

is not just about making one film

work; it's about creating a

playbook for future

filmmakers.

Sohum Shah

### Creating an ecosystem for bold filmmaking

One of the most important contributions Crazxy is making is in shaping a sustainable ecosystem for filmmakers who want to tell bold stories without being shackled by massive budgets or unrealistic box office expectations. Sohum says, "Crazxy is an example that unique, fresh and bold storytelling can thrive with pure intentions. Making a film like this is always a big bet, but we did it in a way where the focus remained on the story while staying true to its vision without the pressure of excessive budgets. This film has emboldened us as well as the industry, that content-driven cinema can be both creatively fulfilling and financially sustainable, simultaneously empowering more filmmakers to take risks and bring fresh narratives to the audience."

biggest plus for the film is the reception it push is creating a slow-burn effect, ensuring the film stays in cinemas long after its opening weekend.

### A UNIQUE CINEMATIC THRILLER FOR EVERY FATHER

dicate that the film is sustaining well,

Sohum Shah in a still from Crazxy

As team India triumphed over

Australia in the Champions

with consistent weekday collections - a

Sohum Shah says, "When I read the script, it was definitely a thrilling page turner, but what made a mark for me was the character's emotional trajectory. The impact this story made on me was the final deciding factor for me to back this film. Even in the writing and on the page, the emotionality quietly surrounds you while you go on this thrilling, crazy journey. I would definitely say without giving away too much, every father should watch this film."

Crazxy, an edge-of-the-seat thriller, is crafted in such a way that it resonates across different age groups. The film is entertaining, high on adrenaline and thrilling, but the fundamental nucleus is the redemption of a father, the emotion-

Team India's revenge against the Aussies

al journey of Abhimanyu Sood, the lead protagonist, that moves its audiences.

The Future: More

The success of Crazxy signals that Bollywood is evolving. With every new filmmaker who takes the leap and presents a bold idea, the industry becomes a more diverse and dynamic space. As the film continues its theatrical journey, it indicates that stories that dare to be different will find their place.

crazxy, more

courage

### A NEW DIRECTION FOR B'WOOD While filmmakers often feel the pres-

sure to conform to commercially safe formulas, Crazxy proves there is room for experimentation. Viewers are drawn to fresh narratives, tight storytelling and films that take creative risks. The film is a reminder that there is an appetite for content-first cinema, and when done right, it can perform critically and commercially.

### WALKING THE PATH PAVED BY DYNAMIC FILMMAKERS

The current wave of content-driven films owes a lot to the dynamic filmmakers who defied conventions. Films from South India, especially Malayalam films like Manjummel Boys, Kumbalangi Nights and Premam, carved a path for films that didn't rely on stars but instead relied on narrative depth. Crazxy stands on the shoulders of this legacy. It continues that journey, inspiring the next generation of passionate storytellers.

Talk

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# I never think of myself as a migrant: Mira Nair

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Niharika Lal

**SOHUM SHAH** 

hough Mira Nair has homes in Delhi, Kampala, and New York, she admits that she feels the most rooted in Delhi. These cities, she says, have shaped her perspective. Speaking at a recent discussion on films and migration with Adil Hussain in the capital, Nair reflected on her storytelling, which often highlights the lives of those on the margins. Excerpts.

Namesake, delves into issues of identity and selfhood

### One of Mira Nair's most popular works, The

### 'I feel the most rooted in Delhi'

Mira said, "I never think of myself as a migrant; I never have. I feel that my roots are so strong that I can fly anywhere and be who I am. Of course, the experience of living between worlds has definitely shaped my being, my sensibilities, and my art. I still have an Indian passport, which is like an accordion of visas, but I was never interested in losing it. I don't feel like an immigrant even now. The key for me is to feel engaged where I am."

She added, "In these 35-40 years, I do have three very living homes - in Delhi, Kampala (Uganda), and New York City. I feel rooted, the most rooted, right here (in Delhi). It's like grasping the sense of the world and having an expansive worldview is

Trophy semi-finals, fans wasted no time dubbing it a "revenge" match for the heartbreaking 2023 World Cup defeat Rajabets = @rajabetsindia Revenge served cold 😩 #INDvsAUS #ViratKohli REMEMBERING Cricket > x Football ( @MR\_\_FIX\_\_IT India never lost an odi match in Dubai and New Zealand never won an odi 2023 match in Dubai, so india vs new zealand will be good for our health #ChampionsTrophy2025 #ChampionsTrophy From Varun Richard Kettlebo... 🔮 Chakravarthy's #NZvsSA @RichKettle07 crucial wicket against #indvsnz Varun Chakravarthy stopped 1.4 billion Indian Travis Head to Virat Kohli showcasing Fans from Depression #INDvsAUS Irfan Pathan his chase-master prowess, Team India @IrfanPathan brought their A-game Habibi come to Dubai to play the final vs ==. Well done boys 85 against the Aussies Have Tamannaah Bhatia & Vijay Varma parted ways?

### that the Indian diaspora faces while living abroad actually very humbling." CONTD. ON 8 Buzzstop AKSHAY KUMAR, KATRINA KAIF'S NAMASTEY LONDON **SET FOR RE-RELEASE** Akshay Kumar and Katrina Kaif's 2007 blockbuster Namastey London is all set to light up the silver screen once again as it will re-release on Holi. "Get ready to relive the magic - unforgettable songs, iconic dialogues and timeless romance," Akshay wrote in a post on Instagram as he shared the news.



Tamannaah Bhatia and Vijay Varma time of going to press.

# Calisthenics to powerlifting: Women embrace strength, endurance, agility

Women are now understanding the importance of strength training for overall health powerlifting, women are reclaiming space

Aditi Pancholi

or years, the fitness industry marketed workouts to women through the lens of weight loss and aesthetics. But across India, a quiet revolution is underway - one where women are moving beyond traditional gym routines. From functional training and calisthenics to

> in male-dominated fitness arenas, shattering stereotypes, and redefining what it means to be

### 'STRENGTH TRAINING IS NO LONGER JUST ABOUT **AESTHETICS'**

Weight rooms and powerlifting sections in gyms were long considered male-only zones. But this perception is rapidly changing. Women are increasingly taking up space in these areas, prov-

ing that strength knows no gender. "Earlier, very few women were keen on weight training or strength training, as it was seen as a male-dominated space. But that perception

has changed significantly. More women now understand its importance — not just for building muscle but also for bone strengthening and overall health. Strength training is no longer just about aesthetics; it's a crucial part of a well-rounded fitness routine for everyone," says Deepa Vaswani, fitness trainer and sports nutritionist.

HOW

TO PLAY

A number

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example)

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or column.

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Gym owners are also witnessing the shift. Sandeep Mehta, who runs a gym, says, "We've seen around 50% increase in women signing up for strength-based workouts in the last two years. The demand for strength training classes has skyrocketed."

### Some strength training workouts that women are following

**DEADLIFTS:** Build full-body strength and improve posture. **SQUATS**: Enhance lower body power

and core stability. BENCH PRESS: Fundas Strengthen chest, shoulders, and arms. **PULL-UPS**: Boost upper body strength

and endurance.

KETTLEBELL

SWINGS:

POWERLIFTING & OLYMPIC LIFTS: Women are increasingly taking up competitive lifting.

SHOULDER PRESS:

Develop strong and

toned shoulders.

conditioning.

rator Nienke Bakker told a media outlet she hoped the Lego version would help more people to become familiar with his life and work. "The great thing is that people can actually build it themselves and build up a composition in a way that a painter builds up a composition," she said. Improve explosive Comprising 2,615 pieces and complete with power and

Gogh's 1889 master-

of sunflower paint-

ings for which the

painter is most re-

nowned, museum cu-

piece, one of the series

adjustable petals, the build-your-own Sunflowers is smaller than the painting that inspires it, but still takes many hours to build. It is made up of existing brick shapes and colours with the exception of a speciallycreated brick with Van Gogh's signature.

msterdam's Van Gogh Museum has

Gogh's "Sunflowers". Standing in front of Van

joined forces with the Lego to create a build-your-own version of Vincent Van

Van Gogh Museum

creates Lego Sunflowers



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### Men and women misjudge what the opposite sex finds attractive: Study

study published in PLOS One found that men and women misjudge what the opposite sex finds attractive.

Researchers in the UK asked 144 participants, averaging 22 years old, to adjust 3D facial models to reflect what they believed the other gender preferred for short- and long-term relationships. The results revealed significant misperceptions.

Men assumed women preferred more masculine faces than they actually did, while women believed men favoured more feminine features than they did in reality. The findings suggest that people overestimate the importance of physical traits in attraction.

According to news reports, the study authors concluded, "We have demonstrated a

Not allowed

(Fig B)



substantial misperception of what men and women predict the opposite sex to desire in terms of sexual dimorphism of face shape."

### 'Boosts one's confidence and strength' Improved bone health and

Women embracing strength

- training often report:
- Increased self-confidence

Level: Medium

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- Better mental resilience
- A shift from aesthetics to performance-based goals

reduced injury risk

**SUDOKU CHALLENGE** HOW TO PLAY Fill in the grid so 8 that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. 3 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.

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3. Unmarked 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. 646) 6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6 6 6

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### LOOP THE LOOP

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(Fig A)

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

**LEISURE** 

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.

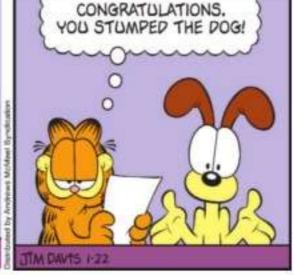
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (Fig B).

### "DEAR ASK A DOG, WHAT DO DOGS THINK ABOUT?"

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"MY MOM SAID YOU'RE A HYPOCHONDRIAC. I HOPE YOU'RE NOT CONTAGIOUS!"

SCRAMBLE

**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

Life is a journey that must be traveled no matter how accommodations, - Oliver Goldsmith (3,3,5)

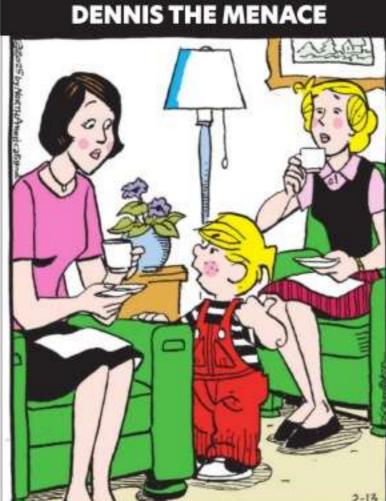
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them. You'll have





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don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness. A heartfelt conversation with someone close will break down emotional walls. GEMINI: Today is not ideal for taking on new challenges. Keep a low profile and avoid negative people to reduce stress and prevent con-

flicts. On a positive note, your romantic relationships will go smoothly today. CANCER: Career matters look favourable today, with most of your plans falling into place. In love, a little effort can make someone

turning to success. Follow your instincts, but

have a lasting impact on how you spend your time. LEO: Foreign connections and travel bring you rewards. You will captivate others with your engaging stories, but be prepared to answer questions honestly. Transparency about your intentions will help you succeed

feel truly appreciated. Your choices today will

VIRGO: Financial matters need attention today. You can resolve issues if you talk to someone who's overspending. Your discipline and attention to detail will give you an edge over LIBRA: Relationships and work will keep you

gal, financial, or health issues early to avoid procrastination. Taking care of your responsibilities now will leave you free to enjoy the rest of your day. SCORPIO: Short trips for work might be necessary today,

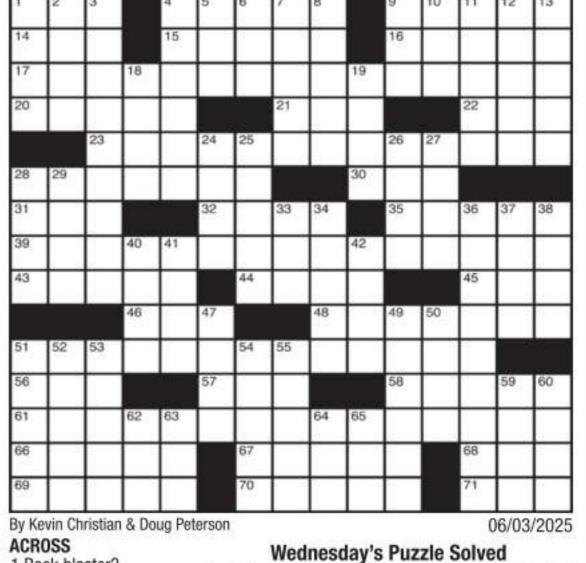
brilliant ideas and the ability to communicate them effectively. A visit to a new place or person could change your perspective, leading to a tempting new proposal SAGITTARIUS: Be cautious with new relation-

ships today. It's easy to send mixed signals. which could cause confusion. Focus on resolving any unfinished business to secure your position. CAPRICORN: Stick to your original plans and

ideas. You may come up with a fresh, timely concept that could lead to significant success. Business deals, investments, or reigniting old partnerships could bring in money. AQUARIUS: Some of you will touch base with siblings. Reading, writing or doing the cross-

word or other such activities might appeal today. You're trying to catch up on a lot of loose ends regarding wills, inheritances, insurance matters, shared property, taxes and debt. PISCES: Now is the time to speak up and be heard. You'll find that expressing yourself

clearly leads to better understanding. If you want to make changes in your life, do so quietly without causing a stir. Love is in the air, and it's a great day for relationships.



THE DAILY CROSSWORD

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### SPELLATHON

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Words: Abate, snort, outdid, humble

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**SPELLATHON** 

How many words of

four or more letters

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

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not allowed. British

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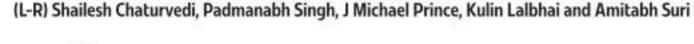
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16-outstanding

Grand celebration of sport and fashion in the capital





elebrating 135 years of sports inspiration as the official brand of the United States Polo Association (USPA), US Polo Assn hosted a rendezvous in Delhi. According to the brand's management team, more than 300 VIP guests attended this event honouring the sport's legacy with an exhibition polo

game at Jaipur Polo Grounds, followed by an exclusive Spring-Summer '25 fashion showcase at D'Monde Members Club.

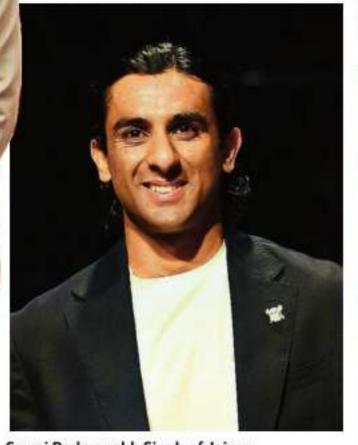
As part of the lifestyle brand's global moment, this event united polo enthusiasts, fashion aficionados, and influencers in an evening that paid tribute to the sport's heritage and its longstanding influ-



Stefanie Coroalles and Sneha Mahant Mehta

ence. The highlight was an exhibition polo game, where the USPA's India Team, led by Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, took on the Global Team in a gripping playoff. By the end of the third chukker, India held a lead at 7-5, setting the stage for a high-stakes finish. The final chukker saw fierce competition. The Most Valuable Player of the exhibition polo game was Padmanabh, while the Best Playing Pony title was awarded to a horse owned by Jaisal Singh. The India Team featured Padmanabh, Simran Singh Shergill, Siddhant Sharma, and Shamsheer Ali. Competing for the Global Team were Nicolas Corti Maderna from Argentina, Lance Watson from South Africa, Juancle Marambio from Argentina and Jaisal.

On the occasion, Kulin
Lalbhai, Vice Chairman & Executive Director of Arvind Limited,
threw the ball at the opening of
the first chukker. Adding to the experience, UK-based polo commentator Karl Ude-Martinez brought
the exhibition polo game to life
with his expert insights. Following the game, guests were invited



Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur

to an exclusive fashion showcase at the venue, where the lifestyle brand unveiled its Spring-Summer '25 collection.

The guests at the event included Narendra Singh of Jaipur and Nitish Rana. From the film fraternity, Harsh Varrdhan Kapoor, Palak Tiwari, Rannvijay Singha, Varun Sood, Lakshya, and Babil Khan attended the do. Adding to the glamour were Kalyani Chawla, Samarth & Sameer Kasliwal of The Gem Palace, and Priya Paul & Sethu Vaidyanathan of The Park Hotels.

"This 135th Anniversary celebration is a testament to our brand's legacy in fostering the sport of polo while embracing the future," said J Michael Prince, President and CEO of USPA Global, adding, "Bringing together the thrill of the game with a global fashion showcase in a city as vibrant as Delhi underscores our mission to celebrate the authenticity and accessibility of polo, both on and off the field. India has

always been an important market for us. Today, it is one of the fastest-growing markets globally, and the brand is currently seeing very strong momentum."

(L-R) Lakshya Lalwani, Varun Sood, Harsh Varrdhan Kapoor and Rannvijay Singha

Palak Tiwari and Babil Khan

Speaking on the significance of the event, Shailesh Chaturvedi, Managing Director & CEO of Arvind Fashions Ltd, said, "The sport of polo is rooted in India's history and continues to inspire our consumers. Our brand blends tradition with modern style, and the launch of the Spring-Summer '25 collection in this historic setting is a tribute to the sport's timeless appeal."

"Celebrating 135 years of the brand is not just about marking a milestone – it's about honouring a legacy that blends the heritage of the sport with a contemporary fashion sensibility. We take pride in bringing this spirit to India



Nitish Rana

through fashion that reflects the sport's energy and legacy," said Amitabh Suri, CEO, US Polo Assn India.

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## It's amazing to see how India is now embracing the concert culture: Aastha

V Nichita

Kalyani Chawla

astha Gill, known for hits like DJ Wale Babu, Abhi Toh Party Shuru Hui Hai and Kamariya, spoke to us about her journey in the Indian music industry, her initial struggles and upcoming projects. Excerpts:

### 'MUSIC IS IN MY BLOOD; I WAS DESTINED TO BE A PERFORMER'

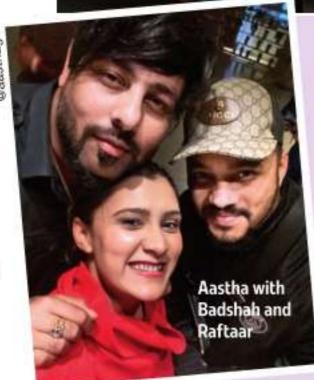
Music is in my blood; it was always a part of my life. My dad is a music director, my aunts are singers and my grandfather was also a music composer, so it runs in the family. But, I never wanted to pursue it as a career. In fact, I used to run away from it despite learning to sing and play the piano as a kid. But, I think this was my destiny – I believe I was destined to be a per-

### 'THERE'S A LOT OF COMPETITION IN THIS INDUSTRY; IT'S NOT EASY TO WORK HERE'

former.

One has to struggle a lot to make a name for themselves in this industry, it's not easy to work here. There's a lot of competition in the industry and the pressure to prove yourself and make your way to the top is so real. I never dared to dream that I could become a star. But now, I tell young people, 'Do not be scared to dream, because it all starts from there'. Also, it's amazing to see how India is embracing the concert culture now.





### 'Raftaar and Badshah have been my biggest supporters'

By far, Raftaar and Badshah bhai have been my biggest supporters. Raftaar bhai was my college senior, and he discovered me while I was singing during a competition. One day, he called me and said he wanted me to sing for a song he was working on. In between, there was a time when I was making music, but I did not like anything. I nearly gave up. But that's when Badshah bhai showed faith in me. He said, 'Your career hasn't started yet and you are talking about ending it. I expect so much out of you.' This gave me a much-needed push to continue.

being a party person, there is a very different side to me as well. I am trying to put that in music. Hopefully, you'll get to see an independent album of mine, soon

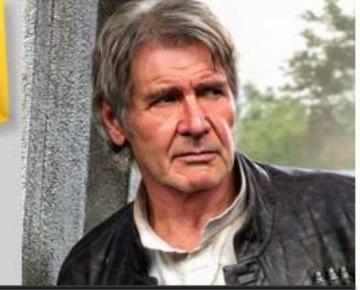
### Sonam and Maheep ring in Rhea Kapoor's birthday



s Rhea Kapoor turned 38, her sister Sonam Kapoor and her aunt Maheep Kapoor rang in her birthday with a grand celebration. The Aisha actress posted a video for Rhea and wrote, "Happy Birthday to my sister, my built-in bestie, and the only person who can boss me around (sometimes)! Work hard, play harder—it's the theme of our life! You better work, bch! Love you, Rhee Bee! (sic)." Meanwhile, Maheep shared pics from the midnight celebration on Instagram Stories. Arjun Kapoor, too, wished his cousin on soial media. He shared a picture of Rhea's birthday cake and wrote, "OMG, Riyu it's ur birthday (sic)."









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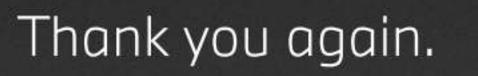
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What happens to

CAN'T DONATE TO CHARITY:

While donating buffet leftovers

to NGOs and farms seems like a

logical way to manage wastage,

food safety regulations make it

complicated. Contamination of

food at a buffet is also another

reason why hotels refrain from

passing on the excess to charity.

"Rather than risk contamination.

we cook fresh meals for charity,"

Executive Chef at Novotel Jaipur.

STAFF CAN'T CONSUME IT: Once

a dish has been sitting out for

staff. Uddipan Chakravarthy,

Director, culinary Operations,

President, Mumbai, adds, "For a

hotel that employs 800+ staff,

the amount of leftover food is

rarely enough for more than 30-

40 people. Also, our staff dining

hours end before the buffet

CONVERTING TO ENERGY:

rarely consumed in any way.

Many hotels are investing in

Leftover food from buffets are

large-scale biogas plants. "Our

kitchens generate 750-850kg

of food waste daily, which is

service closes."

hours, it's often deemed unsafe

for redistribution - even if for the

says Jitendra Singh Rathore,

the leftovers?



### wastage

Asian luxury hotels have long marketed excess as part of the experience - lavish spreads, multiple cuisines, and bottomless counters. Buffets thus encourage indulgence - guests pile their plates with food they may not even eat. And it's not just about greed; there's a subconscious element at play. "We often feel compelled to try everything. If a buffet has 10 items, we try to taste all 10 and end up wasting a lot of it," says Dibyajyoti Bose, travel and food enthusiast.

Studies show that breakfast buffets generate the most waste per customer - often twice as much as an à la carte meal - because diners over-serve when presented with a wide array of options. As per a 2023 study by a travel company, 42 per cent Indians choose packages with breakfast included. Especially at destinations where the idea of starting the day on a satisfying note is priority. "Most Asian luxury hotels offer a lavish breakfast because these are places that draw multi-generational families looking for value for money, live counters and an array of cuisines, that would not be available in most European hotels," says Anindya Sundar Basu, travel and food photographer.

### **Efforts to minimise** wastage

**PROPER PLANNING: Research** and planning into how much food will be consumed is important to reduce wastage. "To minimise food wastage, we prepare food in small quantities and rely heavily on live counters. Predictive planning also plays a crucial role in curating the right portion sizes based on guest preferences," says Sabrina Dey, General Manager, ITC Windsor, Bengaluru. Some companies are using tech to help them with this. "We use a software to monitor waste. Supply is calibrated based on guest numbers," shares Executive chef Vikram Jaiswal, Novotel Kolkata Hotel & Residences. EDUCATING GUESTS: Given that a major portion of wastage comes from plate waste, making consumers conscious of it is important. Chef Jitendra Singh Rathore shares, "We remind guests to take only what they need with tent cards - because every bite counts."

The Food Waste Index Report 2024 by UNEP analyses food waste across sectors, including food service. However, India-specific data is limited due to inadequate measurement and reporting, especially in retail and food service, hindering targeted waste reduction strategies. Globally, research on food waste in buffets is scarce.

waste 125g/customer (weekdays) and

92g (weekends), while vegetarian buffets waste 133g (weekdays) and 62.5g (weekends). Weekend waste is lower due to better forecasting and

 A Poland study showed nearly 75% of waste occurs in the serving area, half of which was from plate waste. Breakfast buffets generate the highest plate waste, while à la carte restaurants have the least.

- Chef Satish Arora, formerly with Taj Hotels



### Small steps, big impact at indulgent buffets

- **SHRINKING PLATES: Reducing** plate diameter by just 3cm can cut plate waste by 19.5%
- **SAMPLE SERVINGS:** Small utensils for tasting portions prevents unnecessary overload
- **TEMPERATURE CONTROL:** Using temperature-regulated vessels extends food quality and reduces spoilage
- A LA CARTE STRATEGY: High-value items are often offered as à la carte to prevent wastage
- LIVE STATIONS: Freshly prepared food ensures minimal leftovers and better portion control
- Frozen and dry food ingredients are safer as they can be cooked to order and repurposed

### Weekday buffets, plate waste major contributors

### higher demand.

· A Taiwan study found regular buffets

Waste isn't accidental it's avoidable. Menus are planned at least a week in advance based on guest trends, occupancy rates, and even the time of the month. If there's a shortfall, we can prepare fresh dishes quickly. If there's surplus, it goes to staff cafeteria or the NGOs we work with

> The race, a nod to the tradition of using up eggs and butter before Lent (a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and repentance before Easter), featured historic livery companies, with gunmakers firing the starting gun and fruiterers providing lemons. Winners took home a trophy-along with a frying pan

**London's Pancake** 

Dressed in bizarre costumes runners

dashed around London's Guildhall Yard,

flipping pancakes in their frying pans at

Marking Shrove Tuesday (English

word meaning to seek forgiveness

witnessed crowds excitedly

cheering for the participants

the annual Inter-Livery Pancake Race

or be granted absolution), or 'Pancake Day', the event also

**Day Relay Race** 

### Pokémon-shaped cheeto fetches ₹7 million at an auction

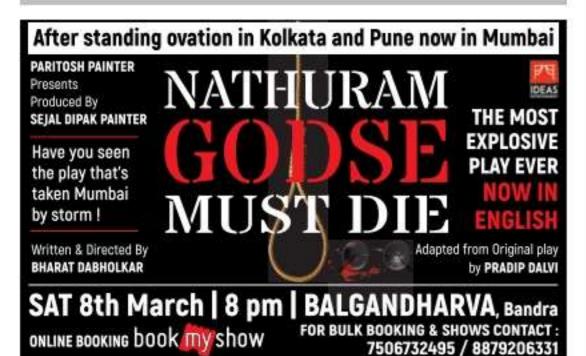
Flamin' Hot Cheeto resembling the Pokémon Charizard, dubbed "Cheetozard," sold for a jaw-dropping \$88,000 (approx 7 million) at auction. The 3-inch snack gained viral fame for its uncanny shape and was even labeled the "rarest Charizard in the world." Originally found between 2018-2022, it was preserved in a custom Pokémon card case to prevent disintegration. Bidding started at \$275 (approx ₹23,000) but soared to \$72,000 (approx ₹6 million), with fees pushing the final price to \$87,840 (approx ₹7 million). This isn't the first pricey Cheeto-back in 2017, a Harambe-shaped one fetched nearly \$100,000 (approx ₹8 million).



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The Singing Butler, adding a sinking oil liner and hazmat-suited figures. "It's rare for a work of this quality to come to market, and this one really has all the best ingredients. A fabulous owner, it's hand-painted, impeccable exhibition history, and its subject is more urgent now than ever be-

rare Banksy paint-

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Crude Oil (Vettriano), the

artwork reimagines Scot-

tish artist Jack Vettriano's

ue of up to \$6.35 million

fore," Mackie Hayden-Cook, specialist, contemporary art at Sotheby's, told Reuters. The painting will be offered at Sotheby's London Modern & Contemporary Evening Auction.

Hoppus hopes the sale will support emerging artists. "I want to be a punk rock Medici," he said, referencing the Renaissance-era patrons of the arts.



Rare Banksy artwork up for

auction, valued at ₹52 crore

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- Mackie Hayden-Cook, specialist, contemporary art at Sotheby's



ameela Jamil has opened up about her career before landing a role on the sitcom, *The Good Place*. The 39-year-old joined David Tennant for his podcast and said that before landing the role, she left her previous job as a presenter in 2015. She shared, "I just didn't want to be on TV anymore. I wanted to be a writer and a DJ."

The actress said that she then decided to join her then-musician boyfriend while he was on tour. "And then, I ran out of money, and so I said, 'Please can I have a job, any job, I will do anything.' I was so desperate for money. I had \$17 left in my bank account. But instead, I was handed a bunch of auditions," she said, revealing that one was to host a Las Vegas magic show and another was for the role in *The Good Place*.

She didn't want to audition for the role because she had never acted before. She acknowledged that this type of career pivot doesn't typically happen. She said, "It's like, 'Stay in your lane,' and the reason I left is partially because I wanted to be able to write." The show that she pitched is what prompted executives to tell her to audition for *The Good Place*. She recalled,

"They were the ones who said, 'We want you to go to this audition for Mike Schur. You'll have more power as a writer if you have a name for yourself, or you can just meet him and maybe he'll put you in the writer's room.' So I went to the audition, just very much so not thinking anything was going to come of it," she said.

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### You still have to love that body: Sharon Stone on ageing

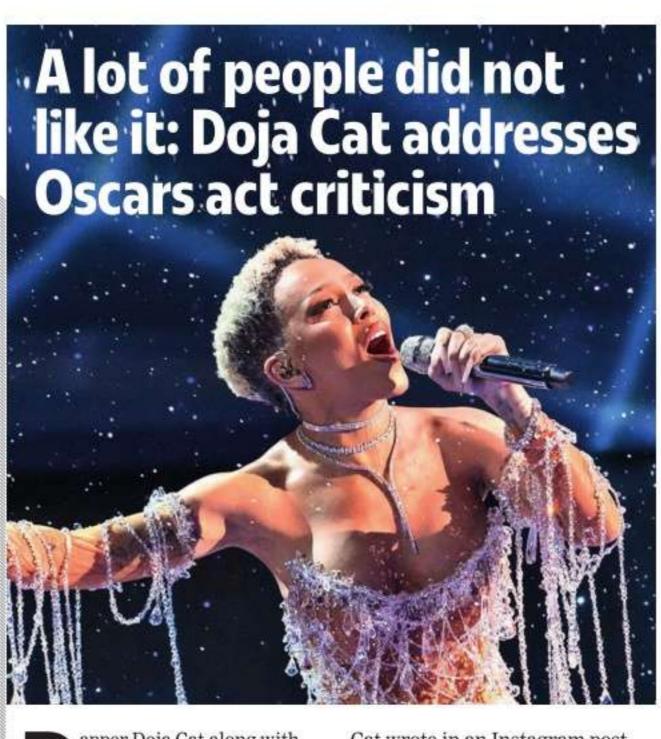


haron Stone has shared her perspective on aging, saying that she embraces the changes in her body and feels the importance of nurturing herself. She told an international publication, "A lot of people give up as they get older. They let go of their body because it's collapsing anyway, or it's like, 'I'm not defined by my body anymore.' But you still have to love that body."

Known for her roles in Basic Instinct and Casino, the actress also spoke about the physical transformations she has experienced with age, joking, "My underarms have pleats now." She added, "I think, 'Well, I had beautiful arms, and now they're strong and painting... and like angel wings.' So what if they have pleats? Maybe that's what makes them wonderful now."

The Emmy and Golden Globe winner has spoken openly about aging in the past. In an earlier interview, she had said, "I like being alive and healthy. And I think that we should all be super thrilled to make it. Because I've witnessed any number of people not making it."

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apper Doja Cat along with Born Again collaborators
Lisa and Raye performed to a medley of songs from the James
Bond franchise, in a tribute to 007, at the 97th Academy Awards. However, as per an international portal, the tribute sparked conversation on social media regarding its success.
Addressing the criticism, Doja

Cat wrote in an Instagram post, "I never get to sing like that and what I did was brave and scary... I know a lot of people didn't like it but a lot of people did and I feel good that I pushed myself. The song is a classic and I put a lot of work into it but the nerves got to me."

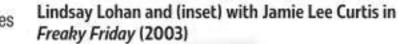
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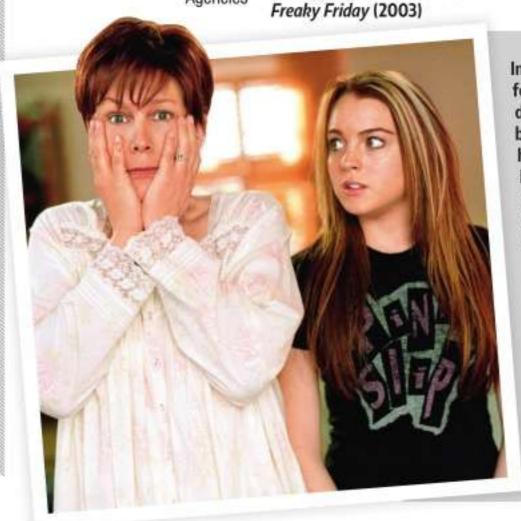
Lindsay Lohan says Freakier Friday will be everything the fans want

indsay Lohan has promised that Freakier Friday will be "everything" that the fans want ahead of its release later this year. Lohan, who is very excited for it to hit cinemas later this year, played the role of Anna Coleman in the 2003 body swap comedy, and now she has reunited with her on-screen mother, Jamie Lee Curtis, for the sequel.

She told an international publication, "I'm very excited. It's gonna be everything the fans want and more. I have seen it and I love it!"

The actress confirmed in August that filming was about to wrap as she thanked the cast and crew. In an emotional and lengthy Instagram post, she wrote, "It's our last Monday on the set of #freakierfriday, and my heart is so full. It's been such a great time making this film. I'm so grateful to have made this film, a story of family, mothers and their children and a film filled with love, laughter and a ton of heart!"





In Freaky Friday, a feuding mother and daughter switch bodies for a day and have to learn what life is like for each other before switching back. The sequel, Freakier Friday, will see Anna and Tess endure another body swap crisis, but this time with a pair of 14-yearold girls. The film is expected to hit the theatres in August





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## Experience of living in various places has shaped my art: Mira



Mira Nair's *The Namesake* (2006), based on the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri, explores themes of migration, cultural displacement, and the struggle to find one's identity in a foreign land

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### 'Right now, the situation is so horrific in the US that I need time to process it'

When asked if she would make The Namesake today, nearly 18 years later, with everything happening in the US, Mira said, "I'm sure I would," adding, "But right now, we're in such an immediate situation of completely unbelievable repatriation - if you could call it that. What is going on with the planes bringing back our people - it's so shocking for me. But it needs time for me to brew it, to know what one would say about it. Because what I don't want to do ever in my work is preach to the converted. You know, to say, 'Haye haye! Itni buri khabar hai yeh.' That's not enough. You've got to lead people into a world, and while you take them into your world, you have to make them see the world anew. It's not about preaching or giving a

lecture. Right now, the situation

whether I'd make a film about it.

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question truthfully about

It will take some time."



Monsoon Wedding (2001), directed by Mira Nair, is a vibrant drama that explores family dynamics, love, and tradition against the backdrop of a grand, chaotic Punjabi wedding in Delhi – a city she says she feels the most rooted in

### 'I am working 12 hours a day, trying to convince the marketplace to let me make a film'

In response to a question on how she deals with rejections and if she ever felt like giving up as a director, Mira said that rigour is the most important quality for those in arts. She said, "People think I am successful, but ask my assistant - I am working 12 hours a day, trying to convince the marketplace to let me make a film, and I'm going to make it. My next film is on Amrita Sher-Gil, the great painter, but it's taken me four years. This is my fifth year.

shoot it. It's not a very expensive film, but it's a film that has to take place in Hungary, Paris, and India. It happened 100 years ago, so the period aspect comes with a cost. But it's like - people over there or anywhere except India don't even know who she is. They are like, 'Why should we go to the theatres? Kaun hai yeh?' I said, 'Did you know about Frida Kahlo until her movie came out? It's the same deal.' And I am sure that even in the western world, Amrita will become an icon because she is beyond identity."



# 'Titles can create an image that separates us from our craft and work'



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oining the list of celebrities, including Kamal Haasan and Ajith Kumar, who have distanced themselves from their titles, Nayanthara has now declined the title of Lady Superstar and requested fans to henceforth solely address

her by her name. On Tuesday, the Jawan actress released an official statement expressing why she chose to forgo any such title. "Many of you have graciously referred to me as Lady Superstar, a title born out of your immense affection. I owe you all a lot for crowning me with such a valuable title. However, I humbly request you all to call me Nayanthara. This is because I feel that the name is what I hold closest to my heart. It represents who I am - not just as an actor but as an individual," Nayanthara stated.

Elaborating further, she adds, "Titles and accolades are priceless, but they can sometimes create an image that separates us from our work, our craft, and the unconditional bond we share with you – the audience. I believe we all share the language of love that keeps us connected beyond all limits."



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