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**Five Point Masti** 

### Leisure ioints

City-based bassist Nithin Krishna, shares his five favourite hangout spots



GULLU'S CHAT, SESHADRIPURAM: The chats are reasonably priced and really tasty. Moreover, it is also a cool place to hangout with friends for a casual chit chat.



#### COUNTERCULTURE, WHITEFIELD:

We generally go there for our show or to watch a show. It has an awesome environment, mind-blowing music and it is a nice place to meet new people.

CHING LUNG, BRIGADE ROAD: We are found chilling out here most of the time. We love the place for its delectable array of beer, the music and the ambience.

JAM HUT, HENNUR: This is our enlightenment spot, where we have our jam sessions and make music. It is also a good place to just unwind and chill out.



PURPLE HAZE, RESIDENCY ROAD:It is one of the best pubs in Bengaluru. The variety of drinks offered along with their happy hours slots make it an inviting chill

- As told to ARKA SENGUPTA

## RISING 'LITERAL

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The job of a literary agent is to collect

book.

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manuscript, make it ready to be shown to a publish-

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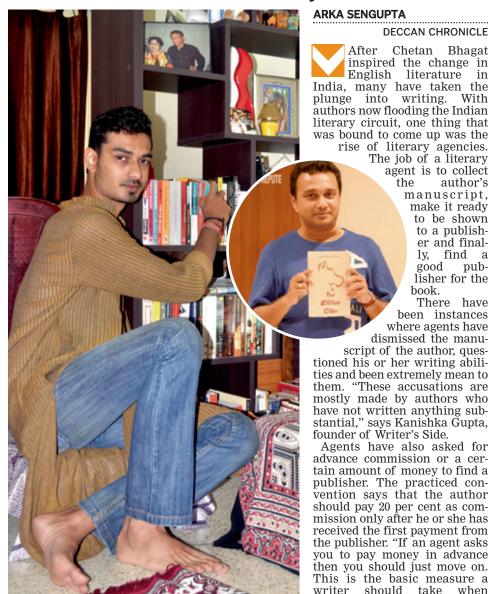
There have

been instances

where agents have

dismissed the manuscript of the author, ques-

The Indian literary scene is flourishing at an alarming rate and we find out how and why



Ayaan Basu (Inset: Sudipto Das)

faced any trouble when I approached my agent," says Sudipto Das, author of *The* **DECCAN CHRONICLE** Ekkos Clan. Chetan Bhagat

The major publishing houses in India bring out almost 10 to 15 books per month which increases the competition even more. "If a debutant author directly goes to a publisher, it is difficult to get a response from them. Many authors, who are desperate enough, fall for this trap," says Ayaan Basu, author of *The* Storm in My Mind —

Kolkata and Confessions.

Kanishka Gupta explains, "It is almost impossible to get replies from publishers directly these days because they rely on literary agencies to act as filters. You have to be really good to get a reply from a publisher." With so many good books get-ting published every year, one also gets to hear inspiring stories about the publishing scenario. "Two years ago, I got a from Anamika Mukherjee for her book. She had come to me after facing 11 rejections from publishers. We faced all the odds together and in the end Anamika got an offer of Rs, 1 lakh from Harper Collins within a month."

Many writers do not realise that writing their life stories masqueraded as fiction does not work anymore

> – KANISHKA GUPTA, FOUNDER OF WRITER'S SIDE



### A WALK ON THE **RIGHT SIDE OF** THE BOSS!

At the Uniform **Fashion Show Shane** Kringe, the GM of Ritz Carlton was seen walking down the ramp with his employees. Ok, now that what we call friendly office spaces. No wonder his entire team was seen smiling and cheering for the man of the hour.



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