



Uniting hearts and hair



The Cut-a-thon returned to Mumbai on November 9, '09, raising Rs 2.45 lakh for charity in a single day as Mumbai's top hairstylists and Bollywood stars joined hands to show that charity is a virtue they are willing to invest in.

"The energy at the event was phenomenal," says celebrity hairstylist and Chairperson of Hair Inspired People (HIP), Dilshad Pastakia. "We cut hair continuously through the day, till it seemed we were going to faint!"

Hair Inspired People is an organization comprising of some of the top hairstylists in the country. HIP members at the event included Adhuna Bhabani Akhtar, Seema Jerajani, Ryan D'Rozario, Coleen Khan, Savio Pereira, Avan Contractor, Kanta Motwani, Aalim Hakim, Lata Khanchandani, among others. Each of them charged a flat fee of Rs 500 per hair cut. Bollywood celebrities who got hair cuts included Ranbir Kapoor, Suniel Shetty, Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade and Nikhil Dwivedi.

As actor Suniel Shetty handed over the Rs 2.45 lakh check to representatives of the NGO Salaam Baalak Trust which works on rehabilitating street children, he made a memorable statement saying: "We do things, to make a living, and when we give, we make a life."

Other activities like lucky draws, games and temporary tattoo lounge set up by Hakim Aalim Hair & Tattoo Lounge added energy to the event. The event was sponsored by The Oberoi Mall, Wella Professionals, L'Oréal Professionnel, Schwarzkopf Professional, Godrej and Beauty Palace.

What: Cut-a-thon
Where: Mumbai
When: November 9

Top: Kanta Motwani, Hakim Aalim, Savio Pereira in the styling chair; Top second row: Aalim turns on the spray, styling Ranbir Kapoor; Savio Pereira cuts hair
Top third: Salaam Baalak Trust kids with actor Shreyas Talpade; Left: Suniel Shetty, Seema Jerajani watches; Bottom left to right: Natasha Naeemgani, Kanta Motwani, Dilshad Pastakia and Actress Ishita Anu; Natasha Naeemgani cutting hair; Adhuna Akhtar at work

