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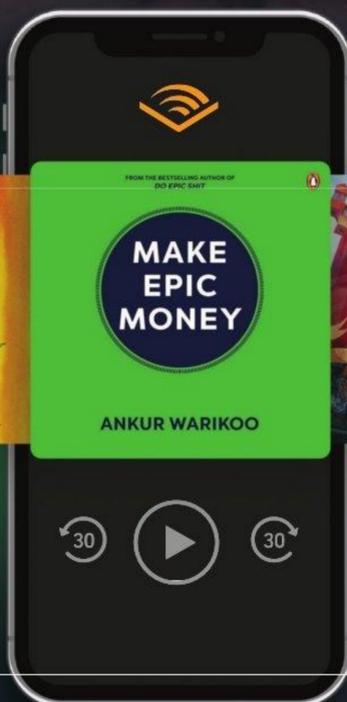
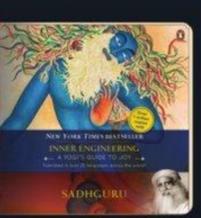
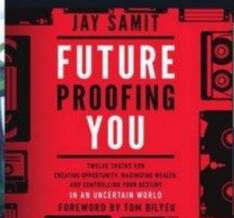
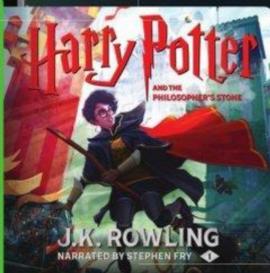
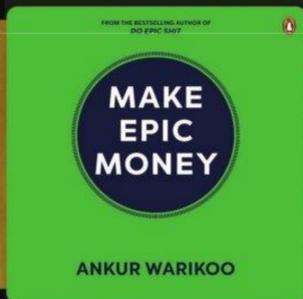
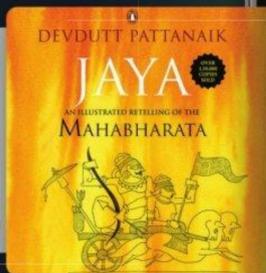
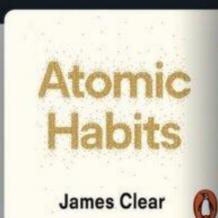
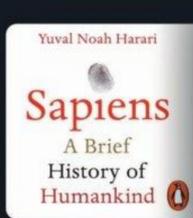


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"I didn't pick it up. I wanted something like that so I asked my friend to make it. So she made it by hand. So I brought it from India," said Kani Kusruti at Cannes when she was asked if she picked the clutch up from Cannes or brought it from India

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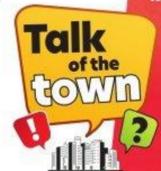
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Kani Kusruti shows solidarity with Palestine at Cannes

Watermelon as a symbol of solidarity

In response to the ongoing war and the different debates around the conflict, people are using watermelon images to communicate solidarity with the Palestinians - as the fruit's colours match the Palestinian flag. Some activists are also doing it as a workaround to tackle documented reports of online censorship and shadow banning, where platforms restrict creators' content without their knowledge.

Kani Kusruti, who joined the team of *All We Imagine As Light* for the film's premiere, flaunted her itty-bitsy watermelon clutch at the camera as the film received a resounding eight-minute standing ovation. As per the makers, the bag represented Kusruti's "heartfelt solidarity with Palestine." In an interview to *The Indian Express*, Kusruti said, "I wanted something in the shape of Gaza. I collaborated with my friend who is a designer to figure out whether it would be embroidery or a brooch in the same colours (red, green, black and white, of the Palestinian flag). And then we hit upon the idea of the clutch."

In a year that saw fashion take a backseat at Cannes, Kusruti's statement-making clutch was a refreshing change from celeb's typically reticent approach to political matters. Many fashion lovers were enraged by the overwhelming lack of mention of Gaza during the Met Gala earlier this month.



In another instance, Bella Hadid stepped out in a red keffiyeh-inspired dress at Cannes, in a nod to her Palestinian heritage

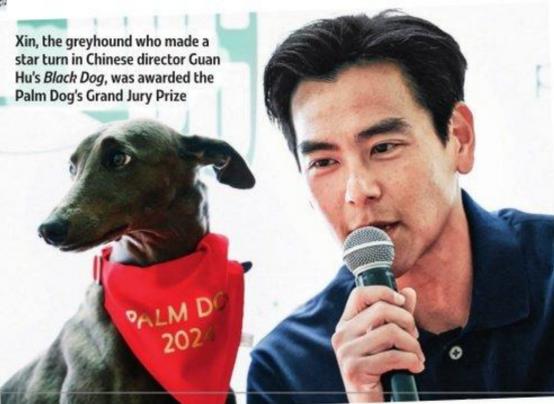


The odd "maybe-statement dress" by Cate Blanchett, as *The Guardian* called it, appeared to be a walking tribute to the Palestinian flag. While Blanchett didn't confirm if her dress was a statement or a chance reference, one could argue that she let her sartorial choice do all the talking



Dog on Trial's canine star Kodi wins Palm Dog at Cannes fest

There was lots of tail-wagging and face-licking as Kodi, this year's winner of the Palm Dog, the canine equivalent of the Palme d'Or - Cannes Film Festival's top prize - went up to receive his red collar for the French film *Dog On Trial*. The Griffon mix was praised for his 'breathtaking' performance as Cosmos, a guide dog for a visually impaired man, who goes on trial over an attack, in a case whose outcome could mean death. Kodi succeeds last year's winner, Messi from Justine Triet's *Anatomy Of A Fall*. The unofficial awards show, which was created in 2001, is now in its 24th edition. Reuters



Xin, the greyhound who made a star turn in Chinese director Guan Hu's *Black Dog*, was awarded the Palm Dog's Grand Jury Prize



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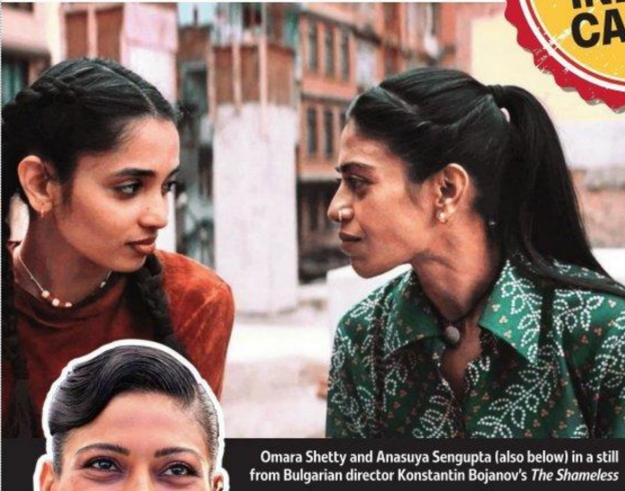
MILLIE BOBBY BROWN TIES THE KNOT

Millie Bobby Brown and Jake Bongiovi, music legend Jon Bon Jovi's son, secretly tied the knot in a wedding ceremony last weekend, as per a People report. According to *The Sun*, only Bongiovi and Brown's parents were in attendance. The couple is reportedly planning a larger ceremony later this year. Agencies



'You don't have to be queer or colonised to fight for equality'

Kolkata's Anasuya Sengupta becomes the first Indian to win Un Certain Regard prize for Best Actress for *The Shameless*



Omara Shetty and Anasuya Sengupta (also below) in a still from Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's *The Shameless*

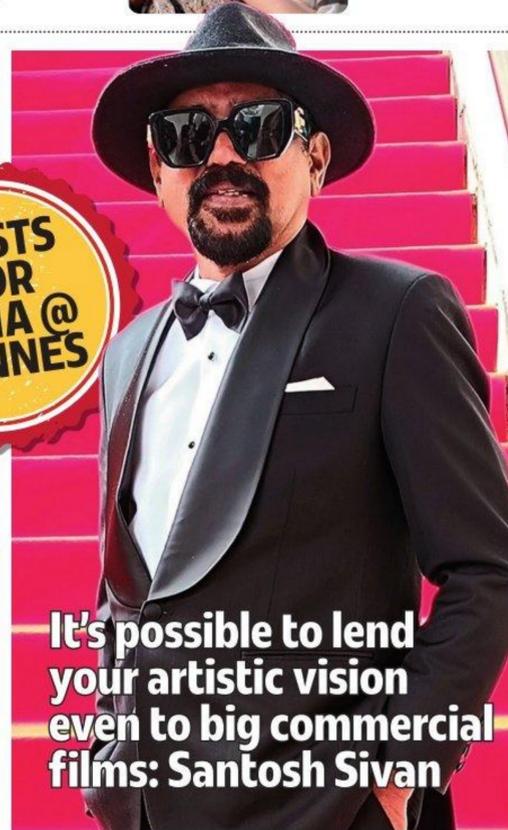


This is for the queer community everywhere, and all other marginalised communities all over the world, for bravely fighting a fight they shouldn't have to fight
— Anasuya upon receiving her award

Anasuya Sengupta made history on Saturday as the first Indian to win the Best Performance award in the Festival de Cannes un Regard category. She received it for Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's *The Shameless*. Upon receiving the award, a visibly emotional Anasuya said, "This is for the queer community everywhere, and all

other marginalised communities all over the world... You don't have to be queer to fight for equality, you don't have to be colonised to know that colonising is pathetic — we just need to be very, very decent human beings. More female gaze is the way forward."

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It's possible to lend your artistic vision even to big commercial films: Santosh Sivan

The first Asian to receive the Pierre Angénioux Excellens in Cinematography honour at Cannes speaks about India's presence at global film fests

Niharika Lal

Veteran cinematographer Santosh Sivan, best known for films such as *Dil Se...*, *Asoka*, and *Iruvar*, scripted history at the 77th Cannes Film Festival as he received this year's Pierre Angénioux Tribute at the Cannes Film Festival on Friday. Before the award ceremony, he also conducted a masterclass where he spoke about Indian films and their potential. In a chat from Cannes, the cinematographer discussed his experience at the festival this year.

To be honoured with an award that has been given to top directors of photography in the world puts you in a set of fantastic people. Most of them are people I have admired so much

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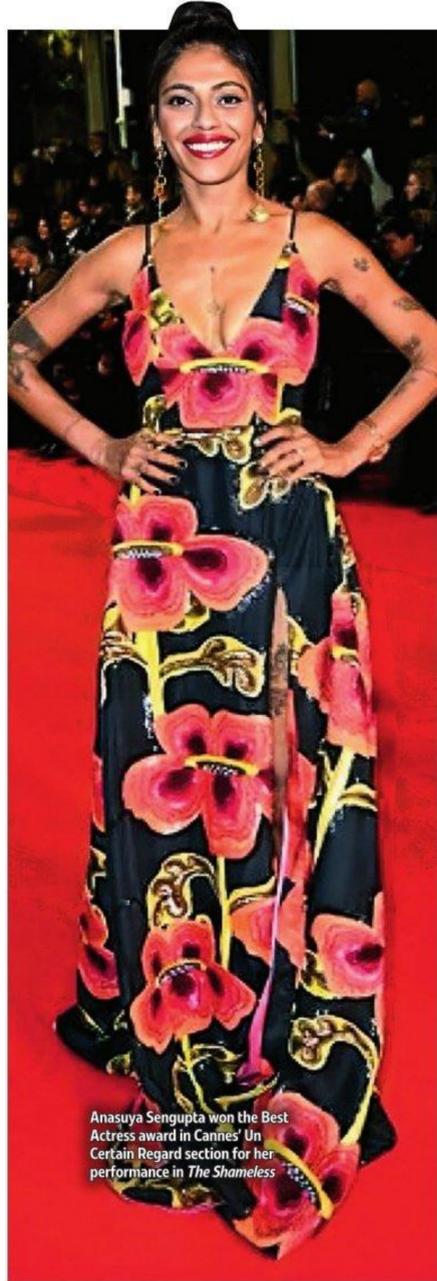
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Anasuya Sengupta won the Best Actress award in Cannes' Un Certain Regard section for her performance in *The Shameless*

More female gaze is the way forward: Anasuya Sengupta

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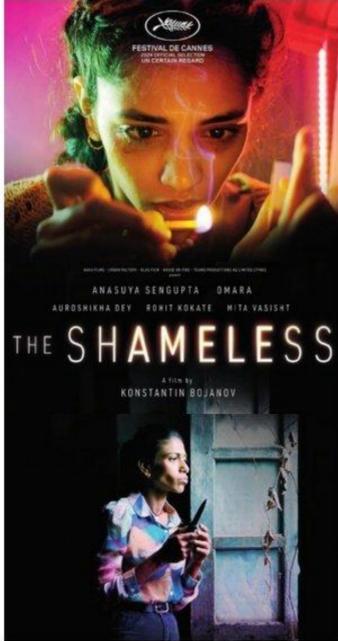
The Shameless was initially being made as a documentary exploring the themes of "love, sexuality, free will and artistic expression, within the confines of the castes and religious beliefs of present-day India," the director said in an interview for the Cannes official platform, adding how eventually it evolved into a feature inspired by the true story of a girl born in the devadasi system.

About casting Anasuya in the pivotal role of Renuka, Bojanov said, "I looked at her pictures on Facebook and said, 'She fits my vision of Renuka perfectly.' It was more than just her appearance; it was her attitude too. I knew that she was primarily a production designer. Nonetheless, I took a chance..."

—TNN with inputs from Raima Ganguly and Poorna Banerjee

Who's Anasuya Sengupta

Born and brought up in the Lake Gardens locality of south Kolkata, Anasuya is an alumnus of La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata, and completed her graduation from the Department of English, Jadavpur University. She debuted with Anjan Dutt's 2009 rock musical film *Madly Bangalee* and has worked as a production designer in Sanjeev Sharma's *Saat Uchakkey* (2016) and Srijit Mukherji's *Forget Me Not* in the anthology *Ray* (2021). She is now based in Goa, where she works as an illustrator and production designer.



To the queer community and other marginalised communities all around the world for so bravely fighting a fight they really shouldn't have to fight — Anasuya Sengupta

What's the Festival de Cannes un Regard category

The Festival de Cannes un Regard category celebrates cinema of discoveries, and its mission is to bring out new trends, new paths and new countries of cinema. This year, 18 feature films were screened in this category. Guan Hu's *Black Dog* took home the Un Certain du Regard prize while Abou Sangare won the best actor award for the film *L'Histoire de Souleymane*.



Filmmaker-cinematographer Santosh Sivan became the first Asian to receive the Pierre Angenieux Excellens in Cinematography at Cannes. (Inset) Preity Zinta, who worked with Sivan in *Dil Se...*, presented the award to him

Indian presence at this year's Cannes was tremendous: Santosh

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'A VERY HAPPY AND PROUD MOMENT'
The mail from Cannes informing Sivan that he would be honoured with the Pierre Angenieux honour caught him by surprise. He shares, "This award has honoured the careers of many legendary people whom I admire. So, to be considered one of them was indeed a very happy and proud moment. At my masterclass, I said that like Indian music, Indian visual art forms are also very music-oriented and have lots of colours. As a visual artist from India, I also see visuals like music. When I look at a shot, I think the light and shade create melody."

'IT IS POSSIBLE TO LEND YOUR ARTISTIC VISION EVEN TO BIG COMMERCIAL FILMS'

Sivan says that he believes that Indian commercial films are very interesting and there is a scope to tell stories in Indian commercial films. He says, "Earlier, when people used to get National Film Awards for Cinematography, it used to be for parallel cinema or NFDC-produced films as they tend to have a realistic approach. I thought that this realistic approach should also happen for our commercial films. All the National Awards that I have received (*Kaalapaani*, *Dil Se...*, *Iruvar*) have been very big commercial films. I feel it is possible to lend your artistic vision even to the big commercial films because I like it best when people appreciate the film and not just the jury."

Sivan revealed that a film he shot (*Vanaprastham*, 1999, directed by Shaji N Karun) was selected in Un Certain Regard at Cannes.

Indian presence at this year's Cannes was tremendous. At Cannes, you can feel the passion for films in the air. I also felt good that it is not just directors and actors who are being celebrated but also the technicians behind the camera



I feel it is best to take inspiration from your culture, then that will resonate across the world. I think that to a large extent is also why I was honoured with this award

He says, "I think if you make a really offbeat film, then festivals all across the world are ready to receive it. With technology improving, it is easier to make films on a low budget. One does not need to think about the budget but about telling the plenty of stories that we have in our country."

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With more voices celebrating women filmmakers and discussions on gender parity, India has proven this year at Cannes that we are at the cusp of a huge change

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Between the red carpet and very serious cinema, we are at the last leg of the Cannes Film Festival for 2024. This year has been phenomenal as far as Indian cinema goes, with some very interesting and diverse films making its to the festival. The first one worth mentioning, which a lot of people in India grew up with, is Shyam Bengal's *Manthan*. It was presented in the restored classics section, which, in so many ways seriously define transformative India, not just to a generation from before but also to contemporary audiences worldwide.

The other film which is an incredible success and surprise is an Indian film competing for the Palme d'Or and "fingers crossed" as I write this, Payal Kapadia's debut fiction feature *All We Imagine As Light* would be going through a screening in the main competition section of the festival. This is happening after thirty years, with the last one being Shaji N Karun's *Swaham* in 1994. This is not just a comeback film for India in the main competition, but also an amazing achievement for a first-time woman filmmaker to be nominated in this category for her debut feature.

But the glorious surprises do not stop there. A film by Chidananda S Naik, a Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) student, *Sunflowers Were the First to Know*, won the La Cinef Award for Best Short Film. British Indian Director Sandhya Suri's feature *Santosh* was featured in Un Certain Regard and Hindi feature film *Kooki* was also screened at the Marche du Film, the Cannes Film Market.

Now, one must enquire about what has changed with the largest film producing nation in the world as far as the Cannes Film Festival is concerned. Contrary to popular belief, Indian cinema has always been a point of

conversation at Cannes and I say this from personal experience. Indians being invited to become jury members, from Mrinal Sen and Vidya Balan to Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Deepika Padukone, are a significant example of India's relevance at the festival.

Beyond the razzmatazz of a red carpet and quintessential glamour, the festival very carefully curates films to be showcased, in a bid to actually represent contemporary expression from the country they belong to. From Chetan Anand's *Neecha Nagar* in 1946, V Shantaram's *Amar Bhoopali* in 1952, Raj Kapoor's *Awara* in 1953, Satyajit Ray's *Paras Pathar* in 1958, M.S. Sathyu's *Garm Hava* in 1974, Mrinal Sen's *Kharji* in 1983, Shaji N Karun's *Swaham* in 1994 to now Payal Kapadia's film competing in the main competition in 2024, one can see the diversity that Indian cinema has given to the Cannes Film Festival year after year.

At the end of the day, *Manito* in Un Certain Regard in recent times and *Gangs of Wasseypur* a few years ago have been an able representation of cinema from India. In 2022, India was the honour country at Marche du Film. We took a slate of cinema from various Indian languages as representation that year. My personal experience since many years at the festival embraces one reality - when filmmakers across the world congregate at this amazing festival at the La Croisette at Cannes, deeper narratives of cinema

get created, co-production treaties get discussed and a signature of things to come for the filmmaking community gets carved out for the whole year. There are conversations around deeper collaborations for cinema at the India pavilion. Young filmmakers, whether men or women, who otherwise find it difficult to represent their independent films internationally, find a space, support, and structure, all in one at the Cannes Film Festival.

And there is space for everyone. On one hand you have Bollywood divas strutting their stuff at the red carpet, but on the other hand, deeper conversations, collaborations and communities develop for just one passion called cinema. One must also realise that India, one of the largest film producing nations of the world, benefits greatly via its participation at the festival. Opportunities like formulating international treaties for coproduction, interacting with the stakeholders of more than one and a half dozen countries of the world, and networking with global film commissions, international line producers, global film marketing mavericks and a universal gene pool of artists, enable India to make that dream better and bigger. With more and more voices celebrating women filmmakers, discussions on gender parity, and women being at the centre stage of cinematic realities across the world, India, with two young female film directors, has proven this year at Cannes that as a country we are at the cusp of that huge change.

So, let's go beyond the semantics and celebrate the various narratives of amazing films that we could showcase at Cannes this year. All's well that ends well and all that I would say is Vive le cinema!

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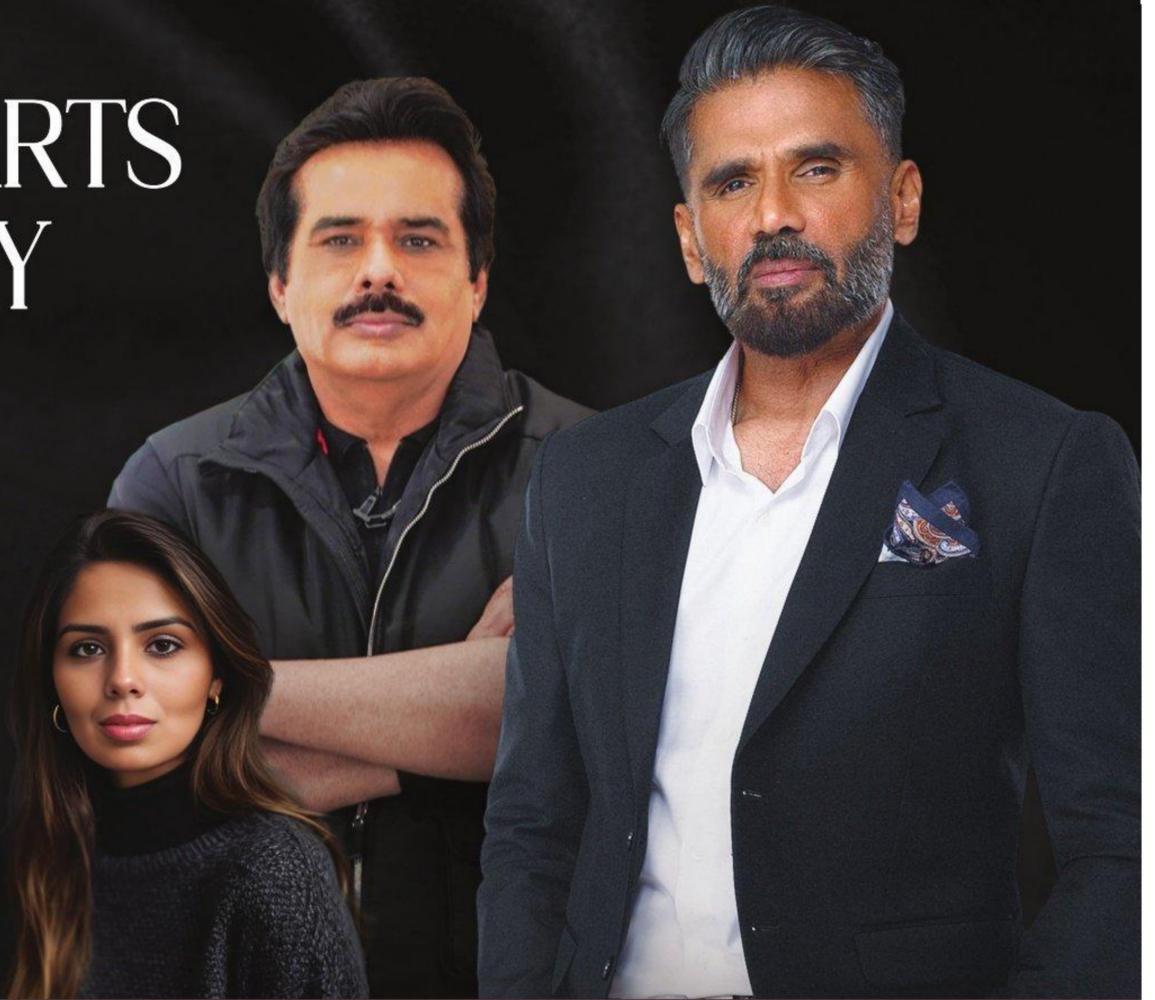
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One degree hotter: Sara celebrates her graduation day



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ONE WITH MOMMY DEAR: Sara poses with her mother, Anjali Tendulkar

Taking to Instagram, a proud Sachin Tendulkar posted a picture of his daughter Sara and wife Anjali from her graduation. The Master Blaster wrote, "It was a beautiful day. The day our daughter completed her Masters with Distinction from UCL's Dept of Medicine, in Clinical & Public Health Nutrition... Here's to all your dreams for the future. We know you'll make them come true. Dher 'Sara' Pyaar (sic)."

Meanwhile, Sara also took to social media to share pictures of her graduation celebrations with her mum and friends. Along with the post, she wrote, "just got 1 degree hotter (sic)." According to news reports, Sachin could not attend his daughter's graduation as he stayed back in India to cast his vote.



As parents, we feel so proud to have seen all the work you have put in through the years to get here. It's not easy

- Sachin Tendulkar



Alec Baldwin

Judge rejects Alec's plea to dismiss Rust shooting case

A judge in New Mexico denied Alec Baldwin's bid to dismiss the involuntary manslaughter charge he faces in the fatal shooting of a cinematographer on the set of the movie Rust, ruling Friday that the case had been properly presented to a grand jury. The ruling increased the likelihood that the trial of Baldwin would move forward this summer.

Lawyers for Baldwin - who was rehearsing with an old-fashioned revolver on the set in 2021 when it fired a live bullet, killing the cinematographer, Halyna Hutchins - have lodged numerous objections to how the case against the actor has been handled. In a written order, Judge Marlowe Sommer ordered that the indictment would stand.

New York Times

Understanding the Robotic Knee Resurfacing Surgery

ADVERTORIAL

Knee replacement has been a reliable solution for people suffering from knee pain due to arthritis and associated complications. Yet, despite successful knee replacement, dissatisfaction among patient's post-surgery persists. Patient dissatisfaction can stem because of mismatched expectations, inconsistent surgical outcomes, discomfort due to improper implant fit, and inconsistent recovery due to prolonged pain, restricted mobility, and extended rehabilitation periods. Technological advancements in medicine strive to improve upon existing treatment, give better results and more satisfaction to patients needing treatment. Robotic surgery is evolving as an answer addressing these issues and working towards increasing patient satisfaction.

Robotic surgery sound futuristic but what really is a robotic surgery, what issues can be solved by introducing a robot into a surgery. To answer these questions let us explore & understand what robotic surgery is about, understanding both the benefits and risks is essential for patients considering this innovative approach to knee replacement.

How Does Robotic Knee Replacement work :

Robotic knee replacement surgery begins with advanced



imaging, few robotic systems require pre-operative CT scan for data while a few rely on real time image capturing to create a digital model of the patient's knee during the surgery itself. During surgery the robotic arm assists the surgeon to precisely remove the damaged bone and prepares the joint for the implant. The surgeon's expertise is complemented with the robot's precision, data driven planning and real-time data feedback ensuring accuracy, leading to optimal implant placement and improved patient outcomes.

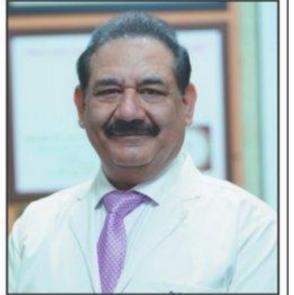
Robotic Technology Benefits:

1. Digital Precision with Real-Time Data Capture: One of the primary advantages of robotic knee replacement surgery is its precision. The robotic system gathers detailed information about the patient's specific knee anatomy. This patient-specific data allows the surgeon to take precision cuts of damaged bone

and help to find a favorable fit of the implant. Additionally the real time data capturing provides the surgeon with up-to-date insights helpful for decision-making during the procedure. This data from these robots help surgeon to deliver accurate and consistent results.

2. Reduced Trauma and Faster Recovery: Robotic-assisted technology minimizes trauma to surrounding tissue, resulting in several benefits for patients. By causing less trauma, patients typically experience reduced pain, minimal blood loss, and faster recovery times. This translates to greater post-operative satisfaction as patients can return to their daily activities more quickly.

3. Improved Functional Outcomes: Studies suggest that robotic-assisted procedures may result in a greater range of motion compared to traditional methods. Additionally, patients often report less pain and faster recovery times, leading to reduced hospital stays and fewer post-operative healthcare visits.



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Conclusion:

Robotic knee replacement surgery represents a significant advancement in orthopedic care, offering patients improved precision, faster recovery times, favoring better long-term outcomes. By harnessing the power of technology, surgeons can tailor each procedure to the individual patient, resulting in optimized results. However, patients should weigh the benefits against the potential risks and consult with their healthcare provider to determine if robotic knee replacement surgery is the right choice for them. With proper understanding and guidance, patients can embark on their journey toward restored mobility and improved quality of life.

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YOUR POV Here's what your point of view was to our POV

Freebies have a special place in our shopping bags. And in our hearts

Refer: May 20, 2024 edition
Freebies have a special place in our shopping bags. And in our hearts: The charm of shopping from your neighbourhood bazaar lies in the interaction...

It was heartbreaking to see a young mom succumb to the pressure of taunts/jobs. This article summed up so well about checking on inherent moral superiority but it is exactly these people who lack morals who end up trolling people. The news sent shivers down my spine. How terrible it is to be snubbed and advised by all and sundry for an unfortunate event that she was part of.

— Preetla Venugopal

strangers online. It is high time that one uses social media to boost real-world relationships.

— Sindhu Gopalkrishnan

Kudos for your POV article. I have never understood why one person judges another so viciously and with the superiority of thought. People seem to have some sort of moral authority in the way they act! Please keep sharing such points of view.

— Sajani Sutaria Dua

It's mango season. And it's okay to lose your calm

Refer: May 24, 2024 edition
It's mango season. And it's okay to lose your calm: Many years back, Mumbaiers woke up to a curious piece of news. A mango tree along the southern boundary of Arthur Road Jail...

India's mango man Padmashri Kallimullah Khan breeds over 300 varieties of juicy mangoes. But the vendors for the sake of money poison the mangoes to ripen quickly, and damage our health. If vendors allow the mangoes to ripen naturally, it would truly be the king of fruits.

— Dr D Lakshmanan Kazhipattur

Despite our country producing as many as 1,500 varieties of mangoes we hardly get to taste around 10 during summer. Just imagine our joy if we get to taste more! It isn't called the king of fruits for nothing.

— Bal Govind

The prevalence of hateful comments directed towards individuals underscores the alarming level of online cruelty. This is a serious situation that demands our attention. There needs to be a discussion about establishing boundaries for online interactions. We must strive to create a digital space where someone's emotional well-being is respected. Triggering or taunting someone with past traumas can have devastating consequences for their present life.

— Puran Choudhary

In your column, you are finding fault with the trolls. Can the law enforcement agencies take action against these persons? Can the family members be put on trial for abusing her? Impossible task! Everyone should be able to face all negative comments and make corrections if required. We have only one life.

— Narayanadas

Social media has nothing personal or confidential anymore. It is a pity that people have become so disconnected from the real world that they become attached to complete

— Debashish Roy

A mother took her own life. And we may never find the guilty

Refer: May 22, 2024 edition
A mother took her own life. And we may never find the guilty: The death by suicide of a young mother of two in Chennai would have been just another...

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Vivienne drops surname Pitt amid Brad-Jolie disputes



Pitt's daughter is listed as Vivienne Jolie in the playbill for NYC's *The Outsiders*, which she worked on as an assistant alongside mother Angelina Jolie

As Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie fight the custody disputes, their kids are presumably getting the rough end of the stick. 15-year-old Vivienne is the third family member to have reportedly dropped her father's name, Pitt. According to reports, the teenager was listed as "Vivienne Jolie" in the Playbill credits for *The Outsiders*, had dropped her father's name.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie tied the knot in 2014 after several years of dating but hit a rough patch in marriage in 2016 after Brad's alleged physical outburst on Jolie on a flight. Angelina and Brad have six children: three adopted, Maddox, Zahara, and Pax Thien, and three biological children, Shiloh, and twins, Knox and Vivienne.

TNN

ARIES

Quite a progressive week for you. Gains in games of chance/speculation are quite likely now. Financial prospects look quite encouraging, make the most of new emerging opportunities. A good time to enjoy sensory pleasures. You will be in the limelight and you may get awards from the government. Those in professions of teaching, training, marketing, counselling can expect good development. Children shall do well in academics.

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SCORPIO

dreams come true. Putting as much energy into your business relationships as you do in your personal relationships, will make all sorts of communications possible. Your drive and emotions are clearly set on success.

TAURUS

You are running a period of good fortune. Favours from those in authority/government can be expected. Research will pay off. Practical ideas on making home repairs or improving family situation could benefit all. A time where you should be amenable to suggestions from others, especially partners and close friends, they might have some practical ideas that will benefit you or your kids. Make a plan for the future. Tomorrow depends on what you do now.

LEO

Everything is working in your favour, whether you like to believe it or not. Partnerships, personal relationships / the social sector in general would be very important during this time. Interestingly, relationships can have a decided influence on your career and workplace. You shall be appreciated by others for your hard work, and valued for your feelings and your ability to act and get things done. You can expect a little boost, some sort of extra support from those around you and also a change in your personal rhythm. Just allow things to move along smoothly by seeking out happy, upbeat people. This will help you bringing more balance and also keep you and others motivated.

SAGITTARIUS

It seems to you that this is the best time for investments, but there is a danger of it being overdone. A natural transformation is taking place within you, you could find the changes sudden. Health seems to be under sudden stress from mid-week, do not overwork, life is more valuable than anything else. A good time for property related transactions. Monday/Thursday/ Friday are the favourable days of the week for productive use and profit.

GEMINI

You have been burning the candle at both ends, the planetary alignments advise you not to push yourself any further. Change always comes at a cost. Lose this, gain that, that is the balance of life. There are plenty of interruptions, but you don't let it stop you from completing your tasks. Taking care of business would be a major theme where your emotional orientation is concerned now. You deeply desire to get things accomplished and you are capable of success. It is imperative to have your space neat and organized and you work on that during the week. This area in which you like to work helps you to enjoy less stress.

VIRGO

There shall be restrictions, but they won't keep you from being productive this week. Maybe this is not a time to try to solve any serious problems. Though it is short-term, it could be hard to think. Despite all your confidence, you tend to depend on others for advice. Nobody can question your grasp of situations, yet sometimes you find yourself needing the advice of someone who is not as involved, maybe, someone to give you directions from time to time. Because of this, you may depend on guidance during the times when you may lose sight of the bigger picture.

CAPRICORN

Short trips, discussions with siblings and relatives plus increased reading and writing will keep you on the go. Keep pushing and you will accomplish much and keep the pace uninterrupted. New people meeting you through your professional associations will make a big difference in your future. So dream big as anything is possible. A wonderful period for socialisation, entertaining friends and also romance.

CANCER

You can expect a good momentum in the progress of your career, increase in monetary income, gain of new friends and clearness of business proposals. Mercury is quite favourable to improve your job/career prospects. There will be meeting with successful businessmen and gain from business transactions. As the Sun is also well placed, you can expect an elevated status, dignity, and honour. Plan all your important activities and business transactions between Monday to Thursday for maximum success. Friday/Saturday are absolutely fruitless days with zero results, it's best to lie low on these days. Try to eat food that keeps your body temperature low, hydrate yourself well and drink plenty of liquids/cocunut water as your body is prone to heating up as Mars is approaching your sign. Accept new business proposals and start some new activity, so that you can reap good

LIBRA

It seems hard for you to communicate what you mean to others. You may have to slow down and start from the beginning. Now, you will be in a planning mood and are very clear headed being able to view all the different ideas and this helps to solve problems. Just go ahead and make those decisions. As you can see the road ahead, you will make the right choices. You could be in the spotlight, or in demand with superiors or in relation to your work. You may find that you enjoy your job or the responsibility it entails more than usual. Thursday/Friday seem to be tricky days, watch your temper and moods.

AQUARIUS

It's possible for you to get richer through real estate or improving your home this year. Perhaps someone has ideas that will help you. A more impersonal attitude is the key. Previously confounding obstacles should find easy explanations, so don't get worked up or worried of repeat failures. You are in a win-win situation at this time. Your sense of discrimination is excellent and you value clearheaded thinking in others. The 27/30/31st are favourable days to advance your professional/business arrests.

PISCES

The Sun is strongly placed in the third house, authority shall be extremely helpful to you, your name and reputation will grow. Those in the digital media were received, good recognition. This is a good time to promote yourself on social media, and cash on the beneficiary positions. Important discussions are likely this week. They might initiate with a female/friend and may concern travel plans / publishing, higher education or legal matters. You might see ways to boost your earnings, someone will advise you about ways of advertising your product or launching something new.

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

				7	5		1	
	5		6	8				
	8				4			
3			5	1		9		
5			9	3	2			6
		2			7			
			8	4		3		
8	3	1						

HOW TO PLAY
Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

GARFIELD

TIMES KAKURO

	19	13	9		20	31			
23				7	15				
22							3	6	7
4			38						
	9		30		8				
		11	8		31	17			24
	5	14			18	6	9		6
39								12	
5				27				16	
					16				18

HOW TO PLAY
The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance in the example, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+8 for 20.

Example:

20			
	8	4	8

EVENTS

EXHIBITION
India Habitat Centre: *Myriad Hues* - An exhibition of paintings by Jasleena Kaur & Manjeet Kaur. Today, Convention Centre Foyer, IHC

DANCE
India Habitat Centre: *Stories Of The Sacred Rivers*. Bharatanatyam by Marie Elangovan and troupe. 7pm, Tomorrow, Steyn Auditorium, IHC

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SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
02-average | 03-good | 04-outstanding

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

R N A T Y

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

HOW TO BEGIN:
Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines

of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

OPAER

PPIIT

CLOUTS

AORTVY

HOW TO PLAY
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

Sometimes ___ is a compulsion, not an ambition.
- Ed Norton (10)

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

5	4	9	2	1	7	3	8	6
2	6	9	7	8	4	1	5	3
1	8	1	5	6	2	7	9	4
7	5	7	4	9	8	6	4	3
9	2	6	4	7	1	8	5	9
6	4	8	4	9	7	2	1	3
6	9	4	1	2	5	8	7	3
3	1	8	6	9	5	4	2	7
4	3	7	3	7	8	1	6	5

LOOP THE LOOP

SPELLATHON
nary, rant, TRANNY, yam

SCRAMBLE
Words: Opera, piff, locust, yobster

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Travel enthusiasts opt for stargazing vacations

Astro tourism, still considered a niche segment, is gradually growing with interest coming from different sections – not just those interested in astronomy



Skypazing sessions often include three parts - basic information on skypazing, observations through a telescope and some videos related to astronomy
– As per Astroport



Those visiting Ladakh can check out two-three hours astronomy sessions by Aseem Foundation, which is working to develop and promote Astro Tourism in Ladakh

Divya Kaushik

Last week, when a rare auroral arc was visible after a severe solar storm in Hanle, it triggered a lot of interest in sky watching as an experience," says Ramkish Ray, founder of Starscapes, a company dedicated to providing astronomical experiences across the country. In today's world, where adventure seekers seek more immersive experiences from their vacations, a new trend in astro tourism has emerged, captivating the attention of tourism departments and private

companies alike. In fact, starting May 31-June 2, academicians, scientists, astro photographers and stargazers from different cities will assemble at George Everest in Mussoorie for Nakshatra Sabha – the campaign dedicated to promote astro tourism. Apart from this, there are many small-duration programmes and itineraries being planned for the growing community of stargazers in India.

Popular destinations for stargazing experiences

- LADAKH
- JIM CORBETT
- SARISKA
- UTTARKASHI
- NAINITAL
- AJMER
- SIKKIM

'Space is now cool for people'

An obvious increase in the number of tourists interested in stargazing was observed post pandemic. "Space is now cool for people. Events like ISRO's Chandrayaan have not only piqued interest in space, but have suddenly made it a cool topic for many. We have been curating astronomy experiences for more than six years now, earlier we would get queries from students, photographers and only those who would have some information and interest in astronomy. Now, everyone wants to witness sky watching as an experience."



Earlier we would get queries from students, photographers and only those who would have some information and interest in astronomy. Now, everyone wants to witness skywatching as an experience
– Ramkish Ray, founder of Starscapes

Stargazing programmes and astronomical events include orientation to night sky, sky map reading, constellation watch and other activities, lists Astroport, which has established stargazing and space experience centers at selected hotels and resorts across India

Astro parties, expeditions and workshops

It's not just stargazing, the concept of astro parties is fast becoming popular. with live music, bonfire and astronomy tambola.

- BYOT (Build Your Own Telescope) and magnetism session gives one the opportunity to create their optical masterpiece and understand the science of magnetism
- Rocketry workshop allows one to build and launch rockets
- Sun show and spectroscopy sessions explore the star through state-of-the-art solar filters
- Rocketry and space vehicle DIY workshops help one learn to design and launch rockets that soar towards the stars
- And as night falls, you can explore the fascinating history of timekeeping in 'telling time over Time – the history of time telling

– Details on astro parties by Starscapes

WHO ARE YOU ROOTING FOR TONIGHT?

As KKR takes on SRH, celebs tell us which team they hope lifts the trophy

Vinay MR Mishra and Hasti Doshi

Cricket lovers are gearing up for the big IPL final tonight in Chennai between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). We spoke to some celebs to find out who they are supporting tonight.

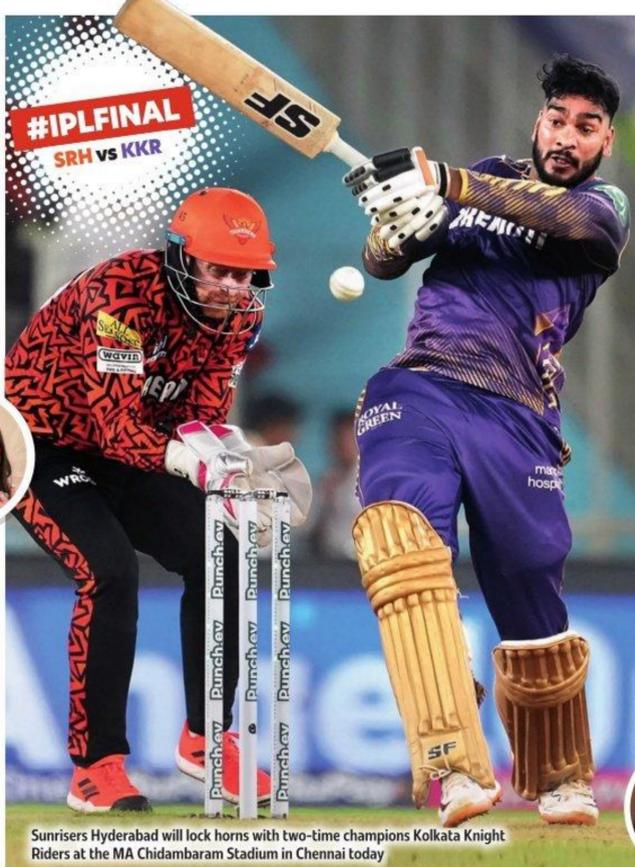
AKSHAY OBEROI



I am rooting for KKR because Gautam Gambhir has been a fab mentor. I am so glad they made it this far. I have been following this season of IPL. So, it is going to be an exciting finale for me. I am planning to watch it with my friends. We've been watching the entire season together.

SHEFALI JARIWALA

I am super excited about the IPL final, and I won't miss it for sure. Since the time this IPL tournament began, everyone in my house has been talking about matches. My father and husband Parag (Tyagi) are huge IPL buffs. I am rooting for KKR this year, but I feel it is going to be a tough competition.



Sunrisers Hyderabad will lock horns with two-time champions Kolkata Knight Riders at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai today

ARJUN BIJLANI

I am an avid cricket watcher and am rooting for KKR this year, as their performance has been very good. I plan to watch it at a friend's house if I'm not shooting for my TV show. Else, I will watch it on my phone on the set. I can't wait to see who wins the trophy.



NIKKI TAMBOLI

I love watching cricket and it is an emotion. This year I went thrice to watch matches in the stadium, but I will watch the final at home with my friends. I am rooting for KKR. I feel that their team has been consistent and strong since the beginning. They should win the finals.



SIMPLE KAUL

The IPL fever is on in Mumbai big time and there's so much excitement. I am rooting for SRH this year and I am sure it is going to be an exciting match. I will be watching the match at my restaurant, which will be fun.



ELNAAZ NOROUZI

I am supporting KKR because they have been playing really well. They have been consistent with every match. Also, because my friend is the captain. I hope they win. I will be at work, but I won't miss the game.



TANUJ VIRWANI

My favourite team was CSK, but since they were out of the tournament, I am now supporting KKR. They have been the best team this season. They have all their bases covered – be it batting, bowling or fielding. They have a good blend of Indian and foreign players. But it will be an interesting game if Hyderabad scores above 200. It is going to be a cricket carnival at my farmhouse in Lonavala with my entire family and friends watching the match together.



ADDINATH KOTHARE

This year, I am excited to watch the match with my daughter. I am rooting for SRH. Yes, KKR is currently more popular and is likely to win, too. Everyone's bet would be on them. However, Hyderabad is the underdog and I have a soft spot for underdogs. Even my movie 83 was all about the underdogs – the Indian cricket team winning the 1983 World Cup. So, yes, rooting for SRH.



MADIRAKSHI MUNDLE

I like watching cricket and have been following the IPL this year. I want SRH to win tonight. The team has a lot of potential. I plan to watch the final with my husband over plenty of healthy snacks.



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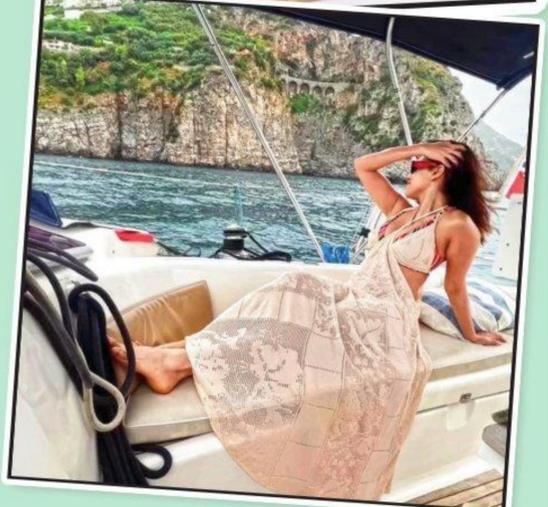
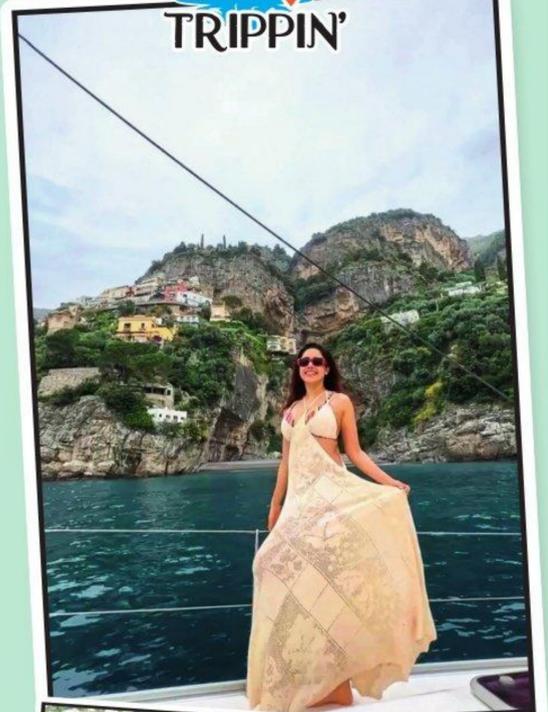
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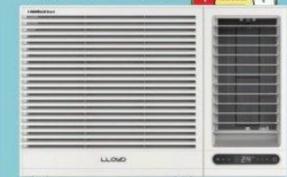
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I'm too old to bother about log kya kahenge: Sriti Jha

In her first open mic a couple of years ago, Sriti Jha narrated the ordeal of an asexual in first person. Many assumed the *Kumkum Bhagya* actress was narrating her own life experiences. In a recent chat with us, Sriti clarified that it was a piece that she had written. She said, "I wrote that piece when I was going through a certain phase in my life. That's when I read a book where I, for the first time read about asexuality. My first thought was, 'Am I asexual?' I was pondering. That's when I wrote the poem, which was in first person. I didn't think about people's reactions and just went ahead and narrated it at an event. I'm too old to bother about log kya kahenge. The response was so heartwarming and overwhelming. The way people reached out to me after that poem was amazing."

In the last few years, Sriti has been through a change of sorts. The actress, who was known for her rather reserved nature, seems to have opened

up a lot more now. She participated in two reality shows – *Khatron ke Khiladi* and *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa* back-to-back. "I think I keep changing every two years, and I appreciate my friends who keep up with my changing personality," she shared.

— Vinay MR Mishra



Sriti Jha and (inset) her first open mic

Thrilled to have scored 90%: Aayushree Sangle

Aayushree Sangle, who has been part of TV shows like *Deva Shree Ganesha* and *Mere Sai*, scored 90% in her Class XII Board exams. A delighted Aayushree says, "I am so happy that I have scored well and my parents are also very proud of me."

She had to quit her last show, *Saavi Ki Sawaari*, where she played the role of Ananya Goyal for her studies. She shares, "I was shooting for my show *Saavi Ki Sawaari*, but unfortunately, I had to quit it last year in July due to my college schedule. We had an attendance requirement, and I wanted to focus on my studies. I did a few ads, but had to take a break from acting. Today, I am glad I did that."



Aayushree Sangle says that for now she'll take up short-term acting projects

It does get difficult to manage studies with shoots, especially during exams, but I would like to continue my showbiz career

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The art of meditation to stay calm in summer

Meditation is beyond just relaxation. It is a discipline not only for worldly life but also in the spiritual realms



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As summer blazes in with its relentless heat, many of us find ourselves grappling with irritability, fatigue, and a general sense of imbalance. The sweltering temperatures can test even the most patient souls, leading to stress and discomfort. However, amidst the scorching days, there lies a serene antidote that can help us maintain our composure and inner peace: mindful meditation.

Summer, with its long, sunny days, is often a season of joy and relaxation. Yet, the high temperatures can also lead to physical and emotional strain. The constant heat can disrupt our sleep, sap our energy, and leave us feeling agitated. It's easy to lose our cool, both literally and figuratively. Mindful meditation, an ancient practice with roots in various spiritual

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traditions, offers a way to counteract these effects. By focusing on the present moment and cultivating a state of calm awareness, meditation helps us cool the fires of summer stress besides improving sleep, focus, and overall mood. Sri Guru Ratna Prabhu, founder of a spiritual organisation explains, "Meditation does not belong to any religion or sect; it is the universal language used to raise one's energy. Originated from the ancient Vedic times of India, for thousands of years, great sages have acquired exceptional skills and found balance in their lives by practising mindful meditation. Meditation is about cultivating mindfulness—the practice of being fully present in the moment, without judgement. This simple act of awareness can profoundly heal the body, mind, and spirit."

Instead of succumbing to the stress of the heat, you can cultivate a state of cool, serene balance through mindful meditation

the mind and focusing on the breath, meditation helps calm the nervous system.

Meditation also enhances cognitive function and concentration. In today's world, at a certain point, we encounter moments full of distractions. Meditation helps us to acquire the ability to focus, acting as a valuable skill that can significantly enhance productivity and performance. Through regular meditation practice, individuals can train their minds to stay present and attentive, leading to greater clarity of thought and enhanced problem-solving abilities. The stronger the meditation practices, the more valuable they can be in any field.

"To get the most out of meditation, it is important to practise it regularly. The sooner meditation starts, the easier it becomes to find balance and satisfac-

tion in our lives and our purpose. Through meditation, individuals can observe their thoughts and emotions without becoming overwhelmed by them. This self-awareness process can help break the cycle of negative thinking patterns, improving mood and overall emotional well-being," says Prabhu

Timing Matters: Meditate during the cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening. This not only makes the practice more comfortable but also sets a peaceful tone for the rest of the day.
Hydration and Comfort: Keep a bottle of water nearby and wear loose, breath-

able clothing. A cool drink after your session can enhance the feeling of refreshment and tranquility.
Guided Meditations: Consider using guided meditation apps or recordings specifically designed for relaxation and cooling. These can provide structured support and help you stay focused.

TIPS FOR MEDITATION DURING SUMMERS
Find a cool spot: Choose a comfortable, shaded area for your meditation practice. Whether it's a quiet room with a fan or an outdoor space under a tree, ensure that the environment is conducive to relaxation.

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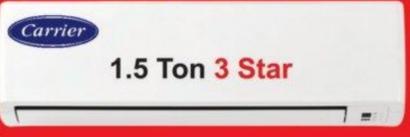
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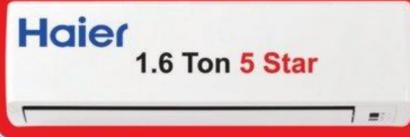
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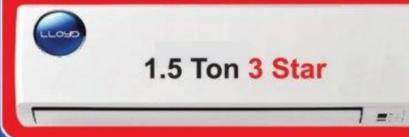
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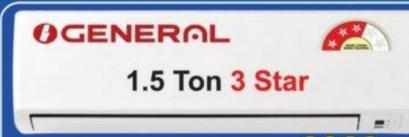
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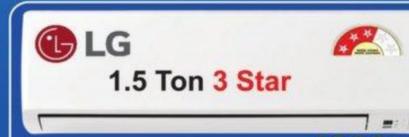
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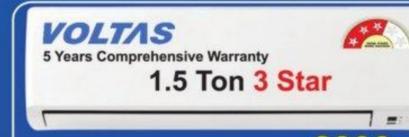
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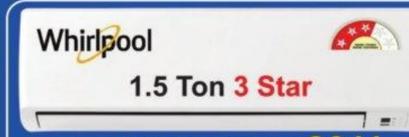
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Roll a sushi, steam a dumpling: Foodies bond at cooking classes

Shivika Manchanda

Be it tossing a summer salad, rolling sushi or whipping up a smoothie, culinary classes are a great way to spend your weekend if you are a foodie. These sessions are filled with creativity, delish food and good company, say workshop curators. Whether it's to learn healthy everyday recipes or special platters for house parties, to meet other food lovers or spend time with loved ones, culinary workshops are a hit among foodies.

"From healthy Buddha bowls and salads in a jar to lunch-on-the-go and appetizers, many participants opt to attend these workshops to learn to cook quick and healthy dishes, in style. People are increasingly becoming health conscious and love to whip up good, wholesome dishes. Also, curating a meal by yourself for a house party has become a big thing now, and for that reason, many people join the cheese board or grazing board making sessions," says chef Manpreet Dhody, who organises workshops at her studio in Mumbai and travels to NCR for offline workshops.

'FOOD LOVERS LIKE TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT CUISINES'

"Food enthusiasts want to explore different cuisines like Asian, Italian, Korean or Mexican. It's a great learning experience. Working with new ingredients also shoots up interest in different food cultures," adds chef Manpreet.



Participants enjoy the dim sums they made during the workshop

Radhika Singhal, chef and founder of a sushi kitchen in Delhi, says, "People of all age groups are interested in culinary workshops. Sushi is becoming an integral part of people's grazing tables for parties. Learning how to make certain dishes makes the food experience at parties cost effective and adds a personal touch. So overall, the demand for such workshops have seen an uptick from women, young professionals and also kids," she adds.



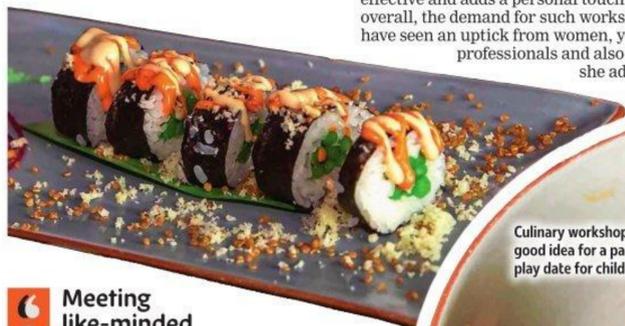
'Meet new people or bond with loved ones over food'

Weekend workshops give people a break from a week's usual hustle-bustle. "Sushi, dumplings, pizza, and cheesecake workshops are popular choices because these are dishes that people like to order when they dine out. While some participants come to bond with fellow food lovers, these workshops are also popular among couples who want to ditch conventional movie or dinner dates," says Manpreet Dhody, a chef and workshop curator. Ajeeta, a regular at these workshops, says, "It started with me wanting to do something different on my weekends. I started baking and cooking during the lockdown but lost the motivation to continue it, so such events inspired me to go back to baking. I liked that I could be attend these workshops by myself and yet be a part of a community."

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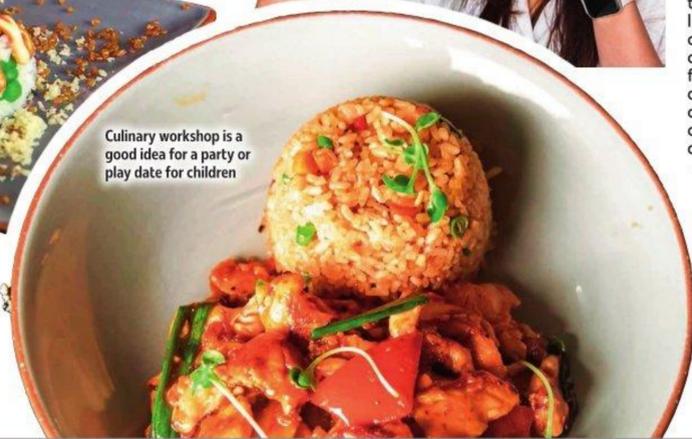


Participants may cook the same dish, but each plate tastes different as every one adds a personal touch



Meeting like-minded people outside of the workplace is very difficult, so we curate experiences like culinary workshops to promote better avenues for recreation and meeting like-minded people

-Aditya Sangwan, founder ATF and curator of weekend workshops



Culinary workshop is a good idea for a party or play date for children



After spending many weekends sleeping in, eating out or binge-watching shows, I found an Italian cook-along. It was fun making tiramisu and ravioli, which sat extremely well with the foodie in me! I came home with lot of goodies, recipes, and a happy stomach

-Karishma Khanna, who has attended a few culinary workshops

An exhibition on female divers from Jeju attracts K-Drama fans



The K-drama *Welcome to Samdal-ri* showed the life of Jeju haenyeo - female divers from Jeju - and many fans of the show visited the exhibition

Riya Sharma

If you have seen the K-Drama *Welcome to Samdal-ri*, then the ongoing Jeju Haenyeo Special Exhibition at the Korean Cultural Centre will take you back to the scenic locations of the drama. The series that focuses on the life of two childhood friends, Cho Yong-pil and Cho Sam-dal, also shows the life of Jeju haenyeo (women divers from Jeju), who harvest a variety of seafood without any apparatus. The exhibition presents the haenyeo seafood harvesting practices, including their tools, social interaction, diving sessions and how they have contributed to their families' livelihoods.



The Jeju haenyeo culture has been recognised as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO

Visitors make comparisons with the K-Drama

In the show, Go Mi-ja, the mother of the protagonist, is often seen saying that the sea is their life and despite having a heart condition, she continues to dive. Rhythem Deo, a taekwondo student who came to the exhibition, shares, "All the artwork in the exhibition is exactly what was shown in the K-Drama. Being a haenyeo is a difficult profession as they harvest seafood without any apparatus while controlling their breath."

Pics: Ajay Kumar Gautam



Haenyeo - the female divers from Jeju

Haenyeo are female divers whose job is to harvest seafood without any apparatus. "They realised that the sea is to be tendered and preserved, instead of being mass harvested. Oxygen tanks are not allowed, as modern facilities would lead to rapid over-exploitation of the seabed. Living in harmony with nature's assets, powers and essence is a guiding principle in Haenyeo culture," the exhibition explains.

I got to know about the haenyeo culture after watching the K-Drama. When I got to know that there was an exhibition showcasing their life, I came to see it. It took me back to all the scenes from the show

- Smita Singh, who visited the exhibition recently

Splitsville for Hardik and Natasa or just rumours?

Pics: @hardikpandya93 and @natasastankovic

Rumours about Hardik Pandya and Natasa Stankovic heading for splitsville have been doing the rounds for a couple of days. There were reports of them having unfollowed each other on social media but till Saturday afternoon, both were following each other. While the couple hadn't issued any statement in this regard till the time of going to press, Redditors have been deconstructing 'signs' that reportedly point towards trouble in paradise. Let's take a look:



Pics shared by the two since the split rumours began

Neither Natasa nor Hardik have addressed the split rumours, but on their social media profiles, it seemed like business as usual, albeit individually. While Hardik shared a story for Dinesh Karthik, who announced his retirement from IPL recently, Natasa shared a few updates, including a pic with their son Agastya, a couple of videos from the gym and a pic from a driving session. A few days ago, Hardik posted pics from his time 'recharging' after the IPL. However, neither Natasa, nor Agastya were seen with him.

What's the buzz about?

- SIGN 1:** Natasa removing Pandya from her Instagram username
BUT: Not just Pandya, Natasa currently has no display name on her Instagram profile
- SIGN 2:** Natasa's absence from IPL matches
BUT: While there are no photos of hers from the stands, a few reports suggest that Natasa did attend a few MI matches
- SIGN 3:** The couple not featuring together in a post on Instagram since Valentine's Day
BUT: While there's no post of theirs, a video from April 9 of the Pandya family at a spiritual celebration does have Natasa present.
- SIGN 4:** No public support from Natasa for Hardik amid backlash for his MI captaincy
BUT: Natasa hasn't posted publicly about the MI captaincy issue, neither has Hardik said anything about it.
- SIGN 5:** There was no birthday wish from Hardik for Natasa. Her birthday was on March 4
BUT: There has been no birthday post from Hardik for Natasa. Natasa had shared a few stories on Hardik's birthday last year (October 11) but there's no post on her timeline for the same either



Natasa has removed her display name completely from Instagram



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Natasa in the April 9 video; (below) the couple's Valentine's Day pic



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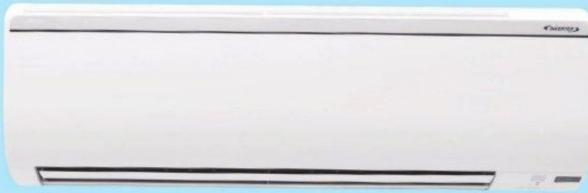
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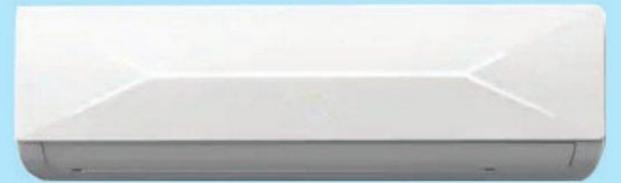
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FURRY STARS: CELEBS' PETS ARE A HIT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Karishma Tanna and her pet Koko during a photoshoot at Juhu Beach

@Prathima Pingali

Natasha Coutinho

Their parents are celebrities in their own right, and it doesn't come as a surprise that the pets of showbiz personalities also have a huge fanbase. These star fur babies have social media accounts and attract thousands of followers. These pets have carefully managed accounts and charge eye-popping amounts for brand tieups and endorsements. We went deeper to explore the universe that these 'pet influencers' inhabit.

Lucifer's Insta spreads animal welfare awareness: Raveena

Raveena Tandon, a pet mom, anchors an Insta account for her dog Lucifer. The account shares animal rescue stories in which Raveena has been involved. "It's a platform to share the stories of all the animals we've saved. Besides these, I enjoy curating content that reflects his personality," says Raveena.

She has a dedicated team to look after the content that goes live on the pet's account. She says, "I am actively involved in curating content for Lucifer's Instagram presence. Having a dedicated team allows me to focus on other aspects of my work while still ensuring that his account receives the attention it deserves. To keep his followers engaged, I weave in storytelling elements by sharing anecdotes."

As a pet parent, I believe in showcasing love and care for our furry friends on social media. However, it's important to respect their privacy, prioritise their well-being, and avoid sharing sensitive information

Raveena Tandon shares a photo along with Lucifer on Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGERS, GROOMING SESSIONS, PROFESSIONAL SHOTS: ALL THINGS FOR CELEB PETS TO GET INSTA READY

CELEBRITIES AND THEIR STAR PETS

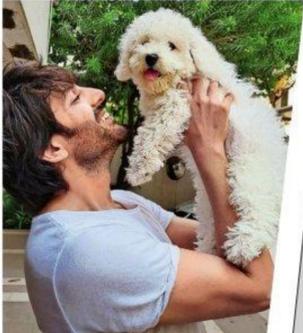
After deleting his Instagram account in February 2023, BTS's vocalist Jungkook recently made a surprising return on April 14, this time as his dog Bam's dad. The singer wrote, "I can't brag about myself right now so I should brag about my baby instead."

5.5 million followers



Priyanka Chopra's dog Diana is quite the diva, like her pet mom, and Panda, her younger sibling, has an account that is all about family time

146K followers and 56.3K followers respectively



Kartik Aaryan has an Instagram account for his pooch Katori, which gives fans a glimpse into how the actor spends time with his pet when he isn't shooting

131K followers

John Abraham's mischievous pets Bailey and Sia are all about witty captions and spreading 'paw-sitivity' on the gram

15.9K followers



Soundarya posts a photo along with her pet

GROOMING:

To make the pets look beautiful, celebs prefer to treat them with glitter, colours, and ribbons besides spas, hair cuts, and herb oil-soaked baths. Dhaval Bhatt, owner of a pet grooming salon in Mumbai, says, "Celebs bring their pets to the parlour regularly (at least twice a month) to keep them well-maintained. Glitter, sparkle and ribbons are used to make the pet look great on social media posts." Gauri Keskar, another salon owner, adds, "It's only in the past five years that the trend of shaping the dog's fur into a bell shape or other cute shapes has become popular."

HEALTHY LOOK:

Soundarya Sharma states she has designated staff to look after her dog Nannu. She says, "His meals need to be moderated and to ensure he gets exercise, I have hired staff. They look after his timely meals including occasional treats like dog cakes, chicken pizza, donuts, fries, immunity sticks."

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Coloured fur makes the pet look attractive on social media

EXPENDITURE:

Average cost of keeping your pet groomed

₹12,000 including

Trendy hair cut ₹2,000 onwards

Manicure and Pedicure ₹1,500

Herbal oil soak bath ₹3,500

Hair colour ₹5,000

TEAM TO MANAGE SOCIAL MEDIA:

To ensure engagement, a team of professionals is hired to build a strategy plan. Neel Gogia, co-founder of an influencer marketing agency, says, "Depending on the level of engagement, posts could range from three to seven per week, ensuring consistency. Brands in the pet industry related to food, accessories, and grooming centres are highly inclined to collaborate with celebrity pet accounts. Compensation for these partnerships varies, depending on the follower count, engagement rates, and the scope of the collaboration."

EXPENDITURE:

Manager charges approx

₹75,000 - ₹1,00,000 per month/per account

PHOTOSHOOT:

Photography is another important aspect that attracts followers. Prathima Pingali, who specialises in pet photography and recently shot with Karishma Tanna and her pet, says, "Karishma's pet Koko loves the beach. Karishma and I would send each other reference images of the poses we like, and the vibe that we wanted to create. I realised Karishma and Koko always walk with the same foot forward, it seemed like they had such a strong connection, I had to capture it!"



EXPENDITURE:

Photography Packages start from ₹19,500

DOS AND DON'TS FOR PHOTOSHOOT

- Props like baby toys, and woollen thread balls should not be used. If a dog ingests these items, they can get stuck in the stomach or gut, leading to major surgery
- Trends like using different colours on dogs to make them look cute, should be avoided. There have been cases where dogs have had a severe reaction
- Cats aren't comfortable being carried in backpacks

(advised by Dr Rina Dev, veterinarian)

Kabosu, dog who inspired the Doge meme, dies

From rescue pup to meme star, here's the journey of the real-life 'Doge' dog

DOGECOIN, WORLD'S 8TH MOST VALUABLE CRYPTOCURRENCY

- Dogecoin was started as a joke by two software engineers and is now the world's eighth most valuable cryptocurrency with a market cap of \$23 billion
- Dogecoin co-founder Billy Markus told a news agency that he found the idea of investing in Doge crypto coins hilarious and created the Dogecoin coin in a few hours before taking it live
- Kabosu, the go-to meme dog for millennials, inspired Elon Musk's favorite cryptocurrency Dogecoin. Later, Dogecoin was backed by stoner hip-hop king Snoop Dogg, Shark Tank entrepreneur Mark Cuban and Kiss Bassist Gene Simmons
- Dogecoin has also inspired other cheap and highly volatile memecoins, including - Shiba Inu and others based on dogs, cats



Kabosu, the shiba inu who inspired the viral doge meme and cryptocurrency Dogecoin, died on Friday. Announcing the news on X (formerly Twitter), Dogecoin stated, "Today Kabosu, our community's shared friend and inspiration, peacefully passed in the arms of her person. The impact this one dog has made across the world is immeasurable."

In a blog post, Kabosu's owner revealed that they would hold a farewell party for Kabochan on Sunday, May 26.

At the end of 2022, Kabosu fell ill with leukaemia and liver disease.

VIRAL PHOTO SOLD FOR \$4.2 million

- In 2021, Sato sold the viral photo of Kabosu as a non-fungible token (NFT), to a group of crypto art collectors called PleasrDAO for \$4.2 million, making it a top-five most expensive photo ever sold
- Further, in November 2023, a \$100,000 statue of Kabosu and her sofa, was unveiled in a park in Sakura. It was crowdfunded by Own The Doge, a crypto organisation



FROM RESCUED PUPPY TO INTERNET MEME



- In 2008, Kabosu was rescued from a puppy mill by Atsuko Sato. In 2010, two years after adopting the Kabosu, the Shiba Inu dog breed, Sato posted a picture along with Kabosu on her blog. That image became the 'Doge' meme
- Speaking to a news agency, Sato once stated, "It felt so strange" to discover her dog was an internet celebrity

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