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**“WILL ONLY CELEBRATE ONCE THE JOB IS DONE”**

**Set to host the upcoming International Emmy Awards, becoming the first Indian to do so, Vir Das just hopes to do his 'thing and be authentic'**

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Vir Das is making a grand return to the International Emmys. Last year, he won the Comedy award for his special *Landing*, but this time, the comedian-actor is set to make history as the first Indian to host the event on November 25.

“I won the Emmy last year, and after about four months, the team got in touch and said they wanted me to do this (host the event). I have known about it for a while, they just did the announcement now. It is a ridiculous privilege, to go from being a nominee, to becoming a category winner, to now hosting it. It is not something I expected. I didn't even expect a nomination for my work last year. But, I am letting the people around me

rejoice for now. I will only celebrate once the job is done,” Das tells us.

The 45-year-old is known for his tongue-in-cheek humour. But while hosting an event like the International Emmys, will he think twice before saying anything on stage, given some instances at such dos when jokes by stand-up artists weren't taken well? For instance, actor Will Smith slapping comedian Chris Rock during the Academy Awards in 2022. Das says, “I am yet to start working on my script. But what's funny is funny, no matter where you are in the world. Sensibilities might change. Anybody who got into trouble never thought they would. You can just do your thing and be authentic. Whatever happens then, happens,” quips Das.

He adds, “Let alone think twice before saying something on stage, I don't even think once.”



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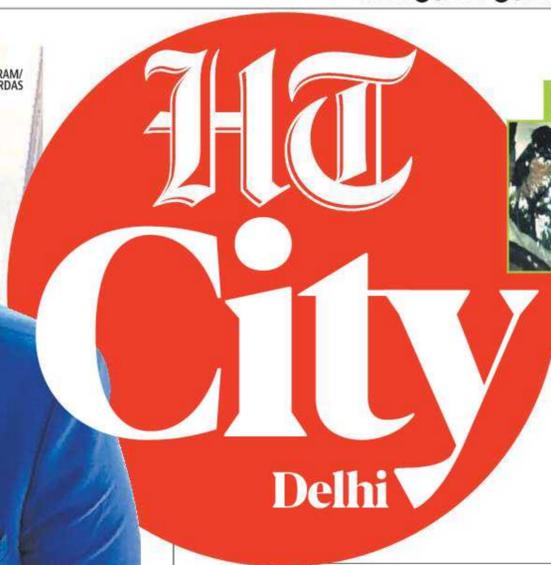


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Actor-couple Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh, who became parents to a daughter on September 8 took their baby home yesterday. The new parents were all smiles, looking adorably at their daughter, while on their way home. Reportedly, the newborn and the new parents got a grand welcome by their families.

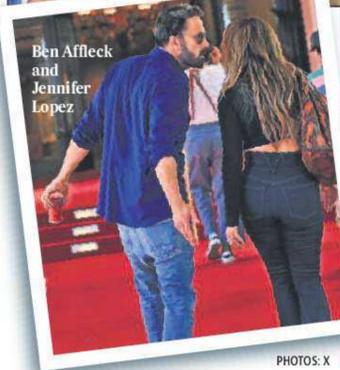
**Is it Bennifer reunion ka 'kiss'a?**

Singer-actor Jennifer Lopez and actor-filmmaker Ben Affleck, who recently filed for divorce and have been living apart for months, were spotted on a romantic outing together. The estranged couple was seen enjoying brunch with their children at a Los Angeles hotel, where they were reportedly seen kissing and even holding hands.

When the estranged couple was at the hotel, a source told Page Six: “Ben and JLo are at the Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel holding hands and kissing. The kids are with them, but at a separate table.”

This rare public appearance and their evident affection have sparked speculation about a possible Bennifer reconciliation. The source added that the duo engaged in an intense conversation in a parked car outside the hotel, though the details of their discussion remain undisclosed.

While Affleck (52) was accompanied by his children from his previous marriage to actor Jennifer Garner — Seraphina (15) and Samuel (12), Lopez (55) was accompanied by her 16-year-old twins with ex-husband Marc Anthony — Max and Emme.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez

**A SOURCE SAID THAT BEN AFFLECK AND JLO ENGAGED IN AN INTENSE CONVERSATION IN A CAR OUTSIDE THE HOTEL, THOUGH THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSION REMAIN UNDISCLOSED**

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**Chunky gets driver's license after 20 years: Glad I didn't drive all this while**

Rishabh Suri

A photo of Chunky Panday taking a driving test went viral recently. The actor got behind the wheel to get his license renewed, 20 years after it expired. “I again took a test after 43 years,” laughs the actor, adding, “I recently wrapped up the shoot for *Son of Sardaar 2* and had to leave for an international trip. I will start shooting for *Housefull 5* and I wanted a license to drive abroad. I found my [expired] license at home, lying around like a memento. So, I requested the RTO office that I needed an international driving permit. That's when they mentioned that my license expired 20 years ago. I'm glad I didn't drive all this while.” Panday passed the test

and got a learner's license: “The test was so cool. The authorities gave me a lot of love and respect. But you do get nervous before taking any test.”

Since he mentions *Housefull 5*, ask him about reuniting with the OG cast, and the actor says, “The shoot will be over by the end of this year and the film will release in 2025. When we shot in Bahrain and Italy for *Housefull* (2010), we never thought we would reach the fifth part of the franchise.”

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CHUNKY PANDAY, Actor



Chunky Panday taking the driving test

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Ragini Tandan; (right) Yo Yo Honey Singh; (inset) a still from *Lamberghini*

**Was brave of Honey Singh to apologise openly: Lamberghini singer Ragini**

yoyohoneysingh Now i know u !! M sorry for not knowing ur name even after that huge lambo success but its all industry fault not urs anyways keep rising n shine bright



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In a recent interview, singer-rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh admitted to being a fan of the song *Lamberghini*, but not knowing who the singer was. Soon after, Ragini Tandan, who rendered the 2018 hit number, made a

reel on the same, which went viral. It caught Singh's eye too and he apologised to the singer on social media.

Touched by the gesture, Tandan says, “It's very brave of him to do that so openly, especially on a public platform like Instagram. It shows how grounded he is to be accepting his mistakes. It's great to know that a big artiste like him could do something like that.”

In his comment, Singh also said that it's the industry's fault that artistes like Tandan are forgotten, and she agrees: “Recognition and credit are what artistes strive for. People get to know you from the credit section and that's what the industry needs to work upon. Credits might not be as relevant for big names, but what about the rest of the team?”

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**NAGA STYLE CHICKEN WITH BAMBOO SHOOT**

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## Bamboo shoot chicken: A dish steeped in Naga culture

### BAMBOO SHOOT CHICKEN — A HEALTHY DELIGHT!

A cherished dish in Nagaland, bamboo shoot chicken reflects the region's rich culinary heritage. Bamboo shoots, known locally as bastenga, are a staple ingredient, often fermented to enhance flavour. This dish typically combines tender chicken with the shoots, creating a unique blend of savoury and tangy flavours. The use of bamboo shoots in Naga cuisine dates back centuries, with various tribes developing distinct preparation methods. For instance, the Lotha tribe of Wokha district has a long-standing tradition of adding fermented bamboo shoots into their meals. This dish uses local ingredients and embodies the community's cultural practices and agricultural sustainability.

### DIVE INTO TRADITION

To make this delicious chicken dish, start by heating a wok and sautéing grated ginger, crushed garlic and green chillies for about 30 seconds. Then, add sliced cabbage and bamboo shoots, season with salt, and cook for two to three minutes. Add the cleaned chicken and crushed tomatoes, stirring well to combine. Pour in a little water, cover the dish to cook for 20 to 25 minutes until the chicken is tender and fully cooked. Once done, garnish with freshly chopped spring onions and serve hot with steamed rice. This simple yet flavourful dish is perfect for a satisfying meal.

### SPECIAL TIPS:

- Use fermented bamboo shoots for a deeper flavour.
- Adjust green chillies to control spiciness.

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**On Guacamole Day today, chefs talk about how they are elevating the humble avocado with inventive creations, blending global and local flavours**

**HOLY GUACAMOLE! CHEFS DISH OUT CREATIVE TWISTS**

**At Cosy Box in Delhi, Chef Balwant's Tex-Mex Guacamole adds southwestern flair to the classic dish.** He says, "The black beans offer texture, corn adds sweetness, and red bell peppers give colour and tang."

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Avocados are undeniably in the spotlight globally. From being blended into smoothies and salad dressings to taking centre stage on trendy toasts, chaats and pizzas, this superfood has become a health trend with endless possibilities. One of the traditional ways to savour this fruit is through guacamole, which dates back to the Aztecs before the 16th century. On Guacamole Day today, let's explore how India has embraced this delightful dip.

Pablo Benitez, a native Mexican and executive chef of Mezcalita in Mumbai, notes, "Guacamole is a dish that embodies the simplicity and soul of Mexican cuisine. Made from just a few ingredients — avocado, lime, cilantro, onion and a bit of chili — it's vibrant and full of life."

Benitez's Guacamole Tres Texturas, which features house guacamole, avocado hummus and guacamole foam, highlights the textural versatility of this beloved dish.

Chef Gresham Fernandes from Bandra Born, Mumbai, has taken a unique approach by combining guacamole and hummus into a single dish. "Our Double Dipping features chickpea hummus with roasted garlic puree and guacamole made from two types of avocados, lacto-fermented habanero, and carrot puree," Fernandes says.

In contrast, at Fig & Maple in Delhi, Chef and Owner Radhika Khandelwal presents a lasude pickle guacamole, inspired by her Rajasthani culinary heritage. "This bold twist pairs beautifully with jackfruit kebabs and my mum's raw mango chicken curry, elevated by bakery-fresh bakarkhani and crisp sabudana papad," Khandelwal shares.

In Bengaluru, Chef Sombir Choudhary of SOKA offers a creative take with his Thepla Tacos. "This dish marries Indian and Mexican cuisines, featuring a crispy tempura avocado on a smooth guacamole base within a spiced thepla shell, balanced by a sweet chili reduction," Choudhary explains.

For a hearty option, Executive Chef Sarfaraz Ahmed at Carnival By TresInd, Mumbai prepares "Champan-style Carnitas, featuring slow-cooked pork or mutton served with tomatillo salsa verde, fresh salad toppings, guava guacamole, and homemade wheat tortillas with pickled red onions."



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## Is it better to eat two meals a day or three for weight loss?

We've grown up hearing the adage — breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dine like a pauper. But modern eating habits are evolving, and concepts such as the One Meal a Day (OMAD) diet and time-restricted eating (TRE) have emerged. These may be helpful if you are reaching weight-loss goals. Let us dive deeper to know if the meal plan works.

**WHAT IS TRE?**  
The two-meals-a-day approach is a type of intermittent fasting where individuals eat just two main meals within a set window. It is designed to give the body extended fasting periods, believed to boost fat metabolism, regulate blood sugar and promote better digestion, explains nutritionist Avni Kaul. A common TRE protocol is to consume all your meals within an eight-hour window, such as between 12pm to 8pm, and then spend the remaining 16 hours fasting.

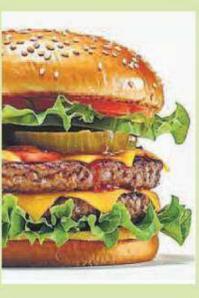
**IS THIS HEALTHY?**  
Eating two meals a day could be healthy if balanced with proper nutrition. It is essential to include all vital nutrients — proteins, healthy fats, fibre and carbohydrates — in both meals to avoid nutritional deficiencies, says Kaul. However, dietician Pooja Shah Bhavne cautions, "If individuals follow the two-meals-a-day plan only for a short period, it may lead to rebound weight gain. The meals should never be high-calorie or junk food-based. Also, this pattern is unhealthy for individuals having Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes mellitus, pregnant females, individuals having severe acidity and individuals having chronic health conditions."

For many, TRE could be okay if it suits their lifestyle and doesn't lead to overeating. However, it is crucial to listen to your body. If you feel hungry or fatigued, it may be a sign that your body needs more energy or nutrients. Consulting a qualified dietician is advised to ensure you're getting the right amount of food.

**Purvi Kalra**

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**UK TO BAN JUNK FOOD ADS ON TV**  
Advertising for junk food before 9pm on TV will be banned in UK starting October 2025. This is a part of the government's initiative to tackle childhood obesity. A total ban on paid online advertising for junk food products will also be introduced. The ban was initially slated for 2021, but delayed to give time to the industry to prepare.



**MASTERCHEF MEETS CHHOLE BHATURE**  
Masterchef Australia fame chef Sarah Todd shared a video of trying Delhi's famous chhole bhature. She captioned the video on Instagram, "Crispy, golden pillowy bhature with spicy chole washed down with a sweet lassi, the perfect cure for post-flight hunger. I tried out the iconic Sita Ram Diwan Chand, and let me tell you — it lived up to the hype... Absolutely blown away!"



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**ARIES**  
MAR 21-APR 20  
Today, you may get to meet someone eminent you had looked forward to. Not investing in a scheme that seems lucrative at this point of time is the right decision. A trip with a partner is indicated.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** You are likely to make this a perfect day for romance!  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 6 **LUCKY COLOUR:** White

**LEO**  
JUL 23-AUG 23  
Good investment choices are likely to come your way and help multiply your money. You give a good account of yourself at work, especially in the task entrusted to you. A journey proves profitable.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Total bliss is foreseen for those newly in love.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 17 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Cream

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21  
A function at home keeps you busy and entertained. It is best to make more efforts on the professional front. Taking up a regular fitness routine will help you get into shape.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Newlyweds are likely to enter a new phase of life.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Magenta

**TAURUS**  
APR 21-MAY 20  
Profits are indicated for those involved in business. You will do much to remain physically fit. You will need to be a bit tight-fisted in money matters. Family remains most supportive of your ideas.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Those in romantic mood will find the day quite fulfilling.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 5 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Green

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEP 23  
A family youngster is all set to make you proud. You will be motivated by someone close to come back in shape. An outing is likely to prove expensive, but enjoyable. You need to get back socially.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Luck is likely to favour those seeking love.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 2 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Yellow

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 21  
You will feel much loved and wanted in a social gathering. Minor changes may be needed in a project or assignment. Getting ahead on the academic front is indicated, so keep up the efforts. You feel content on family front.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** You are likely to enjoy an exclusive outing with lover today.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 2 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Pink

**GEMINI**  
MAY 21-JUN 21  
Support from the family is assured and will help you in doing better in your field. You will manage to get your act together on the professional front. Travel brings you new opportunities.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** You find an excuse to get out of office to spend time with lover.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Red

**LIBRA**  
SEP 24-OCT 23  
Setting up a new house is indicated for some and will be fun. It will be worthwhile to keep in touch on the social front. You remain fit by remaining health conscious.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Spending time with lover in the lap of nature is indicated.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 22-FEB 19  
You will benefit by taking a break from your regular exercise routine. On the professional front, be ready to face a hard bargain in negotiations. Plans may be afoot to acquire or rent out property.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Someone you have a soft corner for starts showing interest.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 8 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Blue

**CANCER**  
JUN 22-JUL 22  
Superiors at work are likely to hold you in high esteem for something you have achieved. This is the right time for getting back in shape. A visit to relatives will make you relive the exciting days of yore!  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Spending quality time with lover is indicated.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 8 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Silver

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22  
Higher ups at work are likely to idolise you for your professionalism. Chances of becoming the owner of a house or an apartment are indicated.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Giving emotional support to lover strengthens bonds.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 1 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Orange

**PISCES**  
FEB 20-MAR 20  
You will maintain good health by eating right and remaining active. At work, someone playing politics may need to be brought to book. If you find things not to your liking, take some time off and start afresh.  
**LOVE FOCUS:** Spending quality time with the one you love is indicated.  
**LUCKY NUMBER:** 22 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Golden

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# Art, wit and reflection



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Manisha Bhatia  
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Art enthusiasts flocked to the Visual Arts Gallery for the opening of A Rajeswara Rao's solo show, Satirical Symphony. The exhibition, which runs until Wednesday, delves into social commentary through humour using the reverse painting technique. The collection, inaugurated by photographer Atul Kasbekar, invites viewers to reflect on everyday life and societal changes. Attendees included golf player Neelam Pratap Rudy and writer Aman Nath, among others. HTC



(L-R) Saurabh Singhvi, Atul Kasbekar and Uday Jain  
Neelam Pratap Rudy and Nitin Arora



Kiran K Mohan and Annapurna Madipadiga

# Fashion's big 4-0

As London Fashion Week kicks off its 40th anniversary, stars strike a pose to celebrate and showcase daring and innovative styles. Check out the standout celebs we've spotted!



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Tamannaah Bhatia's Throwback Thursday is an absolute mood! The actor shared a collection of childhood photos, showcasing her playful and mischievous spirit. From striking poses with friends to flashing a toothy grin, it's evident she's been a natural in front of the camera since 1989. One photo captures her grumpy yet adorable side, while another shows her beaming with joy. "Mood since 1989," she wrote.



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## my city

# DELHI'S DUAL DRAMA: FLOODED LANES VS FRESH AIR

The Capital enjoys the cleanest air of the year amid its rainy season, but waterlogging continues to cast a shadow. With more showers on the horizon, the city faces a unique blend of pristine skies and persistent flooding



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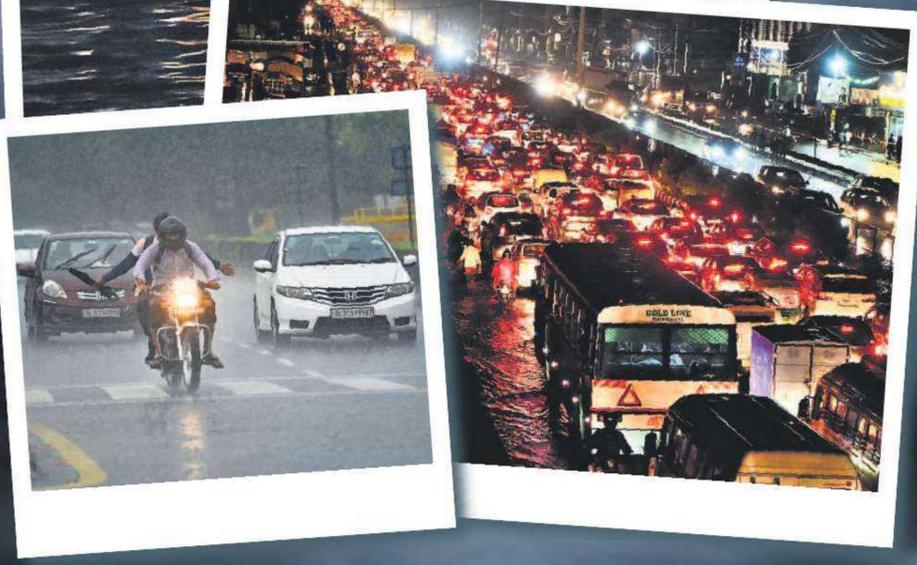
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According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, Delhi surpassed the 1,000mm rainfall mark this month — the highest since 2021 and the second highest in at least the last decade



The city experienced its cleanest air of the year on Friday, following record rainfall in September. Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) dropped to 52, hovering between "good" and "satisfactory" classifications

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# NEEDED TIME TO REJUVENATE: ADNAN SAMI ON RETURNING TO B'WOOD PLAYBACK

The singer reflects on the pandemic years, being missed by his fans and his work mode being on now

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After a nine-year hiatus, Adnan Sami is set to return to playback singing with not one but two Hindi films: *Kasoor* and *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video*. Speaking about his comeback, Sami shares, "It wasn't a deliberate decision but something that unfolded naturally. I needed time to rejuvenate and absorb new influences. Time flies, and while it feels like just yesterday that I sang *Bhar Do Jholi* for *Bajranghi Bhaijaan* (2015), looking back, it's clear that it's been a while. I'm thrilled about this new music."

Sami reflects on the pandemic years, dismissing them but noting he's now "in work mode", diving into recording sessions and touring globally. Despite a bustling schedule, he's excited to return to the studio, working on both film and independent music projects. "I've been in the industry for 35 years, and my work spans classical, indie pop, instrumental and film music. While I haven't released a massive number of songs, my approach is driven by passion rather than commercial



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A break allows fans to miss you, which is better than being overexposed. I'm thrilled about this new music.

ADNAN SAMI,  
Singer

pressure," he shares, adding, "Music is my calling, not just a business."

He elaborates, "Taking breaks is essential for creativity. Musicians abroad often step away for years

before releasing new work, which helps them avoid stagnation and stay fresh. A break allows fans to miss you, which is better than being overexposed."

## Ananya Panday calls for industry-wide panels like the Hema Committee



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ANANYAPANDAY

The fallout from the Justice Hema Committee Report has reverberated through the Indian film industry, impacting even other language cinemas. Now, actor Ananya Panday is calling for similar panels across all film industries.

"At every level, it's crucial to have committees like the Hema Committee where women unite to drive change," Panday stated at the India Today Mind Rocks Youth Summit 2024. She added, "Clearly, no one else is stepping up, but women are leading the way." She acknowledged that while some progress has been made — evidenced by increased dialogue — there's still a long journey ahead: "We've started talking about the problem, but much bigger battles remain."

Panday also commended the

improvements already in place. "Today, contracts include helpline numbers and clauses for women's safety, and even our call sheets feature these numbers. You can even file complaints anonymously," she noted, and stated, "But this issue extends beyond the film industry, and it's vital we address it promptly."

The actor also shared how her role sometimes limits her freedom of expression. "As an actress, I often feel constrained from voicing my views openly," she said. "I've found that aligning my work with my moral and social beliefs is one way to make an impact." She reflected on her limited participation in the Me Too movement, explaining, "There were reasons I couldn't fully speak out then, but through my work, I hope to contribute significantly."

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Aap itne saalon se kar rahe ho toh management thoda sudhaar toh sakte hain. Har saal aise videos aate hain.

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Actor Simran Budharup recently visited the Lalbaugcha Raja pandal in Mumbai for darshan, but a video circulated on social media showing her and her mother supposedly being mishandled during the visit. Sharing her experience, she says, "I went for the darshan with my co-actors and my mother. Like most actors, we had spoken to someone beforehand to ensure a smoother darshan."

Recalling the incident, the 27-year-old shares that one of her co-stars got separated in the crowd. "He went to find the person who was escorting us, and by the time he returned, it was our turn for the darshan. As soon as I bowed down, my mother took out her phone to capture the moment. That's when one of the so-called karyakartas snatched my mother's phone."

Budharup raises the

question of why taking a picture posed a problem when everyone does it every year. "The entire world takes pictures with Bappa. It wasn't like we were doing something unusual. Plus, there were no signs prohibiting photos or videos. When my mother tried to get her phone back, he pushed her."

She continues, "At that point, I intervened and told



him, 'You can't talk to her like that or push her, she's a senior citizen!' He accused me of using abusive language, which I never did. Within seconds, they began pushing me towards the gate. I just wanted to resolve the situation, not create or face any insults."

Despite her attempts to calm the situation, she was allegedly forcibly moved towards the exit. "The female bouncers kept pushing me out. I tried to record what they were doing, but as soon as I pulled out my phone, one of them snatched it from my hand. She grabbed my hand so tightly that it hurt. Thankfully, my mother stepped in, and we managed to get out. It's disheartening how roughly the management handled us."

Budharup reflects that the ordeal left her "traumatised". "A group of 2-3 youngsters approached us outside, asking if we were okay. They had also recorded the incident, and that's when I decided to share it on social media," she ends.

## Saiyami Kher's Ironman race hit by lost luggage drama

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Actor Saiyami Kher, who recently competed in the Ironman race in Berlin, faced significant challenges leading up to the event. After attending a special premiere of *Ghoormer* (2023) in Canada, Kher's sports gear was misplaced by the airline.

"I posted about it on social media, hoping it would expedite the process with this unprofessional airline," she explains. "When the bag was missing for two days and Iceland Air admitted they couldn't locate it, I started considering worst-case scenarios and buying new gear."

Kher notes that, under normal circumstances, she wouldn't have been as "paranoid or stressed," but replacing the gear wasn't a viable option. "It's crucial to use what you've been practising in for the race. You can't switch to new shoes or a new wetsuit last minute because it could lead to issues like blisters or chafing."

Thankfully, the Indian embassies in Berlin and Iceland intervened and managed to recover her gear. "It took 48 hours, but the embassies were instrumental in getting it back," she says.

Despite the ordeal, Kher acknowledges that the incident took a mental toll. "It was exhausting, but was just another hurdle before the race. The super cold and rainy weather in Berlin heightened the pre-race nerves."

Saiyami Kher @SaiyamiKher · Sep 9  
Unbelievably frustrated with @Icelandair. My bag with all my Ironman gear is missing. I've had zero help from the airport or website. This gear is crucial — I've trained in it for months. If it doesn't arrive soon, I'll have to repurchase everything. Such a pain before my race.

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48 hrs later got my bag for my Ironman thanks to the very very helpful Indian Embassy in Berlin & Iceland 🙏❤️

Saiyami Kher: (inset) posted on X after her luggage was returned

## Govinda and David Dhawan's feud: Sunita Ahuja reveals the real reason

Actor Govinda and director David Dhawan were one of the most dynamic duos of the 90s, churning out hits like *Raja Babu* (1994), *Hero No 1* (1997), and *Haseena Maan Jayegi* (1999). However, after their 2009 film *Do Knot Disturb*, they parted ways amid a feud.

Sunita Ahuja, Govinda's wife, recently shed light on the reason behind their rift, which has since been resolved.

On the podcast *Time Out With Ankit*, she explained, "David suggested Govinda take on second lead roles, similar to what Amitabh Bachchan or Akshay Kumar did. Govinda, who was used to leading solo hits in the 90s with David, might have struggled with the idea of being a second lead. Both had valid perspectives — David's

suggestion and Govinda's reluctance."

Ahuja also pointed out how 'yes men' around Govinda exacerbated the conflict: "Having yes men around you can poison your mind, feeding you the idea that you must always play the hero. But you need to adapt to the trends."

During the conversation, Ahuja revealed that she has been invited multiple times to participate in the reality show *Bigg Boss*, but has always turned it down. "They approached me twice, and each time I responded, 'Are you mad? Do you think I clean toilets? Would you ask Shah Rukh Khan's wife to participate? Are we struggling financially? I don't even watch *Bigg Boss*,'" she said. She also mentioned that her daughter, Tina Ahuja, received similar offers. "I told them, 'Do you

even know who you're talking to? Come back to me if you want me to host alongside Salman Khan,'" she quipped.

David Dhawan

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