

A lesson in Austria's past



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It's not often when a book is written on a person's life without there being any interaction with the author and the subject. Shovana Narayan, who is married to former Austrian ambassador to India Herbert Traal, is one of those few who has managed to do it, having written a book on her late father-in-law, Erwin Traal, whom she never met.

Titled *Wir Sind Österreichler* (We Are Austrians), the Kathak exponent's book traces the Austrian family's journey during the World Wars, the Nazi regime and the breakdown of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

"My husband and son explained that part of history to me, traced back all the writings of my mother-in-law and two sisters-in-law. I even made them dig into the family

albums," said Narayan. "People kept asking me, is it a book about art or dance? The reason why I did it is quite simple. Ever since I got married to Herbert, I kept hearing anecdotes. The emotional perspective made it very different as it gave me an insight into the social and political development of Austria from a very personal point of view," she said.

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Saeed Naqvi



Sunita Kohli



Rensika Varma



Shovana Narayan and Pavan K Varma



Erwin Inshan Traal and Herbert Traal



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For some, vacation time has just begun, while for others, it's time for a holiday hangover! Aishwarya Khan belongs to the latter clan, clicked with family at Mumbai airport, returning from a getaway. Also, don't miss BoBo with hubby Saif Ali Khan who gave us story legends, as they returned from London. HTC



Kiran Rao, Ira, Azad and Aamir Khan



Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan



Sania and Karisma Kapoor

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