

Ahead of Sankranti, Rukmini Vasanth visits a Bengaluru market, where she selects flowers to adorn her home and celebrate the harvest festival

RUKMINI VASANTH

'I WILL BE HOME FOR SANKRANTI, AFTER SO LONG'

As children, the festival of Sankranti was all about the food and excitement; but, as we grow older, it's the bonding and time spent with loved ones that matters the most

Madhu Daithota

Rukmini Vasanth is thrilled to be home with her family after a hectic shoot schedule. "It's been a while since I've celebrated the occasion with family, so everyone's really happy I'm home. Although our celebrations are smaller now — limited to just our household — they're still meaningful. As kids, it was all about the food and excitement, but as we grow older, it's the bonding and time spent with loved ones that matters the most. The elders in the family come together, and we soak in the spirit of new beginnings — that's reason enough to love Sankranti," she tells us. Excerpts:

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We need more awareness about cybercrime: Jacqueliene

The reason I decided to be a part of *Fateh* is because the story is about an issue that really affects people. Cybercrime is a threat to society and there needs to be more awareness

Jacqueliene Fernandez

Onkar Kulkarni

Jacqueliene Fernandez has diverted from her glamorous onscreen image for her latest film *Fateh*. The actress, who plays an ethical hacker in the movie directed by Sonu Sood, talks about why playing this role came naturally to her.

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Jacqueliene Fernandez with Sonu Sood in a still from *Fateh*

Sonu is a true artiste and put together a strong team that helped bring his vision to life... He would take us around and share stories about his hometown
— On working with Sonu Sood

Suniel Shetty set to make his Tulu debut with Roopesh Shetty's next

Vinay Lokesh

Bollywood star Suniel Shetty is venturing into Tulu cinema with *Jai*, directed by and co-starring Roopesh Shetty. The actor begins filming in the coastal region post Sankranti.

Roopesh Shetty says, "Sunil Shetty had long expressed interest in Tulu cinema. When I presented him with the script and character, his attention to detail amazed me — it's what makes him such a great actor and explains his illustrious career. We're thrilled to have him on board, and I can't wait to work with him on set. His role completely transforms the film."

Roopesh adds, "*Jai* is a political thriller, centred around a specific issue in a village. Given Suniel's Mangaluru roots, we want him to provide the voice-over to ensure authenticity."

Roopesh Shetty and Suniel Shetty

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Grateful that we are safe as of now: Preity on LA fires

Preity G Zinta

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Heartbroken, shocked, numb: LA wildfire wreaks havoc across Hollywood

Preity G Zinta, who lives in LA with husband Gene Goodenough, addressed the devastation that has consumed the city. In a post on X, the actress wrote, "I never thought I would live to see a day where fires would ravage neighbourhoods around us in LA, friends & families either evacuated or put on high alert, ash descending from smoggy skies like snow & fear & uncertainty about what will happen if the wind does not calm down with toddlers and grandparents with us. I'm heartbroken at the devastation around us and grateful to god that we are safe as of now. My thoughts and prayers to people that are displaced and have lost everything in these fires. Hope the wind dies down soon and the fires are contained. A big thank you to the fire department, fire fighters & everyone else helping to save lives & property. Stay safe."

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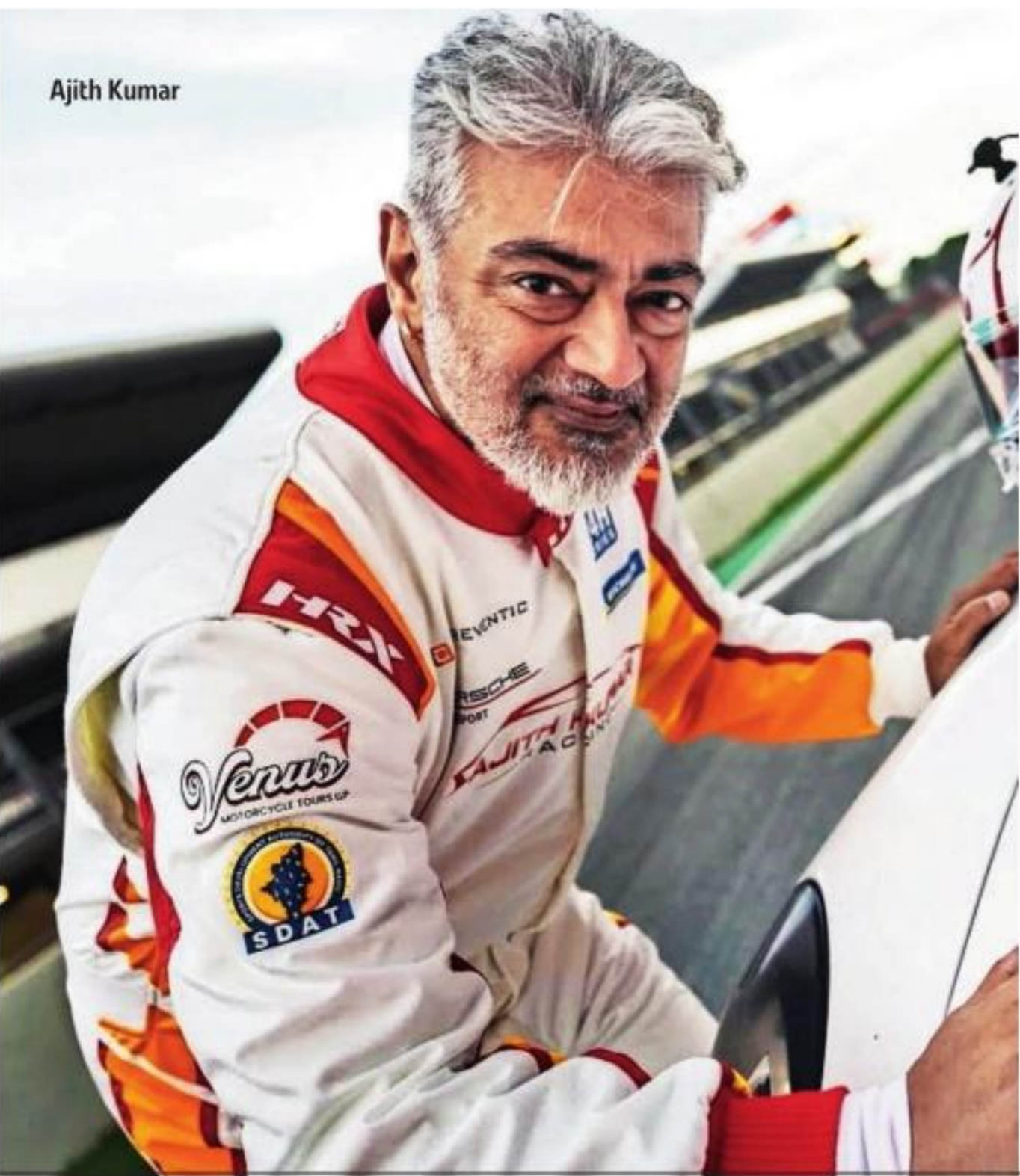
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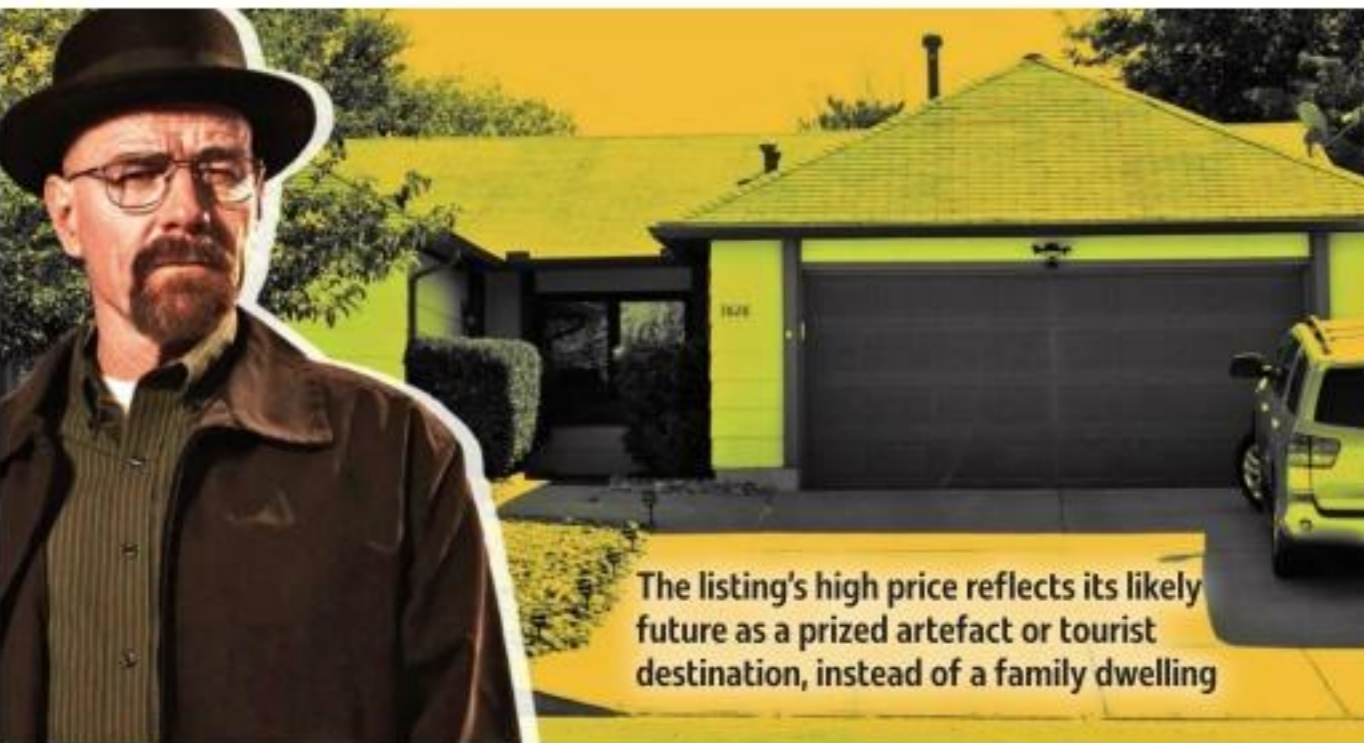
Until the racing season is on, I won't be signing films: Ajith



In a rare interaction with the media, Ajith Kumar, who is currently participating in the 24H racing series, said he has time to focus on racing after completing two films. "For now, I plan to pursue motorsports, not just as a driver but as a team owner as well. Until the racing season is on, I won't be signing films. Between October until March, before the racing season commences, I will probably do films," he said.

While, Ajith has decided to step back from driving for his team Ajith Kumar Racing in the Dubai 24H race, he will drive for Ajith Kumar Racing by Razoon in Porsche Cayman GT4 in the event.

Celebrities have been sharing their wishes for the actor's racing venture on social media.



Breaking Bad house has been put on sale for \$4M

The modest suburban home used as Walter White's family abode in *Breaking Bad* is officially on the market for \$4M (over ₹34 crore) – almost 10 times the median sale price in its neighbourhood. Homeowner Joanne Quintana said that the house's popularity among tourists who were fans of the acclaimed TV series had come at a cost to her family's quality of life. *The Guardian* reported. "This was our family home from 1973, almost 52 years," she told local TV station. "So we're going to walk away with just our memories. It's time to move on. We're done. There's no reason to fight any more."

The listing's high price reflects its likely future as a prized artefact or tourist destination, instead of a family dwelling



Beach time, sunshine and jet skiing marked **ALIA BHATT's** THAILAND visit and her latest photo dump has left us with wanderlust

LEISURE

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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

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

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 1 4 6)
6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 6 6)

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

Example

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

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, as shown. 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).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD

By Christina Bodensiek, Lydia Roth, & Geoffrey Schorkopf 13/01/2025

ACROSS
1 U.K. TV network
4 More than capable
9 Leave damaged
13 Hard to find
15 Old-school, but cool
16 Like takeout meals
17 Defiant retort to a vague threat
19 Regrets
20 Peak performance on the field
21 Superficially attractive thing
23 Complications of acting clips
26 That fella's
27 Costco rival, familiarly
28 Many a business on a Napa Valley tour
31 Female pig
34 Pro's opposite
36 Pilot Earhart
37 Experimental music genre, and what can be found in this puzzle's circled letters?

DOWN
2 Canal vessel
3 Alfredo sauce ingredient
4 "you serious?"
5 Dawn droplets
6 Neighbor of Lucy and Ricky
7 Performs salah, e.g.
8 Canvas bag
9 Kitchen colander
10 Summer camp staffer
11 "like milk: looked bad in hindsight
12 Flushed
14 "World": "Sesame Street" segment
18 Repeated word in a Doris Day hit
22 Doorbell sound
24 Roasted, hosted, or toasted
25 Spanish "those"
28 Greet from afar

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

A	C	C	E	D	E	E	N	C	A	G	E
L	A	U	R	E	N	A	I	R	B	A	L
I	T	R	I	E	D	M	R	N	O	D	L
S	H	A	N	T	C	E	N	A	C	Z	I
T	A	C	S	H	A	R	E	S	T	O	P
S	I	A	M	E	K	E	D	R	O	S	E
R	O	O	K	I	E	M	I	S	T	A	K
B	O	S	T	O	N	P	O	P	S		
T	E	C	H	S	T	A	R	T	U	P	S
U	G	L	I	S	T	E	N	O	N	S	A
L	O	O	T	S	T	A	R	S	P	O	I
I	T	S	E	F	I	L	E	R	E	D	N
P	R	E	S	T	O	N	S	E	A	L	E
S	I	T	T	I	N	G	T	E	D	T	A
P	O	U	N	D	S		L	E	S	L	E

novels
66 T-bone, for one
67 Pt. of GPS
1 Covering a wide scope
2 Canal vessel
3 Alfredo sauce ingredient
4 "you serious?"
5 Dawn droplets
6 Neighbor of Lucy and Ricky
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29 and beans
30 Chatters on and on
31 "Adopt, don't shop" org.
32 Like some thermometers
33 Hypothetical space-time shortcuts
35 Org. that oversees a cryptologic museum
38 Dad jokes, often
39 Melon discards
40 Skeptical scoff
46 Upper limbs
47 Is rife (with)
49 Professional dealmaker
50 "Ugh, I'll never be able to that!"
51 Sits (down)
52 "Sleigh Ride" composer Anderson
53 Thruways, slangily
54 Russian refusal
55 Roof overhang
56 Varieties
60 Poseidon's realm
61 "No clue," for short

GARFIELD

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY IMPROVE A DAY LIKE TODAY?

WHIPPED CREAM!

ARCHIE

I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE FINAL BELL TO RING EACH DAY!

NEITHER CAN I!

IT MEANS I CAN GET HOME AND START STUDYING!

FOR THE SMARTEST KID IN SCHOOL, THERE ARE SOME CONCEPTS HE JUST DOESN'T GRASP!

SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

SSAIO
GYILN
IKTGHN
EELQV

HOW TO PLAY
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

Marriages, like careers, need constant nurturing... the secret of it all is it all - Joyce Brothers (6,6)

EVENTS

MEETING
Recovery from drug addiction, an online meeting, is held every day, from 7 pm to 8 pm. Zoom meeting ID is 8421668628. For login password, call: 9880590059

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SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
14-average | 16-good | 18-outstanding

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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DENNIS THE MENACE

"NOW IF YOU COULD JUST PILE IT ALL IN THE SHAPE OF A SNOWMAN... THAT'D BE GREAT!"

FINOLEX FORTUNE

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See what the stars have in store for you - according to your moon sign.

ARIES: People will enlighten you, making a significant impact on your life. Be cautious, however, as you could be misled about what is rightfully yours, leading to potential losses. Financial matters may feel restrictive, but a shift in attitude could lead to positive transformation.
TAURUS: Fun and enjoyment are on the way, but be mindful of self-destructive behaviours disguised as fun. Question your values and rights, and take this time to organise your affairs.
GEMINI: You may face challenges in both your personal and professional life. However, this is an ideal time to plan for the future and get organised, particularly in your communications. This could be one of the more difficult days, but it's an opportunity to lay the groundwork for progress.
CANCER: Bold, decisive action will help you consolidate your aspirations and achieve impressive results. This is an excellent time for creativity and exploring new leisure activities. Spiritual connections could also play a key role.
LEO: Change is constant, and you may soon realise that decisions made earlier were based on incomplete information. New insights will allow you to reassess your situation and lay a stronger foundation for future security.
VIRGO: Beware of knee-jerk reactions that could prevent you from seizing lucrative opportunities. Now is a time to reflect on how certain people have impacted your life, and whether those influences have been beneficial or not. Focus on finding the

your life's purpose. Focus on improvements in your work and health, and take time to rest when needed. You'll be able to identify what changes are necessary for better fulfillment.
SAGITTARIUS: A timely call or email could bring practical, helpful advice. You may feel more comfortable as changes occur, especially in your work life. You may have to confront your tendency to see the darker side of things, but the new path will feel right.
CAPRICORN: Lingering dissatisfaction with authority figures may reach a turning point now. Unexpected financial surprises may arise, encouraging you to take some risks. A deeper understanding of your life's purpose may also emerge.
AQUARIUS: Honour your duty in work-related situations, even if they're uncomfortable. Stand your ground and let others express their emotions. This is a time to make bold career moves and consider innovative approaches to your direction.
PISCES: It's your last chance to address any boundary issues in your relationships. Reflect on whether the dynamics are helping or hindering your goals. Take responsibility for your role in these relationships, and decide if you need to make changes.

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

TIMES SUDOKU

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

LOOP THE LOOP

TIMES HITORI

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

SCRAMBLE
all - Joyce Brothers
nurturing... the secret of having it all is loving it
Answer: Marriages, like careers, need constant nurturing... the secret of having it all is loving it

ART, UTILITY AND NOSTALGIA

Mark the date, celebrate the art

Arka Das & Raima Ganguly

Desktop calendars are the secret sauce to lighting up every drab corner of your office or home, offering just that little dash of colour through a drawing, a fun cartoon or a moment of insight through a photograph. And have these evolved! Gone are the plain date-trackers—a 2025 spread could well be an artistic keepsake brimming with personality. More than just marking days, these calendars bring fun and inspiration to your everyday spaces.



Ode to a legend

A much-loved bookstore in Kolkata celebrates Satyajit Ray's diverse genius annually with a special calendar. The 2025 edition, curated by his filmmaker son Sandip Ray, highlights his lesser-known role as a graphic artist, showcasing 12 rare illustrations he created for various authors.

The 12 pen, brush and ink illustrations handpicked by Sandip Ray will allow us to look at the master's illustration style with new vigour

— Pinaki De, designer and member, Ray Society

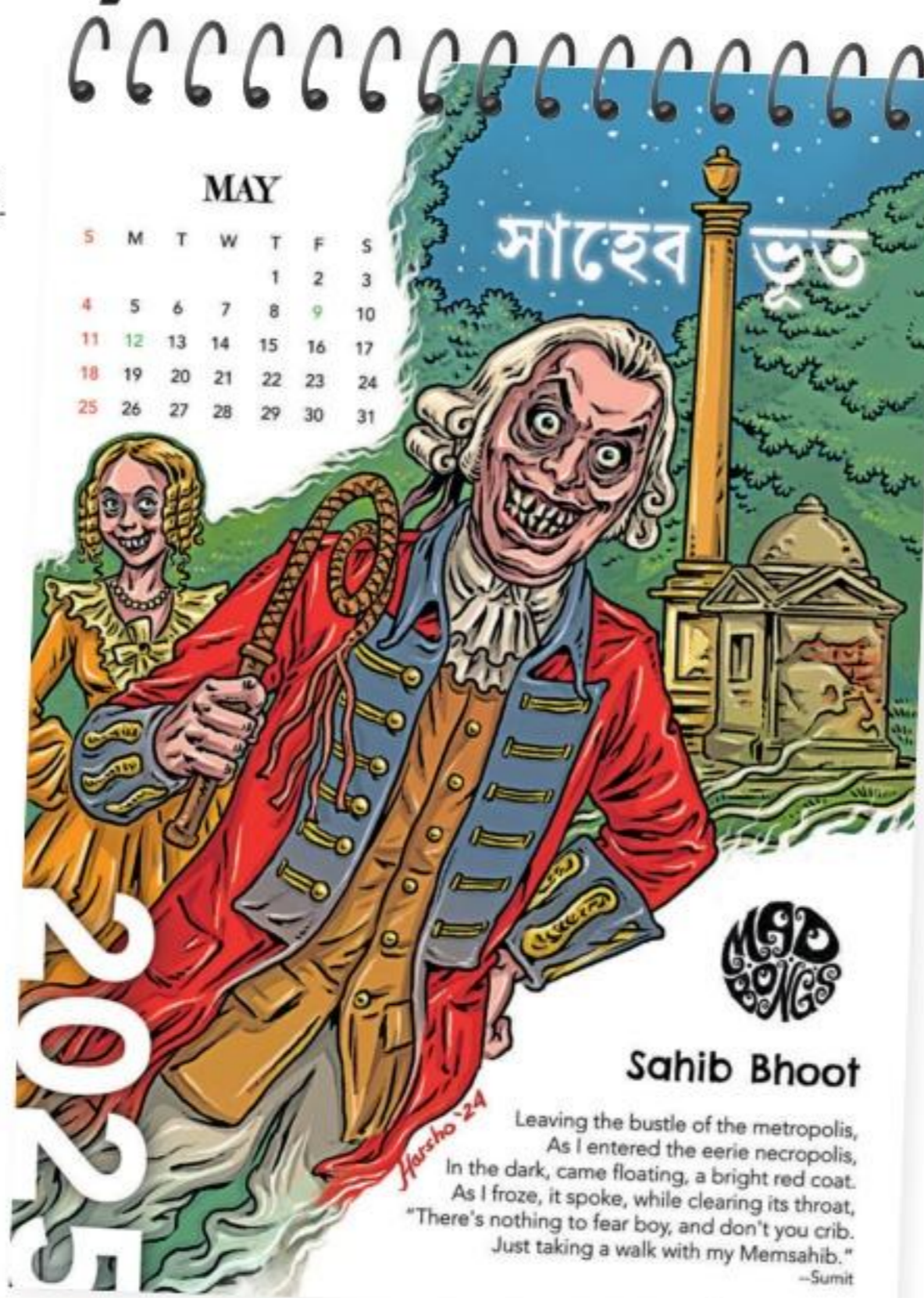


If the visuals are captivating, these calendars can outlast their one-year purpose and turn into keepsakes. Table calendars can add to the aesthetics of a workspace

— Arvind Raj

Capturing the wild

Arvind Raj from Chamrajpet has been crafting calendars for four years, and his latest creation features India's wildlife. Showcasing stunning photographs from the Pench Tiger Reserve, Panna Tiger Reserve, Dudhwa National Park, and the Jim Corbett National Park, each page brings forth exotic moments in nature while sharing fascinating details about animals and their habitats.



With phones handling dates, these calendars feel personal. You get to plan and write in your own handwriting. People tend to love that

— Alicia Souza

<< Kolkata-based Mad Bongs collective has come up with a calendar of 12 otherworldly spirits, a spine-chilling one for each month. Most of them are quintessentially Bengali

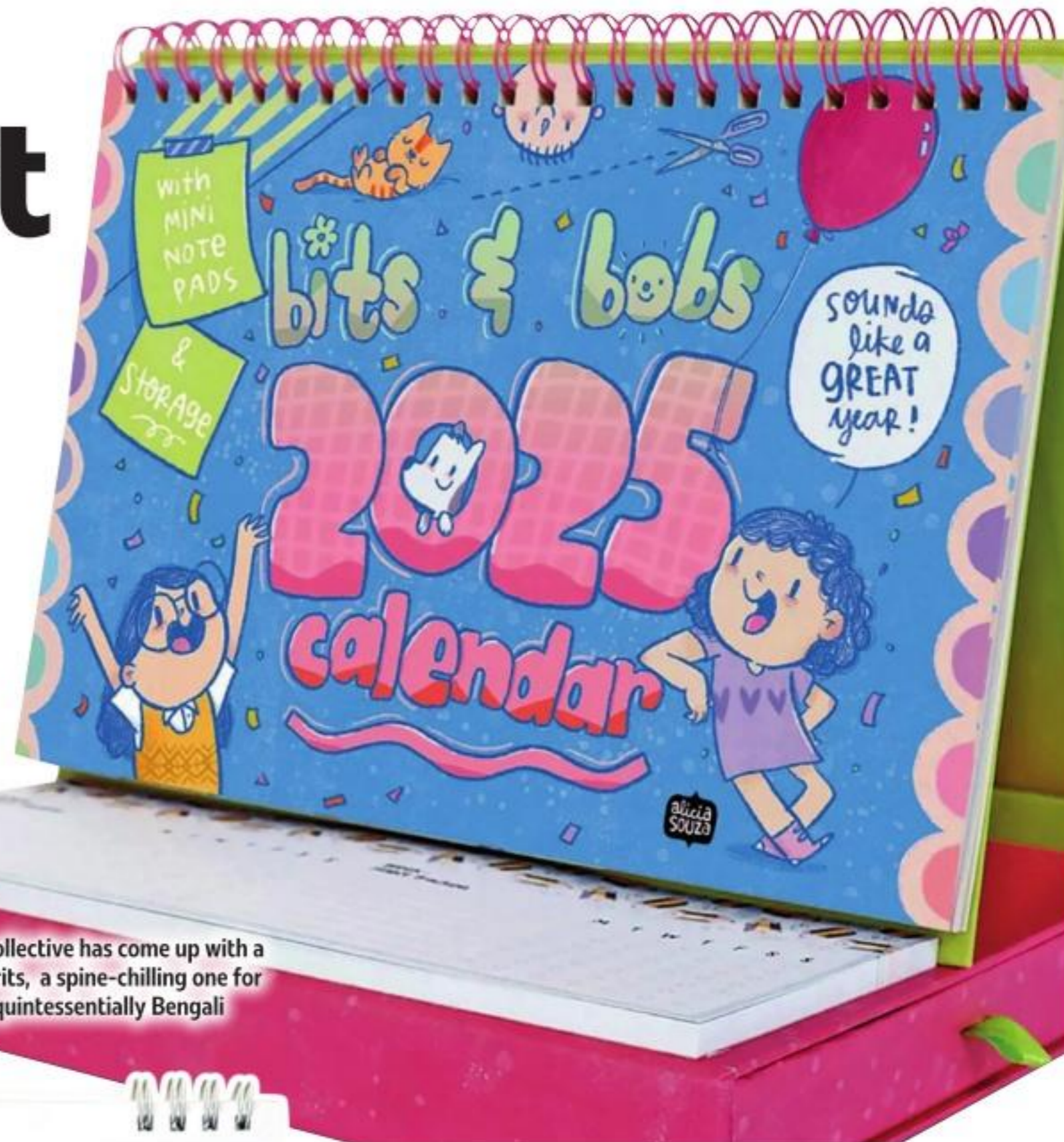


Cityscape in watercolour

Art teacher Saritha Ajay's calendar is like a gallery of her watercolour paintings. Named Namma Bengaluru, it features landmarks of the city like Cubbon Park and KR Market. "I wanted to capture our city's essence and connect with people through art," she says.

The demand for wall calendars is declining and table calendars is increasing. Many tell me they keep the calendars year-round just for the artwork

— Saritha Ajay



A canvas of one's own

Bengaluru-based artist Alicia Souza, known for her vibrant cartoons, is redefining calendars as delightful keepsakes. Her latest creation, Bits and Bobs, is a desktop calendar perched atop a box that doubles up as a drawer, and is filled with stickers. The calendar also comes with a habit tracker. Each year, she experiments with designs to keep things fresh.

Kiranraj K is now engaged to girl pal Anaya Vasudha



Anaya Vasudha and Kiranraj K

Madhu Daithota

A trip to the UK last year to study animation also made 777 Charlie fame director Kiranraj K meet the love of his life. "I spent a few months in the UK to pursue my course and was introduced to Anaya Vasudha during the time. We clicked instantly and both of us have the same outlook towards life. We love what we do but are equally family oriented. She is a lovely person," says Kiranraj who got engaged to Anaya in Mangal-

uru on Sunday. His fiancée, informs Kiranraj, is a classical dancer and runs a Bharatnatyam institute in UK. "Her family emigrated to Britain decades ago and are settled there. Incidentally, Anaya's family also hails from Kasargod, which also is the place I'm from and that's another binding factor. My mother is extremely happy to see me settling down and I'm looking forward to this new phase of my life," smiles Kiranraj, who is now working on his next film which is a bilingual.



It's reunion season and everyone's invited

Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino, playing twin losers in the road-trip classic *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, borrow a Jaguar sedan and tell their batch mates a bizarre lie—that they invented the Post-It note. It's just one of the many desperate things they do to fit into the universe they would have happily left behind.

It's a sentiment that feels familiar. After all, it is that time of the year, when many of us will either face our worst fears or relive our fondest memories. Depending on how we spent the most colourful years of our lives.

High school and college reunions, almost always, elicit mixed responses. From the incredulous: 'Are you mad?' to 'Of course, I will!' And everything in between. And while there is no official data on this, it could be safe to assume that even for those who do RSVP in the affirmative, there would be a fair amount of panic attacks mixed with jovial all-encompassing joie de vivre as D-Day draws near.



There has always been a certain anxiety about school reunions (more so over the college ones). On one hand there is that pervasive need to hold up our lives against that of celebs, friends, peers, even family. On the other, there are those awkward moments as spouses and exes meet, and notes exchanged on chapters that you would rather not revisit.

The most daunting aspect of reunions is the possibility of being 'judged' based on past selves, and an assessment of recent 'achievements'—a busy LinkedIn profile, an upscale home, a startup to your name and kids doing summer camps in Europe perhaps? It is a report card which many of us could do without.

But then again, this could be the exact therapy we need: to face these fears, once and for all. Like farewells, reunions tend to be bittersweet. The bitter bit cannot always be changed. The sweetness lingers in the carrying-on, in the despite-whatsoever, in the right spirit.

If nothing else, there would always be those silly, laugh-aloud moments, blurry group photos and the sweet mist of nostalgia to hold on to.

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‘Sankranti evokes memories of fun and festive preparations’

Karthikeyan Sairam

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‘SANKRANTI BRINGS BACK SO MANY WARM AND CHERISHED CHILDHOOD MEMORIES’
My sister Yashoda and I always found Sankranti to be such a fun festival. Our mother would task us with preparing baskets of *yellu*, *bella*, *sakre acchu* and *kabbu* for friends and neighbours. Dressed in our traditional best, we’d proudly distribute them on our own — it made us feel so grown up! I still remember our trips to Malleshwaram to pick out the baskets. We’d get so excited choosing from the different colours, shapes, and sizes. My sister and I would argue, saying, ‘*Adu nandu!*’ (That basket is mine!) whenever we found the prettiest ones.

‘WHENEVER I SEE SUGARCANE, IT REMINDS ME OF SANKRANTI’
Every year, the Sankranti festivities would start with my grandpa bringing in heaps of *kabbu* and cutting it into small pieces for Yashoda and me. It was such a treat! I remember, when I was around 10, I told him, ‘I’m a grown-up now, I can eat it on my own!’ Since then, *kabbu* and I have had our own little love story. Even today, whenever I see *kabbu*, it instantly reminds me of Sankranti and the beautiful energy of the festival.

‘THIS FESTIVAL IS ALL ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS’
I’m looking forward to a peaceful and fulfilling year. With some promising projects on the horizon, I’m looking forward to what’s next. And, of course, I’ll be indulging in lots of *kosambri* (vegetable salad) this Sankranti.



RUKMINI VASANTH



Although our celebrations are smaller now, limited to just our household, they’re still meaningful

‘Sankranti is a time for sharing and goodwill’

“I remember, some years ago, I was taking a cab to a place around Sankranti and the driver gave me a packet of *yellu-bella* when I was getting off. It’s a Sankranti memory I hold dear even today,” says Rukmini.

‘Thrilled for the audience to see a different side of me’

@jacquelienefernandez

Jacqueliene Fernandez

“De-glam is usually how I am at home, so playing this character came naturally to me because this is the real me that my friends and family know,” Jacqueliene shares

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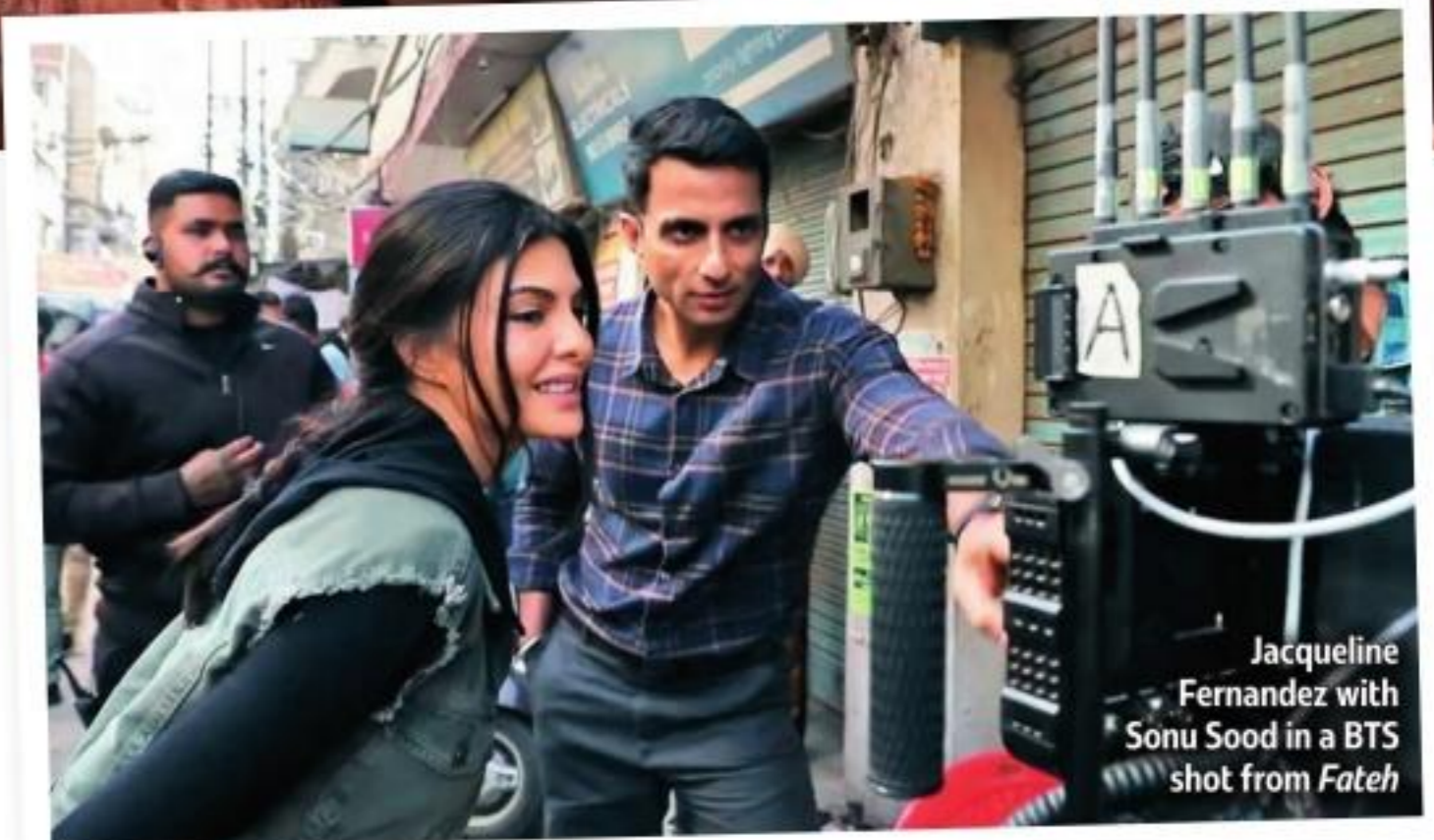
‘THIS IS THE REAL ME’

Talking about her de-glam avatar in the film, she says, “De-glam is usually how I am at home, so playing this character came naturally to me because this is the real me that my friends and family know.”

Jacqueliene says she is glad this film focuses on spreading awareness about cybercrime. “The reason I decided to be a part of the film is because the story is about an issue that really affects people. Cybercrime is a threat to society, and there needs to be more awareness about it,” she says.

‘FATEH IS A PROJECT I’M INCREDIBLY EXCITED ABOUT’

About her expectations from the action thriller, the actress shares, “*Fateh* marks an exciting start to the year for me. The story, the action and the emotions are all so powerful, and I’m



Jacqueliene Fernandez with Sonu Sood in a BTS shot from Fateh

thrilled for the audience to see a different side of me. It’s a project I’m incredibly excited about.”

‘SHOOTING IN PUNJAB WAS A WHOLESOME EXPERIENCE’

Sharing her experience of working with Sonu, Jacqueliene says, “He is a

true artiste and put together a strong team that helped bring his vision to life. Shooting in Punjab was a wholesome experience. Sonu would take us around and share stories about his hometown. The food there was absolutely soul-satisfying!”



Timothee Chalamet

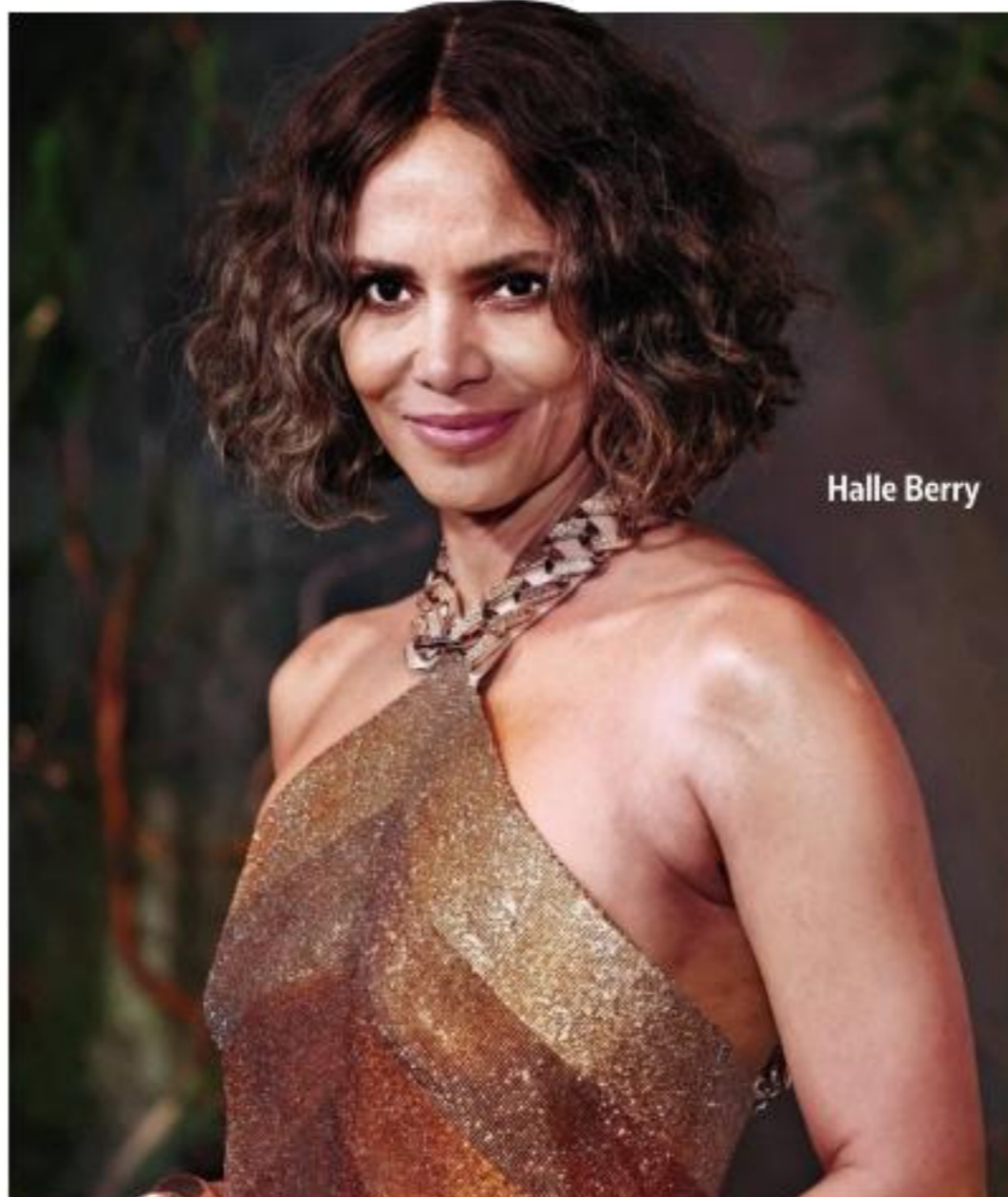
Timothee Chalamet to host & perform on SNL

Timothee Chalamet is set to make history by serving as both the host and musical guest on an upcoming episode of *Saturday Night Live* (SNL). This marks a rare achievement in the long history of the show, as Chalamet becomes only the fifth non-musician to take on both roles in the show’s 50-year history.

The *A Complete Unknown* actor will join an esteemed list of SNL hosts who have

also served as musical guests, a group that includes legendary figures such as Paul Simon, Ray Charles, Elton John and Britney Spears. What sets Chalamet apart, however, is that, unlike his predecessors, he is not primarily known for his singing or musical talents. The last time a non-singer held both positions was in 1995, when footballer Deion Sanders took on the dual roles.

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Halle Berry

Halle donates her closet to help wildfire victims

Halle Berry is donating her entire closet to help victims of the California wildfires. The actress sprung into action after seeing fellow screen star Sharon Stone post an appeal for donations to help those who have lost everything in the disaster, which has claimed 10 lives and burned thousands of homes to the ground in southern California.

In a post, Halle wrote, “I’m packing up my entire closet and heading over to the Coop! If you live in the Southern California area, I urge you to do the same. We’re collecting gently used clothing for kids, men, women, children, people that have been displaced, affected by the fire. We have sweaters, jeans, new socks, shoes, clothes, blankets...”

‘I’m packing up my entire closet and donating it. This is something we can do to help all of the displaced families that are in need of the basics’

– Halle Berry

Alec sues prosecutors for malice in Rust case



Alec Baldwin's lawsuit accuses prosecutors of violating his constitutional rights through “improper use of the criminal process”

Alec Baldwin filed a lawsuit recently accusing New Mexico prosecutors and law enforcement officials of waging a “malicious prosecution” against him after the fatal shooting of a cinematographer on the *Rust* film set. Their involuntary manslaughter case against Baldwin in the shooting death of the cinematographer, Halyna Hutchins, came to a dramatic end in July during his trial. The judge found that the state had withheld evidence from the defense, and dismissed the case without the potential for it to be retried. “There is no way for the court to right this wrong,” the judge said in dismissing the case, as Baldwin wept in the courtroom.

Baldwin’s lawsuit accuses prosecutors of violating his constitutional rights through “improper use of the criminal process.” His lawyers accused the prosecutors of a series of violations, claiming that they had failed to disclose evidence to the defense on several occasions, had pursued the case to promote their “personal agendas or professional ambitions” and had failed to pursue all lines of the inquiry as they tried to “manufacture” a case against Baldwin.

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“As you know, where I live is on fire right now. This is literally where I live, everything – the market I shop in, the schools my kids go to, friends, many, many, many, many, many friends have lost their homes now,” she said on *The Tonight Show*

Jamie Lee Curtis donates ₹8.5 cr to LA fire relief efforts

Jamie Lee Curtis, who resides in the Pacific Palisades neighbourhood of Los Angeles where wildfires have engulfed many homes and properties, has donated \$1 million (₹8.5 crore) to the city’s disaster relief efforts. “We are in contact with Governor Newsom, Mayor Bass and Senator Schiff,” Jamie, who confirmed her street and house were safe, wrote in a Jan 9 Instagram post, “And I will post often about where you can send needed resources to reputable agencies.”

In her caption, the 66-year-old, wrote, “As the fire still rages on and @calfire @losangelesfiredepartment and all the available first responders and agencies involved in fighting fire and saving lives are still hard at work and neighbors and friends are banding together to save each other, my husband and I and our children have pledged \$1 million from our Family Foundation to start a fund of support for our great city and state and the great people who live and love there.” Since the LA fires began raging on Jan 7, Jamie has continued to speak out on the tragic loss amid the city, sharing photos and videos of destroyed buildings and neighbourhoods. She tearfully appeared on *The Tonight Show* and urged people to help communities affected by the fires.



Jamie's Instagram post