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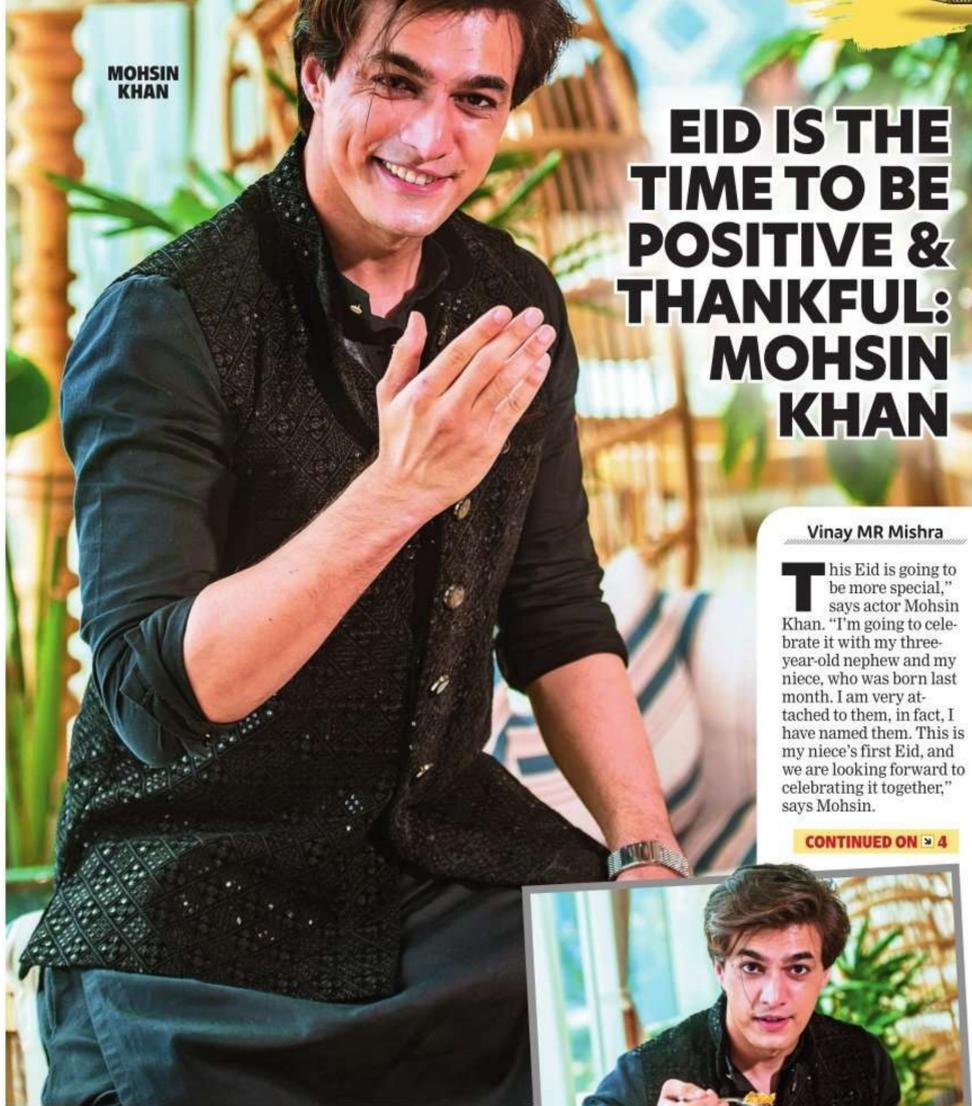
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MOHSIN KHAN

## EID IS THE TIME TO BE POSITIVE & THANKFUL: MOHSIN KHAN

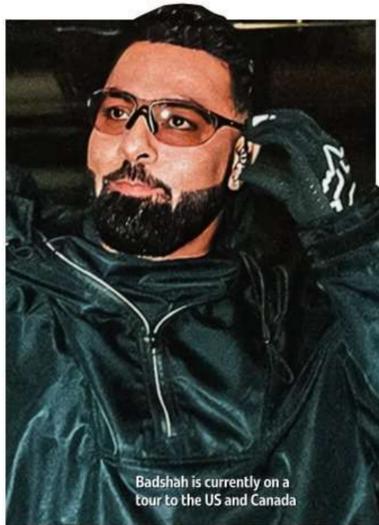
Vinay MR Mishra

**T**his Eid is going to be more special," says actor Mohsin Khan. "I'm going to celebrate it with my three-year-old nephew and my niece, who was born last month. I am very attached to them, in fact, I have named them. This is my niece's first Eid, and we are looking forward to celebrating it together," says Mohsin.

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I have tried making sevaiyan, but I always make some blunder or the other. My mother asks me to leave the kitchen every time I enter and try cooking!



Badshah is currently on a tour to the US and Canada

## Heartbroken: Badshah issues apology after Dallas show cut short

**B**adshah on Saturday apologised to fans after he had to cut short his concert in Dallas, US, due to a "discrepancy" between local promoters and the production company.

In an Instagram post, the singer-rapper wrote, "Dallas, I'm so heartbroken and bummed about what happened today. You guys are incredible and deserve

better. I was really looking forward to performing in your city but due to a discrepancy between the local promoters and the production company I was forced to cut short the set and stop the show midway," he said. The 38-year-old musician said promoters need to be better equipped, especially for large-format shows, as it takes a considerable amount of energy and effort to put together a tour.

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ALY GONI

## Bachpan ki Eid best hoti hai: Aly Goni

Riya Sharma

**D**ressed in a Pathani, Aly Goni welcomes us to his beautifully decorated Mumbai home for Eid. This year marks the first time in many years that Aly is not returning to Jammu to celebrate Eid with his family. "I have a shoot the day after so I won't be able to go home this time.



Mummy, papa aur baaki sab upset hain ki main Eid pe unke saath nahin hoon. Jasmine (Bhasin) Uttarakhand mein thi toh woh ek din jaldi apna trek karke aa rahi hai because she wants to spend Eid with me. My brother and sister are here so we are celebrating Eid in Mumbai with some of our close friends," says the Yeh Hai Mohabbatein actor.

Jo bachpan mein Eid banti hai na woh bade hoke nahi milti hai. Jitna uss mein ji sakte ho, utna jiyao. Eid Mubarak

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## Buzzstop

**VIJAY AND RASHMIKA'S SONG SHARED BY PARIS OLYMPICS' INSTA HANDLE IN A MASHUP**



The 2018 song *Inkem Inkem Kavale* from the Vijay Devarakonda-Rashmika Mandanna starrer Telugu film *Geetha Govindam* recently received a surprising recognition. The official Instagram handle of the Olympics surprised fans by featuring the song in a mashup video showcasing the Eiffel Tower adorned with the Olympic rings in anticipation of the Paris games. Since then #InkemInkemKavale has been trending on social media platforms. TNN

# Should restaurants have an entry age limit for guests?

A US restaurant's rule to allow entry only to those above 30 has sparked a debate among netizens & restaurateurs

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Divya Kaushik

**A** minimum age limit for entry at bars and restaurants is not unheard of. Outlets often do this to ensure that only those at a legal drinking age are served liquor. However, recently, Bliss



Caribbean Restaurant in Missouri, USA made headlines for its unique entry rule. In a Facebook post, they wrote, "To ensure a grown and sexy atmosphere, we require all guests to be 30 or older for women and 35 or older for men. This policy helps us maintain a sophisticated environment, uphold our standards, and support the sustainability of our unique ambience."



### Why the age limit?

A report in *The New York Times* mentions that the owners of the restaurant, Tina and Marvin Pate, both 42 years old, say that the age restriction allows customers to be themselves. They say that it is not their intention to discriminate against anyone and the entry rule is just about creating an environment where older customers feel comfortable.



**Bliss Restaurant**  
This is a grown and sexy affair - ladies 30 and up, fellas 35 and up. Prepare to enjoy a night filled with top-notch vibes and company.

**bymsplesant**  
I can understand, sometimes youngins don't know how to act

**walshyfire**  
Shout out to all the young people with the old souls looking for a calm place to socialize. We see you

**sareykunthea**  
He just being straight up who his target audience is lol

**taqeebond**  
The funniest part is, when the young people get in their 30s they'll understand exactly why 😂😂😂

Bliss's post on the entry age limit has received mixed responses. While many called the concept discriminatory, others welcomed it for being clear about the restaurant's target audience

### Is it viable for restaurants to set such an age limit for guests?

Without wishing to be named, a restaurateur with establishments across India, says, "In the past, even when clubs and bars restricted entry to those below 18 years of age, it became an issue as any such rule on entry is seen as a restriction. So, no restaurant will openly come up with such a rule in India. However, there are outlets that are promoting themselves with the kind of music, food or drinks that they have, to only invite guests from a certain age group. It lets guests make an informed decision."

Speaking in favour of the rule, restaurateur Varun Kherra says, "This has become a trend now and is being done across the globe. A lot of restaurants are doing it to segregate their target age group from the rest. Those in their mid-30s or 40s will not relate to the kind of music, food or drinks that Gen Zs like and vice versa."

**I am not sure if the entry rule for a certain age group will work here, but I think restaurants should mention on social media who they are targeting**

— Shailja Vadhwa, a marketing consultant

### 'It helps to know the age group the resto is targeting'

Experts share that it is better to know which places are suitable for different age groups before they go and risk being disappointed. "Most of us have experienced going to a popular restaurant or bar, only to be disappointed because it didn't have the type of music, food, or drinks we enjoy. I am not sure if the entry rule for a certain age group will work here, but I think restaurants should mention on social media who they are targeting - a young crowd looking for beer, finger food and a lot of dancing or those looking for a relaxed ambience," says Shailja Vadhwa, a marketing consultant, who has worked with F&B chains in the past. Restaurateur Varun Kherra adds, "Those in their 20s will not know why Backstreet Boys' music connects so well with those in their 30s or 40s. They may be interested in going out for two beers and not understand the idea of a refined, exotic cocktail on the menu."



# Focusing on environmental sustainability



Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj, has been named one of the top 10 finalists for the prestigious World's Best School Prize for Environmental Action 2024 by T4 Education, in collaboration with Accenture, American Express and the Lemann Foundation. This recognition highlights the school's dedication to environmental sustainability.

Ryan Pinto (CEO, Ryan Group) says, "Committed to fostering eco-consciousness, Ryan International integrates environmental education across all grades. The school has pioneered projects such as hydroponics units, biogas plants and



Ryan Pinto with students during the Each One Plant One campaign

**Our school is committed to fostering eco-consciousness and integrates environmental education across all grades**  
— Ryan Pinto

the DABAT project, promoting agricultural efficiency and sustainability. Notably, our project Mitigating the Effects of Water Scarcity secured a top-five position at the Climate Change Challenge at COP 28 in Dubai, competing against 43 countries."

Further emphasizing its environmental commitment, the school received recognition from the Ministry of Environment for planting over 5,000 saplings in Delhi through its Each One

Plant One campaign. Dr Grace Pinto (MD, Ryan Group of Schools) shares, "We are delighted with this honour, which recognises our commitment to environmental stewardship. It acknowledges the significant strides we've made in safeguarding our planet's future. I hope educators everywhere will

be inspired by the example set by our school. I congratulate our students and teachers for their dedication and commitment. Beyond academics, we instil in students a sense of social responsibility, empowering them to make a positive difference in society." She further adds, "We are also proud that Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj, has been nominated for the World's Best School Community Choice Award."



Students are encouraged to be mindful about the environment

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14				15				16				
17				18				19				
20						21	22	23				
24						25	26	27				
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39				40	41				42			
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46	47							48	49	50		
51	52					53	54			55	56	57
58						59		60		61		
62				63	64	65						
66						67				68		
69						70				71		

By Christina Iverson 17/06/2024

**ACROSS**

- Have an ugly cry
- Fly through the air
- Barked
- Eight, in Spanish
- Give a darn
- "!""... "Polo!"
- Curtain holder in a bathroom
- Situation with a player at first, say
- Peaceful
- Commercial lead-in to "bnb"
- Gaelic speaker
- French fashion initials
- Purple flower with a fuzzy patch
- Country singer Loretta
- Scotch's partner
- Naked
- Stomp on the gas
- Govt. intel org.
- "We're almost there!" and what can be said about 17-, 25-, 51-, and 64-Across?
- Unnaturally pale
- Construct
- Film spool
- Root vegetable in Nigerian cuisine
- Lawn tool
- Orange marker in a construction zone
- Work on a quilt
- Wild canine
- "Dance the Night" singer Lipa
- Like some albums
- Show host
- Student at the top of the honor roll
- Jump back, say
- Hatching's home
- Cities with harbors
- Post-blizzard blanket
- and crafts

**DOWN**

- Like an overbearing
- older sibling
- an airport, maybe
- Golden State sch.
- "Persisted"; children's book by Chelsea Clinton
- Ga. capital
- Maker of squishy darts
- Humanlike robot
- "Yo te "
- Putrid
- Allowed to roam, as chickens
- Gut bacteria
- Heading on a list of actions to avoid
- Phonetic term often associated with/their pronouns
- Sticky tree secretion
- "The Hate U Give" writer Thomas
- Connect the
- Big name in jeans
- Short "While I'm thinking of it..."
- Exclamation of understanding
- Vehicle picked up at
- 34 Golden State sch.
- 37 "Persisted"; children's book by Chelsea Clinton
- 38 Ga. capital
- 40 Maker of squishy darts
- 41 Humanlike robot
- 42 Anger
- 47 Move emotionally
- 49 Composer Lloyd Webber
- 50 Save
- 51 Little troublemaker
- 52 Juliet's partner
- 53 Zodiac transition points
- 54 Board game that "dropped" "The Settlers" from its name
- 55 "Terrific!"
- 56 Are
- 57 Swollen marks
- 61 Name that means "moon"
- 63 UFO pilots
- 65 Back in time

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### SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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

**HOW TO PLAY**

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

### TIMES HITORI

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

**HOW TO PLAY**

- 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).

### LOOP THE LOOP

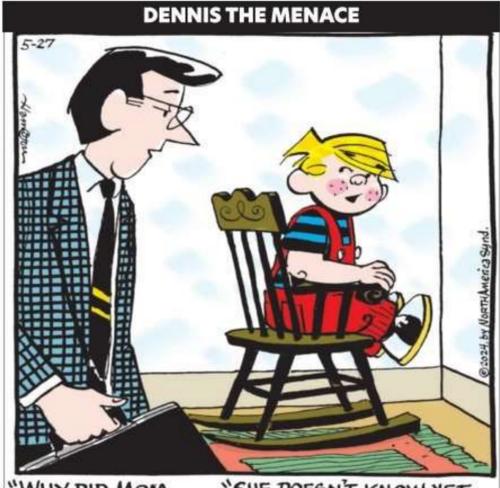
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### SCRAMBLE

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

IRREEE  
SOPOR  
EGLINT  
AHWYMM

Success consists of getting up just — than you fall. — Oliver Goldsmith (3,4,4)

**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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### SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings: 06-average | 07-good | 09-outstanding

H G N S  
G U I

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.

### SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

**TIMES SUDOKU**

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

**LOOP THE LOOP**

**TIMES HITORI**

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

**SPELLATHON**

Words: Ernie, spoon, hinge.

**SCRAMBLE**

Words: Ernie, spoon, hinge.

### FINOLEX FORTUNE

are a great doer and others respect your abilities to take control of difficult situations. You are in a good position to take out loans, pay down debt and make major purchases.

**LIBRA:** You can be motivated to reconcile with someone, with whom you previously had certain tension. Watch out for stresses at home or with a significant other. Your future still may not look clear to you, but you have some great ideas stirring.

**SCORPIO:** It is preferable to have an affectionate or relatively quiet, all embracing and evolutionary relationship rather than continually arousing susceptibility. In love, avoid all at cost unpredictable, capricious behaviour or sharp, harsh tones. Keep a curb on your spending or you could easily over-stretch your budget.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You realise that by emitting noble energies, the energies returned to you are high and protective. If you are already in a relationship, use this chance to reaffirm your love. Your mind might be uneasy today as you are thinking of a new venture.

**CAPRICORN:** It is how you perceive events, respond to situations, and adapt to change that truly matters. You are overcome by the fact because you think you are. You are the product of positive thoughts.

**AQUARIUS:** You have a powerful strength today and it is advisable to become aware of it and to understand that energy in reality is a specific manifestation. Your rash attitude creates instability in your relationships.

**PISCES:** Don't think that by simply maintaining an apparently harmonious, fun and happy keynote at this time. You have got something important to communicate to others. If you are not currently involved with anyone, there is a possibility of a sudden and fleeting romance.

**ARIES:** You'll do anything to distinguish yourself from the competition, including challenging traditional methods. Invite your circle of friends to join you this day. The quality of your life is based on the quality of the questions you ask yourself and not what happens to you.

**TAURUS:** Now is the best time to bring matters to the surface, and plan an evening out. Direct the energy you are receiving now towards a worthwhile project. If you are in a relationship, you will have a hard time waiting.

**GEMINI:** You are faced with a challenge in life, you have two choices to react negatively or positively. Don't feel embarrassed. Let yourself say what you have been dying to say. Your crush needs to find a better way to communicate with you. Your creativity is transformed into success.

**CANCER:** If you have positive thoughts, more positive things will occur to you. You need to change how you think and act in order to attract all the riches that you want.

**LEO:** Start thinking about what you want to do. Your thoughts are like magnets. Others value you for your ability to make practical decisions concerning group issues. Take care of your big financial deals.

**VIRGO:** It isn't the challenge itself that matters, but how you respond to it. You

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# MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF ON A HIGH NOTE

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Dr L Murugan (Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting), Prithul Kumar (Joint Secretary of Ministry of I&B and MD, NFDC) and Vineet Kumar Singh with other dignitaries



Randeep Hooda and Lin Laishram

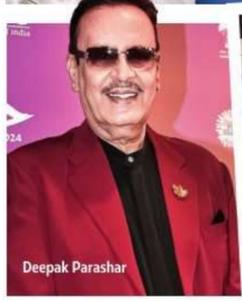


Taha Shah Badusha

Sharad Kelkar



(L-R) Kiran Shantaram, Avinash Tiwary, Divyendu and Abhishek Banerjee



Deepak Parashar



Vani Tripathi Tikoo and Divya Dutta



Rahul Rawail



Sonali Kulkarni



Madhur Bhandarkar



Ketan Mehta

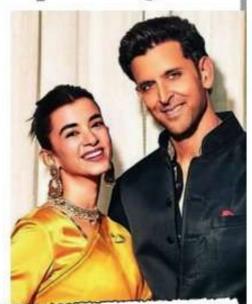
The 18th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, Dr L Murugan. Seen attending the opening ceremony were Madhur Bhandarkar, Abhishek Banerjee, Avinash Tiwary, Sonali Kulkarni, Sharad Kelkar, Divya Dutta and among others. Randeep Hooda, who was also present, said, "Such festivals help people showcase their talent. It is a good platform for experienced makers to interact with newer makers."

The fest, which is being held at Mumbai's National Film Development Corporation - Films Division Complex, will be on from June 15 to 21.

## POV

### Why do women work? The answer may just surprise you

Unless you are a woman who identifies herself as your family's sole breadwinner, society assumes you work because you 'like' to do so, or worse, are looking for a partner. And once in a relationship with someone who's 'well established', you are happy to give it all up.



Lost a career because people thought I didn't need to work anymore: Saba

Singer, performer and voice-over artiste Saba Azad, who also happens to be Hrithik Roshan's girlfriend, turned the spotlight on this reality in a series of posts that spoke about how she lost out on assignments once it became public that she was dating one of the biggest Bollywood stars. It was assumed, as she found out later, that she no longer needed to 'work'.

Saba's long post raises some serious questions on how we view single women. Why is it that once a woman gets into a relationship her identity is subsumed by that of her partner's? Or does the professional currency she has accumulated amount to nothing, as she is denied opportunities she has proven herself worthy of? In fact, Dia Mirza was one of the actors who came out in support of the artiste, saying this is sadly the story of "every woman in the industry."

Saba calling out this "regressive and patriarchal" mindset resonates - not because it is about Bollywood - an industry we love to follow, discuss and occasionally diss. But because it is something many single, successful women have faced in various stages of their lives and relationships. While some have soldiered on, despite the hurdles, others have learned to compromise and eventually allowed their career ambitions to take a backseat.

Indra Nooyi, one of the most influential CEOs in the world, has been vocal about the need for a complete overhaul in our work culture, to bring back and retain the best talents across industries. And they often happen to be women. Women who are walking extra hard to achieve more and are hungry for success and economic freedom, she says, adding, "It is a loss to any country if they cannot capitalise on this."

Saba's posts are thus vital and need to be referenced. Her speaking up is a small step towards creating work-spaces that are free, fair and equal.

Agree? Disagree? Got a POV idea? Write to us at: [pov@timesgroup.com](mailto:pov@timesgroup.com)

## Amy Jackson's fun bachelorette bash

Pics: @iamamyjackson



Amy Jackson had a fun-filled bachelorette party with her girl squad on a private jet in France recently. The actress got engaged to *Gossip Girl* actor Ed Westwick in January, and the two celebrated their engagement party in March



## More like a private event: Taapsee on her wedding

@taapsee

Taapsee Pannu, who recently married her boyfriend Mathias Boe, said it wasn't a secret wedding, but more like a private event. On March 23, she married Danish badminton player Mathias Boe after 11 years of dating. However, the actress hasn't shared her bridal look on social media. When asked about it, Taapsee said, "I don't think I have given thoughts about my bridal look... It wasn't a secret wedding, it was a private and personal event. So, I did not think about issuing a press release."



Taapsee Pannu tied the knot with badminton player Mathias Boe in March

## My cats complete me, I don't feel I'm alone anymore: Fahmaan Khan

"It's the pets that choose you," believes Fahmaan Khan, who's a happy pet dad to two rescue cats, Zoey and Zorro. In a chat with us, the *Apna Time Bhi Aayega* and *Imlie* actor talks about how his feline babies changed his life for the better.

### 'MY CATS ARE LIKE MY CHILDREN'

Talking about how he adopted Zoey and Zorro, Fahmaan says, "Zoey happened to stand at my door one day with a food delivery guy. While I tried to shoo her away at first, she walked inside and puked blood. I knew very little about cats, so I took her to a vet. I thought I'd take care of her for a month, but as life would have it, she's still with me. She's a child to me now, not a pet."

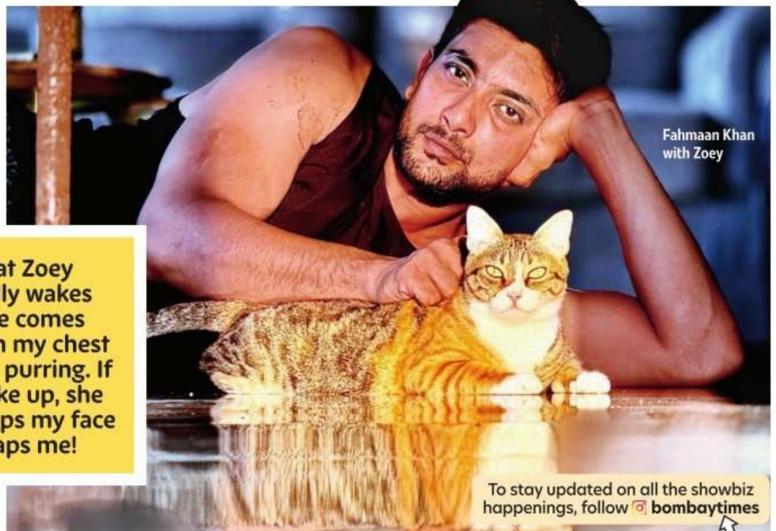
He adds, "Zorro arrived six months after this. I was shooting for *Ishq Mein Marjawan* and this kitten came and slept in my bag. This went on for a few days and one day, I brought her home thinking that Zoey would also find a companion."

### 'THEY ARE ALWAYS AT THE DOOR WHEN I REACH HOME'

Fahmaan says that being a cat dad has made him more responsible. "You have to take care of them, know their schedules and needs. So, it makes you more responsible overall. Earlier, I used to stay out of my house for 3-4 days at a stretch. *Par ab mujhe ghar jaane ka mann karta hai*, to check *woh theek hai ki nahi*," he says.

He adds, "I think I am more of a mother to them. They've made me feel complete and I don't feel I'm alone anymore. It's a beautiful feeling to have them around. When I go back home, they are always at the door."

My cat Zoey usually wakes me up. She comes and sits on my chest and starts purring. If I don't wake up, she meows, taps my face or even slaps me!



Fahmaan Khan with Zoey

To stay updated on all the showbiz happenings, follow [bombaytimes](https://www.instagram.com/bombaytimes)



Zoey and Zorro

### 'Cats are easier to handle as compared to dogs'

Fahmaan says, "I think they're a little easier to handle as compared to dogs. What fascinates me is how they always seem so serious, even when they're happy. And when you start living with them, you understand how each cat's character is so different. People think cats have an attitude, but the truth is that they're friendly with the ones they live with. *Woh har kisi ko itna importance nahi dete*. I really admire this attitude (laughs)."

— Masumi Shah

## My name has caused a lot of confusion: Seema Kapoor

@iamseemakapoor



Dharmesh Vyas and Seema Kapoor in a still from *Hasratein*

### 'I'm not Om Puri's ex-wife'

In recent years, there has been confusion about Seema being late Om Puri's ex-wife because of some online reports. Seema clarifies, "I am not actor Om Puri's ex-wife. Since we have the same name, this has caused a lot of confusion online. Sometimes people also confuse me with a cabaret dancer from the 70's. I really hope this sets the record straight. I have a body of work and I also want to do a lot more in the future. Acting is my passion and I don't want this name confusion to come up again."

Having returned to acting with *Udaariyaan*, Seema Kapoor finds the content on TV today clichéd compared to the times when she featured in shows like *Kurukshetra*, *Hasratein* and *Hum Saath Aath Hai* among others. Seema says, "Content today is clichéd with *saas bahu* dramas dominating the scene. During my previous stint on TV, the content was modern and bold. All my shows were hits and had interesting storylines. Having said that, things are changing slowly now and TV is progressing."

After *Razia Sultan* ended a few years ago, Seema took a break from acting. She shares, "My dad was unwell and in and out of hospitals, so mentally it wasn't possible to pick up work. There were offers coming in, but I decided to take a break and later returned with *Udaariyaan*."

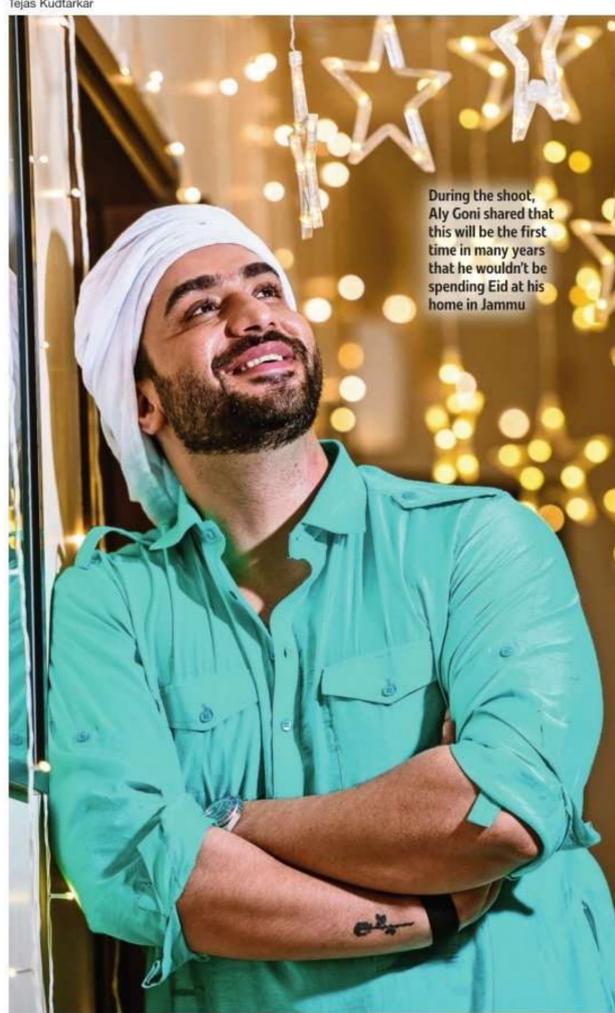
Does she feel age is a deterrent when it comes to bagging good roles? She replies, "Not really. Age doesn't matter much because I believe there are interesting roles for all age groups. It all depends on the sensibilities of people who are at the helm and if they are creative enough to bring out an actor's potential."

— Jaspreet Nijher



Seema Kapoor

# Bachpan mein khushi hoti thi jab Eidi milti thi, ab deni padhti hai: Aly Goni



During the shoot, Aly Goni shared that this will be the first time in many years that he wouldn't be spending Eid at his home in Jammu

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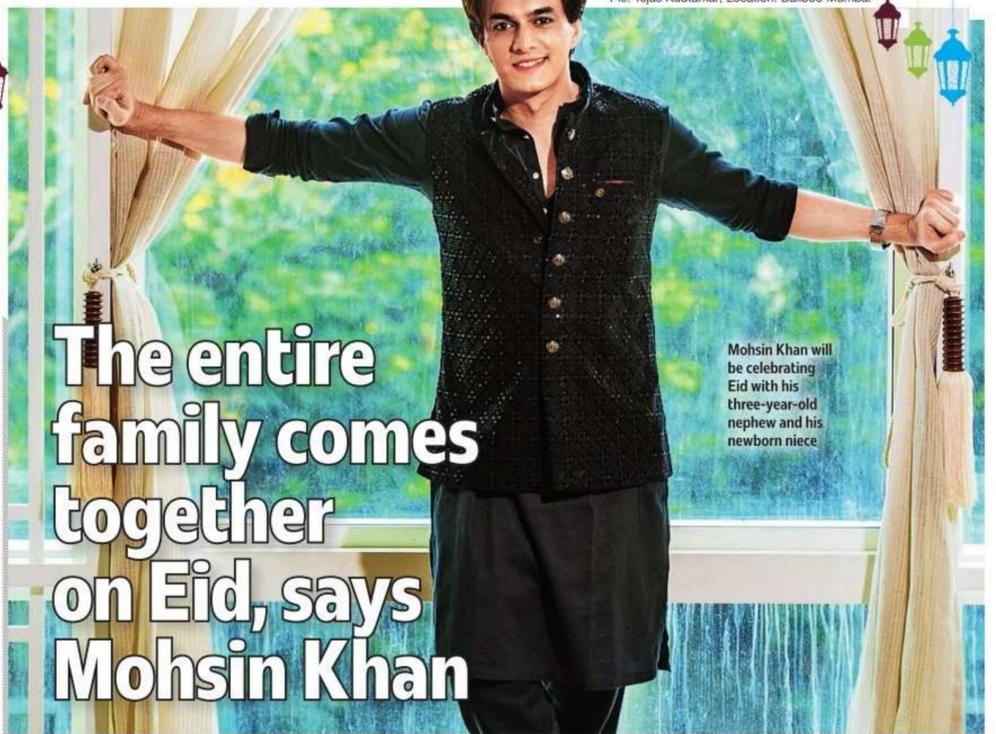
## 'MAIN EIDI SE APNE FAVOURITE TOYS, SHOES LETA THA BACHPAN MEIN, WOHI MERI BEST MEMORY HAI'

For Aly, Eid is all about spending quality time with loved ones, eating good food and dressing up. "Bachpan mein khushi hoti thi jab Eidi milti thi, ab deni padhti hai. But I have so many fond memories of Eid. Growing up, I would wake up really early and get ready for the festivities. *Pehle toh raat ko neend nahi aati thi khushi se ki kal Eid hai, phir uske baad sab relatives ke ghar jaana. Best part tha jab Eidi milti thi.* I would wait the entire year for things like shoes, toys or anything else that I wanted to buy. *Tab ghar-wale itna leke dete bhi nahi thay, aur tab financial situation aisi nahi thi. So, jo bhi cheez pasand aati thi, main wait karta tha aur Eid ke din rishtedaron se jo Eidi milti thi woh jodta tha. Jab kuch paise kam padh jaate thay toh aise logon ke ghar jaata tha jinke saath mera utna achcha uthna baithna bhi nahi tha par main unke ghar jaake baith jaata tha jab tak woh Eidi nahi dete thay (laughs). Phir Eidi leke main jaake woh cheez lete tha. Woh meri best memory hai Eid ki,"* says the Bigg Boss 14 contestant.

## 'MERE SAB FRIENDS MERE GHAR AATE HAIN EID KE DIN'

While Aly will be missing his home this Eid, he says that the day is about love, so people spend time with their friends and family if they are around. "Sabke saath Eid manao, jo aapke friends hai unko ghar pe bulao aur achcha khana khilao. Mere young fans ko yahi kahunga ki jo bachpan mein Eid banti hai woh bade hoke nahi milti hai. Bachpan ki Eid is the best Eid, jitna uss mein ji sakte ho, utna jiyo. Eid Mubarak," the actor wishes fans.

**Sabke saath Eid manao, jo aapke friends hai unko ghar pe bulao aur achcha khana khilao. Mere ghar pe jab bhi Eid hoti hain mere saare dost aate hain. They wait for Eid**



Pic: Tejas Kudtarkar, Location: Baliboo Mumbai

Mohsin Khan will be celebrating Eid with his three-year-old nephew and his newborn niece

# The entire family comes together on Eid, says Mohsin Khan

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## 'I SPEND THE DAY WITH MY FAMILY'

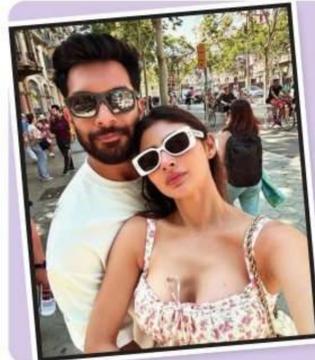
The *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai* actor, who is currently focussing on web shows, says, "When I was busy doing a daily soap, I wouldn't get enough time to celebrate festivals. Now, I try to spend the day with my loved ones. We have a big family, and on Eid, we all come together. We pray and eat together. As kids, we would also indulge in some cooking and look forward to dressing up in our new Pathani suits."

Ask him what he plans to wear on the festive occasion, and he says, "I am not much into fashion, but I've got myself a new kurta for the occasion (smiles)."

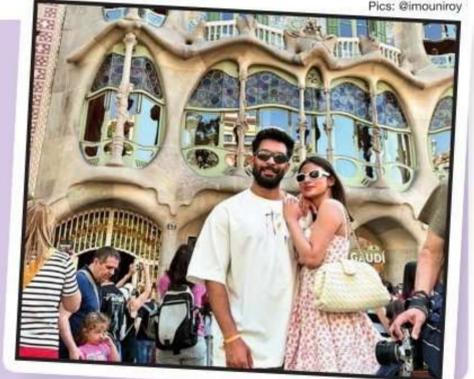
## 'I BELIEVE THIS DAY IS ALL ABOUT SHARING AND CHARITY'

Mohsin starts his day with a special Eid prayer. "Praying alongside my family and friends feels divine. Eid is a time to be positive and thankful. I performed Umrah with my family a decade ago and next year around this time, I'm looking forward to performing Hajj with my family," he shares.

The actor adds, "From childhood, we have been taught how this day is all about sharing and charity. There's a lot I want to do in my life ahead. I want to try and stick to the meaning of my name - it means the one who gives. In future, I hope to open a school and a clinic for those in need. I also want to start my NGO, and I'm working in that direction."



**MOUNI ROY** and her husband **SURAJ NAMBIAR** pose in front of the colourful Casa Batllo and enjoy a sunny day in **BARCELONA, SPAIN**



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