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LEGACY ON RUNWAY!

Jaipur's most anticipated fashion extravaganza, The Luxe Legacy Show, is set to return in 2025, promising a trailblazing blend of style, innovation, and storytelling. P12



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Carolina London (CEO of Universal Woman), Maria Sesaldo Gigante (Universal Woman 2024) and the stunning 39 finalists of Universal Woman 2025 from across the globe

A Royal Celebration of Beauty, Grace and Global Talent

GRACE AT THE PALACE

On Thursday evening, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, on behalf of Bharat24: Vision of New India and First India hosted a grand congratulatory dinner at the iconic Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, celebrating 39 finalists from across the globe of Universal Woman 2025, ahead of the pageant's grand finale.

In a dazzling celebration of achievement, elegance, and timeless hospitality, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, on behalf of Bharat24 and First India, hosted a grand congratulatory dinner at the iconic Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, to honour the 39 finalists from across the globe of Universal Woman 2025. The glittering evening brought together glamour, gratitude and grandeur in equal measure, creating a truly unforgettable prelude to the pageant's grand finale.



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The finalists, representing diverse cultures and continents were welcomed with fragrant flowers and curated hampers as a token of love. Set against the opulent backdrop of the palace, the evening was hosted by Mitali Dusad of the First India family, with the warm coordination of Anshika Choudhary and Kavita Chauhan.

The event was graced by Pradip Kumar, Director of Food and Beverage at Rambagh Palace, whose hospitality set a refined tone for the night. Dr Chandra extended heartfelt appreciation to Ashok Rathore, Area Director—Jaipur and Ajmer, and General Manager of Rambagh Palace, applauding the palace's global recognition and its enduring excellence under his leadership. The evening also saw the presence of Carolina London, CEO of Universal Woman, and Maria Sesaldo Gigante, Universal Woman 2024. Their steadfast dedication to the pageant has been pivotal in shaping the journeys of young women across the world. Dr Chandra praised Nikhil Anand, Chairman of Glamanand Group and National Director of Miss Universe India, along with his team, for their exceptional commitment to nurturing talent.

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Fernanda Villalobos



Top to Bottom: Katty Lopez Espana, Iris Miguelez, Adry Vargas & Sidney Gold





Nitya Khandelwal, Bhavika Khunteta tying rakhi to Piyush Khunteta

Eternal Love Knot

Raksha Bandhan painted Jaipur in the colours of love, laughter, and nostalgia. This eternal festival, celebrating the promise of protection, saw streets buzzing with vibrant rakhis, sweet aromas, and warm embraces. Once solely a brother-sister affair, Rakhi has beautifully evolved—today, sisters tie rakhis to each other, friends exchange threads of care, and even loyal pets proudly flaunt rakhis for their unwavering protection. From traditional rituals in family courtyards to quirky, modern celebrations in cafés and parks, the Pink City shimmered with affection in every corner. City First brings you the most heartwarming glimpses of this beautiful celebration!



Kanwaliya family during rakhi celebration (L-R) Pooja, Shanti, Badri Prasad, Divya, Karan, Dushyant with babies Yuvraj and Avantika



Rakesh, Avani, Samarth, Surekha, Hemangi, Jatin, Vinod, Meenaxi, Manoj and Santosh



Akshita, Rakshit, Anisha, Kiara, Kashvi and Adhishri



Himanshi, Kushagra, Rishabh, Vinay, Meenakshi, and Harshita joyfully waving after tying Rakhis



Teena Gupta & Vineet Gupta



Reena tying Rakhi to Shravya



Kamlesh Barwal and Neetu Barwal



(L-R) Neetu Khandelwal, Mahesh Khunteta, Radheshyam Khandelwal, Giriraj Khandelwal, Preksha Khandelwal, Renu Khandelwal, Muli Devi, Vedansh Khandelwal, Shimla and Manmohan



Tanaya



Pragati tying Rakhi to pet Snowy



Chandra Prakash with his niece Meenakshi and niece Harshita



Avani, Hemangi, Samarth and Meenaxi



Promoting greenery, Aanvi Joshi tied a Rakhi to a tree



Ruchika, Paridhi, Prachi, Abhishek, Gaurav, Daksh, Rambabu and Vipra

SUNIL SHARMA



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra warmly greeted by Pradip Kumar and Carolina London



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra warmly greeted by Carolina London & Maria Sesaldo Gigante



(L-R) Monica Naida Chirila, Gazal Sachdev & Natalie Mageza



Mitali Dusad led the event with charm and elegance

QUEENS' Royal welcome



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra addressing the audience

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra while addressing the gathering said, "It is a privilege to welcome these 39 remarkable young women from across the world to Jaipur's crown jewel, Rambagh Palace. Each of them represents beauty, intellect and the spirit of global sisterhood. I extend my warmest gratitude to GM Ashok Rathore for his outstanding hospitality, and to Carolina for her professionalism and dedica-

tion. My heartfelt praise goes to Nikhil Anand and his team at Glamanand Group for their tireless work in uplifting and guiding these finalists. May their journey ahead be bright, fulfilling, and a source of inspiration to women everywhere." Carolina also shared her thoughts, saying, "This evening has been a heartwarming experience. I extend my sincere thanks to Dr Jagdeesh Chandra for his gracious hospitality and for creating such a memorable

welcome. The beauty and warmth of Jaipur, combined with this royal reception, will forever remain in our hearts." Finalists, dressed in ethereal couture, expressed deep gratitude for Dr Chandra's encouragement and the honour of such a royal celebration. With the Universal Woman 2025 grand finale set to take place on August 10 at Zee Studios, Jaipur, the evening marked the perfect blend of cultural heritage, fashion, and empowerment.



Finalists enjoyed a lavish feast at Rambagh Palace



Maldi Vilsar

Roci Pankov



Gio Nicoloy



Tatiana Merel



Negar Ostad



Key Lyn Trajano



Katya Molina



Catherine Hernandez



Nathalee De Armas



Spiritual Serenity



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra warmly greeted by Savita Mathur & Mahesh Mathur. Also seen is Nirmal Tiwari

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In an atmosphere steeped in faith and reverence, Shri Jharkhand Mahadev Temple in Jaipur came alive with the annual Rudrabhishek and Mahaprasadi, hosted by Additional Director of the Mining Department, Mahesh Mathur, and his wife, Savita Mathur, on Friday. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra graced the occasion, receiving a warm welcome from the Mathur family, and he also offered prayers at the Jharkhand Mahadev



Mahesh Mathur & IAS Sandesh Nayak



Jharkhand Mahadev Temple, Jaipur

temple. The event saw the presence of First India News Associate Editor Nirmal Tiwari, IAS Sandesh Nayak, senior mining officials from across Rajasthan, employees, members of the mining fraternity, and their families. A beautifully adorned tab-

leau of Lord Bholenath captivated devotees, while the temple resonated with chants of "Bam Bam Bhole." The gathering radiated an atmosphere of spirituality, unity, and devotion, leaving devotees with a sense of peace and divine connection.

GREETINGS



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra congratulated Rashpal Singh of the First India Family, as he reached the former's residence to seek blessings on the occasion of his birthday on Saturday.

MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Supermodel Vrishty Gyanani, Miss Rajasthan 2024, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Friday.

MUKESH KIRADOO

Poster Unveiled



Cabinet Minister Joraram Kumawat with Sanjay Kumawat, Satinder Singh & Kunal Singh



Cabinet Minister Avinash Gehlot with (L-R) Kunal Singh, Satinder Singh & Sanjay Kumawat

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Celebrating the spirit of World Photography Day, Rajasthan is set to witness its largest photography showcase as the Nazar Photo Exhibition returns under the Rajasthan Photo Festival. Scheduled from August 24 to 26, 2025, at Jawahar Kala Kendra, this grand three-day event will transform the venue into a vibrant gallery of visual storytelling. The official poster



MLA Gopal Sharma with (L-R) Kunal Singh, Sanjay Kumawat & Dr Kartik

was launched by Cabinet Ministers Avinash Gehlot and Joraram Kumawat and MLA Gopal Sharma, alongside Founder and Director

Sanjay Kumawat, Satinder Singh, Kunal Singh, and Dr Kartik. Known as the biggest photo exhibition in the state, it will feature over

600 striking photographs captured by more than 300 photographers. Participants include officers from the Indian Administra-

tive Service, Indian Forest Service, and State Administrative Service, along with photojournalists, doctors, students, freelance photographers, and selected talents from India and abroad.

In a commendable initiative, over 1,300 children have been given free entry, encouraging them to explore and develop an interest in photography. With its scale, diversity, and creative energy, the Nazar Photo Exhibition promises to be an inspiring celebration for photography enthusiasts and art lovers alike.

SPECIAL COVER MARKS MILESTONE



The 9th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club Emerald, Jaipur, was held grandly at RAS Club on Thursday. Rotarian Manish Gupta was appointed as President, Pawan Singh as Secretary, and Abhishek Singh as Treasurer. District Governor Rotarian Pragya Mehta administered the oath and assigned a special CSR role to the club. Notable guests included Ajay Kala, Arun Bagadia, and Anuradha Sharma. The event concluded with 31 new members inducted and a pledge for impactful service activities.

ROTARY CLUB LEADERSHIP INSTALLED



The Department of Posts, Government of India, marked the 15th anniversary of SWASTIVACHANAM by releasing a Special Cover with Cancellation on Sanskrit Day at the Philatelic Bureau, Sansad Marg Head Post Office, New Delhi on Saturday. Chief Guest Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi and Guest of Honour Prof Shiv Shankar Mishra praised the organisation's work in promoting Sanskrit journalism, Yoga, Ayurveda, Vastu Shastra, and Indian Knowledge Systems. The cover, featuring seven chakras, four Vedic Mahavakyas, and Aipan art, also honoured the birth centenary of the founder, Late Dinesh Chandra Joshi.

LUXE LEGACY RETURNS



Jaipur's most groundbreaking fashion showcase, the Luxe Legacy Show, is gearing up for its much-awaited 2025 edition. The journey began on August 6 with a grand poster launch and pre-event soiree at Paro: The Modern Indian Bar, Panch Batti. Founded by Kshitij Mathur and Akshita Mathur, the event aims to break away from traditional runway norms, blending fashion with immersive storytelling. This year promises daring collaborations, innovative concepts, and a platform spotlighting emerging designers—positioning Jaipur as a global fashion hub while merging heritage with modern aesthetics.

PINK WOMANIYA'S WELLNESS EVENING



Pink Womaniya Club, in collaboration with Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Jaipur, recently hosted "Rhythms of Health" at Four Points by Sheraton, blending the festive charm of Lehariya with a health talk and soulful sitar symphony. Medical experts Dr Devendra Shrivastava and Dr Poonam Goyal stressed preventive healthcare and early detection for women. The evening featured a captivating performance by Pt. Chandra Mohan Bhatt. Founder Kanu Mehta urged prioritizing women's wellness and cultural revival. The event drew dignitaries and an enthusiastic audience, celebrating health and heritage together.

PRSI JAIPUR RELEASES 'RAINBOW'



The Jaipur Chapter of the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) recently released its annual "Rainbow" during the Public Relations Year Vandan and Annual Release Ceremony at the Youth Club. Senior members above 75 were honoured under Amrit Vaya Vandan, while new members were welcomed under Udaan. Cultural segments like Samvad and Raag Malhar added charm to the event. President Virendra Pareek shared the chapter's achievements, and Prof Richa Yadav, Dr Ratan Singh Shekhawat along with media professionals, was felicitated. The programme concluded with a fellowship dinner.

CRICKET SHOWDOWN

The first Rajasthan Celebrity Cricket League concluded recently with a thrilling finale in Udaipur, featuring 80 social media influencers across six teams. Organised by V-Vagad Association members Pankaj Joshi, Divya Upadhyay, and others, the final saw Superstar Warrior defeat The Viral Content Legend by scoring 63 runs in 8 overs. Awards included Best Bowler to Mayur Panchal, Best Female Bowler to Jiyun Munia, Man of the Series to Monu Star, and Highest Score to Pankaj Joshi. The two-day event was held at Phuket Academy near Urban Square.



BALRAM PURNIMA CELEBRATED

Gupt Vrindavan Dham celebrated Balarama Purnima, marking the divine appearance of Lord Krishna's elder brother, with grandeur and devotion. The festival featured the Mahabhishek of Lord Krishna Balram with 108 pots of Panchamrit, Panchagavya, fruit juices, herbal water, and coconut water. Devotees enjoyed special decorations, bhajan-kirtan, and the evening Palki Utsav. Temple president Amritasana Dasa highlighted Lord Balram's role in granting spiritual strength essential for Krishna devotion.

SPIRITUAL TRIBUTE



Renowned vocalist Pt Alok Bhatt was conferred the title of Sangeetopasak at the 14th Shri Rameshwaram Bhajan Sangeet Samaroh held recently at the ancient Ganesh temple on Mount Road, Brahmपुरi. Organized in memory of Mahant Pt Rameshwar Lal Sharma, the event featured Ganpati puja, tree plantation, Rudra Path, and recitations by scholars. The evening saw soulful classical and semi-classical bhajan performances. The event was led by Mahant Pt Jai Sharma and Pt Manav Sharma with warm artist felicitations.