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## Kendrick Drops 'GNX' Album, Shocks Fans Worldwide



#### BY PRATEEK THAKUR

GNX by Kendrick Lamar has once again attracted the world's attention as the surprise album release by the rapper. The album was dropped without warning on November 22, 2024 following his critically acclaimed Mr. Morale & The Big Steppers in 2022. GNX is a reference to the Buick Grand National Experimental car, emblem of strength and legacy like themes explored in the album.

The 44 minute 12 track project gives us much of what we've come to expect from Lamar....sharply crafted lyricism, experimental soundscapes, and a performance history as crazy as CJ Wheeler's. GNX blends the classic West Coast sound with fresh, genre bending influences featuring collaborations with artists like SZA, Dody6, Roddy Ricch, and production from their top tier talent like Soun-

wave, Jack Antonoff, Mustard & Kamasi Washington. 'Squabble Up,' 'Dodge Blue' and 'Heart Pt. 6' all sound like Lamar musing on conflict, hardship, and self scrutiny.

Lamar follows that up with a year of heavy drug and label accusations, controversies that led to an already bizarre feud with Drake that spilled out in a bizarre series of diss tracks this year. GNX was a total surprise — many people were expecting Lamar's intense lyrical warfare to lead into a full length project. And it comes on the cusp of Lamar's headline Super Bowl LIX halftime gig in February 2025, only making the record that much sweet-

Both the album and daring focus have been universally praised by critics. Lamar sees GNX as continuing something he experimented with in his catalog: identity, legacy, and the role he plays

in music history. Contributions from not only hip-hop superstars, but also others that redefine the limits of hip-hop, take fans on a sonic journey that makes the album what it is.

The release has opened up to speculation about what the future may hold, especially considering J. Cole was dropping hints about untapped collaborations with Kendrick Lamar. Fans are sifting through GNX in search of clues, many interpreting lyrics and production selections as teasers for what may be next for the two artists.

And as Kendrick Lamar continues to push boundaries and delight listeners, GNX solidifies his place as one of the most influential and unpredictable artists of his generation.



# Ranbir Kapoor's Upcoming Films to Dominate Box Office

BY PRATEEK THAKUR

With a lot of big-budget films in the queue, Ranbir Kapoor will surely see some amazing years ahead of him.

The actor's high-profile roster, and one of its biggest additions will be his appearance in the major reboot of Dhoom 4-a film which has been highly anticipated in the action franchise. The much-publicized film, touted as something to break new grounds in Indian cinema, has seen Ranbir leave behind his usual roles and this time playing the villain.

After that, he will do Ramayana, which will be two

part epic by Nitesh Tiwari, slated for Diwali 2026 and first part.

Ranbir will also be seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Love & War, scheduled for release in 2026.

He is also expected to be a part of Animal Park, a Sandeep Reddy Vanga headed project that is set to hit screens in 2029.

Kapoor indeed has the high profile roles and is set for a dominant part in his career and be a major player in Bollywood and world cinema for next few years.



## Samantha Redesigns Wedding Dress Post-Divorce



BY PRATEEK THAKUR

Recently, Samantha Ruth Prabhu expresses the inspiring story of recreating her white wedding gown into a black corset dress that stands for how someone can repurpose, recycle, and reuse their dress to stand for the ideas of sustainability and resilience.

In April 2024, Samantha wore the revamp dress to an awards event, which drew attention as it was made hand in hand with the designer Kresha Bajaj. The sort of creativity and personal growth was shown in the intricate design with floral applique and pieces of the original gown.

Samantha mentioned in interviews that the decision was not made regarding her divorce with actor Naga

Chaitanya but about undergoing a new life phase. 'And society often attaches unfair stigmas to divorced women, she said. With this chance, she redefined that narrative, in that the dress wasn't losing something, rather she was asserting something.

She also discussed sustainability, saying it fits very well with her overall position on environmental stewardship and that salvaging valuable items is just as important as recycling. Fans were challenged to make small, meaningful sustainable steps — they could see how individual choices add up.

Samantha is busy professionally where she is a part of Indian installment of Citadel featuring Varun Dhawan.

### Audiences Spellbound by Netflix's New Animated Film



BY PRATEEK THAKUR

Released November 24, 2024, by Netflix, Spellbound has become a highly publi-

cized animated film. With the presence of stars including Rachel Zegler and Nicole Kidman, Spellbound makes this magical adventure come to life with a hero who is both a young girl and a heroine. The movie has been further heightened with beautiful visuals, a story that warms the heart, and an enchanting soundtrack. It is praised also for its creative direction, with audiences being excited over this festive, family-friendly entry that promises to become a holiday favorite.





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## SRK's Reign in Bollywood: A Legacy Like No Other



BY PRATEEK THAKUR

It is a name that crosses borders, beyond the boundaries of India. With three decades of filmmaking behind him, Shah Rukh Khan, or SRK to the fanatics, is something more than just a Bollywood actor because he has transformed the Indian cinema's outlook across the globe while changing the face of Bollywood. With 32 years in his career, from a television actor to the undisputed "King of Bollywood," his journey continues to testify his versatility and charisma and enduring appeal

## The Early Years: A Television Star's Breakthrough SRK's journey to star-

dom did not take off in the theatres but on television. After a few minor assignments in shows like Dil Dariya and Wagle Ki Duniya, he was established in the early '90s with Fauji and Dekh Bhai Dekh. It was film debut in Deewana in 1992 that made him overnight superstar. By the director of Raj Kanwar, Deewana marked the beginning of career for Khan, that name so soon.

From the beginning, SRK defied conventional casting choices. Unlike he didn't just play the romantic hero. He took on a range of roles from antiheroes in Darr (1993) and Baazigar (1993) to the Raj in Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995), a character that has become synonymized with romance in Bollywood.

#### The 'King of Romance' Persona

Throughout the '90s, SRK managed to become a household name as the perfect romantic Bollywood hero. Movies such as Dil Se (1998), Kuch Kuch Hota Hai (1998), and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham (2001) made him the ultimate lover-boy of Bollywood. This explained the reason behind his appeal and charm as well as deep emotional performances that spoke to hearts across generations, and he eventually became the face of romance of Bollywood. His characteristics of characters who were both vulnerable and charming became his trademark.

However, SRK wasn't limited to one genre. He could transition from ro-Don (2006) and period visionary. dramas like Asoka (2001). This adaptation really

other heroes of his time, helped him sustain success.

#### SRK's Rediscovery and Resilience

Khan might have been an uncontested superstar, but that journey wasn't entirely easy for him. Zero (2018) and Fan (2016) did not have the desired impact, and doubts began to creep in about his relevance. SRK, however, proved to be his indefatigable self and proved again why he is a player who cannot be ignored. Be it the dark Raees (2017) or the larger-than-life Jawan (2023), it is his refusal to stay trapped in one picture that makes him go on playing so many different avatars.

He has become a new trailblazer of the world film industry over the last few years, as he crossed India's borders and appeared on international talk shows and endorsed global brands and collaborated with global filmmakers. His businesses, such as the production house Red Chillies Entertainment, which has churned out a list of hits in films and digital con-

#### What Makes Him the 'King'?

Shah Rukh Khan's legacy is not just the list of his films, but more so the outside energy that one feels drawn to. His vibrant offscreen relationship with his fans, fueled by a savvy use of the social media platform, coupled with his quick wit and philosophical introspection, makes him a global icon. With his authenticity and charisma, he draws fans from all walks of life to become an inspiration not just to aspiring actors but to anyone who dreams big.

Evolve, reinvent in your 50's, work ethic, particularly seen during Iawan, under director Atlee are all evidences of Shah Rukh Khan's reign as the king of Bollywood 32 years in a row. It is a testimonial to the power of hard work and tenacity and that for each fall, there is a comeback.

In this world of cinema which changes with every other day, SRK remains an icon of success, perseverance, and passion With experience of 32 years and numerous years yet to come, his reign as mantic roles to quite ac- tent, prove him to be Bollywood's most beloved tion-packed thrillers like commercially savvy and star is nowhere near the end.

## Diljit Dosanjh Helps Fan Propose Marriage During Pune Concert

BY PRATEEK THAKUR

During Diljit Dosanjh's concert in Pune on November 24, 2024, an interesting moment presented itself. A fan proposed to his girlfriend on stage. He went on one knee and asked his girlfriend for marriage. This was during the performance of Diljit. The couple shared

a romantic moment as the fan kissed his girlfriend's hand before hugging her. Diljit always being the liberal artist clapped for the couple and urged everyone in the hall to join him in celebrating this moment. He even hugged the bride-tobe, sealing an unforgettable moment for the couple.

After 13 years of the couple's relationship, the proposal was one of the most romantic surprises both for the audience and the couple. The kind and supportive acts of Diljit showed his genuine warmth towards his fans, making him a star among the most beloved in the Indian music industry.

