



RIDERS GALLOP HIGH!

Riders of the Royal Equestrian Club Kirti Singh (Kurja Tanwar), Dushyant Singh Mertiya and Manya Shaktawat delivered stellar performances at the Jaipur Equestrian Championship 2025. P12

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Tico Rega, Iris Miguez, Spain (First Runner-Up), Katty López España, Ecuador (Third Runner-Up), Carolina London, Ivana Carolina, Puerto Rico (Universal Woman 2025), Ismelys Velásquez, Venezuela (Second Runner-Up), Roci Pankov, Brazil (Fourth Runner-Up), Alexander Gonzalez & Navadel

JAIPUR SHINES AS UNIVERSAL WOMAN 2025 CROWNS GLOBAL BEAUTY AND TALENT

On Sunday night in Jaipur, the spectacular Grand Finale of Universal Woman 2025 brought together 39 contestants from across the globe. City First captures the evening's glamour, cultural diversity and inspiring moments that defined this international celebration of beauty & talent!

Crowning Glory



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stage like Universal Woman offers women a remarkable opportunity to present their identity, culture and talent to the world. It is not just about beauty—it is about empowering women to be ambassadors of change, compassion and leadership."

Special Guest Apeksha Dubey, Universal Woman India 2024, also attended, adding an inspiring Indian presence to the evening.

The event was anchored by a dynamic duo—Luis Portelles, Cuban-Canadian International Host, Pageant Analyst, Coach, renowned content creator and former Mister Supranational Canada and Supra-Chat Award winner; and Karibel Pérez, International Model, Universal Woman 2023 First Runner-up, Top 5 Miss Dominican Republic 2024, and Miss Supranational Caribbean 2025. The much-anticipated results declared Ivana Carolina of Puerto Rico as Universal Woman 2025. The First Runner-up title went to Iris Miguez of Spain, Second Runner-up to Ismelys Velásquez of Venezuela, Third Runner-up to Katty Lopez of Ecuador and Fourth Runner-up to Roci Pankov of Brazil.

Jaipur witnessed an unforgettable night of glamour, elegance, and cultural celebration on Sunday as the Grand Finale of Universal Woman 2025 unfolded in a spectacular fashion. Bringing together beauty, intellect, and international camaraderie, the prestigious pageant saw 39 contestants from across the globe representing their respective nations, showcasing confidence, grace and unmatched talent.

The evening was graced by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, the newly appointed CEO of Miss Universe India. Speaking on the occasion, he remarked, "An international

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Clockwise: Ivana Carolina, Puerto Rico (Universal Woman 2025), Iris Miguez, Spain (First Runner-Up), Ismelys Velásquez, Venezuela (Second Runner-Up), Sidney G (Mexico) & Tatiana Merel (Peru)



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Top 5 of Universal Woman 2025, Ivana Carolina winner, Iris Miguez (1st Runner Up), Ismelys Velasquez (2nd Runner Up), Katty Lopez Espana (3rd Runner Up) and Roci Pankov (4th Runner Up), celebrating together moments after the crowning



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Sidney G (Maxico), Gazal Sachdev (India), Chia Doreen (Cameron), Briar Kerapa (New Zealand), Katty Lopez Espana (3rd Runner Up), Iris Miguez (1st Runner Up), Nikhil Anand, Ismelys Velasquez, (2nd Runner Up), Roci Pankov (4th Runner Up), Nathalee de Armas (Cuba), Tatiana Merel Espinoza (Peru), Madli Visar (Estonia) & Ha Bich Ngoc (Vietnam)



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Iris Miguez, Spain (First Runner-Up), Katty Lopez Espana, Ecuador (Third Runner-Up), Carolina London, Ivana Carolina, Puerto Rico (Universal Woman 2025), Ismelys Velasquez, Venezuela (Second Runner-Up), and Roci Pankov, Brazil (Fourth Runner-Up)



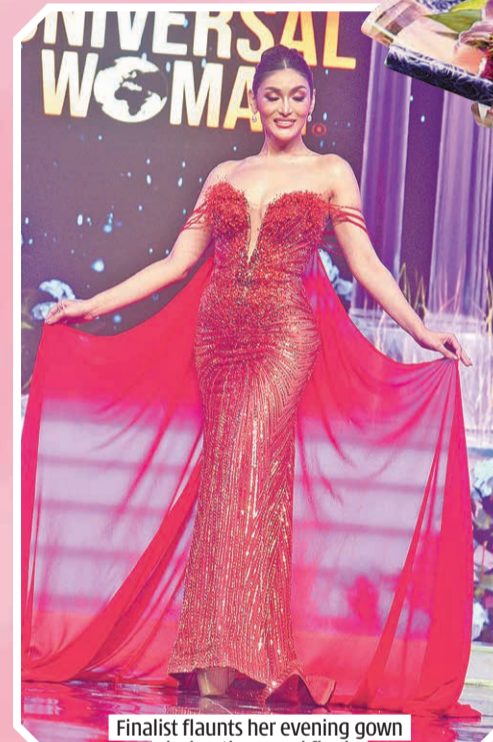
Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Nikhil Anand with Paitan Security MD Mahendra Kumar Meena and team



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Adry Vargas (Bolivia)



Finalist flaunts her evening gown during the grand finale



Catherine Hernandez (Dominican Republic)



Daniela Miranda (Colombia)



Ismelys Velasquez



Roci Pankov

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The competition unfolded in three enthralling segments: Sportswear Round, celebrating fitness, energy and poise. An Evening Gown Round, radiating elegance and sophistication and the Question & Answer Round, testing intellect, social awareness and eloquence.

The distinguished panel of judges included Caroline Teixeira (Miss World Brazil 2021), Carolina London (CEO, Universal Woman & Universal Fashion), Roger Castaño (Businessman & Fashion Entrepreneur), Apeksha Dubey (Universal Woman India 2024), Riya Singha (Miss Universe India 2024) and Mohini Sharma (Founder & CEO, Mrs India).

A defining moment of the night came when Maria Sesaldo Gigante, Universal Woman 2024 winner who earned her crown in Cambodia, passed on the title to the new queen, amid applause, camera flashes and heartfelt cheers. Bharat24 announced a cash prize of USD 1,000 for the winner, USD 500 for each runner-up, and special awards of USD 500 each to Miss Mexico and Miss Peru.

Adding his thoughts, Nikhil Anand, Chairman of Glamanand Group and National Director of Miss Universe India, stated, "Universal Woman is more than a pageant, it is a global platform for women to embrace their strength, leadership and cultural heritage. Every contestant here has left an inspiring mark, proving that beauty, intellect and compassion go hand in hand." The evening concluded with a lavish gala dinner in honour of all participants, celebrating not just the crowning of winners but also the spirit of unity and sisterhood. Universal Woman 2025 stood as a testament that true beauty lies in confidence, talent and the ability to inspire positive change across borders.

The evening concluded with a grand congratulatory dinner following the Universal Woman pageant. The evening brought together winners, finalists, Universal Woman CEO Carolina London and her team, along with Nikhil Anand, Chairman of Glamanand Group and National Director of Miss Universe India and his team. The gathering was marked by heartfelt gratitude expressed by all, reflecting the spirit of unity and achievement. Guests relished a sumptuous spread, making the occasion a perfect blend of elegance, appreciation and delightful hospitality.



A still of finalists from the beautiful traditional round



Jury panel of Universal Woman 2025 featuring Caroline Teixeira, Carolina London, Rhea Singha, Roger Castaño, Apeksha Dubey and Mohini Sharma



Jasmine Omay



Alexander poses with the beauties during the dinner ceremony



Carolina with (L-R) Manven, Abhishek, Maria Gigante, Luis Portelles, Keribel Perez and other



Leah Reyes Amores, Miss Teen Earth 2025. Also seen are Anshika Chaudhary & Alexander Gonzalez



A still from the Sportswear Competition showcasing the finalists' confidence and athletic flair at Universal Woman 2025



Tatiana Merel from Peru shares a warm moment with her National Director



Carolina London and Keribel Perez



Maria Gigante presents the prestigious crown to Ivana Carolina, Universal Woman 2025



Maria Gigante, Universal Woman 2024



Katty Lopez Espana



Top 25 finalists exuding energy and style during the Sportswear Competition at Universal woman 2025

Style Sanctuary



(L-R) Bhawana Nawaria, Pihu Choudhary, Alifirdoush Khan, Akanksha Bhalla, Dixit Sewani, JD Maheswari, Nitin Bhogal, Roshni Saini, Vanshika Verma, Anushka Gupta, and Radhika Sain



JD Maheswari inaugurated the salon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony flanked by Dixit Sewani, Nitin Bhogal, Akanksha Bhalla and Alifirdoush Khan

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Jaipur witnessed the grand opening of the Colored Room Unisex Hair Studio at Brijpuri Scheme on Monday. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by Chief Guest JD Ma-

heswari, along with salon owners Nitin Bhogal and Dixit Sewani, fondly known as the Color Magicians.

With over a decade of expertise, Nitin and Dixit have earned a reputation for creating bespoke hair colours that not only enhance personal style but also tell a unique story. Specialising in professional hair restoration and



wellness, they offer advanced treatments for damaged or thinning hair, blending luxury with science to restore both beauty and confidence. The event was followed by a delightful spread of snacks and

refreshing drinks, allowing guests to mingle and celebrate the grand opening in style.

Notable guests Akanksha Bhalla, Gaurav Gaur, Director & Founder of EMR, Bhawana Nawaria, Pihu Choudhary, Alifirdoush Khan, Roshni Saini, Vanshika Verma, Anushka Gupta, and Radhika Sain also marked their presence.

The salon offers a serene,

welcoming space where revitalising hair rituals are designed as transformative experiences. From fashion runways to everyday styling, their dedication to timeless beauty and exceptional results has made Colored Room a trusted name. Ten years on, their mission remains unchanged — to turn every client's hair into their proudest crown.

ART INSPIRES WELLNESS



Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh School, Jaipur, in collaboration with the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum Trust, successfully hosted an Inter-School Art Competition recently as part of the Jaipur Education Festival. With the theme Mental Health and Well-being, 20 leading Jaipur schools participated in Poster Making and Collage Making contests. Esteemed guests Rama Dutt and Sandeep Sethi attended, while judges included Ms. Neeta Galhotra, Rohini Singh, Renu Meena, and Padma Shri S Shakir Ali. Principal Vaidehi Singh felicitated winners, lauding creativity and thematic depth.



PRESTIGE AWARDED



IIS (Deemed to be University), Jaipur, announced that Kriti Tandon Arora has been declared eligible for the award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Commerce, Department of Financial Studies, recently. Her thesis, "Impact of Selected Behavioral Biases on Investment Decisions of Textile Retailers", supervised by Prof TN

Mathur, was accepted following her viva voce on June 19, 2025, and Vice Chancellor's approval on June 20, 2025. The degree will be conferred at the upcoming convocation.

SHOOTERS CELEBRATE WITH PLANTATION

Regional and national medal-winning shooters celebrated their victories with a plantation drive at the Super 50 Shooting Sports Academy, located in Sant Anand Vihar Colony, Nagaur. Academy coach Madanlal Mirdha informed that in the National Shooting Championship organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya, gold medalist Lokendra Kadwasra and bronze medalist Ujjwal planted a lemon sapling. Similarly, Kanika Gurjar, gold medalist from Dhanraj School, Nagaur, and silver medalist Tanishq Jakhar planted a guava sapling. The initiative aimed to make their achievements memorable while promoting environmental awareness. The saplings, planted outside the academy, stand as a living reminder of their success and commitment to nature.



LEHERIYA FESTIVAL CELEBRATES TRADITIONS



The Leheriya Festival concluded at the banquet hall of Marudhar Mathur Samaj with great enthusiasm. Secretary Sudesh Rop Rai shared that entry for participating women was granted only after applying mehendi, with dedicated counters set up for the same. The event began with a welcome song by Anupama, Kola, Shilpi, Kalpana, and Meeta. Convener Dr Vijay Laxmi informed that the program featured Sawan songs, dance, ramp walk, housie, games, and other entertainment activities. Vice President PR Rai, Founder Secretary Amar Prakash, and several dignitaries attended. Winners received prizes, all participants were honored with welcome gifts, and the evening concluded with high tea.

ST XAVIER'S WELCOMES 2025 FRESHERS



St Xavier's College Jaipur inaugurated its Student Induction Programme - Deeksharambh for the 2025-26 session on Monday at the Fr Stan Swamy Auditorium, as per UGC guidelines. Organised under the IOAC, the event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony. Principal Dr (Fr.) Aroky Swamy SJ encouraged academic and personal growth, while Chief Guest Dr Shuchi Sharma, IAS, spoke on leadership and lifelong learning. IOAC member Dr. Salim Khan outlined the programme, and the 5th Issue of the IOAC Newsletter was released, marking a vibrant welcome for first-year students.

BLOOD DONATION & MEDICAL CAMP

Marking the 6 death anniversary of social worker Late Omvati Narwat, a large-scale blood donation and medical camp was held in Vidhyadhar Nagar. The event was inaugurated by Mahant Shri Parmendra Nath Ji Maharaj of Pipli Balaji Dham. During the camp, around 150 patients received free consultations and diagnostic tests, while 200 donors came forward to give blood, reflecting a strong sense of community service.



Notable attendees included Choudhary Onkar Singh Narwat, Vinod Yadav, Rajesh Nuniya, Dr Manoj Lamba, Dr Sanjeev Poonia, Dr Madan Mohan Agrawal, Sandeep Basera, Om Prakash Gora, Dr Roopak Singh, Dr Anupam Kanodia, Dr Nikhil Bansal, Dr Ram Matoria, Dr Manish Jain, Dr Abhishek Mishra, Dr Omprakash Kajla, Rishant Singh Narwat, Vikas Sharma, Ajendra Yadav, Dr SP Yadav, Rohit Sharma, among others.

EQUESTRIAN GLORY



Riders of the Royal Equestrian Club — Kirti Singh (Kurja Tanwar), Dushyant Singh Mertiya, Pukhraj Singh Shekhawat, and Manya Shaktawat — delivered stellar performances at the Jaipur Equestrian Championship 2025, winning the team gold in the Silver Spur category and team bronze in the Open Dressage competition recently. Kirti Singh, a B Com and LLB graduate from Banasthali Vidyapeeth, began her equestrian journey there and is celebrated for her skill and rapport with horses. The club hailed the achievement as a matter of pride for the region.



GREETINGS!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Rainu Singh, anchor of the Bhule Bisre Nagme, a renowned member of the First India family, as she reached the former's residence to seek blessings on the occasion of her birthday on Monday.

MEET & GREET!



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was warmly greeted by Monnu Verma, Director & Founder of QOR, along with the team, Shalini Sharma, Urja Patel, Pia Malan, Palak Mishra, Divyansha Sharma, Ashok Badgujar, Sakshi Saini, Namrata Sharma, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Monday.

TIRANGA YATRA MARKS PATRIOTISM



Jaipur's Malviya Nagar Assembly constituency witnessed a vibrant Tiranga Yatra on Monday, led by MLA Kalicharan Saraf. Starting from Patrika Gate, the two-wheeler rally passed through JLN Marg, Gandhi Circle, University, Birla Mandir, Rambagh Circle, and Ambedkar Circle before concluding at Amar Jawan Jyoti. Participants donned tricolour turbans and were greeted with floral showers en route. Notable attendees included Suman Sharma, Ashish Saraf, Punit Karnawat, BJP leaders, and workers, showcasing unity and pride in honour of the nation.

MARTYRS REMEMBERED



Bollywood actor-producer Farhan Akhtar's upcoming film 120 Bahadur celebrates valour, but the Ahir (Yadav) community demands rightful recognition of 114 Ahir soldiers martyred in the Rezang La battle. At a press conference and poster launch, Dinesh Yadav, National General Secretary, All India Yadav Mahasabha, stressed honouring these heroes equally. Present were Dr Karan Singh Yadav (President, Rajasthan Yadav Mahasabha), Mahendra Yadav and Har Sahay Yadav (Executive Presidents), Madan Yadav (State President, Youth Yadav Mahasabha), and women's wing leaders Chanchal Yadav (President, Women's Wing) Madhu Yadav (General Secretary, Women's Wing) and Manju Yadav (Member). They called for an accurate depiction, full mention of martyrs' names, and a special screening for families. Legal action was threatened if contributions are overlooked, underscoring the community's demand for dignity and historical truth.

GLAM INAUGURATION

DLG Jewellers was grandly inaugurated on Sunday at Shipra Path, Mansarovar, Jaipur, with Miss India Glam Brand Ambassador & Winner 2024 Somya Gupta as the Chief Guest. Shanti Gupta also graced the occasion. Owners Pratibha Gupta and Nitesh Gupta showcased a collection blending modern designs with traditional craftsmanship in gold and sterling silver. Celebrity guests Pawan Tank, SL Gupta, and Prashant Poddar attended, alongside dignitaries, industry leaders, and fashion personalities, all praising the jewellery's design and quality.

