



### THE STAR VISIT!

**R**enowned Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu was accorded a warm welcome by Pawan Arora, CEO and Managing Editor of First India News, at the channel's office on Tuesday. **P12**



Jyoti Soni



Ankita Solanki



Kanishka Bhargav

# STORIES OF ASCENT

City First spotlights the journeys of Jyoti Soni, Ankita Solanki and Kanishka Bhargav—three inspiring women redefining success in fashion and pageantry through resilience, clarity, confidence and the courage to grow beyond limitations!

**I**n today's evolving fashion and pageantry space, success stories are no longer defined by glamour alone but by resilience, conscious choices, and the courage to step beyond comfort zones. Jyoti Soni, Ankita Solanki, and Kanishka Bhargav embody this new generation of achievers—women whose journeys are rooted in self-belief, mentorship, and steady personal growth.

Hailing from Bhilwara, Rajasthan, Jyoti Soni, the 5th Runner-Up of Elite Miss Rajasthan, represents quiet strength and adaptability. Fashion was never a childhood dream for her; instead, it entered her life unexpectedly in 2024, demanding courage and trust in the moment. Growing up in India's textile city shaped her appreciation for consistency, craftsmanship, and patience. Her family's steady, unwavering support gave her the confidence to explore unfamiliar territory. Mentored by Gaurav Gaur, Founder and Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, Jyoti embraced growth through experience rather than comparison. Each challenge strengthened her self-belief, and today she envisions herself on larger fashion platforms—evolving steadily while staying authentic to her roots.

Ankita Solanki, the 1st Runner-Up of Veenus Miss India 2025, comes from the culturally rich town of Ladnun, Rajasthan. For her, fashion is a language of expression rather than appearance. What began as a childhood fascination with the camera gradually transformed into a deliberate career choice, supported strongly by her family—especially her brother, who remained her emotional pillar. Ankita's discipline-driven lifestyle, focus on self-care, fitness, and learning define her personality today. Under the mentorship of JJ Kashyap, Managing Director, Veenus Film and Events, she refined her confidence and professional outlook. National recognition, including a feature in First India News and multiple modelling awards, validated



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ed her efforts. Ankita now aspires to expand her professional footprint while maintaining balance and clarity in her personal life.

Kanishka Bhargav, crowned Miss India Glam Star 2026, was born near Shahpura and raised in Jaipur, a city that became the foundation of her identity. Once shy and introverted, her journey unfolded through resilience, self-determination, and countless trials—including health struggles and financial limitations. Modelling emerged as a natural choice after life's many turns, aligning with her confidence and passion. Initial hesitation gave way to strong family support, particularly from her parents. With consistent guidance from Pawan Tank, Founder and Director of Miss & Mrs India Glam, Kanishka found direction and purpose. Along with her title, completing a Cabin Crew diploma reflects her discipline and professional growth. Looking ahead, she envisions the coming years as a phase of learning, stability, and creative expansion.





MUKESH KIRADOO



Girraj Choudhary & Rakesh Naga felicitated with the Best Gold-Plated Jewellery of Rajasthan award



Lokesh Sharma along and team felicitated with the Best Hospitality Services of Jaipur award by Suniel Shetty



Anshul Kumar Agarwal & Pooja Agarwal felicitated with the Best Wellness & Lifestyle Coach of Rajasthan award by Suniel Shetty



Mohd Imteyaz felicitated with the Best Nutrition Shop of Delhi award by Suniel Shetty



Chinmay Agarwal and Yash Mangal felicitated with the Most Trusted Jewellery Brand of India award by Suniel Shetty



SB Singh felicitated with the Most Trusted Small Finance Bank of Rajasthan award by Suniel Shetty



Rajesh Saini and Jeetram Saini with their team felicitated with the Most Trusted Real Estate Investor Company of Rajasthan - Jaipur Green Developer award by Suniel Shetty



Pahal Nutrition felicitated with the Best Nutrition Brand award by Suniel Shetty



Deeksha Mehra felicitated with the Best Event Manager award



Srishti Rajpurohit felicitated with the Best Corporate & Wedding Anchor of Rajasthan award



Dr Rashmi Mantri felicitated for Outstanding EdTech Product Innovation



Dr Opesh Singh felicitated with the International Business Coach of the Year



Kapil Prajapat, Social worker felicitated with the Best Social Worker Rajasthan award



Ketan Joshi felicitated as Most Trusted, Reliable & International Famous Astrologer



Manish Solanki felicitated with the Best Creative Director of Rajasthan award



Dr Mukesh Pancholi felicitated with the Best YouTube channel award



Dr Amit Joshi PT, Founder, Physio Magic felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Sanjay Kumar felicitated with the Education Excellence award



Sameer Khan felicitated with the Best Choreographer of Rajasthan award



Rahul Sharma felicitated with the Best Social Worker - Rajasthan award



Rahul Rajpurohit felicitated with the Best Event Management award



Yogesh Sharma felicitated with the Best Advertising Company of Rajasthan award



Vinod Bhargava felicitated with the Best Vedic Astrologer - Ahmedabad award



Yash Wallia, Founder & CEO of Lukvuk felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Vinod Joshi felicitated with the India's Most Trusted Astrologer award



Uttam Joshi, Famous International Astrologer felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Surjeet Singh Rathore, Chairman, RFA & Karni Sena Film Association felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Shyam Sundar Joshi felicitated with the Best International Astrologer



Sandeep Sarna felicitated with the Best Event Planner award

NEXTGEN ICON AWARDS 2026 HONOUR EXCELLENCE ACROSS RAJASTHAN SECTORS

# Innovation In Spotlight

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**J**aipur recently witnessed a night of grandeur as the NextGen Icon Awards 2026, Rajasthan's largest award ceremony, was held at Anant Mahal. Conceptualised by JEAP (Jeen Events and Planners), the platform celebrated excellence, innovation, and leadership across multiple sectors, with media partnership from First India News and Bharat24: Vision of New India.

Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty graced the event as the Celebrity Guest of Honour, adding star appeal and engaging warmly with awardees while felicitating outstanding achievers. Mohit Sharma, the organiser of the event, was also felicitated during the ceremony. The award recognised entrepreneurs, corporate leaders, influencers, and emerging brands for their remarkable contributions to business growth and progressive initiatives in the state.

A highlight of the evening was a high-energy fashion showcase by Elite Miss Rajasthan, led by Founder and Director Gaurav Gaur, where supermodels lit up the ramp with style. The event concluded by affirming Jaipur's evolving status as a hub for business, fashion, and high-profile celebrations. City First brings you some more glimpses of the event!



Akanksha Bhalla felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Mohit Sharma felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Madhu S Bhatt felicitated with the Best Singer of Rajasthan award by Suniel Shetty



Dinesh Bhargava, All India Famous Vedic Astrologer felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Tapesh Jangid & Rinki Jangid along with their daughter felicitated with the Best Event Planner of Rajasthan award by Suniel Shetty



Vishnu Mansaka felicitated as Young Entrepreneur of the Year



Piyush Raj Joshi felicitated as Best Popular and International Astrologer



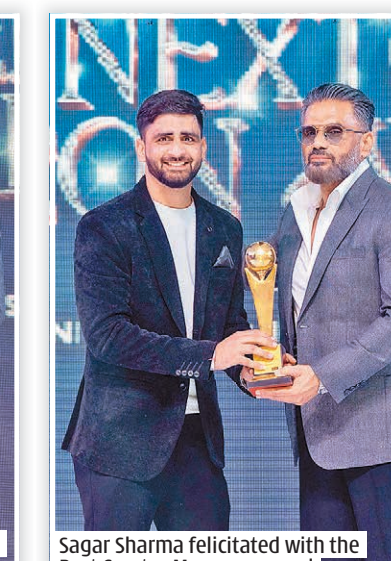
BL Choudhary felicitated with the Best Social Worker - Rajasthan award



Dr Mohd Pathan felicitated with the Best Hospital of Fatehpur Shekhawati award



Pt Shyam Joshi, World-Famous Astrology Expert felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Sagar Sharma felicitated with the Best Creator Manager award



Prithvi Pal Singh felicitated with the Lighting Icon of the Year award



Shahnawaz Safdar felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Ashok Kumar Joshi felicitated with the Best Vaidik Astrologer award



Aakash Joshi felicitated with the Best Famous Astrologer in India award



Narendra Samota felicitated with the Best Corporate & Wedding Photographer award



Neeraj Sharma, Member of the Railway Board, felicitated by Suniel Shetty



Ranjeet Singh Nirvana felicitated with the Best Wedding Resort - General Manager award



Ronak Choudhary felicitated with the Best Gau Sevak of India award



Rohit Yadav felicitated with the Best Pet Shop of Rajasthan and Best Unisex Salon of Rajasthan awards



Ravi Naraniya felicitated with the Best YouTuber award



