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**DDLJ MAGIC PRESERVED!**  
**B**ollywood's beloved Kajol, known for her iconic roles in DDLJ, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, recently addressed the idea of a sequel to the cult classic DDLJ. **P13**



Draped in colourful Himachali ensembles, models graced the ramp during the Miss Universe Himachal Pradesh 2025 Grand Finale

## DR RIZUL SINGH CROWNED MISS UNIVERSE HIMACHAL PRADESH 2025

# Valley Queens

On June 7, 2025, at Baantalai Resort, Shahtalai, Himachal Pradesh, the grand finale of Miss Universe Himachal Pradesh 2025 celebrated grace, talent and culture. City First brings you highlights of this remarkable event and its promising winners!



Top to Bottom: Dr Rizul Singh, Anushka Dutta, Ashima Kanwar & Sushmita Roy



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**A** golden chapter unfolded amidst the scenic valleys of Himachal Pradesh as Dr Rizul Singh from Hamirpur was crowned Miss Universe Himachal Pradesh 2025. The spectacular Grand Finale, held at the picturesque Baantalai Resort in Shahtalai, was an evening of beauty, poise and celebration of the state's rich culture. With her radiant confidence and eloquence, Dr Rizul Singh has brought immense pride to Himachal Pradesh and will now represent the state at the prestigious Miss Universe India 2025 pageant.

Adding further glory to the event, Ravitanya Sharma from Shimla was adjudged first runner-up, while Saanvi Sharma from Hamirpur secured the second runner-up title. Their impressive stage presence, intelligence and communication skills reflected the bright future and potential of Himachal's daughters.

The event was hosted by the renowned anchor Chayanika Deb-nath from Kolkata, who captivated the audience with her energy and grace. The creative vision behind



(L-R) Saanvi Sharma, Dr Rizul Singh & Ravitanya Sharma

the seamless flow of the show was credited to Show Director Sham Khan from Kerala, whose expertise added a touch of international grandeur to the evening.

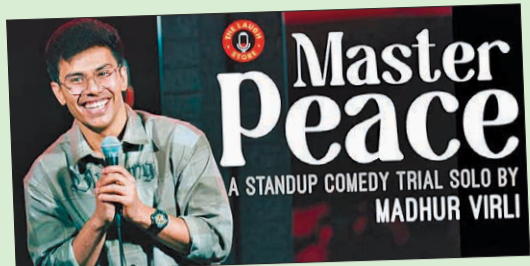
The backbone of this grand event was State Director Bevin Attri, a visionary young entrepreneur. Through his initiative, Blossom Events by Bevin, Bevin Attri has tirelessly worked to connect the incredible talent of Himachal Pradesh to national platforms, marking a historic step forward in the state's beauty pageant landscape. The esteemed panel of judges included Nikhil Anand, Chairman of the Glamanand Group and the driving force behind the Miss Universe India pageant, along with Nishant Anand,

Director of Glamanand Group; Rhea Singha (Miss Universe India 2024), and Sushmita Roy (Miss Universe India 2024, Third Runner-up). Their insightful evaluation went beyond external beauty, emphasizing social perspective, intelligence and leadership potential.

The Miss Universe Himachal Pradesh 2025 event underscored the power of platforms like these to uplift women and showcase Himachal's cultural richness to the world. As Dr Rizul Singh prepares to represent Himachal Pradesh at Miss Universe India 2025, this victory stands as a testament to the dreams and aspirations that shine in the valleys of the state.



**WHAT'S NEXT?**



**Master Peace - Trial Solo By Madhur Virli:** What happens when wit meets chaos? You get Master Peace! Madhur Virli's new set promises fresh jokes, wild stories, and raw, unpredictable comedy. Don't miss the madness!

When: June 14, 06:00 PM  
Where: Taxila Auditorium, Jaipur



**Lok Raag:** Lok Raag invites you to rediscover Rajasthan's soul—one that sings, remembers, and lives on. Experience an unforgettable evening where tradition meets theatre and music turns into timeless memory. Join us!

When: June 15, 6:30 PM  
Where: RIC, Jaipur



**Telling Lies No Papa:** Aashish Solanki is back with comedy packed with real moments, hearty laughs, family drama, and the perfect blend of humour and emotion. Come, be part of this unforgettable laughter ride!

When: July 26, 06:00 PM  
Where: Knighthouse, Jaipur

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST!**



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**GEMINI**  
June 12

Today is ideal for expressing your thoughts and emotions. Whether sharing affection with a loved one or guiding a colleague, communication flows smoothly. Your practical side often keeps things brief, but today, speak more others may need your words more than you realize.

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# Secure Central Asian Flyway



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**T**he Steppe Eagle (*Aquila nipalensis*), the second-largest migratory eagle species to India is on an alarming decline. Endangered species According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, there has been a significant decline of 79 per cent in the bird population globally. If in the year 2012-13, there were about a lakh, now the number has drastically declined to a mere 37 thousand birds of prey. And, last winter only 1800 Steppe Eagles were spotted in north-western Rajasthan.

Now as a follow-up to the call for international cooperation outlined in the Almaty Declaration at the 'Third Eagles of the Palearctic Conference' in Kazakhstan (2023), a concerted global effort is underway to develop a comprehensive Global Action Plan for the Steppe Eagle, to reverse its decline.

According to Dr Daulal Bohra, the only India representative at the recently held conference at Astana, Kazakhstan, in May 2025, "This urgency was further underscored at CMS COP14 in February 2024, where Decision 14.145 committed to the completion of a 'Single Species Action Plan' for endorsement at COP15, scheduled for March 23-29, 2026. This ambitious timeline necessitates the plan to be finalized by October this year for approval by the CMS Scientific Council."

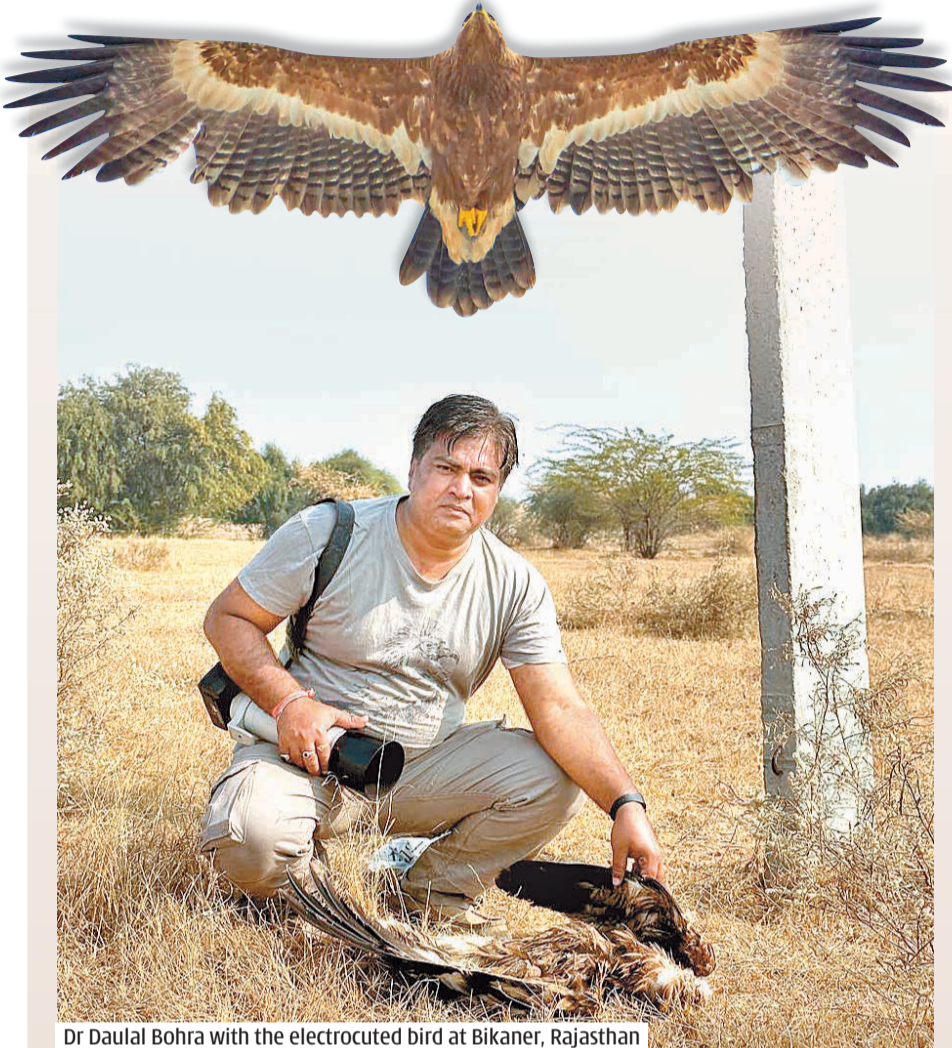
The development of this crucial plan is being jointly coordinated by Jenny Weston (Senior Species Recovery Officer, RSPB) and Umberto Gallo Orsi (Programme Management Officer for the Coordinating Unit of the CMS Raptors MOU). A core working group of compilers is being established, alongside a wider network of selected experts on the Steppe Eagle and action planning by signatory nations.

The Global Action Plan aims to establish priority conservation meas-

ures to be implemented across the Steppe Eagle's entire migratory range. These measures will address critical needs such as effective legal protection, the conservation of key habitats, the removal of existing threats, and capacity-building initiatives. Ultimately, this coordinated international approach seeks to mobilize resources and foster collaborative efforts to significantly improve the conservation status of this iconic raptor across its distribution, he said.

During their winter migration from breeding grounds spanning Russia, Central Asia, and Mongolia, Steppe Eagles encounter a perilous array of threats across their Asian and African wintering areas. Closer home, the Steppe Eagle is not just a casual visitor. It provides important ecosystem services. As an apex predator and scavenger, it controls the rodent population and consumes carrion, preventing the spread of diseases and maintaining the health of its habitat. This natural 'clean-up' service reduces the reliance on chemical pest-control methods and promotes a healthy ecosystem. Their presence signifies a well-balanced environment with adequate prey availability and minimal human disturbances.

Besides, habitat loss, driven increasingly by developments like solar power plants, diminishes crucial wintering grounds. Furthermore, unintentional poisoning via rodenticides used in agriculture adds to the mortality risks as eagles consume affected prey. These converging threats throughout their wintering range compound the pressures faced during breeding and migration, underscoring the critical need for unified global conservation strategies to safeguard this endangered species.



Dr Daulal Bohra with the electrocuted bird at Bikaner, Rajasthan

**INDIA'S KEY ROLE IN RAPTOR CONSERVATION**

As a signatory to the Raptors MOU, India bears a significant responsibility in these efforts, with its states of Rajasthan and Gujarat holding particular importance as crucial winter migration grounds for the species. The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) or Bonn Convention, under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), has a Raptors MOU which India signed on March 7, 2016. This agreement focuses on the conservation of migratory birds of prey (raptors) in Africa and Eurasia. India is the 54th signatory to the MOU.

**STEPPE EAGLE CONSERVATION DRIVE**

International cooperation will be an essential ingredient in the long-term conservation of Steppe Eagles. Most of the key threats thought to be driving its decline are shared by multiple countries in the African-Eurasian region and trans-national conservation measures will be required to successfully tackle these issues.

**STEPPE EAGLES COVERING THOUSANDS OF KILOMETRES**

Steppe eagles are long-distance migrants, some populations travelling thousands of km between breeding and wintering grounds. They can fly up to 350 km per day during migration. While they migrate throughout India, they have been spotted in areas like Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Sikkim.



Dr Daulal Bohra with the Steppe Eagle

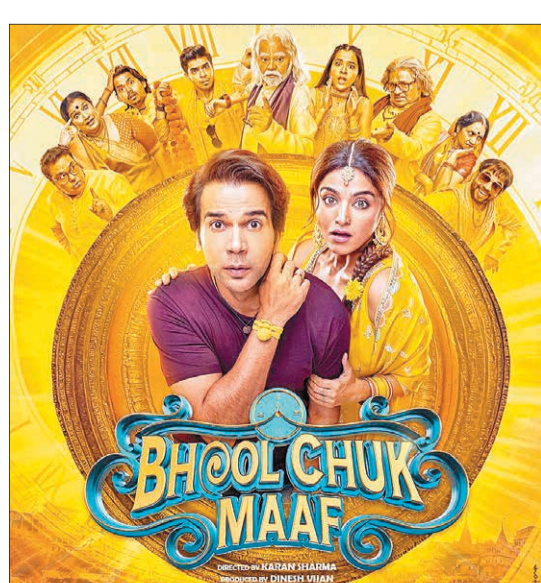


Dr Daulal Bohra represented India at the 2023 'Third Eagles of the Palearctic Conference' in Kazakhstan, contributing to the Almaty Declaration

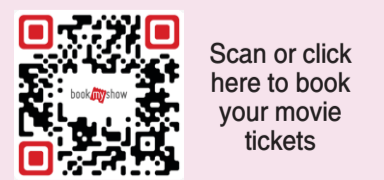
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Director: Karan Sharma  
Cast & Crew: Rajkumar Rao, Wamiqa Gabbi, Sanjay Mishra



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**Movie: MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE THE FINAL RECKONING**  
Director: Christopher McQuarrie  
Cast & Crew: Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell, Pom Klementieff



**Jaipur Flight Plan**

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Alia Bhatt & Ranbir Kapoor

## DREAM MANSION

**R**anbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's lavish new mansion in Mumbai's upscale Pali Hill area is making headlines for all the right reasons. Located in the platinum belt of Bandra, the six-storey residence boasts rooftop gardens, vine-draped balconies, and ultra-luxurious interiors. Years in the making, the mansion has been closely supervised by Ranbir, Alia, and Neetu Kapoor, making it a true family project.

The mansion is now the most expensive celebrity home in Mumbai, valued at a staggering Rs 250 crore approx. It surpasses Shah Rukh Khan's iconic Mannat (Rs 200 crore) and Amitabh Bachchan's Jalsa (Rs 120 crore), officially crowning it as Bandra's most prized address.

Adding an emotional touch, the house is registered in the name of Ranbir-Alia's daughter, Raha



Alia's lavish new mansion in Mumbai

Kapoor, symbolizing the continuation of the Kapoor legacy. The property has a rich history—it originally belonged to Raj Kapoor and Krishna Raj Kapoor and later passed on to Rishi and Neetu Kapoor.

Though final touches are pending, the Kapoor family is expected to move in soon on an auspicious date. Meanwhile, Ranbir and Alia are busy with upcoming projects like Love and War, Ramayana, and Alpha.



(L-R) Jim Sarbh, Dhanush, Rashmika Mandanna & Nagarjuna

## Kuberaa Sets Mumbai Ablaze



Dhanush

**M**umbai witnessed a high-voltage celebration as the much-anticipated song 'Pippi Pippi Dum Dum Dum' from Kuberaa was launched amidst massive fanfare. The event turned into a star-studded spectacle with lead actors Nagarjuna, Dhanush, and Rashmika Mandanna lighting up the stage and captivating the crowd.

The evening began with an unexpected treat two back-to-back screen-

ings of the intense Kuberaa teaser. Fans erupted with whistles and cheers, demanding an encore. The teaser's raw intensity set the tone for the song reveal, and then came the showstopper: a breakup anthem that flips the traditional nursery rhyme on its head with pulsating beats and chaotic energy.

Nagarjuna, making a rare appearance, shared heartfelt words, calling Kuberaa "very, very special" and praised director Sekhar Kammula, whom he's long admired. Dhanush described the project as "very different and close to my heart," recalling challenging shoots in dumpyards and garbage trucks. Rash-

mika shared their unique guerilla-style filming experiences and expressed deep trust in Kammula's vision.

Directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Sekhar Kammula, the film is produced by Suniel Narang and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao under Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd, with Vipul Agarwal and Manish Vasisth as co-producers. Mugafi is presenting the film in North India and handling its distribution.

With music by Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), Kuberaa is set for a pan-India release in five languages Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam on June 20, 2025.

## Nervous Yet Excited About Fatherhood

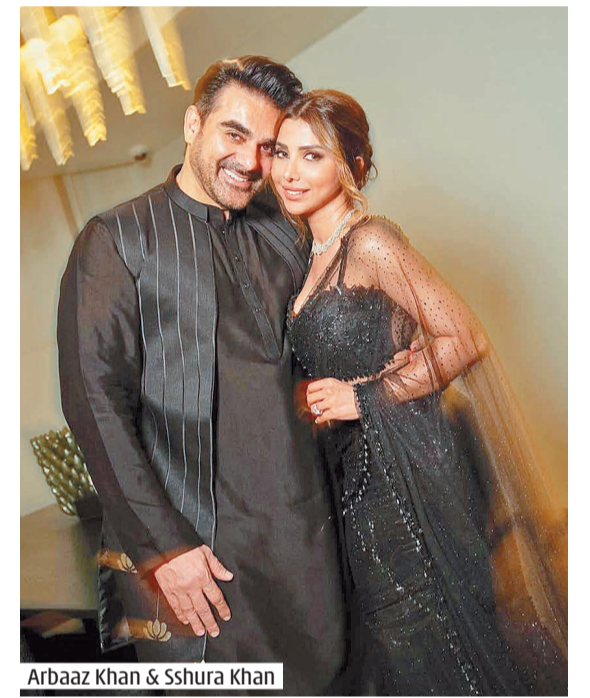
**A**ctor-director Arbaaz Khan is all set to embrace fatherhood for the second time and has finally broken his silence on the news of wife Sshura Khan's pregnancy. Married in 2023, the couple often shares adorable glimpses of their loving relationship on social media, capturing the hearts of fans. Now, with the arrival of their first child together, Arbaaz is experiencing a renewed sense of joy and responsibility.

In a recent interview, Arbaaz admitted to feeling nervous. "Everyone is nervous at this stage," he said, defending his emotions. "I'm becoming a father after quite some time, so it's a fresh feeling all over

again." He added, "I'm looking forward to it, and it's giving me a new sense of happiness and responsibility. I'm kind of liking that."

Rumours about Sshura's pregnancy had been doing the rounds since she was spotted outside a maternity clinic. Though the couple initially remained tight-lipped, Arbaaz's recent statement is the first public confirmation, hinting at an official announcement soon.

On the professional front, Arbaaz is producing Dabangg 4 and may reprise his iconic role as Makhanchand Pandey. He revealed that the film is in the pipeline and assured fans it won't take long to materialize after wrapping up current commitments.



Arbaaz Khan & Sshura Khan

## Happily Ever Implied

**B**ollywood's beloved Kajol, known for her iconic roles in Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, recently addressed the idea of a sequel to the cult classic DDLJ. While promoting her upcoming mythological horror film Maa, the actress shut down hopes for a second chapter of Raj and Simran's love story—and with a dose of her trademark wit.

"Do you really want to know if they fought over diapers?" she quipped, adding, "Train chali gayi—THE END. It's brilliant. Let it stay magical." For Kajol, part of DDLJ's enduring appeal lies in its open-ended finale, a cinematic moment that allows fans to imagine their perfect happily ever after.

The actress also spoke about



DDLJ Film Poster

Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, calling it a product of a bygone era. "It was a different world," she reflected, noting that the kind of eternal love portrayed in the film may not resonate as easily with today's audience.

Currently, Kajol is preparing for the June 27 release of Maa, directed by Vishal Furia. Co-starring Ronit Roy and Indraneil Sengupta, the film serves as a spin-off to Shaitaan and promises a thrilling dive into mythological horror.



Kajol

## Verma's Hero Moment

**A**bhay Verma, the breakout star of Munjya, has officially begun shooting for Laikey Laikaa, an action-packed debut directorial from Animal writer Saurabh Gupta. Sharing screen space for the first time with Rasha Thadani, the film promises a fresh Gen-Z pairing under the banner of Phantom Studios.

In a heartfelt revelation, Abhay spoke about how Hrithik Roshan inspired him. "While working on Super 30 as a junior artist, I would watch Hrithik Sir perform, absorbing every nuance," he shared. "Now, as I lead Laikey Laikaa, I hope someone watching me gets inspired the same way."

He added that his journey—from the sidelines to centre stage—is a message to dreamers. "To every aspiring actor struggling with doubt, I want my journey to be your answer," he said.

Apart from Laikey Laikaa, Abhay is also teaming up with Rock On 2 director Shujaat Saudagar and actress Shanaya Kapoor for another untitled project. Recently, Shujaat teased a behind-the-scenes photo from the set, tagged "JC", igniting buzz for what's next in Abhay's rising career.



Abhay Verma



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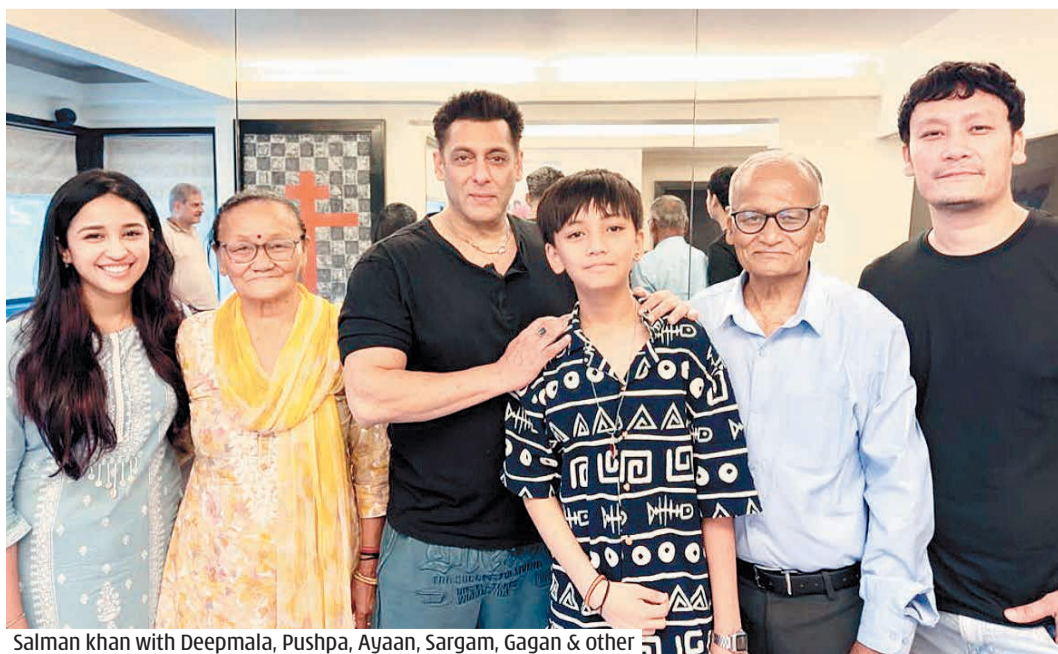
## KESARI 2 OTT arrival

**A**fter a successful theatrical run, Kesari Chapter 2 is set for its much-awaited OTT premiere. The historical courtroom drama, starring Akshay Kumar, Ananya Panday and R Madhavan, will begin streaming on Jio Hotstar on June 13, 2025. The film was released in theatres on April 18, centres around the aftermath of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre and has been praised for its strong narrative and powerful performances.

Akshay Kumar portrays Sir C Sankaran Nair, a determined lawyer who challenges the British Empire and General Dyer in court. Ananya Panday shines as Dilreet Gill, a fierce lady lawyer who motivates Nair to take a stand. R Madhavan plays Neville McKinley, the opposing counsel who supports General Dyer's defence. Critics have hailed it as one of Ananya's best performances to date. Produced by Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, the film collected an impressive Rs 142 crore globally, with Rs 108.50 crore from Indian markets and around Rs 33.50 crore overseas.

Jio Hotstar teased the release with, "The story you know, the truth you don't," encouraging fans to revisit the gripping post-massacre courtroom battle.

## LEAN AVATAR GOES VIRAL



Salman Khan with Deepmala, Pushpa, Ayaan, Sargam, Gagan & other

**B**ollywood superstar Salman Khan is once again setting social media abuzz, this time with his stunning new avatar. A recent photo shared by his Race 3 co-star Saajan Singh has gone viral, showing Salman in a leaner and more refreshed physique. Sporting a clean-shaven look, black T-shirt, and blue denim, the actor looked dapper as ever. The photo clicked with Saajan and his family, has triggered a wave of nostalgia among fans.

Fans instantly began flooding the comment section, demanding the return of his iconic look from the 2009 film Wanted. Comments like "Salman sir is seriously looking

young," and "Please bring back the Wanted look with long hair and chiselled jawline," reflect their excitement.

Meanwhile, Salman is set to return to the big screen in director Apoorva Lakhia's upcoming action drama. Titled Sikandar, the film will reportedly feature him as Colonel Babu, a heroic figure known for his role in counter-insurgency missions. The film will be shot across Ladakh and Mumbai over 70 days, beginning this July. Salman is currently undergoing intense physical training at his Panvel farmhouse to prepare for the demanding role. Fans eagerly await his transformation both on and off-screen.

# JAIPUR STYLE FIESTA BEGINS



(L-R) Shivam Dixit, Raj Suroliya, Isha Tulayal, Gaurav Gaur, Manoj Malani, Naina Parmar, Mitali Kumawat & Alfirdoush Khan



(L-R) Nisha Chouhan, Isha Tulayal, Naina Parmar, Varsha Ray, Bhavya Kumawat & Garima Singh

The Curtain Raiser-I of Jaipur Couture Show Season 13, presented by Bharat24: Vision of New India and First India, was held with grandeur at Alankara Hotels & Resorts on Wednesday. Hosted by Gaurav Gaur, Founder-Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan and Director of Jaipur Couture Show, the event set the tone for Rajasthan's biggest fashion showcase scheduled for July 11-13 at Alankara Resort. Elite Miss Rajasthan models Akanksha Bhalla, Alfirdoush Khan, Mitali Kumawat, Tanu Choudhary, Sheena Parashar, Nisha Chouhan, Somya Anand and Angel Sen dazzled the pre-ramp walk, while elite designers and fashion influencers marked their presence. Gaurav Gaur shared that nearly 60 male and female models will walk the ramp, showcasing exclusive collections by celebrity designers. Prominent guests included JD Maheshwari and Manoj Malani, who appreciated the event's vibrant spirit. **MORE IN CITY FIRST TOMORROW**

**MUKESH KIRADOO**



## YOUTH DRIVE SAFETY AWARENESS

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**M**uskaan Foundation for Road Safety, in collaboration with Jaipur Traffic Police, launched a two-day road safety campaign titled "Helmet and Seatbelt Angels on Road" on Wednesday. The drive began at Ajmeri Gate Yaadgar Junction with youth-led placard activities promoting helmet and seatbelt use. On day two, a symbolic 55-second enactment



will be held at Rambagh Chauraha to convey road safety messages.

Interns from Nirma University, UPES Dehradun, NLU Maharashtra and Gujarat Law Society participated as "angels," urging citizens to embrace safe road practices. Muskaan has organized 200+ campaigns over 20 years, creatively engaging youth for change. Supported by Traffic Police, the campaign will expand to more junctions, focusing on public awareness and children's safety.

# Textual Heritage

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**A** 15-day Manuscript Transcription Workshop was inaugurated at the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, under the vision of Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Government of India, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. This workshop is being conducted under the joint aegis of Gyan Bharatam (National Manuscript Mission), Vishwa Guru Deep Ashram Research Institute, and NIA, with academic guidance from Dr Anirban Das, Director of Gyan Bharat Mission. The event aims to preserve and promote India's rich heritage of classical manuscripts.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Madan Rathore, State President of BJP Rajasthan and Rajya Sabha MP, as the chief guest. Dr Nisha Gupta,

**MUKESH KIRADOO**



Dr Rajnish Harsh, Dr Raghuvver Sharma, Banwari Lal Gaur, Kapil Agarwal, Nisha Gupta, Dr Surendra Kumar Sharma, Prof Gopinath Pareek and others



Minister Madan Rathore felicitated by Kapil Agarwal. Also seen are Dr Nisha Gupta, Dr Surendra Kumar Sharma & Prof Gopinath Pareek

Head of the Fundamental Principles Department, and Gopinath Pareek attended as special guests.

Dr Surendra Kumar Sharma, the course coordinator, shared insights into the workshop's objectives and methodology, while Kapil Agarwal coordinated the overall program. Dr Raghuvver Sharma, who conducted the event, informed that the editing and transliteration of eight ancient texts will be carried out under expert supervision. Dr Rajnish Harsh, nodal officer of the workshop, emphasized its goal—to conserve the timeless legacy of Indian knowledge systems and pass it on to future generations. The initiative is set to benefit researchers and scholars focused on manuscript science, editing techniques, and text preservation.

## HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



A grand health awareness campaign was organised under the joint aegis of EHCC Hospitals and SPG IndiaIN, with the theme "Health is the biggest wealth." The event saw active participation from around 227 people, especially senior citizens. The campaign was inaugurated by Chief Guest Manju Sharma, Co-Chairman & Managing Director, EHCC Hospitals. Other dignitaries included Dr Pracheesh Prakash (CEO), Dr Alok Mathur (Director - Preventive Cardiology), Nitesh Tiwari (Senior GM) and Ashish Khunteta (DGM). SPG India Management Committee members Kalash Chand Badaya, Prof BL Gupta, Mohini and Girraj Devi emphasized the campaign's importance. Coordinators Chitrakala, Chandrakanta and Dr Gunjan Rawat managed the event, with Dr. Govind Rawat providing key insights.

## LEARN GOLDEN PEN ART!

A group of students from Emory University, Atlanta, USA, visited Bikaner to research the traditional Golden Pen art featured in Ek Din magazine. Guided by artist Ram Kumar Bhadani of Golden Art Academy, they learned techniques like Gudrai (lifting), goldwork, ink drawing, and colour filling. Researcher Eric Villalobas also revisited his Matheran art studies, while Jyoti Agrawal explored Jain heritage sites. Bhadani continues training students from global institutions to preserve this unique Indian art form.



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Models showcased stunning traditional outfits during the ramp walk

## BREWING BRILLIANCE!



Jaipur witnessed the grand finale of the Monin Coffee Creativity Cup (MCCC) 2025 on Wednesday, where top baristas from across India competed after rounds in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore. With over a thousand entries, it marked the competition's most dynamic edition yet. Under the theme "Alchemy of Flavors", participants created innovative espresso-based mocktails using MONIN's flavour range. Harsita Ghatge emerged as the national winner with her creation Iced Kahwa Espresso, earning a spot at the Asia Finals in Kuala Lumpur.

## ANANTAYA HOSTS "UNSTITCHED" WORKSHOP



AnantTaya recently hosted its "UNSTITCHED" workshop, drawing enthusiasts to learn the art of dhoti draping. Led by cultural revivalist Gaurav Shorey at the AnantTaya Experience Centre, the session taught ten regional styles of traditional garments. Part of AnantTaya's mission to preserve Indian heritage crafts, the event, styled with Tribe by Amrapali Jewellery, successfully reconnected attendees with the dhoti, promoting it as a symbol of cultural identity and mindful dressing for a new generation.

# Fusion Fashion Fiesta

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Aura Virmani

**T**he Jaipur Fashion Walk, organised by Karan Production House at Hotel V One Pride, Jaipur on Tuesday mesmerized audiences with a captivating fusion of traditional and western fashion. Thirty top models walked the ramp, presenting the latest collections by designers Komal Kumawat (Sakhi Attires), Ashfaq Khan and Sania Ali (Zainab's) and Bhagyashree. The event showcased everything from Indian bridal wear with intricate handwork on silk and organza to breezy cotton summer collections.

Choreographed by Kuldeep Joshi, the show featured glamorous styling by celebrity makeup artist Dharavi Saini. Supermodel and Miss Unity World 2024 Aura Virmani graced the event as a brand ambassador, while Sultan Khan appeared as the celebrity guest. Vineeta Dixit was announced as the new brand ambassador of the Beti Foundation during the show.

## CASTING CALL CONCLUDES



(L-R) Aarushi, Kalpana Dadheech, Manisha Bhanweria & Kavaya

Harshita, Naina, Muskan, Manisha, Kalpana, Pari, Kavya, Aarushi, Arun Kumar Singh, Amit Khandelwal, Narendra Kumar Gangwal & Abid Khan

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**T**he final audition match for the coming short film and web series "Needs" was held at

Hotel Grand Safari, Jaipur on Wednesday, where talented artists from across Rajasthan showcased their skills. Produced by Narendra Kumar Gangwal and Arun Kumar Singh, the project aims to promote regional talent. Director Abid Khan, writer Anil Bhoop and cinematographer Ravi Dhanka are working passionately on the film's development. Actor-director Asha Vak expressed confidence in the

film's appeal and its potential to uplift emerging artists. Participants included Manisha Bhavariya, Kavya, Aarushi, Muskan & others, who impressed the judges with their performances.

## EVENT!



Jaipur Runners Club, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Event Management and Research (IEMR), recently unveiled its vibrant 2025-26 running event calendar, promising a year filled with fitness, fun, and community bonding. With over 15 theme-based events such as the Sari-Dhoti Run, Colour Run and Independence Day Run, the initiative aims to blend tradition, celebration, and health.