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Wedding bells: Actor Amy Jackson looks all set to exchange vows with fiancé, Hollywood actor Ed Westwick. The couple arrived at their wedding venue on Italy's stunning Amalfi Coast, sharing in-flight moments with Ed's family. Later, they posted snaps from a 'wedding party', including a romantic kiss with Amy in a gorgeous white gown. Ed captioned a photo, "Let's go get married, baby! You're gonna need to change your IG handle. We had a chilled Pizza and Pasta night to welcome our family and the wedding party. The vibes are perfect."

'I AM AT EASE NOW!'

In his first interview after announcing his retirement, cricketer Shikhar Dhawan tells Sharat Bhattatiripad and Sonal Kalra that he feels immense gratitude in this moment

One of the most successful ODI openers for India, former skipper Shikhar Dhawan, announced his retirement from all formats of cricket this morning. The 38-year-old, who holds the world record for the fastest test century for a debutant, spoke exclusively to HTCITY about his decision and future plans.

I achieved 100% of my potential. I played all three formats — test, ODI and T20 — for my country and gave my best.
SHIKHAR DHAWAN, Cricketer

Was it an emotional and tough decision for you to announce your retirement?
Not tough, but it is emotional, yes, but not in the sense of me being sad about it. I feel the emotion of gratitude and love. I have given half of my waking life to cricket, and it's time now to retire, or rather, give 'vishraam' to

it. I'm totally enjoying relaxing and spending time at home.

(laughs). I'm sure that the love I get from people will continue to grow.

But were you scared that all the fame would now fade away?

Why will I lose fame if I give up cricket? Who knows, fame might also increase. Main logon ke dilon mein basa hua hoon. Not only through cricket, sometimes even through my Instagram Reels

You are deeply spiritual. Did spirituality help you navigate your cricketing journey, and now your post-retirement life?

Absolutely. When I started playing cricket, I practised the power of manifesting success. I used to regularly write down my dreams in a journal. And I never

said, 'I want to achieve'. I always believed I had achieved it already. As for post-retirement, Sister Shivani from the Brahma Kumaris faith says that we should be like birds: 'Ek tehni chhodte hain toh doosri mil jaati hai'. I am sure there are various new branches waiting for me.

Do you feel you achieved all your dream goals in cricket, or is there something that remained unfulfilled?

Nothing at all. I achieved 100% of my potential. I played all three formats — test, ODI and T20 — for my country and gave my best. I feel complete; I am at ease now.

If you had to recall the most favourite innings of your career, which one

would it be?

There's more than one. My test debut in 2013, where I made 187 against Australia. When I made a century in 85 balls, I had no clue that I had set a world record for the fastest century by a debutant. Then there was the 2019 ODI World Cup innings at the Oval against Australia. I was playing at 25 runs when that happened. I just downed a painkiller and continued batting. I made 117 of 109 balls in that inning and was the player of the match. I'm thankful to my captain, MS Dhoni, for backing me.



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Desi girl is home

PRIYANKA CHOPRA JONAS arrived in Mumbai early Friday, sparking excitement among fans. While her visit is tied to the trailer launch of her upcoming Marathi production, speculation is rife that her visit could have something to do with her brother Siddharth Chopra's recent engagement to Neelam Upadhyaya.

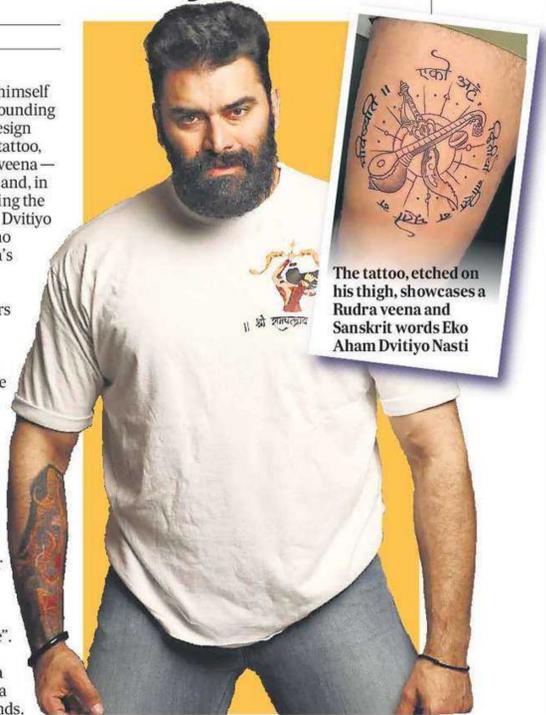
Nikitin's reply to Ravana tattoo row: Mandbuddhi logon ne kuch read hi nahin kiya hota

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Actor Nikitin Dheer recently found himself at the centre of a controversy surrounding his new tattoo, which features a design deeply rooted in Hindu mythology. The tattoo, etched on his thigh, showcases a Rudra veena — traditionally associated with Lord Shiva and, in some instances, with Ravana. Surrounding the veena are the Sanskrit words Eko Aham Dvitiyo Nasti, translating to "I am One, there is no second," a phrase emblematic of Ravana's belief in his unparalleled greatness and devotion to Shiva. However, the tattoo sparked criticism online, with some users mistakenly identifying the veena as the Raghunatha veena, which is linked to Goddess Saraswati. A user commented, "Bhai yeh Saraswati Veena hein ise leg pe nhi banwana tha", while another wrote, "Wrong place of body".

Unfazed by the criticism, Dheer says, "People who understood Ravana praised the tattoo. Those with a narrow perspective, who haven't delved into our history, mythology, etc. have a tiny, limited vision. Yeh mandbuddhi logon ne kuch read hi nahin kiya hota, unhe kuch kaise pata hoga." Dheer, known for his portrayal of Ravana in the TV show *Shrimad Ramayan*, also dismisses the notion that a religious tattoo cannot be placed on certain body parts as "juvenile". "I got a Mahadev tattoo on my arm, and people said, 'ki yahan par nahi banaana chahiye'. We are taught that our body is a temple; so no body part is impure," he ends.

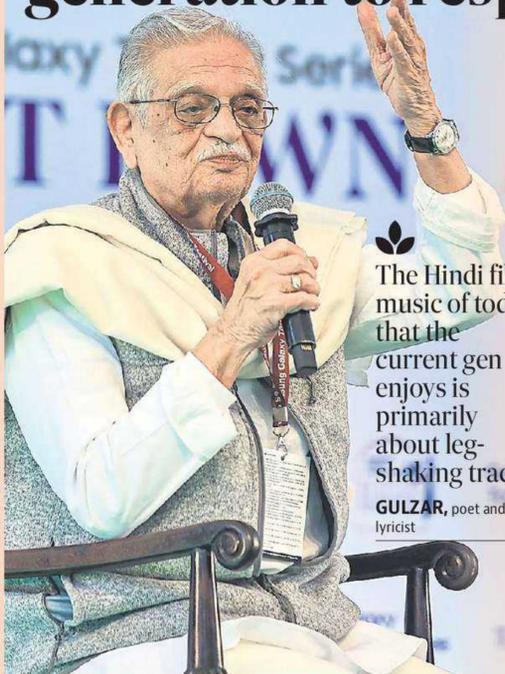


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Gulzar: Important for the current generation to respect ghazal

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GULZAR, poet and lyricist

From the soul-stirring albums *Mirza Ghalib to Marasim* and *Jazbaat*, Gulzar has gifted us with some of the most memorable ghazals. As the veteran poet and lyricist turned 90 on Sunday (August 18), his passion for the genre remains undiminished. His mission? To ensure that "today's generation not only understands, but also respects the richness of ghazal and semi-classical music".

Speaking to us, Gulzar emphasises, "The Hindi film music of today that the current generation enjoys is primarily about leg-shaking tracks, driven by beats alone. But genres like ghazal and semi-classical music make your heart groove. Aapka sir jhoomta hai aur haath taal deta rehta hai. It's important for the current generation to appreciate these music forms and their depth."

The lyricist also mentions that he is selective about the Bollywood projects he takes on, explaining, "Film music is just one aspect; many other things

keep me busy." He goes on to share his latest project, "I've recently released a ghazal album titled *Dil Pareshan Karta Hai*, featuring young ghazal singer Sumeet Tappoo and composer Bhavdeep Jaipurwale."

He chuckles as he describes the inspiration behind the title track of his new ghazal album: "Bhavdeep wanted me to write something light-hearted that the current generation could relate to. He was impressed with my song *Dil Toh Bachcha Hai Ji* (*Ishqiyaa*, 2010) and asked for something along similar lines. I thought, aaj bhale sabka dil bachcha na ho, par pareshan karta hai. That's how the hookline of the ghazal came about. I hope today's listeners connect with it."

Aside from music, what else keeps him occupied? "I've translated poems by more than 400 poets. More recently, I translated contemporary poetry in 34 Indian languages by 279 poets. It took me nine years to complete, and it has now become a book. That's my calling now, something like that," he wraps up.

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Exclusive

'I WANT TO DO SOMETHING NEW AND BIGGER; NOT AFRAID OF FALLING'

Sonal Kalra and Sharat Bhattatiripad

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At this juncture, as you bid farewell to your cricketing career, who would you wish to thank?

My parents and family, for sure. They unconditionally supported me all through. And my coaches, especially from the early years. My earliest coaches, Mr Madan Sharma and Tarik Sinha sir, formed the foundation of my career. I sure want to thank BCCL. All the coaches of the Indian team, as well as the team of physios, helped me tremendously. Then, of course, the captains under whom I

played. Dhoni bhai, for teaching me how to stay composed. Rohit (Sharma), who taught me how to keep the team together. Virat, of course, has been my buddy from Delhi, who showed me what real discipline and zeal for performance is all about. I have everyone to thank for something they taught me.

You have started a lot of ventures already. DaOne Group, your foundation, your talk show Dhawan Karenga, a cameo in the film Double XL... You've also invested heavily in your sports technology fund, Yashaa, and now bought a team in the Delhi Premier League. Where do you see

yourself devoting most time after retirement?

My vision is to be successful and create wealth, not just for myself but for all those who are associated with me in my ventures. I'm open to everything, be it business, entertainment or even politics. I just want to go with the flow. My new affirmation is that I am God's instrument; I would surrender myself to doing whatever God wants me to do. I just know that whatever I do will be a level above what I've already reached. My motto for myself as well as for all those who work with me is to have success and happiness go hand in hand.

Typically, cricketers look for



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Zoravar (son) is 11 now. More than as a cricketer, I would like for him to remember me as a good human being who does good deeds and brings positivity.

SHIKHAR DHAWAN, Cricketer

I would happily do it in case I added any value to the film. As for other actors, I would love for Akshay paaji (Akshay Kumar) to do it, or even Ranveer Singh, for the sheer energy he has.

You are an inspiration for single fathers... How do you want your son, Zoravar, to remember your cricketing career?

Zoravar is 11 now. But more than as a cricketer, I would like for Zoravar to remember me as a good human being who does good deeds and brings positivity to people around him.

Dua Lipa set to perform in India later this year

Pop star Dua Lipa is headed to India. The singer is all set to headline the Feeding India Concert on November 30 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The concert will take place in Mumbai's MMRDA Ground in the Bandra-Kurla Complex. "My recent trip to India was a beautiful reminder of how much I love this place. The warmth and energy I felt was amazing," Dua said in a statement, referring to her 2023 visit to the country. She added, "I can't wait to return to perform for an incredible audience." The upcoming performance comes as part of the singer's previously announced Asia leg of her Radical Optimism Tour, in support of her third album, *Radical Optimism*. Singers Jonita Gandhi and Talwinder are also scheduled to perform at the concert.



Dua Lipa

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Ayesha Takia deactivates Instagram account after being trolled for 'plastic surgery' over recent pics



Ayesha Takia's selfie (above) that sparked the rumours

Earlier this year, former actor Ayesha Takia Azmi's looks were picked apart by online trolls after she was spotted with her son at the Mumbai airport. Now, after facing a fresh round of trolling amid plastic surgery rumours, the former actor has deactivated her Instagram account. After Ayesha posted a picture of herself in a blue and gold saree on August 19, some social media users claimed that she looked "almost unrecognisable" after having "undergone plastic surgery". Amid all the chatter around her 'new' look, the former actor's Instagram account is now deactivated. She is yet to issue a statement, unlike in February this year when she schooled people for "dissecting" and obsessing over her appearance and insinuating that she was looking to make a comeback in films. The former actor is married to restaurateur Farhan Azmi, who happens to be politician Abu Azmi's son. They have a 12-year-old son together named Mikail.

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It's vacay time for the stars! Actor Ram Charan recently shared a pic with his family on their trip to Paris, France. The holiday is also his daughter Klin Kaara's first trip with her grandparents, actor Chiranjeevi and Surekha. On the same day, Ram also posted a separate snap with his dad to wish him on his birthday. "Happiest birthday, Appa!!" he captioned the post.



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ARIES
MAR 21-APR 20

 You will manage to complete all formalities to acquire a new property. Play safe by keeping your seniors informed of whatever decisions you take at work. A good workout routine will keep you fit. **LOVE FOCUS:** Meeting someone who has special regards for you is likely to bring back old romantic memories. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 11 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Pink

LEO
JUL 23-AUG 23

 You will succeed in adding to your already healthy bank balance. Health remains good. Total commitment will be the key to reach your professional goals. **LOVE FOCUS:** Your romantic overtures are likely to be reciprocated, so expect love life to blossom! **LUCKY NUMBER:** 18 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Brown

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

 An event in your life may reaffirm your faith in religious beliefs. You are likely to give a good account of yourself at work. Homemakers may look for a break. **LOVE FOCUS:** You will find the opportunity to express your romantic feelings for your mate. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Brown

TAURUS
APR 21-MAY 20

 A good routine will find you full of verve. Doing well academically will add to your prestige. Undertaking a city tour to see some new places will be fun. This seems to be an excellent day for you. **LOVE FOCUS:** Promises made to lover are likely to be kept. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Green

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEP 23

 A good diet and adequate rest finds you in the pink of health. You are set to get your dues for an accomplishment. You will bounce back after setbacks at work. **LOVE FOCUS:** Those in a long-term relationship may decide to tie the knot. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Peach

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 21

 You may take up a fitness regimen as a hobby. Financially, you may find yourself on the upswing. You will find things progressing well professionally. Peace and serenity is assured on the home front. **LOVE FOCUS:** Spending time with lover is possible. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

GEMINI
MAY 21-JUN 21

 Joining health or yoga classes will be a step in the right direction. This is a good time to buy property. It will be important to gather all the facts before making a decision at work. **LOVE FOCUS:** Spending time with lover is likely to prove most fulfilling. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Blue

LIBRA
SEP 24-OCT 23

 Socially, you may find yourself much in demand. An exciting trip with family cannot be ruled out. A professional task will be concluded satisfactorily. **LOVE FOCUS:** Love interest will help you unwind and make life fulfilling. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 1 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Light Red

AQUARIUS
JAN 22-FEB 19

 Things begin to appear promising academically. You are likely to prove an asset to the organisation you are working for. Your financial situation is set to improve. **LOVE FOCUS:** Love life will prove most satisfying as lover showers you with love and affection. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Pink

CANCER
JUN 22-JUL 22

 Some of you may be preparing for a new career. Driving out of town for an official trip is possible for some. Someone may seek your help at home, so be available. **LOVE FOCUS:** Spending time with beloved and exchanging sweet nothings will prove most rewarding. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 6 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Peach

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

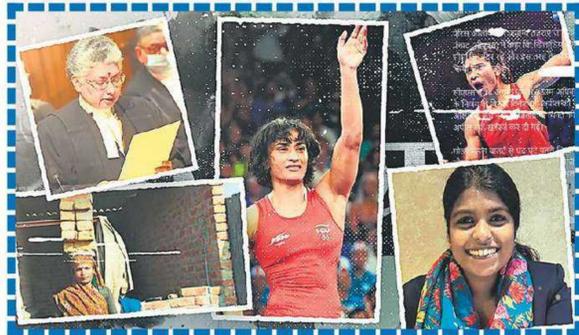
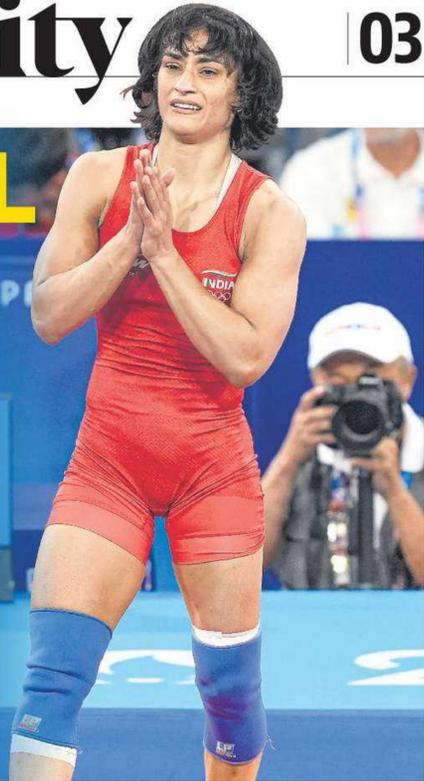
 You are likely to reap the benefits of past investments. Your efficiency is likely to be praised. At those thinking of buying property can find some good bargains. **LOVE FOCUS:** Your efforts on the romantic front are likely to prove successful. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 17 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Green

PISCES
FEB 20-MAR 20

 Success is foretold on the academic front. You can be the life of the party. You can become part of an exciting trip to someplace exotic. Financially, you will manage to save adequately. **LOVE FOCUS:** Spending quality time with lover is indicated. **LUCKY NUMBER:** 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Maroon

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO VINESH PHOGAT ON HER BIRTHDAY

A single that celebrates the Indian wrestler's achievements and indomitable spirit will be released tomorrow to mark her 30th birthday



A screengrab from the music video

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Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the women's 50kg wrestling event at the Paris 2024 Olympics after being 100 grams over the weight limit on the day of the final match left India shocked. Though the wrestler didn't get a medal, she emerged as a winner for everyone back home. Ahead of her birthday tomorrow (August 25), a few musicians have come up with a song to celebrate her spirit.

Titled *Sau Gram (Main Naa Haari)*, the rap number has been composed by Gourav Dasgupta and rendered by singer Deedar Kaur. Besides being a statement on the strength and resilience of women, the song is also an anthem for women who battle judgment and criticism.

"Our track is an ode to the indomitable spirit of women to emerge as winners despite all odds. The term 'Sau gram' not only resonated with Vinesh's story, but also with women in general, as they have the spirit to reach for the skies despite all odds. As someone raised by a single mum, and being a single dad to my seven-year-old daughter, this hit very hard," says Dasgupta.

He adds that the song was penned in a day by Rajesh Manthan. "Then, I reached out to Deedar, who pulled off both the rap and Sufi parts with so much ease. The song was ready in three hours. Vinesh's spirit kept me driven throughout the process. Hence, we decided to release it on August 25 to mark her birthday," the composer ends.

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GOUROV DASGUPTA, Composer



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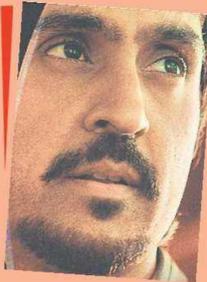
Best biopics to watch this week



12TH FAIL
Directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, this film portrays the inspirational journey of Manoj Kumar Sharma, who cleared the highly-competitive UPSC exams despite failing in class 12. Vikrant Massey stars as Manoj in this acclaimed biographical film, along with Medha Shankr.
Platform: Disney+ Hotstar
Language: Hindi
OTTplay rating: 9

AMAR SINGH CHAMKILA

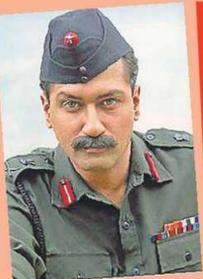
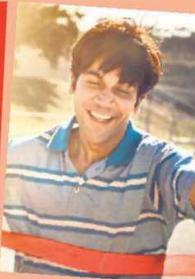
The film narrates the real-life story of Punjabi singer Amar Singh Chamkila, his rise to fame and his shocking death. Diljit Dosanjh delivers an outstanding performance as Chamkila, while Parineeti Chopra essays the role of his second wife Amarjot in this film, directed by Imtiaz Ali.
Platform: Netflix
Language: Hindi
OTTplay rating: 8.2



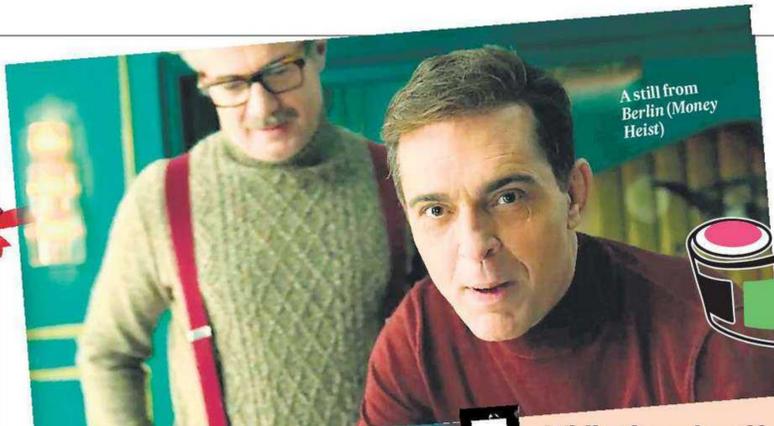
CHANDU CHAMPION
This film depicts the incredible tale of Murlikant Petkar, who went on to become India's first Paralympics gold medalist despite the odds stacked against him. Kartik Aaryan plays the lead role of Murlikant in this gritty sports biopic, directed by Kabir Khan.
Platform: Amazon Prime Video
Language: Hindi
OTTplay rating: 7.7

SRIKANTH

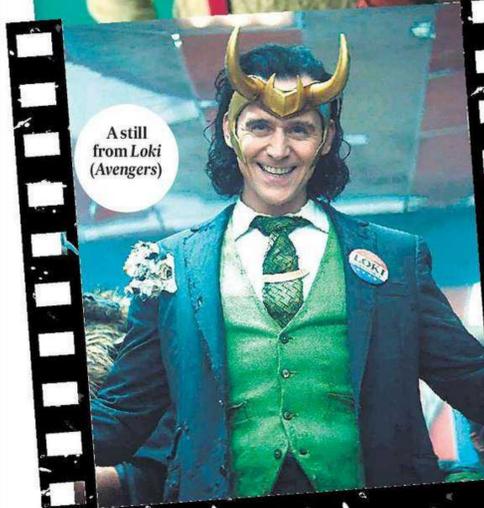
This inspirational film shows the remarkable journey of the visually-impaired Srikanth Bolla who overcomes several challenges to get selected at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Rajkumar Rao stars as Srikanth along with Jyothika and Alaya F in this heartfelt film, directed by Tushar Hiranandani.
Platform: Netflix
Language: Hindi
OTTplay rating: 7.5



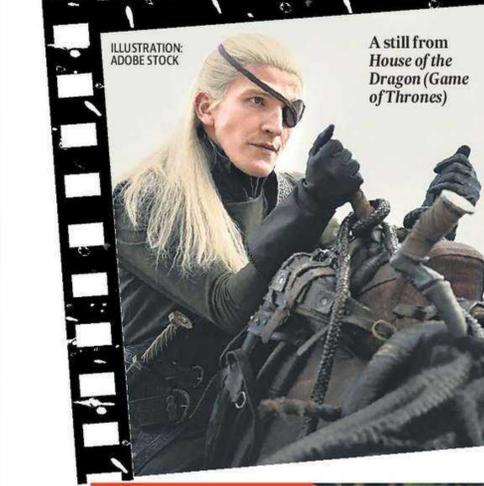
SAM BAHADUR
Directed by Meghna Gulzar, this film chronicles the life of Sam Manekshaw, the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of field marshal. Vicky Kaushal stars as Sam Manekshaw, while Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Shaikh appear in other key roles in this biographical war drama.
Platform: ZEE5
Language: Hindi
OTTplay rating: 7.4



A still from Berlin (Money Heist)

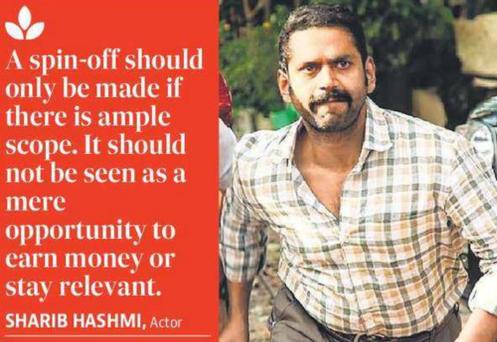


A still from Loki (Avengers)



A still from House of the Dragon (Game of Thrones)

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SHARIB HASHMI, Actor

While the spin-off culture is soaring in popularity among Western makers, Indian industry seem to be lagging in this area. Assessing the reasons, experts weigh in

THE MISSING CASE OF SPIN-OFFS IN INDIA

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While spin-offs have been around for a long time, superhero franchises and fantasy series have recently popularised the idea of giving fan-favourite characters their own spotlight, especially on OTT platforms. The offshoot plotlines of these characters, who would otherwise get minimal screen time in big-budget blockbusters, successfully allow makers to not only satisfy the audience but also utilise world-building. Some of the popular examples of spin-off series, which already have multiple seasons in the pipeline, include *Gen V* (*The Boys*), *House of the Dragon* (*Game of Thrones*) and *The Rings of Power* (*Lord of the Rings*).

Even though such offshoot productions, whether as films or shows, are all the rage in the West among the makers, the trend is yet to gain momentum in India. To understand more, we speak to some Indian makers and actors for their take on its surprising absence in India, along with pros and cons of the same.

MAINTAINING THE MYSTERY
A project includes a specific number of characters, each with a unique role to play. For actor Gulshan Devaiah, who plays Chaar Cut Atmaram in the series *Guns and Gulaabs*, not everyone's story needs to be highlighted in a separate spin-off, as that might take away from the

original plot. "I have no idea why we're not doing spin-offs but I'm not sure if it's a good trend to follow. In my case, I'd say there shouldn't be any spin-off for *Atmaram*. Some characters lose their charm if there's no mystery to them," Devaiah shares.

PRESSURE OF THE ORIGINAL PLOT

Actor Sharib Hashmi, who plays JK in *The Family Man* series, echoes a similar sentiment and feels that spin-offs shouldn't be made just so that the original project remains relevant. "It should only be made if there is ample scope, and should not be seen as a mere opportunity to earn money or stay relevant." However, Hashmi is not altogether against the idea. He continues, "I would be the happiest if my character gets a spin-off but only if there is a good story. Look at *Better Call Saul* (*Breaking Bad*), which had such a brilliant storyline, and is as good as the original."

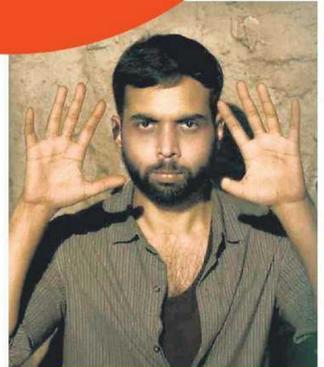
BEGINNING AFTER THE ENDING

While original plots might leave very little room for detours, for Kanishk Varma, director of *Sanak* (2021) and the third season of the cricket-based thriller *Inside Edge*, a spin-off is a great way to immerse in the universe whose original story has reached a certain finale. "You have to know when to throw in the towel. You cannot keep on dragging a story. So, spin-offs are a very cool idea of coming back. You have a scope of going back to a series and working on something you wanted to do in a particular season of the show."



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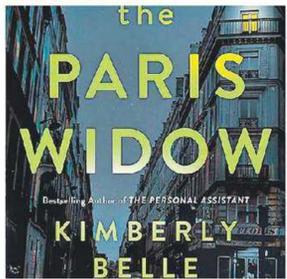
ABHISHEK BANERJEE, Actor

NEED FOR A CHANGE

While offshoot productions are lacking in India, writer Kanika Dhillon, who has been behind the story of *Hasseen Dillruba* (2021) and the latest instalment, *Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba*, opines that we are soon going to catch up. "We have already caught on to the multi-universe sequel culture, which is prevalent in Hollywood. So, I am sure spin-offs will become a thing here as well, especially since people give a lot of love to [side] characters," she shares.

Abhishek Banerjee, whose character Hathoda Tyagi from the series *Paatal Lok* fetched him critical praise, adds, "A lot of characters have the potential [for a spin-off] after they become a hit with the audiences. So, I feel the audiences would definitely want that change."

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Series on The Paris Widow in the works

Author Kimberly Belle's novel *The Paris Widow* is set to get a TV series adaptation. The thriller centres around a married couple's Paris vacation which turns into a horrifying ordeal. The series will be part of a first-look deal signed between Little Bell Productions and Universal Television.



My Lady Jane fans file petition to save show after cancelled season 2

Fans of *My Lady Jane* have been left devastated following Prime Video's decision to cancel the period drama after just one season. Despite the show's rising popularity and fairly good score on Rotten Tomatoes, the streaming platform cited low viewership while making the announcement last week. Upset with this decision, fans have now launched a petition, calling showrunners to revive it for another season.

The Great Indian Kapil Show gets second run

Sketch comedy talk show *The Great Indian Kapil Show* is returning for a second season on Netflix. A teaser featuring Kapil Sharma alongside Archana Puran Singh, Sunil Grover, Krushna Abhishek, Kiku Sharda and Rajeev Thakur was released by the platform.



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Angry Young Men is a fascinating insight into the making of a blockbuster duo



Salim Khan (left) and Javed Akhtar

The timing of *Angry Young Men's* release, knowingly or unknowingly, is fairly relevant. Amid the ongoing conversation about writers not getting their due credit, this docuseries comes in time to honour the iconic writers, Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar who were behind many blockbusters, including the Amitabh Bachchan-starrer *Zanjeer* (1973).

The docuseries features a smattering of interviewees, from Bachchan, to modern filmmakers like Rajkumar Hirani, who help us understand the magic that the duo brought to the screen. Directed by Namrata Rao, it is split into three episodes, so both their rise and their infamous split get ample screen time.

What stands out is the sheer confidence (Honey Irani, Akhtar's first wife calls it 'arrogance') Salim-Javed possessed and continue to do so. It's a delight to hear them talk and reminisce about their rise in the industry. Their way with words makes you sit rapt with attention, hanging on to everything they have to say. For

instance, the twinkle in Akhtar's eyes as he shares an anecdote on publishing articles in trade magazines, declaring how *Sholay* (a big flop upon its early release) would earn a crore in every state, remains a memorable takeaway.

Angry Young Men, while addressing how writers and their writings have become undervalued today, also emphasises that Salim-Javed could pull off their 'demand' to be noticed, only because they managed to deliver. After yielding 10 blockbusters in a row, followed by a flop, and then another 10 big hits, solidified their status. Not to mention, it was commendable that they knew their worth, although it also proved to be their hamartia.

Having said that, I wish Salim-Javed would have dived more into what was the breaking point for this formidable duo. We get the arrogance and drifting apart, but it would have been interesting to know about their last conversation before they went their separate ways.

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Vikrant Massey's Sector 36 gets world premiere at IFFM

Actor Vikrant Massey's next release will be the gritty *Sector 36* on Netflix. The film's world premiere was on August 22 at the Indian Film Festival Of Melbourne (IFFM). Inspired by true events, the fictional narrative explores the disappearance of several children from a local slum and a police officer unravelling the mystery behind the instances.

BoJack creator to return with new series

Bob-Waksberg Raphael, the creator of the adult animated series *BoJack Horseman*, has been roped in by Netflix for another comedy titled *Long Story Short*. The adult animated comedy series is about a family, its shared history, inside jokes and old wounds. The announcement comes a decade after the debut of *BoJack*, the streaming service's first original animated series.



Straight-to-series order for M.I.A.

Crime thriller series *M.I.A.* has been ordered for a straight-to-streaming-release by Peacock. Set in South Florida, the show is written and executive produced by Bill Dubuque, who also created the series *Ozark*. The story revolves around Etta Tiger Jonze, whose sets out avenge her family's death, and manages to build her chosen family while becoming a criminal queenpin in the process.

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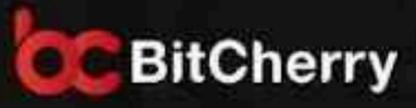
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