



**BIRTHDAY BLISS!**

**Y**ogesh Mishra and Nimisha Mishra, organisers of Miss Rajasthan and Director of Fusion Group, celebrated their birthdays on September 20 & 21 with close friends and family. **P12**

**RHEA SINGHA BECOMES THE FACE OF INDIA AT MISS UNIVERSE 2024**



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra and Nikhil Anand with Urvashi Rautela (L-R) Sushmita Roy, Rhea Singha (Winner), Pranjal Priya, Chhavi Verg & Ruopfuzhano Whiso

SUNIL SHARMA & MUKESH KIRADOO

The Miss Universe India 2024 grand finale, co sponsored by Bharat24, took place at Zee Studios, Jaipur, on Sunday. Rhea Singha from Gujarat was crowned the winner, with Pranjal Priya and Chhavi Verg securing 1st and 2nd Runner-Up titles, respectively!

**From Dreams to REALITY**



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**T**he stage was set for a night of glamour, grace and exceptional talent as Pristine Luxury Presents Miss Universe India 2024, co-sponsored by Bharat24: Vision of New India, powered by Bikaji and glammed up by My Glam, unfolded at Zee Studios, Jaipur, on Sunday. The event, which captivated audiences across the nation, witnessed the crowning of Rhea Singha from Gujarat as Miss Universe India 2024, with Pranjal Priya from Maharashtra clinching the 1st Runner-Up position, Chhavi Verg from Rajasthan securing the 2nd Runner-Up title, Sushmita Roy from West Bengal winning the 3rd Runner-Up, and Ruopfuzhano Whiso from Nagaland finishing as the 4th Runner-Up.

Nikhil Anand, National Director & Chairman of Glamanand Group; Nishant Anand, Director of Glamanand Group; Krish Gangwar, Creative Director received immense appreciation for their work. The glittering evening commenced with a breathtaking opening number choreographed by the talented Shahrukh Khan, who received high praise for his extraordinary work in setting the tone for the night. His artistic brilliance left the audience mesmerised as the contestants danced their way into the competition with poise and elegance. The panel of esteemed judges included Rajiv Shrivastava, Founder of Act Now; Nguyễn Như Quỳnh, CEO of Q Talents, Vietnam; Urvashi Rautela, Miss Universe India 2015; Nikhil Anand, National Director & Chairman of Glamanand Group; and Rian Fernandez, an ace designer from the Philippines. Each of them faced the challenging task of selecting individuals who would wear the India sash and represent the country on an international stage.

The evening was graced by the presence of Bollywood actress Urvashi Rautela, who also served as a special guest and jury member. Her parents, Meera and Manwar Singh Rautela, along with a bevy of supermodels, including Anshika Chaudhary, Parineeta Bakshi, Tanishqa Sharma, Asmita Chakraborty and many others, were in attendance to cheer on the finalists.

The competition progressed through several rounds, each more intense than the last. The Swimsuit Round showcased the contestants' confidence, athleticism and grace, with the audience and judges enthralled by their poise and elegance. Following this, a heartfelt moment of gratitude was extended to the State Directors, who worked tirelessly to promote the pageant across every corner of the nation. Dr Hema Malini, the State Director of Tamil Nadu, was honoured with the Best State Director Award for her commendable efforts.

The evening then transitioned to the much-anticipated Evening Gown Round, where contestants graced the stage in stunning gowns that highlighted their unique styles and personalities. Sham Khan, the Show Director, was applauded for his impeccable choreography that made the evening even more memorable. **TURN TO PG 10-11**



Clockwise: Rhea Singha (Miss Universe India 2024), Chhavi Verg (Second runner up), Pranjal Priya (First runner up) & Urvashi Rautela

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Gorgeous finalists flaunting their evening gowns during the grand finale



# A Night of MEMORIES & TRIUMPH

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Speaking about the event, Dr Jagdeesh Chandra, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, shared his thoughts, "It is an honour to witness such an incredible display of talent, confidence and beauty. We at Bharat24 believe in promoting young talents in the field of fashion, entertainment and glamour. These young women are the future leaders and role models of our nation. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Nikhil Anand and team, winner Rhea Singha and all the finalists who have worked so hard to reach this stage. They are not only representing themselves but the aspirations of a billion people. I wish them immense success as they step onto the global stage."

Among the key moments was the felicitation of the designers Mynh Tuan, Le Thang and Parvi Dholakhandi, whose exceptional designs adorned the contestants throughout the competition. They were honoured by Nikhil Anand for their outstanding contributions to the event's success. As the competition reached its crescendo, the Top 20 finalists were shortlisted, followed by a further narrowing down to the Top 10. It was in this final round that Rhea Singha emerged as the shining star, taking home the coveted crown of Miss Universe India 2024. With the grand finale complete, the spotlight now shifts to Rhea Singha, who will represent India, in Mexico city in the month of November, carrying with her the hopes, dreams and pride of a nation.



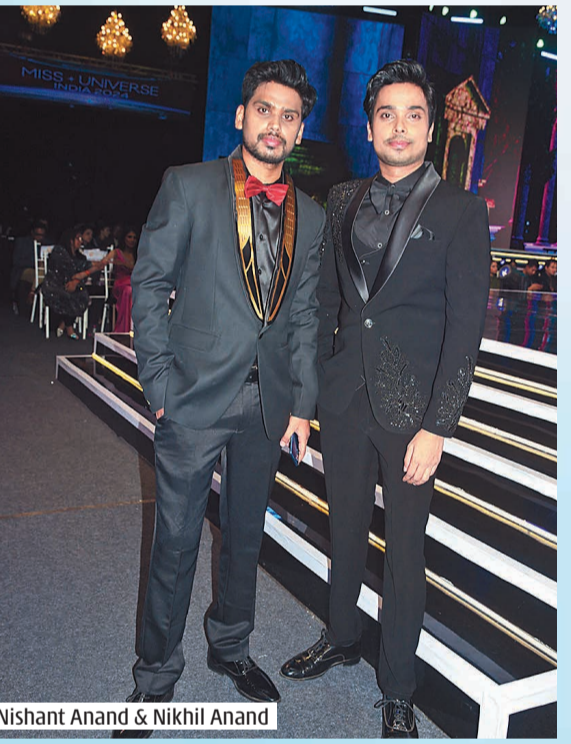
Contestants during the swimsuit round



(L-R) Rian Fernandez, Nikhil Anand, Urvashi Rautela, Nguyen Nhu Quyhnh and Rajiv K Srivastava



(L-R) Le Thang, Parvi Dholakhandi and Maave



Nishant Anand & Nikhil Anand



Tejaswini Shrivastava



Janvi Soni



Nikhil Anand felicitates Dr Hemamalini Rajinikanth (Best National Director of Tamil Nadu)



Sushmita Roy (Third runner-up)



(L-R) Tanu Shree, Kajal Choudhary & Ojasvi Sharma



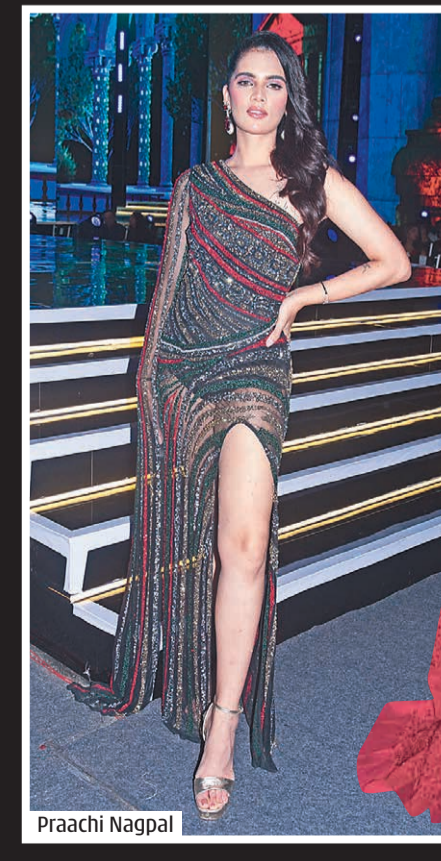
Aqsa Varghese



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Praachi Nagpal



Stunning finalists during the opening dance sequence



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra caught in candid moment with Meera Rautela (Urvashi Rautela's mother). Also seen is Manwar Singh Rautela



Ananya Saxena



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Trishna Ray (Miss Teen Universe India 2023)



Contestants during the National Costume round



Ngo Ngoc Gia Han and Lance Raymundo addressing the audience



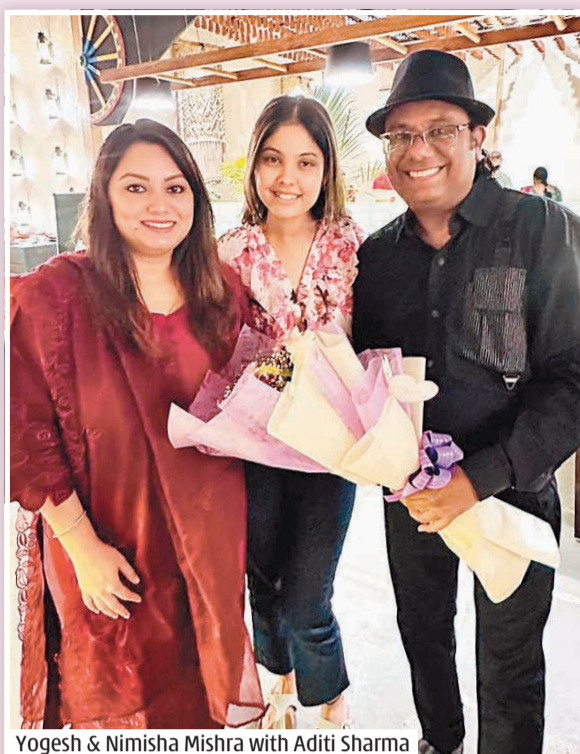
(L-R) Tanishqa Sharma, Parineeta Bakshi, Anshika Choudhary & Amelia Reddy

**CHARMING LUNCHEON!**



Dr Jagdeesh Chandra with Akanksha Bhalla, Mona Gautam, Gaurav Gaur, Shrishti Khatri, Mitali Kumawat, Alifirdoush & Pihu Choudhary

Dr Jagdeesh Chandra recently received a warm welcome from Gaurav Gaur, Director of Elite Miss Rajasthan, and his team during a courtesy visit to Udaipur on Saturday. The visit fostered valuable discussions on the beauty and fashion industry. Dr Chandra also enjoyed a delightful lunch attended by several prominent supermodels, including Akanksha Bhalla, Shrishti Khatri, Mitali Kumawat, Neha Shekhawat, Mona Gautam, Pihu Choudhary, Alifirdoush and Suhani. This gathering highlighted the growing synergy between influential figures in the fashion industry.



Yogesh & Nimisha Mishra with Aditi Sharma



Yogesh & Nimisha Mishra with Vaishnavi Sharma, Femina Miss India Rajasthan

**Birthday Bliss**

Yogesh Mishra and Nimisha Mishra, organisers of Miss Rajasthan and Director of Fusion Group, celebrated their birthdays on September 20 and 21 with close friends and family. The joyous occasion saw an intimate gathering, including special guests Vaishnavi Sharma, Femina Miss India Rajasthan and model Aditi Sharma. The celebration was filled with warmth and love, marking another milestone for the dynamic duo who are known for their contributions to the world of beauty pageants and events. Yogesh and Nimisha Mishra, well-regarded for organising prestigious events like Miss Rajasthan, received heartfelt wishes from their loved ones, making the two-day celebration memorable. Their vision continues to inspire and uplift the fashion and pageant industry.

**Folk Theatre Renaissance**

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**A** 45-day workshop on modern theatre and Gavari folk theatre is currently underway at Jawahar Kala Kendra, engaging 40 participants in a unique cultural experience on Monday. This program aims to connect young artists with the rich traditions of folk theatre, particularly the ancient Gavari dance of Mewar, which serves not only as entertainment but also as a means to promote environmental conservation and cultural heritage.

Led by senior theatre director Sabir Khan, the workshop provides comprehensive



(L-R) Ramial Ahir, Raghuraj Singh, Ashish Jangir, Sandeep Swami, Jaisper Otwal & Naveen Yadav



Instructor Ganesh Lal Bheel with artists

training, focusing on physical strength, concentration, storytelling, acting, and voice modulation. Participants are learning the basics of Gavari singing and dancing, along with skills in mask-making, character

identification, and costume design. Ganesh Lal Bheel, an instructor of Gavari Loknatya, highlighted that the performances convey historical tales of Shiva and Parvati, imparting messages of divinity and social responsibility.

This initiative seeks to educate participants about the importance of environmental protection and the role of culture in fostering community unity.

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**IN THE CITY!**



Prerna, Monika, Sudhir & Neeru

An exclusive art exhibition featuring the exceptional works of renowned artist Monika Sharda was held at ITC Rajputana, Jaipur. The event showcased her latest masterpieces, reflecting her unique style and artistic brilliance, attracting art enthusiasts and collectors alike. The exhibition was inaugurated by the esteemed Chief Guest, Jitendra Kumar Soni (IAS, Collector Jaipur), adding prestige to the occasion. Pankaj Ojha (RAS) also graced the event as a Guest of Honour. Monika Sharda's artwork, known for its captivating expression and intricate details, garnered high praise from attendees. The exhibition served as a platform for art lovers to witness her evolving creativity and connect with the artistic community. It offered a memorable experience, celebrating the fusion of tradition and contemporary art.

**DURING THE DAY!**



Rotary Club Jaipur Royal and Rotary Club Jaipur organised the "Aditya Dhadak" Basic Life Support Workshop on Monday, announced by District Governor Dr Rakhi Gupta. A team from Manipal Hospital trained participants in CPR techniques through presentations and live demos to help save lives during heart attacks and emergencies. Rotary Club President Dr Rohan Gupta shared that similar workshops will run from September 15 to October 15, aiming to train more individuals in life-saving CPR techniques.

Womanaari, led by founder Neelam Saxena, collaborated with TrekNTalk to host the "Meet New Horizons" event, combining adventure, wellness, and community service on Sunday. The day began with a guided trek through nature, followed by a lively Zumba session led by fitness expert Tanu Bhuwalka. Wellness coach Anamika Kothari conducted a calming meditation and yoga session. The event concluded with a cleanup drive in Jaipur, highlighting participants' commitment to environmental responsibility. Womanaari continues to empower women through impactful initiatives and events.



As part of the Net Theat series, the Rang Mandal of Naad Society presented the poignant play 'Gunge', directed by Anil Marwari. The performance featured Manoj Swami, who portrayed various characters, effectively conveying the theme of societal indifference through his emotional acting. Virendra Singh Rathore, in the role of 'Gunge', delivered a powerful performance that resonated deeply with the audience. The play explores the struggles of a dumb orphan, symbolising self-respect and resilience. Mementos were awarded to the artists, acknowledging their contributions. The event was coordinated by Naval Dangi, with support from a talented crew in lighting, set design and music.

**EVENTS!**



The Women Mentors Forum successfully held the Jaipur Mentoring Walk at Central Park, uniting women leaders, entrepreneurs and changemakers on Saturday. Led by Archana Surana, Founder of the Forum and Dr Shikha Ajmera, Co-founder of Stone Stories, the walk fostered discussions on leadership, mentorship and empowerment. Participants engaged in meaningful conversations, promoting growth and collaboration. The event highlighted the forum's "Empower All" initiative, reinforcing its commitment to empowering women through mentorship and inclusion.



The final match of the BM Birla Cup (06 goals) was held on Sunday at Rajasthan Polo Ground, Jaipur, where Team Jaipur triumphed over Team Bedla Polo with a 9-8 scoreline. Lance Watson led Team Jaipur with 6 goals, while Padmanabh Singh and Salim Azmi added 2 and 1 goal respectively. Team Bedla Polo's Rao Himmat Singh Bedla scored 6 goals, with Bauti Alberdi adding 2. Chief Guest Shailesh Patni, VP of NBC Bearings, presented the trophy to Team Jaipur.



On the 18th foundation day of Shri Rajput Karni Sena, a grand saffron vehicle rally was held in Jaipur, starting at SKIT College, Jagatpura, and ending at Maharana Pratap Circle. The rally received warm welcomes with flower showers along its route. Shri Rajput Karni Sena's national president, Pratap Singh Kalvi stated that Karni Sena was a third son of its founder Lokendra Singh Kalvi also called for the protection of historical heritage, referencing the recent removal of a 500-year-old Surajmal chhatra in Bundi. The event, featuring a tribute to Maharana Pratap and performances by youth, saw notable figures like Badri Singh Rajawat and Akshay Singh Hada in attendance.

— DIVYA KANWALIYA

**WHAT'S HAPPENING!**



The 24th edition of the Mahi Sandesh 'Kavya-Kalam' program took place on Sunday at 'Malaarpan' on Sardar Patel Marg, celebrating poetry, songs and art. Esteemed guests included astrologer Dr Purshotam Gaur and Padma Shri Ustad Moinuddin Khan, a renowned sarangi player. Poets such as Amit Kalla, Ejaz ul Haq 'Shihab' and Dr Shalini Yadav showcased their work, enriching the event. Honours were awarded, including the "Mahi Sandesh Vindhya Kokil Bhaiya Lal Vyas 'Kavya-Kalam' Samman" and the "Mahi Sandesh-Prema Mathur- Prerna Award" for social contributions. Sudhir Mathur highlighted the program's monthly commitment to promoting literature and art.



(L-R) Vikas Mahipal, Balwinder Singh Walia, Mukesh Madhwani and Himmat Singh

Business Circle India (BCI) successfully launched its new chapter in Jaipur on Monday, gathering 20 prominent businessmen and professionals to discuss collaboration and growth opportunities. BCI Founder Mukesh Madhwani emphasised that the Jaipur Chapter aims to provide a platform for entrepreneurs to achieve business progress through cooperation. Himmat Singh Nathawat, CEO of Just Health & Wellness, was appointed President of the chapter. Chief guest Balwinder Singh Walia, Finance Director at Narayana Hospital, shared insights on the healthcare sector's challenges. Madhwani noted that BCI, initiated in Udaipur three months ago, aims to expand nationwide to elevate the trader community through shared experiences.



The seven-day musical Shrimad Bhagwat Katha event commenced on Monday, organised by a dedicated committee led by Bhanu Prakash Verma. The Katha will culminate on September 30, with Purna Aahuti and Sant Prasad. Devotees participated in a vibrant book procession, chanting Hari Naam Sankirtan with music and dance, starting from Radha Govind Temple in Tirupati Vihar and concluding at Shubham Marriage Garden.

Jaipur's 8-year-old Krishna Patel Saini has made her city proud by walking as a showstopper at the Indian Kids Fashion Week in Delhi recently. The event, held at Crown Plaza Delhi Rohini, featured around 150 children, with Krishna showcasing designs by Delhi designer TMN. A rising kids' Instagram influencer with 150,000 followers, she has previously collaborated with major brands like Myntira, Nike etc, further establishing her presence in the fashion world.

