NOW, A PEAKY BLINDERS FILM



Cillian Murphy is all set to reprise the iconic role of Tommy Shelby in Peaky Blinders film. Netflix has officially greenlit the project. "Tommy Shelby

returns. A Peaky Blinders film starring Cillian Murphy is coming to Netflix," a post read on the X handle of Netflix.

Cribune Saiyami Kher says playing an actionpacked role in the Telugu film Wild Dog came in handy for her role in the new season of Special Ops. CHANDIGARH THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024

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VER since Undekhi dropped in 2020, there was no way you could 'unsee' him. Surya Sharma, our dashing lad from Himachal Pradesh, like his reel avatar Rinku Paaji, is a bit smug, a lot honest and not in the least bit coy or bashful about his success.

As Undekhi Season 3 streams on SonyLiv, the Rinku Paaji of the nail-biting thriller is once again basking in the
limelight. In a candid unplugged interview, Surya talks about playing the bad
guy audiences love so much, the process
of getting into the headspace of a 'gangster' and being an outsider in Bollywood. Becoming the Rinku Atwal over
three seasons, reprising the same part,
comes with its own set of challenges.
"Director Ashish R Shukla lets you be
and gives the freedom to think out of the
box," he says.

Only when the first season dropped, the world had no clue who Surya Sharma was. Second time over he was a tad nervous by the weight of expectations/appreciation. For *Undekhi* 3, he did a bit of introspection and felt he had gone overboard in the second season and tried to sublimate the rage of Rinku Atwal. He reasons, "When you are

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the CEO of the company you don't shout at your employees, similarly to appear menacing you have to be seething from within." What he likes about his grey character is his fierce desire to save his family, especially the bond Rinku shares with his foster father Papaji.

Liberty to create

For those who can sense a similarity between this bonding and that in Animal, well, first things first, he loved the Ranbir Kapoor film. Of course Animal which came much after Undekhi, courted as much controversy as rustled up magic at the box-office. "Heavy-duty words like toxic and misogyny are best left to the dictionary. In the art of entertainment, makers have the liberty to create what they care to." Thus he has no compunction about the use of abusive language, rampant in many series on OTT, including Undekhi. He observes, "We are okay with series from the West using profanities and nudity, but become squeamish when it comes to our own content. Look around, for most people gaalis are akin to a helping verb."

Open to experiment

Though Rinku's character is closest to his heart, Surya is not averse to playing a range of characters, good guys very much included. Take his supportive husband act in *Bhakshak*. Indeed, the film belonged to Bhumi

Inspiring

Kartik Aaryan, who is gearing up for the release of Chandu Champion, has

shared how he connected with his character in the movie. The film is based on the story of Murlikant Petkar, India's first Para-

"It is based on the story of

Murlikant Petkar. It shows

his entire life journey. It is a

very inspiring tale," the 33-

year-old actor said, as he

unveiled the trailer for the

Kabir Khan-directorial in his

hometown, Gwalior. — ANI

lympic gold medalist.

Pednekar, indeed the length of the role does matter to him. But so does what the film conveys, its subject and the director's vision. He recalls how the unique part in the prestigious Red Chillies Netflix film fell into his kitty. "I got a call from the director Pulkit and since he told me he had seen Undekhi, I assumed it would be of some vile politician or something on the same lines." Realising this was not 'a world I belonged to' he worked extra hard through workshops, mastering the Bihari diction and breaking the ice with lovely co-actor Bhumi. In future too, we will see him as a good cop, a part his mother in particular is looking forward to.

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Being an outsider in filmdom does mean you are easily replaceable. He

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OPEN TO RECEIVING LOVE

Married recently to his longtime best friend Manasi Moghe, Surya Sharma's relationship advice to commitment-phobic young generation is simple — be open to receiving love.

FONDNESS FOR CHANDIGARH

The Himachali actor Surya, who studied in Chandigarh, remembers the city with great fondness. While the City Beautiful remains his and his family's shopping hub, Pal Ka Dhaba's chicken savouries linger on his tastebuds. As for his home state and the fact that Undekhi was set in HP, expectedly he was very much at home while shooting for the series in Manali.

agrees with what Rajkummar Rao said recently about being replaced overnight by a star-kid and admits to having faced similar dilemmas. But Surya also adds, "That is the cycle of life. Today I am sure Rao is replacing other actors and who knows tomorrow I might replace another actor."

Happy space

As an actor he is certainly not insecure, "What is in my destiny will come to me." Inshaallah, and those who are wondering whether Undekhi 4 is in the offing, the game is certainly not over. Rinku Paaji is just cooling his heels and sharpening his fangs. Surya, meanwhile, is lapping up the waves of adulation coming his way. And while he has gained a number of fans with Undekhi he himself remains a diehard admirer of Shah Rukh Khan, the human being, not just the superstar we see on screen. Any wonder on top of Surya's wish-list is to become a better person. Amen!

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Amit Sadh marks World Environment Day 2024 with his debut YouTube series *Motorcycle Saved My Life*

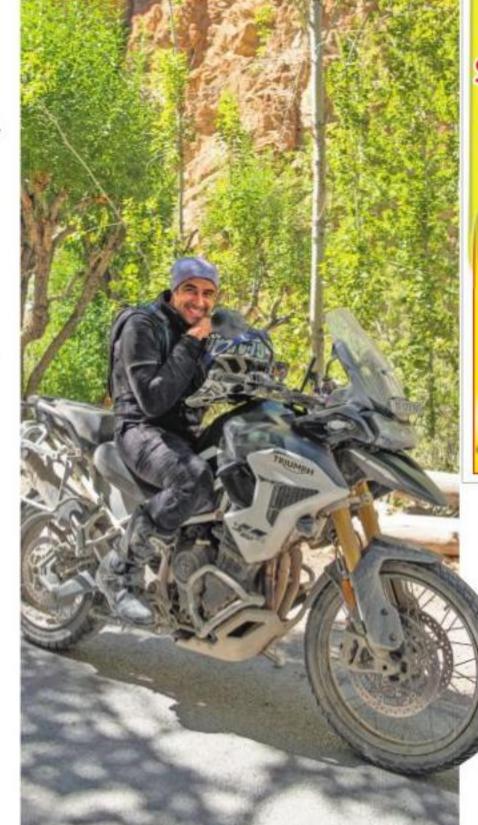
Bike diary

On World Environment Day (June 5), versatile actor Amit Sadh was showered with blessings by fans and well-wishers as he celebrated his birthday. Being a true nature enthusiast, Amit launched his YouTube channel, where he would be sharing experiences of his month-long riding expedition to various parts of the country in the first three episodes, titled Motorcycle Saved My Life.

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During his journey, the actor travelled to various picturesque locales, including Balasinor, Ahmedabad, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Delhi, Chandigarh, Theog, Sangla, Kaza, Jispa, Prune, Padum and Leh. In the series, the actor sheds light on the importance of riding and how it played a pivotal role in transforming his life.

"Riding is therapeutic for me and as the title of my series suggests, Motorcycle Saved My Life', there was a time in my life where I needed some clarity and that's when my riding jour-



ney began. Through my rides, I got to experience

nature closely, which played a crucial role in helping me

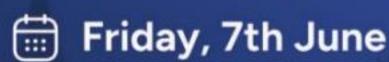


feel better. That's why, today on this occasion of World Environment Day, I request everyone to look after and protect our nature and environment. Through my series. I also aim to promote healthy riding experiences. I'm excited and happy to share this journey with everyone. There's more to it, hopefully, more journeys and destinations. India is such a beautiful and diverse country, with places that are yet to be discovered by people and I hope they can see it through my eyes." - TNS



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