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THE ALIBAG COLLECTIVE

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A photograph of two men, Shreyas Iyer and Bhupinder Singh, sitting on wooden steps. Shreyas Iyer is on the left, wearing a white polo shirt with a small 'McQuinn' logo on the chest and brown trousers. He has a beard and is smiling. Bhupinder Singh is on the right, wearing a white polo shirt with a small 'McQuinn' logo on the chest and blue jeans. He is wearing glasses and has a watch on his left wrist. Both shirts have 'McQuinn' written on the sleeve.



We are currently reviewing the order in detail and firmly believe that we have a strong case. Accordingly, we intend to challenge the decision before the appropriate legal forum
— PVR INNOX in a statement

ARE OVERSIZED TOTES HERE TO STAY?

In 2025, tote bags continue to remain a fashion staple, blending style and practicality. Their spacious design fits all essential personal items, making them a must-have accessory for individuals seeking both fashion and functionality

WHY TOTES ARE A FAVOURITE CHOICE

Today, people wish to own a bag that is affordable and practical, with a good design and some brand recognition. As a result, Longchamp, a luxury French brand revived its Le Pliage, a lightweight, foldable roomy tote bag first launched in 1993. Due to its utility, it became popular among the Gen Z leading to increased sales. Big bags make stuffing all essential items possible. Thus, videos of content creators, and celebrities, revealing what goes inside their bags, also became popular. Giant totes are perfect to stuff all your key items like cosmetics, sunglasses, water bottle, laptop, books, phone charger, mints, etc, that you are likely to need throughout the day. This is also another major factor that led to the rise in their popularity. All these factors combined indicate that big bags are back and here to stay.

— BBC

IS IT AN ONGOING TREND?

During the spring/summer 2025 catwalk shows, many brands like Miu Miu, Louis Vuitton and Hermès saw models walk the ramp with doctor bags, while Proenza Schouler opted for giant totes. Last autumn Yves Saint Laurent launched its latest Y bag - a bag so huge, it can fit an entire kitchen sink in it. The bag is now a favourite among celebrities like Angelina Jolie and Bella Hadid. This reflects the consistency of big bags being in trend. However, although the high-end fashion brands are keeping in mind the needs of the average woman, the ongoing trend is more likely a part of the industry's cyclical nature, which also saw micro bags trend a few years ago. Further, though new designs are more utilitarian in nature, people don't primarily and solely desire a handbag simply for its practicality. The desire for a bag, especially a designer one, often stems from other factors like its design, brand, status symbol, craftsmanship, or emotional value.

A\$AP Rocky found not guilty in shooting felony trial



A\$AP Rocky and Rihanna after the trial

Los Angeles jury has found rapper A\$AP Rocky not guilty on all counts of felony assault, bringing an end to a highly publicized three-week trial. According to an international publication, the Harlem-bred rapper, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, was accused of firing a gun at his former friend, A\$AP Relli (real name Terrell Ephon), outside a hotel in Hollywood in November 2021. Rocky, his defence team, his partner, Rihanna, and family members present in the courtroom cheered and wept with joy as the verdict was delivered. The rapper, who was facing up to 24 years in prison if convicted, had pleaded not guilty to the charges. The trial centred around a confrontation between Rocky and Ephon on Hollywood Boulevard, during which Ephon alleged that Rocky aimed a gun at his head and stomach and fired shots

Glory belongs to god: Rihanna

Rihanna issued a statement after partner A\$AP Rocky's acquittal, thanking God for the outcome. The singer took to her Instagram handle to express her gratitude, writing, "The glory belongs to god and god alone. Thankful. Humbled by his mercy (sic)."

that grazed his hand. However, Rocky's defence attorney, Joe Tacopina, argued that Ephon's injuries were minor and that Rocky had used a prop gun to break up a scuffle between Ephon and Rocky's entourage. Ephon had filed a USD 30 million civil lawsuit against Rocky.



Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban's Los Angeles home burglarised

Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban's Los Angeles home was reportedly burglarised on Valentine's Day. The burglary was confirmed to NBC News by a law enforcement source familiar with the investigation, and no details on what items or property, if any, were stolen during the burglary were revealed. Kidman, Urban, and their children were not home at the time of the burglary. The burglars smashed through glass to ransack the residence before they fled the scene, according to reports. Kidman and Urban bought the LA home, located in the Beverly Hills Post Office neighbourhood, in 2008 for \$4.7m. The five-bedroom estate was reportedly built in 1965 and sits on a 1.4-acre lot. Several US outlets have called this burglary the latest in a series of similar incidents targeting celebrity homes.

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Keith Urban and Nicole Kidman

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SHEHNAAZ GILL is "bridging dreams" in **SYDNEY**. The actress' latest photo dump from the Down Under makes a case for wanderlust

I have made sure to never impose anything on my daughters: Hema

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IT WAS MY DREAM TO HAVE A CHILD: HEMA

Talking about her dream of motherhood, Hema said, "It was my dream to have a child. I was so excited when Esha was born, yet I continued my career as a dancer and actress. An actress's career has limitations, but a dancer's doesn't. I remember shooting even while pregnant with her. I was working on *Razia Sultan* – I think I was five or six months pregnant. This was, of course, thanks to my family's support, my mother, my aunt, everyone. They took care of the children, allowing me to continue my dance and film careers. I was very particular, though. To avoid them missing school, I'd take them and drop them off myself. Then I'd go to shoots and come back early. I told producers, 'I wouldn't do late shoots', they had to finish my work by 6 pm. I planned my life carefully to manage everything." She said she sees her daughters do the same thing with their children now. Hema also spoke about her experience of growing up with a strict mother. "I was born into a very traditional Hyderabad family. My mother was a strong personality. She decided I would learn Bharatanatyam. My transition as a dancer was beautiful, though strict. I faced hardship. I wasn't allowed to play like other girls," she said, adding, "But because of my own experience with my mother, I didn't want to impose the same on my girls. For a long time, I didn't insist they learn what I had. They happily went to school, jumped around, and played with friends. Eventually, I suggested that Esha should learn dance. At first, she refused. Then I put her in Bharatanatyam classes. She found it difficult, but she was eager to learn. That's how she came into films. I



Hema Malini with her daughters Esha and Ahana Deol

was scared she wouldn't act properly. But she did. I'm a grandmother, but I learn much from my daughters. They have so much experience. My other daughter, Ahana is also a beautiful dancer. Today, she's a mother of three, including twins. I can't believe how she takes care of them."

Today, I'm a grandmother, but I learn much from my daughters. They have so much experience, they're more exposed to the world. I'm proud of the way they manage their families. I'm blessed to have them in my life

– Hema Malini

I realised early that I will always be compared to my mom: Esha Deol



Hema Malini and Esha Deol at the session in Bengaluru

Every day, I saw her getting ready, looking all pretty, and going to work. It fascinated me," she said, adding, "(Now) I see the same with my girls, Radhya and Viraya. Dance has passed down through generations."

AFTER MY FIRST FILM, I WAS CALLED CHUBBY, COMPARED TO MOM: ESHA

She said, "At 18, I got into films. I was very *bindaas*, carefree. When my first film released, I was a teen and had baby fat. After the movie's release, I read the review. And in that, they wrote, 'She's chubby, she has baby fat'. And they started comparing me to my mom, which I was not prepared for. I thought, 'Okay, I've started acting, I'll act'. But it was not easy. And that was where I realised how to be focused on the goal without letting these affect me. I realised that people are going to keep comparing me to my mom, who's already a legend. So, I told myself, 'If you're going to let that affect you, you're not in the right profession.'" Esha also spoke about letting her children make their choices. "My children are still young, and not yet on social media. When they get there, I'll see how I navigate that. When we started in the public eye there was no social media. There were no paps, no calling them to the airport. I'm not complaining. Now, we need a PR agency, we need to announce our whereabouts, social media, followers, likes, and comments – it's a lot," she said.

– Inputs by Mehresh Hussain



Hema Malini with baby Esha Deol

After my first film, I told myself, 'People are going to keep comparing me to my mom, who's already a legend. So if you're going to let that affect you, you're not in the right profession'

– Esha Deol

I'm not ashamed to ask for work: Shilpa Shirodkar

The 90s actress, who has now shifted base to Mumbai from the UK, is enthusiastic about diving back into work again

Vinay MR Mishra

After spending many years focusing on her family, Shilpa Shirodkar, who enjoyed a good run in the movies in the 90s, now wants to explore interesting acting offers. The actress, who was recently seen in *Bigg Boss 15*, has shifted base to Mumbai permanently after living in the UK for many years post her marriage to Apurva Ranjit in 2000.

'IT TOOK ME A LITTLE WHILE TO DECIDE THAT I WANTED TO RELOCATE TO MUMBAI'

Talking about her move and keenness to get back to work, the actress, who was a part of movies like *Khuda Gawah* (1992), *Aankhen* (1993), *Pehchaan* (1993), *Gopi Kishan* (1994), *Bewafa Sanam* (1995) and *Mrityudand* (1997), says, "I've been looking for work for the last two years. It took me a little while to decide that I wanted to relocate. But every time I called people and said that I am looking for work, they replied, 'There is not much work happening'. Those same people are now asking me if I am in Mumbai and willing to catch up over coffee. I don't want to be egoistic and say, 'You ignored me when I was looking for work. Now that I've done *Bigg Boss*, I don't want to meet you'. I'm not embarrassed or ashamed to ask for work. I need work. So, I will meet them and see where it goes. I want to do some great work."

'I DIDN'T GO INTO THE BIGG BOSS HOUSE BECAUSE I'M MAHESH'S SISTER-IN-LAW'

There was a lot of chatter about Shilpa not getting support from her brother-in-law, South



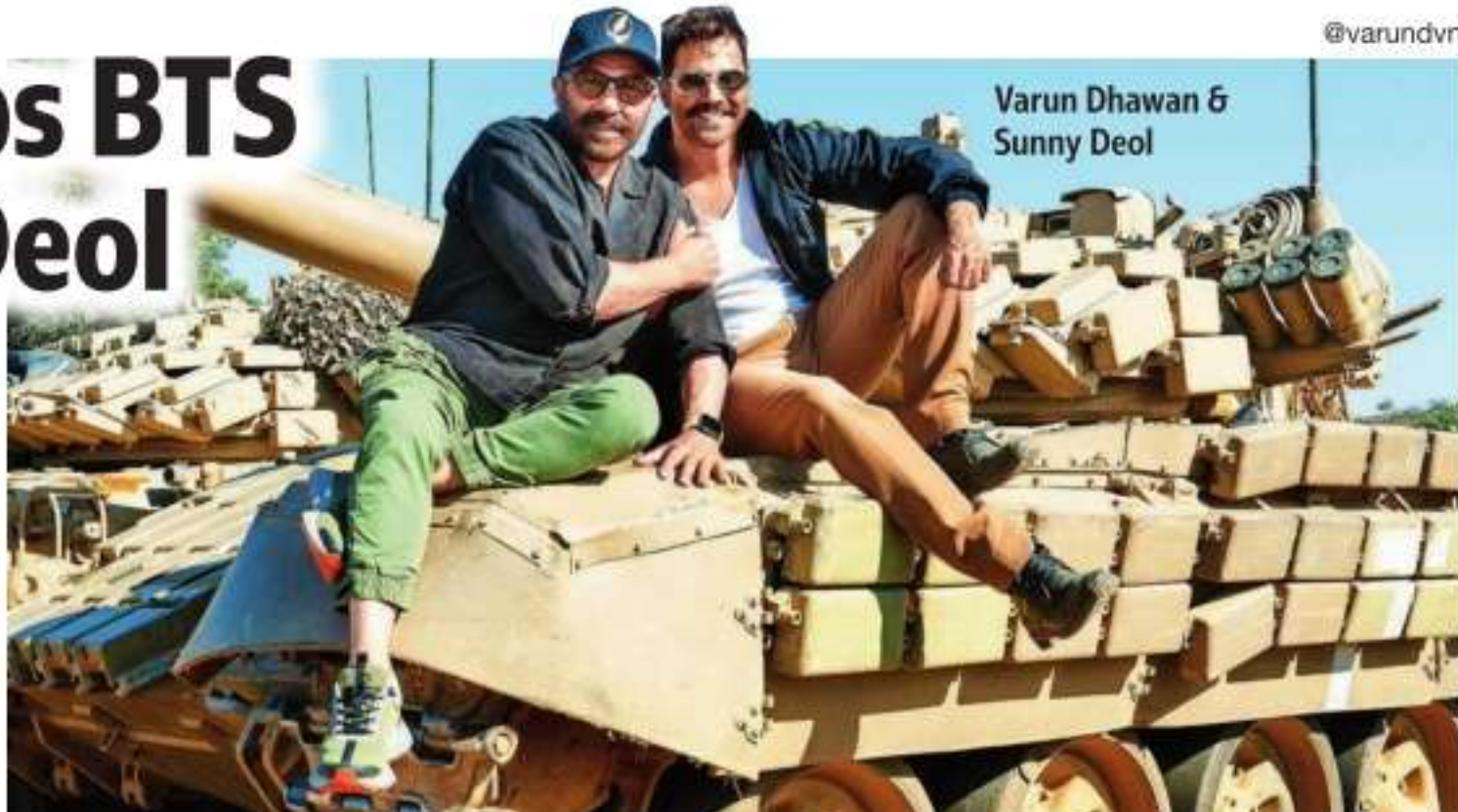
For me, India is my place. I know it makes me very happy to be here. If I'm here, I would like to keep myself busy. I don't know anything better than acting

star Mahesh Babu, on social media during her recent *Bigg Boss* stint. "Everyone keeps asking me about that, but I want to ask - why are my family bonds judged by tweets and Instagram posts? I stayed in that house for 15 weeks. I came out three days before the finale. I stayed there for 102 days out of 105 despite him not putting any post, which I only got to know after I came out. I didn't go in because I'm Ma-

hesh's sister-in-law or Namrata's sister. I went inside being myself, and I came out being myself. Today, I'm getting work based on who I am," Shilpa explains. She adds, "People would have picked up my phone and wanted to meet me because I am Mahesh's sister-in-law. But that didn't happen. How many people met me before my *Bigg Boss* stint? Nobody wanted to meet me. Mahesh ki sister-in-law ko aise hi kaam milna chahiye, but that doesn't happen because you are not popular on your own." Ask the actress if she spoke to Mahesh about this, and she says, she hasn't. "We don't speak about these things. He knows everything. I've heard everything. He's heard everything. I'm very proud of the fact that I'm Mahesh's sister-in-law, and he's very proud of what I've done," she says.

Varun Dhawan drops BTS photo with Sunny Deol

Varun Dhawan shared a behind-the-scenes photo with actor Sunny Deol from the set of *Border 2* on social media. The shooting for the much-anticipated sequel of the 1997 epic is currently taking place in the rugged cantonment of Jhansi. In the photo shared by the Badlapur actor, the duo were seen sitting on a military tank. Varun sported a white vest along with a blue shirt and brown pants, while Sunny wore a blue shirt and green cargo. "Sunny days. *Hameraa saab ji*. #border2 #IndianArmy Jan 2026," Varun wrote with the picture.



Varun Dhawan & Sunny Deol

I would describe my journey to Kumbh as infinite: Shefali

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Shefali Shah recently embarked on a journey to the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj. After her solo trip to Rishikesh earlier this year, the actress had her director-husband Vipul, her sons, as well as a few of their friends – including JD Majethia, Devan Bhojani, Paresh Ganatra, Vaishali Thakkar, among others – accompanying her. In an interview with us, Shefali shared the magic of the experience at the Maha Kumbh, the highlights of her trip, and what this spiritual gathering meant to her.



Shefali said, "I would describe my journey to Kumbh as 'infinite'." The *Delhi Crime* actress added, "It's an event that can't truly be captured in words. The scale, the vibrancy, the energy – it's all in abundance. There is so much happening at once, so much to take in, and yet it feels so harmonious. It's an experience that overwhelms you in the most beautiful way. It's one of those things you have to experience to fully understand."

Calling it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Shefali said that the Maha Kumbh Mela happens only once every 144 years makes it a rare and extraordinary event and that is what inspired her to come to participate in it. "How could I not want to witness something so monumental? That alone was enough motivation to go – an opportunity like this is not something you can let pass," she said.

Termining her journey to the Maha Kumbh one of the most exciting ones, Shefali said, "There were so many unforgettable moments, but one of the most exciting experiences was the journey itself. As we got closer to the *mela*, we were stopped by police barricades. It was late at night, and the area was a no-vehicle zone. We were stuck on the



Shefali Shah and (inset) the actress taking the *shahi snaan* at the Triveni Sangam during the *Brahma Muhurta*



Shefali with her family and friends

exhilarating – riding through the night on these makeshift rides was definitely one of the most adventurous things I've done recently."

"As we neared the Kumbh, it felt like a mystical world was unfolding in front of us. The lights, the tents stretching as far as the eye could see – it was nothing like what I had imagined. The pictures online don't do it justice. I had goosebumps and a catch in my throat as I took it all in. It was overwhelming in the best way," she added.

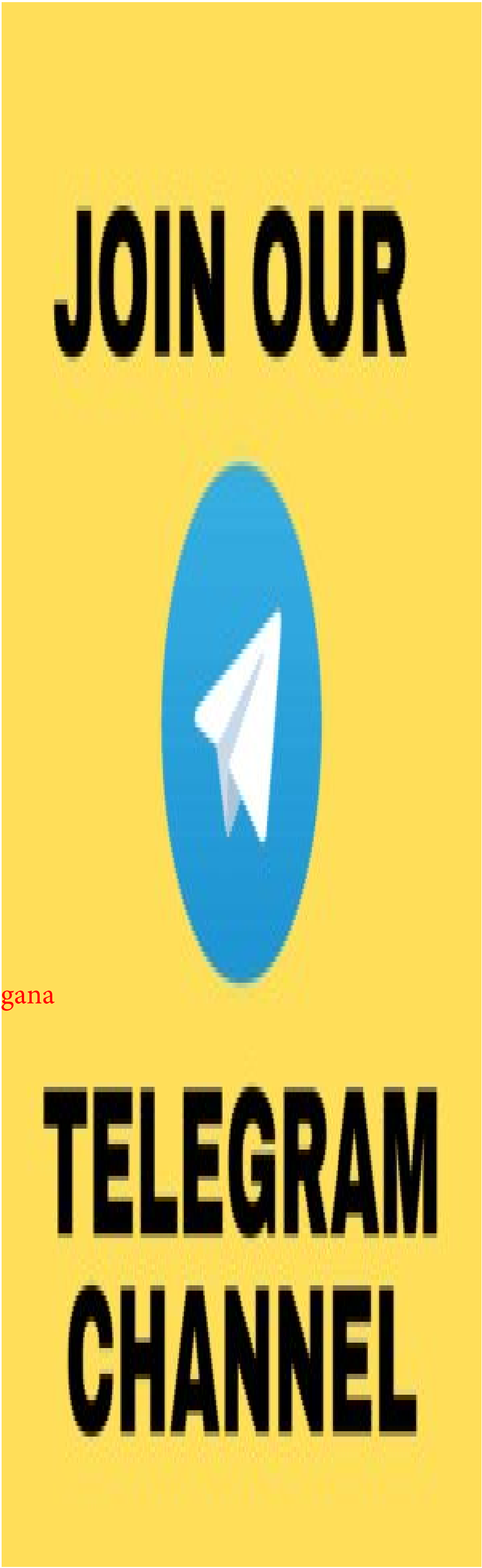
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