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The cultural fest of DU's
Institute of Home Economics
saw students making the most of
music, theatre and fashion

A FERIA TO REMEMBER: VIBE SET HAI!



Devanshi Karnwal took home the title of Ms FERIA



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Delhi University fest season is in full swing, and students of Institute of Home Economics (IHE), couldn't keep calm at any moment of their two-day fest, FERIA '23. Dressed in their stylish best, students revelled to the fullest in Western dance, street theatre and pageantry.

DJ NAHIN, PAR GAANA CHALA DO

Even the last-minute cancellation of a performance by an international DJ on day 2 couldn't dampen spirits. The bangers belted out during the Western dance competition kept the crowd enthused. Cheering and dancing, the spectators

made it an affair to remember, especially during a performance of *Jalebi Bai* by Lady Shri Ram College students. "Dance toh karna banta hai! Look at all the performances, they are all so good," said Gunjan Mittal, a final-year student of BSc Home Science at IHE, as she swayed along with the crowd. "Even without the DJ, speakers hain toh vibe set hai. What more do we want to ensure fest wali feel full on rahe?" she gushed.

GAME POINT FOR FASHION

Students indulged in merriment on both days but not without being dressed to the nines! "The fest is all about partying for most of us, but it's also about pulling out our best OOTDs," said Alina Khan, a second-year Journalism student, adding, "I had especially arranged a dress from my friend's Instagram store, to wear on one of the days. So many people complimented me for it! Also, because I was competing between

the competitions. It was my moment to shine and I truly felt like a diva."

Another IHE student, Sakshi Bhandari, in her second year, said, "I took along a change of clothes with me because I wanted to wear different outfits for different events. It's not at all too much. Don't we make an effort when we are attending weddings? It's the same, but sans the formalities or relatives — which makes it way cooler!"

BAND WOWS, AND HOW

Songs such as *Nasha*, *Pasoori* and *Mann Bhareya* regaled the audience as Noobs The Band took to the stage on day 1. Among those mesmerised by their performance was Khushi Kumar, a final-year student of BSc Home Science. "I was just awestruck by how beautiful the tracks were, which made everyone sing along. This is what college life is all about, which I had missed till now because of online classes. I feel on top of the world to be able to attend at least this one physical fest!"



Sri Aurobindo College's fash soc paid tribute to the armed forces through their act on stage



Western dance performances such as this one, by College of Vocational Studies, compelled the crowd to dance along

Mera bas chale toh main har DU fest mein perform karun

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Delhi University (DU) fest season is at its peak, with star performances becoming an everyday affair. And equally excited as the students are the artistes, who are taking the stage after a long pandemic pause. Singer-composer Ankit Tiwari, for instance, recently performed at two colleges — Shivaji College and Maitreyi College — on consecutive evenings, and left the crowd asking for more!

Humbled with the response, Tiwari says, "Inka pyaar hi toh hai jiske liye main yeh kaam karta hun. I saw the DMs and tags on social media... Mera bas chale toh main har ek DU college mein aakar perform karun."

The 38-year-old, who last performed in DU in 2019, shares that performing for the young crowd is always a "lovely feeling", riddled with nostalgia for his own college days. "Bahut hi achha lag raha hai. Mujhe apne khud ke college ke din, Kanpur wale, yaad aa jaate hain whenever I am here," he says, adding, "When I see the faces of audiences, apne friends ka chehra dikhta hai. Hum bhi aise hi students hote the, hang out karte the aur bahut masti karte the."

During his college days, Tiwari was a regular participant at inter-college competitions. He recalls, "Jeeta bhi hun aur haara bhi hun. Dono cheezon ka apna hi mazaa hota tha. Main tab tabla, piano and other percussion instruments bajata tha aur background mein rehna pasand karta tha. Singing mein toh (filmmaker, Mahesh) Bhatt sa ab aur Tigmanshu Dhulia (filmmaker) ki wajah se aa gaya."

Ask about his recent gigs, and the singer informs that his act at Shivaji College had to be cut short due to a stampede-like situation. "But, Maitreyi College mein daytime concert tha aur mujhe itna maza aaya ki I performed for half an hour extra! Main toh aur gaana chah raha tha because it was a beautiful crowd... Getting to connect with the youth is my favourite part about performing in DU."

DU audience se mil kar aisa lagta hai ki apne college days mein, main apne doston ke beech hun. It's a lovely feeling.

ANKIT TIWARI, Singer-composer

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Dear Mumma, Today's post is about one long, ever-growing-and-expanding, never-ceasing-to-amaze epiphany that started on the 23rd February, 1977, the day my mom was born. Mummy, when I am looking at you, I am looking at the purest love I will ever know. You are an irreplaceable person in my life. No one can do what you do. In the past 20 years, you have taught me how to be a loving, selfless, supportive young man and I could not have asked for more in a mother. You always see the best in me even when I drive you crazy. You have given me tough love. You have given honest advice even when I didn't want to hear it. You have encouraged me and chastised me when I needed it. You are everything to me and the

reason I turned out to be the best version of me. **Your Pride Vansh**

Simple Nimi, Everything is all right. All is well. Kab tak, kahan tak saath chaloge. Doorion se feelings kum nahi hote. Phele hi haar maan kar atmsamran kar diya tha. DM karo please. **Yours G**

Hey Bhavan aka Mili, A very Happy 17th Wedding Anniversary ...Woah!! 17 years ho gye... Mana hamarey beech thodi an - ban hoti rehti hai but my love for you will always be beyond infinity. Your Lovingly Husband, **Nitin**

Dear Nishant, I love u to the moon and back. I can't express my feelings for you in words as you are the most loving and caring person in the world, you have always been there for me whenever I needed you. I know that we might not be having a future together but you will always remain in my heart. I can never forget the day I met you from then my life has become heaven keep smiling i'm always with you..

Yours Forever, Aashi

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Geet, Gangubai, Mastani: Mata Sundri has talent untapped!



Participant nailed the Gangubai look from Gangubai Kathiawadi



Amandeep Kaur dressed as Mastani from *Bajirao Mastani* won hearts and the competition

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Bringing some old-world charm on stage as Paro from *Devdas*



Vanshika rocked the stage as Virus from *3 Idiots*

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Students of Mata Sundri College for Women, Delhi University, channelised their filmi keedas, as the college saw its first-ever Bollywood Day on campus. The students put their best foot forward when they came dressed and walked the ramp as Geet, Gangubai, Mastani, Anjali and many more. Amandeep Kaur, a second-year BCom (Hons) student who dressed as Mastani and won the competition, explains how she put her look together: "I wore my sister's dress and clubbed it with a handcrafted pagdi inspired by the *Deewani Mastani* (*Bajirao Mastani*, 2015) song. To get the perfect shape of the headgear, I used a cardboard topped with an inverted bowl, and covered it with my mom's old petticoat that I embellished with jewels for the royal look. I believe it was my effort, coupled with expressions and dance, that made me the winner!"

Ramp walk, dialogue delivery and



When it's a date with Bollywood in college, how can Kajol as Anjali from *Kuch Kuch Hota Hai* and Raj from *Mohabbatein* be missed out!



Ready for some action? Student cosplays as *Mary Kom*

hook steps were the criteria that helped the judges decide the winner and runners-up. A first-year BA (Prog) student, Vanshika, who came dressed up as Dr Viru Sahastrabuddhe aka Virus from *3 Idiots* (2019) was announced as the second runner-up. "I've always had stage fright, but the cheers from the crowd made me overcome it this time," she says. Also happy for her efforts getting noticed was Somya Goel, a second-year BCom (Prog) student who dressed up as Naina from *Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani* (2013) and bagged the Miss Catwalk award.