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

Last Sunday , the atmosphere at Hotel Radisson Blu was different than the normal Sundays as some of Pune's really gorgeous faces sashayed down the ramp for the Pune rounds of the auditions for Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva -Miss Universe India 2016. More than 80 participants battled it out to be adjudged the Miss Diva from Pune.

The day began with the swimwear round, where the girls were judged on the basis of their personality , body proportions, skin and hair as they displayed their confident selves. Each one seemed comfortable in her skin and faced the judges with poise. This was followed by the cocktail dress round, where the selected girls walked the ramp in stylish LBDs. They introduced themselves to the judges and answered a few questions. Most of them wowed the judges with their intellect and presence of mind. All three judges -actor, Sameer Dharmadhikari, Miss Diva 2013, Manasi Moghe and ace fashion designer, Nivedita Saboo, equivocally agreed that they had a very difficult time choosing the top three contestants from the Pune auditions that were held at the Hotel Radisson Blu in Kharadi, the hospitality and venue partner.

The selected girls will now be fast tracked to the final round of auditions happening in Mumbai. The shortlisted finalist will also have the golden opportunity to be the Super Diva of Pune. All she has to do is interact with her friends and fans on Facebook using #MissDiva2016. The winner will be judged on the quality of content, engagement through posts, frequency of updates and more. The winner of this contest would enjoy free travel and stay in Mumbai for the finals.

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MANASI MOGHE

Even I started my journey from Pune, so it's always a pleasure to come to Pune to judge a pageant. This being the Oxford of the East, it was no surprise to see so many well-qualified girls participate in this competition. I was reminded of my own days as a girl with dreams who would go for similar pageants, so I know how tough it was for these girls to stand confidently in front of us.

NIVEDITA SABOO

Most of the girls who participated were really beautiful and we did have a hard time choosing the top three to represent Pune and then India at an international level. Most of them were quite young and have ample time to come back next year, but overall it was a great competition.

SAMEER DHARMADHIKARI

It was really a different experience for me to judge a competition like this. So many of the contestants were simply gorgeous and I was quite surprised to see that most of

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them were engineers or students studying engineering. That certainly shows that we have a lot of girls who belong to the category of beauty with brains. Hats off to the organizers to bring out such talent!

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CONTESTANTS' DETAILS

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Pune Camp
College: Fergusson College,
Pune

SOUMYA VERMA

City of birth: Indore
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Higher Secondary School,
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