

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
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Press Release

Jaspal Bhatti Humor Festival

Chandigarh, 23rd February, 2017: The city that Jaspal Bhatti loved is playing host to celebrate his vision and legacy by organizing the 'Jaspal Bhatti Humor Festival 2017'. The Department of Cultural Affairs, Chandigarh Administration will be bringing in big names in comedy to perform in the Fest to be held on 3rd, 4th and 5th March at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh from 6.30-9 pm daily.

Announcing this at a press conference at the UT Guest House, Sh. Jitender Yadav, IAS, Director, Department of Cultural Affairs said that the city had to pay its tribute to the master satirist in a special way. Last year it had been decided that every year on 3rd March, which is Mr Bhatti's birthday, the Administration would organize a humor festival. This year the Festival would run for three days, the first day is dedicated to Punjabi comedy, the second to English and the third day to Hindi.

Accompanied by Mrs Savita Bhatti, he announced the line up for each day. The first day of Punjabi comedy would feature Punjabi superstar Rana Ranbir, Ssumier Pasricha (of Pummy Aunty fame) Gunjan Utreja, Deepak Raja, Shugli Fugli (earlier known as Santa banta) and Satti Sembi.

The English comedy day would have Joe Bath as the host with popular comedians Amit Tandon, Atul Khatri and Jeeveshu Ahluwalia performing.

The final day would have Arvinder Singh Bhatti as the anchor with acts by the superhit Sunil Grover (of Guthi and Dr Mashoor Gulati fame) Sunil Pal and Savita Bhatti.

Mrs. Savita Bhatti added that this year, each day special film would be featured on Mr Jaspal Bhatti made by Mad Arts Film School. She thanked the Chandigarh Administration for playing host to such a tremendous collection of humorous talent. She assured that every year it would be taken care of that good and clean humor is performed on this stage. Unlike other Festivals this would not just be a platform for current heartthrobs, but for young, fresh talent and also getting the forgotten talent in humor back on stage.

Mrs. Bhatti also informed that on the final day the cast of Mr. Jaspal Bhatti's iconic 'Flop Show' would be brought together on stage to commemorate 25 years of its stupendous run.