

Sunday snack

Shahid Kapoor revealed a glimpse of his not-so-lazy Sunday on Instagram, as he hit the gym. He shared a picture of a barbell with heavy weights and wrote, "Sunday snack."



In City Beautiful for an event, actress Malaika Arora says the secret of her fitness lies in the regular practice of yoga

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Glam quotient...

SHEETAL

FITNESS enthusiast, actress and reality show judge Malaika Arora made a glamorous landing in Chandigarh on Saturday evening, as her face radiated in a pink evening gown with a big vertical bow hanging from the shoulder to waist line.

Announced as the face of a real estate partnership between FashionTV and GlenWorld Realtors soon-to-be-launched in Chandigarh, Malaika took the assignment seriously as tricity socialites packed the venue, JW Marriott, just to get a glimpse of her. At the press conference, she shared, "I am glad to be a part of this mega-partnership event. Also, I feel honoured to become the brand ambassador and face of FTowers by FashionTV. This is not the first time I have partnered

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with FTV. It's wonderful to be back."

CITY CALLING

All praise for one of the first planned cities of India, Chandigarh, Malaika shared how she so wished to have a place she could call home in the city. She said, "Soon after the launch of this project, the next step would be to buy a flat in Chandigarh. So that I can come here more often."

The actress didn't mind giving all the credit of her ageless beauty to yoga. "While diet and good sleep are important, mostly it's all about practicing yoga. To all those who often ask me this question, seriously, *yoga se hi hoga.*"

Being a Punjabi from her father's side, she talked about how it always felt good to be in Punjab and Chandigarh, and breathe in fresh air away from concrete gardens of Mumbai. The actress, however, refused to delve into the details of her upcoming projects. "Movies, shows and music videos are part and parcel of our lives. It's all work. I will share once there is something concrete to talk about," she said.

Recalling how she started off her career as a VJ for MTV India, Malaika said, "*Voh to kuch alag hi zamana tha...* those were different times, but awesome. I had

been a video jockey for many years, but now you don't have that VJ-ing culture. Having said that, I still feel those were some wonderful years working as VJ."

HOME FRONT

On what made her say yes to endorse this project in Chandigarh, she said, "Home is where everyone seeks comfort and peace, and that's what FashionTV and GlenWorld Realtors together aim at. It will bring international standard luxury, and comfort to your doorstep. I think everybody wants their home to be stylish and glamorous." To which Kashif Khan, managing director, FashionTV, added, "And who would come to your mind when you think of an epitome of fashion, of course Malaika. That's why we got her here to be present for the first step towards this milestone project."

For Manoj Bajpayee, the characters he plays are more important than his bank account

100 & going strong



Actor Manoj Bajpayee has come a long way since his debut in 1994 with *Droh Kaal*. Over a career spanning three decades, the actor has worked in diverse genres and essayed myriad characters.

With his 100th film *Bhaiyya Ji* on the horizon, Manoj, shared, "I never counted the number of projects I've done, but am told that *Bhaiyya Ji* will be my 100th film, which is a proud moment for me."

"I have always been more interested in the story of the characters that I play than the bank account that I have. I personally feel that if you want your passion to be alive, then you will have to constantly hone your craft rather than being worried about anything else," he added. — IANS

Selena Gomez, Zoe Saldana-starrer *Emilia Perez* draws 11-minute ovation

Stellar show

Jacques Audiard's latest cinematic venture, *Emilia Perez*, took Cannes by storm with its world premiere, garnering a remarkable 11-minute standing ovation. The Spanish musical crime comedy, featuring a star-studded cast, including Zoe Saldana, Selena Gomez, Karla Sofia Gascon, and Edgar Ramirez, captivated audiences at the Palais des Festivals.

As the credits rolled, director Audiard expressed his gratitude to the audience, igniting another wave of applause that lasted for an additional two minutes. The emotional resonance of the film was palpable, with Saldana, Gascon, and Gomez moved to tears amidst the overwhelming reception.

Returning to Cannes' prestigious competition after his 2021 feature *Paris, 13th District*, veteran filmmaker Audiard crafts a compelling narrative centred around Rita, portrayed by Saldana, a lawyer disillusioned by her firm's ethical compromises. When approached by cartel leader Manitas, played by Gascon, Rita finds herself entangled in a transformative journey that blurs the lines between justice and personal reinvention. Collaborating with frequent partners Thomas Bidegain and Lea Mysius on the screenplay, Audiard delivers a unique blend of crime, comedy, and music, promising audiences an immersive cinematic experience.

Emilia Perez emerges as a standout entry in this year's Cannes line-up, captivating audiences with its fine storytelling and stellar performances. — ANI

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EVAN JOHNSON, CATE BLANCHETT AND GUY MADDIN

Comedy film *Rumours* wins acclaim

These are no rumours!

Acclaimed Hollywood star Cate Blanchett was seen blowing kisses to the Cannes Film Festival audience after her new apocalyptic-comedy film *Rumours* received a four-minute standing ovation at the prestigious event.

The film's trio of directors, Guy Maddin, Evan Johnson, and

Galen Johnson, made a speech together after the applause finished, thanking the audience and quoting their own film by saying, "It's better to burn out than to fade away."

Rumours follows a group of world leaders who meet at the G7, a political and economic meeting

of the minds between Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the US, but get lost in the woods while trying to compose a joint statement.

The dark comedy film also features Alicia Vikander, Charles Dance, Roy Dupuis, Denis Menochet, among others. — IANS

'Life is too short'

Actress Eva Longoria has talked about why she approaches new projects by considering her circle of friends first and revealed that she wants to work with people she loves. "I want to work with people I love," Longoria said at the Cannes Film Festival, naming friends and fellow actresses Kerry Washington and Gabrielle Union, with whom she has upcoming projects.

"Life's too short... I'd much rather be surrounded by people I love and creatives that I respect," she continued. The actress goes for projects that will work best for everyone involved. "It's the people and their vision and what they bring to it more than the actual project," she said. — IANS

Eva Longoria wants to be surrounded by people she loves



Uma is at Cannes for the premiere her film *Oh Canada*.

Uma shines on the red carpet

Uma Thurman, renowned for her captivating performances and timeless beauty, graced the red carpet at the 77th Annual Cannes Film Festival for the premiere of her latest film, *Oh Canada*. The star, currently acclaimed for her role in the series *Suspicion*, once again showcased her impeccable style and enduring charm. For this significant event, Thurman chose an elegant outfit by the British fashion house, Burberry.

She wore a stunning duchesse silk satin gown in ivory, exuding sophistication and grace. The gown's clean lines and luxurious fabric highlighted Thurman's statuesque figure, emphasising her

natural elegance. Thurman's ensemble was further enhanced by an exaggerated trench coat, a signature Burberry piece, adding a touch of drama and modernity.

This oversized trench showcased Burberry's ability to blend classic style with contemporary fashion seamlessly. Thurman's presence at Cannes, amidst her recent achievements in television, has garnered significant attention. Her portrayal of a mother searching for her missing son in *Suspicion* has been critically acclaimed, reinforcing her status as a versatile and compelling actor. — ANI

