

## Global Peace Initiative, 2015 held

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India's financial capital Mumbai, was besieged by a handful of terrorists for 60 hours - leaving 166 people dead and injuring many more. Saluting the brave defence officials who gave up their lives to save others and paying tribute to the innocent victims, Industrialist and Philanthropist Aneel Murarka, Founder of Ample Mission events entertainment organised and spearheaded 'The Global Peace Initiative, 2015' recently. The evening was a sombre occasion, saluting the resilient spirit of Mumbai. Mumbai has lost many lives but has always bounced back with much positivity. The initiative saluted this very valiant essence of the city.

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Awais Sheikh, president of Indo-Pak peace initiatives, Jean Marie Bishop, American peace activist and member of the Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), Jockin Arputham, president of the national Slum Dwellers Federation of India- recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Peace and International Understanding) and Maya Shahani, founder of SAGE Foundation under the aegis of the United Nation Alliance of Civilizations and Global Dialogue Foundation, founder of Women's Movement of Peace and Prosperity, were felicitated for being the torchbearers of peace in their respective domains.

The first of its kind 'Peace Awards', the stellar evening was anchored by celebs who spun their magic and kept the audience engaged with their patriotism towards the country. Apart from Vishal's anchoring, the extravaganza also witnessed 'Walk for Peace" wherein Deepak Dobriyal, Ritesh Sidhwani, Sandhya Shetty, Shweta Khanduri, Harshaali Malhotra, Aneel Murarka and Uday Salunkhe, adorned the ramp along with Udaan Ghar, Don Bosco NGO children, all draped in clothes specially designed for the evening by designer Manali Jagtap. The costumes that adorned the celebrities were designed by ace designer Manali Jagtap. The costumes were specially designed for the event keeping the occasion in mind. The patriotic evening witnessed the presence of Sanjay Nirupam, Sejal Mandavia, Gurpreet Kaur Chadha, and a number of dance and music performances by famous artists like Sugandha Mishra, Monali Thakur, Ashley Lobo and troupe. Dedicated to the noble cause, the performances commenced with Ganesh Vandana, as a sign of an auspicious start.

Aneel Murarka said, "I am so honoured to organise the first edition of Peace Awards. Organising an event to honour the 26/11 martyrs, is a dream I have nurtured for a long time. I take pride to be associated with the Global Peace Initiative. It's a delight to see celebrities and politicians come forth and take this initiative forward. We, as a country have borne consequences due to terrorism and now we declare that we won't bear it any more."

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