

Ahaan Panday Shines in Gaurav Gupta Bandhgala at Indian of the Year Awards 2025

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Indian of the Year Awards 2025 (IOTY 2025), young actor Ahaan Panday turned heads with a striking couture look — a custom bandhgala by celebrated designer Gaurav Gupta. The outfit, dubbed the “Fantasy Creature Bandhgala,” merged traditional menswear with avant-garde flair.

Deep black, sculptural tailoring gave the bandhgala a refined, architectural silhouette. What elevated the look were the dramatic metallic brooches — crafted in the shapes of stags, panthers, snakes and swans — lending a mythical, statement-making vibe to the attire.

Minimal styling — just sleek silver rings and neatly groomed hair — ensured attention stayed firmly on the bold ensemble.

A Milestone Night

The evening was more than a style moment. Ahaan, along with co-star Aneet Padda, received the **Gen Z Icon Award** for their performance in the film *Saiyaara*.

Accepting the award, he expressed gratitude to his family, team and supporters — acknowledging how surreal the moment felt given it was his first major award on a big stage.

On stage, the pair even recreated a memorable scene from *Saiyaara*, adding emotional weight to the night and delighting fans with their chemistry.

Why This Look Stood Out

- **Fusion of traditional & futuristic:** The bandhgala honoured classic Indian menswear but reimagined it with sculptural cuts and fantastical detailing.
- **Statement fashion over simplicity:** Instead of opting for safe red-carpet staples, Ahaan chose a daring look — proving that contemporary Indian menswear can be bold and expressive.
- **Perfect timing for a breakout star:** Fresh from a hit debut, this appearance marks Ahaan’s arrival not just as an actor, but as a style influencer for his generation.

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