

# Sharvari named first-ever brand ambassador for Godrej Professional

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**R**ising star and fashion icon Sharvari has been named the first-ever brand ambassador for Godrej Professional, a leading brand offering hair colour and care from the house of Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL).

Known for her youth appeal and relatability, the actor's association with the brand was unveiled at the grand finale of Godrej Professional Spotlight, a platform celebrating hairstylists on a national stage.

Sharvari, who dazzled as the showstopper and unveiled 2025's trending hair colour and styling looks at the grand finale, has had a phenomenal year. Her performances in films such as *Munjya*, *Maharaj* and *Vedaa* (all 2024)

cemented her status as a break-out star.

Commenting on the development, Abhinav Grandhi, General Manager, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) said, "We are excited to have Sharvari as the very first brand ambassador for Godrej Professional. Being a fashion and lifestyle icon, Sharvari has millions who look up to her for her impeccable sense of style and grace. Her association with Godrej Professional comes at a time as we are growing and continuing to expand our footprint in the hair and beauty industry."

As an actor who relates to audiences through her talent and persona, she embodies trust, aspiration and a fashion-forward persona, making her a natural choice for the brand.

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Sharvari unveiled 2025's trending hair looks at Godrej Professional Spotlight

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The new year is all about fitness for Hrithik Roshan. The actor, who grabbed eyeballs with a shirtless gym pic on Instagram, wrote, "Such a big difference between being strong and looking strong." Roshan is currently shooting for *War 2*, which is expected to see an Independence Day release.

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# Get a chance to win passes for AR Rahman's Mumbai show

PHOTO: INSTAGRAM

Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan

AR Rahman

**W**ant to witness Oscar-winning musician AR Rahman honour his late guru, Padma Vibhushan Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan at the Sufi concert Haazri on January 17? Answer the question below for a chance to win two complimentary passes for the show at Jio World Garden, Mumbai — Rahman's first in the city in five years.

**Which popular song marked the first collaboration between AR Rahman and Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan?**

Scan this QR Code to book your tickets. To participate in the contest, send your answers on htcity@hindustantimes.com by January 10.

# FILM AND TV'S GOLDEN NIGHT

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Demi Moore won Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for *The Substance*

**The 82nd Golden Globes was a mix of surprise wins but disappointments for India as stars showed up in full force**

Fernanda Torres made history as the first Brazilian to win Best Actress in a Drama for *I'm Still Here*

Zendaya's giant Jessica McCormack diamond ring set the rumour mills churning about a possible engagement

Kylie Jenner and beau Timothée Chalamet made a rare, but loved-up appearance together

Payal Kapadia was nominated Best Director for *All We Imagined As Light*

Nicole Kidman, nominated for *Babygirl*, folded her hands in a namaste on the red carpet

**S**unday night was a mix of surprises and milestones as the stars attended the 82nd Golden Globe Awards, held in Los Angeles (US), hosted by comedian Nikki Glaser.

The night began on a bittersweet note as director Payal Kapadia's *All We Imagined As Light* lost the Best Motion Picture Non-English Language award to France's *Emilia Pérez*. Kapadia also missed out on the Best Director title, which went to Brady Corbet for *The Brutalist*.

Both *The Brutalist* and *Emilia Pérez* dominated the evening; the former clinched Best Motion Picture in the Drama category, while the Selena Gomez-starrer boasted four wins, including Best Musical or Comedy and actor Zoe Saldana's first Golden Globe award for her supporting role. However, the highlight of the show was actor Fernanda Torres, who made history as she became the first Brazilian actor to win Best Actress in a Motion Picture in the drama for *I'm Still Here* — 25 years after her mum, actor Fernanda Montenegro was nominated for *Central Station* (1999).

It was a big night for television as well, with the web series *Shōgun* sweeping all four of the categories it was nominated in, including Best Drama Series. *Baby Reindeer* claimed Best Limited Series. Meanwhile, *The Bear*, which was nominated in five categories, got its sole win of the night as Jeremy Allen White brought home the Best Actor for a Musical or Comedy TV Series award.

The evening was as buzzy off stage as it was on it. Actor Zendaya left fans wondering if she and boyfriend, actor Tom Holland were engaged after she stepped out on the red carpet sporting a huge diamond ring worth \$200,000 on her left hand. It was also date night actor for Timothée Chalamet and girlfriend, businesswoman and social media personality Kylie Jenner. The couple, who have been dating since 2023, piled on the PDA as they cosied up at the show, with Jenner reportedly mouthing, "I love you," to Chalamet. HTC

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# The curious case of Vidya Balan's post for Rohit Sharma

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Vidya Balan; (inset above) the actor posted a screenshot of a message she received containing identical text to her post before quickly deleting it

PHOTO: AFP

**VIDYA BALAN HAS RECEIVED FLAK FOR APPARENTLY PARTICIPATING IN A PR ACTIVITY IN FAVOUR OF INDIA CRICKET CAPTAIN ROHIT SHARMA**

Actor Vidya Balan has drawn backlash after she made a post on social media in support of India cricketer Rohit Sharma. On Friday, the skipper decided to sit out of the Test final against Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, citing poor form.

"Rohit Sharma, what a SUPERSTAR!! To take a pause & catch your breath requires courage... More power to you... Respect!! @ImRo45"

However, Balan's team rubbished the claims in a statement released on Sunday, adding that the actor was simply expressing her "admiration" for Sharma. "Let it be unequivocally stated that Ms Balan posted this completely of her own volition because she was moved by his selfless act, and NOT by request from his PR team... To attribute her actions to anything other than a spontaneous reaction is completely preposterous," it said.

Adding to the controversy, the actor had also posted on Instagram a screenshot of a WhatsApp message containing the same text as her X post. Balan then deleted the post, but not before it went viral on Reddit. HTC

# Love lockdown: OYO's new rule for unmarried couples sparks mixed reactions

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**O**n Sunday, the hotel booking platform OYO introduced a new policy that prohibits unmarried couples from checking into its partner hotels in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The rule, which applies to all bookings, will require couples to provide valid proof of their relationship while checking in.

According to OYO, the move is aimed at making their hotels "more family-friendly" and secure. Although it only currently applies to Meerut, the policy has drawn mixed responses. "While the law doesn't stop unmarried couples, this policy aligns with Indian sanskriti and sabhyata," argues 48-year-old lawyer Athar Saeer. Homemaker Ritu Mehta, 42, agrees and adds, "There has to be a check to prevent misuse."

On the other hand, youngsters see this as an infringement of individual rights. Madhav Gupta, a 23-year-old student, finds it "unfair" to travellers who might need a budget-friendly place to stay. Photographer Bhaavya Agarwal, 23, meanwhile, sees a deeper issue. "In India, there's so much moral policing. If I want to spend private time with my partner, where do I go? Isn't personal well-being important, too?" she asks.

**Restricting bookings seems morally correct and could prevent nuisance in hotels and address concerns of violence.**

**MRINALINI SINHA, MAKEUP ARTIST, 40**

**Young people sometimes make impulsive decisions that lead to heartbreak or societal rejection. This policy helps protect them — and their families — from that.**

**LALIT KUMAR, TEACHER, 43**

**In a year, after poor sales, OYO will probably change [this rule]. No one should have the right to judge people in a relationship.**

**SURABHI JAISINGH, STOCK TRADER, 32**

**Consenting adults should have the freedom to book a room without judgment.**

**MADHAV GUPTA, STUDENT, 23**



# NO MATTER WHAT I DO, MY SON WILL ALWAYS BE MY PRIORITY: SANIA MIRZA

The former tennis star on being a single mum and feeling a sense of responsibility in the public eye

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Sania Mirza has been jetsetting since her appointment as an ambassador for Dubai's Sports Council in December. But her busy year didn't keep her from ringing in 2025 with her "forever date", her six-year-old son Izhaan Mirza Malik.

Ask how she manages to strike a balance between work and quality time as a single mum and Mirza says, "No matter what I do in life, Izhaan is always going to be my priority. That doesn't mean I don't do other things; I try to revolve my professional commitments around him as much as I can."

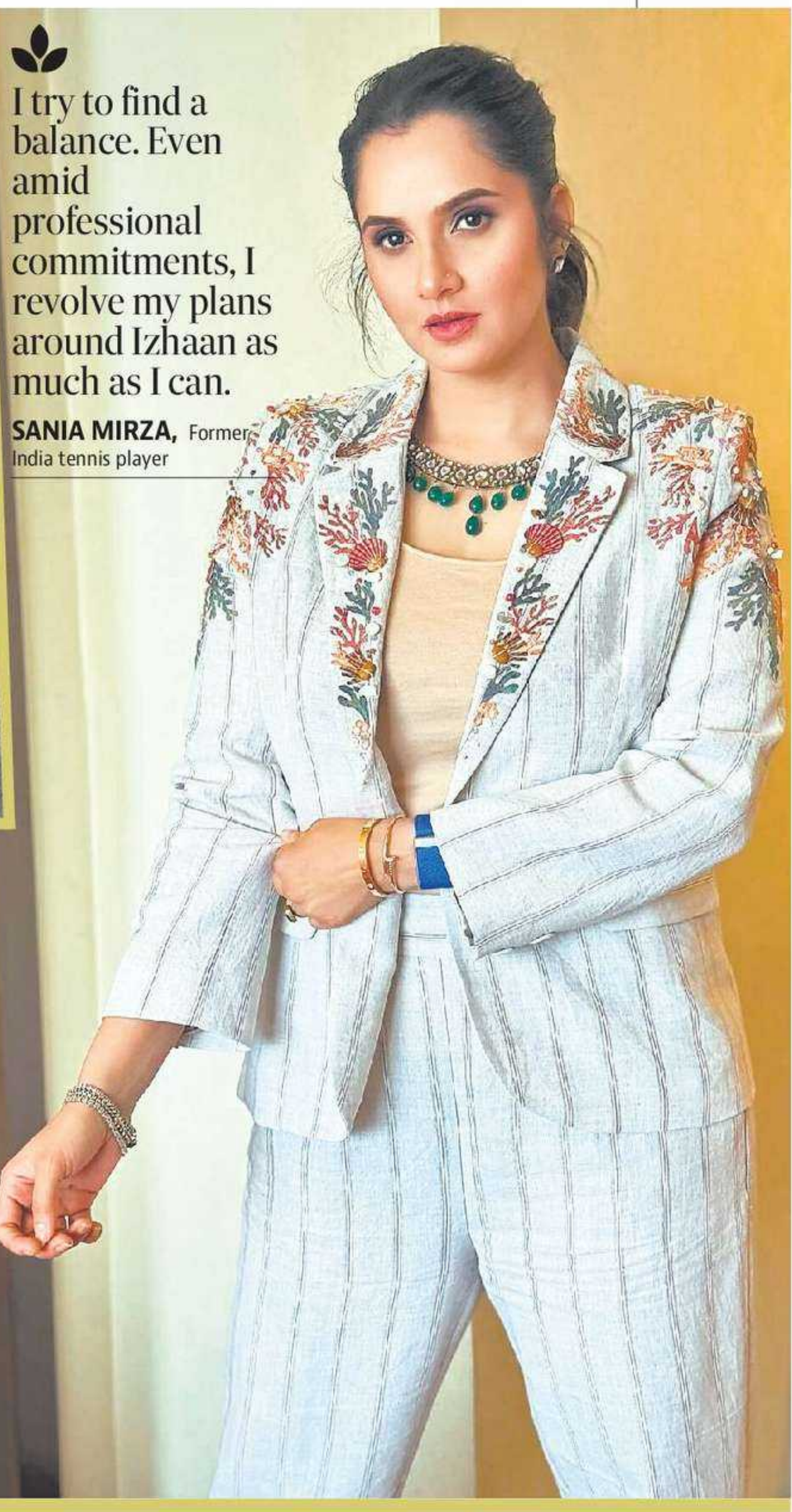
"I also try to not leave him too much — maybe one or two nights if I have to travel for work. [But] all of it works itself out," says the 38-year-old who shares Izhaan with ex-husband, Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Malik.

Mirza is no stranger to the public eye, having been subject to close scrutiny since the beginning of her career in 2003. Does she feel added



Sania Mirza with son, Izhaan Mirza Malik  
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pressure as a public figure in the limelight? "Being famous comes with its own set of challenges. More than pressure, I feel a sense of responsibility," she muses, adding, "I feel humbled and honoured to be in this position where so many kids look up to you. So, you have a responsibility about how you conduct yourself."



I try to find a balance. Even amid professional commitments, I revolve my plans around Izhaan as much as I can.

SANIA MIRZA, Former India tennis player

**A BIOPIC ON SANIA ON THE CARDS?**  
Sports biopics have become a popular genre of late. While a film on Mirza's life is yet to materialise, the former tennis pro says "a lot of people" have shown interest. She tells us, "A biopic has been on the cards, but I haven't had offers of late, unless my managers have not told me about any!"

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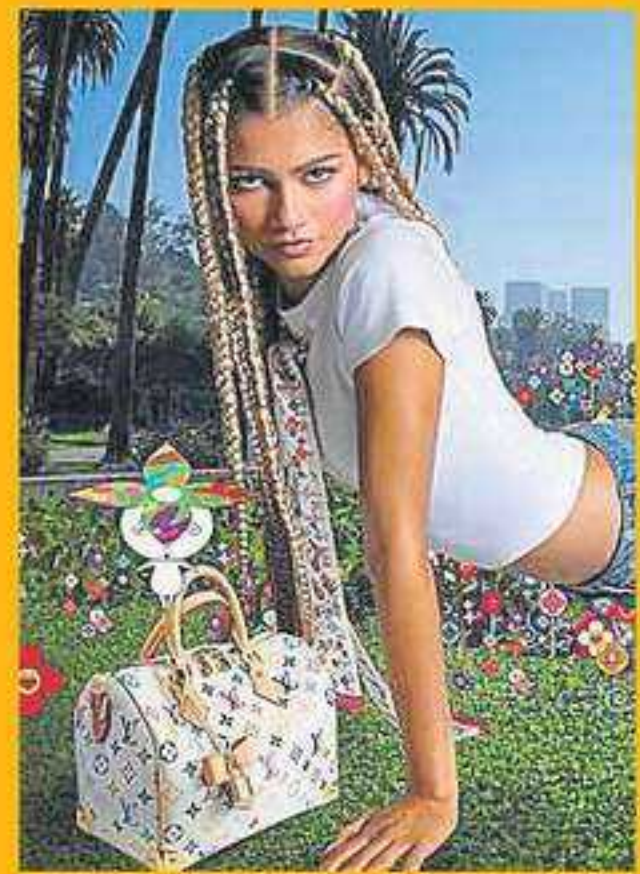




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WATCHES AND  
HANDBAGS TOP THAI  
PM'S ASSET LIST

Thailand Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra (38) declared assets worth over \$400 million (₹2,876 crore). This list features 217 designer handbags, 75 luxury watches, and 23 vehicles, including a Bentley and a Rolls Royce Phantom. She is the daughter of former PM and telecom billionaire Thaksin Shinawatra and the youngest person to ever hold the office.



CELEBRATING TWO  
DECADES OF  
FASHION

To celebrate the 20-year collaboration between Louis Vuitton and Japanese artist Takashi Murakami, the luxury brand has released an its famed 2000s collection in an extensive re-edition in two parts. The first is available to shop now. This re-release boasts over 200 pieces, all emblazoned with Murakami's signature take on the LV logo.

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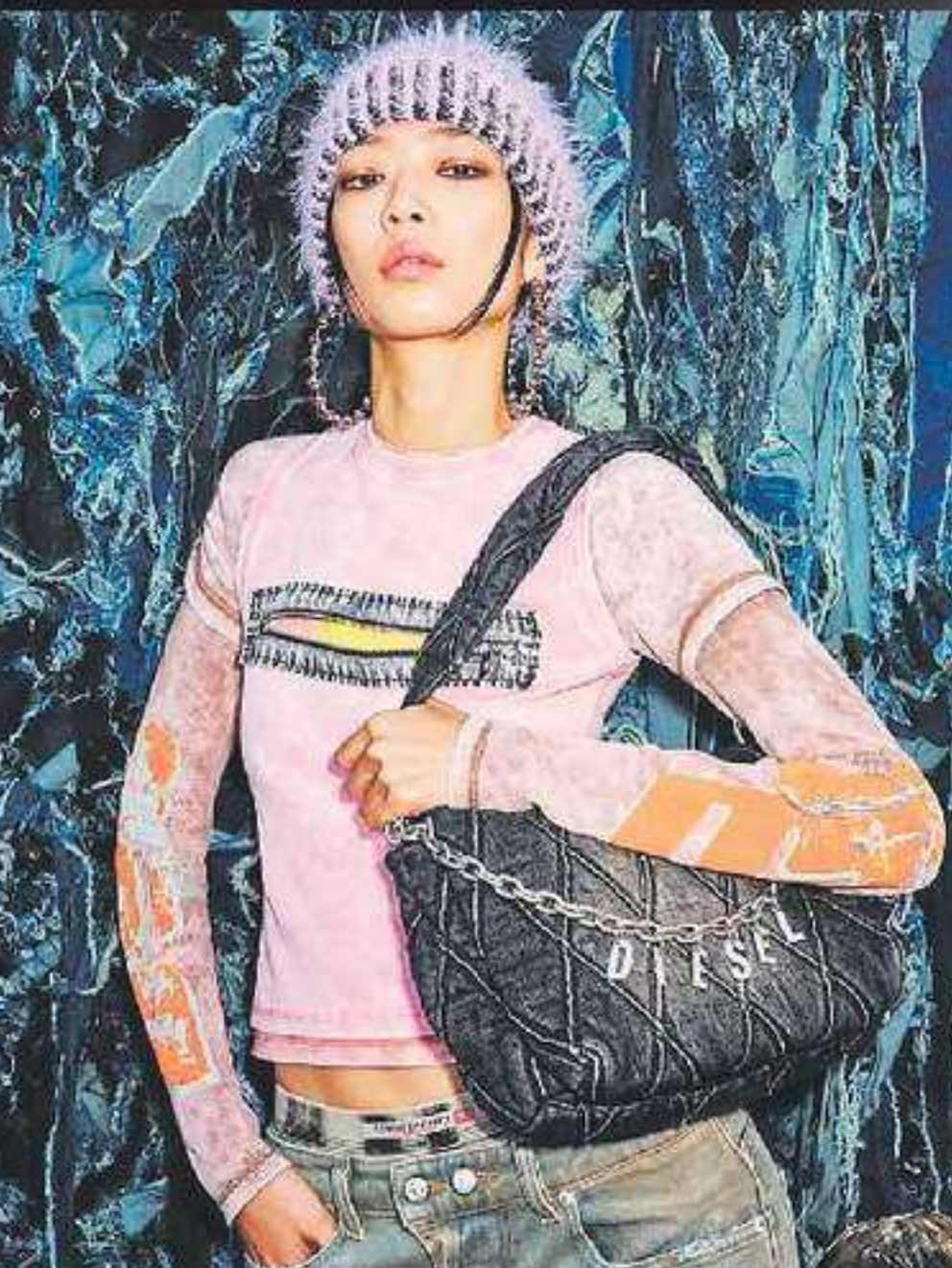
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# A FASHIONABLE RECKONING OF 2025



With fresh takes on timeless styles taking centre stage, fashion experts predict that a mix of nostalgia and innovation will mark the year ahead

Navya Sharma

## PREVIEW 2025

Y2K REVIVAL

With low-waist jeans, cargo skirts, and jorts, the noughties are leading the way. Diesel's Spring/Summer 2025 collection gives this look a fresh twist with distressed denim and bold micro-skirts. Blumarine also brings in the Y2K vibe with sparkling baby tees and rhinestone details. "Low rise jeans will get a revival this year, with brands like DSquared already showing their collection on the ramp," says designer Anvita Sharma of Two Point Two.

FASHION'S  
WARM HUG

Brown is making a bold statement as the new neutral tone. As Mocha Mousse remains a key trend, many brands are embracing the hue. Jyotika Jhalani, founder of Janavi India, describes these shades as "intimate, forgiving, and flattering for all skin tones". The brand has even collaborated with Pantone, infusing their designs into the growing movement, even as Prada and Saint Laurent incorporate more brown into their collections.



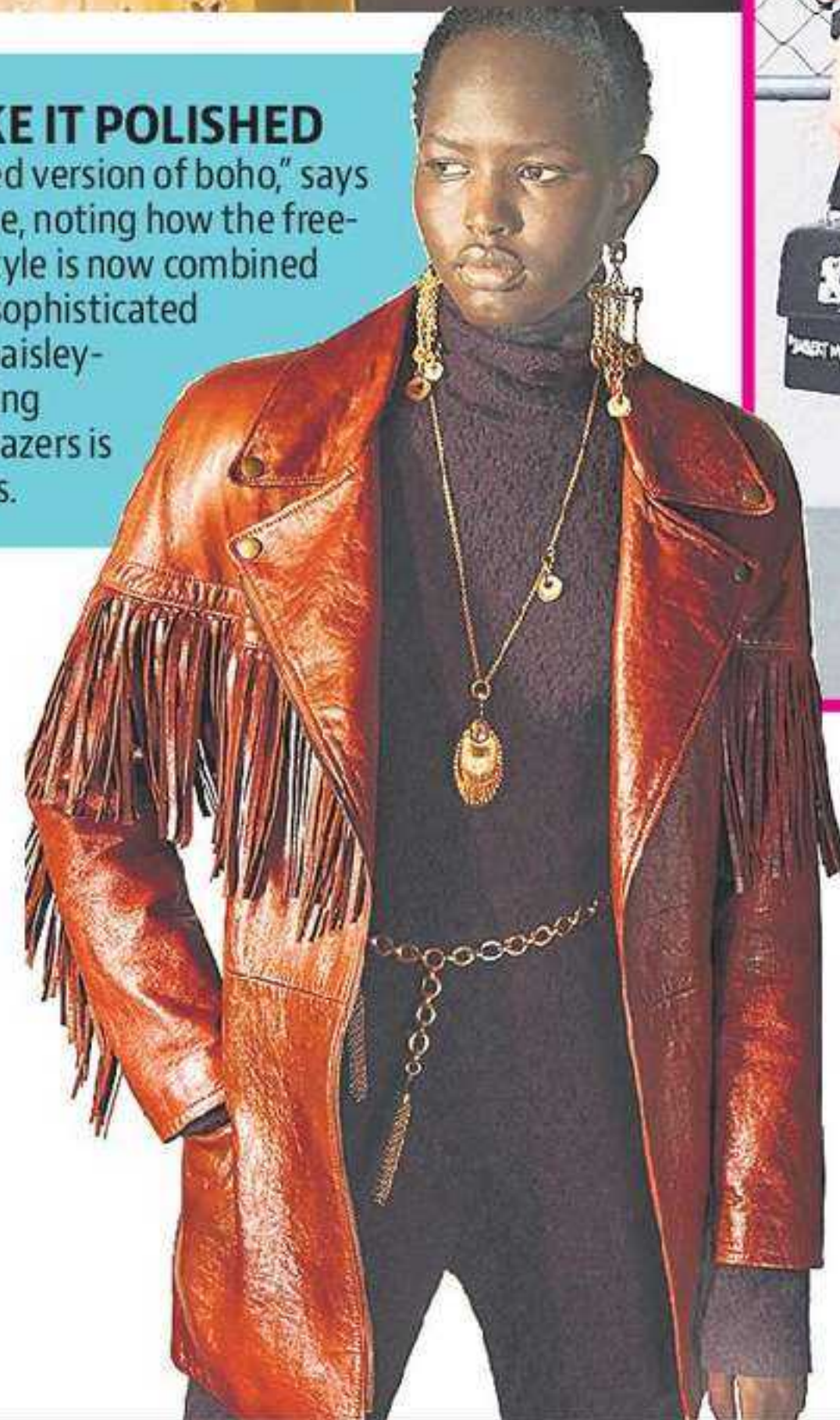
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UNIQUE  
SILHOUETTES

Unique silhouettes are making individuality the centrepiece of design. Saint Laurent's sharp tailoring and Prada's sleek fits reflect the shift. Moonray takes this further with sculptural forms. Co-founder Karishma Swali shares, "We craft silhouettes that enhance individuality and tell stories." From tailored jackets to dresses with godet inserts, the focus is on bold shapes that balance elegance with creativity.

BOHO, BUT MAKE IT POLISHED

"We'll see a more refined version of boho," says designer Nachiket Barve, noting how the free-spirited charm of the style is now combined with more structured, sophisticated elements. Etro's sleek paisley-printed coats and flowing dresses with tailored blazers is an example of this cross.



FASHION MEETS  
FUNCTION

A blend of practicality and boldness, athleisure has evolved beyond casual wear—it's now a symbol of power dressing promoting active lifestyles. Case in point, Lacoste and Maria Grazia Chiuri's Dior collection at their Spring 2025 shows. The global athleisure market is rapidly expanding, with the industry expected to reach ₹662.56 billion (₹568 lakh crore) by 2030, reflecting a broader shift toward wellness.



# 'WAS REPLACED IN FILMS AFTER SHOR..., SAT IN MUMBAI FOR TWO YEARS'

Actor Sundeep Kishan recalls his experience in Hindi cinema and why he won't do a film 'just for the language'

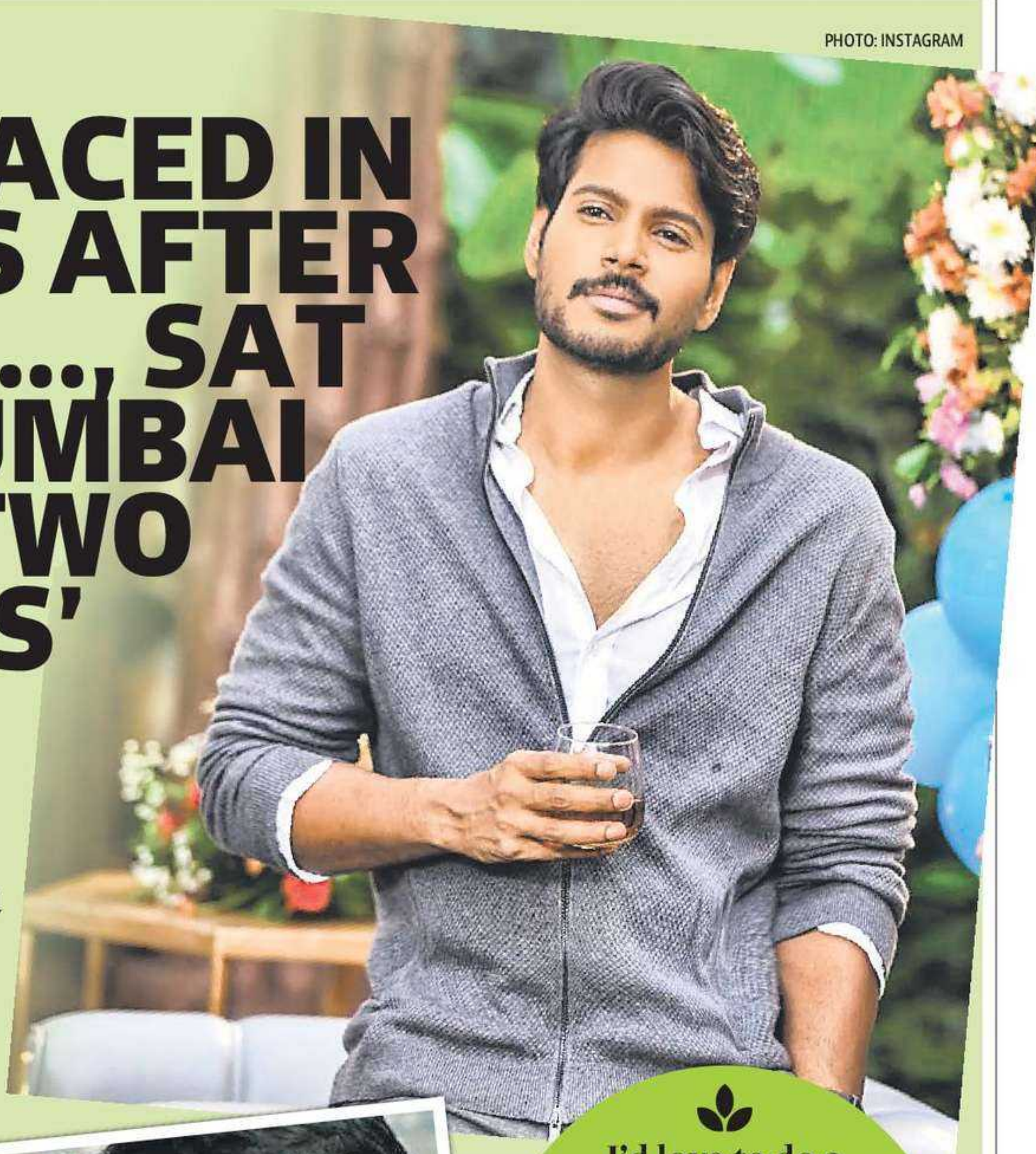


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A still from  
*Shor In The City*

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Actor Sundeep Kishan made his debut in Hindi cinema with *Shor In The City* (2010), but was not seen again in any Hindi projects until 2019 in the Manoj-Bajpayee-starrer series *Family Man*. Now gearing up for the third season of the series as well as the directorial debut of actor-politician Vijay's son

Jason Sanjay, the actor recalls his early days in Bollywood. "Post *Shor In The City*, I had signed two Hindi films with reputed production houses and filmmakers. I was very excited," he recalls, adding, "I sat here (in Mumbai) for two years doing nothing." Though the 37-year-old had one Tamil and two Telugu films to his credit, he turned down other projects to focus on the two Hindi films: "(But) neither of them happened with me and it was given the last second to someone else." That was when the actor

decided to "stay true to my southern roots" and starred in *Routine Love Story* (2012), *Ra Ra Krishnappa* (2014), *AI Express* (2021), and *Michael* (2023), to name a few. Ask him if he has become weary of signing a Hindi film now, and Kishan shares, "No, that's not fair to say... So many of my friends started off with me, like Rajkumar Rao who was doing *LSD* (2010), Kartik Aaryan did *Pyaar Ka Punchnama* (2011). So everybody who's held on, it's all worked fantastically. But I'd like to stay true to my

I'd love to do a Hindi film, but it should come to me organically from a filmmaker I love... I should want to be a part of the same language.

SUNDEEP KISHAN, Actor

identity." Now, his focus is on doing projects that come organically from a filmmaker whom he loves and in the language that he wants to do. "Otherwise, I'm more than happy making a film which I believe will be a superb experience for the audience to watch in my language and bring it (to Hindi cinema) just like how my senior counterparts are doing," he signs off.

PHOTO: YOGEN SHAH



# Haaye jhumka! Aamir Khan's silver earrings steal the show

Actor Aamir Khan made a rare appearance with his younger son Azad Rao Khan (13) on Sunday at a restaurant in Bandra (Mumbai). Sporting a blue kurta with baggy jeans, Aamir's OOTD grabbed eagle-eyed fans' eyes who spotted his oxidised silver jhumkas. He later attended his elder son Junaid Khan's play at Prithvi Theatre the same night, wearing a blue kurta and jeans with the same jhumkas. Notably, this is not the first time that the 59-year-old created a buzz with his fashion choices. He caused a chatter in 2017 when he was seen wearing a nose pin. It was later revealed that he was teasing the look for his character in the film *Thugs of Hindostan* (2018). **HTC**

Ankush Bahuguna; (inset) a still from his video PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM/WINGITWITH ANKUSH



# Ankush Bahuguna put under 40-hour 'digital arrest' by scammers: I lost my money, mental health

Youtuber Ankush Bahuguna has revealed that he was recently put in a 'digital arrest' by online scammers. Sharing a video on Instagram on Sunday, the 31-year-old said, "I have been missing from social media and everywhere for the last three days... I have lost money. I have lost my mental health to this (scam)." Bahuguna said that he was kept hostage in a non-stop 40-hour-long

video call, adding that he was "hypnotised" into making a transaction. Detailing his digital arrest, the content creator said he was forced to switch off all his gadgets at home: "I was not allowed to pick up calls. I was not allowed to message people or reply to their messages, let anybody in the house. They told me that if I tried to reach out to anyone, they would arrest me and harm the people I contacted... (They also told me) 'Your parents are in danger'."

**HOW THE SCAM UNFOLDED** Recalling the ordeal, Bahuguna shared he got a call from a "very weird number that started with +1". "It was an automated call that said, 'Your courier delivery has been cancelled. Press Zero for support... I pressed zero because I was just curious. Biggest mistake of my life," he said, adding that the caller told him that a package with illegal substances linked to his name destined for China had been seized by customs officials. "They said I was a prime suspect in a national case put under self custody," he added. The content creator ended the video by urging viewers to stay vigilant and informed. **HTC**

