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## Pan-India film Martin all set to release in theatres on October 11

The highly-anticipated film *Martin* is finally ready for its release. The movie, which is headlined by Dhruva Sarja, will hit the screens on October 11. Originally slated for an earlier release, producer Uday Mehta explains the delay, citing the challenges of making a pan-India film.



Uday is certain that the film, which promises a great cinematic experience, will appeal to a diverse audience. He also shared that they have introduced an app for public voting, which allows the audience to choose between teasers or songs. "We want to gauge the audience's curiosity about our films and show them what they want to see," he explains.

Uday said, "This is an action-packed film, and meeting audience's expectations across India requires more than just dubbing. We've taken our time to ensure the final product is perfect." *Martin* features Hollywood actors Rubiel Mosquera and Nathan Jones in pivotal roles, alongside Indian actor Rohith Pathak.



Dhruva Sarja in a still from *Martin*

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# Splitsville for Hardik-Natasa or just rumours?



Natasa Stankovic and Hardik Pandya

**R**umours 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:

### 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 Feb 14, 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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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. In a post from a few days ago, Hardik posted pics from his time 'recharging' after the IPL. However, neither Natasa, nor Agastya were seen with him.



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

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# One degree hotter: Sara Tendulkar celebrates her graduation day



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.

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# '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*

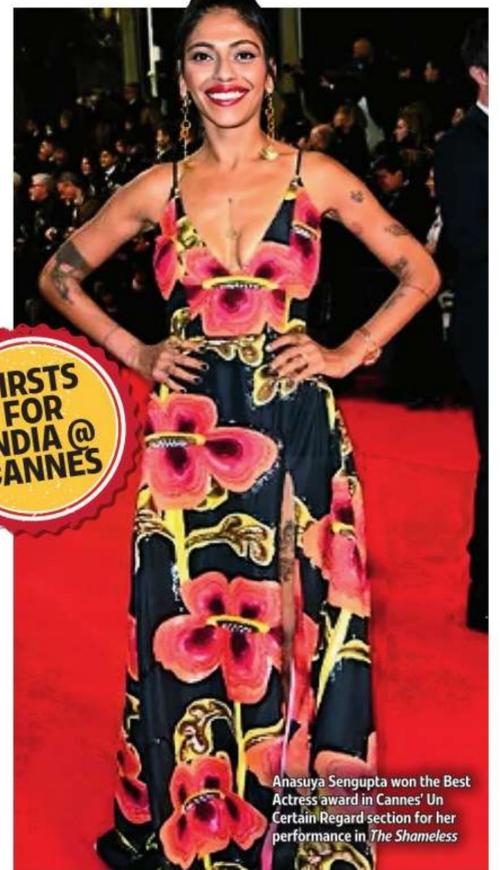
Anasuya Sengupta made history on Saturday as the first Indian to win the Best Performance award in the Festival de Cannes un Regard category. She received it for Bulgarian director Konstantin Bojanov's *The Shameless*. Upon receiving the award, a visibly emotional Anasuya said, "This is for the queer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

*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

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

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..."



FIRSTS FOR INDIA @ CANNES

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

## Who's Anasuya Sengupta

Born and brought up in the Lake Gardens locality of south Kolkata, Anasuya is an alumna 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 *Maadly 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.

## 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*.

# It's possible to lend your artistic vision even to big commercial films, says Santosh Sivan



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

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

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 Angénieux 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:

## 'A VERY HAPPY AND PROUD MOMENT'

The mail from Cannes informing Sivan that he would be honoured with the Pierre Angénieux 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,

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

"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. He says, "I think if you make a really off-beat 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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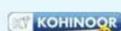


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# Judge rejects Alec's plea to dismiss Rust shooting case

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, Halyna Hutchins, on the set of the movie *Rust*, ruling Friday that the case had been properly presented to a grand jury. The ruling increased

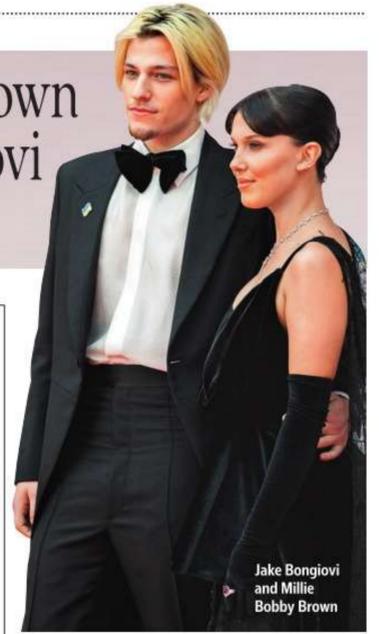
the likelihood that the trial of Baldwin would move forward this summer. Lawyers for Baldwin have lodged numerous objections to how the case against the actor has been handled. In a written order, Judge Marlowe Sommer ordered that the indictment would stand.

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Alec Baldwin

# Millie Bobby Brown and Jake Bongiovi tie the knot



Jake Bongiovi and Millie Bobby Brown

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 a media outlet, only Bongiovi and Brown's parents were in attendance. The couple is reportedly planning a larger ceremony later this year.

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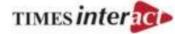
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ities and multi-functional spaces that cater to diverse needs." Bhandari also mentions that projects that promise a wide range of features, such as clubhouses, sports facilities, and lush green spaces, and foster a sense of community and well-being are finding the most takers. Tibrewala further states that homebuyers are looking at residential developments and real estate brands through a different lens. "There's an increased consciousness about construction quality, growth-worthy locations, and lifestyle modifications," he informs.

Whether one wants their children to play in open spaces amidst greenery, live where ample parking is a given, or drive on roads with limited congestion, more families want to shift to satellite areas. For a more peaceful life, moving farther from the city centre seems like a slight adjustment, especially as public infrastructure brings ease in commute. Tibrewala remarks, "Now more than ever, gated communities with excellent connectivity to the city and suburban areas are becoming the popular choice. The need for improved well-being has also put the spotlight on

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affords matters the most today. Harshvardhan Tibrewala, the director of a real estate developer in Mumbai, conveys, "Buyers are in a quest for a home that tells a story, reflects their success, and resonates with their way of life. There's a growing preference for spaces that offer an all-inclusive and seamless living environment specially designed for urban lifestyles. A home is no longer just a dwelling but an experience

that must cater to every member."

**SETTLE FOR THE BEST**  
With evolving needs, there are significant shifts in how people approach home-buying. Bhavik Bhandari, the chief sales and marketing officer of a real estate developer,

explains, "As the work-from-home culture drove people towards larger homes with ample space for both professional and leisure activities, Indians are now increasingly seeking residences that offer holistic experiences - for instance, social amen-

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**AN EVERGREEN ASSET**

The modern Indian homebuyer is also seeking the stability, security, and investment potential associated with a property. Whether it's identifying emerging areas to invest in or tracking the infrastructure growth in a region, people want to be well-versed in market trends. Sachin Patel, the chief managing direc-

tor of a real estate developer, reveals, "As more people regard homeownership as a reliable financial asset, there's better recognition of the income-generating potential of properties through rentals and sales. Equipped with improved financial literacy, individuals now understand the pros and cons of investing in real estate as compared to other avenues. This heralds a more strategic and informed approach to home-buying, with a focus on building wealth and financial security in the long run."

**CONCRETE AWARENESS**

Besides rethinking their preferences, homebuyers are entering the purchase journey with better awareness. The desire to imagine their future homes beyond blueprints and brochures has led to the rise of real estate

experience centres, where one can tour model homes and assess 3D layouts of developments to precisely envision the life in store for them.

Bhandari also reveals that consumers are taking proactive steps and looking for assurances to safeguard their interests. He elaborates, "For instance, they are scrutinising property documentation, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and clarity on ownership rights. Additionally, with the hike in ready reckoner rates, people are more vigilant about assessing the financial implications and seeking transparency in pricing. This has also encouraged developers to incorporate clearly defined clauses in purchase agreements."

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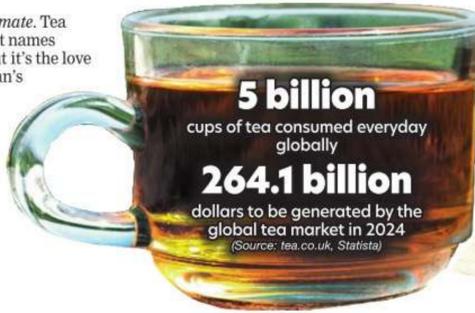
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# SPILLING THE TEA ON TEA TRADITIONS ACROSS THE WORLD

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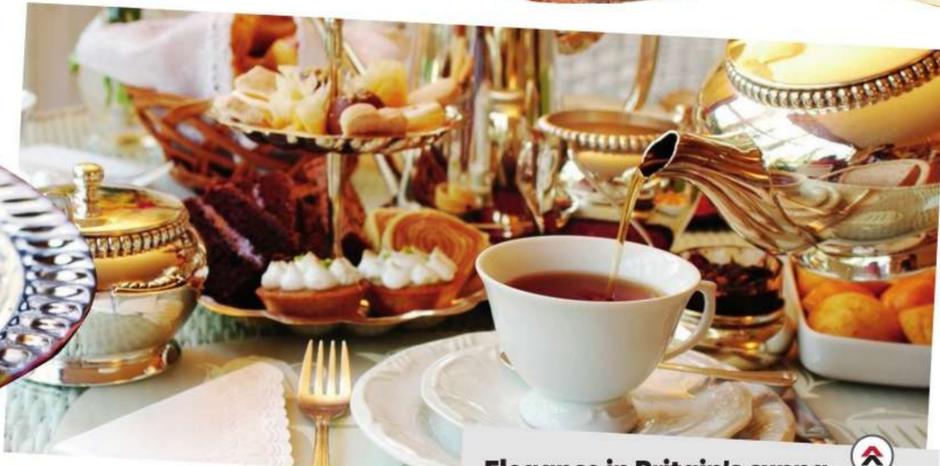


**C**hai, cha, atay, ocha, mate. Tea might have different names across the world, but it's the love for it that connects all. Be it Japan's centuries-old tea ceremonies, Britain's elegant afternoon tea get-togethers, or our very own chai and *charcha* over multiple cups of tea. Tea connects people, reflects diverse cultures, and fuses tradition with modernity — all in a single sip. Here's taking a look at some of the most popular kinds of tea around the globe and the traditions related to each.



## Taiwan's iconic tea

Taiwanese bubble tea, Boba, is a popular beverage the world over. It has brewed black or green tea mixed with milk and flavourings, and of course, the star ingredient - chewy tapioca pearls. Sipped through a wide straw, the beverage is a contrast of textures and flavours. This cultural phenomenon blending tradition and innovation, is said to have originated in Taiwan in the 1980s.



## Elegance in Britain's cuppa

Tea holds an integral place in British culture, dating back to the 17th century. The afternoon tea tradition with delicate pastries and sandwiches has always about hospitality fused with conversations, across generations. But don't confuse afternoon tea with high-tea, which is said to have originated in the 19th century, and was meant to be a light meal consumed in the evening after a long day's work.



## Not vodka, meet Russia's zavarka

Said to have its roots in the 1917 Russian Civil War, Russian tea - Zavarka - is a concentrated tea base. For this, loose tea leaves are steeped in boiling water in a special pot called *samovar*. The result? A strong brew, that's diluted with hot water. It's a staple in Russian tea culture, and is consumed at any time of the day.

**Morocco in a cup**  
Moroccan Mint Tea, or *atay*, is a mark of culture. It's said to symbolise friendship and warmth, and is often served with sweet pastries at homes, cafes, and gatherings. Prepared with gunpowder green tea, fresh mint, sugar, and boiling water, it's poured from a height to aerate and blend flavours.



## Argentina's superbeverage

More than just a beverage, Argentinian Yerba Mate (pronounced mah-tay) is a cultural emblem, dating back to the pre-Columbian era. This bitter, earthy and strong caffeinated tea is made by steeping dried yerba mate leaves. Coincidentally, the traditional vessel the tea is served in is also called mate, or gourd. Shared among friends and family seated in a circle, and sipped through a metal straw, the beverage stands for unity, and is an integral part of Argentine social life.



## Iced tea, all the way from Thailand

The very Thai, iced tea or *cha yen*, is creaminess with a punch of strong black tea in a cup. This popular beverage that's available all across Thailand, has Ceylon tea poured on ice with condensed milk, regular milk, and sugar. Refreshing and slightly sweet, it's a part of Thailand's culinary heritage and social fabric, pairing well with the country's tropical climate.



## Art & tea on a platter in Japan

The Japanese tea ceremony - *chanoyu*, is no less than a choreographed dance recital, embodying harmony, respect, tranquility, and mindfulness. After all, the tea ceremonies that are conducted by tea masters, find their root in Zen Buddhism. The almost-sacred status holder among tea - *matcha* - is whisked to perfection and served at these ceremonies.



## India's go-to beverage

For us, *chai* is linked with emotions. Whether it's masala chai, or lemon tea, or the champagne of teas - Darjeeling First Flush. While masala chai has various versions across the country, Darjeeling First Flush is best had lightly brewed, without milk or sugar, and is known for its delicate flavour and floral aroma. Call it *chai*, *cha*, *chaha*, or *chaya* among its various other names, tea is deeply ingrained in our culture. No wonder, nearly 72% Indians consume tea regularly, according to the global data platform, Statista.



## Chai mei namak

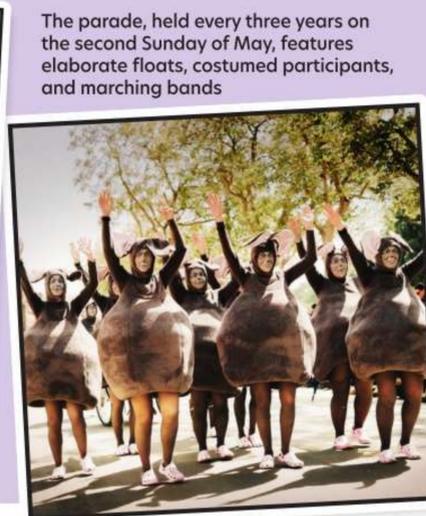
Made with yak's milk, butter, salt and tea leaves, Gur-Gur Chai or butter tea is an essential part of the daily lives of Ladakhis. It's said to help in combatting cold, and replenish lost electrolytes due to dehydration in high altitude.

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## Belgium's cat-throwing festival returns



More than 50,000 cat enthusiasts from all over the world gathered for Kattenstoet, a cat parade in lepers, Belgium



The parade, held every three years on the second Sunday of May, features elaborate floats, costumed participants, and marching bands



In the Middle Ages, lepers dealt with a cat overpopulation problem by throwing them from the belfry tower. The Kattenstoet, started in 1937, both acknowledges this history and celebrates cats in a much more lighthearted way



This year's event was the first Kattenstoet since 2018, which had a temporary halt due to Covid-19

# How it all unravelled for Sean Combs in six months

Sean Combs, the rapper and record producer formerly known as P Diddy, has seen his music career go into a spectacular tailspin over the past few months, with a barrage of accusations from women – one of them his former girlfriend – alleging assault, sexual misconduct. In all, there have been eight lawsuits so far, with the latest

one being filed this Thursday. While Combs initially denied the allegations, he issued an apology video after a 2016 video surfaced online, showing him physically abusing and thrashing his then-girlfriend, Casandra Ventura. Here's all you need to know about the heat that Combs is facing.



Sean Combs' video of thrashing his then girlfriend (below) went viral

### List of accusations

**November 2023:** Combs was accused of rape and abuse by his ex-girlfriend Casandra Ventura. The lawsuit was settled in one day for an undisclosed sum. Three more lawsuits from women accusing him of rape followed. The rapper responded that the accusations were false, 'sickening', and motivated by a desire for a 'quick payday'

**February 2024:** Music producer Rodney Jones Jr., who worked with Combs on his most recent solo album, *The Love Album: Off the Grid*, accused him of making unwanted sexual contact and forcing him to hire prostitutes and participate in sex acts

**March 2024:** Two of Combs' homes were raided as part of an investigation that officials said is, at least in part, a human trafficking inquiry

### What happened in May 2024

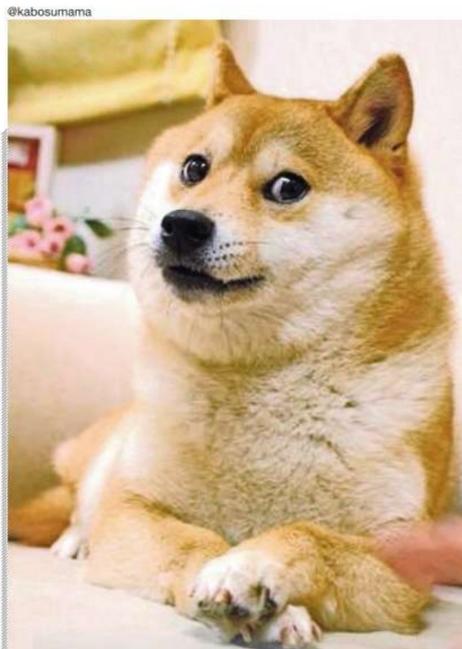
- On May 18, CNN published a CCTV video showing Combs assaulting Ventura. The footage shows Combs, wearing just a towel, kicking Ventura and dragging her across the floor
- After remaining silent for two days, Combs posted an apology on Instagram, admitting it was him in the tape and calling his actions 'inexcusable'. He stated, "I was disgusted then when I did it, and I'm disgusted now." He added that he sought professional help, including therapy and rehab
- People in the music industry criticised the video as "too little too late", while Ventura's lawyers said it was "more about himself than the many people he has hurt"
- Two days after this incident, former model Crystal McKinney filed a lawsuit against Combs, accusing him of performing a sexual act on her at his New York studio in 2003. McKinney, who was 22 at the time, claimed she was given alcohol and marijuana



that she later believed was laced

- Another lawsuit accused his son Christian Combs of sexual assault, and Sean Combs is accused of aiding and abetting
- On Thursday, Combs was accused on yet another sexual assault in 1994 by a then fashion student in New York

- Representatives for Combs have yet to respond to this lawsuit, marking the sixth sexual assault allegation against him since November 2023.
- No arrests have been made in the case, and the investigation is ongoing



# Kabosu, dog who inspired the Doge meme, dies

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

Kabosu, the shiba inu who inspired the viral doge meme and cryptocurrency Dogecoin, died on Friday. Announcing the news on X, 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 Kabo-chan on Sunday, May 26. At the end of 2022, Kabosu fell ill with leukaemia and liver disease.

### DOGE COIN, 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

### FROM RESCUED PUPPY TO INTERNET MEME



- In 2008, Kabosu was rescued from a puppy mill by a Japanese kindergarten teacher named 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. The memes use goofy broken English to reveal the inner thoughts of Kabosu

### 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 crowd-funded by Own The Doge, a crypto organisation



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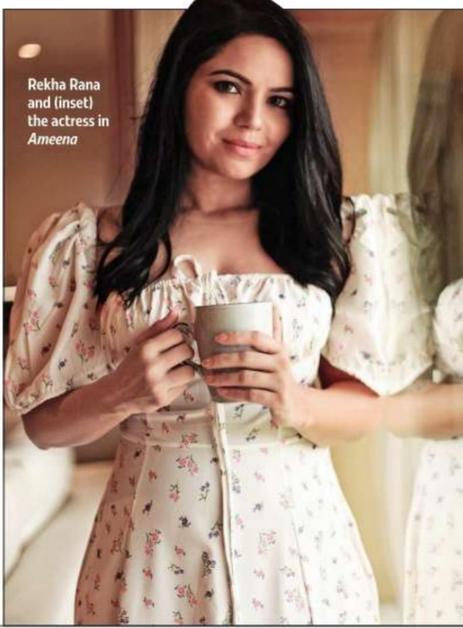
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# Rekha Rana's film Ameena addresses social issues

The Hindi film *Ameena*, directed and produced by Kumar Raj, was released in India on April 12, which was followed by its release in the US, UK and Ireland on April 19. The film's innovative storytelling and narrative structure was inspired by the Hollywood movie *Birdman*. *Ameena* interweaves play and non-play elements to create a compelling and original viewing experience.

The film features a talented cast, including Anant Mahadevan, Rekha Rana, Sharad Sharma, Kamal Adib and Kumar Raj. *Ameena* delves into the dark realities of human trafficking, child marriage, juvenile laws, organised crime and corruption within the judicial system. Kumar Raj's direction brings these complex themes to life with sensitivity and depth. The film was shot across a diverse range of locations including Paris, Cannes, Dakar, Dubai, LA and Mumbai.

Rekha Rana is grateful for the response that she has got for her performance in the film. She says, "I am happy to be a part of a socially-relevant film like *Ameena*. The film focuses on pressing social issues, making it a relevant and significant cinematic work that continues to resonate with audiences."



Rekha Rana and (inset) the actress in *Ameena*

# Liaquat Gola unveils short film Being Alive at Cannes



Liaquat Gola

Liaquat Gola, who has produced and written *Being Alive*, was at the Cannes Film Festival to unveil the short film. Liaquat, owner of Dimension Pictures Pvt Ltd, walked the prestigious red carpet at the festival to represent the film. The film, set against the backdrop of life's enigmatic tapestry, takes viewers on an emotional journey, exploring the intricacies of existence and the essence of being truly alive.

The film cast includes Rajpal Yadav, Sezal Sharma, Niharika Raizada and Lokesh Singh. Liaquat says that each performance resonates with authenticity and breathes life into characters that remain in the hearts and minds of people even after the credits roll.

Apart from *Being Alive*, he also walked the red carpet for the film *Oh Canada*, which stars Richard Gere, Uma Thurman, Michael Imperioli, Jacob Elordi, Victoria Hill and Kristine Froseth.

Liaquat says, "Stepping on the Cannes red carpet was a momentous occasion. It was a culmination of passion, dedication and tireless pursuit of artistic expression. I was humbled to stand alongside such extraordinary talent."

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# WHICH TEAM ARE YOU ROOTING FOR TONIGHT?

Celebs tell us which IPL team they want to see lift the trophy

Vinay MR Mishra and Hasti Doshi

**C**ricket 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.

## 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.



## Addinath Kothare

I am excited to watch the match with my daughter. I am rooting for SRH. Yes, KKR is currently more popular and 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.



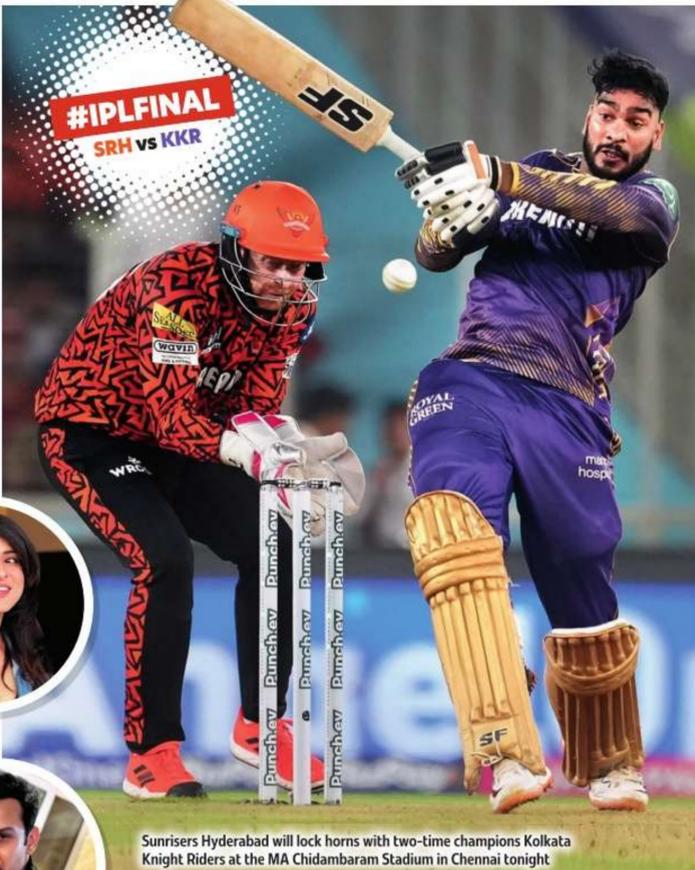
## Nikki Tamboli

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.



## Shefali Jariwala

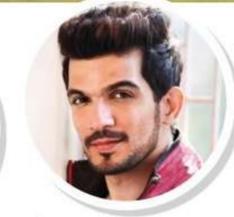
I am super excited about the IPL final, and I won't miss it for sure. Since the time this IPL tournament began, everyone in my house has been talking about matches. My father and husband Parag (Tyagi) are huge IPL buffs. I am rooting for KKR this year, but I feel it is going to be a tough competition.



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

## Akshay Oberoi

I am rooting for KKR because Gautam Gambhir has been a fab mentor, and I am his big fan. 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. In fact, we have been watching the entire season together.



## 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!"

## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

# 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



**A**s Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie fight the custody case for their six kids and other property division 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*, indirectly revealing that she, along with her sisters, 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.