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Rohit and Anu

A 'CUTTING EDGE GET TOGETHER



Kavisha



Manisha



Smita

Conversations on crafts, cuts and colors kept the students and faculty members occupied at this do. Students of a renowned design institute displayed their collection. A colorful display of apparel designs reflected the skills of the students. One could see different cuts making good impression as lovers of apparel design were all praises for their beautiful creations.



Komal



Aparna



Ashita and (right) Samta



Prapti and (right) Shalvi



Pranita

"I am looking for someone special"

Anrita Mulchandani

Telly actor Shaheer Shaikh, who used to flip through voluminous law books, didn't think seriously about making a foray into the glam world. And the lanky lad is basking in the popularity that his stint in television just gave him. Shaheer is certainly reveling in the attention he is getting these days. Popularly known as Anant—his on screen character, Shaheer is considered a droolworthy hunk among girls. And he has managed to garner considerable female fan following. "A lot of youngsters compliment me on internet. I am actually not getting the time to enjoy my fame but I am loving all the attention," says Shaheer who was seen in TV shows *Kya Mast Hai Life* and *Jhansi Ki Rani*. He is currently doing the show *Nayaz*.

This Jamnuni guy went to Pune to pursue his course in law. That is when destiny had other plans in store for him. "I was in Pune when a friend of mine, who happens to be a director, called me and offered me a role. I always wanted to be a hero," says Shaheer who dreams to make a film one day and act in it too.

About his career moves, the actor says, "I am a planner and I work hard towards what I aim at. Since eight years I have been living alone—I am a self dependent guy. I was organizing events during my college days and that is when I struggled the most. It was the toughest time of my life," he shares.

Talking about his counterparts, Shaheer says that he hardly knows anyone in the industry. "I don't like to interact nor am I a party animal. People advise me to focus on networking but at the moment it is going good for me so I am not too worried. And I am not worried about not getting another show, as I have other options to earn," says Shaheer.

In real life Shaheer is pretty chilled out person. "I love to dance, listen to music and watch films. Being a straight forward person, I like honest people. I love cooking and I am a big foodie," he says. Shaheer maintains that he is an introvert but when you speak to him you discover that he is completely the opposite—full of beans and has an amazing sense of humor.

There have been rumors doing the round about Shaheer dating actress Smilee Suri. But Shaheer maintains that he is still single. "I have no time for myself, so there is no question of me being with Smilee. I did her portfolio shoot few months back and since then we became friends. We hardly get time to meet. We are 'very good friends'. She understands and believes me. She always knew that once the pictures will be out there will be stories about our link up," says Shaheer and signs off.



Actor Shaheer Shaikh waxes eloquent about his journey so far in tellyworld in a chat with AT



Alok Aggarwal, Rohit Bal and Arti Surendranath

KEEP UP THE PARTYING SPIRIT GUYS!

Rohit Bal celebrated his birthday with a big bash in Delhi, but that didn't stop his friends from throwing him a party in Mumbai. Alok Aggarwal along with Kallash and Arti Surendranath hosted a bash for Gudda recently. The guests who were spotted having a great time included Dalip Tahil, Jackie Shroff, Anu Malik, Manish Malhotra, Poonam Dhillon and Neetu Chandra.



Yash Birla and Srijepal Mafatlal



MERE PAAS MAA HAI: Kangna with her mother



Kangna Ranaut (centre) at the wedding of her sister Rangoli on Wednesday

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THEY MAKE THE CUT

Thirty-one students of fashion and textile from NIFT who graduated on Friday showcased some of their creations in which they had experimented with traditional designs

JIGNESH VORA



The mood and life after sunset has inspired Sachin Kumar Kalasva to create this exotic cushion collection



Sunita Srivastava has used textile waste and Kutchi embroidery like *Pako, Rabari* to create this home-furnishing collection



Priyanshu Kumar has created new motif using 'numbers and letters' for his collection of Chanderi Sarees



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The batch of 31 students of Fashion and Textile design (FTD) at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Gandhinagar were awarded Bachelor degrees at the fourth edition of 'TANTU', their graduation show held on Friday. The graduating batch showcased their final creation done during the 18-week internship with the industry.

In the final semester of graduation, students of Textile Design undergo a Graduation Project in renowned textile mills, buying-export houses, design studios or handloom cooperatives. In this 18-week learning process they learn to work as professional textile designers, developing fabric solutions for both the home and apparel sector.

NIFT, Gandhinagar Director, Sameeta Rajora said, "The batch has displayed some excellent work done during their internship. A lot of students have also used various Indian crafts and embroidery in their work. We have received positive response from the industries."

The fashion and textile design students got the opportunity to work with textile mills, buying-export houses, design studios and a few handloom cooperative. On the occasion, the graduating also got the opportunity to interact with the industry. CEO of Ashima Group, Shrikant S



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NIFT Director



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SHRIKANT S PAREEK
CEO, Ashima Group

Pareek, who was an invitee at the show said, "It's amazing to see such complete and professional output from these students. These are very saleable products that have designed. This shows that they are ready to plunge in the industry as textile designers. Ashima has always encouraged young designers and has recruited NIFTians in the past."

Most of the students have already received placement offers from the companies where they did their internship. Said Priyanshu Kumara, who interned with Sutra Handicrafts in New Delhi, "My collection is on Chanderi sarees. I have tried to give Chanderi sarees an over all different look but maintaining its essence. I came up with new motif library in Chanderi Sarees using 'numbers and letters', which was my theme for the first collection. After working with the artisans, I got to know how laborious it

is to produce a single yard of fabric on handloom. Sutra Handicrafts has given me, a job offer of Rs 3 lacs per annum along with some percentage on the design sales of my products."

Some of the companies that have offered jobs to these budding textile designers are- Donear Industries, Mumbai; Indus League Clothing, Bengaluru; Mridul Enterprises, Noida; LNJ Denims, Banswada; Sutra Handicrafts Pvt Ltd, Delhi. Some students of the graduating batch have also got job offers during the NIFT placement. The highest pay package offered until now is around Rs 30,000 per month. On an average, most of the students have been offered Rs 20,000-25,000 in hand per month. Of the remaining, few students are planning to become entrepreneurs and few have planned to pursue further studies.

City gears up for Anna Hazare's visit

Apart from Hazare, members of India Against Corruption like Swami Agneevesh, Arvind Kejriwal as well as some filmstars are also expected

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The city is preparing itself for May 26 when Anna Hazare visits Ahmedabad. On Friday evening, activists and individuals from across the city gathered at Natarani.

FILMSTARS EXPECTED

At the meeting, where almost 30 people remained present, it was decided that a public meeting be organised at Sardarbaug between 6-8 pm. Apart

from Hazare, members of India Against Corruption like Swami Agneevesh, Arvind Kejriwal as well as some filmstars are expected to be present for the meeting.

DEMONSTRATION ORGANISED

A demonstration has also been organised on May 20 near Town Hall in which activists from Gujarat will demand the election of a lokayukta. From May 20 to 26, activists will spread awareness by distributing pamphlets and talking to people.



Activists from across the city met at Natarani on Friday and decided that public meet will be organised at Sardarbaug on May 26



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