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## ACADEMIC ASCENT!

**G**argi Roy, daughter of senior journalist and First India News's Founding Managing Editor Robin Roy, is set to begin a four-year PhD program at Bristol University from Wednesday.

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Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and GM Ashok Singh Rathore exchange warm greetings. Also seen are (L-R) Meenakshi Chhapola (1st Runner-up), Nimisha & Yogesh Mishra, Aanchal Bohra (Lifetime Achievement Awardee) & Twinkle Purohit (Winner)

# Queens' Soirée

Miss Rajasthan 2025, a prestigious state-level beauty pageant celebrating talent, intellect, and elegance, concluded with grandeur at Birla Auditorium on Sunday. To honour the winners and finalists, a regal celebratory dinner hosted by Dr Jagdeesh Chandra on behalf of Bharat24 and First India Newspaper at Rambagh Palace on Monday. **City First brings you exclusive glimpses from this unforgettable evening of glamour and gratitude!**

**I**n a glittering celebration of elegance and achievement, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, on behalf of Bharat24 and First India Newspaper, hosted a grand congratulatory dinner at the iconic Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, on Monday evening to honour the winners and finalists of Miss Rajasthan 2025. The intimate yet majestic evening witnessed fashion curator Yogesh Mishra and mentor Nimisha Mishra, making it a memorable affair for all in attendance.

The event was graced by Ashok Singh Rathore, Area Director—Jaipur & Ajmer and General Manager of Rambagh Palace, whose gracious presence and warm hospitality elevated the evening. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and his team were received with heartfelt warmth, as Dr Chandra extended his personal greetings to GM Rathore, lauding him for his leadership and the legendary stature Rambagh holds globally.

A landmark of luxury and royal heritage, Rambagh Palace stands as one of the most prestigious hotels in the world. Under GM Rathore's visionary leadership, the palace has not only maintained its timeless charm but has consistently set new benchmarks in hospitality, elegance and service excellence. Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, while



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addressing the gathering, shared, "Rambagh Palace is a crown jewel in India's hospitality landscape, and credit for its continued glory goes to GM Ashok

## Rajasthan's New Age Divas Shine Under Royal Spotlight

Singh Rathore, who is not just an exceptional professional but also a remarkably grounded and inspiring human being. Hosting this dinner at such a magnificent venue adds emotional and historical richness to the celebration. We at Bharat24 and First India Newspaper always support the youth, especially talented

young women in the field of fashion, glamour and entertainment and evenings like these reaffirm our commitment to nurturing India's rising stars in fashion, leadership and creativity."

GM Rathore, in his address, congratulated the winners and finalists and said, "It was a pleasure to host the shining faces of Miss Rajasthan 2025 and the dedicated team behind this inspiring platform. At Rambagh Palace, we take immense pride in celebrating achievers, especially those who represent the future of fashion, culture and India's creative spirit. I thank Dr Jagdeesh Chandra for his kind words and for continuing to lead platforms that empower young talent across the country."

The girls, dressed in elegant ensembles, expressed immense gratitude to Dr Chandra for the beautiful dinner, his constant support and the generous motivation extended throughout the pageant. They celebrated the moment not just as winners, but as proud ambassadors of dreams, ambition and new beginnings.

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Top to Bottom: Parul Singh, Deeksha Yadav, Rudra Sharma, Ishita Samodia & Deepti Malinda

SUNIL SHARMA

SANTOSH SHARMA & SUNIL SHARMA



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Aditi Brahmhatt, Tresha Choudhary, Meenakshi Chhapola, Parul Singh, Nimisha Mishra, Aanchal Bohra, Twinkle Purohit, Yogesh Mishra, Rishita Kashiva, Disha Bhat & Khushi Pridhmani



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with (L-R) Pt Suresh Mishra, Aanchal Bohra and Yogesh Mishra



A warm handshake speaks volumes – Dr Jagdeesh Chandra shares a moment of admiration and gratitude with Ashok Rathore. Also present: Ashok Raj Singh, Twinkle Purohit, Tanisha Choudhary, Jahnavi Sharma, Kanishka Singh & Deepthi Malinda



Jury Members: (L-R) Raj Bansal, Aanchal Bohra, Mukesh Mishra, Ekta Jain, Arshad Hussain, Dr Aishwarya Paatapati & Meenakshi Solanki



Yogesh Mishra and Nimisha Mishra crowned Twinkle Purohit as Miss Rajasthan 2025. Also seen are Pawan Goyal & Harshika Batra



Draped in tradition, the models stole the spotlight during the vibrant traditional round



Shreya Jain, Krishna Soni, Meenal Thakwani, Tanisha Choudhary, Suhani Rathore & Ishita Samodia



Top to Bottom: Twinkle Purohit (Miss Rajasthan 2025), Disha Bhat (4th Runner-up) & Pranjal Sadhwani

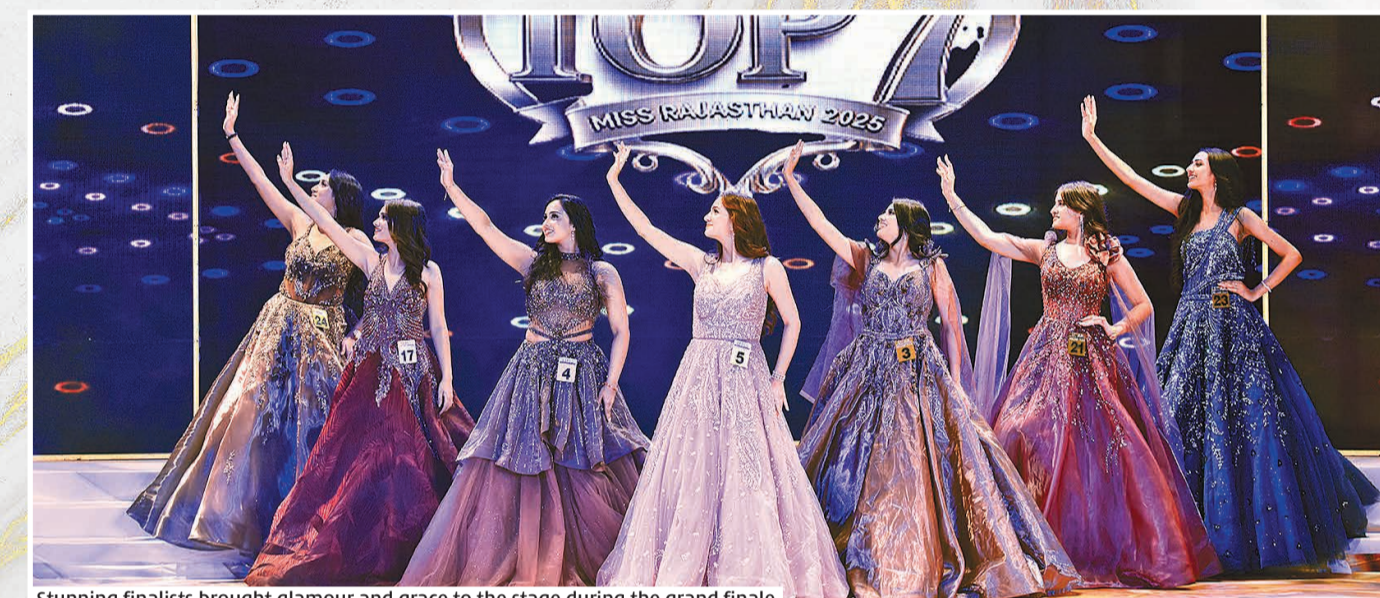
## A Night to Remember

### LIGHTS, LEGACY AND LAURELS

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A highlight of the evening was the special honour awarded to Aanchal Bohra for her exceptional contribution to the world of fashion. Dr Chandra felicitated her with a Lifetime Achievement Award and a cash prize of ₹51,000, in recognition of her relentless dedication through the Fusion Group's Miss Rajasthan platform. The grand finale of Miss Rajasthan 2025 unfolded in spectacular fashion at Birla Auditorium, on Sunday evening, celebrating beauty, intellect and grace. Amidst a packed audience and dazzling lights, Twinkle Purohit was crowned the winner, with Meenakshi Chhapola and Rishita Kashiva declared as first and second runners-up respectively. The show featured breathtaking fashion sequences, from Niwara College of Designing to semi-bridal ensembles by Madhuri Chetwani and stunning finale gowns with make-up by Meenakshi Solanki. With choreography by Shahrukh, anchoring by Rakesh Sharma, and spirited performances by Movers and Shakers, the event was a true spectacle. Over 28 subtitle awards were distributed, ensuring every participant's journey was honoured.

Yogesh and Nimisha Mishra extended their heartfelt thanks to both Dr Chandra and GM Rathore for their unwavering support and generosity, noting that such moments fuel their mission to shape a generation of confident, purpose-driven young women. Set against the regal backdrop of Rambagh Palace, this elegant dinner was more than just a celebration, it was a tribute to talent, leadership and timeless hospitality.



Stunning finalists brought glamour and grace to the stage during the grand finale



(L-R) Heena Thakur, Aanchal Bohra, Aastha Choudhary & Deeksha Yadav



Shreya Jain



Chahana Choudhary



Suhani Rathore



Ravina Sain



Aditi Brahmhatt



Meenakshi Chhapola



Kanishka Singh



Tanisha Choudhary



Meenal Thakwani



Krishna Soni



Rishita Kashiva



Harshika Batra, Miss Rajasthan 2024



Anshika Choudhary



Akshita Singh



Raunak Choudhary



Jahnavi Sharma



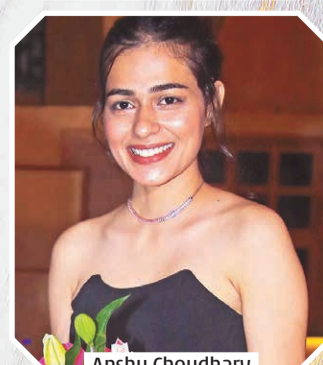
Piyushi Yogi



Radiating confidence and charm, the Top 28 finalists of Miss Rajasthan 2025 pose playfully in a glamorous moment at the grand finale



Tresha Choudhary



Anshu Choudhary

**MEET & GREET!**



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra was greeted by Supermodel Tanisha Choudhary from Miss Rajasthan 2025, during a courtesy visit at the former's residence on Tuesday.

**WARM WELCOME!**



Former Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, was warmly welcomed upon his arrival at Bengaluru Airport to attend the AICC OBC Council meeting on Tuesday. Present on the occasion were District Congress General Secretary Bishan Singh Rajpurohit Veerana, Youth Congress leader Laxman Singh, Sampatraj Alasan, along with several expatriate community members. The gathering reflected strong support and enthusiasm from the Congress cadre and community leaders ahead of the important council discussions.

**GENERATIONAL TALENT**



In an inspiring feat, 78-year-old Acharya Satyanarayan Patodiya and his 18-year-old grandson Khuman Patodiya made history at Jaipur Sangeet Mahavidyalaya by securing first division in their respective music exams. Khuman cleared the Niyut Part 2 in classical singing, while his grandfather achieved first division in three disciplines— First Division in Classical Singing, First Division with Distinction in Kathak Dance, and Part 1 - First Division in Tabla. Secretary Ram Sharma said their achievement exemplifies the Guru-Shishya tradition, family support, and the timeless.

**PROUD MOMENT FOR ALL!**



Gargi Roy, daughter of senior journalist and First India News's Founding Managing Editor Robin Roy, is set to begin a four-year PhD program at Bristol University from Wednesday. This follows her successful year-long tenure as a specialist technician in the university's neuroscience department. Gargi's academic journey is marked by excellence, having earlier earned her MS in Neuroscience from the prestigious King's College, London. Her transition from research to doctoral studies reflects her deep commitment to neuroscience and her pursuit of an impactful scientific contribution.

**ART FESTIVAL**



(L-R) Rajendra, BS Hada, Mahaveer Bharti, Dr Vidhyasagar Upadhyay, SH Qazi, Dr Nathulal Verma, Ashok Gaur, Vinay Sharma & Dr Rajnish Harsh during the lamp lighting ceremony



Ankit Patel, Harshiv Sharma, Manish Sharma admired the artwork on display during the exhibition

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The Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy became a vibrant hub of creativity with the inauguration of the Rang Dhara Exhibition and the 16 edition of International Rang Malhar on Tuesday. Inaugurated by artists Shabbir Hasan Qazi, Dr Nathulal Verma, Dr Vidhyasagar Upadhyay, Mahaveer Bharti, Ashok Gour, Manish Sharma, Vinay Sharma, and Academy



A vibrant group shot of artists proudly showcasing their beautifully hand-painted traditional clay pans

Secretary Dr Rajnish Harsh, the Rang Dhara exhibition displayed works from summer camps, including Ajaymeru and Mewar Chitrakar Shivirs, alongside stop-motion animation films and wall art by

Kendriya Vidyalaya students. The Rang Malhar celebration, jointly or-

ganised by Dhora Art Society and the Academy, saw 100-150 artists painting traditional clay pans, praying symbolically for rain. Initiated in 2009 by Vidhyasagar Upadhyay during a drought, the annual festival continues to blend art with hope for good monsoons. This year, senior and emerging artists like Harshiv Sharma, Rajendra Prasad, and Uma Shankar Joshi participated, celebrating the essence of Rajasthan's creative spirit with innovation, devotion, and unity in art.

**Healing Through Innovation**

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Jaipur National University Superspecialty Hospital, in collaboration with JNUIMSRC and Buenos International Pvt Ltd, organised a Continuing Medical Education (CME) session on World Plastic Surgery Day, reaffirming its commitment to accessible, advanced healthcare.

Chaired by Chancellor Dr Sandeep Bakshi, the event featured renowned speakers in-



cluding Dr Sandeepan Mukul, Dr Sangeeta Thakurani, Dr Pradeep Goil, and Dr Satyabrata Mohanty. Over 100 participants, including surgeons, faculty, and students, engaged in sessions celebrating innovation, reconstructive care, and the evolving role of plastic surgery in transforming lives. The CME fostered collaboration, research, and future-focused learning in medical science.

**DEVOTIONAL JANMOTSAV TRIBUTE**



Dr Rita Agarwal, Gargi Gautam, Kishan, Dinesh Mathur, Dr Piyush Trivedi, Dr Aruna Sharma, Anju Kumari & Karuna

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The Maharishi Shringi Rishi Janmotsav 2025 and Shobha Yatra Prasad program was organised by Shring Vichar Samiti (Sikhwai Brahmin Samaj) at Shringashram, Nirman Nagar, Jaipur. On Guru Purnima, Rishiraj Shringi Rishi was anointed after Shringar Poojan and Satyanarayan Katha with havan. A grand procession on July 13 proceeded to the Indian Rose Garden. Meritorious students, senior couples, and members were felicitated. Advocate Umesh Shringi was reappointed President, with Norat Mal Sharma as General Secretary for 2025-2028. Around 700 members participated and enjoyed prasadi.

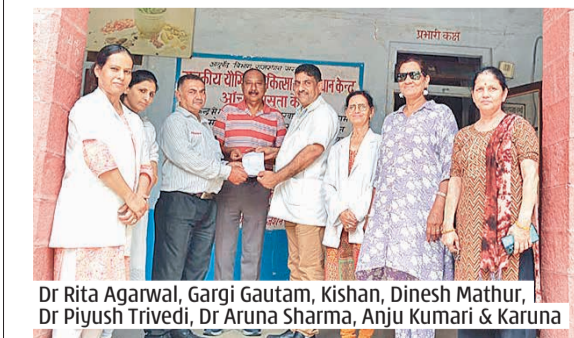
**PLANTATION DRIVE!**



Under the theme 'Each One Plant One', Sapt Shakti Command celebrated Van Mahotsav 2025, echoing the motto 'Har Kaam Desh Ke Naam' on Tuesday. The week-long initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from all ranks, families, NCC cadets, and students. Highlights included tree care sessions by the Forest Department, puppet shows by Aadhar Shodh Sansthan, and Nukkad Nataks by Kendriya Vidyalaya students. Poster and essay contests at Army Public School further promoted eco-awareness. The campaign concluded with the plantation of 35,000 saplings, led by Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, affirming a commitment to a sustainable future.



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**SPORTS FEST: JOSH 2025!**



Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Vidyashram, Pratap Nagar, hosted its Annual Interscholar Sports Fest - JOSH 2025 - on Tuesday, filling the campus with vibrant energy and competitive spirit. Students from Classes V to XII across Jaipur showcased their skills in events such as Shot Put, Javelin, Long Jump, Taekwondo, and Yogasana. The Principal commended participants for their discipline and teamwork. JOSH 2025 stood as a testament to the school's commitment to holistic development through sports and physical excellence.

**EMOTIONS PERSONIFIED!**



The fifth day of the six-day Nataraj Theatre Festival at Jawahar Kala Kendra featured 'Khidki', written and directed by Vikas Bahari, on Tuesday. Staged in Jaipur for the second time, the play explores a struggling writer's journey through creative blocks. Jatin Sarma and Sugandha Srivastava delivered powerful performances, with lighting by Mohd Azhar Khan, music by Pradeep Nagar, and production by Satyam Yadav. On the final day, a dialogue session with Purnendu Shekhar and others will precede 'The Jump'.