



Dr Alka Nishar and Atul Nishar with Edgard Kagan and Cynthia Gire

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Ishaan Khatter

Celebrating Indo-US ties

The US Consulate General in Mumbai marked 180 years of diplomatic presence here with a celebration on the Consulate grounds. US Consul General Edgard Kagan and Namaste America president Atul Nishar were present, along with a host of other dignitaries and celebrities including actor Ishaan Khatter.

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JHINGAAT WITH JAZZ

Two good dancers, Ishaan Khatter and Shiamak Davar, lock dandiya at a cultural event at the US Consulate in BKC on Friday. **PIC/NIMESH DAVE**



Officials and guests pay tribute to the CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the terror attack at Pulwama, at U.S. Consulate on Friday ■ PHOTO: ARUNANGSU ROY CHOWDHURY

U.S. Consulate celebrates 180th year in Mumbai

Still caters to seafarers, says Consul General

ADITYA ANAND
MUMBAI

Celebrations to mark the 180th year of the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai on Friday began with a one-minute silence being observed for the lives of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel lost in the terror attack at Pulwama.

Celebrities, corporates and officials from other diplomatic missions were also witness to a U.S. Marine Corps Colour Guard performing a traditional flag presentation ceremony, and the playing of both Indian and American National Anthems, on the occasion.

U.S. Consul General Edgar Kagan said when the Consulate was opening in Mumbai, then Bombay, the U.S. was barely 60 years old.

Back then, the consulate only catered to seafarers from the United States and facilitated the movement of goods between Bombay and the U.S. "We continue to do this for seafarers. The movement of goods has, however, been replaced by people," Mr. Kagan said.

'Need to build on success'
He also pointed to how the U.S. had turned into a fast-growing destination for Indian students. "The number of Indians studying in the U.S. has increased for the fifth consecutive year. A large chunk comes from western India. There are also record numbers of American students studying in India. Our challenge is to build on this success," the Consul General said.



about town

Making bonds

Prominent names from the business and glamour world attended an event in Mumbai recently. Niharica Kumari Raizada, Madhu Shah and Kalpana Shah were also present.



**Ishaan
Khattar**

**Vijay and
Rajyalakshmi Rao**



**Alka and Atul Nishar
with Edgard Kegan and
Cynthia Gire**



**Nafisa and Habil
Khorakiwala**



Nadir Godrej



Urvi Piramal

**Kailash and Aarti
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Here's Looking At You Sam

What's a party without a bit of Bollywood dandling? Last week saw the city's heavyweights attend the 180th anniversary of the US Consulate General in Mumbai, hosted by US Consul General Edgard Kagan and Namaste America president Atul Nishar, which was witness to much joy and a shaking of leg on the Consulate grounds in BKC. It was to mark US President Martin Van Buren sending the first American Consul, Philemon S. Parker, to what was then Bombay 180 years ago. The highlight of the evening was of course the energetic performance by Bollywood's favourite choreographer Shiamak Davar and members of his Victory Arts Foundation, which gives a platform to the differently-abled and underprivileged. The participation of Davar's former student, actor Ishaan Khatter, was the cherry on the cake. Co-hosted by Nayan Patel and Niraj Bajaj, seen at the event were Minal Bajaj, Cynthia Gire (wife of Consul General Edgard Kagan, who'd served as a high-level officer in the White House during Obama's tenure), Rajyalakshmi and Dr Vijay Papa Rao Meka, Nafisa and Habil Khorakiwala, Nadir Godrej, Piloo Tata, Urvi Piramal and Kalpana Singhania, amongst others. But the lady who stole the show is said to have been Davar's elegant mother who, at a sprightly 97, could put many a younger person to shame with her energy and vitality. Here she is in this picture with another evergreen mum, Shashi Bansal, the St Xavier's College and TIFR alumnus, who happens to be Nisha JamVwal's mother, whose frequent presence at the city's high-profile social events is a welcome development.



■ Shiamak Davar and his troupe perform at the event.



■ Shashi Bansal and Mrs Davar.

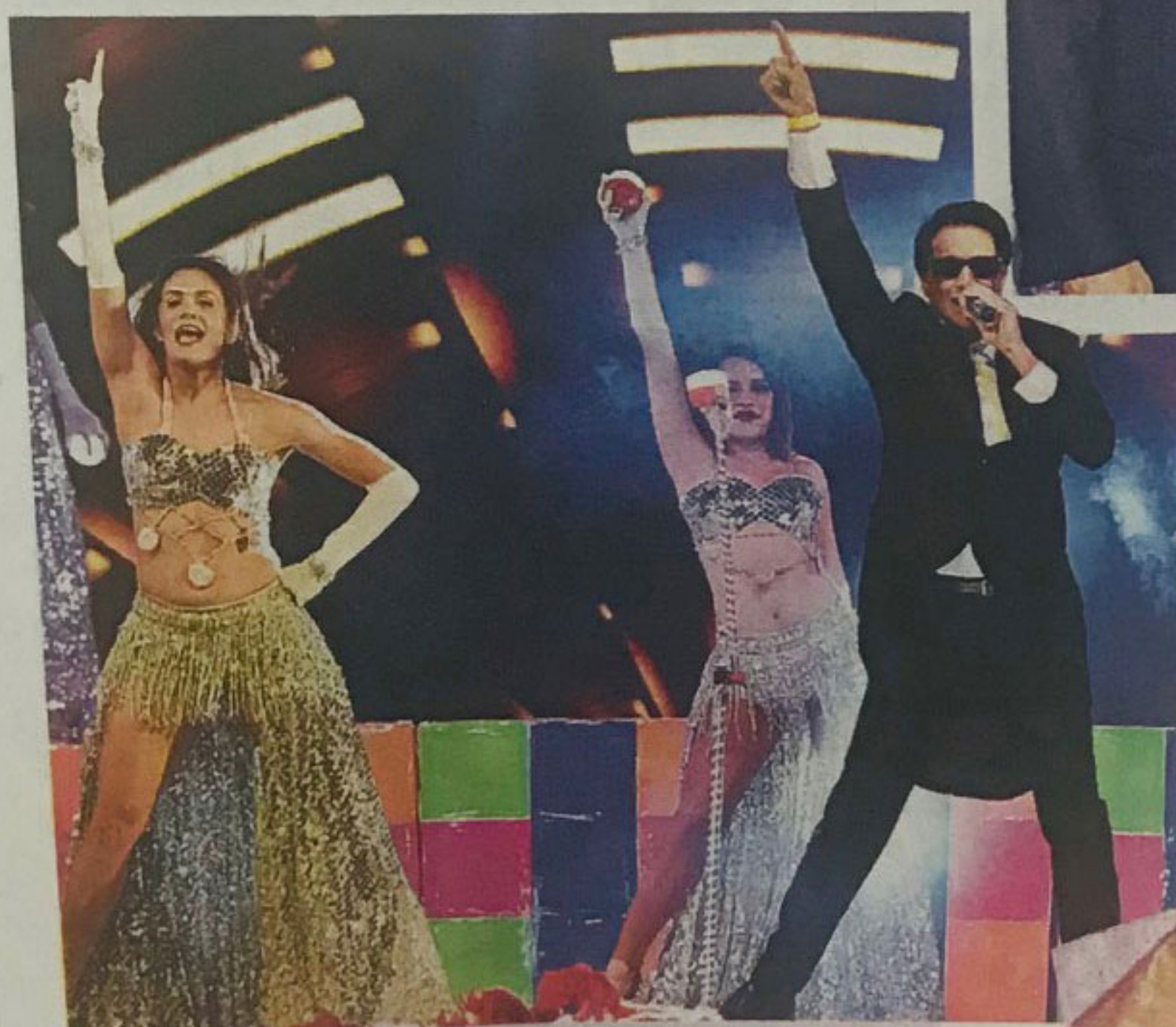
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Celebrating 180 years of the US Consulate in Mumbai

US Consul General Edgard Kagan and Atul Nishar (President, Namaste America) co-hosted a dazzling evening to celebrate 180 years of the US Consulate General in Mumbai. The highlight of the event was an entertaining performance by Shiamak Davar and members of his Victory Arts Foundation, which gives a platform to the differently abled and underprivileged, that won the audience's hearts. Foot-tapping music by a live band and a tastefully curated food menu added to the evening. The event was attended by Dr Alka Nishar, Minal Bajaj, Raman Maroo, Sonu Walia and Akbar Khan, Kaushika and Kamlesh Hemdev, Nisha JamVwal, Kalpana Singhania, and several others.



Nayan Patel,
Atul Nishar,
U.S. Consul General
Edgard Kagan and
Niraj Bajaj



Shiamak Davar performing with his troupe



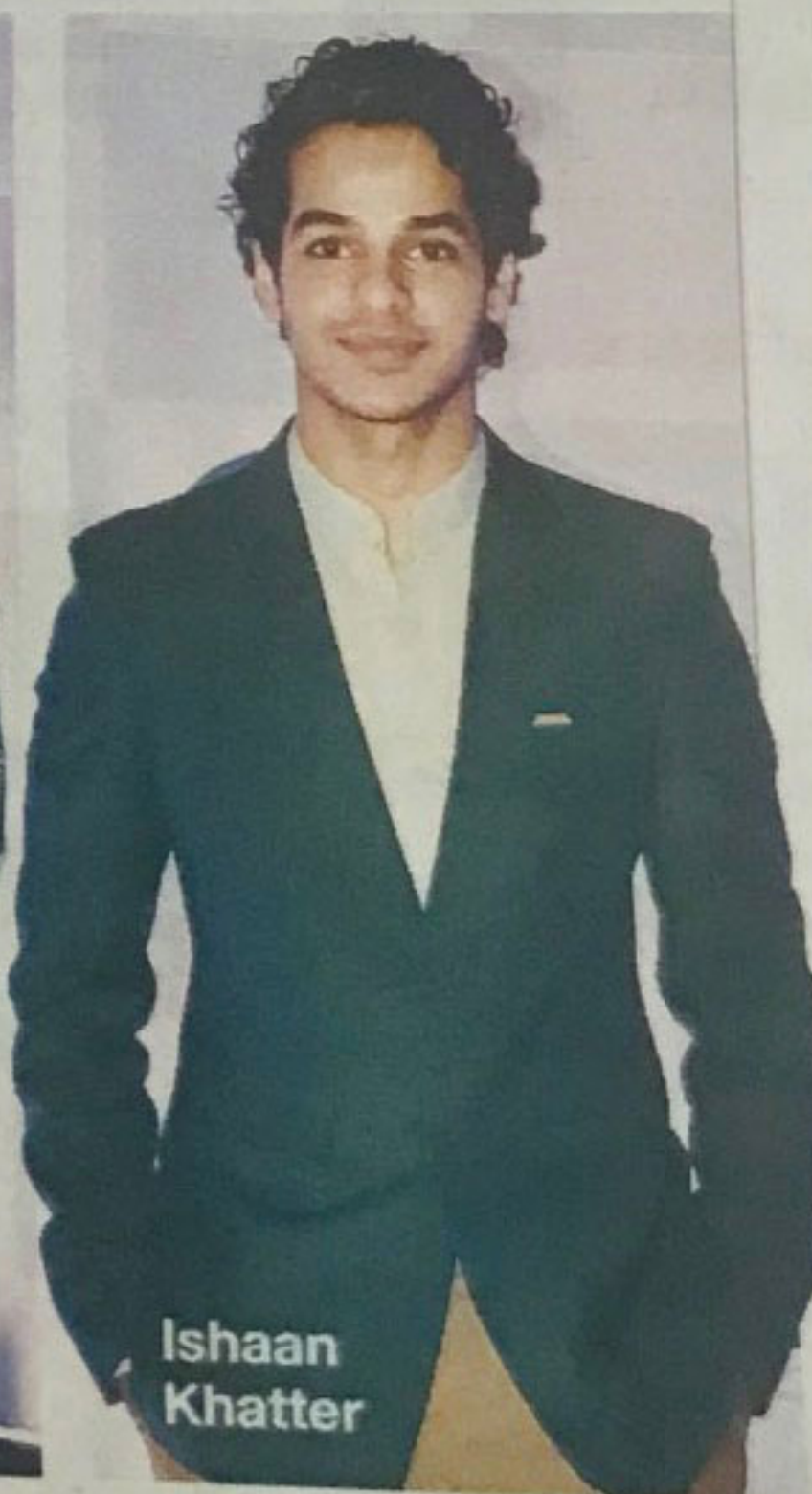
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App action

THE action was at the ballroom of JW Marriott as Shemaroo Entertainment Limited launched its over-the-top platform ShemarooMe in the presence of actor Tiger Shroff. You heard that ShemarooMe is a comprehensive app for the Indian market with a diverse and exclusive content offering for an audience looking for Indian video content across various genres to cater to the needs of all age groups. ShemarooMe aims to celebrate the fans that cherish the opportunity to watch their favourite content over and over again, relishing every dialogue and memorizing every scene. It aims to address the needs of the everyday Indian from across the country, those who are comfortable in their native language and connect with their intrinsic taste of masala content that they have built over the years. The event, ably anchored by Siddharth Kannan, saw the presence of Hiren Gada, CEO, Shemaroo Entertainment and Zubin Dubash, COO, Digital, Shemaroo Entertainment.



NIHARICA KUMARI RAIZADA

Cheer and dear

A cheerful celebration was what it was as the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai marked 180 years of diplomatic presence here with a cheerful celebration on the American Consulate lawns at BKC. The event was hosted by U.S. Consul General Edgard Kagan and Namaste America president Atul Nishar and presented by Aza. In full flow were the choicest spirits, wines and beers, complemented by tasty hors d'oeuvres and dinner by Joss. On stage was the lively band with super singer Shamilla Dias, who also ably anchored the event, along with other super singers Brendon D'Souza and Cyrus Dubash and keyboardist Ryan Mendonca. A highlight of the evening was a power-packed performance by celebrated choreographer Shiamak Davar and his troupe. A presentation by members of Davar's Victory Arts Foundation, which gives a platform to the differently-abled and underprivileged, won the heart of the audience.



ATUL NISHAR & EDGARD KAGAN



ISHAAN KHATTER



BELLE VIE

Cartier's royal affair

On a pleasant February weekend, Cartier Concours d'Elegance travelled to the picturesque abode of royalty, Rambagh Palace, Jaipur for the sixth edition of Cartier 'Travel With Style'. On display at this year's memorable showcase of India's rare automotive heritage were 82 automobiles and 24 motorcycles. The one-of-a-kind gathering was attended by His Highness Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh and HH Princess Diya Kumari of Jaipur, Maharaja Gaj Singh of Jodhpur, Sophie Donereux, Managing Director, Cartier, UAE & India; Tarang and Raju Arora of Annapati Jewels; Anoop Bhatia, Chairman of World Trade Park Jaipur; Siddharth Kishore of Gem Palace and Barbara Molini and Will Mulford of Bar Palladio. **Left to right: Christophe Massoni, CEO, Cartier Middle East, Africa & India; HH Maharaja Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur**



Couture meets tech

A cool collaboration that hit the right chords with two distinct industries – technology and fashion – came to life at The Lybia Palace New Delhi last month. American tech company HP and fashion designers Shantanu and Nikhil Mehra of Shantanu & Nikhil unveiled HP's new Spectre range of laptops, following a dramatic couture showcase. The duo's anti-trend, gender-fluid collection was inspired by the versatility and sleekness of the HP Spectre Folio and HP Spectre x360. **In pictures: Models photographed on the runway; Shantanu and Nikhil Mehra along with HP India's team**



All the glam from Luxury Lifestyle Weekend

The country's most diverse luxury platform, Luxury Lifestyle Weekend hosted its second edition at JioGarden in BKC, Mumbai from February 22 to 24.

Over 150 luxury and lifestyle brands across ten categories including art, automobile, fashion, jewellery, interior design, watches and real estate participated in the two-day extravaganza. This edition of Luxury Lifestyle Weekend (LLW) also witnessed the launch of 'Conscious Capsule', a designated area showcasing organic and sustainable products. Renowned personalities and patrons of the finer things of life such as Gautam Singhania, Mandana Karim, Sharmila Tagore and Mandira Bedi were spotted at LLW.

Clockwise from top: Mandana Karim; Sharmila Tagore; Mandira Bedi; Kim Sharma



U.S. Consulate General celebrates 180 glorious years in Mumbai

The U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai celebrated 180 years of diplomatic presence in the country last month. To commemorate this momentous occasion, U.S. Consul General Edgard Kagan and President of Namaste America Abul Nishar organised a grand soiree at the Consulate grounds in BKC, Mumbai. Spotted at the event were Minal and Niraj Bajaj, Parul and Nayan Patel, Dr. Alka Nishar, Arti and Kalash Sundararath, Nadir Godrej, Unil Primal and Nisha Jamwal, among others. **Left to right: Dr. Alka Nishar, Abul Nishar, Edgard Kagan and Cynthia Gore**



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Parul and Nayan Patel



Alka and Atul Nishar



Kailash Surendranath and Aarti Gupta Surendranath



Niraj Bajaj



Edgard Kagan and Cynthia Gire



Nafsa and Habib Khorakwala



Nadir Godrej



Vijay Devarao and Rajyalakshmi Rao



Urvashi Piramal

DIPLOMATIC MOVES

The U.S. Consul General Edgard Kagan, along with Namaste America president Atul Nishar, hosted an entertaining evening at the U.S. Consulate General grounds in Mumbai. Under a starry sky, the event marked 180 years of their diplomatic presence in the city. Overheard: "And to think my longest relationship lasted less than 180 days!"



Ishaan Khatter



Niharika Raizada

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SNAPSHOTS

Celebrating 180 Years

WHAT - The U.S. Consulate General marked 180 years of diplomatic presence in India with a celebration co-hosted by Namaste America.

WHERE - The US Consulate, Mumbai.

WHAT ELSE - One of the highlights of the evening was an exclusive performance by famed choreographer Shiamak Davar and his troupe.



Dr. Alka Nishar, Atul Nishar, Edgard Kegan, US Consulate General & Cynthia Gire



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