

Karan Johar Stuns in Manish Malhotra Couture at 71st National Awards

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Filmmaker, producer, and style icon **Karan Johar** brought unmatched elegance to the **71st National Awards in September 2025**. Styled by longtime collaborator **Eka Lakhani**, Johar wore two custom looks from **Manish Malhotra's Inaya collection**. Each ensemble reflected his love for Indian couture while highlighting Malhotra's intricate craftsmanship.

Look 1: Ivory Sherwani Elegance

Johar first stepped out in a **classic ivory sherwani** from the Inaya line. The garment featured **tonal embroidery on the cuffs** and a **ruched collar**, details that elevated its timeless appeal. To complement the outfit, Lakhani styled it with a **statement brooch from Manish Malhotra Jewellery**, adding just the right amount of sparkle. The look exuded a blend of understated sophistication and regal charm.

Look 2: Black Velvet Bandhgala

For his second look, Johar opted for a **black velvet bandhgala**, also part of the Inaya collection. The piece carried **asymmetrical gold buttons** paired with **subtle tonal embroidery**, creating a balance of modern refinement and traditional grandeur. With its luxurious fabric and sharp tailoring, the bandhgala underlined Johar's flair for experimenting with classic silhouettes while keeping them contemporary.

Collaborations Beyond the Red Carpet

Johar's collaboration with Eka Lakhani and Manish Malhotra extends beyond the National Awards.

- **HELLO! Magazine (July 2025):** Johar graced the cover in an **ivory tonal suit paired with a lace-collared shirt** and bold jewellery. The photoshoot celebrated his enduring friendship with Malhotra, blending fashion and personal narrative.
- **Cannes Film Festival (May 2025):** Johar stunned in a **custom ivory bandhgala** painstakingly hand-embroidered over **1,200 hours**. Styled by Lakhani, the ensemble became one of the most talked-about red-carpet looks of the festival.

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