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In the midst of all the wedding planning and coordination, it's always relaxing to make time to pamper oneself. It's even better if it comes as a surprise from the groom—a gesture that shows your appreciation for her time and effort. Alisha Shiroadkar, marketing director, Tamarind Global, recounts a recent wedding, where the groom sent handwritten notes to the bride every day for a month, prior to the big day. She says, "For a month leading up to the wedding, he ensured that the notes reached her, whether it was at her home, her office, or the hotel, which was the wedding venue."

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Chirag Kotwani's surprise proposal to his bride-to-be Nikita Sawlani was motivated by many factors. Despite it being an arranged marriage, Kotwani's romantic streak compelled him to pop the big question before their engagement party. Also, he wanted it to be a moment that they could remember for the rest of their lives. With the help of The Wedding Designers, he was able to photograph Sawlani's reaction to the moment. Rishi Rochlani, co-founder, The Wedding Designers, says, "The proposal took place at a beautiful terrace restaurant, which was entirely booked by Chirag for that evening. He also arranged for a guitarist to play some tunes as he got down on one knee and popped the question."

While Kotwani was prepping for the moment, Yamini Shah, co-founder of The Wedding Designers, persuaded Sawlani to meet at the restaurant to discuss wedding matters. As Sawlani made her way to the restaurant terrace, Kotwani was ready for her with a ring in his hand. **W**

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