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# The girls at Delhi's Miss Diva auditions impress the judges

Divya Kaushik

## The winner of Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2016 will represent India at Miss Universe

Over 200 contestants from cities like Chandigarh, Ajmer and Jaipur reached Delhi for the Delhi auditions of Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Miss Universe India 2016. The judges for the auditions, actress Neha Dhupia and fashion designers Shantanu and Nikhil Mehra, had a tough time choosing the seven girls who will be fast-tracked to the final round of auditions in Mumbai on July 31. The winner of the pageant will represent India at Miss Universe. The hospitality and venue partner for the mega event in Delhi was Shangri-La's Eros Hotel.

### DELHI GIRLS ALWAYS SPECIAL

"It takes a huge amount of courage to join a beauty pageant, and I am saying this on the basis of what I have experienced," said Neha, a former Miss India. "Walking the ramp in front of strangers who are judging you on the way you look, your personality - one has to come out strong and courageous, and that's what makes these girls special. The Delhi round has been absolutely beautiful, so we had a tough job to do."

Shantanu added that the Delhi auditions are always special. "Today, as judges, we have been biting our nails one after the other participant was turning out to be a showstopper. The quality of Delhi girls has been far superior to what I have seen in the past," he said. Nikhil added, "Judging for Miss Diva has been incredible - we not only got to see beautiful girls but very intelligent women, and I am so happy that women from across India are pursuing their education and then following what they want to do."

### THE DELHI FINALISTS

Kashika Narang, who was also titled Yamaha Miss Fascino, is already working as cabin crew and is all set to pursue her dream of participating in the coveted pageant. "What I learnt from today's auditions is one should believe in oneself. I am happy that I have got this opportunity," she said. The shortlisted finalists get the golden opportunity to be the Super Diva of Delhi. The Super Diva of Delhi has to interact with her friends and fans on Facebook using #MissDiva2016. The winner will be judged on the quality of the content, engagement in posts, frequency of the updates and more. The winner of this contest will get free travel and stay in Mumbai for the finals.

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**THE DELHI FINALISTS:** (L-R) Sophiya Singh, Gabriella Barretto, Samridhi Chandola, Kashika Narang (Yamaha Miss Fascino), Monika Dwivedi, Shivangi Rajouria and Aishwarya Joshi. Watch a video of the Delhi auditions, using **Alive**



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College: NA  
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- KASHIKA NARANG**  
Native City: New Delhi  
School: Bloom Public School, New Delhi  
College: Delhi University (Open)  
Profession: Cabin crew
- MONIKA DWIVEDI**  
Native City: Lucknow  
School: Sherwood Academy, Lucknow  
College: Amity University, Lucknow  
Profession: Student
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