



## As she becomes the first Indian actor to win a Best Actress Award at Cannes, Sengupta is glad her efforts finally bore fruit

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Anasuya Sengupta scripted history at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, as she became the first Indian actor to win the Best Actress Award in the Un Certain Regard segment for her role in the film *The Shameless*, directed by Bulgarian filmmaker Konstantin Bojanov. "I couldn't believe it was happening! But as I shakily walked to the stage and stood with the artistes I have admired, my heroes, it felt oddly natural to be welcomed with so much authenticity and love. I am so grateful to the jury for seeing my hard work," Sengupta tells us, as she boards her flight back home to India.

The actor has been flooded with congratulatory messages from across the world, including those from Indian actors such as Ranveer Singh, Alia Bhatt and Arjun Kapoor.

"I am amazed at the love pouring in from so many back home. It makes me proud to make everyone proud. I am so excited about celebrating with my family," she gushes.

*The Shameless* follows a sex worker, who flees a Delhi brothel after stabbing a policeman. Sengupta dedicated her award "to the queer community".

The actor admits that her journey in showbiz hasn't been easy. Her career began with a supporting role in the 2009 film *Madly Bangalore*, followed by production designing for a decade. She was also a part of *Masaba Masaba* in 2020, and *The Shameless* happened the same year. "I auditioned for it. The director, Konstantin, had reached out. It was a lead role," she reveals, adding, "I have worked so hard for so long, and I'm here to keep doing it more and more. It all feels worth it when I look back."

**I SHAKILY WALKED TO THE STAGE: ANASUYA**



(L-R) Kani Kusruti, Chhaya Kadam, Payal Kapadia and Divya Prabha after the win PHOTO: VIANEY LE CAER/AP

## Anasuya on Payal Kapadia's win:

I am so happy to share this moment with Payal Kapadia, Kani (Kusruti), Chhaya (Kadam) and Divya (Prabha), the team of *All We Imagine As Light*, who have won the Grand Prix. I adore them.

## Beyond imagination: Payal on winning Grand Prix at Cannes

On Saturday, Payal Kapadia joined the list of Indian talent who've put India on the global map. She became the first Indian filmmaker to win the Grand Prix award at the Cannes Film Festival for her film *All We Imagine As Light* (AWIAL). In her acceptance speech, she said, "This film is about friendship between three women and often, women are pitted against each other. This is the way society is designed, which is unfortunate. For me, friendship is very important, because it can lead to greater solidarity, inclusivity and empathy towards each other."

Actors Kani Kusruti, Divya Prabha and Chhaya Kadam joined Kapadia on stage. She continued, "It was my dream to be selected in the competition. This was beyond my imagination. So, thank you." She thanked her cast and hugged them too. Kapadia said further in her speech, "I'm very nervous, so I wrote something down. Thank you to the Cannes Film Festival for having our film here. Please don't wait 30 years to have another Indian film." AWIAL was the first Indian film in 30 years to enter the main competition for the Palme d'Or.

## Santosh Sivan shines at Cannes, too!

Cinematographer and filmmaker Santosh Sivan has become the first Asian to be awarded the Pierre Angenieux Tribute award at the 2024 Cannes Film Festival. Actor Preity Zinta presented the award to Sivan at the festival.

## 'Online platforms don't give you a sense of security these days'

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Rubina Dilaik's X account was hacked recently and she says it was only when her fans brought it to her notice that she got cautioned. "On Friday morning, my fans started sending messages on Instagram, e-mails and some even reached out to my family and friends to let me know that my X account was hacked," says the actor.

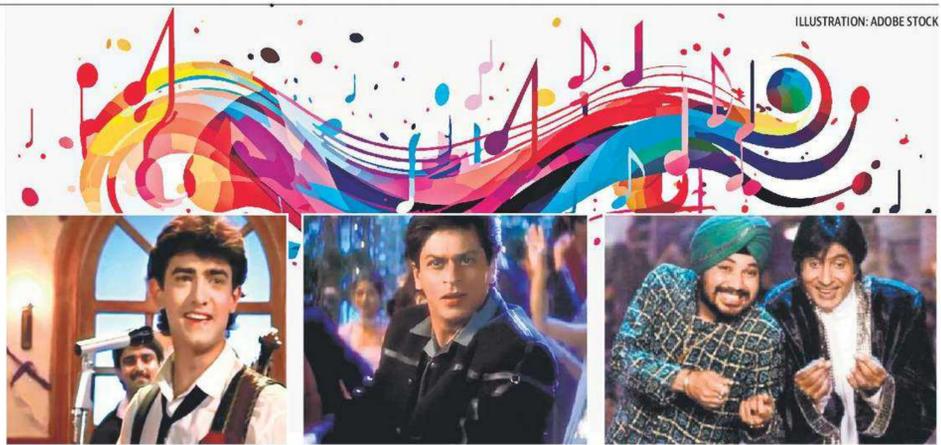
The 36-year-old adds, "I was logged out and despite several attempts, I couldn't login again. It asked me some questions for verification, and I was redirected to an e-mail ID that wasn't mine. That's when I understood that my account was hacked. Online platforms don't give you a

sense of security these days." Dilaik says her "topmost concern was to let my fans know about the situation". She explains, "I wanted them to know so that if there was any illegal activity, they shouldn't get trapped. As public figures, we need to have control in our hands. It's high time that we understand that social media has its pros and cons."

It's been a couple of days since the incident happened, and Dilaik hadn't got the access back, till the time of going to press: "I tried many authentication steps to get my account back, but I couldn't."



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(L-R) Stills from *Papa Kehte Hain*; *Shava Shava*; *Na Na Na Na Na Re*; (below) Rajkumar Rao in *Papa Kehte Hain* from *Srikanth*



Purane gaane aaj bhi chal rahe hain, kyunki har purani cheez logon ko pasand aati hai.  
UDIT NARAYAN JHA, Singer



## OLD IS NEW! OKAY BY YOU?

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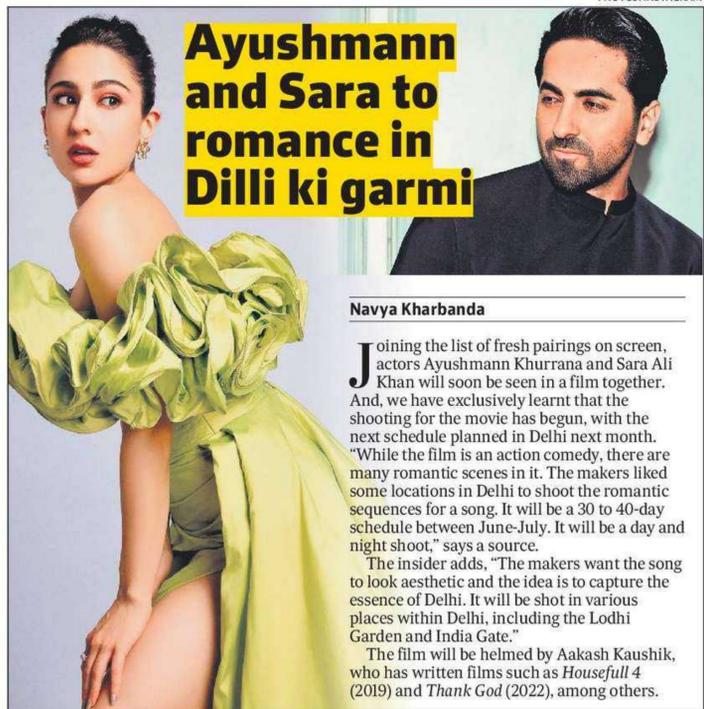
The trend of old songs being remixed or recreated for films has been around for a while. But of late, just hooklines of old hits are being used and we wonder if that's a way to create buzz and get the audience hooked by giving them a dose of nostalgia. *Dekha Tenu Pehli Pehli Baar Ve*, the famous hook from the song *Shava Shava* from the 2001 hit *Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham* (K3G) has been used in *Mr and Mrs Mahi*. *Papa Kehte Hain*, the timeless classic from *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* (1998), has been reinvented for actor Rajkumar Rao's *Srikanth*. The hook *Sona Kitna Sona Hai* from *Hero No. 1* (1997) was used in *Crew*. Singer Udit Narayan Jha, the voice behind both these tracks, acknowledges the power of nostalgia: "Good singing and lyrics are always liked by the listeners. Melody is also important. It's not like today's music doesn't have that. But purane gaane aaj bhi chal rahe hain, kyunki har purani cheez logon ko pasand aati hai."

good music, but this is a shortcut." Singer Sudesh Bhosale, who sang *Shava Shava* and *Na Na Na Na Na Re*, says, "Pichle kuch saalon mein wohi gaane hit hue hain jo purane the, jaise *Aankh Maare* (from the 1996 film *Tere Mere Sapne*, used in *Simmba* in 2018) and *Hungama Ho Gaya* (from the 1973 film *Anhonee* used in *Queen* in 2013). If a film benefits from it, why not?"

Varun Gupta, the brain behind the marketing of many films, including the upcoming *Kalki 2898 AD*, says if one has to revisit old songs, it should be done sensibly: "It helps, but it has to suit the story. You cannot just insert any old song for gaining buzz."

Papa Kehte Hain went so well with the theme of our film. The nostalgia associated with the song [worked in our favour too].  
TUSHAR HIRANANDANI, Director of *Srikanth*

If the composers, singers, lyricists are credited, all's well. But, classics by Mohd Rafi, Lata Mangeshkar and Kishore Kumar shouldn't be touched.  
SUDESH BHOSALE, Singer



## Ayushmann and Sara to romance in Dilli ki garmi

Navya Kharbanda

Joining the list of fresh pairings on screen, actors Ayushmann Khurrana and Sara Ali Khan will soon be seen in a film together. And, we have exclusively learnt that the shooting for the movie has begun, with the next schedule planned in Delhi next month. "While the film is an action comedy, there are many romantic scenes in it. The makers liked some locations in Delhi to shoot the romantic sequences for a song. It will be a 30 to 40-day schedule between June-July. It will be a day and night shoot," says a source.

The insider adds, "The makers want the song to look aesthetic and the idea is to capture the essence of Delhi. It will be shot in various places within Delhi, including the Lodhi Garden and India Gate."

The film will be helmed by Aakash Kaushik, who has written films such as *Housefull 4* (2019) and *Thank God* (2022), among others.

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## STOP PRESS

A gig by Nicki Minaj in Manchester was called off after the rapper was detained at the Amsterdam airport on suspicion of possessing drugs. She posted on X that authorities "said they found weed" in her luggage. She said the "pre-rolls" belonged to her security guard and her bag was searched "without consent", reported AFP.

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INDIAN CUISINE GOES GLOBAL

Two Indian restaurants have been named among the world's best for 2024. Listed by the William Reed media company, the World's 50 Best recently unveiled an extended list of the best restaurants, ranking from 51 to 100. Masque, Mumbai and Indian Accent, Delhi made it to the 78th and 89th spots for their creative take on Indian cuisine and use of local ingredients.



REINVENTING CHOCOLATE

Researchers at ETH Zurich have developed a more sustainable chocolate. While conventional chocolate making methods only use beans, the new recipe incorporates the flesh and parts of the fruit shell. It also replaces powdered sugar with cocoa fruit jelly, making it a healthier treat that also boosts cocoa farming profitability.

COOLING TREATS FOR THE SUMMER

Head to Tapas, Jaypee Vasant Continental for a special menu to beat the heat this summer. Enjoy a Scented Juniper with Kaffir Lime or Magic Cosmo with Blue Pea Tea and dig into delectable dishes such as Moroccan Chicken Lettuce Wraps and more.



Where: Tapas, Jaypee Vasant Continental, New Delhi

Price: Cocktails at ₹599 plus taxes, mocktails at ₹349 plus taxes



GASTRONOMIC ADVENTURES WITH JACKFRUIT

Savour the versatility of the humble jackfruit at the Jackfruit Festival, curated by Chef Kunal Kapur. Kapur elevates the kitchen staple into gourmet delicacies, with a special menu that features Jackfruit Galauti, Jackfruit Seekh Kebab, Jackfruit Nihari and Jackfruit Tawa Pulao.

Where: Quarter Plate by Kunal Kapur, Sector 98, Noida

Price: ₹2,400 for two

On till: 10th June

# A SUMMER OF CULINARY DELIGHTS

With temperatures peaking this summer, noted chefs share their

favourite recipes to beat the heat



WATERMELON CURRY

Chef Sunil Chauhan recommends Tarbooz ki Sabzi or watermelon curry from the arid regions of Rajasthan and Gujarat. "It is prepared by combining watermelon cubes with spices such as cumin seeds, coriander, turmeric and red chillies," says Chauhan. "The curry replenishes water levels and regulates body temperature. Being nutrient-rich, it also boosts the immune system and protects against sun damage," the chef explains. "The spices used prevent bloating and keep the digestive tract cool, which is often strained in summer," he adds.

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PAKHALA BHATA

Chef Harpal Singh Sokhi highlights Pakhala Bhata, a fermented rice dish that originated in agrarian societies in Odisha. It is now integral to Odia cuisine and is recognised during the Pakhala Dibasa festival, celebrated in March. "It is prepared by soaking cooked rice in water and allowing it to ferment overnight," Sokhi says. "Consumed with an assortment of side dishes such as boiled veggies, fried fish, or condiments, this cooling meal is a staple during summer," he adds.

FERMENTED ROOTS AND BENGAL GRAM GAZPACHO

Chef Gautam Mehrishi champions this fusion dish that combines Indian ingredients with gazpacho, a cold Spanish soup.

It is made by fermenting grated carrots, celery and golden beets with herbs, salt, honey and fermented plums. The mixture is then blended with cherry tomatoes and sattu powder (roasted Bengal gram). "The gazpacho is water-rich; fermented roots and Bengal gram contribute to its hydrating properties," Mehrishi shares.



MANGO RABDI

Chef Akshat Parihar's go-to dish for summer is this North Indian dessert, with a seasonal variation. "During summer months, when mangoes are in season, this flavourful dessert is a refreshing treat," Parihar says. Milk-based desserts are a great pick-me-up in summer, while mangoes are rich in vitamins A and C which help boost immunity. "The addition of mangoes to rabdi not only enhances flavour but also doubles energy and hydration," notes the chef



PUNJABI KADHI

Chef Ajay Chopra suggests Kadhi, a quintessential Punjabi dish. "The yoghurt-based curry, thickened with gram flour (besan), is cooked with water, turmeric and a tempering of mustard, cumin, fenugreek seeds, and curry leaves. The pakodas made from gram flour and spices are fried separately and added to the kadhi towards the end of cooking," Chopra explains. Punjabi Kadhi reflects the agricultural and dairy culture of Punjab and has evolved into comfort food enjoyed across the state. "Unlike heavier curries, Punjabi Kadhi is light and easy to digest, making it appealing in summer when heavy foods are less desirable," he adds. The gram flour also provides additional protein and dietary fibre, while the spices are known for their anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties. "Certain spices such as fenel seeds and coriander seeds have a cooling effect on the body, especially when added to tadka, which helps cool down the body and provide relief from the heat," Chopra says.

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## Salad days: Four easy recipes to add to your summer menus

VEGETABLE MACARONI SALAD

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup elbow macaroni
  - 2 small tomatoes, cubed
  - 1 carrot, grated
  - 2 green chillies, chopped
  - ½ cup paneer, crumbled
  - 1 tsp coconut oil
  - Salt to taste
  - Pasta dressing as required

- Method:**
- Boil the macaroni until cooked thoroughly. Drain and let it cool.
  - In a mixing bowl, combine the pasta, tomatoes, carrot, green chillies and paneer.
  - Season with salt according to your taste.
  - Drizzle dressing over the mixture and add coconut oil for a subtle boost of flavour.
  - Gently toss everything together until well combined.
  - Serve immediately, or let it set for a while to let the flavours meld together before serving.

As summer swelters on, there's no better time to add a refreshing touch to your meals and make salads a part of your daily diet. Close out the month of May, which is celebrated as Salad Month, with some fun recipes and a vibrant Indian twist.

These recipes bring together a medley of fresh vegetables, zesty spices and tangy dressings, making them a perfect addition to your summer menu. With a few kitchen staples, these salads are quick and easy to whip up and are sure to impress.

RADISH AND CUCUMBER SALAD

- Ingredients:**
- 1 radish, thinly sliced
  - 1 cucumber, thinly sliced
  - Handful of mint, chopped
  - 1-2 green chillies, finely chopped
  - ¾ cup pasta dressing
  - Salt to taste

- Method:**
- In a mixing bowl, combine the radish, cucumber and mint leaves.
  - Season the mixture with salt and mix thoroughly.
  - Pour pasta dressing into the salad.



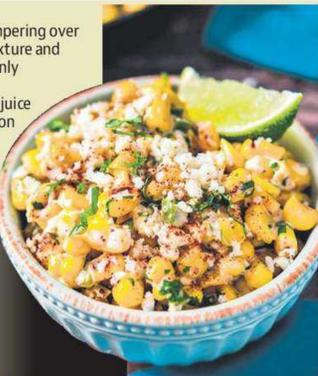
- Gently toss until all the ingredients are evenly coated. To maintain freshness, add the pasta dressing right before serving.

CARROT KOSAMBARI

- Ingredients:**
- 2 carrots, grated
  - 1 tbsp coconut oil
  - ½ tsp mustard seeds
  - 1 tsp urad dal
  - 1 whole dry red chilli
  - 2 sprigs of curry leaves
  - 2 tbsps grated coconut
  - Salt to taste

- Method:**
- Begin by heating coconut oil in a pan over medium

- heat.
- Once the oil is hot, add mustard seeds and allow them to splutter.
- Next, add urad dal, red chilli and curry leaves to the pan.
- Add in the grated carrots and salt, mixing everything well.
- Sprinkle grated coconut over the mixture and give it a thorough mix before serving.



SWEET CORN KOSAMBARI

- Ingredients:**
- 1½ cups sweet corn
  - ¼ cup pomegranate seeds
  - 2 green chillies, chopped
  - ½ cup grated coconut
  - 1 tsp coconut oil
  - ½ tsp mustard seeds
  - Juice of half a lemon
  - Salt to taste
  - A pinch of turmeric
  - Curry leaves

- Method:**
- Boil the sweet corn in a saucepan, using enough water to cover. Add a

- dash of salt and turmeric to maintain colour and for 3-4 minutes or until they turn tender.
- Rinse the corn to remove any excess turmeric, then drain and set aside.
- In a mixing bowl, combine the sweet corn, pomegranate seeds, green chillies, coconut and salt. Mix thoroughly.
- In a separate tadka pan, heat coconut oil over medium heat. Add mustard seeds and allow them to sizzle. Add curry leaves and sauté before turning off the heat.

- Pour the tempering over the salad mixture and stir until evenly distributed.
- Squeeze the juice of half a lemon over the salad and give it a final mix.



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ARIES

MAR 21-APR 20

A financial issue is likely to be go in your favour. Things seem favourable on the health front, as you manage to maintain your workout routine.

**LOVE FOCUS:** You may decide to get dictated by the heart, rather than the mind and have a great time!  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 1 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Green

LEO

JUL 23-AUG 23

Those seeking monetary help may be met with partial success. A new health routine may give health benefits right away. Haste makes waste, so take things one at a time and be deliberate in your work.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Love life may require rekindling to keep passions alive.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 6 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Brown

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

A new diet may not give the expected results, so mix it with exercise too. Helping someone out on the professional front will be in your interest. An initiative to organise an event or function will be appreciated.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Those looking for love may find cupid smiling on them!  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 6 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Cream

TAURUS

APR 21-MAY 20

Health is satisfactory for those regular in workouts. A professional move can find you in a comfortable situation, but you will need to play your cards really well.

**LOVE FOCUS:** On the romantic front, you may find lover a bit reserved, find out why.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Maroon

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEP 23

Previous investments will help make you financially secure. Good health is assured through own efforts. The professional front is likely to remain satisfactory.

**LOVE FOCUS:** You may plan something exclusive on the romantic front, as a surprise for beloved.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Magenta

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 21

Your lifestyle is likely to improve with increased earning. Good dietary control and an active life will ensure that you retain good health. Someone's help will prove most welcome on the family front.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Love life promises to remain stable.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 22 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Peach

GEMINI

MAY 21-JUN 21

Taking up a regular fitness routine will help you get into shape. This is a good day to impress those who matter on the professional front.

**LOVE FOCUS:** A love at first sight situation may occur and kick start a budding romance.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 5 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Orange

LIBRA

SEP 24-OCT 23

A change in lifestyle promises to bring you back on the road to perfect health. A good break can be expected by those seeking suitable jobs.

**LOVE FOCUS:** At times, you crave some time alone with lover and today may be that day, so enjoy!  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 8 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Grey

AQUARIUS

JAN 22-FEB 19

Some of you may opt for meditation to calm your mind. Giving suggestions at work will swing the opinions of higher ups in your favour.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Stagnation may start to creep into your love life, so do something about it.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Golden

CANCER

JUN 22-JUL 22

Your performance today at work may set an example for others to follow! The day seems ideal for a long journey and will help you regain equanimity.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Setting up a romantic evening with the one you love cannot be ruled out.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Yellow

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Self-discipline may help you achieve peak physical fitness. On the work front, you may be all set to start something new. Guests are likely to brighten up the home front. Travelling for business is indicated.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Those waiting to meet the one they love will get the opportunity soon.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 2 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Silver

PISCES

FEB 20-MAR 20

A much-awaited cheque is received today. Health is satisfactory through your own efforts. If you are a working mother, you may find it difficult to balance home and office, but this will be temporary.

**LOVE FOCUS:** Waning interest in love life needs urgent resurrection.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

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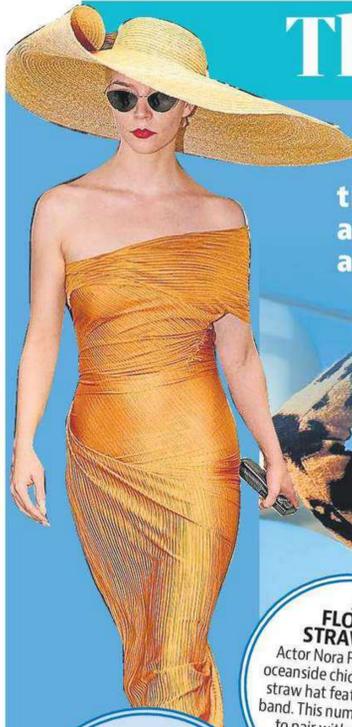
# The big hat theory

'Sun's out' is an understatement in India. So what — take a cue from celebs across the world and throw on the statement accessory to shield yourself from the heat and the glare

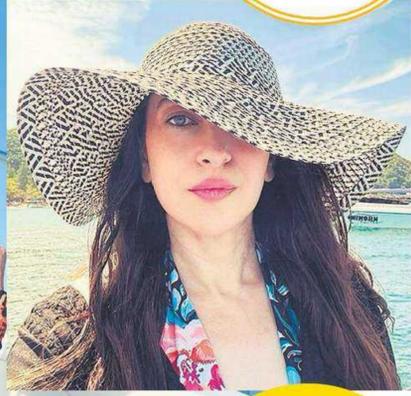
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### ALL'S BLACK AND WHITE

Actor Karisma Kapoor revived the raffia hat trend during her Thailand vacation. But the focus is firmly on the black-and-white zigzag pattern. It's best paired with solid-hued fits.



**A FLOPPY STRAW HAT**  
Actor Nora Fatehi served oceanside chic with a floppy straw hat featuring a black band. This number is perfect to pair with your resort wear pieces.



### GINGHAM HAT

Actor Sarah Jessica Parker was spotted in New York City (USA) last week, donning a gargantuan gingham cloud hat by Maryam Keyhani, giving off Strawberry Shortcake vibes. During the filming of the Sex and the City reboot, she stepped out wearing the hat and it went viral, with the post now having 270K likes.



### RAFFIA HAT

Adding the beachside vibe to her look, actor Anya Taylor-Joy opted for a gigantic sun blocking raffia hat by Jacquemus as she arrived for the 2024 Cannes Red Carpet. Her hat effortlessly embodied a European chic look that complemented her off-shoulder dress.



### GO THE BIG STRAW WAY

Actor Mouni Roy's wide-brimmed straw hat stole the show when she posted photos from her Sri Lanka vacation. Pairing it with a brown tie-up top and nude makeup, she let the neutral hues complement the natural beige of the straw.

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# Kjo ka tha birthday bash

Filmmaker Karan Johar rang in his 52nd on Saturday, in a star-studded evening. Here's a dekho



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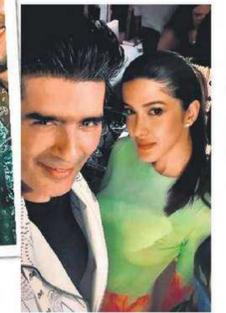
(left) Kajol; DJ Amann Singh Naggal and Karan Johar



Soha Ali Khan and husband Kunal Kemmu with Karan Johar



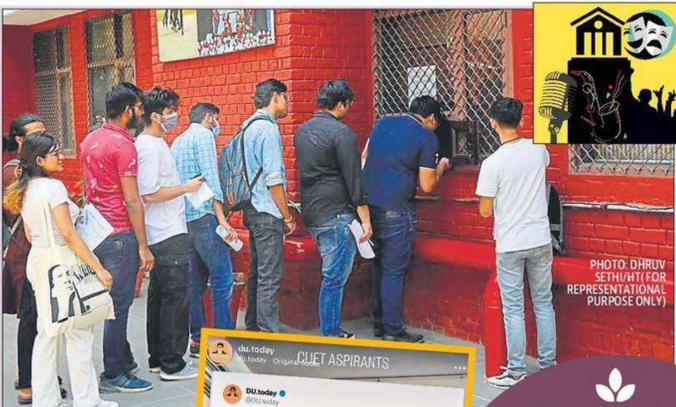
(l-r) Soha Ali Khan, Angad Bedi, Natasha Dalal, Karan Johar, Neha Dhupia, Varun Dhawan



Manish Malhotra and Shanaya Kapoor  
PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM

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## Admit card stamping woes: Queue-ling heels with memes



Kriti Kambiri

For students of Delhi University (DU), the tension of exam season lurking around the corner is secondary. The most pressing issue is to collect their admit cards and get them stamped by the admin department. And while serpentine queues, long waits and running from pillar to post is nothing new to them, the exhausting a rigmarole has unearthed the latent memers in them.

Turning the wait in the long lines into a Reel as a mock warning to CUET aspirants, Muskan Naggal, a first-year student of Mata Sundri College for Women, jokes, "All my juniors should know ki DU mein aane mein risk hai, boss! I mean, yes, it takes time when everyone has to get their admit card stamped from the same window, but why can't they just stamp it before giving them out?" Then, there's another issue. "Reaching the window and speaking with the admin staff feels like



**Khatron Ke Khiladi**, because you never know what kind of mood they're in. Say one wrong thing, and they will slam the window shut and tell you to come later," quips Shlok Anand, a second-year student

Reaching the window and speaking with the admin staff feels like **Khatron Ke Khiladi**, because you never know what kind of mood they're in.

SHLOK ANAND, Student, Zakir Husain Delhi College

at Zakir Husain Delhi College. Shivani Singh, a second-year student at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, agrees: "You know the myth of the Sphinx? She will challenge you and ask a question, get it wrong and lose a life. Losing a life here means admin staff refusing to entertain you! With low attendance, you can still sign an undertaking. But in the event of a misstep with the admin staff, you will have to brave hours of standing in the heatwave, only for them to say, 'Thank you, next'. Phir kya karoge? Meme banooge, aur kya!"



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## Asli pariksha: Nimbu paani, chaas and dupattas come to DU students' aid

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Temperatures are soaring between 44 and 48 degrees Celsius in the Capital, and while most of us crib about how our ACs are not functioning well enough to combat the heat, the students of Delhi University (DU) colleges can be heard crying in a corner, wondering, 'Mujhe kyun toda?' From student-run Instagram pages to exam halls, their plight is quite out in the open.

In spite of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)'s yellow alert for the ongoing heatwave, these youngsters have no choice but to step out of the comfort of their homes and PGs and into sweltering exam halls. And how are they beating the blues and the heat? "Usually one might expect that a student going to appear for an exam will have books in their bag, but no! I am going to the college with a bag full of nimbu paani and

**HEADED FOR AN EXAM? HERE'S HOW TO BEAT THE HEATSTROKE**

- Choose your OOT with care: Opt for light coloured and loose fits, preferably made of cotton.
- Throw (on) that shade: Carry an umbrella, cap, hat, or scarf to keep yourself shaded against the harsh sun.
- Slap on the SPF: Be generous with your sunscreen! Carry it with you

and reapply every four hours.

- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate: Keep drinking nimbu paani, buttermilk or ORS. Avoid carbonated or soda-based drinks.
- Avoid walking in direct sunlight! Take an auto/rickshaw



ORS," informs Garima Jha, first-year student at Daulat Ram College, adding, "My mother will not let me leave the house only, without it! I just keep my bottles in the freezer for a few hours before leaving so that by the time the exam ends, at least the water will be at a normal drinking temperature, and not boiling hot!"

One always thought seeking blessings at the nearest temple before an exam was customary for students. "Not anymore. I make a stop at the local shop in my area (Daryaganj) where the owner makes fresh lassi every morning," quips Rishabh Anand, a second-year student at Ramjas College, adding, "Instead of mandir mein mattha tekna, I go and down a glass of that ice-cold lassi, and get another bottle packed for the exam hall!"

The other indispensable is protective gear that youngsters can't imagine heading outdoors without. "I take a dupatta from my sister's closet and just wrap it completely around my face and body, so no part of the sunlight can touch my bare skin," shares Anika Arora, a first-year student at Hindu College. "It's become a running joke among my friends that I've come to rob the question papers or steal the answer sheets because I look a little funny! But honestly, I'd rather look like that than let the garami terrorise me! I think all of us should just forget about fashion and keep ourselves safe, lest we fall sick in the middle of an exam"

## Omkara was passed because Saif was in it: Pahlaj Nihalani uncorks can of worms from CBFC tenure



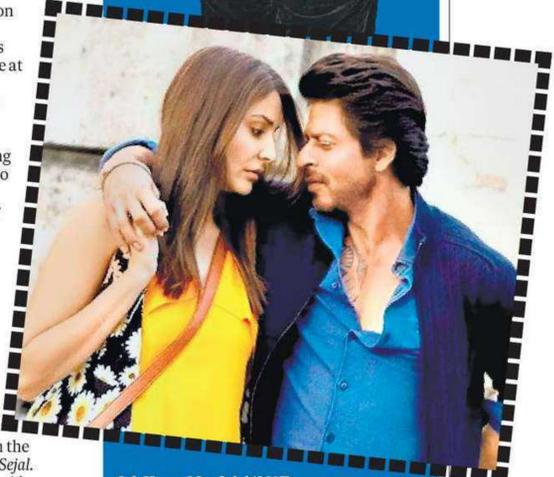
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Filmmaker and former chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification, Pahlaj Nihalani has opened up on his controversial tenure at the helm of the censor board.

In an interview with TV-radio host Siddharth Kannan, the 74-year-old, whose tenure with the board was riddled with issues, made the shocking claim that actor Sharmila Tagore, who had earlier been the chief, passed *Omkara* (2006) because it starred her son, actor Saif Ali Khan. "During Sharmila Tagore's tenure, *Omkara* was passed because her son Saif Ali Khan was in it. People in the board accepted bribes to pass certain films without cuts. They went against the guidelines. I just made sure the rules were followed," said Nihalani, who was the CBFC chief from 2015 to 2017.

He also alleged that it was actor Shah Rukh Khan who agreed to removing the word 'intercourse' from the trailer of his 2017 film *Jab Harry Met Sejal*. "I spoke to Shah Rukh about this, he said, 'Cut it'. There was only one cut. I told him to send another version or accept the cut, and he said, 'Okay, cut it'. The media targeted me because I was controversial," Nihalani said.

On the long-drawn controversy around the 2016 film *Uda Punjab* (over profanities and depiction of drug use), Nihalani added, "I never allowed myself to be pressured by the government. I passed films on merit alone. They didn't want the title 'Uda Punjab' to be passed, and I threatened to resign. I don't have any regrets. I've done my work with honesty."



Jab Harry Met Sejal (2017)



Omkara (2006)

## BHUVAN GETS TITU MAMA TRADEMARKED: FIRST STEP FOR BB KI VINES UNIVERSE

Wary of plagiarism, Bhuvan Bam has set out to safeguard his intellectual property from theft and open up new possibilities for it

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Content creator-actor Bhuvan Bam has officially trademarked one of his best-known characters from his series, *BB Ki Vines*, Titu Mama, recently. "We've been trying hard to get trademarks for all our characters because of our vision for the *BB Ki Vines* universe. This is the first step towards that, and this universe is like the *Avengers* for me," Bam tells us.

The 30-year-old has not only portrayed the character of Titu Mama on *BB Ki Vines*, but also voiced the new Hindi adaptation of *Takeshi's Castle* as the character, in addition to doing the chat show *Titu Talks*. "Now, we can also do live events as Titu Mama. There is a lot of chance for plagiarism with such characters, like I've received calls saying people loved Titu Mama's performance in Bhopal whereas I've never performed there. This trademark is to establish that this property belongs to me," says Bam, who has also filed for trademarks for two more characters of his, Sameer and Babloo ji.

Emphasising on the need for trademarks in this age of social media, Bam says, "You never know where your content is being circulated and how people are using it. Now that I have this trademark, I will try my best to create AI around Titu Mama's voice. It could have happened before, too, but with the trademark, it becomes exclusive. No one else can do that."



Bhuvan Bam; (inset) as Titu Mama

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## Shubhangi Atre on a break from Mumbai heat, reunites with daughter in Seattle

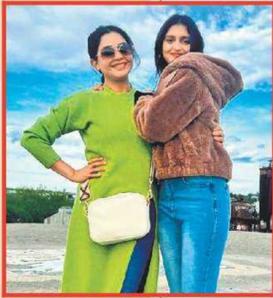
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Actor Shubhangi Atre is in Seattle, on a break from work, to spend time with daughter Ashi (18), who is studying in the US and is on a semester break. "I've missed her and now we only meet twice a year, so I've been very excited. We're going to spend quality time together. Because we're staying in Seattle for the first time, we plan to visit several places and post a lot of pictures," says Atre, who is staying with her sister.

The change of scene was much-needed for the actor, who shares, "The weather here is so good. The temperature is 7-8°C. It's sudden drastic change for the body, but I am having fun." Atre doesn't hold back on her excitement of meeting her daughter but also admits to missing being at work. "It's very organised, beautiful and clean here, and spending time with the family is great. But I love my work, and so I miss that, too."

The 43-year-old also brought her daughter sweets from back home. "I also picked some baklava for her from Dubai!" she gushes, adding that she's hoping she can bring Ashi home to India for a short period.



Shubhangi Atre with daughter Ashi

## Brad Pitt-Angelina Jolie's kids 'sick and tired' of seeing parents fight



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

Actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's legal battle over Château Miraval, the French winery they co-owned, has started affecting their children's lives, too. An insider recently told OK magazine that their six kids are exhausted, "sick and tired of seeing their mother and father at each other's throats."

*The Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (2005) co-stars' war over the winery has significantly defined their six kids' lives. Pitt and Jolie share six children— Maddox (22), Pax (20), Zahara (19), Shiloh (17) and twins Knox and Vivienne (15). "The pack is presumably well familiar with the ins and outs of the parents' battle in court," said the insider. Zahara, Shiloh and Vivienne have even notably responded to the clash by dropping their father's last name.

The former Hollywood couple was briefly married from 2014 to 2016, until Jolie filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. Their messy divorce also found its basis in alleged accusations of verbal and physical assault against Pitt. The French winery clause now appears to be a mere appendage of their expansive discord.

THE FORMER COUPLE IS LOCKED IN A LEGAL FIGHT OVER CHATEAU MIRAVAL, THE FRENCH WINERY THEY BOUGHT IN 2008



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