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I will be the happiest father on Sonakshi's wedding day, says Shatrughan Sinha

Prathamesh Bandekar



Shatrughan Sinha with daughter Sonakshi

Though the senior actor is tight-lipped about news doing the rounds about his daughter's wedding, he says that he will support her choice and decision

Tanvi Trivedi

As per reports, Sonakshi Sinha will marry her boyfriend Zaheer Iqbal on June 23. When we reached out to her father, veteran actor Shatrughan Sinha, he chose to neither confirm nor deny the rumours. The actor said he would be very happy if his daughter tied the knot, and his blessings are always with her. He said, "I am neither confirming nor denying her wedding news. Time will tell. She will always have my blessings."

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It isn't easy for a father to raise a daughter, but he would tie my sash and do my pigtails just the way I wanted them

I'd take on the role of both a father and mother when Rakhee was away on shoots. I believe there is a strong maternal side within me



Gulzar says he had already imagined becoming a father to a girl child, much before Meghna arrived

CORE OF MY EXISTENCE REMAINS MY DAUGHTER MEGHNA, SAYS GULZAR

Natasha Coutinho

Gulzar's home in Mumbai is called Boskyana, and it's named after his daughter Meghna, whom he lovingly calls Bosky. "The core of my existence remains my daughter," says the celebrated poet, lyricist, screenwriter and director,

who was feted with the Jnanpith award earlier this year. "I had already imagined becoming a father to a girl child much before she arrived. Once she was born, she became the apple of both our eyes - her mother Rakhee and me. Rakhee was a working mother, and I would take on the role of both a father and mother

when she was away on shoots. I believe there is a strong maternal side within me. I remember how she was upset with her caretaker on one occasion because she wanted two plaits. This is why I learnt to braid her hair," remembers Gulzar, sitting in his cosy library, sipping on green tea.

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Meet the winners of Fresh Face Season 15

JOY Times Fresh Face Season 15, powered by AcneStar Gel, saw 20 participants from across India competing for the coveted title. At the grand finale held in Mumbai, where celebrity guest Nawazuddin Siddiqui cheered for the finalists, Bengaluru's Umma Salma and Mumbai's Asad Shaikh were declared winners.

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FRESH FACE WINNERS

GIRLS
Winner: Umma Salma, Bengaluru, PES University
First runner-up: Ria Jaitley, Mumbai, Atlas SkillTech University
Second runner-up: Dia Singh, Delhi, Ramanujan College, Delhi University

BOYS
Winner: Asad Shaikh, Mumbai, Rizvi College
First runner-up: Ishaan Buryok, Delhi, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University
Second runner-up: Shreyas Ghosh, Bengaluru, Christ University



Nawazuddin Siddiqui with winners Asad Shaikh and Umma Salma

Tejas Kudarkar

Getting in the pool brings out the inner child in me: Abhimanyu

Location courtesy: ITC Grand Central, Mumbai



Prathamesh Bandekar

Swimming helps you tone every muscle. Also, it is great for cardio and resistance training. It helps you stay fit and aquatic therapy can also help with physical rehabilitation after injuries



Vinay MR Mishra

The actor plunges into the pool for an exclusive shoot with us

Abhimanyu Dassani admits he is a water baby as he takes a dip in the pool during an exclusive shoot with us. While monsoon is here, the heat level in the city is still quite high and the *Mard ko Dard Nahi Hota*

actor loves beating the heat by plunging into the pool. "I am a water baby, and this is also a great way to beat the heat. Getting in the pool brings out the inner child in me. I'm a Piscean, and I guess being a water sign draws me to waterbodies. I like being in the pool, and I love the rainy season, too," he says.

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Buzzstop

DILJIT DOSANJH TO DEBUT ON JIMMY FALLON'S SHOW

DILJIT DOSANJH took to his Instagram to announce his debut on Jimmy Fallon's *The Tonight Show*. Sharing the news, the singer wrote, "PANJABI AAGYE OYEE... This Week's Guest (sic)".



Musk shares Tamil film still as meme; netizens call it a win for 'Tamil meme nation'

Makers and actors of the little-known 2017 Tamil film *Thappattam* would never have thought that they would go viral worldwide. But that's just what's happened after Elon Musk took to X to share a meme featuring a still from the film. Soon enough, Tamil Twitteratis went gaga over it, and started celebrating it as a win for the 'Tamil meme nation'.

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Tamil Meme nation goes International ❤️

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Elon is sharing India's most popular meme 🙌

I HAVE LEANED ON MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO DEAL WITH POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION



By Invitation
SWARA BHASKER
Actress

"Don't be afraid to seek professional help to deal with postpartum depression"

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Postpartum depression is personal and unique to each person. The degrees are different, the experience is singular. It's one of those experiences that unless you've been through it, there is actually no way of understanding what it is and what it does to you. I'm only eight months postpartum so I'm in the throes of adapting to this new life, new body, new soul and new me. I am observing myself, trying to be conscious of how I'm feeling about it emotionally and physically and more importantly, I haven't isolated myself. I've leaned on family, friends and hired help in this period to deal with this 360-degree spin and new life experience that childbirth and postpartum are. I had read about postpartum depression during pregnancy and spoken to friends who had severe cases. So had my husband Fahad. In theory, we knew what it was and we thought we were prepared to face it. But when the postpartum blues hit me; it was still something I had to learn to cope with. For the first 40-45 days, I would just start weeping every day at sundown or the minute Fahad and I got a moment alone. Once that improved, I started having awful thoughts and terrible fears about my baby and her safety. I'd be oversensitive and swung between highs and lows. It didn't help that Israel began its genocide of Gaza just two weeks after I'd given birth. So during my entire postpartum those images of babies being massacred that were there on social media stayed with me. Watching the genocide unfold live on my devices while I was learning to parent my own baby impacted me in a very fundamental way. I felt lost and disconnected with my old self. I spoke to my therapist but what really left a deep impression was speaking to other new mothers who had been through postpartum depression. Friends who are mothers became my go-to advisers and single girlfriends became the people I spoke to and met when I wanted to feel like my old self again. What has also helped is my support system in my family. Fahad has been my partner, friend, and witness through this whole process. My mother was our constant companion and adviser. We made sure that we read and watched the same things during pregnancy. Fahad or my mom were at every doctor's appointment. They were both in the labour room with me and for the last eight months they have been my constants as I've learnt to become a mother to my baby girl. In fact, Fahad has been my greatest comfort through my postpartum depression and I've been able to talk to him about everything I feel without guilt or shame or fear of judgement. My parents have been our rocks and I stayed at my parents' house for seven months even after my delivery because they were my safe space. I've been in therapy since 2020 and I can't recommend it enough to everyone. Therapy has helped me through heartbreaks and low phases. It also helped me immensely in our relationship and Fahad jokes that it's rubbing off on him too. As I negotiate my way through this new phase, therapy is helping me make sense of my postpartum life as well. Postpartum depression is real, talk to those you trust. Lean on them. Don't be afraid or shy to seek professional help. This too shall pass and always remember, it's not your fault.

— As told to Natasha Coutinho

#postpartum #motherhood #mentalhealth

Gifts to give your globetrotting dad



Pocket translator
A handy pocket translator can be useful while navigating foreign countries and cultures. It can help him decipher menus, ask for directions, and even engage in a basic conversation with the locals.

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Is your dad travel-loving and digitally savvy? A digital planner might be the perfect gift for him. With it, he will be able to plan his trips better, whether it's booking flights, jotting down must-visit places, or making a to-pack list.



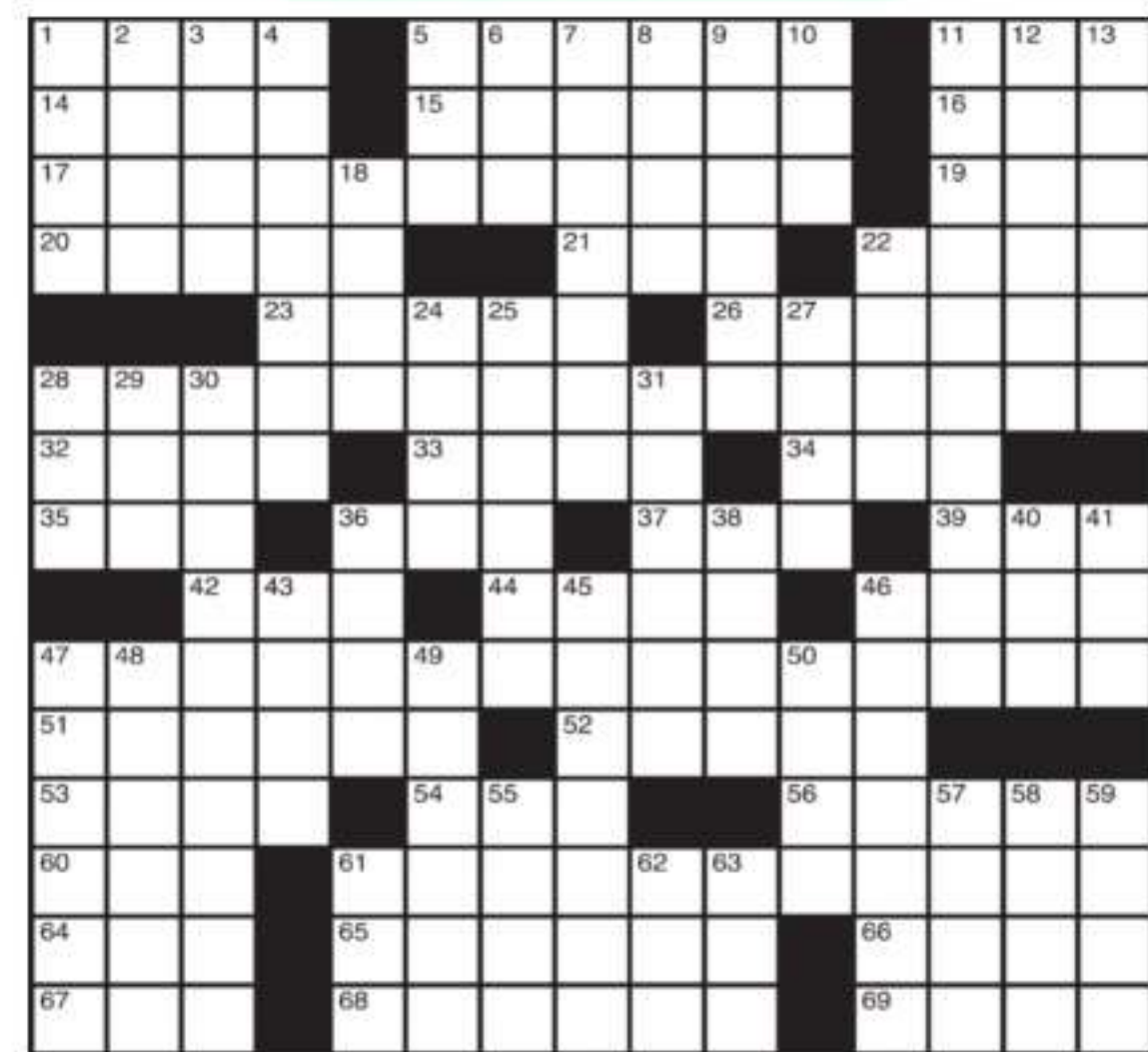
Travel journal

An old school gift for an old school dad. A personalised leather travel journal will help him document his adventures, record anecdotes, and create a keepsake he'll cherish for years to come.

A sleek suitcase

Help your father pack like a pro with a smart suitcase. These suitcases come with features like built-in scale, USB charging ports, GPS tracking, and remote locks. Packing cubes can allow him to maximise space and stay organised.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD



By Rich Katz & Katy Steinmetz 13/06/2024

ACROSS

- 1 "You said it!"
- 5 2,000 pounds
- 11 Question marks
- 14 Vogue rival
- 15 ___ press: small appliance
- 16 Carnival locale
- 17 "Let's pass on the supersize"
- 19 "Parks and ___"
- 20 [Wake me when it's over]
- 21 Summer hrs. in St. Louis
- 22 Burkina ___
- 23 Hot mess
- 26 "There just wasn't any alternative"
- 28 "The chef made this as the plat du jour, right?"
- 32 Fibs
- 33 Dethrone
- 34 Meadowland
- 35 ___ of attrition
- 36 Loc. of the Met and the Mets
- 37 Darts player's asset
- 39 A-one
- 42 Take to court
- 44 Fades away
- 46 Formally turn over
- 47 "I don't want my latte to be a venti"
- 51 Trained retrievers?
- 52 Itsy-bitsy
- 53 Blows away
- 54 [Snicker]
- 56 Channel that airs floor debates
- 60 Score better than a bogey
- 61 "We recommend takeout"
- 64 Compost bin bit
- 65 "Door's open!"
- 66 Made like
- 67 Bro kin

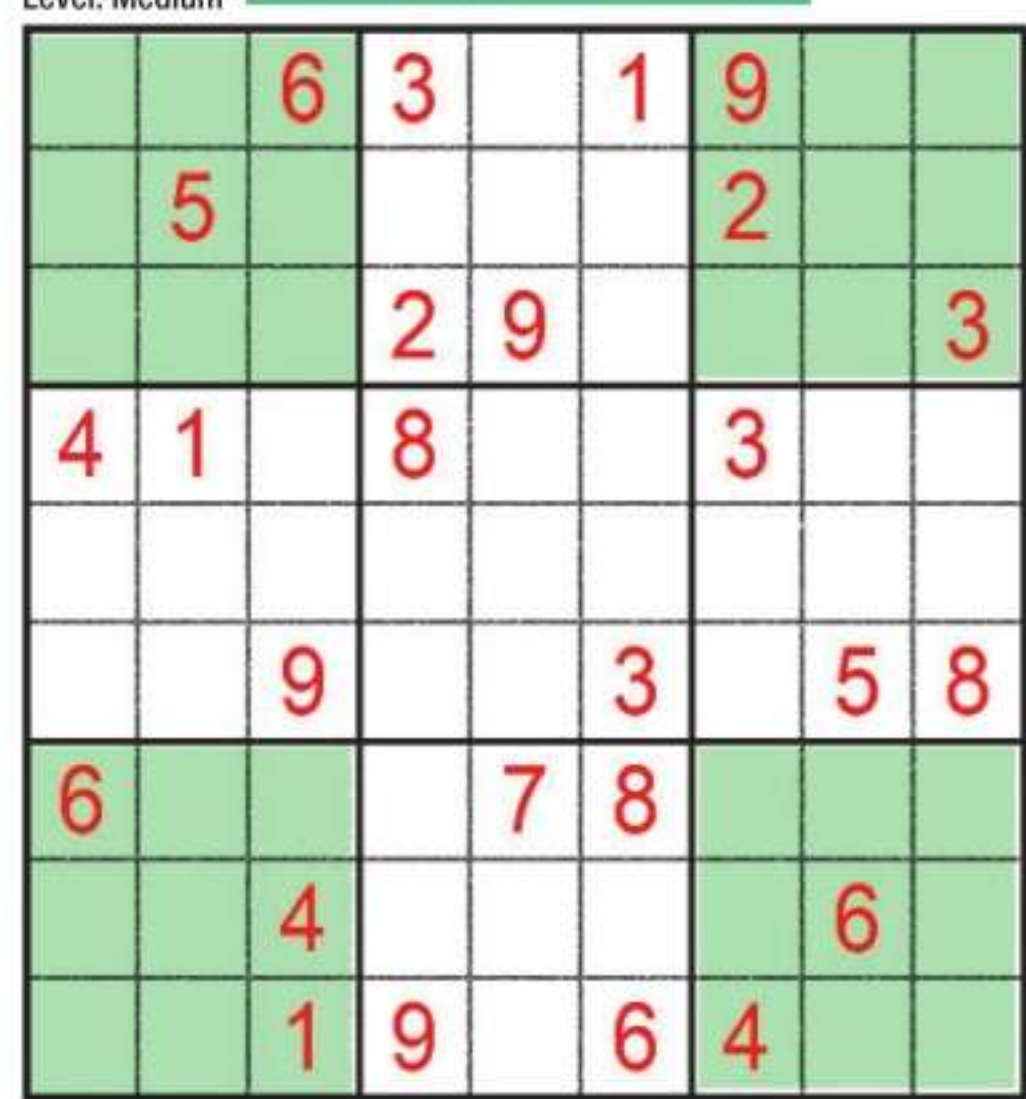
Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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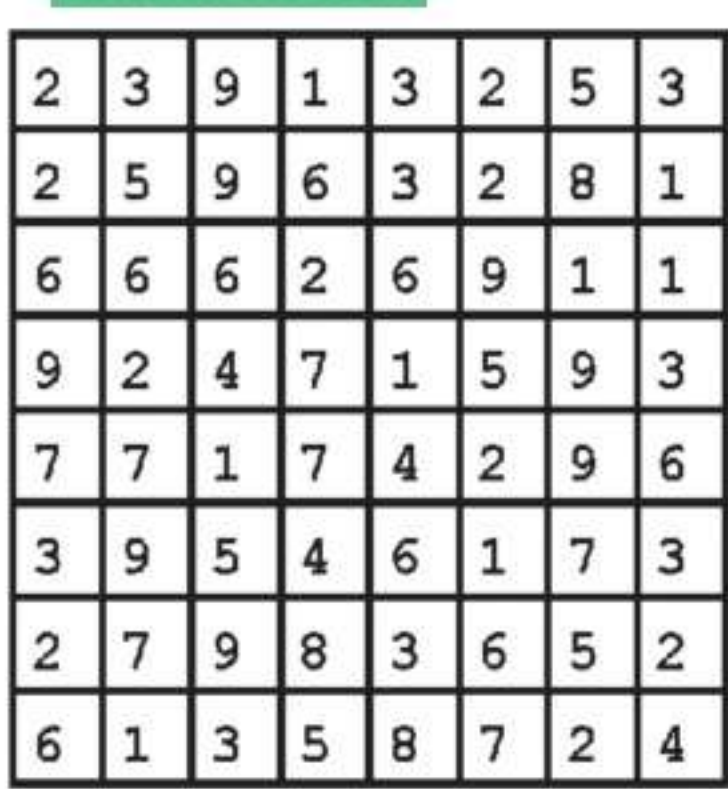
- 68 Rings mournfully
- 69 What's more?
- DOWN
- 1 Desires
- 2 North Carolina college town
- 3 Palo ___ California
- 4 Publishing family
- 5 Maker of Infinite Shine nail polish
- 6 Badger
- 7 Most-cooked parts of a roast
- 8 Drew a conclusion?
- 9 How reporters might act
- 10 Nada
- 11 Exposed to ultraviolet light, say
- 12 Quinceañera, for one
- 13 "Love it!"
- 18 Out of shape
- 22 Watch part
- 24 "Hey, sailor!"
- 25 Spigot
- 27 Bridge feature
- 28 Feeling green, perhaps
- 29 "Chandelier" singer
- 30 Some phone messages
- 31 Where a groom may walk down the aisle
- 36 ___ egg
- 38 Beachy spot
- 40 "___ to My Family": 1994 hit for The Cranberries
- 41 Part of rpm
- 43 Four Corners people
- 45 Body wash option
- 46 Chandelier glass
- 47 Streaming options
- 48 State with two official languages
- 49 Actor Kutcher
- 50 Like most music, once
- 55 Vampire played by Elizabeth Reaser in the "Twilight" films
- 57 The bishop of Rome
- 58 Years and years
- 59 Gestures of assent
- 61 "Gross!"
- 62 Sesame ___
- 63 Switch positions

SUDOKU CHALLENGE



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.

TIMES HITORI



Example

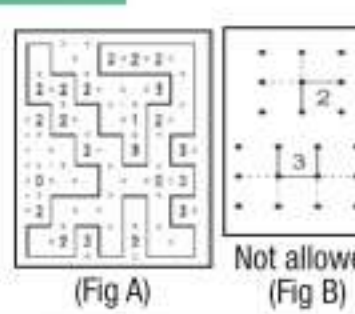
HOW TO PLAY

- 1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (See example)
- 2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
- 3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
- 4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
- 5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6 4 6)
- 6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 6 6)

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).



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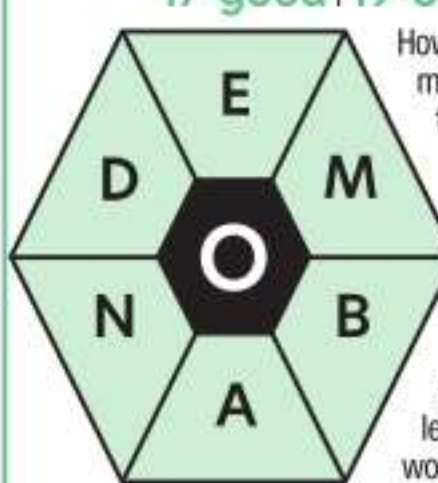
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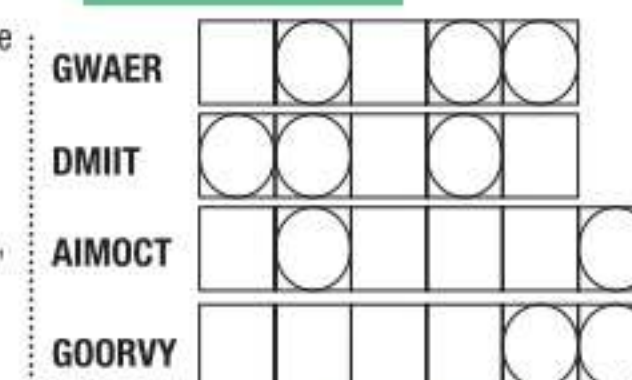
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How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one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

SCRAMBLE

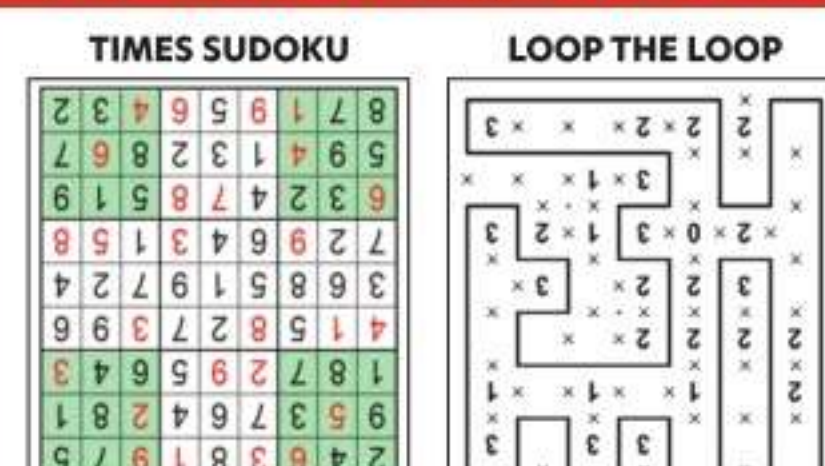
Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square, to make four ordinary words



___ is a drug I cannot live without. - Cecil B. DeMille (10)

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

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TAURUS: A change could arise in your life that will involve your work environment. Your day will be very busy and you will find that you are greatly in demand. You need to make special efforts today especially when you are trying to express your point of view, when dealing with your seniors.
GEMINI: Kick start your day with a feeling of self-assured contentment. Try to take things easy. Delays are likely today, but rather than being annoyed, appreciate the time as you get a chance to relax. Avoid negotiations and business meetings.
CANCER: You should find that your thought processes are especially quick and clear. Quite probably, your life was overly dominated with work. Events are most likely to lead you into areas that you feel most at ease with.
LEO: Today you will find that you have more energy than usual. You need to dedicate your time today to your family members. You are liable to feel isolated and alone, even when surrounded by friends. You will receive the support from your loved ones.
VIRGO: You need to spend some time for yourself, trying to rediscover your equilibrium. Your chances of success are high and prizes should soon start arriving. You may find that your relationship is not as strong as you hoped for.
LIBRA: You will find that your colleagues are very jealous of the praise you get in the office. You will be pleased when you discover that you have achieved much more than you thought. You could feel trapped and hemmed in a relationship today.
SCORPIO: Today, you are likely to get into arguments due to your unfounded suspicions and rather than clearing the air and improving the situation, you may make things a lot worse. You may struggle today to remain open minded.
SAGITTARIUS: People are likely to swarm around you today. You are not putting much effort into your work, as you should have been; now this is the time to devote your energies towards planning, and developing existing ideas for your future.
CAPRICORN: You may be compelled to face up to the consequences of your unloving actions or unconscious decisions. You will be full of enthusiasm in any activity you participate in, whether it is work related or for fun.
AQUARIUS: Express your desire to correct wrong turns. Give gifts that will heal damaged dynamics. A long lasting relationship will end in marriage today. You are likely to end the day financially better off than you started it.
PISCES: No matter what you say or do, it is almost bound to be wrong, so you are best advised not to bother to say anything. This is not a lucky day for you. You may probably upset your partner by being thoughtless and harsh.

I overcame fear of dogs & found joy in pet parenting: Sonu



Sonu Nigam with his pets

Singer Sonu Nigam, a pet parent to his Shih Tzu dogs Goggles and Shiftu, expresses that he had to overcome his fear of dogs before making them part of his family. Sonu says, "As kids, my siblings – Meenal, Teesha, and I – were never fond of dogs. We had terrible experiences with street dogs chasing our scooter and bicycles, which lead us to develop an innate fear of them. Slowly, we started getting accustomed to the presence of dogs in other people's homes, and that fear converted into the joy of having them around. Now all three of us have our own dog families."

Speaking of how he adopted his pets, he says, "Our first pet was Santa, who passed away two years ago. Goggles and Shiftu

As kids, my siblings and I were never fond of dogs. We had terrible experiences with street dogs chasing our bicycles, which led us to develop an innate fear of them

were adopted, along with their brother Zen. I gifted Zen to Teesha."

Today, the singer says he is happy to add more pets to his growing family.

— Natasha Coutinho

'From Filhaal to Sam Bahadur, I'm proud of Meghna's journey'

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When it was time to put Meghna in school, she was taken to a kindergarten that she loved so much that she didn't want to leave it, though other schools were available in the Bandra-Khar area. Gulzar shares, "We decided to admit her there. Later, I found that it was run by actor Pran's daughter. I also loved taking her along to buy books – be it from the stores or on the pavement. Once, when she was still a child, she confidently asked the shopkeeper if he had Hans Christian Andersen's book of fairy tales. The man was surprised that a child was familiar with the author's name!"



Talking about how Meghna grew up to become a confident young woman, who made her own decisions, he says, "She and her friends decided to join St Xavier's College and her mother was worried how she would travel. But she learnt to take the train instead of going by car. I wish she had taken to sports, but her interest lay in dramatics. She also met her then-boyfriend and now husband Govind during that time. Like the daughters from film families, she started getting movie offers, though she wanted to complete her studies. I found out about her interest in filmmaking after she started assisting Saeed Mirza," he recalls.

When it came to going abroad, Meghna had already decided on an institution and did not allow either parent to recommend her anywhere. "Both she and Govind moved to America. Both Govind's parents and we knew they would marry someday and did not pressurise them," Gulzar says.

He will turn 90 this year, but the ability to see the humorous side of life hasn't left Gulzar. "There is the famous story of the cat and the tiger. The cat teaches the tiger all sorts of survival skills, but finally, the tiger pounces on the cat. Seeing the danger, the cat climbs a tree and escapes – and the tiger realises that he's not been taught this skill. Meghna learnt all the other skills I have on her own, but even today, when it comes to songwriting for her films, she comes to me. She does not let me read her scripts before they are ready, but I'm proud of her journey from *Filhaal* to *Sam Bahadur*. The best gift she has given me is my grandson, Samay Gulzar Sandhu," he tells us.

Shanthi Kumar



Gulzar with his daughter Meghna

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I am a headstrong director, and as a lyricist, my father always offers me that space: Meghna

"Though both my parents are famous people, I've had a very normal upbringing. It was nothing like today's celebrity kids. They were always very present, and I never felt that either of them was not there for me. It isn't easy for a father to raise a daughter, but he would tie my sash and do my pigtailed just the way I wanted them. He would hold me from the back when I went cycling down the slope... these are precious memories. My parents raised me in a way that I could make my own choices and live with them. It was equal parenting and positive reinforcement – that's how I would describe it," says Meghna.

She adds, "Though my father writes my film's songs, he keeps egging me on to write my own songs. I think in English, so when one of my films needs lyrics in English, I do my own writing as well. I am a headstrong director, and as a lyricist, he always offers me that space and courtesy. I hope my son, Samay, imbibes the same values, though he is developing his own personality. Samay and he share a unique bond that's independent of me or my husband."

Not scared of being typecast in comedy as I love the genre: Varun

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Varun Sharma

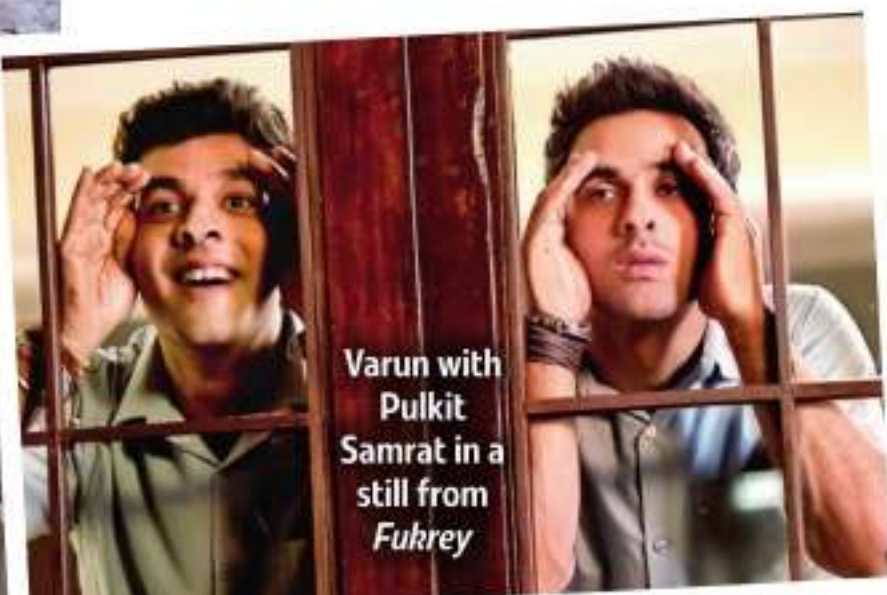
In a candid chat with us, Varun Sharma, aka Choocha of *Fukrey* fame, talks about being typecast in films and his love for comedy.

On being asked about how he makes comedy look so easy, he said, "To be honest, I never thought I would do comedy in my life. When I was doing theatre back in Chandigarh, aspiring to be an actor, I used to do intense plays like *Ashwathama* and *Andha Yug*. Comedy was something that I never attempted because I always thought that

it is a very tough genre until *Fukrey*, my debut film, where director Mrigdeep Singh Lamba polished me to try comedy. Whatever appreciation character Choocha has got, it's all because of him. After that, I did a lot of comedy roles and started enjoying it."

The actor also spoke about how he is not worried about being typecast. He said, "Many people often ask me this question that aren't you scared of getting typecast? But *mujhe mazaa aata hai* comedy *karne mein*. If I can make someone smile, I think it is the biggest blessing I have got, and I will not stop doing that just because *main yeh genre zyada kar raha hoon*. There are different shades in comedy too which you will be seeing in my next few projects. But comedy is something I really love doing!"

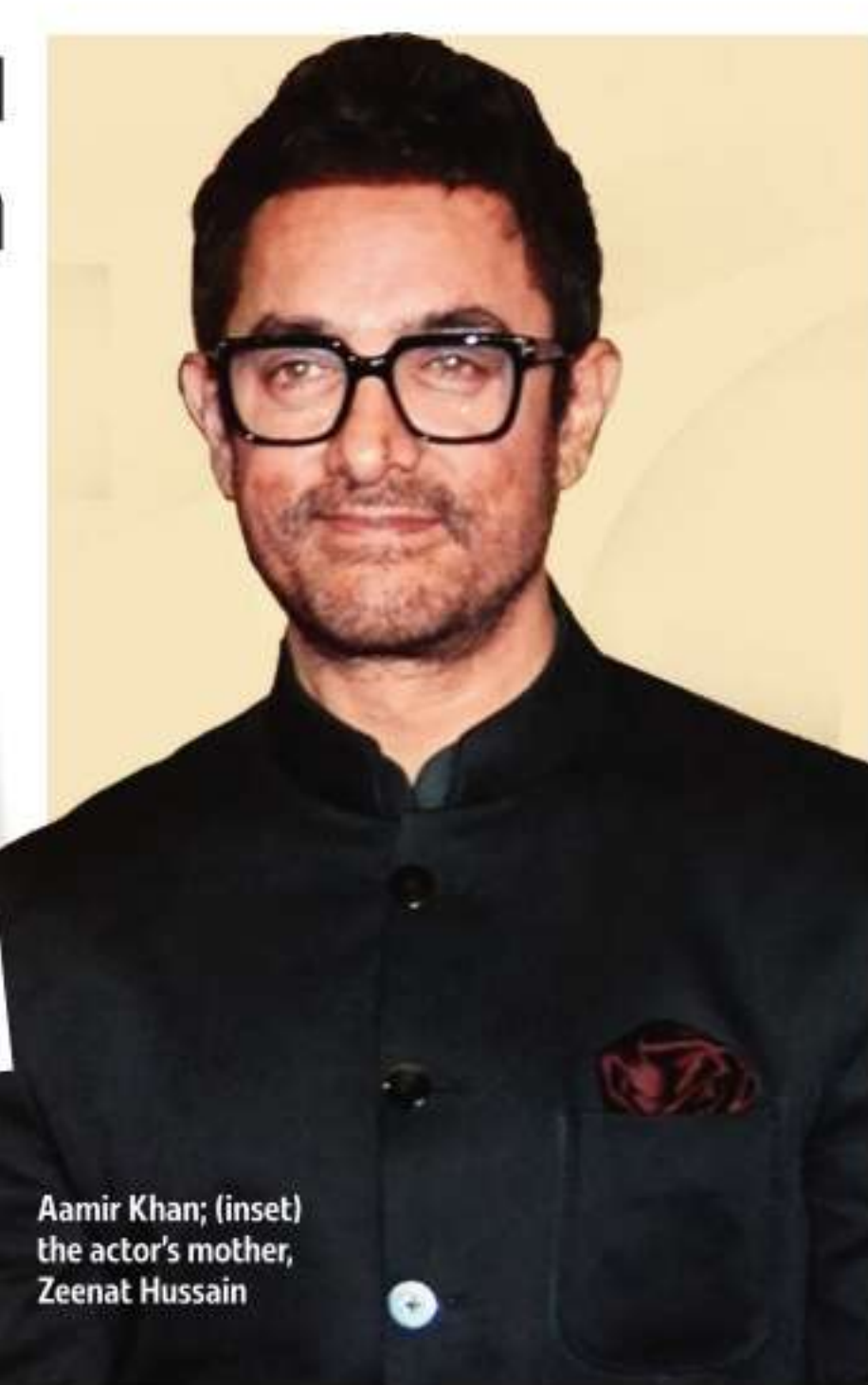
— Abhishek Shukla



Varun with Pulkit Samrat in a still from Fukrey

Aamir Khan to host a grand celebration on mom's 90th birthday

Aamir Khan is all set to host a grand party for his mother, Zeenat Hussain, on her 90th birthday. The grand celebration will take place on June 13 at his residence in Mumbai. As per a source, "Aamir will fly in 200 plus family members and friends from different cities to celebrate his mother's birthday on June 13. She has been unwell for over a year. Now that she has recovered and doing well, everyone wanted to do a large get together. Family and friends from all over India will gather to celebrate this special day. People are coming from Banarasi, Bangalore, Lucknow, Mysore, and other cities." In his interviews, Aamir has often said that he seeks her approval on scripts and films he does.



Aamir Khan; (inset) the actor's mother, Zeenat Hussain

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An exciting grand finale for Fresh Face Season 15

JOY Times Fresh Face Season 15, powered by AcneStar Gel, witnessed thousands of youngsters battling it out for the coveted title. After several audition rounds and grooming sessions, 18 finalists and two JOY wildcard entries made it to the grand finale in Mumbai. Cheering the youngsters was celebrity guest Nawazuddin Siddiqui.

Talking about the finale, Nawazuddin said, "This is a good platform for people to showcase their talent. Everyone has confidence within them; they just need an outlet. You need to stay focused, especially in the field of acting. *Kyunki acting ek tarah ki tapasya hai*. People often set a time frame for success, but I would say *aap niraash na ho, kamyabi agar pach-chas saal ke baad bhi mili hai, toh woh bhi achha hai*."

From impressive dance performances to mono acting, the power-packed finale had it all. Designer Narendra Kumar, who dressed the contestants, said, "I was blown away by the talent, their energy and how they represented our new streetwear line, with such confidence and aplomb. Kudos to them, they were all winners for me."



Dabboo Ratnani was the celebrity judge for the evening



Designer Narendra Kumar



Nawazuddin Siddiqui with (standing) Ria Jaitely, Asad Sheikh, Umme Salma and Dia Singh; (sitting) Ishaan Buryok and Shreyas Ghosh

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Anjali and Alesia Raut



Sachiin Kumbhaar anchored the event



A dance act by TAG, The Atoot Gang entertained the audience

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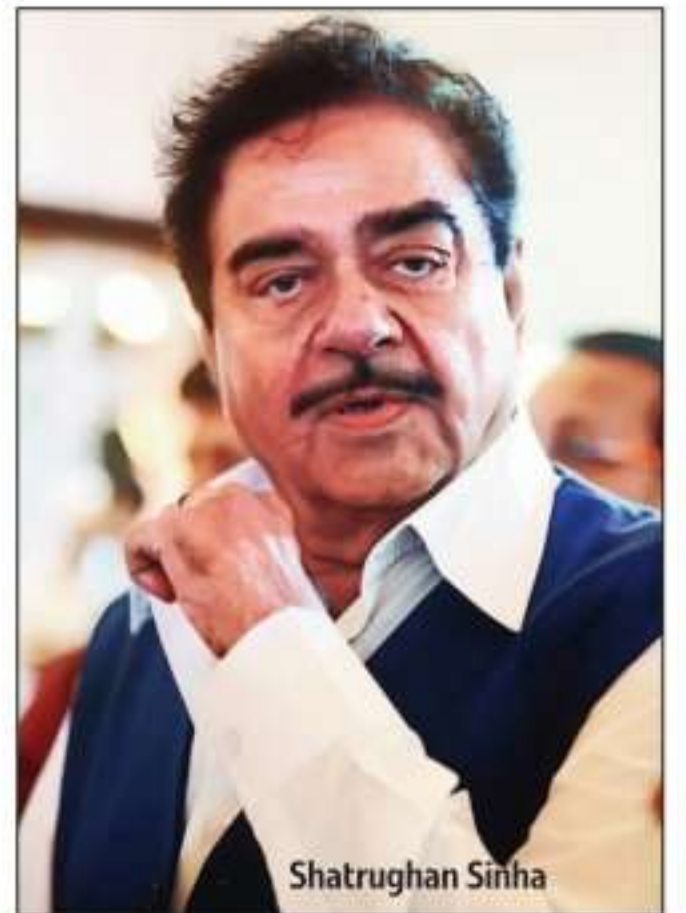
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Shatrughan: I will support Sonakshi's decision & choice

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Shatrughan Sinha further added, "Sonakshi is the apple of my eye. She is my only daughter and very close to me. I am a proud father because, over the years, she has also grown as an actor. From *Lootere* to *Dahaad* to now *Heeramandi*, she has proved to be a fantastic actor. If my daughter is getting married, I will give her my blessings and support her decision and choice. Sonakshi has the right to choose her companion, and I will be the happiest father on her wedding day. I will always wish her the best... *ek hi toh beti hai meri*."

On the professional front, Sinha, who won the Asansol Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal, will be making his OTT debut soon. He said, "I



Shatrughan Sinha

have recently shot for a web series, *Gangs of Ghaziabad*. It is interesting how viewers are enjoying OTT content. There are interesting slice-of-life stories being made, and actors are getting good opportunities."

Sonakshi-Zaheer's wedding preps

From what we have heard, Sonakshi and Zaheer's wedding festivities will begin on June 22. While the wedding will take place on the morning of June 23, the reception will be held in the evening at a roof-top restaurant. The wedding invite, which is designed like a magazine cover, reads: "We are making it official (finally). The rumours were true." It also mentions that the dress code is formal and festive. It says, "Just don't wear red," it looks like the bride is saving the colour for herself. In her recent interview with us, she had said that she would love to wear red on her wedding day.

The evening celebration is likely to see their close friends from the film fraternity in attendance, including Salman Khan and his family members, Huma Qureshi, Varun Sharma, Akshay Kumar, Rajkumar Rao and Patralekha, among others.

— With inputs from Onkar Kulkarni



Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal

'I'm a Piscean and am drawn to waterbodies'

Abhimanyu Dassani



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Abhimanyu reveals that this summer, he stayed indoors working on some scripts. "I spent a lot of time participating in writing sessions. I am developing a couple of scripts. So, most of my time was spent indoors this

summer. In fact, this is the first summer that I haven't travelled anywhere," he shares. Talking about travelling, he also adds that he will soon be going on a safari. "I am just trying to make the best of the hot summer because when it's hot, it's easier to spot them as they tend to come out in the open," he signs off.

BTS' Jin back from military service, members welcome him with a bash

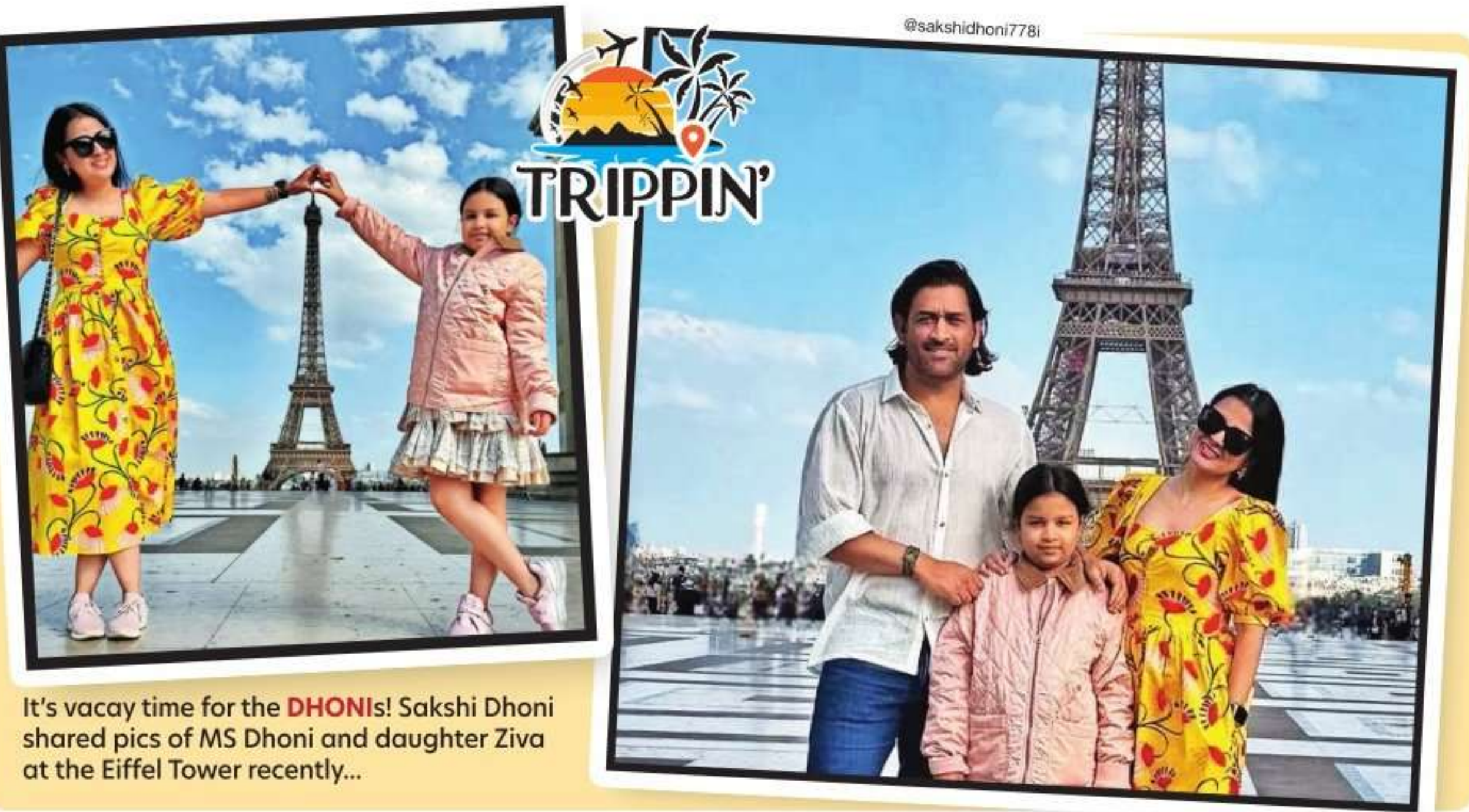


In a video that has gone viral, a uniform-clad Jin can be seen exiting the military gate and being welcomed by his fellow BTS members. In a warm welcome, the members of the group were seen handing Jin a bouquet of flowers and group leader RM performed their Grammy-nominated song *Dynamite* on the saxophone. BTS leader RM and other members of the band like J-Hope, Jimin, V, Suga, and Jungkook took a day off from their service to welcome Jin.

The members welcomed him to group. Jin can also be seen wiping his tears in an emotional moment while leaving the military camp. The eldest member of the band, Jin enlisted for his mandatory military service in December 2022, becoming the first member of the BTS to join the South Korean army. During his time in the military, Jin won several accolades, including the special warrior status.



BTS members welcomed Jin with a bouquet of flowers, celebrating his return



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It's vacay time for the DHONIs! Sakshi Dhoni shared pics of MS Dhoni and daughter Ziva at the Eiffel Tower recently...

Time to heal: Kevin Jonas reveals he had cancerous mole removed



Kevin Jonas and (inset) a screengrab from the video he shared

Singer-songwriter Kevin Jonas revealed on Tuesday that he recently had a cancerous mole removed from his face. He also encouraged fans to stay vigilant about their own skin health.

In a video on Instagram, the *Leave Before You Love Me* singer said, "So today, I am getting a basal cell carcinoma removed from my head. Yes, that is an actual little skin cancer guy that just started to grow." He continued, "And now, I have to get surgery to remove it. So, here we go."

After the procedure, he shared, "Now it's time to heal. Heading home." Before ending his video, the singer left his fans with a final request. He said, "Make sure to get those moles checked, people."

Basal cell carcinoma is a type of skin cancer that occurs most often on areas of the skin exposed to the sun, such as the head and neck.

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