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## Sonakshi and Zaheer all set to wed today



Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal are all set to get married in Mumbai today. Prior to the wedding, Shatrughan Sinha's home in Mumbai, Ramayana, was seen decked up with lights. A photo, presumably from the couple's mehendi ceremony, went viral on social media on Saturday. In the picture, both Sonakshi and Zaheer can be seen posing with their family and friends. For the pre-wedding function, Sonakshi wore a red outfit while Zaheer was dressed in a printed red kurta. A huge number of celebrities from the film fraternity are expected to grace the party that the couple is hosting at a popular restaurant on Sunday evening. **TNN**



**BOMAN IRANI**

enjoying an animated conversation with sons Kayoze (left) and Danesh (right)

### Buzzstop

#### GUJARAT HC ALLOWS RELEASE OF MAHARAJ

The Gujarat High Court on Friday lifted its stay on the release of *Maharaj*, the debut film of Aamir Khan's son Junaid, observing that it did not target the Vaishnav Pushtimarg sect as alleged by its members. "Maharaj is based on events which led to the libel case (1862), and it is not targeted to hurt sentiments of Pushtimarg sect," the court observed. **PTI**



## THE ONLY WAY TO GO ABOUT LIFE IS TO MAKE EACH OTHER LAUGH: BOMAN

**We share our emotions and feelings openly. Mom has a rule that no one is allowed to leave the house angry. If there is an argument, we resolve it the same night. We don't leave this house without telling everyone, 'I love you'**

— Kayoze Irani

Neha Maheshwri

There's a lot of buzz - that's the first impression you get when you enter the Irani home. Brothers Danesh and Kayoze are having an animated conversation with their father Boman Irani, about who among them is the best at video-game soccer, and mumma Zenobia is having a hearty laugh as the three men continue their banter. It takes us a moment to realise that the brothers are referring to their father when they keep calling him 'Boms'.

There was a phase when we weren't financially very comfortable, but we never felt it because we laughed our way through it

— Danesh Irani

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**YOUR POV** Here's what your point of view was to our POV

**Are you sure you are on vacation?**

**Refer: June 17, 2024 edition**  
*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...*

In recent years another spoiler has crept in to prevent people and families from enjoying their hard-earned, well-planned vacations; and that one is the 'work from home'. You can see vacationers on cruises, beaches and restaurants punching away their vacation time on laptops and phones. You can hear people walking through art galleries, museums, shopping malls, streets, monuments, parks etc shouting over their phone.

"Connectivity here is poor. I shall call you back in a moment." The worst scenario is when the person on 'work from home' vacation tells the accompanying person: "I have an important call which I must take; you go ahead, I shall join you soon later". Such a vacation is more injurious to the mental health of not just the worker but the accompanying persons also. They would be better off staying home rather than waste their time and money on a 'namesake, fake vacation.' Onus is also on the employers not to allow their workers to go on 'work from home' vacations with friends and family to protect their mental health. Employers must force their workers to take periodic vacation-leave and set them free from work for the duration of vacation.

- Pushpendra Jain

It is aptly stated that the pursuit of pleasure is more rewarding than the destination itself. Just like the pleasure in wooing your beloved rather than actually winning her/him. It's better to stick to your programme and be comfortable than falling for the usual taunts of 'have you not seen that place which is nearby?'. Enjoy the quality time spent with your partner and family when on vacation than worrying about office.

- TVA Ram

It is all in the mind. Put your mind into what you're doing along with your heart to avoid indecisiveness. We're so immersed in digital media that we refuse to accept reality. On a

vacation we put so much on social media about places visited, food we have, it spoils the real fun. We're using social media as a reference point to fall back on for almost each and everything compared to remembering the real experience we have had as a natural process. It is almost like a threat of dementia.

- Sandeep Chaudhury

I have faced similar issues while I was in leadership roles in various corporations. It is not always possible to completely switch off for longer periods. The concept of shorter breaks with families rather than a full 2- or 3-week continuous break works better. Also, in order for the mind to rest, we may need to put the physical body to hard work during this vacation i.e cycling, running, swimming, badminton or trekking or farming etc. During these short breaks, we are completely focused on the physical activity, our mind is in a meditative state, thus allowing it time to recharge.

- Manish Mohandas

**Uncles' & Aunties' of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your baggage**

**Refer: June 21, 2024 edition**  
*'Uncles' & 'Aunties' of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your baggage: Hello Auntie, sit down! That's exactly how Salman Khan dismissed a young female journalist...*

My maama was just five years old when I was born. The cascading effect was that his children who are just a little older than my child, are uncle and aunt to my daughter. Of course, they roll their eyes up if my daughter addresses them as *maama* or *mausi* which translates to uncle/aunt. Therein lies the problem of uncle and aunt. The cultural conundrum. God forbid if you add *uncleji* or *aunty* to it. *Uncleji* has the connotations of an old balding plump fuddy duddy. *Aunty* conjures up a loud, judgemental and frumpy person, which is far from true. This is what makes us take offence at being addressed as uncle or aunty. Imagine a well-maintained, fashion

diva, 50-something, with grown up kids, being addressed as aunty by unknown kids the same age as her own. Sheer horror! She thinks 'Do I look so old?'

- Sumita Ghose

In the Indian scenario where we normally don't call our elders by name we usually address them as *didi*, *bhaiya*, *chacha*, *chachi* and these days uncle and aunty is the norm. Being addressed as uncle or aunty is considered offensive as it slots one as not-so-young or someone heading towards the downhill of life. No matter how good looking you are, it's always good to accept your age and enjoy your life. *Chiryawana toh yaha koi nahi hai*.

- Rachana Kumar

Loved your piece, 'Uncle/Aunty' is far more offensive than 'OK Boomer'. A group of youngsters knocked on my door saying, "Oh aunty, we are management students, all we want is to talk to you." I said, "The first rule of management is to use sir and Ma'am to address anyone." Door slammed!

- Ann Remedios

That's a truly humorous POV and it made me laugh and share with others. With today's changing lifestyles, you cannot judge a person's age just by his or her physical appearance. Gone are the days, when people did not mind being called 'uncle' or 'aunty'. Now, our outlook towards life has changed. Everybody wants to remain young and live life to the fullest. Hence, it is better to address 'Sir' or 'Madam', unless you do not mind to be backfired. I will not mind if such a salutation comes with a seat offered in a public transport. Please keep entertaining us with your humorous real-life observations

- Subir Mahanta

Situations are same but our reactions to them define us. If someone calls me uncle or aunty and I've not reached the age to be called that, it does not matter to me. I'm responsible for my reactions and not for others. If a toddler hits me, should I retaliate? No. It's important to ignore it or if you feel bad, pardon the person considering him your kid brother. Your peace of mind must be most important possession.

- Manoj Chaturvedi

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**HOW TO: Clean your make-up brushes properly**

- RINSE THEM**  
Take your makeup brushes and rinse only the tips, using lukewarm running water. This will help to wash off residual makeup products. Take care not to get the whole brush head wet because the lukewarm water may dissolve the glue that holds the handle and brush head together.
- SHAMPOO THE BRUSHES**  
Put a tablespoon of any shampoo into a bowl of lukewarm water. Avoid using soap on your brushes because that may cause the bristle to dry out.
- SWIRL AND MESSAGE**  
After mixing the shampoo and

- water, swirl the tips of your brushes in the mixture. You can also massage the brush tips in the palm of your hand to create more lather.
- RINSE AGAIN**  
Rinse the tips of your brushes a second time using running water.
- REPEAT THE PROCESS**  
Try repeating the shampooing and rinsing until you notice that the water running from the brush has become clear.
- SQUEEZE OUT THE WATER**  
After making sure that your brushes are clean, squeeze out excess water from the bristles using clean, dry paper towels.



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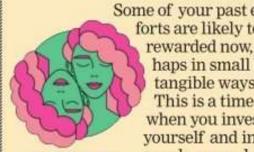
**ARIES**

New beginnings and major endings are on the cards. Increased activity is seen on the professional front. A dynamic and busy period, where you get more organised, is indicated. Your mental outlook is growth-oriented now, and you may well get some news which raises hopes for the future. It is a good time to gather information, network, make connections, and consider any proposals or opportunities which present themselves. Confidence and inner harmony prevail. You can move forward with creative projects and express yourself easily and comfortably.



**TAURUS**

The first half of the week needs a strategy to deal with your finances, opportunities and investments. This is about the right time when you keep a close eye on the markets, if you are an investor. In a couple of weeks, intelligent buying and investments could prove to be a windfall. Wednesday onwards, your success rate is quite good. Spend more time on researching and studying finance related stuff, rather than just spending, now is a time to be conservative in finances, not to splurge on luxuries. Those who missed the property bus need not worry, you can wait for a couple of weeks more and you shall find that your dream house fits your budget. Either the prices will come down or someone will make you an interesting proposition.



**GEMINI**

Some of your past efforts are likely to be rewarded now, perhaps in small but tangible ways. This is a time when you invest in yourself and in the people around you that you respect. Benefits may not be immediate, but they will surely arrive down the road. You must maintain a diplomatic tongue throughout the week as your words shall have a long term impact, especially with close relatives and family, sarcasm and criticism of other's faulty actions is a strict no at this time.



**CANCER**

Not a time to be lazy, but to work hard. Routine can become monotonous and boring. You will need to get organised. Do reach out to people but don't scatter your energies. There is no way but to keep pushing when you face obstacles. Too much confidence in unreliable facts could be your downfall where money is concerned. You are still juggling a variety of possibilities, so understand that complications are inevitable.

You can now expect a spirited week as Venus the planet of entertainment moves with Mercury into your eleventh house of gains and friends, bringing lots of socialisation, entertainment as well as pleas-



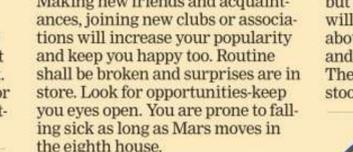
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See what the stars have in store for you - according to your moon sign.



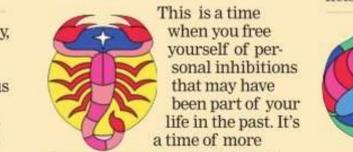
**LEO**

ant travels. Utilise these opportunities now as hard work done now will lead to gains. For those of whom good jobs have been elusive, you can expect a series of good offers pouring in. If you are thinking of jobs, just take the plunge now as it is worth the risk. Mars promises achievements at work, performances will be rewarded, those in public life may get felicitated or given awards. A little resourcefulness is all it will take to win praise and favours.



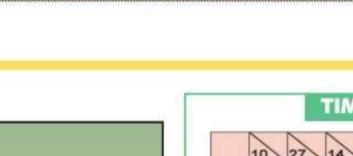
**VRIGO**

You will develop new relations and contacts with those in power and position. Having a flexible attitude will be the key to success. Progress could be slow but steady. Making new friends and acquaintances, joining new clubs or associations will increase your popularity and keep you happy too. Routine shall be broken and surprises are in store. Look for opportunities-keep your eyes open. You are prone to falling sick as long as Mars moves in the eighth house.



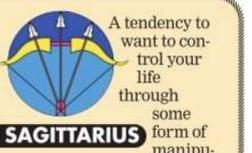
**LIBRA**

It is a time of cleaning out old and negative influences. So let go of things that are holding you back. Relaxation, enjoyment, and pleasure are emphasised now. It's a period ripe with opportunity for attracting others, for turning on the charm, and for receiving positive feedback from partners or love interests. A tendency to want to control your life through some form of manipulation is strong during this influence.



**SCORPIO**

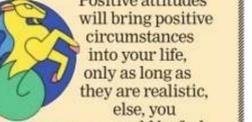
This is a time when you free yourself of personal inhibitions that may have been part of your life in the past. It's a time of more spontaneous expression. Work outs and massages will release your stress, eating out will damage your health. Those with an advanced age should not take kidney/nervous related disorders lightly, immediate medical attention shall prove quite beneficial. If some past relationship has just come back in your life this week, chances are that this could work out. Sudden developments or surprises in your romantic life are indicated. Casual love affairs that have grown stale may be left behind now.



**SAGITTARIUS**

A tendency to want to control your life through some form of manipulation is strong during this influence. Meeting with obstacles in your path, however, can force you into the position of using all of your resources to fight back, and you can discover resources you never knew you had in the process. Behind the scenes,

some mischief is still being planned by gossip mongers who harbour harm to you, don't trust anyone with personal secrets and be careful with your cash and valuables as sudden losses are quite likely now, mostly things lost during this period will disappear mysteriously for good, so be alert.



**CAPRICORN**

Positive attitudes will bring positive circumstances into your life, only as long as they are realistic, else, you could be feeling discontent. A perfect time for you to find a new approach to use to gain needed support. Avoid taking unnecessary risks or gambles. Your emotions are on your sleeve, though this is a good time to put your needs first, but doing so with respect for others will take you further. Be cautious about making sweeping decisions, and avoid serious conversations. The likelihood of being misunderstood runs high.



**AQUARIUS**

A very hectic phase is what is indicated this week, you can expect a social week with group activity, new friendships and connections. Your time shall be spent in settling old matters. Important legal matters will need fine attention, don't neglect important details by being casual. Financially, conditions are set to further improve from Wednesday and important ventures and partnerships or strategic tie ups shall yield the desired results. Just remember not to allow yourself to be weighed down by circumstances that put your health under pressure.



**PISCES**

A good strategy this week would be to complete all important work and business meetings on Monday/Tuesday to get a head start into the week. You can expect a better financial phase and also get chance to rest yourself this week. Friends and relatives shall visit you home. If you have targets in hand, better plan to work late and finish them by mid week, if you don't want last minute goof ups to spoil your year end targets. If you work well in advance you can devote quality time for your love life later next week, as it is there are plenty of issues to be sorted out with lovers, and one of them happens to be 'time'.

**LEISURE**

**SUDOKU CHALLENGE**  
Level: Medium

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

**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.

**GARFIELD**

**TIMES KAKURO**

10	27	14		32	17	5
13			5		21	
20					10	
16		28		17		
9		16		14		13
16		20		7		22
		9	3	4	15	
	26			12		15
13				13		
	10				23	

**HOW TO PLAY**  
The numbers in the coloured squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the coloured square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 2 boxes below 12 must contain 2 digits that add upto 12, whereas for 20, the 3 boxes placed horizontally next to it must add upto 20. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance in the example, we cannot have the combination of 8+4+8 for 20.

Example:  

20		

**SPELLATHON**

Today's Ratings:  
14-average | 16-good | 18-outstanding

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.

**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 zeros.
- 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).

**SCRAMBLE**

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

**GTAAE**

**PILLS**

**DOYLLU**

**ASSBPY**

**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

It's useless to \_\_\_\_\_ for those who cannot sleep. - John Cage (4,9)

**SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES**

**TIMES SUDOKU**

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

**LOOP THE LOOP**

**SPELLATHON**

airy, rare, REALITY, retail, rite, rite, tail, tier, tie, tire, trail, trial, yell

**SCRAMBLE**

Answer: It's useless to snore for those who cannot sleep. - John Cage

# An engaging yoga session in the city



NGO co-founders Shrey Singh and Dr. Meghna Singh with Ashish Shelar



Aparshakti Khurana and Seema Singh



Seema Singh with children at the event

Meghashrey NGO, founded by Seema Singh, marked International Day of Yoga with a special event emphasising the transformative role of yoga in promoting health and well-being. Seen attending were M.L.A. Ashish Shelar, Consul General of Israel Kobbi Shoshani, actor Aparshakti Khurana and other prominent figures.

Speaking at the do, Seema said, "Yoga is not just exercise, it is a way of life that enhances our physical, mental and emotional health. Regular practice can significantly improve our overall well-being."

The event also saw enthusiastic participation from children with Seema encouraging them to incorporate yoga into their daily routines.

"It's crucial to start practicing yoga at a young age in order to cultivate healthy habits that last a lifetime," shared Singh as she guided children through simple yoga poses and breathing exercises.

Personalities from various fields were seen actively engaging in the yoga session. Together, they demonstrated various asanas and meditation techniques aimed at enhancing overall wellness. "The highlight was the collective yoga session, where participants of all ages came together to perform asanas. The serene ambience fostered a sense of community and commitment to embracing yoga as a means to promote holistic health.

Meghashrey's celebration of International Day of Yoga not only raised awareness about cervical cancer prevention, but also inspired individuals to integrate yoga into their daily lives," added Seema.



Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's tape was found in 2021 during an archive relocation at Real World Studios

## A lost 1990s Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan album set to release

A new album of unreleased recordings by Pakistani *qawwali* legend late Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan will be released on September 20, 34 years after they were recorded. The album, *Chain Of Light*, was discovered in the tape archives of Peter Gabriel's Real World Records, the label that signed Khan in 1989 and released albums with him through the 1990s.

The new album includes four traditional *qawwali* songs performed by Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and his group of eight singers and musicians

The new album includes four traditional *qawwali* songs performed by Khan and his group of eight singers and musicians. Speaking on the discovery, Peter Gabriel stated, "I've had the privilege to work with a ton of different musicians from all over the world in my time, but perhaps the greatest singer of them all was Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. What he could do and make you feel with his voice was quite extraordinary, and we were very proud to have played a role in getting him to a much wider global audience."



Tom Hanks voiced the role of Woody in Toy Story



Tom Hanks won the Annie Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement for Voice Acting in an Animated Feature Production for his iconic role as Sheriff Woody in the 1995 film Toy Story. This award highlights the exceptional voice acting skills of Hanks, who brought the character of Woody to life with his signature wit, warmth and humour.

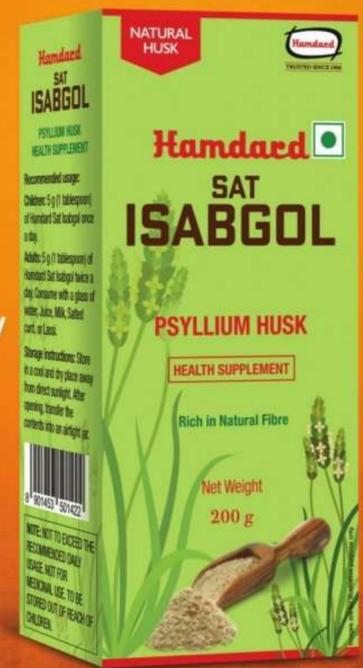




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## #RoyalAscot: A fantastic display of fascinators



Royal Ascot is a blend of tradition, high fashion, top-tier horse racing, and royal pageantry, making it a highlight of the British social and sporting calendar



At this year's event, attendees donned some of the most eye-catching fascinators. While some went with a floral theme, others added a touch of fauna to the mix

GALLERY

**TRAVEL TIMES** TIMESinteract

**SWISS - PARIS LONDON**  
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**England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales**  
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# PROPERTY INVESTMENT

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## Stake your claim in premium realty

Although a lucrative investment option, fractional ownership involves multiple stakeholders, making matters complex. A balance between individual control and collaboration is key to mitigating risks and maximising returns



investments. Kumar highlights, "When choosing a platform for fractional ownership, consider its track record and past asset performance. Look at the types of properties listed, and their return history, and compare them to industry benchmarks. Ultimately, selecting the

become shareholders in a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)—a subsidiary company that is formed to undertake a specific business activity. While the platform or asset manager handles daily operations, all major decisions regarding the asset rest solely with the investor."

Additionally, when it comes to reaping the benefits of this investment, individual owners can stay rest assured. Rakesh Kumar (name changed on request), an investor in commercial fractional ownership, shares, "It's a straightforward investment model. After an SPV was created for the property, I received a share of it that represents my ownership. This simplifies ownership and ensures legal and financial clarity. Returns, mainly from rental yields, are credited monthly, providing a steady cash flow. The managing platform also provides detailed financial statements and performance reports."

**ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**  
The property usage depends on the fractional ownership model. For residential properties like holiday or luxury homes, owners can use the property for a set period. In commercial real estate, tenants have pre-signed leases with lock-in periods. "It's all about achieving harmonious coexistence, made possible through predefined guidelines, dos and don'ts, and proprietary algorithm-based apps. These tools facili-

tate calendar booking and restrict deviation from the guidelines," says Anuj Munot, founder of a fractional ownership platform.

Additionally, the maintenance of a property among fractional owners requires effective management and mutual consensus. Akash Pharande, managing director of a real estate developer, details, "Stakeholders form an organisation or governing body, such as a homeowners' association or a management committee, to administer shared assets and make collective decisions."

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While fractional ownership seems lucrative, prospective investors must exercise caution. Suraj Pandey, a real estate lawyer, advises that before engaging in fractional ownership, individuals must thoroughly review all contractual agreements and legal documents associated with the investment. "It's essential to understand the rights and responsibilities as outlined in the fractional ownership agreement, including ownership shares, usage rights, maintenance responsibilities, and dispute resolution procedures. You must also seek legal counsel to review and clarify any ambiguous terms or potential risks."

Moreover, be mindful when selecting a property or investment platform. Choose certified and organised players to make sound

right platform is crucial because you are putting your hard-earned money into their management and expertise."

Altogether, fractional ownership models can thrive with effective governance structures, clear communication channels, and comprehensive due diligence.

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estate with multiple stakeholders, each of whom possesses a certain level of control. As too many cooks can spoil the broth, let's discuss what contributes to smooth deci-

a fractional ownership platform, details, "Individual owners have full control over where to invest their money and can choose certain assets for investment. Upon investing, they



## Space-saving ideas for compact apartments

Residential properties come in all shapes and sizes, with each one posing a different challenge. By being creative with the design and decor, you can make small spaces just as modern, functional, and beautiful as larger ones

### SEEK THE SUPPORT OF POCKET DOORS

Sliding doors, also called pocket doors, are a great solution for compact homes. "These are installed either as a whole unit with small glass windows or as complete glass doors in wooden or metal brackets. The advantage of such doors is that they let light pass through while diving into different rooms. When you don't need them, they can slide into the wall and save ample space unlike regular doors," shares Heshu Lulla, an architect.



### THE ONLY WAY TO GO IS UP

Often, smaller apartments and offices have limited scope to set up dining tables, centre tables, and shelves. In such cases, one must utilise the height of the property. Rohit Hemrajani, a management professional, who recently purchased and designed his one-bedroom apartment in Mumbai, believes that there are many possibilities in this regard. He elaborates, "Gone are the days when people used bulky dining tables and work desks in their homes. The struggle for space is real; hence, the spotlight is on wall-mounted folding tables that are opened only when in use. It's

### SIMPLE HACKS THAT MAKE A BIG IMPACT

- Hang curtains higher than the windows
- Opt for French windows to bring more natural light into your home
- Use wall-mounted lights to free up floor space
- Utilise vertical space for storage and aesthetic purposes
- Install mirrors to create a sense of space

designed to fit into a wall cavity, making the wall look artistic. Besides, to add a green touch to the house, one can also set up

mini vertical plant stations on walls closer to the windows."

### GET ORGANISED WITH FOLDABLE FURNITURE

When designing a small flat, it is best to keep it minimal and sleek. Deepika Multani, senior designer at a furniture retail company, suggests, "Refrain from buying large sets of furniture. Instead, choose small bedroom and living room pieces in pastel or other lighter hues. You may need a desk and a dining table but not at all times. So, purchase a foldable table that can collapse into the wall. This way, you'll have enough space to work around in your home. Another space-saving solution for your bedroom is to consider a sofa-cum-bed or a foldable Murphy bed." Ultimately, prioritise your needs and focus on what's indispensable while keeping up with the latest design trends. Remember, there are diverse ways to get creative and make the most of every inch of your space.

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functional apartment.

### LIGHTER COLOURS FOR THE WIN

An underrated but basic design principle, especially for smaller apartments, is to set up walls with light-coloured paint. Eesha Mehta, an interior designer, highlights, "In particular, white shades can make rooms appear larger and more inviting. Walls that feature subtle hues reflect light well, creating the illusion of a spacious area. This initial step is key to making your home look more extensive than its actual size."

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# We are one boisterous family: Boman Irani

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Boman Irani with sons Danesh and Kayoze; (below) the trio with Danesh's son, Ziaan

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## EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN VIEWS, OTHERWISE, IT WILL BE A BORING HOUSE: BOMAN

Boman is quick to clarify that even though they call each other by quirky nicknames, it doesn't mean they have any less respect for each other. "We are one boisterous family - we talk, laugh, eat and celebrate together," says the actor, as he tells us about his equation with his sons. "It is not that this home is devoid of friction and arguments, but they happen in a healthy way. Everyone should have their own views; otherwise, it will be a boring house," he shares.

## MY UNDERSTANDING OF FATHERHOOD IS SHAPED BY WHAT MY MOTHER SHOWED ME: BOMAN

Today, the Irani household is predominantly male, a stark contrast to Boman's upbringing where he was surrounded by his mother and three sisters. He says, "We pick on Zenobia (his wife) a lot. Jokes aside, she is the main force that holds everything together. Let's make no mistake about it."

"The actor's father passed away six months before he was born. He was raised by a single mom, did that influence his approach to fatherhood?" "My understanding of fatherhood is shaped by what my mother showed me. I don't have clear references for what fatherhood is supposed to be. I think it's instinctive. Just when I thought I had it all figured out after Danesh, Kayoze came along, and it wasn't the same pattern because they have different personalities. In trying to get the upbringing right, you can either be too lenient or too harsh. I have aimed for a mid-level intensity," he replies.

## MEETING OUR PARENTS NEVER FEELS LIKE A DUTY: KAYOZE

Although Danesh and Kayoze live separately,



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- Boman Irani

they are regular at their parents' house. Actor-director, Kayoze says, "We both (brothers) love to come home to spend time with our parents, it never feels like a duty. We sit in the living room, chat, have dinner together, and play video-game soccer. We share our emotions and feelings quite openly in this house. We don't leave this house without telling everyone, 'I love you'. Mom has a rule that no one is allowed to leave the house angry. If there is an argument, we resolve it the same night. It's a part of who we are. Friendship is the first relationship we share with parents."

## THE ONLY WAY TO GO ABOUT LIFE IS TO MAKE EACH OTHER LAUGH: BOMAN

Years before Boman entered showbiz, the family struggled to make ends meet. However, they never let their children feel the pinch. Danesh, who is involved in film production and content creation, shares, "Things haven't really changed much since those days. It's just that when we got things, we truly appreciated their value. There

## 'The trust and respect you earn are the true legacy, not your bank balance'

Boman stresses on the importance of having a strong value system over anything else. He says, "Zenobia and I follow one principle: You can't tell people what to do. You have to lead by example, and they will follow. Of course, I am happy when someone says, 'Oh, your son has made a great film', but how they treated people while making it is more important to me. The trust and respect you earn are the true legacy, not your bank balance."

was a phase when we weren't financially very comfortable, but we never felt it because we laughed our way through it." Boman adds, "The only way to go about life is to make each other laugh."

# Mumbai International Film Festival ends on a high note in the city

Pics: Tejas Kudtarkar



The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) witnessed a grand closing ceremony in the city that was attended by several well-known personalities. This edition of MIFF had huge delegate participation, with enthusiasts attending various screenings, panel discussions and masterclasses.

Films from 59 different countries were showcased during the festival, which not only took place in Mumbai, but also extended to venues in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Pune for the first time.

At the closing ceremony, 6-A *Akash Ganga* directed by Nirmal Chander Dandriyal was announced the Best Indian Documentary Film, while the Best Film in International Category was given to *The Golden Thread* directed by Nishtha Jain.



Speaking at the closing ceremony, Pritul Kumar (Festival Director and MD, NFDC) said, "The remarkable turnout demonstrates the growing interest in documentaries, shorts and animation among a dedicated audience. The success of MIFF should be attributed to robust programming, setting new benchmarks for future editions."



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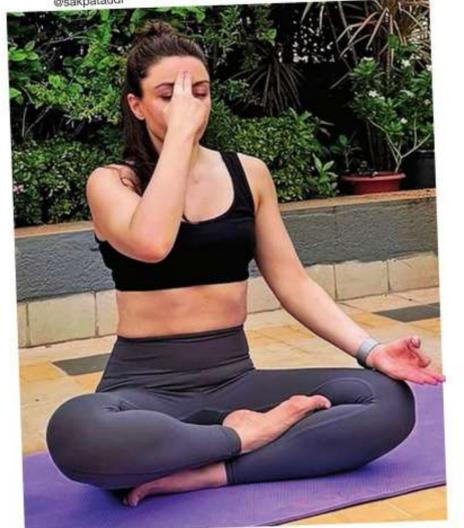


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Yoga is a good stress-buster for Soha, who shared this photo on Insta and wrote: "Do yoga because punching people is against the law"

# Now, a beauty pageant for AI influencers

From fitness enthusiasts to ocean conservationists, these AI-generated models from different countries are all set to create headlines as Miss AI



**Kenza Layli**

Country: Morocco  
Followers: 1,97,000+  
Type: Women empowerment activist

**Zara Shatavari**

Country: India  
Followers: 7,400+  
Type: Health and fitness influencer

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(₹4 lakhs approx) cash and an "imagine creator mentorship programme" worth \$3,000 (₹2.5 lakhs approx)

Despite the many divergent views on the ethics and impact of AI, a UK-based creator platform has launched the world's first beauty pageant for AI creators. Earlier this week, they announced the names of the 10 semi-finalists from different countries, who will now compete for the top-three spots that offer \$20,000 (₹16.7 lakhs approx) in total as the prize money. The pageant is not just limited to beauty, but also evaluates the causes each of these influencers support. Incidentally, one of the top contenders is an 'Indian'.



1,500 entries  
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**Anne Kerdi**

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**Other semi-finalists:**

- Olivia C, Portugal, travel influencer
- Lalina, France, lifestyle influencer
- Seren Ay, Turkey, car enthusiast
- Asena Ilik, Turkey, model
- Eliza Khan, Bangladesh, human rights activist

# DUMB PHONES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK



Do you know that you can spend more than five years of your entire lifetime scrolling on social media? While people are hooked to social media on smartphones, there seems to be a growing trend of using dumbphones, or simply, old-school, digital alternatives.

**What are dumb phones?**

Dumb phones, also known as feature phones, are basic mobile devices with essential functions like calling and texting. They lack the advanced smartphones features like internet browsing. However, there are very few models that may offer basic internet and apps like WhatsApp and Google Maps.

**Don't want to get a dumbphone? Do this instead**

- Designate specific days or times of the week to unplug from all digital devices
- Turn off non-essential notifications
- Use built-in screen time features to set daily limits for social media and other apps
- Activate focus or do not disturb modes during work hours or personal time
- Allocate specific times for checking and engaging on social media
- Establish certain areas in your home, like the bedroom or dining area, as tech-free zones



People have been switching to dumbphones to reduce distraction from social media and avoiding work notifications during personal time

**What's making people choose dumbphones?**

- 5.4 years spent on social media over a person's lifetime
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# Harbhajan to play a 'psycho doctor' in a Tamil thriller

Harbhajan Singh, who has already acted in two Tamil films, is now all set to star in his third film in the language. The former Indian cricketer will be seen playing a psycho killer in a thriller, he revealed while doing the commentary for the T20 World Cup match between India and Afghanistan on a Tamil sports channel.

Further elaborating on his role, Bhajji, who has also played for the Chennai IPL team, shared that his character will be that of a "psycho doctor". Joking that "It's the first time somebody understood my role in real life — psycho," he added, "I kill 10 people in one night; that's kind of the story. There will hardly be any dialogues," he added.

Harbhajan's tryst with Tamil films began with a special appearance in Santhanam's *Dikkil-oonna* in 2021. While he has also done cameo roles in Hindi and Punjabi films, his first full-fledged movie role also in Tamil; he played the lead role in the 2021 Tamil film *Friendship*, in which he was seen as a college student.

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**I play a psycho doctor and kill 10 people in one night; that's kind of the story. There will hardly be any dialogues in the film**

— Harbhajan Singh



Harbhajan Singh



Anupam Kher

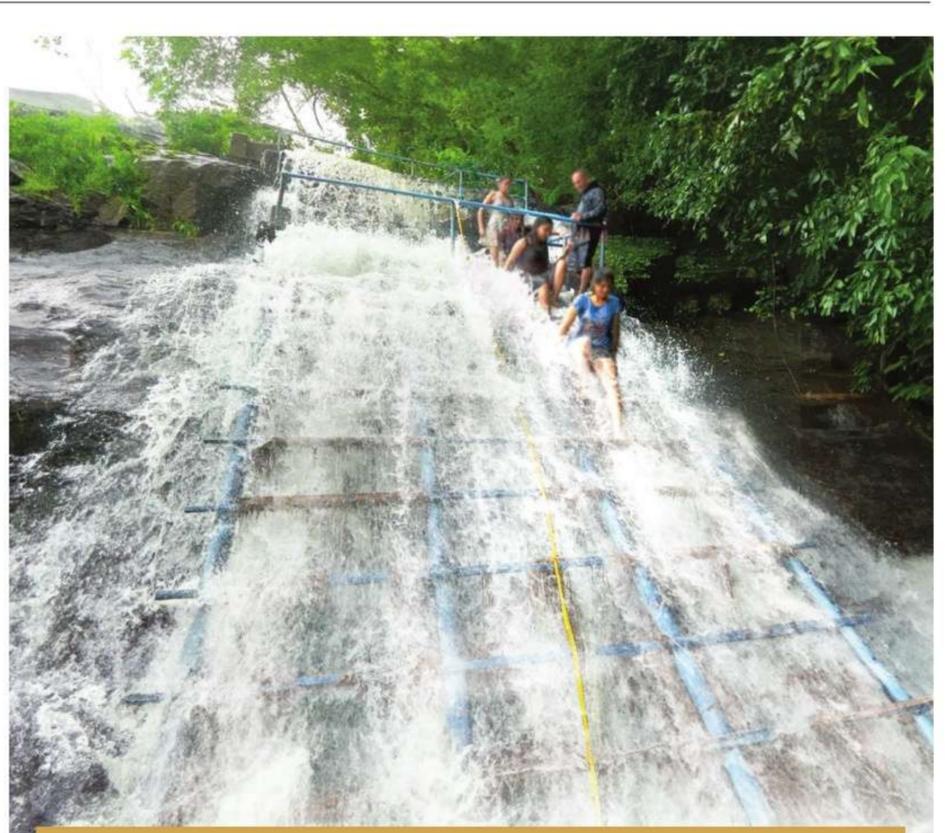
## Anupam Kher office robbery case: 2 arrested

Mumbai's Oshiwara Police have apprehended two individuals suspected of robbing Anupam Kher's office located in Andheri's Veera Desai road. The police said both suspects are known serial thieves who operate across different parts of the city using auto-rickshaws to facilitate their crimes. According to police officials, the burglars forcibly entered Kher's office premises during the night, making away with cash and valuables amounting to approximately ₹4.15 lakh.

On Thursday, Kher took to Instagram to share, "Two thieves were involved in the crime. They broke through two doors and stole a safe from the accounts department, which they could not open. They also took the negatives of a film produced by the company, which were kept in a box."

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**Robbery at Anupam Kher's office; cash, film stolen**



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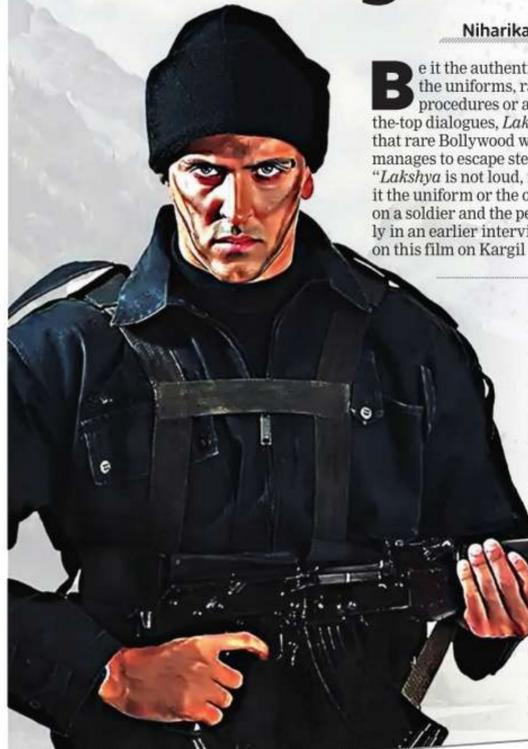
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# Celebrating Lakshya and how it depicted the Kargil war



Niharika Lal

**B**e it the authentic depiction of the uniforms, ranks, operation procedures or avoiding over-the-top dialogues, *Lakshya* remains that rare Bollywood war film that manages to escape stereotypes and create a subtle yet impactful war narrative. "*Lakshya* is not loud, it doesn't have jingoism. All the details are accurate, be it the uniform or the operations procedure. It also explored the impact of war on a soldier and the people around him," said Brigadier (retd) Gautam Ganguly in an earlier interview. As *Lakshya* completed 20 years this week, we reflect on this film on Kargil war and how it has stayed relevant over the years.

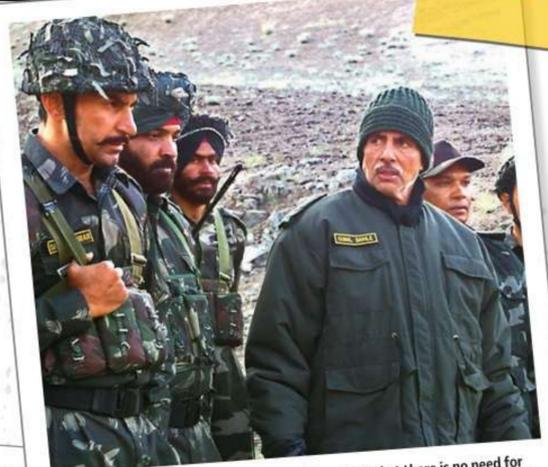


## How Lakshya originated

Soon after *Dil Chahta Hai*, Farhan Akhtar was deliberating about what to do next and had a discussion with his father Javed Akhtar about some of his ideas. Javed shared that he was working on a story about a young boy who joins the army, not just professionally, but in an attempt to find his true calling and understand who he is through that process. Farhan says, "This was just a story idea, but the core of it really spoke to me. In a large way, that's what filmmaking did for me. Until I started making movies, I didn't really know that it is what I wanted to do. I started it when I realised that my love for filmmaking is tremendous. So the germ of that idea was something that I could connect to. Of course, he sat down and wrote the screenplay, which is there for everyone to see. But it really started with a conversation."

## Filming Agar Main Kahoon in Delhi

"We were scouting for locations, and I had expressed how I'd like to do the shoot. After Humayun's Tomb, we moved to Hauz Khas and then to Tughlaqabad Fort. Since these were tombs and forts, we could not play the song out loud. The actors had to lip-sync. In the morning, nobody knew we were shooting, but by evening, the crowd arrived, knowing that Hrithik and Preity were shooting. We wanted to take a shot of Hrithik dancing in the sunset, but it was not possible due to the crowd. To this day, people come to me and say, Oh! You did *Agar Main Kahoon*," says Vaibhavi Merchant who choreographed the song.



"When he (Farhan) came with the idea, I almost said that there is no need for me to hear the script. Javed *sahab* is writing it, and Farhan is directing it; that's enough for me," said Amitabh Bachchan, who played the role of Col Sunil Datta.



There was no other working title for the film. In the screenplay, there is a very important scene in which the character Karan Shergill tells Romilla that he has finally found what his goal is. The word for that was "*lakshya*"

## Did You Know?

- Hrithik asked gentlemen cadets to teach him how to execute training shots and what to look out for.
- While the hairstylists were not on board with the Hrithik's haircut initially, Farhan insisted that he wanted Hrithik's hair cut same as the other cadets. Farhan wanted Hrithik to look like one of the cadets from the IMA.
- A major chunk of the film was shot in Ladakh at 13,000 feet altitude.
- All the actors attended a boot camp in Ladakh and the movie was filmed for five months in Ladakh.



Farhan Akhtar shared, "There is a simple thing that anybody who is not from the Army doesn't know - soldiers never ever get down on their knees. The soldiers of the Indian Army do not kneel. Getting down on your knees is not considered right - either lie down or stand. These kind of things were learnings for us. We also had soldiers from the Indian Army fighting alongside actors. They obviously were trained and knew what to do."

Talking about the film's music, Farhan says, "*Lakshya*'s title song is a very difficult song to sing because it goes from low to high in short bursts. The only reason one doesn't realise it is because Shankar Mahadevan is singing it"



"Films or any pieces of creative work are created at a particular time in a person's life, within a specific societal context, and (according to) the cinematic environment of that period. To gauge anything by the standards of 20 years later is always, I think, a mistake. Having said that, I look back at it with the fondest memories. It was extremely challenging and difficult to put that film together. We had some kind of youthful exuberance inside us as filmmakers, and Hrithik and Preity as actors. None of us had done this kind of film before, and that energy translated on screen."

— Farhan Akhtar

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