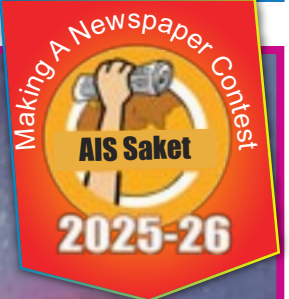


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GLOBAL BEATS, ONE HEART

From electrifying line-ups at Sunburn to Coachella's legendary sets, music festivals are more than just concerts. They're temporary universes where sound, culture, and human energy collide in a vibrant rush. **Kashni Mahajan, AIS Saket, XI D**, brings you a tour of the most iconic music festivals across the globe; each with unforgettable moments that echo long after the final beat drops.

GLASTONBURY | UK

Category: Britain's most historic & greenfield contemporary music festival.
Where: A five-day celebration in Somerset, blending music & activism.
Highlights: Witnessed performances from David Bowie to Beyoncé; features Pyramid Stage design and cosy tents.
Legacy: Rooted in the 1960s counter-culture and free-festival movements, it's a cultural pilgrimage that celebrates all kinds of acts from rock and pop to folk and experimental.

SUNBURN FESTIVAL | INDIA

Category: Asia's largest EDM festival.
Where: Born on Goa beaches, it's now hosted in Pune every December. Sunburn ignited India's EDM revolution.
Highlights: Multi-day lineups featuring DJs like Martin Garrix, Tiësto, David Guetta, and Swedish House Mafia.
Legacy: A trailblazer for India's dance music scene, merging music, travel, and spectacle. Sunburn's spin-offs - Sunburn Arena and Sunburn Campus - carry its beats worldwide. It brought global EDM culture into India.

TOMORROWLAND | BELGIUM

Category: Top electronic fest.
Where: Held annually since 2005 at the De Schorre park, Belgium.
Highlights: DJ line-ups like Armin van Buuren, David Guetta, Hardwell, Martin Garrix, and Avicii.
Legacy: Its unique stages & storytelling create a fantasy world. Repeatedly voted 'Best Music Event of the Year', Tomorrowland inspired spin-offs like Tomorrow World, USA, Tomorrowland, Brazil & Tomorrowland Winter, France.

DONAUISELFEST | VIENNA

Category: World's most attended music festival.
Where: Hosted annually for three days on the Donauinsel (Danube Island), Vienna.
Highlights: Falco's electrifying 1993 performance and the Backstreet Boys' show in 1999.
Legacy: It's free; drawing crowd in millions. Began in 1983 by politician Harry Kopietz as a one-day party for 15,000 people; 160,000 came instead.

COACHELLA | USA

Category: Most expensive globally.
Where: Held every April at Empire Polo Club in Indio, California.
Highlights: Headlining acts redefine pop culture, from Beyoncé's history-making performance to Blackpink's K-pop breakthrough show.
Legacy: Besides its star power, it's also known for an experience of fusing music, large-scale art installations, and cuisine. A symbol of modern festival culture; it blends music, fashion, art & social media aesthetics.

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