

11/11/11: Couples line up to tie knot

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MUMBAI: When Hushidar Kharas proposed to his girlfriend, Parinaz Jehangirji, in January, she agreed to marry him on one condition: the wedding would have to take place on November 11, 2011.

"Since the date is easy to remember, my fiancée cannot use it as an excuse to forget our anniversary in the future," said an excited Jehangirji, 27. Like Kharas and Jehangirji, several city couples are eager to tie the knot on the unique date. Wedding venues and catering services for the date were booked almost six months in advance.

"A client whose wedding date was fixed a week later on November 18, frantically called to book a slot for his sangeet ceremony on November 11," said Wedding Planners. With three events, including a wedding ceremony, reception and sangeet pre-booked for November 11, Shah has been rejecting new bookings for the date. "We received several calls from couples, but as per our company policy, we will organise only one wedding," said Jarret D'Abreo

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from Marry Me wedding planners. "We are also experimenting with the invitation and decor designs." According to numerologist Hemant Surve, the unique sequence is a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. "There is no scientific reasoning to explain the significance of this date. Since it is the last in the sequence this year after 01/01/11, 11/01/11 and 01/11/11, it could be lucky for the couples," said Surve.

"Moreover, it is a Friday, which is considered to be an auspicious day."

At Mayfair Banquets in Worli, the wedding room was booked for the date in February. "A Mumbai-based family confirmed their booking in advance," said Farhat Husein, deputy manager (sales), Mayfair Banquets.