

A photograph of a fashion show runway. In the foreground, a model is seen from the back, wearing a white dress with orange floral patterns and a large orange and green floral crown. To her right, another model is walking towards the camera, wearing a white dress with a large, colorful floral garland around her neck and shoulders. The background is filled with an audience of people, some of whom are clapping. The lighting is dramatic, with the runway models brightly lit against a dark background.

# Mumbai à la mode

**A league of sexy models sashaying to eclectic beats, draped in futuristic ideas, woven into fabric by ace designers, took centrestage at the Lakme Fashion Week for the Fall/Winter Collection '08. *Mumbai Touchdown* goes behind the scenes, where ramp meets reality.**

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Photo: Amit Chakravarty



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**Dress circle:** A couple of days before the event, the fashion designers get down to trial sessions. Models are swathed in their creations for that perfect silhouette. Even a frill or a pleat is viewed with hawk-eye precision. Everything is carefully planned for effect. Long nights and tiring days are common, with little leisure time to spare... it's the not-so glamorous side of the fashion world.



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**Beauty fix:** Demi-gods and divas with flawless skin and graphically styled hair, is what we see on the ramp. But constant touch-ups is the secret, each time these models hit the runway. The make-up brigade add their final brush of perfection, to each finely sculpted figure before the spotlight falls on them, again...



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**Starry nights:** Bollywood's latest find Ranbir Kapoor walked the ramp for the Arjun Khanna show, even as beau Deepika Padukone cheered from the aisle. The celeb quotient was complete with the presence of Saif Ali Khan, Kareena Kapoor, Madhu Sapre and Padma Lakshmi.



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