

News18 Showsha Reel Awards 2026: Ishaan, Yami Win Best Actor; Ananya Awarded For Outstanding Performance



News18 Showsha Reel Awards 2026: On March 7 in Mumbai, at the 2026 edition of the News18 Showsha Reel Awards, some of the most talked-about performances of the year were recognised, with Ishaan Khatter taking home the Best Actor (Popular) award and the Best Actress (Popular) honour being awarded to Yami Gautam. Ananya Panday won the Outstanding Performance of the Year (Female) award.

Ishaan Khatter was honoured for his performance in *Homebound*, a film that received considerable appreciation following its release in 2025. In the movie, Khatter portrays a young man navigating emotional turmoil and personal ambitions while trying to find his place in a rapidly changing world.

His portrayal was widely praised for its vulnerability and layered intensity, with critics highlighting the way he balanced quiet introspection with moments of raw emotion. The performance was seen as one of the actor's most mature roles to date and resonated strongly with audiences.

The Best Actress (Popular) award was won by Yami

Gautam for *Haq*. In *Haq*, Gautam took on a more intense role, portraying a determined woman fighting for justice in a socially driven narrative. The role allowed her to showcase emotional depth and conviction, drawing appreciation from both critics and viewers.

Ananya Panday won for her outstanding performance in *Kesari Chapter 2*. In *Kesari Chapter 2*, Panday played a pivotal character connected to the film's historical and patriotic storyline. Her role added emotional resonance to the narrative, and her performance was widely discussed for showing a more mature side to the actress.

The wins at the News18 Showsha Reel Awards 2026 reflected the popularity and impact of these performances over the past year, celebrating actors who managed to strike a chord with audiences while also earning appreciation from critics. T

ogether, Ishaan Khatter, Yami Gautam and Ananya Panday represented a blend of strong storytelling and compelling performances that defined the cinematic landscape of the year.

Gauri Khan Calls Anil Kapoor And Radhika Mandan's Subedaar A 'Thrilling Film'

Anil Kapoor has been winning hearts with his strong performance in *Subedaar*. The film, released on March 5, also stars Radhika Madan. Well, celebrities including Hansal Mehta, Shah Rukh Khan and others have been showering praises on the film and now adding to the list is Gauri Khan. She took to her social media handle and heaped praises. The star wife called it thrilling one and also congratulated Anil Kapoor.

Taking to her Instagram stories, Gauri Khan praises the film and called it 'thrilling one'. Earlier, Shah Rukh Khan also reviewed the film and praised it. Shah Rukh Khan took to X (formerly Twitter) to share his review of Anil Kapoor's *Subedaar*. He wrote, "Thoroughly enjoyed #Subedaar. Can always count on @AnilKapoor to give it his all - a restrained yet effective performance. His dedication to the craft is inspiring and the action was so good!!" SRK also went on to praise Saurabh Shukla, Mona Singh, Radhika Madan, Aditya Rawal and Faisal Malik's performances. "#AdityaRawal, #SaurabhShukla, #MonaSingh, #FaisalMalik, #RadhikaMadan - each character was crafted uniquely and all of u put on such a great performance. Well done #SureshTriveni and the entire team... lots of love," he wrote.

On March 7, Anurag Kashyap took to his Instagram to share his thoughts about Anil Kapoor starrer *Subedaar*. "SUBEDAAR on @primevideoin should have been a theatrical. Would have loved to experience it in cinemas, it's clearly shot on anamorphic for the big screen, designed for big screen. @sureshtriveni_ creates an immersive world of Bundelkhand/Chambal complete with its patriarchy and entitlement. Where women are as patriarchal as men and those who aren't, they fight like a man in this male dominated hinterlands of the beehad that once gave rise to Phoolan Devi. The world has not changed since, infact it



has gotten worse. And in that world comes our SUBEDAAR. In the world that also gave birth to a Paan Singh Tomar, is set this ex army man vs the totally uncivilised civilian world," he wrote.

Subedaar, directed by Suresh Triveni, stars Anil Kapoor, Radhika Madan, Aditya Rawal, Saurabh Shukla and Mona Singh. The film follows *Subedaar* Arjun Maurya, a retired soldier attempting to adjust to civilian life in a rapidly evolving society. Set against the backdrop of Madhya Pradesh, the narrative examines his confrontation with local corruption and social breakdown, while also focusing on his strained relationship with his daughter, Shyama, played by Radhika Madan. As Arjun faces adversaries within his community, he draws upon his military discipline and combat training to safeguard his family.

News18 Showsha Reel Awards 2026: Ahaan Panday And Aneet Padda Win Star Of The Year

Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda have just won the Star of the Year (Movie) award at the News18 Showsha Reel Awards 2026, and congratulations are in order for the two on this new feather in their hat. Both Aneet and Ahaan dominated headlines throughout 2025 with their breakthrough performances in Mohit Suri's romantic drama *Saiyaara*. Their impeccable performances in the romantic drama have earned them this well-deserved honour at the award ceremony, which was held at JW Marriott Juhu in Mumbai on March 7.

Saiyaara follows the love story of Krish Kapur (played by Ahaan Panday), a short-tempered musician, and Vaani (played by Aneet Padda), a shy, aspiring journalist-cum-poet. They meet, fall in love, and together build a successful career for Krish. Soon, he learns that Vaani has Alzheimer's disease after some troublesome moments involving her ex-boyfriend. Despite the struggles and ups and downs, the two eventually find their way back to each other and get married, marking the end of the emotional story.

Last year, Aneet was confirmed as the lead of *Shakti Shalini*, the next big chapter in the Maddock Horror Comedy Universe (MHCU). Her character was officially introduced in the post-credits scene of Ayushmann Khurrana-starrer *Thamma*, which was released in theatres on October 21, 2025. Her character was described as "the creator, the destroyer, and the mother of all" in the teaser. *Shakti Shalini* is officially announced for release on December 24, 2026.

After receiving immense love for his lover-boy image in *Mohit*



Suri's *Saiyaara*, Ahaan Panday will be seen stepping into a never-before-seen action avatar with Ali Abbas Zafar's next. The shoot is set to kick off on March 30 at Mumbai's YRF Studios, marking the start of a 27-day schedule before the team heads to the UK for a 60-day shoot in May. All cast members are currently undergoing rigorous action training, which will continue until the end of March, sources told Hindustan Times.

Akansha Ranjan Kapoor Opens Up About Undergoing Egg Freezing Procedure: 'Last Two Weeks Were Intense'

Women's Day is being celebrated today, and Bollywood celebrities are taking to social media to share heartfelt posts celebrating the women in their lives. Actress Akansha Ranjan Kapoor shared a post on Instagram, revealing that she recently underwent an egg freezing procedure. In her note, she revealed that the last two weeks were intense, and that she went through injecting herself with needles, dealing with bloating, mood swings, medications, before finally undergoing surgery. She celebrated the strength of the female body, calling it 'extraordinary'.

On Women's Day, Akansha Ranjan Kapoor shared a photo of herself from the hospital. The next photo showed her attempting to get back to her fitness routine. In her caption, she wrote, "Yesterday I froze my eggs!! I really didn't plan on sharing, but today feels like the right day to say this...the female body is EXTRAORDINARY. The last two weeks were... intense. Injecting myself with fat needles every day, hormones doing their thing, the bloating, the mood swings, the endless scans, the meds, the IV drip, and finally the surgery. But all i wanna say is - women are BADASSES.. and how in awe i am of how wonderfully intelligent and capable our bodies are."

She further explained the second photo, revealing that she tried to go for a walk. "The 2nd pic is from today- dressing for the job I want. Athletic and getting back to my routine.. even though I could barely manage a 20-minute wobble around my building. But honestly, that felt like enough! Because this body just did something pretty amazing. Happy Women's Day," she wrote. Soon after Akansha shared the post, Athiya Shetty dropped a red heart emoji, showing her support. Vaani Kapoor commented, "Big love for you my girl," while Akansha's sister Anushka Ranjan commented, "Aww my strong girl."



On the professional front, Akansha was last seen in the Prime Video series *Gram Chikitsalay*, headlined by Amol Parashar. The rural drama explores the challenges faced by doctors in villages, highlighting healthcare, community struggles, and personal conflicts. In the series, Akansha played Dr Gargi, appearing across four episodes. She also had a cameo role in Alia Bhatt's *Jigra* (2024).



Disha clearly has a thing for bling and we aren't complaining because she's slaying her shimmery co-ord set.