

Femina Miss India



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Miss India or **Femina Miss India** is a national beauty pageant in India that annually selects representatives to compete in Miss World, one of the Big Four major international beauty pageants. [1] It is organised by Femina, a women's magazine published by The Times Group. Since 2013, Femina also organizes Miss Diva separately which sends representatives to Miss Universe. [2]

The reigning Femina Miss India (Femina Miss India World) titleholder is Anukreethy Vas who was crowned by the outgoing titleholder Manushi Chhillar.

History

The first Miss India was Pramila (Esther Victoria Abraham), from Calcutta, who won in 1947. [3][4] It was organised by the local press.

In 1952, two Miss India pageants were held, Indrani Rehman and Nutan were the winners of the pageant. [5] Nutan was crowned as Miss Mussorie. [6] The pageant was held by the local press. Indrani Rehman was crowned at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai in the month of April, 1952. Indrani later represented India at Miss Universe 1952, the inaugural edition of Miss Universe pageant. [7]

In 1953, Peace Kanwal from Punjab was crowned Miss India 1953 at KARDAR-KOLYNOS Pageant. The pageant was organised by Abdur Rashid Kardar. [8] She later established herself as a Bollywood actress. [9]

In 1954, Leela Naidu from Maharashtra was declared Miss India, and the same year was featured in Voque magazine's list of the world's ten most beautiful women.[10]

There was no Miss India pageant from 1955 to 1958. In 1959, Eve's Weekly organised its very first Miss India contest called Eve's Weekly Miss India to send India's representatives to the Miss World pageant.

Femina Miss India

Formation	1952
Туре	Beauty pageant
Headquarters	Mumbai
Location	<u>India</u>
Membership	Miss Universe Miss World Miss Earth Miss Supranational Miss Grand International Miss United Continents Miss Intercontinental
Official language	Hindi, English
Owner	Vineet Jain
Key people	Vineet Jain Natasha Grover
Parent organisation	The Times Group
Subsidiaries	Femina Miss India Delhi Femina Miss India Bangalore Femina Miss India Kolkata Campus Princess
Website	feminamissindia .indiatimes.com (ht

tp://feminamissindi a.indiatimes.com)

<u>Fleur Ezekiel</u> was crowned the eventual winner. She represented India at Miss World 1959 held in London, United Kingdom.

The first ever Femina Miss India pageant was held in year 1964. Meher Castelino Mistri of Maharashtra was crowned the first ever Femina Miss India. She was chosen to represent India at Miss Universe 1964 held in the United States and Miss Nations 1964 held in Spain. [11]

Reita Faria was the first Miss India ever to win any international beauty pageant. She was crowned Miss World 1966 in London, United Kingdom. She was the winner of Eve's Weekly Miss India contest. The same year Femina Miss India winner Yasmin Daji represented India at Miss Universe 1966 and was crowned 3rd Runner Up at the event. She was the first ever Femina Miss India Winner to get placed at any international beauty pageant. [13]

In Earlier days, Femina Miss India used to crown three contestants, the winner used to represent India at Miss Universe and the runners-up were sent to Miss Asia Pacific and International Teen Princess. [14] Later the second runner up represents India at Miss Teenage Intercontinental. On some occasions the 2nd Runner up or a finalist was sent to Queen of Pacific pageant from 1969 to 1975. [15]

<u>Zeenat Aman</u> was the first ever Femina Miss India titleholder to win an international pageant. She was crowned Femina Miss India Asia Pacific and went on to win Miss Asia Pacific 1970 held in Philippines. [16]

Later, after acquiring the rights to send India's representatives to Miss World, Femina Miss India used to select three winners who were then sent to Miss Universe, Miss World and Miss Asia Pacific International pageants, respectively. [17]

In 1991, Femina also acquired the rights to send India's representatives to Miss International pageant and on some occasions the third winner represented India at Miss International and a finalist was sent to Miss Asia Pacific International or else the third winner was crowned as *Femina Miss India Asia Pacific* and used to represent India at Miss Asia Pacific International and a finalist was sent to Miss International. [18]

In 1994, after India's historic win at the International pageants, the organisation ended the practice of crowning a single winner and instead decided that the top three winners were designated as winners with equal visibility and prizes. [19]



Miss India 1947 Esther Victoria Abraham



Indrani Rehman after being crowned Miss India 1952. She was the first Indian woman to participate in the Miss Universe held in the United States in 1952

In 2002, the third winner was designated to Miss Earth instead of Miss Asia Pacific. [20]

In 2010, after the <u>I Am She - Miss Universe India</u> acquired the rights to send India's representatives to <u>Miss Universe</u>, Femina Miss India crowned three winners as *Femina Miss India World*, *Femina Miss India Earth* and *Femina Miss India International*, the third winner representend India in Miss International pageant. [21]

In 2010, Tantra Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. (TEPL), in partnership with Sushmita Sen, started a new pageant called <u>I Am She – Miss Universe India</u>. The winner of this pageant participated in the Miss Universe pageant from 2010 to 2012. [21]

In 2013, <u>The Times Group</u> again acquired the rights to send India's representatives to the <u>Miss Universe</u> pageant and started a new pageant called <u>Miss Diva</u>. The first ever <u>Miss Diva</u> pageant was held in <u>Mumbai</u> on September 5, 2013. <u>Manasi Moghe</u> of <u>Maharashtra</u> was crowned Miss Diva Universe 2013. <u>Manasi represented India at Miss Universe 2013</u> and placed in the top 10. <u>Gurleen Grewal from Punjab</u> was crowned Miss Diva International 2013. She represented India at <u>Miss International 2013</u>.

India in international pageants

been India has participating in the Miss Universe pageant since starting 1952, with Indrani Rehman and in the Miss World pageant since 1959, starting with Ezekiel.^[5] Fleur Historically, the Femina Miss India pageant sent the winner of the pageant the Miss Universe pageant and a runner up Miss Asia Pacific pageant and on some occasions the 2nd runner up used to represent India International Teen Princess contest, whereas Eve's Weekly, a rival women's publication sent the winner of its Miss

International pageants

Current franchises Year(s) **Pageant** competed 1964-1987, Miss Universe 1989-2009, 2013-present 1971, 1974, Miss World 1976-present 2013-present Miss Supranational Miss United 2013-present Continent Miss Grand 2015-present International Miss Intercontinental 2017

Former franchises

Dagaant	Year(s)		
Pageant	competed		
Miss International	1991–2014		
Miss Earth	2001-2014		



Miss India 1952, <u>Indrani Rehman</u> with former Indian Congress leader <u>S.K. Patil</u>, and two of the sponsors of the Miss India contest of 1952



Miss India 1952 Contestants posing for the photographers at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai. Miss India 1952 winner, Indrani Rahman (third from left) and the Runner Up Suryakumari (sixth from left)

India contest to Miss World and Miss International. [15]

In the 1970s, Femina acquired the rights to send a representative to Miss World as well, and started to send the winner to Miss Universe and the runner-up to the Miss World contest. Later in 1991, Femina Miss India also acquired the rights to send India's representatives to Miss International pageant. [23]

In 1994, following India's historic dual wins at both Miss Universe and Miss World, the custom of crowning a single winner was discontinued. Instead, the top three placers were designated winners with equal visibility, equal prizes and responsibilities, and were crowned as Femina Miss India-Universe, Femina Miss India-World, and Femina Miss India-Asia Pacific and a finalist was sent to Miss International. In 2002, the third title was changed to Femina Miss India-Earth, to designate India's representation at the newly launched Miss Earth pageant, focused on the cause of environmental advocacy and a finalist was sent to Miss International.

From 2007 to 2009, three equal winners were selected going to Miss Universe, Miss World, and Miss Earth. [24][25] In 2010, I Miss Am She - Miss Universe India acquired the rights to send India's representatives to Miss Universe. Later, in 2013 The Times Group again acquired the rights to send India's representatives to Miss Universe and launched a new pageant for Miss Universe named Miss Diva.

In 1970, <u>Zeenat Aman</u> won Miss Asia Pacific 1970. She became the first Indian and South Asian woman to win the title. [26]

The awards for 1989 were given at the end of the year (December); hence there was no separate contest for 1990.

In 1994, <u>Sushmita Sen</u> won the Miss Universe title after winning the Miss India crown and became the first Indian woman ever to win the

Miss Universe crown. [27] The same year the runner-up of Miss India, <u>Aishwarya Rai</u>, won the Miss World title. [28] Sushmita Sen and Aishwarya Rai established themselves in the <u>Bollywood</u> industry after winning their titles. [29][30][31]

The success of Rai and Sen spawned coaching institutions which were set up to groom young women in pageant participation skills. The number of participants in the preliminary rounds of the pageant has increased considerably. Miss India World 1997, <u>Diana Hayden</u> won the title of <u>Miss World 1997</u>. In 1999, the Miss India World <u>Yukta Mookhey</u> went on to win the Miss World that year. [32][33]

In 2000, three of the Miss India winners won their respective international pageants — <u>Lara Dutta</u> (<u>Miss Universe</u>), <u>Priyanka Chopra</u> (<u>Miss World</u>) and <u>Diya Mirza</u> Miss Asia Pacific. The other country to have won all three major titles in one year were Australia in 1972. [34]

Miss Universal Peace and Humanity	2014
Miss Asia Pacific World	2013
Miss Heritage	2013
Miss Tourism International	1994, 2006
Miss Asia Pacific International	1968–2005
Miss Tourism	2005, 2007
Miss Teenage Intercontinental	1975–1978
Miss World Amber / Miss Ambar Del Mundo	1978
International Teen Princess	1974, 1970
Queen of Pacific	1969–1972, 1974, 1975
Miss Nations	1964



Pooja Chitgopekar, Femina Miss India Earth 2007 and Miss Earth Air 2007 during Miss Earth 2007

In 2010, after the introduction of <u>I Am She - Miss Universe India</u>, the third title was changed to *Femina Miss India-International* and the winner represented India at Miss International pageant.

In 2010, Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the Miss Earth title in Vietnam, which leaves Miss International as the only major international pageant that has not been won by an Indian contestant. [35]

In 2012, Himangini Singh Yadu won Miss Asia Pacific World 2012 and became first Indian and Asian to win the pageant. She was sent by <u>I Am</u> She - Miss Universe India pageant. [36]

In 2013, <u>Srishti Rana</u> won <u>Miss Asia Pacific World 2013</u> giving India a rare back to back victory. She is the second Indian and first <u>Miss Diva Winner to win Miss Asia Pacific World Crown</u>. She is also the first ever Indian delegate to win an international pageant that has been sent by Femina Miss India's sister pageant, Miss Diva. [37]

In 2014, Asha Bhat, Miss Diva Supranational 2014 won Miss Supranational 2014 and became the first ever Indian woman to win the crown. [38] Asha is the second Asian to win the crown. The same year Ruhi Singh who was crowned the first ever Femina Miss India Universal Peace and Humanity won the first ever Miss Universal Peace and Humanity pageant held in Lebanon. [39]

After May Myat Noe, the winner of Miss Asia Pacific World 2014 pageant was dethroned, the organisation organised another pageant named Miss Asia Pacific 2014 Supertalent of the World Season 5 under Miss Asia Pacific World title, Swetha Raj who represented India won the crown, giving India a rare back to back to back victory, India is the only country to win any international pageant three years in a row, however Swetha was sent by Miss India Australia organisation. [41]

On some occasions the top finalists have represented India at some other international pageants like Miss Heritage, Miss Tourism International, Miss Tourism. Femina Miss India also sends representatives to other international pageants like Miss United Continent and Miss Universal Peace and Humanity. [42][43]



Femina Miss India 2008 (from left to right) <u>Harshita Saxena</u> (Resigned-Femina Miss India Earth 2008), Parvathy Omanakuttan (Femina Miss India World 2008) and <u>Simran Kaur Mundi</u> (Femina Miss India Universe 2008)

File:Hasleen Kanishtha Ankita Femina Miss India 2011.jpg

Femina Miss India 2011
winners (from left to right)
Hasleen Kaur (Femina Miss
India Earth 2011), Kanishtha
Dhankar (Femina Miss India
World 2011) and Ankita
Shorey (Femina Miss India
International 2011)

File:Nicole faria.jpg

Nicole Faria, Femina Miss India Earth 2010 and Miss Earth 2010

International victories

Indian winners in the Big Four

The following is the list of Indian winners in the Big Four international beauty pageants:

Pageant	Titles	Winning year(s)	Winner(s)
		1966°	Reita Faria ^[44]
		1994	Aishwarya Rai
Miss World	6	1997	Diana Hayden
MISS WORLD		1999	Yukta Mookhey
		2000	Priyanka Chopra
		2017	Manushi Chhillar
Migo I Injugras	2	1994	Sushmita Sen
Miss Universe		2000	Lara Dutta
Miss Earth	1	2010	Nicole Faria

Winners of minor international pageants

The following is the list of Indian winners in various minor international pageants:

Pageant	Titles	Winning year(s)	Winner(s)
Mice Suprenctional	2	2014	Asha Bhat
Miss Supranational	2	2016	Srinidhi Ramesh Shetty
Miss Universal Peace and Humanity	1	2014	Ruhi Singh
		2012^	Himangini Singh Yadu
Miss Asia Pacific World	3	2013	Srishti Rana
		2014	Shweta Raj
		1970	Zeenat Aman
Miss Asia Pacific International	3	1973	Tara Anne Fonseca
	_	2000	Dia Mirza
Mice Touriem	2	2005	Sonal Chauhan
Miss Tourism		2007	Priyanka Shah
Miss Teenage Intercontinental	1	1978	Elizabeth Anita Reddi
Miss World Amber / Miss Ambar Del Mundo	1	1978	Mala Rai Singhani
International Teen Princess	1	1974	Radha Bartake

- ° In 1966 India won Miss World but the representative was sent by Eve's Weekly Miss India organisation.
- ^ In 2012 India won Miss Asia Pacific World 2012 but India's representative was sent by I Am She
 Miss Universe India organisation.

 Asha Bhat (Miss Supranational 2014), Srinidhi Ramesh Shetty (Miss Supranationall 2016) and Srishti Rana (Miss Asia Pacific World 2013) were the winners of Miss Diva not Femina Miss India.

Multiple victories in the same year

The following is the list of India's multiple victories in major international pageants:

Year	Pageant	Winner	Number of titles
1004	Miss Universe	Sushmita Sen	2
1994	Miss World	Aishwarya Rai	2
	Miss Universe	Lara Dutta	
2000	Miss World	Priyanka Chopra	3
	Miss Asia	Diya Mirza	

Competition irregularities

In 2008, president of Gladrags, Maureen Wadia, served a legal notice to the newly crowned Pantaloons Femina Miss India Earth 2008, <u>Harshita Saxena</u> for violation of a two-year exclusive contract with Gladrags which had been signed by Harshita in 2006. To participate in any other beauty pageant, Harshita would need a written letter of no-objection from Gladrags. Harshita gave up the title and the crown passed on to <u>Tanvi Vyas</u> who represented India in the <u>Miss Earth 2008</u> pageant held in November 2008. [45] Harshita was later placed fourth in Miss India 2009 and represented India in Miss International 2009.

In 1989, the winner <u>Kalpana Pandit</u> was found to have misrepresented her nationality (she was holding an American passport); she was stripped of her title and Dolly Mihas was declared winner. [46]

In 2004, Lakshmi Pandit (sister of Kalpana Pandit) was initially declared as the winner but had to return the title as she was married (to Siddarth Mishra); Sayali Bhagat was ultimately declared as the winner. [47]

Femina Miss India and Miss Diva winners from 2013 - present

Year	Femina Miss India	Miss Diva
2018	 Femina Miss India 2018 Femina Miss India World - Anukreethy Vas Femina Miss India Grand International - Meenakshi Chaudhary 2nd Runner-Up - Shreya Rao Kamavarapu Femina Miss India United Continents - Gayatri Bharadwaj 	 Miss Diva - 2018 Miss Universe India - TBA Miss Diva - Earth - TBA Miss Diva - Supranational - TBA
2017	 Femina Miss India 2017 Femina Miss India World - Manushi Chhillar Femina Miss India United Continents - Sana Dua Femina Miss India Intercontinental - Priyanka Kumari Femina Miss India Grand International - Anukriti Gusain 	 Miss Diva 2017 Miss Diva Universe - Shraddha Shashidhar Miss Diva Supranational - Peden Ongmu Namgyal 2nd Runner Up - Apeksha Porwal
2016	 Femina Miss India 2016 Femina Miss India World - Priyadarshini Chatterjee Femina Miss India - 1st runner up -Sushruthi Krishna Femina Miss India Grand International - Pankhuri Gidwani Femina Miss India United Continent - Lopamudra Raut 	 Miss Diva 2016 Miss Diva Universe - Roshmitha Harimurthy Miss Diva Supranational - Srinidhi Shetty 2nd Runner Up - Aaradhana Buragohain
2015	 Femina Miss India 2015 Femina Miss India World - Aditi Arya Femina Miss India Supranational - Aafreen Vaz Femina Miss India Grand International - Vartika Singh Femina Miss India United Continent - Sushrii Shreya Mishraa 	 Miss Diva 2015 Miss Diva Universe - Urvashi Rautela 1st Runner Up - Natasha Assadi 2nd Runner Up - Naveli Deshmukh
2014	 Femina Miss India 2014 Femina Miss India World - Koyal Rana Femina Miss India International - Jhataleka Malhotra Femina Miss India United Continent - Gail Nicole Da Silva Femina Miss India Universal Peace and Humanity - Ruhi Singh 	 Miss Diva 2014 Miss Diva Universe - Noyonita Lodh Miss Diva Earth - Alankrita Sahai Miss Diva Supranational - Asha Bhat

	 Miss India Asia Pacific World - <u>Anukriti Gusain</u> 	
2013	 Femina Miss India 2013 Femina Miss India World - Navneet Kaur Dhillon Femina Miss India Earth - Sobhita Dhulipala Femina Miss India United Continent - Purva Rana Femina Miss India Supranational - Vijaya Sharma Femina Miss India Heritage - Swati Kain Femina Miss India - Runner Up - Zoya Afroz 	 Miss Diva 2013 Miss Diva Universe - Manasi Moghe Miss Diva International - Gurleen Grewal Miss Diva Asia Pacific World - Srishti Rana

Representatives to Big Four pageants

The following women have represented India in the <u>Big Four international beauty pageants</u>, the four major international beauty pageants for women. These are <u>Miss World</u>, <u>Miss Universe</u>, <u>Miss International</u> and <u>Miss Earth</u>.

Miss Universe

India did not compete in the <u>Miss Universe</u> pageant from 1953 to 1963. <u>I AM She – Miss Universe India</u> sent its delegates to Miss Universe from 2010 to 2012. Traditionally the Miss India Winner was sent to Miss Universe and the runner up was sent to <u>Miss World</u>; however since 2013 a separate pageant <u>Miss Diva</u> has been held to send delegates to Miss Universe and the Miss India winner will represent India at Miss World annually. [2]

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018				
2017	Shraddha Shashidhar	Tamil Nadu		
2016	Roshmitha Harimurthy	Karnataka		
2015	Urvashi Rautela	Uttarakhand		
2014	Noyonita Lodh	Karnataka	Top 15	Best National Costume - Top 5
2013	Manasi Moghe	Maharashtra	Top 10	
	Shilpa Singh	Bihar	Top 16	
2012	Urvashi Rautela	Uttarakhand	Dethroned as she could not meet the minimum age requirement.	
2011	Vasuki Sunkavalli	Andhra Pradesh		
2010	Ushoshi Sengupta	West Bengal		
2009	Ekta Chowdhary	Haryana		
2008	Simran Kaur Mundi	Maharashtra		National Costume - Group Winner Best in Swimsuit - Top 5

				Charming Áo dài - Top 5
2007	Puja Gupta	New Delhi	Top 10	
2006	Neha Kapur	New Delhi	Top 20	
2005	Amrita Thapar	Punjab		
2004	Tanushree Dutta	Jharkhand	Top 10	
2003	Nikita Anand	New Delhi		
2002	Neha Dhupia	New Delhi	Top 10	
2001	Celina Jaitley	West Bengal	4th Runner-up	3rd Runner Up - Swimsuit competition 5th Runner Up - Evening Gown
2000	Lara Dutta	Karnataka	Miss Universe 2000	Oscar de la Renta - Best In Swimsuit (Winner) Best in Evening Gown - 2nd Runner Up Best in National Costume - 1st Runner Up
1999	<u>Gul Panag</u>	Punjab	Top 10	Interview Round - Winner Evening Gown Round - Top 5 Swimsuit Round - Top 10
1998	Lymaraina D'Souza	Maharashtra	Top 10	
1997	Nafisa Joseph	Karnataka	Top 10	
1996	Sandhya Chib	Karnataka	Top 10	
1995	Manpreet Brar	New Delhi	1st Runner-up	2nd Runner Up - Evening Gown 3rd Runner Up - Interview Round Swimsuit Competition - Top 10
1994	Sushmita Sen	New Delhi	Miss Universe 1994	1st Runner Up - Swimsuit competition 2nd Runner Up - Evening Gown 4th Runner Up - Interview Round
1993	Namrata Shirodkar	Maharashtra	Top 6 (5th Runner Up)	2nd Runner Up Interview Round 2nd runner Up - Evening Gown
1992	Madhu Sapre	Maharashtra	2nd Runner-up	1st Runner Up - Swimsuit Competition 1st Runner Up - Evening Gown

				4th Runner Up - Interview Round
1991	Christabelle Howie	Tamil Nadu		
1990	Suzanne Sablok	Maharashtra	Top 10	
1989	Dolly Minhas	Punjab		
1987	Priyadarshini Pradhan	Maharashtra		
1986	Mehr Jessia	Maharashtra		
1985	Sonu Walia	New Delhi		
1984	Juhi Chawla	Punjab		Best National Costume Award
1983	Rekha Hande	Karnataka		
1982	Pamela Chaudry Singh	New Delhi		
1981	Rachita Kumar	Maharashtra		
1980	Sangeeta Bijlani	Maharashtra		Best National Costume Award
1979	Swaroop Sampat	Maharashtra		
1978	Alamjeet Kaur Chauhan	Punjab		Best National Costume Award
1977	Bineeta Bose	Maharashtra		
1976	Naina Sudhir Balsavar	Uttar Pradesh		
1975	Meenakshi Kurpad	Maharashtra		
1974	Shailini Bhavnath Dholakia	Maharashtra	Top 12	
1973	Farzana Habib	Maharashtra	Top 12	
1972	Roopa Satyan	New Delhi	Top 12	
1971	Raj Gill	Maharashtra		
1970	Veena Sajnani	Maharashtra		
1969	Kavita Bhambhani	Maharashtra		
1968	Anjum Mumtaz Barg	Maharashtra		
1967	Nayyara Mirza	New Delhi		
1966	Yasmin Daji	Maharashtra	3rd Runner-up	Evening Gown Round - Winner Swimsuit Round - Top 3
1965	Persis Khambatta	Maharashtra		
1964	Meher Castelino Mistri	Maharashtra		
1952	Indrani Rehman	Tamil Nadu		

Miss World

India did not send delegates in 1967, 1965, 1964, 1963. From 1959 to 1966 representatives to Miss World were sent by Eve's Weekly Miss India pageant. In 1968, Bharat Sundari got the franchise to send India's representative to Miss World. They sent the delegates from 1968 to 1970, 1972, 1975. Femina got the franchise

in 1976. Femina also sent delegates to $\underline{\text{Miss World}}$ in 1971 and 1974. Traditionally the runner up in Miss India pageant was sent to Miss World but this changed in 2013 and now the winner of Miss India is sent to represent at Miss World. $\underline{^{[2]}}$

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018	Anukreethy Vas	Tamil Nadu	TBA	TBA
2017	Manushi Chhillar	Haryana	Miss World 2017	Head-to-Head Challenge(Group 9) - Winner Miss World Top Model - Top 30 Beauty with a Purpose - Winner Multimedia Award - Top 9 People's Choice Award - Top 9
2016	Priyadarshini Chatterjee	<u>Assam</u>	Тор 20	Beauty with a Purpose - Top 5 Miss World Talent - Top 21
2015	Aditi Arya	New Delhi		Multimedia Award - Top 5 People's Choice Award - Top 5 World Fashion Designer Dress - Top 10 Beauty with a Purpose - Top 25 Miss World Talent - Top 30 Miss World Top Model - Top 30
2014	Koyal Rana	New Delhi	Top 11	Miss World - Asia Beauty With a Purpose Winner World Fashion Designer Dress Winner Dances of the world performer Charity Gala Miss World Beach Beauty - Top 5 Multimedia Award - Top 5 The People's Choice - Top 10 Miss World Top Model - Top 20 Miss World Sport - Top 32
2013	Navneet Kaur Dhillon	Punjab	Top 20	Multimedia Award Winner Beauty with a Purpose Top 10 Interview Round - Top 20

2012	Vanya Mishra	Punjab	Top 7 (6th Runner Up)	Beauty With a Purpose Award Winner Multimedia Award Winner Dances of the world performer Interview Round - Top 16 Miss World Beach Beauty - Top 40 Miss World Top Model - Top 47
2011	Kanishtha Dhankhar	<u>Haryana</u>	Тор 31	Miss World Top Model - Top 10 Beauty with a Purpose - Top 10
2010	Manasvi Mamgai	Uttarakhand		Dances of the world performer Miss World Beach Beauty - Top 20 Miss World Top Model - Top 20
2009	Pooja Chopra	Maharashtra	Top 16	Beauty With a Purpose winner Miss World Sports - Top 6
2008	Parvathy Omanakuttan	<u>Kerala</u>	1st Runner-up	Miss World – Asia and Oceania Miss World Top Model - 2nd Runner-Up Miss World Beach Beauty - Top 10
2007	Sarah Jane Dias	Karnataka		Miss World Talent - Top 18
2006	Natasha Suri	Maharashtra	Top 17	Miss World Beach Beauty - 2nd Runner Up Best Designer Gown - 2nd Runner Up Miss World Talent - Top 10
2005	Sindhura Gadde	Andhra Pradesh	Top 15	
2004	Sayali Bhagat ¹	Maharashtra		Miss World Top Model - Top 20
	Lakshmi Pandit	Maharashtra	Dethroned, as she	was already married
2003	Ami Vashi	Gujarat	3rd Runner Up	Miss World Talent - Top 21
2002	Shruti Sharma	<u>Uttar Pradesh</u>	Top 20	
2001	Sara Corner	Karnataka		
2000	Priyanka Chopra	Bihar	Miss World 2000	Miss World – Asia and Oceania
1999	Yukta Mookhey	Maharashtra	Miss World 1999	Miss World – Asia and Oceania

1998	Annie Thomas	Kerala		
1997	Diana Hayden	Andhra Pradesh	Miss World 1997	Miss World – Asia and Oceania Miss Photogenic Spectacular swimwear
1996	Rani Jeyraj	<u>Tamil Nadu</u>	3rd Runner Up	Miss World – Asia and Oceania Spectacular Evening Gown
1995	Preeti Mankotia	Punjab		
1994	Aishwarya Rai	Karnataka	Miss World 1994	Miss Photogenic Miss World I– Asia and Oceania
1993	Karminder Kaur-Virk	Punjab		Best in National costume
1992	Shyla Lopez	Karnataka		
1991	Ritu Singh	New Delhi	Top 10	
1990	Naveeda Mehdi	Maharashtra		
1989	Shabnam Patel	Maharashtra		
1988	Anuradha Kottur	Maharashtra		
1987	Manisha Kohli	Punjab		
1986	Maureen Mary Lestourgeon	Maharashtra		
1985	Sharon Mary Clarke	Maharashtra		
1984	Suchita Kumar	Maharashtra		
1983	Sweety Grewal	Punjab		
1982	Uttara Mhatre Kher	Maharashtra		
1981	Deepti Divakar	Andhra Pradesh		
1980	Elizabeth Anita Reddi	Andhra Pradesh	Top 15	
1979	Raina Winifred Mendonica	Maharashtra		Top 10 Photographer's choice
1978	Kalpana Iyer	Tamil Nadu	Top 15	Most Popular Delegate Top 20 Miss Talented Top 15 Photographer's choice
1977	Veena Prakash	Maharashtra	Withdrew in protest against the presence of a white Miss South Africa	
1976	Naina Balsavar	Maharashtra	Withdrew in protest against the presence of two South African entries - one white and one black - in conformity with the apartheid policy of racial separation.	
1975	Anjana Sood	Himachal Pradesh	Top 15	
1974	Kiran Dholakia	Maharashtra		
1972	Malathi Basappa	Karnataka	4th Runner-up	
1971	Prema Narayan	Andhra Pradesh		
1970	Heather Corinne Faville	Maharashtra	Top 15	

1969	Adina Shellim	Maharashtra		
1968	Jane Coelho	New Delhi		
1966	Reita Faria	Maharashtra	Miss World 1966	Best Body Award Best in Evening Dress Award for wearing Sari
1962	Ferial Karim	Maharashtra	Top 15	
1961	Veronica Leonora Torcato	Maharashtra		
1960	Iona Pinto	Maharashtra		
1959	Fleur Ezekiel	Maharashtra		

Miss International

Since 2015, Glamanand Supermodel India holds the rights to send India's representatives to <u>Miss International</u> pageant. India did not send delegates to Miss International in 1963–1967, 1972, 1977, 1989, 1990.

From 1960 to 1988 Eve's Weekly Miss India sent India's representatives to Miss International pageant. In the year 2013, Miss Diva winner was sent to Miss International.

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2017	Ankita Kumari	<u>Jharkhand</u>		
2016	Rewati Chetri	Assam		
2015	Supriya Aiman	<u>Bihar</u>		
2014	Jhataleka Malhotra	<u>Maharashtra</u>		Miss Internet 3rd Runner Up - Best National Costume
2013	Gurleen Grewal	Punjab		1st Runner Up - Miss Internet
2012	Rochelle Maria Rao	Tamil Nadu	Top 15 Semifinalist	
2011	Ankita Shorey	Jammu & Kashmir		
2010	Neha Hinge	Madhya Pradesh	Top 15 Semifinalist	
2009	Harshita Saxena	Goa		
2008	Radha Brahmbhatt	Gujarat, Northwood, London		
2007	Esha Gupta	New Delhi		
2006	Sonali Sehgal	West Bengal	Semifinalist	
2005	Vaishali Desai	Maharashtra		
2004	Mihika Verma	Maharashtra	Semifinalist	
2003	Shonali Nagrani	New Delhi	1st Runner-Up	
2002	Gauhar Khan	Maharashtra		
2001	Kanwal Toor	New Delhi	Semifinalist	
2000	Gayatri Joshi	Maharashtra	Semifinalist	
1999	Srikrupa Murali	Karnataka		
1998	Shwetha Jaishanker	Tamil Nadu	2nd Runner-Up	
1997	Diya Abraham	Kerala	1st Runner-Up	

1996	Fleur Xavier	Maharashtra		
1995	Priya Gill	Maharashtra		
1994	Fransesca Hart	Maharashtra		
1993	Pooja Batra	Punjab	Semifinalist	
1992	Kamal Sandhu	New Delhi		
1991	Preeti Mankotia	Karnataka	Semifinalist	
1988	Shikha Swaroop	Maharashtra		
1987	Erika Maria D'Souza	Maharashtra	Semifinalist	
1986	Poonam Pahlet Gidwant	Maharashtra		
1985	Vinita Seshadri Vasan	Bangalore		
1984	Nalanda Ravindra Bhandar	West Bengal	Semifinalist	
1983	Sahila Chadha	Punjab		
1982	Betty O'Connor	Maharashtra		
1981	Meenakshi Seshadri	Tamil Nadu		
1980	Ulrika Karen Bredemeyer	Maharashtra		
1979	Nita Pinto	Maharashtra		
1978	Sabita Dhanrajgir	Punjab		
1976	Nafisa Ali	Maharashtra	2nd Runner-up	
1975	'Indira Maria Bredemeyer'	Maharashtra	2nd Runner-Up	
1974	Leslie Jean Hartnett	New Delhi		
1972	Indira Muthanna	Karnataka		
1971	Samita Mukherjee	West Bengal		
1970	Patricia D'Souza	New Delhi	Semifinalist	
1969	Wendy Leslie Vaz	Maharashtra		
1968	Sumita Sen	West Bengal	Semifinalist	
1962	Sheila Chonkar	Maharashtra		
1961	Diana Valentine	New Delhi		
1960	Iona Pinto	Maharashtra	1st Runner-Up	

Miss Earth

- In 2015 Glamanand Supermodel India obtained the rights to send <u>India</u>'s representatives to <u>Miss Earth</u>. However, in 2016, Glamanand Supermodel India lost the franchise rights of <u>Miss Earth India</u> to Growbiz Consult Pte. Ltd. [53][54]
- In 2014, Miss Diva winner was sent to Miss Earth pageant.

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018				

2017	Shaan Sumas Kumar	<u>Bhopal</u>		Best in preliminary interview (Intelligence Round) - Top 16 Miss Friendship(Group 3) - 2nd Runner Up
2016	Rashi Yadav	New Delhi		
2015	Aaital Khosla	Chandigarh		Cooking challenge winner - Team Asia
2014	Alankrita Sahai	New Delhi		Miss Eco - Beauty Miss Earth Pagudpud Miss Hannah's Beach Resort Best in Casual Wear Best Evening Gown Miss Photogenic - 1st Runner Up Besuty for a Cause - 1st Runner Up Best in Swimsuit - 2nd Runner Up Best National Costume - 2nd Runner Up
2013	Sobhita Dhulipala	Andhra Pradesh		Miss Photogenic Miss Eco Beauty Miss Ever Bilena Miss Talent - Top 15 Best in Resort Wear - Top 15
2012	Prachi Mishra	Uttar Pradesh		Miss Friendship Miss Congeniality
2011	Hasleen Kaur	New Delhi		
2010	Nicole Faria	Karnataka	Miss Earth 2010	Miss Talent Miss Diamond Place
2009	Shriya Kishore	Maharashtra	Top 16	
2008	<u>Tanvi Vyas²</u>	Gujarat		
2007	Pooja Chitgopekar	Karnataka	1st Runner-Up (Miss Earth – Air)	
2006	Amruta Patki	Maharashtra	1st Runner-Up (Miss Earth – Air)	Best in Long Gown
2005	Niharika Singh	Uttarakhand		
2004	Jyoti Brahmin	West Bengal	Top 16 Semifinalist	
2003	Shweta Vijay	Kerala		
2002	Reshmi Ghosh	West Bengal		
2001	Shamita Singha	Maharashtra	Top 10 Semifinalist	Best in National Costume

Representatives to minor international pageants

Femina Miss India and Miss Diva (<u>The Times Group</u>) acquired the rights to send India representatives to Miss Supranational only from the year $2013.^{[55]}$ In the years 2011 and 2012, contestants were selected by Indian Princess pageant. [56]

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018				
2017	Peden Ongmu Namgyal	Sikkim	Top 25 Semifinalist	Miss Talent - 2nd Runner-up Best in Swimsuit - 3rd Runner-up
2016	Srinidhi Ramesh Shetty	Karnataka Miss Supranation 2016		Miss Supranational - Asia and Oceania Miss Mobstar - 3rd Runner-up
2015	Aafreen Rachael Vaz	Karnataka Top 10 Finalist		Miss Supranational - Asia and Oceania Miss Supranational Top Model - Top 10 Miss Internet - 1st Runner Up Best National Costume - Top 10
2014	Asha Bhat	Karnataka	Miss Supranational 2014	Miss Talented Miss Internet - Top 5
2013	Vijaya Sharma	New Delhi	Top 20 Semifinalist	
2012	Gunjan Saini	New Delhi		
2011	Michelle Almeda	<u>Maharashtra</u>	Top 20 Semifinalist	Miss Supranational - Asia and Oceania Miss Internet

Miss Grand International

In the years 2013 and 2014 India's delegates to Miss Grand International were sent by Indian Princess. Femina Miss India acquired the franchise in 2015.

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018	Meenakshi Choudhary	Haryana	TBA	TBA
2017	Anukriti Gusain	Uttarakhand	Top 20 Semifinalist	Best National Costume - Top 10
2016	Pankhuri Gidwani	Uttar Pradesh		Best National Costume - Top 10
2015	Vartika Singh	Uttar Pradesh	1st Runner Up ^[57]	Best Social Media Miss Popular–Top 10 Best National Costume–Top 20 ^[57]
2014	Monica Sharma	New Delhi		Best National Costume - Top 20
2013	Rupa Khurana	New Delhi		

Miss United Continents

The representatives for Miss United Continents have been selected by Femina Miss India since the pageant's inception in 2013.

Year	Miss India	State	Placement	Special Awards
2018	Gayatri Bharadwaj	<u>Delhi</u>	TBA	TBA
2017	Sana Dua	Jammu and Kashmir	Top 10 Semifinalist	
2016	Lopamudra Raut	Maharashtra	2nd Runner-up	Best National Costume Miss Photogenic - 1st Runner-up
2015	Sushrii Shreya Mishraa	Odisha	3rd Runner-up	Best National Costume Miss Photogenic
2014	Gail Nicole Da Silva	Goa	1st Runner-up	Best National Costume Miss Photogenic
2013	Purva Rana	Himachal Pradesh	Vice Queen	Best National Costume - 2nd Runner-up

Miss Asia Pacific World

In the years 2011 and 2012, <u>I Am She - Miss India</u> sent their runners-up to this pageant. Femina had franchise to select their representatives in the years 2013 and 2014. [58][59]

Year	Miss India	Placement	Special Awards
2016	Akanksha Dhiman		Wing Of Angel
2014	Swetha Raj	Miss Asia Pacific World 2014 - Season 5 (Competition held in the year 2014)	Miss Talent
2014	Anukriti Gusain	4th Runner Up	
2013	Srishti Rana	Miss Asia Pacific World 2013	Best National Costume Miss Personality Miss Talent
2012	Himangini Singh Yadu	Miss Asia Pacific World 2012	Best in Evening Gown - 1st Runner Up
2011	Tanvi Singla	3rd Runner Up	

Note

India is the only country to win an international pageant three years in a row. In the year 2012, <u>Himangini Singh Yadu</u> was crowned as Miss Asia Pacific World 2012. In the succeeding year <u>Srishti Rana</u> was crowned as Miss Asia Pacific World 2013. In the year 2014, <u>May Myat Noe</u> of Myanmar was originally crowned but later she was dethroned. A new pageant was held by the organizers and <u>Swetha Raj</u> of India became victorious, thus giving India a rare Three-peat victory in an international pageant.

Miss Asia Pacific International

Year	Miss India	Placement	Special Awards
2017	Sonika Roy		
2016	Shiva Shrishti Vyakaranam		
2005	Simran Chandok		Best dancer
2003	Shonal Rawat	1st Runner-up	Miss Friendship Miss Talent Miss Congeniality
2002	Tina Chatwal	2nd Runner-up	Miss Internet
2001	Maheshwari Thiagaranjan		
2000	Dia Mirza	Miss Asia Pacific 2000	Miss Close-Up Smile Miss AVON
1999	Shivangi Parikkh		
1998	Vikkitha Aggarwal		
1997	Divya Chauhan	1st Runner-up	Best in Evening gown
1996	Mini Menon	Top 10 semifinalist	
1995	Ruchi Malhotra	1st Runner-up	Best in Evening gown
1994	Shweta Menon	Top 10 semifinalist	
1993	Namrata Shirodkar	1st Runner-up	Best in Evening gown
1992	Mehroo Jal Mistry		
1989	Anuradha Ramani		
1988	Viola Antony		
1987	Jasleem Kaur		
1986	Ana Vasan		
1985	Seema Malhotra	Semifinalist	
1983	Monica Lakhmana		
1982	Aparna Sharma		
1981	Mehjabeen Ayub Khan		Miss Talent
1980	Upneet Pannu		
1979	Maureen Mary Lestourgeon	1st Runner-up	
1978	Preeti Koppikar		Best national costume Miss Talent
1977	Marianne De Souza	1st Runner-up	
1976	Anna Adriane Bredemeyer	2nd Runner-up	
1975	Seema Marwaha		

1974	Marilyn Theresa Ferreira		
1973	Tara Anne Fonseca	Miss Asia Pacific 1973	
1972	Samita Mukherjee		
1971	Urmila Sanandan		
1970	Zeenat Aman	Miss Asia Pacific 1970	Miss Photogenic
1969	Tasneem Fakir Mohammed		
1968	Anabella Crawford		Miss Talent

Miss Intercontinental

Indian representatives to Miss Intercontinental is being sent by Femina Miss India group.

Year	Miss India	Placement	Special Awards
2017	Priyanka Kumari		Best National Costume - Winner
2016	Aarushi Sharma		
2015	Sneha Priya Roy	Top 17 Semifinalist	Best National Costume - 2nd Runner-up
2014	Chandni Sharma		
2013	Sharon Fernández		
2012	Bobby Layal	Top 10 Semifinalist	
2011	Ipsita Pati	Top 15 Semifinalist	
2008	Sonia Jain		
2003	Deepti Gujral	3rd Runner-up	
2002	Rakhee Chaudhary	Semi-finalist	
2001	Koena Mitra	Top 12 Semifinalist	
1998	Tora Khasigar		
1999	Aanchal Kumar	Semi-finalist	
1997	Lara Dutta	Miss Intercontinental 1997	
1978	Elizabeth Anita Reddi	Miss Intercontinental 1978	

Photographs of some notable international titleholders

Femina Miss India



Sushmita Sen, Miss Universe 1994



Lara Dutta, Miss Universe 2000 and Miss Intercontinental 1997



Aishwarya Rai, Miss World 1994

Diana Hayden, Miss World 1997

<u>Diana Hayden, Miss</u> World 1997



Yukta Mookhey, Miss World 1999



Priyanka Chopra, Miss World 2000



Manushi Chhillar, Miss World 2017



 $\frac{\text{Nicole Faria,}}{\text{Earth 2010}}, \frac{\text{Miss}}{}$



<u>Dia Mirza</u>, Miss Asia Pacific 2000



Sonal Chauhan, Miss Tourism 2005



Priyanka Shah, Miss Tourism 2007



Manasvi Mamgai, Miss Tourism International 2009

Photographs of some titleholders

Femina Miss India Universe

Celina Jaitly, Miss Universe 2001 - 4th Runner Up

Celina Jaitly, Miss

Runner Up

Universe 2001 - 4th



Sangeeta Bijlani, Femina Miss India Universe 1980



<u>Juhi Chawla</u>, Femina Miss India Universe 1984



Sonu Walia, Femina Miss India Universe 1985



Mehr Jesia Rampal, Femina Miss India Universe 1986



<u>Gul Panag</u>, Femina Miss India 1999



Neha Dhupia, Femina Miss India Universe 2002



Tanushree Dutta, Femina Miss India Universe 2004



<u>Puja Gupta</u>, Femina Miss India Universe 2007



Simran Kaur Mundi, Femina Miss India Universe 2008

Miss Diva Universe



Manasi Moghe, Miss Diva Universe 2013



Urvashi Rautela, Miss Diva Universe 2015

Femina Miss India World



Parvathy Omanakuttan, Miss World 2008 - 1st Runner Up



Shruti Sharma, Femina Miss India World 2002



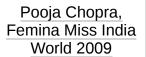
Sayali Bhagat, Femina Miss India World 2004



Natasha Suri, Femina Miss India World 2006



Sarah-Jane Dias, Femina Miss India world 2007



Pooja Chopra, Femina Miss India World 2009



Manasvi Mamgai, Femina Miss India world 2010, <u>Miss</u> Tourism International 2008

Kanishtha Dhankhar, Femina Miss India World 2011

Kanishtha Dhankhar, Femina Miss India World 2011

Vanya Mishra, Femina Miss India World 2012

World 2012



Navneet Kaur Dhillon, Femina Miss India World 2013

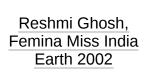
Femina Miss India Earth



Amruta Patki, Miss Earth Air 2006



Shamita Singha, Femina Miss India Earth 2001



Reshmi Ghosh, Femina Miss India Earth 2002



Niharika Singh, Femina Miss India Earth 2005

Shriya Kishore, Femina Miss India Earth 2009

Hasleen Kaur, Femina Miss India Earth 2011

Earth 2011



Hasleen Kaur, Femina Miss India Sobhita Dhulipala, Femina Miss India Earth 2013

Miss Diva Earth

Shriya Kishore,

Earth 2009

Femina Miss India



Alankrita Sahai, Miss Diva Earth 2014

Femina Miss India International



Shonali Nagrani, Miss International 2003 -1st Runner Up



Pooja Batra, Femina Miss India International 1993

Gayatri Joshi, Femina Miss India International 2000

Gayatri Joshi, Femina Gauhar Khan, Miss India International 2000



Femina Miss India International 2002



Vaishali Desai, Femina Miss India International 2005



Sonal Sehgal, Femina Miss India International 2006



Esha Gupta, Femina Miss India International 2007



Neha Hinge, Femina Miss India International 2010

Ankita Shorey, Femina Miss India International 2011



Ankita Shorey, Femina Miss India International 2011

Rochelle Rao, Femina Miss India International 2012

Femina Miss India Asia Pacific

Shonal Rawat, Miss Asia Pacific 2003 -1st Runner Up



Shonal Rawat, Miss Asia Pacific 2003 -1st Runner Up Shweta Menon, Femina Miss India Asia Pacific 1994

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- Miss Earth India
- Miss Diva
- Miss Transqueen India
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