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CHHAYA
KADAM

For me, the most important thing is my character; the director or production house comes later. I want to do different characters, and I want to get a chance to learn with every film

MY CHARACTER IS MOST IMPORTANT; THE DIRECTOR COMES LATER: CHHAYA

Niharika Lal

When Chhaya Kadam attended Cannes this year, she debuted with a double punch: *All We Imagine As Light* in the main competition and *Sister Midnight* in the Directors' Fortnight. While Payal Kapadia's debut became the first Indian film to be awarded a Grand Prix, the films at Cannes are not the only ones that have captured Kadam's versatility so far. With small roles in hits like *Jawan*, *Ahadhun* and *Sairat*, Kadam often leaves audiences scratching their heads, trying to

recognise her from one film to the next. She recalled an incident where, upon exiting one of her screenings, she was asked, "How was the film?" because the questioner didn't recognise her. However, her recent role as Manju Mai in *Laapataa Ladies* and her dialogues became so viral that now she's even stopped at grocery stores by fans eager to recite her lines from the film. In a chat at the MIFF closing ceremony, Chhaya spoke to us about her Cannes debut, *Laapataa Ladies*, and how she picks her roles.



Chhaya Kadam's depiction of Manju Mai in *Laapataa Ladies* has a fan-following of its own

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Being a mom is greater than anything I have done in my life: Sushmita



Sushmita with her daughters Renee and Alisah

Onkar Kulkarni

Sushmita Sen's elder daughter Renee turns 25 this September. A proud mother of two—Renee and Alisah—the actress wants to give herself a pat on her back as she looks back at her journey as a mother. Sushmita, who has been a single parent to her two adopted daughters, says, "I want to give myself a pat on my back as a mother everyday. That's self-love. I am not someone who has to be told *ki aap kitni achchi maa hai*. I already know that (smiles). Being a parent was a different experience at different age groups. It was challenging throughout because I have done it alone. And so, the

perception that 'Oh! She is Sushmita Sen, and she can do it,' is not true. It is harder to be me and do it. It has been a very gratifying experience. I often say that I am as old as my children, so it is not like I know more than them; I am learning everyday with them."

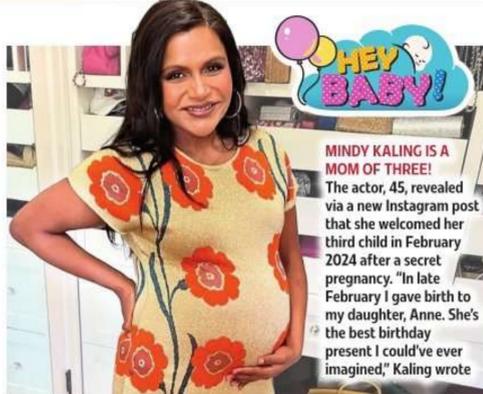
Talking about how motherhood changed her, Sushmita, who stepped into the OTT space with projects like *Aarya* and *Taali*, shares, "Being a mother has given me a sense of purpose. It's far greater than being a creative artist and far greater than anything else I have done in my life. It gives me this feeling that something will live on as love after you are done and dusted."



Buzzstop

ELON WELCOMES HIS 12TH CHILD

ELON MUSK has confirmed that he and Neuralink executive Shimon Zilis welcomed their third child together earlier this year. This makes it Musk's 12th child. Elon Musk's children include twins, triplets, and X Æ A-Xii and Exa Dark Sideræl.



HEY BABY!

MINDY KALING IS A MOM OF THREE!

The actor, 45, revealed via a new Instagram post that she welcomed her third child in February 2024 after a secret pregnancy. "In late February I gave birth to my daughter, Anne. She's the best birthday present I could've ever imagined," Kaling wrote



Jaaved Jaferi and Meezaan

MEEZAAN AND DAD JAAVED JAAFERI TO SHARE SCREEN SPACE FOR THE FIRST TIME

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ISN'T #3 BETTER FOR VIRAT, ASK FANS AFTER DISMIAL RUN

With just 66 runs in 6 matches, Kohli has had a forgettable T20 World Cup so far. Social media is now abuzz with suggestions from fans asking the Indian team management not to send Kohli out as an opener

1, 4, 0, 24, 37, 0

Talk of the town

Average after 6 matches: 11

Wasiyullah Budyé @WasiyullahB

Someone send him back to 3

Fallen Democracy @TheKhanNow

Virat Kohli seems bored without Pak Team. He doesn't feel like playing.

Vinay Kumar Dokania @VinayDokania

Opening is not his cup of tea

Manoj nayak @Nmanoj183

Bring virat Kohli at no.3 yarr

Kohli's form has been a topic of discussion online since the start of the T20 World Cup



Virat Kohli in this World Cup. 1, 4, 0, 24, 37, 0 = 66 runs
Rohit Sharma with 4s and 6s yesterday. - 28+48 = 76 runs
We haven't seen both Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli performing well in same T20 World Cup.

'IMPATIENT, HAS NOT LIVED UP TO HIS POTENTIAL, BUT JUDGED TOO HARSHLY'

"There will be ups and downs. Poor form could even be due to food, weather, and, most importantly, the pitch!"
— Gokulnath, a cricket fan from Chennai

"Virat should have stuck to his original position and let someone like Yashasvi Jaiswal open with Rohit Sharma. He hasn't been able to deliver so far, but it's just a matter of time. I think the memo is clear - play aggressive cricket and score in the first 6-7 overs. India's opening pair is trying to do that."
— Sameer Kakodkar, entrepreneur, Mumbai

"I feel we are being too harsh on Virat. Before the India-Australia match, we were saying similar things about Rohit Sharma but he silenced his critics. Virat is a big match player and his class is permanent. I am sure he will regain his form and perform well in the semi-final. Also, let us not forget that he played a crucial innings (37 off 28 balls) in our victory over Bangladesh, which was an important match."
— Gunjan Sawant, a corporate professional, Ahmedabad

"I get that he is among the most important players but we need to remember that this is a World Cup and we cannot afford to give chances to someone who is out of form. Why do we have to get him to open with Rohit Sharma? Yashasvi Jaiswal is on the bench. Why not give him a chance?"
— Adarsha Chatterjee, a freelancer, Pune

"Virat is a champion cricketer, but he can't be expected to be the shining star in every match. Cricket is a team sport and maybe this time it's someone else's turn to step up. Don't forget that Virat is the highest run-scorer in T20 World Cup history!"
— Adarsh Balakrishna, actor, Hyderabad

"His slow batting was criticised in IPL but still he was the highest scorer and improved his strike rate considerably in the later phase of IPL. It's true that Kohli has not lived up to his potential and there is no specific reason. Maybe #3 would have been a better batting position for him on these slow pitches to build the innings. He is a big match player, and he is going to perform in the semis/finals. This might be the last time we are seeing the King in India colours in T20 format and let's just celebrate the man."
— Ananda S Choudhuri, actor, Kolkata

You know he cops a lot of criticism, which is not right. I don't know why he cops it, but there are a lot of people out there who are big Virat supporters, like all of us

— David Warner, Australian cricketer

— Inputs by Soumitra Das, Shourya Jha, Fahad Hussain, Priyanka Goud, Ruman Ganguly and Renuka Vyavahare

Level: Medium SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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

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

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

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. 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

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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.

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TAURUS: There is nothing wrong with changing some ideas or creating new goals. Let freedom be undismayed. A personal relationship with a work colleague will probably create tension and difficulties in the workplace. Frustrations and limitations could cause anxiety.

GEMINI: You show a propensity to engage in hard work and to obtain financial security. Pursuing freedom and play is now your responsibility. You will be able to communicate easily and should accomplish all that you aim for.

CANCER: You are able to keep your mind on your job. You could be forced into a situation that will not be to your benefit. You may think about a career change, if possible, avoid this for now.

LEO: Your energies are positive. It is time to grow up a bit. It would be wise of you to keep your opinions to yourself today, not everyone needs your advice. You shouldn't waste energy playing games today.

VIRGO: You can't feel blocked or frustrated. Your relationships intensify and you need to be aware of your tendency to act in a rather compulsive, demanding way. You may have tensions and difficult problems in your personal world. Try to understand that seeking help only weakens you.

LIBRA: Flow with the tide instead of going against it. The satisfaction you derive from experiences will help you to boost your own ego and confidence. There is a new radiation of light around you. You are effectively balancing your career and personal relationship.

SCORPIO: You feel good and full of inspiration. The problem is that you are likely to have an especially active mind and you could find that you are constantly coming up with new plans and ideas. Health matters are also to be concerned. Meditate deeply.

SAGITTARIUS: There is lots of gossip going around that concerns things that are no one's business but your own. By the time it gets back to you, you will be either totally enraged, or totally amused by it. If half of it were true, your life would be twice as exciting. Try to be diplomatic in your personal obligations.

CAPRICORN: Investments show positive results. The simplest solutions may solve the hardest problem. You could be fretting over hardships when you could easily resolve the situation by using simple, sound principles.

AQUARIUS: Communications are excellent. You would be best advised to keep in a more stable frame of mind and think things through sensibly. You should find that you are better able than ever to communicate on every level. It is about time you decided on fun, freedom and fantasy.

PISCES: You must wait for a particular plan of yours to launch. You won't reach a perfect agreement but perseverance will reconcile you. You may have embarrassing questions about your financial situation. You are longing for closeness, and reassurances.

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this season should be quick dry clothes that are lightweight and comfortable to wear. "Quick or rapid dry outfits are a must this monsoon as they repel water and dry quickly. They ensure that you won't feel weighed down by wet fabric if you get caught in a downpour," suggests Jane Frances, a stylist and wardrobe consultant.

PICK THE RIGHT SHOES
It's important to keep your feet warm and dry, particularly in the rainy season. "Choose open-toe or punctured footwear options to prevent fungal

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infections," explains Mohammed Gilani, the senior sales manager of a contemporary Indian fashion footwear and accessories brand.

OPT FOR DURABLE RAIN GEAR
When selecting rain gear, practicality is key. "A light, full-length raincoat is easy to carry and provides ample coverage. Look for one crafted in breathable fabric with adjustable features. A large folding umbrella is also ideal for heavy downpours," adds Frances.

In addition to outerwear, protecting one's personal belongings is important too. "Every monsoon, I purchase a waterproof mobile pouch and bag cover to shield my valuable electronics from rainwater," says Nainaz Irani, a senior manager at an IT solutions firm.

GUARD YOUR SKIN
For makeup and skincare, experts recommend products that are lightweight. Grishma Jadhav, a makeup artist, opines, "Waterproof makeup will stay intact, even if you get caught in the rain. It's also safer for those who wear contact lenses." She also suggests using a good exfoliator, hyaluronic serum and water-based moisturiser.

These products will ensure that you and your belongings stay protected in the rains.

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Navigating the rainy season requires a few must-have items to keep you comfortable and protected. Equip yourself with these accessories to sail through the season in comfort.

SWITCH TO QUICK DRY CLOTHING
The first and most important addition to your wardrobe

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The monsoon season in Mumbai is both a boon and a bane. Let's find out how you can stay in the pink of health during this time.

MIND YOUR FOOD HABITS
In the monsoon, one's health should be prioritised. Dr Nirmal Shah, a general physician, emphasises, "We normally see a spike in cases of waterborne diseases like

Don't let the weather get you down

Keep monsoon illnesses at bay by following these simple yet effective precautionary measures

wellness, make sure you take care of your mental well-being as well. The gloomy weather and restricted outdoor movement can affect one's state of mind. Read, exercise, or pursue other hobbies to keep your spirits up.

STEER CLEAR OF HARM
During heavy rains, it is crucial to drive carefully as roads can become slippery and visibility may be poor. Addition-

ally, refrain from walking in flooded areas as the water may be deep and could be contaminated, posing a risk of infections like leptospirosis and accidents. Pavan Sharma, a college student, shares, "Last year, I made the mistake of walking through a flooded street on my way home from college. I hurt my leg and developed a severe infection that took weeks to heal. After that harrowing experience, I avoid flooded areas at all costs and look for alternative routes in case of waterlogging."

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cholera and typhoid, and respiratory infections at this time. Last year, I treated a family suffering from severe gastroenteritis due to contaminated water. To avoid illnesses like this, ensure that you boil or help prevent food poisoning and other concerns. According to Kushi Pandit, a dietitian, one should steer clear of street food and be mindful of what they consume. She says, "It's essential to be careful about

FOLLOW GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES
Dengue and malaria cases are generally on the rise during the rainy season. Use mosquito repellents and eliminate stagnant water to avoid them. "Maintaining personal hygiene, washing hands regularly, and keeping the environment clean are essential for avoiding infections," advises Shah.

Besides physical hygiene. Additionally, avoid raw salads or cut fruits, and opt for freshly prepared meals instead." She also suggests adding immunity-boosting

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(L-R) Deputy CM of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis, CM of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde, Shaina NC, Nivedita Shreyans and Dr Aneel Kashi Murarka

Dr Aneel Kashi Murarka, known for his philanthropic work, is also an accomplished artist. Recently, he presented a painting of PM Narendra Modi and former Australian PM Tony Abbott to Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde, in the presence of the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis,

politician and fashion designer Shaina NC and Nivedita Shreyans. This presentation took place at the inaugural ceremony of the Marine Drive under-flyover beautification project, an initiative by Shaina NC, in memory of her late father, former Mumbai Sheriff Nana Chudasama.

Don't have the energy for challenging roles, says Jeremy Renner

Jeremy Renner says he lacks the energy required for challenging roles. The 53-year-old actor, who was seriously injured in a snowplough accident in January 2023, admits that the incident has changed the way he accepts roles. In a recent podcast, Jeremy, best-known for playing Hawkeye in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, said, "I don't have the energy for challenging roles anymore. I just can't go play make-believe right now. Because that takes a lot of time to get right."

I just can't go play make-believe right now. Because that takes a lot of time to get right

Jeremy recently returned to acting to shoot season three of *Mayor of Kingstown*, a crime thriller TV series. Talking about shooting it, he said, "I still struggle with it sometimes, but I know the show well, so it was easy for me to kind of slide back into it. But if it was a very challenging role, I couldn't have taken it."



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The sisterhood of travelling stars



Veteran actress Asha Parekh recently posted a series of photos from a Kashmir vacation with friends and colleagues Helen and Waheeda Rahman. The three of them are evidently living it up, sharing meals and posing for photos in the resplendent interiors of a houseboat. You cannot but melt into a smile at the captions #FriendsForever and #FunTime. Elsewhere, Deepthi Naval and Dimple Kapadia are living it up while on holiday in Manali.

What is it about these holiday snapshots, of moments and coffee shared by friends in the autumn of their lives that leaves us with that warm, fuzzy feeling that no hashtag can ever capture? Perhaps it has got to do with the fact these images are un-filtered, with no strings attached, no agenda. They are not about giving us friendship goals or offering us teasers to any "exquisite property" overlooking the snow caps.

These women could not really care less about likes or shares, neither are they interested in telling you more than what you need to know about their holiday plans or personal lives (the comments section make it evident).

It is perhaps best to take these images for what they are. Women bonding, enjoying the little joys of life - whether it is a cup of tea or laughing their heads off over silly jokes. But the extra love coming their way is also because we are perhaps accustomed to see stars of a certain vintage fade away.

The film industry has not always been kind to the amazing women who captured our imagination and ruled our hearts. A lot about their personal life has been shrouded in secrecy and silence as their betrayal, struggle, heartbreak made it to gossip columns or in some cases, powerful films. As Zeenat Aman has often indicated in her many notes, some scars are visible, some are not. And while the newer generation of tech and career savvy women seem more surefooted in the industry, to see the women of a certain era, enjoy their time in the sun, makes us happy.

Medical science has added years to our life. But the trick is to find how to add some life to those years. Someone could ask the ladies in the houseboat perhaps?

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SAMANTHA RUTH PRABHU is on a much-deserved getaway in Scotland. She posted photos of herself wielding a sword and shield, enjoying the countryside, and quoting William Wordsworth

Julia Roberts almost said no to Notting Hill

Julia Roberts read Notting Hill's script in 1997, but was reluctant to play an actress on the big screen. She reportedly told her agent, "What a stupid thing for me to do." She later said that playing an actress in the film was "one of the hardest things" she "ever had to do."

Did You Know?

Julia Roberts almost said no to Notting Hill

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DAD'S GETTIN' HIS 'GOLF ARROWS'. I DON'T CALL 'EM CLUBS 'CAUSE THEY GO FARTHER THAN THE BALL!"

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YEAH, AND I'M RARING TO GO!

NICE TO HEAR YOU'RE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SCHOOL!

I MEANT I'M RARING TO GO HOME!

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

By Emma Oxford 26/06/2024

ACROSS

- Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
- Stand-up individual?
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Place for a pint
- Miso soup mushroom
- Data processor's need
- Lenovo products
- "Be extremely helpful"
- Some pints
- Crying harder
- Tempo similar to largo
- Prepares, as a sleeping bag
- "Staged a fireworks show"
- Part of EV00
- Used DoorDash, say
- Auction site
- "Start of an instruction to an automated assistant"
- Very
- Rene of "Tin Cup"
- Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
- "Sensitive area"
- Frightening vision
- Part of TNT
- Do over and over
- "Begone!"
- Colorful elements of a meadow, and what can be found at the starts of the answers to the starred clues?
- Convent figure
- Adult stage in insects
- Provide an address
- Here, in France
- Airport structure
- "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" host Aisha
- "Evita" role

DOWN

- Revolt
- Atomic cores
- Playing hooky, perhaps
- Cartoon still
- "Roger that, boss!"
- Make emotional
- Maker of Ektorp sofas
- Fruit type that tends to be in season in winter
- Kathy Bates film based on a Stephen King novel
- Month after dicembre
- Mo. after Mar.
- Hon
- Sault ___ Marie
- Sty sound
- Queen Anne's house
- Free: contact lens solution
- Piercing spot
- "Not true!"
- Devious
- "Your, in Tours
- Dash, quaintly
- ___ nous
- Characters in some texts
- Sluggish Sammy
- Guessing game
- Ger. neighbor
- Nashville sch.
- ID on a Barnes & Noble buy
- Outraged
- Tool, as an exam
- Baseball analyst
- Hershiser
- Transplant
- Pertaining to a certain culture
- Catcher's stance
- Nickname for the Canadian \$2 coin
- Small fly
- Out of whack
- Blue-green shade
- Art Deco icon
- Cleverness
- Brief "I would say ..."
- Order's partner
- Msg. from a pulpit

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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OWNS MOMA JAPED

PROM COOS AORTA

TARE CHESS CLOCK

ITSAGO OAK AHA

CHERRYPICK SCAR

ASIN SLAT

SPLIT ETS ALIVE

NIECE THE NAVAL

OTTER YEP CHECK

MUSS RISE

WEEP CHEAPTRICK

ICH LOO OSAKAN

CHEVYTRUCK BEBE

COLIN NAPE BAIL

ASPEN SEAS ISNT

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

LOOP THE LOOP

TIMES HITORI

SPELLATHON

SCRAMBLE

Words: Voice, slurr, tycoon, abrupt

Answer: The most can do for my friend is simply be his friend - Henry David Thoreau

BOOTLEG, globe, goblet, robe, boot, begot, belt, hole, hole, bolt, boot.

I WANT TO DO DIVERSE ROLES & LEARN WITH EACH FILM: CHHAYA

Tejas Kudtarkar



Chhaya Kadam and the cast of *All We Imagine As Light* didn't just attend the film's screening at Cannes, they also broke into a celebratory dance on the red carpet

'During the Laapataa Ladies audition I kept saying, 'Yeh log Marathi actress kyun lenge?''

Her dialogues as Manju Mai in *Laapataa Ladies* went viral soon after the film's release. Chhaya says, "Sonu Anand, the dialect trainer, worked really hard with us so we got the dialect right. Har language mein ek lehja hota hai, woh karne mein bahut maza aata hai. Lekin *Laapataa* ke waqt mujhe thoda darr tha. Tab tak maine jo Hindi film mein ki thi, unmein mera role Maharashtrian hota tha. But this character (in *Laapataa Ladies*) was from UP. So I was like, I don't want to get caught. In fact, I used to say, 'Yeh log Marathi actress kyun lenge?' (for the role). But I'm grateful to Kiran Rao and Aamir Khan that they thought I could do this character."



Chhaya as Manju Mai in *Laapataa Ladies*

about three different women and their friendship. It's about Mumbai. Mumbai ek aisa shehar hai jahan kahan-kahan se log aate hain aur bas jaate hain. Yeh film unki kahani hai. I played the role of Parvati, a woman from Konkani who stays in Mumbai. When I learnt about Parvati's role, I realised that I had Parvati in me and felt that it was written for me."

'I'LL NEVER SAY, MAINE KYA BAKWAS FILM KI THI. NAHI. USS WAQT MERE LIVE WOH BAHUT IMPORTANT FILM THI'

Over the years, Kadam has played strong women characters in Marathi films such as Naani in *Fandry* (2013), Suman Akka in *Sairat* (2016), and Chandrakka in *Nude* (2018). Talking about how she chooses

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scripts, she says, "For me, the most important thing is my character; the director or production house comes later. I want to do diverse characters, and I want to get a chance to learn with every film. Sometimes, there is a good script, sometimes there are good people, and sometimes it's about the bank balance. Sometimes, I also feel like, why did I do this film? At present, people are talking about my good films. But the good films I did were possible because of the other films I worked in. Un filmon ne mujhe uss waqt support kiya financially. Unki badaulat hi aaj main achhi film kar rahi hoon. I'll never say, maine kya bakwas film ki thi. Nahi. Uss waqt mere liye woh bahut important thi. Uss waqt uss kaam ke liye bhi maine utni hi koshish ki thi."

Meezaan & dad Jaaved to share screen space for the first time



Jaaved Jaferi with son Meezaan

Father-son duo Meezaan and Jaaved Jaferi are set to come together on the silver screen for the first time. A source says the two have started shooting for Ajay Devgn's upcoming film *De De Pyaar De 2*. The Luv Ranjan directorial is the sequel to Ajay's 2019 film, which also featured Rakul Preet Singh and Tabu.

The source tells us, "Luv Ranjan has been extremely tight-lipped about the project. It is said that Meezaan plays Rakul Preet's ex or new love interest, while Jaaved is expected to essay the role of Meezaan's father. The two have started shooting for it." Meezaan, who made his Bollywood debut with *Malaal* in 2019, was last seen in *Yaariyan 2* (2003).

Director Luv Ranjan has been very tight-lipped about the project. Jaaved and Meezaan have already started shooting

— A source

De De Pyaar De 2 also stars R Madhavan. It remains to be seen whether Tabu will be a part of the sequel. "The makers want to keep that as a surprise element. She may return with a cameo," the source adds.

— Vinay MR Mishra

Jaideep Ahlawat loses 26 kilos, shows off body transformation



Actor Jaideep Ahlawat on Monday shared the journey of his physical transformation on social media, revealing that he has lost 26 kg in five months. Posting before-and-after photos on Instagram, he wrote, "From 109.7 Kg to 83 Kg in 5 months (sic)." Ahlawat had gained the weight for a project and losing

the flab was a challenge he had taken up for another role, he revealed in the post. Director Siddharth Malhotra praised the actor, commenting, "Bhai the dedication and devotion you have put and given to this role and character can't be put in words! Always indebted to you (sic)."

Jaideep Ahlawat; (left) the before-and-after photos he shared on Instagram

Pics: @jaideepahlawat

From 109.7 kgs to 83 kgs in five months. That's the physical transformation for a role

— Jaideep wrote on Instagram as he shared pictures of his weight loss

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Karisma Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor Khan

My ultimate hero: Kareena pens a note on sister Karisma's 50th birthday

Kareena Kapoor Khan shared a sweet note for sister Karisma Kapoor on social media along with a video of throwback images on the latter's 50th birthday yesterday. "Happy birthday to my ultimate HERO. 50 is the new 30 gurl. Big breakfasts, lots of coffee and aperols, chic bags, long conversations with me, laughter and dancing, Chinese food, and all the time with your two babies forever.. That's what I wish for you... #LoloKaBirthday (sic)," wrote Kareena. Karisma's close buddy Amrita Arora also shared unseen pictures with the *Raja Hindustani* actress and wrote, "To our absolutely lovely Lolo. You make 50 look delishhhhh, Gurl!! To more loudddd nights of fun, laughter, imitations, in-bed conversations, on-the-phone banter, and picking up ur phone more often. Happy birthday, my calm voice of reason, we love you so much (sic)." Her sister Malaika, who is also a part of the girl gang, wrote, "You make 50 look so effortless Lolo. Happy birthday... We love you (sic)."

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