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## Dancer Ashley Lobo moves to tinsel town

OUR CORRESPONDENT | MUMBAI

The famous choreographer and dancer Ashley Lobo is all set to open his academy The Danceworx in Mumbai after the success of his academy in New Delhi. The Danceworx, which comprises The Danceworx Academy and The Danceworx Repertory Company, will have select members of the repertory company make up the teaching staff of the academy.



Ashley with the performers

Ashley, besides founding this academy, is also a part of the guest faculties of the National School of Drama. Apart from choreographing for innumerable theatre companies, he has also choreographed for various films.

"At Danceworx, students are taught that dance is not limited to steps alone, but includes a wider understanding of creativity, movement and physiology," says Lobo.

The Danceworx Academy is on the lines of dance institutes abroad. Currently its curriculum consists of styles such as street jazz, lyrical jazz, ballet, contemporary, modern, and social dance. The Academy has visiting faculty from all over the world. Moreover, senior members of The Danceworx Repertory Company also get invited to participate and perform at different locations globally.

## Students applaud

ASRA KHAN | MUMBAI

St. Andrews College, Bandra, took an initiative to instil spirituality in the youth of today and organised a symposium on "Religion versus Spirituality and Youth in the 21st Century" as a part of their silver jubilee celebration.

This inter religious dialogue, which was addressed to students of different colleges, was attended by four distinguished speakers. Father (Dr) S.M. Michael, head of department of sociology, Mumbai University, Dr Zeenat Shaukat Ali, vice president, World Conference for Religions and Peace, Swami Agnivesh, former-minister of education of Haryana and a renowned social activist. They were joined by eminent filmmaker and social thinker Mahesh Bhatt.

Dr Ali started the symposium and spoke about how the best test of character is when nobody is looking at you. She mentioned the importance of education and what role should education play to make people more humane. Father I



Swami Agnivesh speaking at the symposium at St. Andrews College. AN ASIAN AGE photograph

### The ASIAN AGE GUIDE to fortune

**1** In which country is Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest?

- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Burma

**2** Which of these countries is most densely populated?

- China
- Bangladesh
- Monaco

**3** Which of these countries has a Queen as the head of state?

## 'Himesh's music bore me

PAYAM SUDHAKARAN

Harry Anand, the man who introduced us to the joys of remix videos, several hit numbers like *Kanta Laga*, *Kaliyon Ka Chaman*, *Paradeshiya*, *Chhoti Jawani* and discovered Telugu pop singer Smitha, is in the city for the launch preparations of Hemachandra's Hindi album. The first thing that you notice about Harry, who sang and featured in *Badan pe sitare lapate hue*, is that he has lost a lot of weight and is looking fit. When asked how he achieved this look, he says, "I eat to live, don't live to eat."

Brother of noted Bollywood composer Anand Raj Anand, the 37-year-old remix king is not just a composer, he is a singer, painter and an artiste too. Refuting charges that remixes spoil the authenticity of the song, Harry asserts, "Music is divine and it is

