

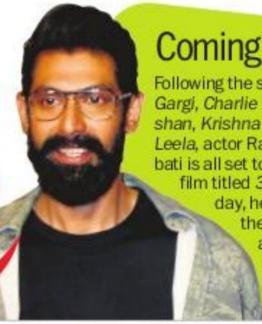
EMERGENCY RELEASE DATE OUT



Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut's film *Emergency* has finally got a new release date. Last month, Kangana announced the postponement of the movie due to her election campaign. The film is all set to release on September 6 now.

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Coming up

Following the success of Gargi, Charlie 777, Paresan, Krishna and His Leela, actor Rana Daggubati is all set to present a film titled 35. On Tuesday, he unveiled the poster and the title.

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Bigg dream gets bigger



IN A FEW WORDS...

Which artiste inspired you initially to become a singer?
Michael Jackson.

Indian musicians you follow on Instagram?
Darshan Raval, Diljit Dosanjh and Mitraz.

Languages you would love to learn?
English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Punjabi.

Your best live-performance so far?
Sanskriti University, Mathura, where I performed last year.

Next goal to achieve?
I want to act and dance.

Favourite Indian cities?
Mumbai, Chennai.

Next destination on your travel list?
Hyderabad.

Unwinding activity?
I move my body a lot and think a lot of good thoughts.

Favourite Indian dish?
Dosa.

Underrated Korean dish that Indians must try?
Kimbab; I think Indian people will like it because it contains a lot of vegetables.

Best street food you had in India?
Samosa.

Accessories you can't leave without when stepping out?
Rings and earrings.

What do your friends call you?
Psycho.

Annoying habit your friends don't like about you?
I answer quickly because I am an impatient personality.

Fashion brand you love?
BLR! It is a Korean street brand, and the design is unusual and unique. I wear it when doing special shoots.

One word for Indian fashion?
Colourful.

How do you want to be known to the world?
Fun and cool, like a friend who makes you feel happy.

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SHEETAL

K-POP sensation Aora's charm is spreading like wildfire in India, especially after his stint in reality show *Bigg Boss* last year. Many relate to the singer for he embraces India's culture and traditions like his own. Talking to *The Tribune*, he pours his heart out.

In 2022, Aora listened to Indian music for the first time, a song called *Cham Cham*. The rhythm just clicked with him and from there on he started searching for more Indian music. He recounts, "At that time I did not know India had many different languages. But I resonated with all kinds of music that India offers. When I visited India for the first time, the love I received from people here made me feel very warm. So in many ways, India acted as catalyst in my journey of self-growth."

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

As the South Korean singer recently performed live in South India, he recalls his experience as a memorable one, "I have

always loved South Indian music and was looking forward to performing there. I am grateful that my first show was a huge success." Besides singing songs in many Indian languages, Aora is keen to become a Bollywood hero and Shah Rukh Khan is his idol, "I would love to sing and act in Indian films. If there is a good show and I get an opportunity, I would love to explore television too."

As for the similarities and differences in Indian and Korean film as well as music industry, Aora says, "Stress in Korea is much higher. Too much pressure on perfection, but in India there is more freedom."

LANGUAGE NO BAR

When it comes to singing a song in a different language, Aora says it is a challenge, "I translate the lyrics into English and then to Korean. I try to understand the feeling and meaning so that when I sing, I can express it well. I also listen to the song more than 100 times to get the diction correct."

Rest assured Aora knows the meaning of the viral song *Akh Lari Bado-Badi*, a reel he made for Instagram!

'ALL RELIGIONS TEACH US HOW TO LOVE'

One of Aora's many dedicated social media posts about India highlights his visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. He also sang holy verses of *Sukhmani Sahib* in the reel. From a country like South Korea where many practise Christianity or Buddhism, it makes one wonder what makes him croon devotional songs like *Raghupati Raghav?* He explains, "I do not practise any religion, but I am very spiritual. At the end of the day, we all are humans and all religions teach us how to love."

"I have visited Amritsar twice now and both times it was a very calming experience. The Golden Temple has a special allure that keeps attracting me. I would love to go again."



Aora at the Golden Temple in Amritsar

Fashion is her forte

Actress Sonam Kapoor, who is known for her impeccable fashion sense, made a striking appearance at Dior's Haute Couture Fall/Winter Show in Paris. On her Instagram account, Sonam shared glimpses from the event. The *Ranjhaana* actress wore Dior's Spectador pump. Complementing the pumps, Sonam donned a rich brown leather jacket featuring an American flag motif. To complete her look, Sonam chose a grey wool skirt, and a navy polka dot tie, which added a playful yet sophisticated touch.

The show that took place on Monday featured the latest couture collections from Dior, drawing top fashion names from around the world. The *Neerjha* actress has become a regular fixture at international fashion events, including Paris Fashion Week, King Charles' Coronation, and the Cannes Film Festival, where she was the first Indian actress to attend.

A recent report listed Sonam among the most influential celebrities for luxury fashion brands in 2023, placing her alongside names like Zendaya and Kylie Jenner. Her presence at Dior's show continues this trend, showcasing her impact on the fashion industry.

Apart from her fashion credentials, Sonam has also become the sole Indian actress to be on the South Asia Acquisition Committee of the Tate Modern Museum.

Sonam recently starred in the crime thriller *Blind*, which premiered on July 7, 2023. The actress is also preparing for two upcoming projects, with details to be announced soon. — ANI



Sonam Kapoor looks stunning at the Dior Fall-Winter Haute Couture Show in Paris

Paris-based and Mauritius-born DJ Greg says he is quite at home in India, as he finds no major differences between the people of his native country and here

Familiar notes

SAUMYA SINGH

Mauritius-born DJ Greg is surprised at the music scene he is witnessing in India. After Delhi and Hyderabad, Greg recently performed in Chandigarh, courtesy Alliance Francaise de Chandigarh, Sector-36. "I have been here for a few days. I've seen the streets, the people and the food. They are very similar to our people and our food, so it's almost like home for me," he says.

Greg, who is excited about Hindustani

classical music, says he will like to collaborate with Indian artistes at some point. He says, "I am in contact with an Indian group called MadStarBase, and we are planning to remix some old songs. I plan to invite them to my radio show back in France, and maybe work together on some music." The DJ has a radio show in Paris, a place he now calls home. He invites DJs from all over the world to showcase their talent on it. "I look forward to inviting Indian DJs as well."

Talking about his signature style, he goes

for fusion of different genres with electronic music being one major component. "I pick up elements from various places and try to bring all of that into my creations. However, music of my native land has a major influence on me." The 23-year-old artiste has been in this profession since he moved to Paris about four years ago.

"The past four years of my professional life have gone by really quickly and I feel lucky that I get to do this. It was initially my passion, but now is my profession," he says.

