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Shimmering, glow-in-the-dark cushions prepare you for the sumptuous celebrations of hedonistic delight at The Pasha, Chennai's famous nightclub, writes **Rinku Gupta**

**CHENNAI IS** fast becoming a "hot and happening" city. The presence of The Pasha, an exclusive nightclub at The Park hotel, has greatly contributed to this new image of the city.

Designed by Hirsch Bedner of the USA, the nightclub exudes an aura of mystery and sensuousness, certainly

living up to its very Turkish name! The effect is enhanced by the choice of fabrics, colours and materials used. Though black is dominant, behind the bar counter and the DJ's console, candles in extra large sizes and bright colours, give the space a touch of secret pleasure and add to the play of lighting.



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Translucent fuchsia drapes welcome you into the amazing labyrinth of The Pasha's pleasure palace. A suspended eagle is a unique light sculpture by Krishnaraj Chonat, with white pearl-encrusted silver leather wings.

Sipping a drink and watching the action on the dance floor, you can sink into the low divan-styled seating areas and make yourself comfortable with silky cushions of myriad hues. Chartreuse green, fuchsia pink, silver

leather and sparkling sequins add to the warmth of the place. A maze of metallic organza drapes create perfect hideaways in the midst of frenzied activity on the floor, almost giving you the feel of an urban harem. The atmosphere in the nightclub is one where you can relax and enjoy your intimate moments, cocooned from prying eyes.

The dance floor is of a combination of mirrors with colour-changing LEDs in between. Decorative and LED

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lighting create the mood of the place. The staircase is of a checkered plate with LED lighting, stainless steel and glass railings.

The sparkling mirrored walls of the double height space of a contemporary *sheesh mahal* trap the reflections of multiple candles, exuding soft light and fragrance. Walk up to the mirrored dance floor in perpetual motion with bodies moving to rousing rhythms mixed by the resident DJ Jason and several visiting DJs from all over the world. Warm glows from Moroccan lamps show you the way to the private powder rooms where a lot of glass has been used, including on basin tops as well as doors.

Take the flight of stairs and you come to 'Kismet', the private pavilion of sensuous opulence which offers the

select few members a bird's eye view of the area below. Wooden floor and sofas of polysilk with curtains of sheer moss green and pink add to the opulent effect. Shimmering cushions here glow in the dark, preparing you for the sumptuous celebrations of hedonistic delight. Definitely worth a dekho!

Outside, wooden doors decorated with Tanjore paintings lead your escape into the Riad— a courtyard of sin. Specially commissioned glass floor traps the colours of passion and adds to its mysteries. Glittering stars look down on this open space of perfect calm and rejuvenation.

Pasha is an ever-changing space of intimacy and mystery—a fleeting vibrant world which allows you to imagine and create your personal pictures of passion. ■