in Life, a mime act based on happy touches you miss as you grow up. **6 pm to 6.30 pm, at David Sassoon library, Kala Ghoda**

To register or view the full list of events, go to [notvday.hindustantimes.com](https://notvday.hindustantimes.com)

