**Petra Němcová Recovers from another Tsunami**



Petra Nemcova survived the 2004 Tsunami and turned a real life tragedy into a success story but had difficulties stemming a ‘Tsunami’ at the 71st Cannes festival when she appeared on 14 May 2018 at the premiere of *BlacKkKlansman*. She was literarily blown away on the red carpet and didn’t feel the breeze as her flowing white gown came unstuck revealing her underpants.

Petra Nemcova (REX/Shutterstock)


The 38-year-old Czech model was beaming with smiles but was apparently unaware of the ‘wardrobe malfunction’ and when she became aware, her reaction was captured in this stunning picture. Now, why didn’t someone tell her that her lower region was on show!



While it looked like an accident some would argue that it is becoming a habit. Last year, at the same festival, Petra appeared in another white gown with splits that provided a sneak view of her pants to photographers as she posed on the red carpet.

Still, not to worry, Petra remains a darling to her millions of fans across the globe. Petra Němcová is the chairperson of the Happy Hearts Fund (HHF), an organization she founded in 2006 after surviving the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami. HHF has succeeded in rebuilding several safe and resilient schools in areas affected by natural disasters. Petra was working on an assignment in Thailand with her fiancé and main photographer on the 26th of December 2004 when disaster struck. Her fiancé drowned in the wake of the Tsunami and she broke her pelvis in the fiasco. She was rescued after hanging on to palm tree for over 8 hours.

Petra is one the most famous models on earth and is probably the most talented television hosts to have emerged from the former Communist European country, Czechoslovakia. Her modeling career started when she was discovered in Prague in 1995 by NEXT Model Management. Ever since winning the 1995 Czech *Elite Model Look*, her modelling career continues to flourish.



She has appeared in campaigns for top notch organizations such as Benetton, Bulgari, Cartier, and Clarins. Petra has been featured in several international magazine covers including Cosmopolitan, *Harper's Bazaar*, Elle, *Madame Figaro* and *Marie Claire*.

Her television career has also blossomed since 2001 when she appeared on British television series *Absolutely Fabulous*. She has since hosted umpteen number of tv shows including TLC's *A Model Life* On 3 June 2004, she featured as atelecast judge at the 53rd annual Miss Universe competition in Quito, Ecuador. Petra attributes her success to willingness to leatn. She said in a recent interview with media journalists that she ‘learned by observing them, how passionate and dedicated they are - in particular, Giorgio Armani, his work ethic and how particular he is’. She says her role model was Audrey Hepburn.



She almost lost everything she had in the Earthquake and Tsunami disaster but fought back and today she is a success story again. Up and coming artistes can learn from her when she said “Even when you are going through tragedies, you can still focus on the positive. When I was in the hospital and didn’t know if I would ever walk again, I told myself: ‘Well, I still have my eyes and ears.’ I lost my partner, but I still had my family. You deal with hopelessness by being grateful”.