



Creating, Preserving Culture...

Wedding dessert buried deep inside the freezer
for five decades. During a deep cleaning session, lady
observed: ‘Do not open until 2018!’ A chunk of wedding cake
preserved, to be shared on their fiftieth anniversary...the
sharing of vows ne’er happened- her better half gone!
Son encouraged Mom to unwrap the aluminum foil,
and let it thaw; pushing aside skeptical views:
‘No concerns, the oldest one is about 161 years old!’
‘Gharchola sarees are cherished family heirlooms
passed down through generations...’ Isha Ambani’s
wedding outfit – a 16-panelled ghagra worth hundreds
of crores. Noteworthy, the drape on her shoulder –
Mom Nita’s 35-year-old wedding sari!
Connecting with people and places, not just from
the present but also from the past, reveals a world anew.
Sepia-tone photographs, hand-written letters,
crumpled diaries, the scent of old books
bring along infinite sensory pleasures,
greater awareness to rediscover talents,
traditions, customs, and practices; such narratives
help to establish identities, core to our very being,
to recognize we’re leaves of one gigantic tree –
“Humaniqueness!”

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