



STYLE TAKES STAGE!

The much-awaited Fashion Icon India 2025 Season 2 commenced with style and enthusiasm at Sukoon Bay Resort, Jaipur, under the banner of Khanak Chitra Entertainment. **P12**



Contestants of Miss Rajasthan 2025, Season 2, posing gracefully during the Jaipur auditions

MISS RAJASTHAN 2025 SEES A SURGE IN PARTICIPATION FROM SMALLER CITIES

Tiara Trail

The first audition of Miss Rajasthan 2025, was held on Sunday, April 13 at Hotel Prime Safari, Jaipur. The event saw over 1100 girls from across the state showcasing talent and confidence. City First brings to you some glimpses!



Yogesh Mishra and Nimisha Mishra with (L-R) Hritika Singh, Dimple, Harshika Batra, Aura Virmani, Sezal Sharma, Aanchal Bohra, Arnika Jain, Aastha Choudhary, Khushi Belawala, Himani and Suhani Khunteta

The grandeur of Rajasthan's most prestigious beauty pageant, Miss Rajasthan 2025 unfolded with a remarkable beginning as the first audition took place on Sunday at Hotel Prime Safari in Jaipur. Organised in association with Fusion Group, Prime Safari and Arya Group of Colleges, the event witnessed an overwhelming participation of over 1100 young girls from across the state, including small towns and metropolitan cities. The venue radiated excitement and elegance as the aspiring participants showcased their talent, confidence and personality during the introduction and catwalk rounds. The audition served as the first step for many young girls dreaming of entering the fashion and glamour industry. The jury panel included Nimisha Mishra, Director of Fusion Group and Organiser of Miss Rajasthan, Harshika Batra (Miss Rajasthan 2024), Arnika Jain (Runner-up), Khushi



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Bela Wala, Tanu Payal, Dimple Harchandani, Jyoti Shekhawat, Aanchal Bohra (Miss Rajasthan 2018), Mansi Rathore (Miss Rajasthan 2021) and Aastha Choudhary (Miss Rajasthan 2023 Runner-up), who closely observed and judged each contestant on various parameters.

Notable dignitaries who graced the event included Dr Arvind Agarwal and Dr Pooja Agarwal from Arya Group of Colleges, Meenakshi Solanki (Director, Diva & Debonair), Kirti Jain from Nutrition

Hai Jaruri, Raj Bansal (Patron, Miss Rajasthan), Pt Suresh Mishra, Pawan Goyal, Mudit Sharma from Vivo, Sandeep Jain from Park Ocean, Astrologer Mahavir Kumar Soni, Durgesh Sharma from Roopgarh Palace, Raghav Goyal, JD Maheshwari and former Mayor Jyoti Khandelwal.

Organiser Yogesh Mishra shared that the response from small towns was higher this season, reflecting the expanding reach and popularity of the platform. He added that the journey ahead includes exciting activities such as talent rounds, grooming sessions with national and international experts, fitness workshops, beauty sessions, media interactions and pre-parties. The grand finale is scheduled for July at the iconic Birla Auditorium, Jaipur. Miss Rajasthan continues to empower and celebrate young women across the state, providing them a platform to rise, shine and lead.



(Top to bottom) Harshika Batra, Aanchal Bohra, Dimple Harchandani & Contestants shine during the introduction round

Pitch Perfect Finale

In a thrilling finale, EMR Super Kings, led by Gaurav Gaur, clinched the championship of the Kigo Match Creators Cricket League (CCL), recently held at Infinity Club, Jaipur. They triumphed over ASAP Warriors, captained by Kuldeep Rathore and Rohan Bhardwaj, marking a historic win in Jaipur's first-ever creator-led cricket league. Conceptualized by Rara Sports & Entertainment with Altitude Sports, the event featured 100+ creators, influencers and team owners. Semi-finalists included Imperial Sunrisers and Rockdand Royals. Powered by Kigo Match and Aavas Buildcom, the event also saw special guests like Rishi Soni, Shubham Chaudhary and Deepanshu Rara in attendance.

NAIM KHAN



A proud moment captured as Nisha, Rutvi, Ashish, Tanu, Akanksha Bhalla, Gaurav Gaur, Varunavi, Muskan, Somya, PN Dudi, Girraj, Ranveer and Bhavya celebrated their winning achievement with joy and pride.



Jashan Kaur, Priya Agrawal, Deepanshu Rara & Shubham Chaudhary

EVENTS!



Jaipur's golf prodigy, Ojaswini Saraswat, began her season on a high by securing her sixth national title recently at Ahmedabad's Kensville Golf Course. A member of Rambhag Golf Club, she maintained her lead from day one to finish with a comfortable margin. Last year, she bagged five national titles and stood second at the US Kids Golf World Championship 2024. She also won the Asian Junior Master 2024 in Thailand. Ojaswini credited her coach and family for their support.



A press conference was organised on Saturday to announce the partnership between Bima Garage and Bima Junction (a subsidiary of Jaipur Health & Wellness) aimed at simplifying the insurance claim process for hospitals in Rajasthan. The collaboration will reduce administrative tasks, allowing hospitals to focus on patient care. Himmat Singh, CEO of Jaipur Health & Wellness, highlighted the significance of this initiative. Bima Garage, serving over 2,000 hospitals across India, is expanding into smaller cities in Rajasthan. The event was attended by Bima Garage Co-Founders Sandesh Mishra, Devang Parmar, Sandeep Kumar, Dr Manu, and officials from 30 hospitals in Jaipur.



Ambassy Millennium Senior Secondary School, Ramnagar Sodala, Jaipur, hosted the cultural festival "Navras 2025" on Thursday at Birla Auditorium. The grand event honoured the grandparents of the students, inviting them as special guests to promote familial bonds and strengthen intergenerational relationships. Students performed emotional and entertaining acts, sharing the stage with their grandparents. They sang songs like "Dadi Amma Dadi Amma Maan Jao" and "Nani Teri Morni Ko Mor Le Gaye." Bollywood singer Samarth Swaroop was awarded the prestigious "Rooh-e-Mausiqi" for his contribution to music. The event successfully blended tradition, family values, and cultural celebration, leaving a lasting impression on all participants. It was a memorable gathering that showcased the importance of family connections.



Abhishek Sand, Alok Sonkhiya, Sunita Shekhawat & Neeraj Lunawat

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The 27th edition of the Rough and Cut Gemstone Show (JAGS), organised by the Jewellers Association Jaipur, concluded grandly at Rajasthan International Centre, Jhalana. Known as “India’s Tucson Show,” this one-day exhibition attracted



Sunita Shekhawat cut the ceremonial ribbon. Also seen are Abhishek Sand, Alok Sonkhiya, Neeraj Lunawat with association members



global relevance. With 117 exhibitors and 147 booths, the event, coordinated by Abhishek Sand, reinforced Jaipur's status as a global gemstone hub.



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MELODIC DEVOTION!



As part of the Net-Theat series, singer Naval Dangi captivated audiences with the soulful Rajasthani folk song “Baje chhe naubat baaja mhara Diggipuri ka raja”, dedicated to folk deity Diggi Kalyan. The rendition, originally composed by devotee Jamuna Dasi, evoked deep cultural pride. Musicians Neeraj Chauhan (tabla), Hardik Tharuka (harmonium), Ankesh Khatana (guitar) and Girdhari Lal (cymbals) added vibrant energy. Rajendra Sharma Raju coordinated the event, with music by Jitendra Sharma and visuals by Manoj Swami.

SACRED PATH!



In a spiritual Ashray ceremony at Gupt Vrindavan Dham on Sunday, 460 devotees dedicated their lives to Krishna Bhakti under the shelter of Vishwaguru Srila Prabhupada. Of these, 335 qualified through interviews and questionnaires for Ashraya levels—Shraddhavan to Charana Ashraya—marked by chanting commitments. Devotees pledged to follow the four regulative principles and read Srila Prabhupada's books. President Amitasana Das emphasized the transformative power of chanting Krishna's name, guiding devotees toward knowledge, devotion and the ultimate goal—Bhagavad Dham.



FROM FEAR TO FRIENDSHIP WITH DOGS

KINDNESS TOWARD STRAYS

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With a sharp rise in dog bite incidents, public sentiment is currently torn between dog lovers and critics. But instead of conflict, what we need is compassion, understanding and awareness. Dogs

have been loyal companions to humans since ancient times—from Yudhishtira's Mahabharata companion to guardians of our homes today. Experts like advocates Manjari Sharma, Satyendra Singh, US attorney Rahul Dwivedi, and Banipark Vistar Yojna Vikas Samiti president Shankar Lal

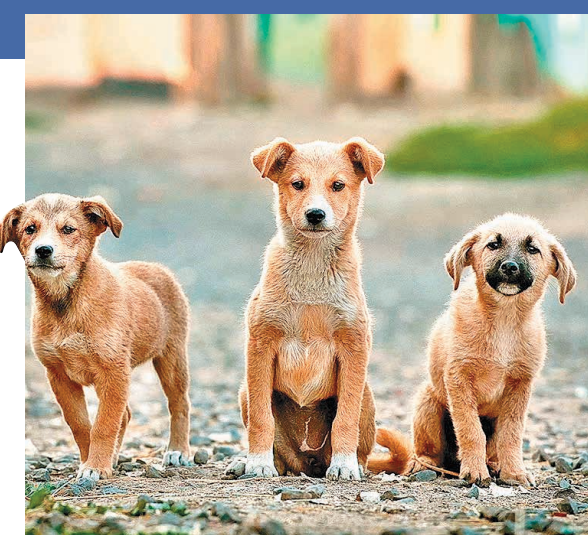
Agarwal, along with dog feeder Tanuja Inani, emphasize the need for a balanced approach.

Key steps include educating children about street dogs, promoting pet owner responsibilities, supporting sterilization and vaccination drives and recognizing canine behaviour. NGOs, mu-

nicipal bodies and citizen committees must work together to create shelters, store bite data, ensure rabies vaccinations and uphold dogs' legal rights. Understanding dogs' pain, hunger and health needs, along with driving responsibly and treating them kindly, can reduce aggression. Fear of dogs

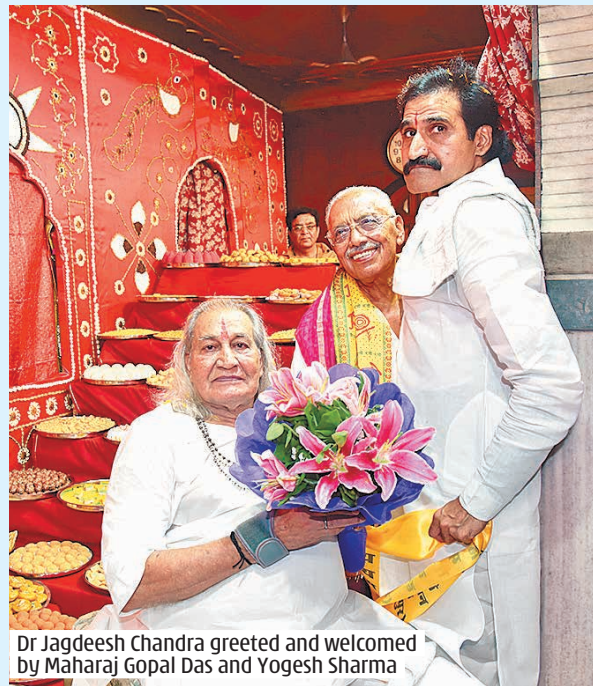
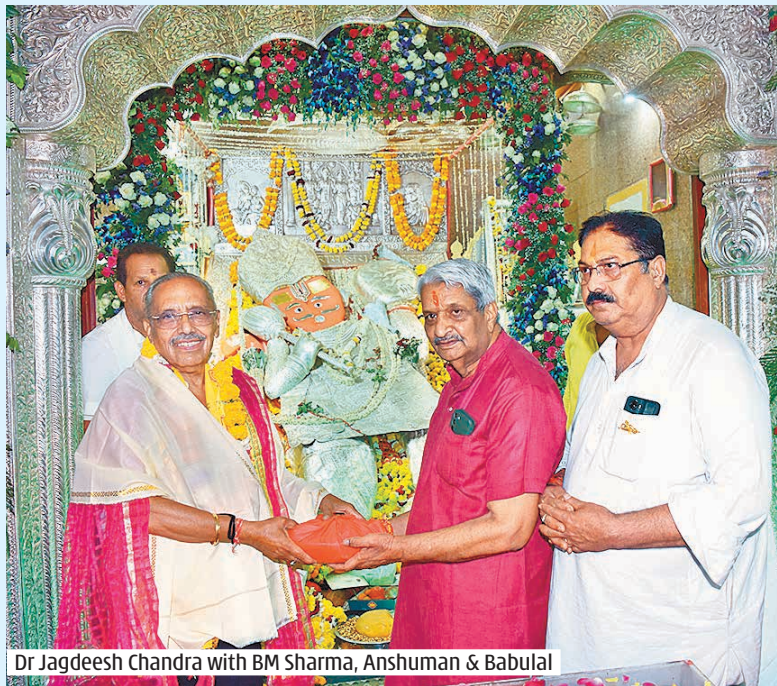
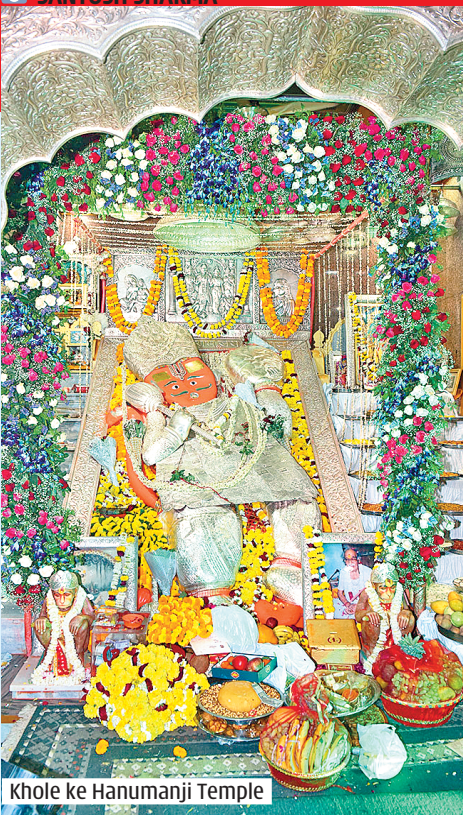
can also be addressed through dog lovers and feeders who help bridge trust between animals and humans.

The message is clear—love dogs, respect them and build a world where both dogs and humans can coexist peacefully. Small actions can lead to powerful, lasting harmony.



 SANTOSH SHARMA

DIVINE DARSHAN



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The sacred occasion of Hanuman Janmotsav was marked with

grandeur and devotion in Jaipur, as thousands of devotees gathered to celebrate the birth of Lord Hanuman. A divine atmosphere prevailed at the renowned Khole Ke Hanuman Ji and Shri Kale Hanu-

man Ji temples, where special rituals, Maha Abhishek and vibrant floral adornments were offered to the deity throughout the day.

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra paid a soulful visit to both temples.

At Khole Ke Hanuman Ji, he was warmly received by BM Sharma, General Secretary of the temple trust, along with Anshuman and Babulal, who honoured him with a traditional dupatta and prasad.

Later, at Shri Kale Hanuman Ji Temple, he was respectfully welcomed by Maharaj Gopal Das and Yogesh Sharma. The temple witnessed a majestic Shobha Yatra originating from Moti Dungri Ganesh Temple,

featuring grand tableaux and traditional music, drawing devotees in large numbers.

Dr Chandra performed the aarti and sought blessings from Sankat Mochan Hanuman Ji for the continued suc-

cess of Bharat24, First India News Channel, First India English Newspaper and Sach Bedhadak Hindi Daily. His visit reflected deep devotion and reverence, adding spiritual grace to the occasion.

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The much-awaited Fashion Icon India 2025 Season 2 commenced with style and enthusiasm at Sukoon Bay Resort, Jaipur, under the banner of Khanak Chitra Entertainment. The two-day event, directed by Archana Das, is being held in three categories—Miss, Mrs and Mother-Daughter focusing on empowerment, beauty, and confidence.

The first day featured a grooming session where participants received expert training in ramp walks and stage presence. Archana Das emphasized



that the event is dedicated to women's empowerment, offering a platform for women and girls to showcase their talents on a national stage.

The grand finale featured stunning Indo-Western collections, combining style and versatility on Sunday. Celebrity guest Vaishnavi Macdonald, a renowned Indian film and television actress, graced the event, while Pukhraj Prajapati, the Chief Guest,

welcomed the distinguished attendees. Other notable guests included Vishu Rathore Surana, Kaushalya, Dipti Chinaria, Dr Shobha Tomar, JD Maheshwari, Raghunandan Rawat, Rohit Kumar (R Virat Group), Dr Suresh Prajapati (RPM), and influencer Jitesh Prajapati.

The event was a true celebration of fashion, family values, and empowerment. For more details, visit www.khanakchitra.com.

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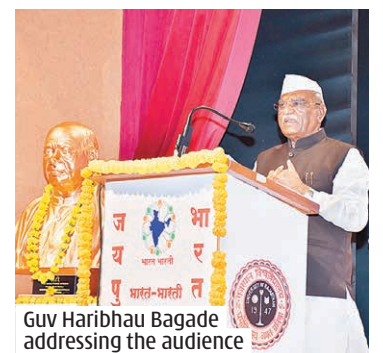
Cultural Mosaic

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Jaipur witnessed a vibrant cultural evening on Saturday at the Humanities Chair Auditorium, organised jointly by Bharat Bharti Jaipur and Rajasthan University, to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Celebrated under the theme “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat,” the event brought together residents from over 20 states who showcased their folk traditions, dance, music, costumes, and customs—creating a vivid tableau of “Miniature India.”

The event was graced by Governor Haribhau Bagde as Chief Guest and Bharat Bharti National President, Vinay Bhai Patrale as Special Guest. The program



was presided over by Prof KB Sharma. Performances included Padhaaro Mhare Desh by Sanskar Bharti, regional dances from UP-Bihar, South India, Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and a special play on Sardar Patel's legacy. Sanatan Foundation promoted sustainability at the feast, advocating against food and water wastage—making the celebration meaningful and memorable.



SACRED FESTIVITIES!



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

