



Sundeep Kishan plays a college student who turns into a rebel in the film directed by RSJ Swaroop

Paul Nicodemus

Actor Sundeep Kishan is joining forces with director Swaroop RSJ, known for the 2019 investigative comedy *Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya*, for their upcoming project titled *Vibe*. Impressed by RSJ's work, Kishan expressed, "I really admired *Agent Sai Srinivasa Athreya*. The makers and I have been in talks about collaborating for some time. I resonated with their cinematic vision and approach."

Fresh from the successes of films such as *Captain Miller* and *Ooru Peru Bhairavakona*, Kishan characterises *Vibe* as a "high-octane action drama set in a distinctive college milieu." He explains, "It blends the youthful energy of *Rang De Basanti* and *Premam* with a modern, action-packed narrative, all set within a college backdrop."

It is a college-based action love story. The film follows a student and his friends as they transform from wide-eyed novices into passionate rebels

— Sundeep Kishan

Expect a pulsating story that will take you by surprise."

The poster throws viewers right into the action. It shows Sundeep Kishan in a fierce action avatar, alongside his group of friends who seem to be involved in riots. Kishan himself holds a bloody sword and a Molotov cocktail, his friends similarly armed and bearing injuries. Kishan elaborates further, explaining, "It is a college-based action-love story. The film follows a student and his friends as they transform from wide-eyed novices into passionate rebels."

Yvonne Jacob

When it comes to the larger-than-life canvas of a Hindi film, there are some names that are bound to come to mind to reflect its grandeur. Aditi Rao Hydari's name is among the top on that list, fitting the bill like royalty on the throne. The actress, who has portrayed regal characters in projects like *Padmaavat*, talks to us about her love for cinema, her interpretation of female-centric films and the advice passed on to her by her mother. Excerpts: 'INDIAN CINEMA IS A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND HAPPINESS'

The actress says that Indian films celebrate our culture and that's what makes them unique. "We, as a country, are very open-hearted and like to show our emotions freely. From capturing the essence of our culture, to the food, music, and dancing — everything is a celebration. That's how we show happiness," she says. Speaking about how she chooses her projects, Aditi adds, "I function like a kid (laughs). I need to be excited and feel like I'm in a playground where I'm being challenged and nurtured. No matter the genre or the project, the story should be well-told, and I need to feel immersed in that experience."

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I feel bad that we still use terms like 'women-centric' and 'female director'. We must evolve so that these distinctions don't exist anymore



ADITI RAO HYDARI

Vikrant Massey gets son's name inked on his arm



Vikrant Massey took to Instagram recently to reveal a new tattoo. The 12th Fail actor got the name and date of birth of his son Vardaan tattooed on his arm. Vikrant shared a closeup of the ink, which read "Vardaan and 7-2-2024." The actor wrote, "Addiction or addiction? I love them both." It was on February 7, when the actor and his wife Sheetal Thakur welcomed their firstborn. The couple took to social media to announce the name along with a family picture and captioned it: "Nothing short of a blessing... We named him Vardaan!!!"

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Vikrant Massey and Sheetal Thakur welcomed their son Vardaan on February 7. (Right) Vikrant's latest tattoo

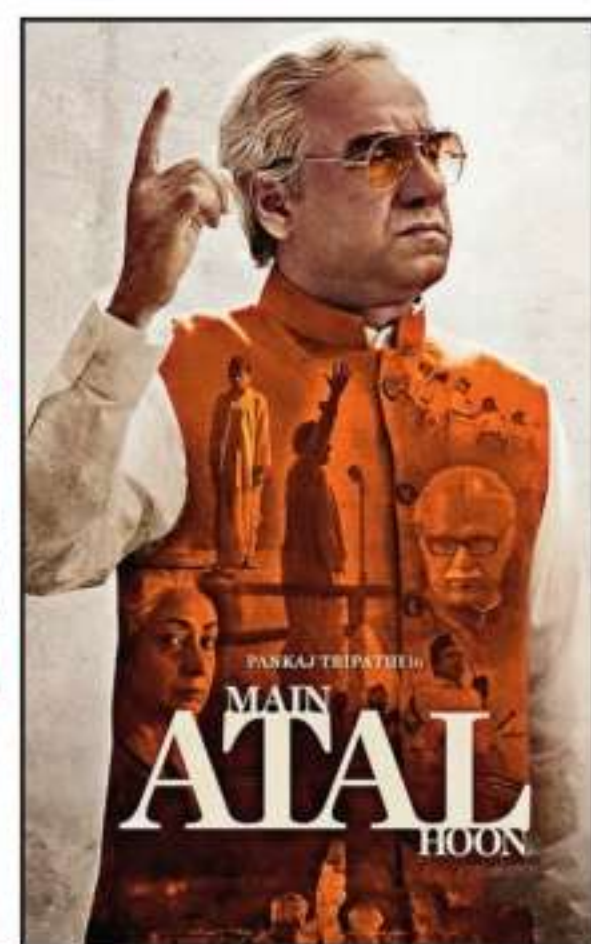


SUNNY DEOL EXCLUDED FROM BJP'S LIST OF PUNJAB CANDIDATES

Sunny Deol, who is the sitting MP from Gurdaspur, has been excluded from the BJP's list of announced candidates for Punjab. Meanwhile, pop and Sufi singer Hans Raj Hans, the BJP MP from North West Delhi, has been shifted to Punjab, where he will contest from the Faridkot constituency. Among other actor-singers set to contest from Faridkot are Mohammad Sadiq (he's the sitting Congress MP) and Karamjeet Anmol (of Carry on Jatta fame) from AAP.

Agencies

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ELECTION?



2019 saw many films with an underlying political message in the run up to elections. Is 2024 going the same way?

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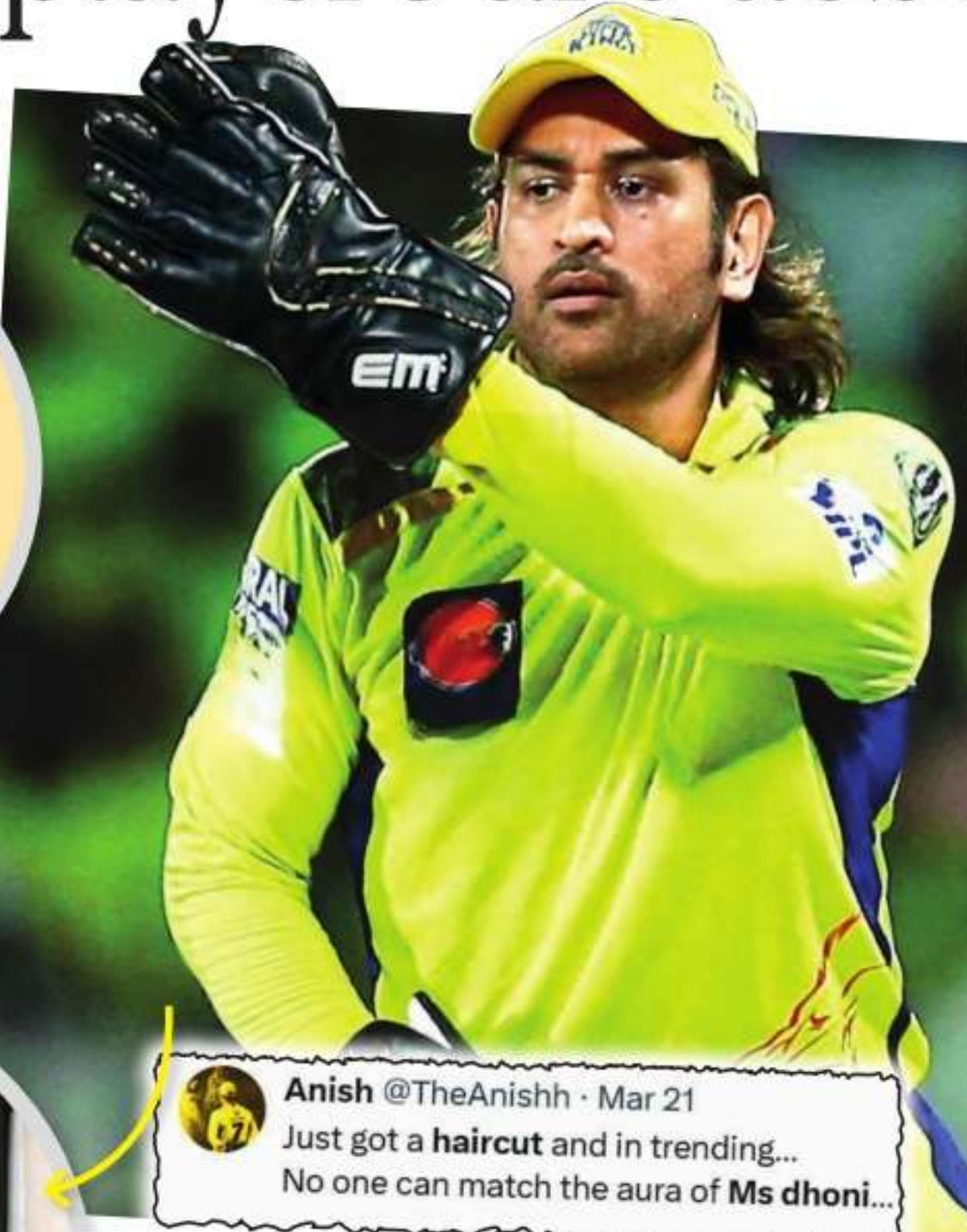
This cricket season, players are debuting edgy hairstyles

From bold, edgy cuts to flowing locks, Indian cricketers are constantly setting new fashion standards with their iconic hairstyles, wowing fans everywhere...



Jasprit Bumrah

Known for his lethal yorkers, Boom Boom Bumrah wasted no time joining the edgy haircut trend for this year's IPL



Virat Kohli

The iconic player and proud new father debuted a smart haircut, complete with piercings and an eyebrow slit, sparking an instant hairstyle trend

Anish @TheAnishh · Mar 21
Just got a haircut and in trending...
No one can match the aura of MS dhoni...

MS Dhoni

The legendary Captain Cool took a trip down memory lane with his long, groovy, semi-wavy haircut, reminiscent of his early days in the team

Maida Khan @MaidaKh39733751 · Mar 20
To be honest he is looking so damn in this haircut 🥰❤️
That's why he is called most handsome cricketer in the history of cricket
#ViratKohli #ViratGang #KingKohli

Pics: @aalmhaki

Fashion label store launch in Hyderabad



Abhishek Sharma's store in Banjara Hills



Known for his innovative designs and creativity, Abhishek Sharma has been associated with the Miss India Organisation for years. The fashion designer has been the creative force behind numerous fashion shoots and projects featuring pageant winners. "Some of my collections were showcased at the grand finale of Femina Miss India and Miss Diva beauty pageants. My creations have adorned the likes of Sini Shetty, Manasa Varanasi, Manika Sheokand, Shweta Sharda, Suman Rao, to name a few, from the world of beauty pageants," says Abhishek. Now, expanding his footprint, Abhishek Sharma, the eponymous label by the designer, has launched a store of inspired design and elegance in Hyderabad.

The rich textures and organic lines incorporated in the interiors of the store make for an intriguing experience. "This store presents emotions through an amalgamation of materials and forms," he adds. Exquisitely crafted outfits and accessories created as individual, unique pieces tell a tale of passion and dedication that is the signature style of the brand. As one walks around the carved pillars, handmade sculptures and emotive paint-



Femina Miss Grand India 2020 Manika Sheokand



Femina Miss World 2020 Manasa Varanasi

ings at the store, one can experience the bold, dramatic stories that bring out the essence of the designer's inspiration.

From couture bridal lehengas to elegant evening gowns, from exquisitely tailored sherwanis to modern textured jackets, the store promises to fulfil the fashion urge of style-seeking visitors. The lines of embroidery over the long, shapely gowns here mirror the effect of sculpting on soft stone, with each outfit being created with a unique placement of motifs. At Banjara Hills, Abhishek has now opened the doors for those seeking an indulgent take on luxury and style.

Address: Road No 10, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad

Stars' loose-fitting clothes don't mean pregnancy!



Parineeti Chopra
Recent wardrobe choices by Parineeti Chopra, be it a kaftan dress or a baggy shirt have fuelled rumours that the actress may be expecting a baby

Parineeti Chopra's recent appearance in a loose-fitting black dress led to the speculation that the actress might be pregnant. Parineeti shut down the rumours on social media, highlighting how one's choice of attire can't be equated to pregnancy. And she is not the only one. Actresses have been scrutinised repeatedly about their pregnancy status post marriage, often based on their choice of clothing, term marriage, ten by their choice of clothing.

Kiara Advani

During her film promotions, a photo of Kiara Advani led fans to speculate about her pregnancy, as they were quick to notice what appeared to be a baby bump in the image



Katrina Kaif

Katrina Kaif's appearance in a polka dot flowy dress, paired with a black leather jacket at the airport, sparked widespread speculation among netizens regarding her pregnancy status

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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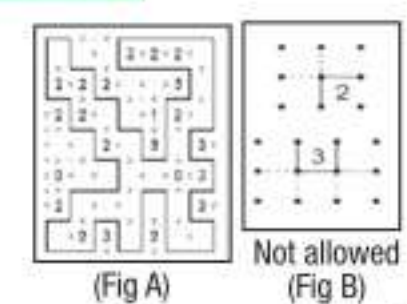
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1	6	6	6	4	3	5	7
7	8	4	6	2	3	3	7
8	4	5	2	3	5	7	1

Example

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).

EVENTS

COMEDY

KLN Prasad Auditorium - FTCCI: Sab
Theek Ho Jayega By Ashish Bagrecha - A poetry and storytelling show exploring the highs and lows of life and love. On March 31. At 04:00 PM, 11-6-841, FTCCI Marg, Lakdikapal Rd, Hari Nagar, Red Hills

THEATRE

Lamakaan: Putta - A play
about a man's quest for success and redemption. On March 31. At 08:00 PM, Off Road No 1, Banjara Hills, Opposite GVK One

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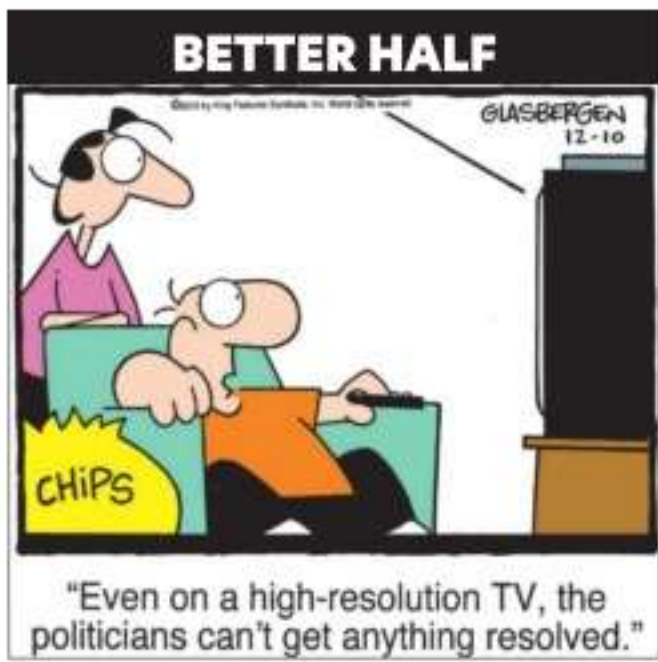
SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
07-average | 08-good | 10-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.

BETTER HALF



SCRAMBLE

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

NPAOR					
FNIIS					
BORTTU					
ARUCCY					

_____ killed the _____, but for a while I was a suspect - Steven Wright (9,3)

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

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

ARIES: Postpone your important meetings and decisions to the second half of the day. You can think of paying off your loans and debts. Mysterious symptoms in health could bother you, and problems will remain undiagnosed. At the workplace, you will encounter minor hurdles as enemies are involved in hatching conspiracies.

TAURUS: A decision on a troublesome matter will have to be taken with prudence or it could create needless unpleasantness. Friendliness with strangers can create problems for you. Impress your boss with intelligent ideas and conversations.

GEMINI: Keep away from meaningless talks and idle gossip. The stars put you are in a position to exhibit your courage and valour. Jupiter's benevolent aspects will help in bringing peace and happiness. You can also look forward to an entertaining evening or spending intimate moments with your loved ones.

CANCER: Ignore the probabilities and just work the results. Financial instability needs to be checked immediately. You can completely rely on your elder brothers and can also talk about your personal problems.

LEO: Pace yourself, and know that fatigue could

be a problem if you keep pushing as hard as you have been lately. Spend time at home napping or doing whatever pleases and relaxes you. Don't let obligations worry you for at least a day or so.

VIRGO: Confusion might land you in hot waters. Try to complete your pending and unfinished tasks today. Those anticipating promotions will get them today. You need not have to struggle for your career, good offers will come on their own.

LIBRA: Working professionals will have to work up to late hours in the office. After a long interval you will develop a good understanding with your business partners. Ignore minor disputes as they could end up in needless enmity and litigations.

SCORPIO: Problems at the workplace will crop up and you are likely to lose status in the office. A special advise for you to play it cool as your sensitive axis in the solar chart are disturbed.

SAGITTARIUS: You must respond very cautiously to anyone who seems possessive and smothering. Leave all your credit cards back home as an impulse buying streak is strongly activated today.

CAPRICORN: Sometimes conscious efforts are needed for bringing happiness in marital life. Your quest for peace of mind will never be over. Mood swings can lead to acute depressions and can also harm your health.

AQUARIUS: Take a much-needed break from your routine, and allow yourself the gift of spontaneity. Just go with the flow for the time being. Catch up on an older friend's news. Know that you don't have to make plans with this person every time you call.

PISCES: A day to be careful and alert, watch out. Important documents may get misplaced, keep them at a safe place. Opponents will try to wrongly implicate you. Don't get talked out of something you feel strongly about.

POV

When a bag chooses you, not vice versa

There is a chuckle-inducing buzz right now in the fan-verse of luxury brands.

Two California ladies have filed a 'class action anti-trust' lawsuit against Hermes, makers of the modern-day icons: Birkin and Kelly. The lawsuit claims the world's most coveted handbags are held back for the highest spending customers. You cannot simply go window shopping for a Hermes handbag and get one. You have to qualify as an owner first through a daunting selection process, which includes buying other Hermes pieces before you reach the Holy Grail of handbags.

The most coveted objects of luxury in the world are also the most elusive, mystical and exclusive. Ferrari has clauses that ensure you are not buying their automotive masterpiece to show it off, but intend to drive it. And that you will not sell it off within a year to just about anyone.



The Birkin bag is named after late singer, actor Jane Birkin

What's more, whether it is a Rolex Daytona Rainbow, a Chanel Matryoshka Doll Minaudiere, or the Birkin Himalaya owned by the likes of Victoria Beckham and Nita Ambani, no one knows exactly how many pieces of these white whales have been made and sold. Sighting these purses in public is comparable to a glimpse of Bailly's beads during a full solar eclipse.

The value accorded to these iconic pieces comes not only from the craftsmanship, but the levels of difficulty you face to attain them. Brands check for your spending history to understand if you have been a connoisseur, a collector, a brand loyalist or a Sex And The City fan. Whether you have made unflattering remarks about them ever on social media, to warrant a blacklisting. And if you know how the journey to acquiring a million-dollar handbag is sometimes as pleasurable as running your fingers over its contours, finally.

Most of us think life gets easier with more wealth. But we are happy when we have the money to pick the brands that we want. To be in a situation where the brand picks you - now, that's a challenge only for a select few!

Agree? Disagree? Got a POV idea? Write to us at: pov@timesgroup.com

SOLUTIONS TO GAMES/PUZZLES

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SPELLATHON

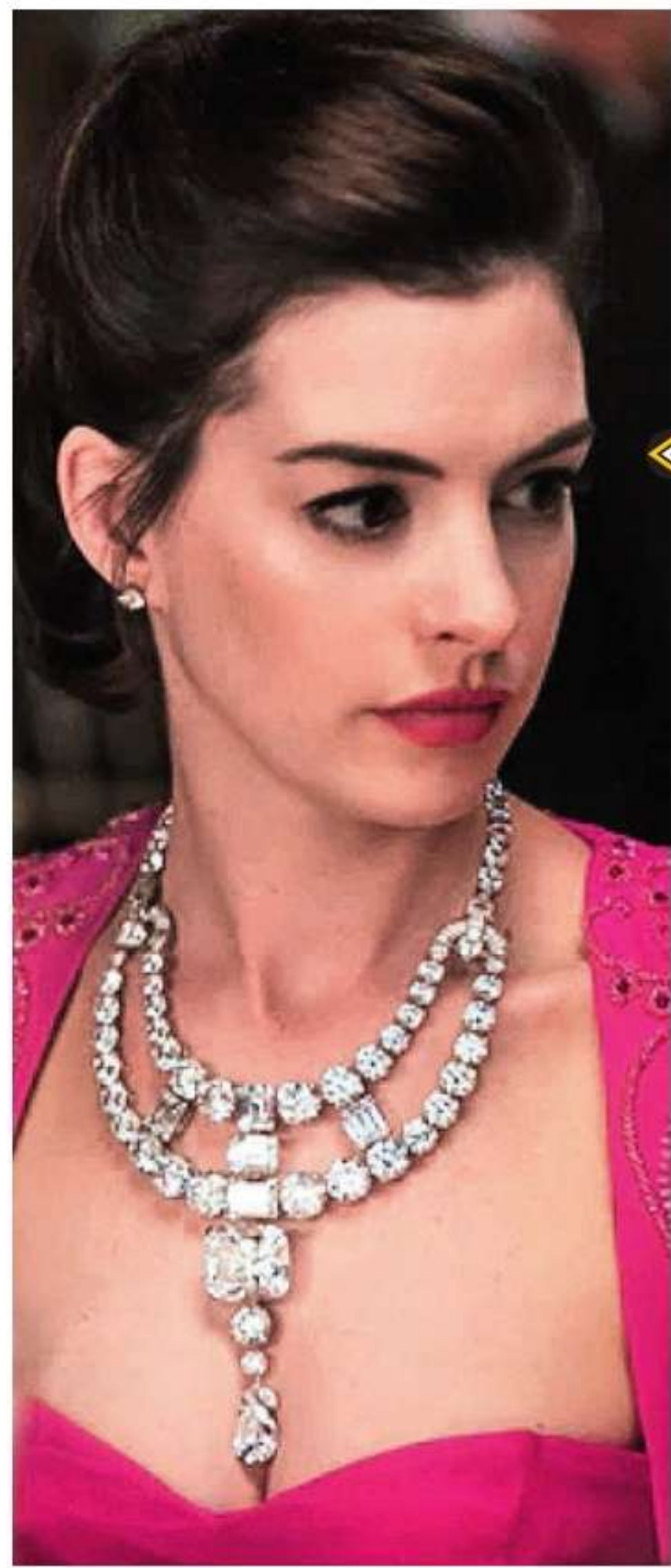
poet, pole, polio, polle, plot, plot, plot

SCRAMBLE

Answer: Curiosity killed the cat but for a while I was a suspect - Steven Wright

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Vintage Indian jewels are having their moment under the sun



A ₹200-crore worth Mughal-era gold *sarpech* (turban ornament), Nita Ambani's choice of ornament at a recent event, created a storm on social media. Before this, the piece of jewellery, with 17th century inscribed spinels, rubies and

diamonds and believed to have belonged to Mughal emperor Shah Jahan at one point in time, was seen publicly in 2019 at an auction. But this is not the only piece of jewellery with roots in Indian history that has resurfaced in modern times. Here's looking at a few more.

Made it into a con film: Nawanagar Necklace

This royal ornament became the centerpiece of the Hollywood multi-starrer *Ocean's 8*. Commissioned in 1931 by Nawanagar's Maharaja Sir Ranjitsinhji Vibhaji Jadeja to jeweller Jacques Cartier, the two-line 500 carat Nawanagar Necklace was studded with white, pink, blue and green diamonds. A zirconium replica was created for Anne Hathaway for the movie, using the original sketch as a blueprint.



Art deco piece: The Cartier Emerald Suite

This exquisite Cartier Emerald Suite was reportedly made in the 1930s using Mughal cabochon emeralds, inlaid with diamonds and rubies, floral motifs from the 18th-19th century. The art deco platinum necklace and earrings belonged to Maharani Gayatri Devi.

The Nizam's gift: A necklace for the queen

This intricately designed platinum necklace with nearly 300 diamonds, in round and emerald cuts, was a wedding gift from Nizam Asaf Jah VII of Hyderabad to Queen Elizabeth, in 1947. The art-deco, Nizam of Hyderabad necklace was reportedly remodelled twice - once before being commissioned, and later in the 50s by the late queen, who was often spotted wearing it throughout her reign. She also loaned it to Kate Middleton.



From the Mughal collection: Mirror of Paradise ring

Besides the *sarpech*, Nita Ambani also flaunted a museum piece at her son Anant Ambani's pre-wedding celebrations in Jamnagar - a massive 52.58 carat, Mirror of Paradise ring, that was once part of the Mughal empire's jewel collection. The ring features a diamond from the Golconda mines - globally renowned for natural purity.

Lost and resurfaced: Patiala Necklace

Considered to be one of the finest pieces of royal Indian jewellery, the five-layered Patiala Necklace had 2,930 diamonds, Burmese rubies, and an extremely rare 234.65 carat yellow diamond - the seventh largest polished diamond in the world. The necklace, commissioned by Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala in 1925, is said to have taken three years of craftsmanship to create. An interesting story about this necklace is that it mysteriously went missing a few decades after its creation. It was later found and restored by its original jeweller, who replaced the missing stones with less expensive substitutes.



Emma Chamberlain was spotted wearing a necklace that was last seen paired with the Patiala Necklace, at the Met Gala in 2022



Symbol of love: Taj Mahal pendant necklace

This piece with enamel latticework motif has an inscribed, heart-shaped diamond set within a red stone. Research says that Mughal emperor Jahangir had the stone engraved with his wife Nur Jahan's name. It was passed down to his son, emperor Shah Jahan, who presented it to his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Remodelled in gold and ruby, it was gifted to Elizabeth Taylor in 1972, by her husband Richard Burton.

Compiled by: Nandini Ganguly

I can put a positive spin on anything that bothers me: Aditi Rao Hydari



On her approach toward life...

"My mum (Vidya Rao) always told me that there's a lot of noise in the world, but you can learn to cut it out and focus on positivity. I can put a positive spin on anything that bothers me. Why live in the dark when you can choose to live in the light?" says Aditi.

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'IMPORTANT TO REPRESENT WHATEVER IS NOT BEING TALKED ABOUT'

The actor's upcoming project features a stellar cast of women, but Aditi believes that there shouldn't be different terminologies when it comes to films and actors. "I feel bad that we still use terms like 'women-centric' and 'female direc-

tor'. A profession doesn't need to be defined by gender. It's a profession," she says, adding, "The reason that happens is because the representation of women has been less, so women have had to push for it. We need to evolve from this and be empowered enough so these distinctions don't exist anymore. That said, it's important to represent whatever is not being talked about, be it about people or animals."

FROM A FAKE BUST TO A MEMO: TAKE CUES FROM THESE CELEB PRANKSTERS

Hugh Jackman's ugly sweater prank on Ryan Reynolds

Frenemies Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman leave no stone unturned when pulling pranks. Remember when Hugh teamed up with Jake Gyllenhaal. Ryan posted a pic on Insta with the caption: "These f***ing a**holes said it was a sweater party."



Hugh Jackman, Ryan Reynolds and Jake Gyllenhaal



James Corden's unflattering bronze bust prank on David Beckham

James Corden pulled a gag on David Beckham by making the soccer ace believe that he'd been cast in bronze at LA Galaxy's home stadium. From a fake sculptor to a not-so-flattering bust, Corden had it all in place. "I mean, look at my chin. It doesn't really look like me. Look at my eyes. The only thing that's good is that hair and that's about it," Becks said.

Brad Pitt-George Clooney's pranks

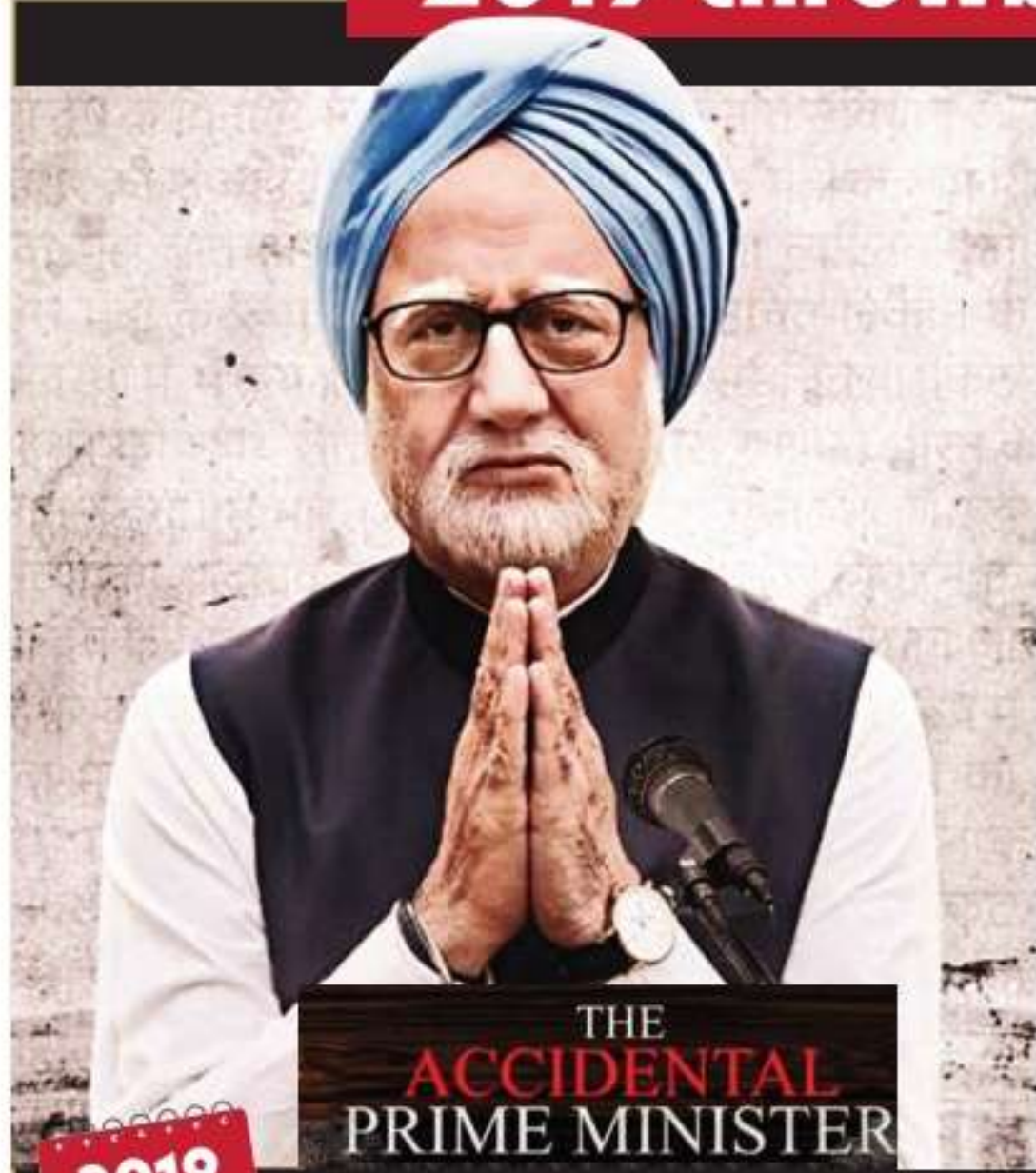
George Clooney pulled a series of practical jokes on Brad Pitt, including putting a bumper sticker in the shape of a marijuana plant that said "F*** Cops" on Brad's car (leading to him being pulled over). Brad then took things up a notch on the set of *Ocean's Twelve* by sending out a memo which informed the crew that "George only wanted to be called Danny Ocean and no eye contact could be made".



George Clooney had Sandra Bullock jump into a pool at a party

In an interview, Clooney's *Gravity* co-star Sandra Bullock revealed how the actor tricked her into jumping in the pool - alone! She said, "There was George and someone else with just their pants on going, 'We're gonna go in the pool!' I held their hands and on the count of three, and in slow motion I see Nicole Kidman with a stack of towels... and I jump, and they let go, and I go in the pool!"

2019 throwback: Manmohan, Thackeray, Modi



2019
JAN

Starring Anupam Kher as former PM Manmohan Singh, the film released in January 2019 and was based on a book by the same name. The film's trailer was promoted on the BJP's official handle, drawing allegations from the Congress that the film was "political propaganda". Reportedly, the film's box office collection was just over ₹21 crore.



2019
JAN

Released in January 2019 and starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui, the film was a biopic of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray, and was written and produced by party member Sanjay Raut. The film's box office collection was reportedly around ₹18 crore.



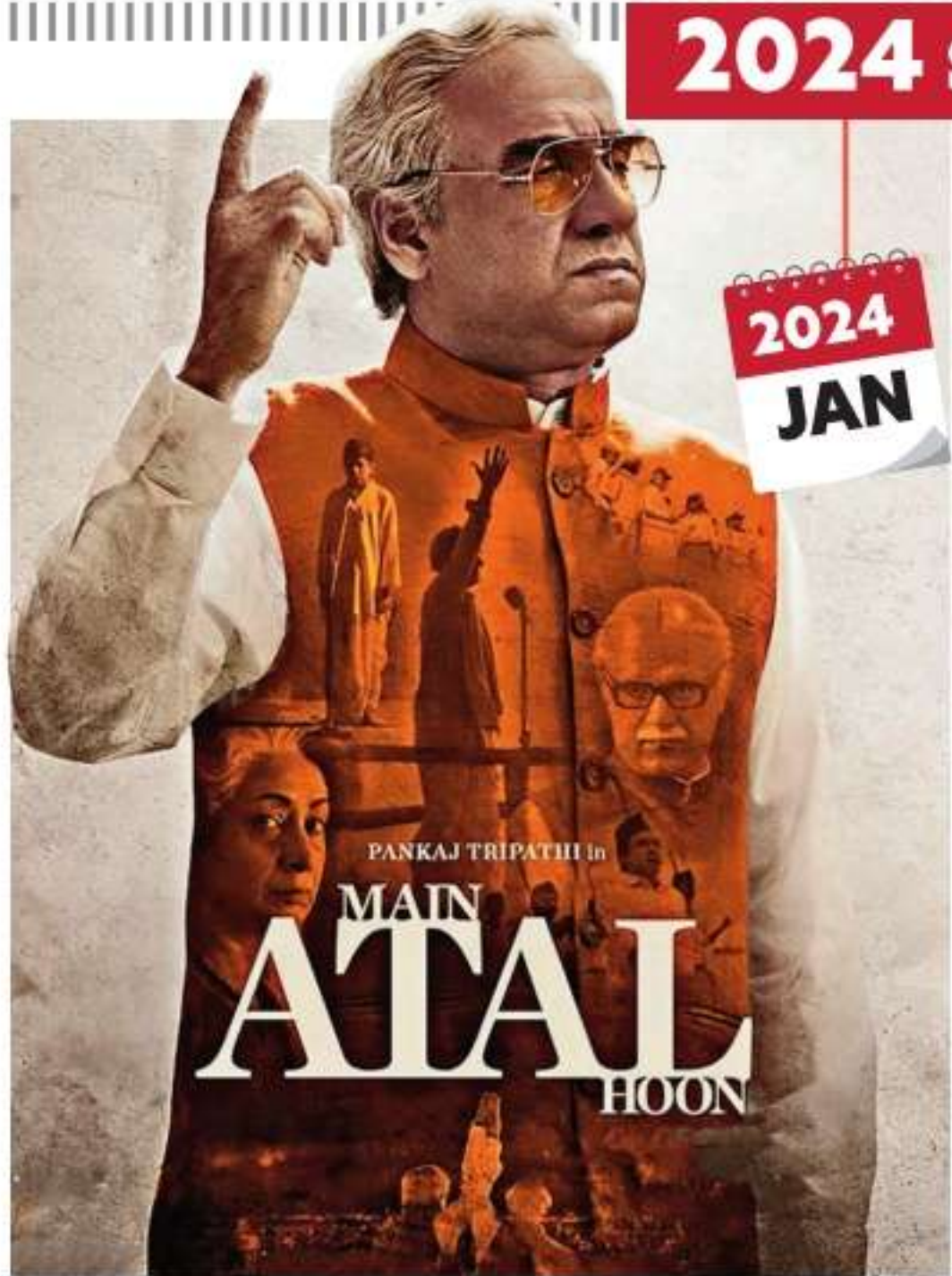
2019
MAY

Starring Vivek Oberoi and directed by Omung Kumar, the film was slated for an April release to coincide with the 2019 elections. However, the Election Commission stopped the film a day before it was to hit the screens and said, "Any such film that subverts purpose of any political entity or individual should not be displayed in the electronic media." The film was eventually released on May 24. In April 2019, commenting on allegations of political bias in the film, Oberoi had said, "Objectivity is the purpose of a documentary." The movie made approximately ₹11.51 crore, as per reports.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ELECTION YEAR

Around the last General Elections in 2019, a string of political biopics released – PM Narendra Modi, Thackeray, The Accidental Prime Minister. Mainstream cinema entering the quasi-political messaging space around elections was a new development for Bollywood five years ago, but this time, it is no longer a surprise. Apart from biopics, this election season is also seeing films based on socio-political themes. Whether they influence political narratives or not remains an open-ended question. In the past, some such films have done exceptionally well, but many others have fallen flat

2024 so far: Vajpayee, 370, Savarkar



2024
JAN

Released on January 19 and directed by Ravi Jadhav, the film stars Pankaj Tripathi as late former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. At the time of release, Tripathi had said, "This is the story of Atal ji's life and also of India's journey from the time of independence, how elections would happen, how voting would happen, how society changed. The purpose of the biopic is to provide entertainment and at the same time it serves as an inspiration." Reportedly, the film made approximately ₹8.65 crore.



2024
FEB

Based on the abrogation of Article 370, the film released on February 23. In the reviews, several critics referred to the film's heavy political messaging. The Yami Gautam-starrer got a thumbs-up from the government. While the PM said "it will be useful for people to get correct information" during a rally in Jammu, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended a screening and said that it should not be called a propaganda film. Yami had said that "many people told us the film won't work with the audience... but we went ahead because we knew those naysayers were underestimating our audience." The film has so far made over ₹106 crore.



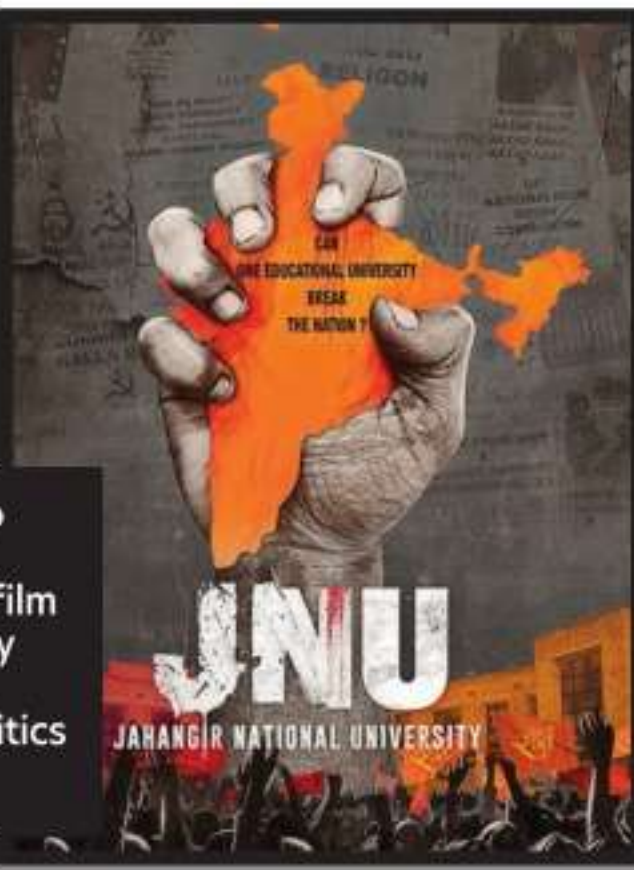
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The Savarkar biopic is Randeep Hooda's passion project, which he co-wrote, directed, co-produced and played the lead in. The March 22 release was earlier being directed by Mahesh Manjrekar, who left it midway and claimed that Randeep "got too involved", adding, "I am not questioning Randeep's sincerity. But there's a difference between sincerity and obsession." Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's grandnephew Chandra Kumar Bose also asked Randeep on X to "refrain from linking 'Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's' name with Savarkar." Randeep, who underwent an intense physical transformation for the film, reportedly wanted it to release earlier. "I wanted to release this film on August 15 last year, then on January 26. It didn't happen," he said on a podcast. In an interview he said "it's a movie about one of the most misunderstood freedom fighters of our country." As per reports, the film made around ₹12 crore in the first week.

Upcoming: Godhra, Emergency, JNU



Starring Vikrant Massey and Ridhi Dogra, *The Sabarmati Report* is expected to release on May 3. Massey plays role of a journalist investigating the Godhra incident. Another film on the incident is *Accident or Conspiracy: Godhra*, starring Ranvir Shorey.



Expected to release on April 5, the film is reportedly based on student politics in JNU.

The film is written, directed and co-produced by Kangana Ranaut, who is playing former PM Indira Gandhi in it. The film was earlier set to release on November 24, 2023, but has now been postponed to June 14. The filmmaker-actress is contesting in the upcoming elections.

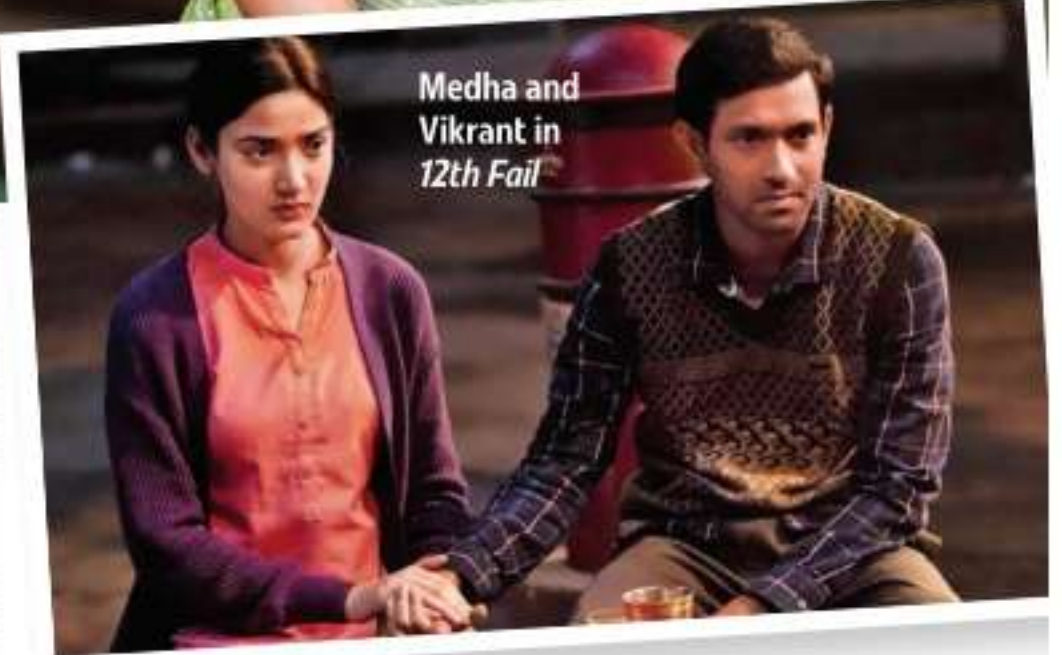


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Don't think I'm an overnight sensation, says 12th Fail actress Medha Shankr



Medha says that "people don't know about my journey"



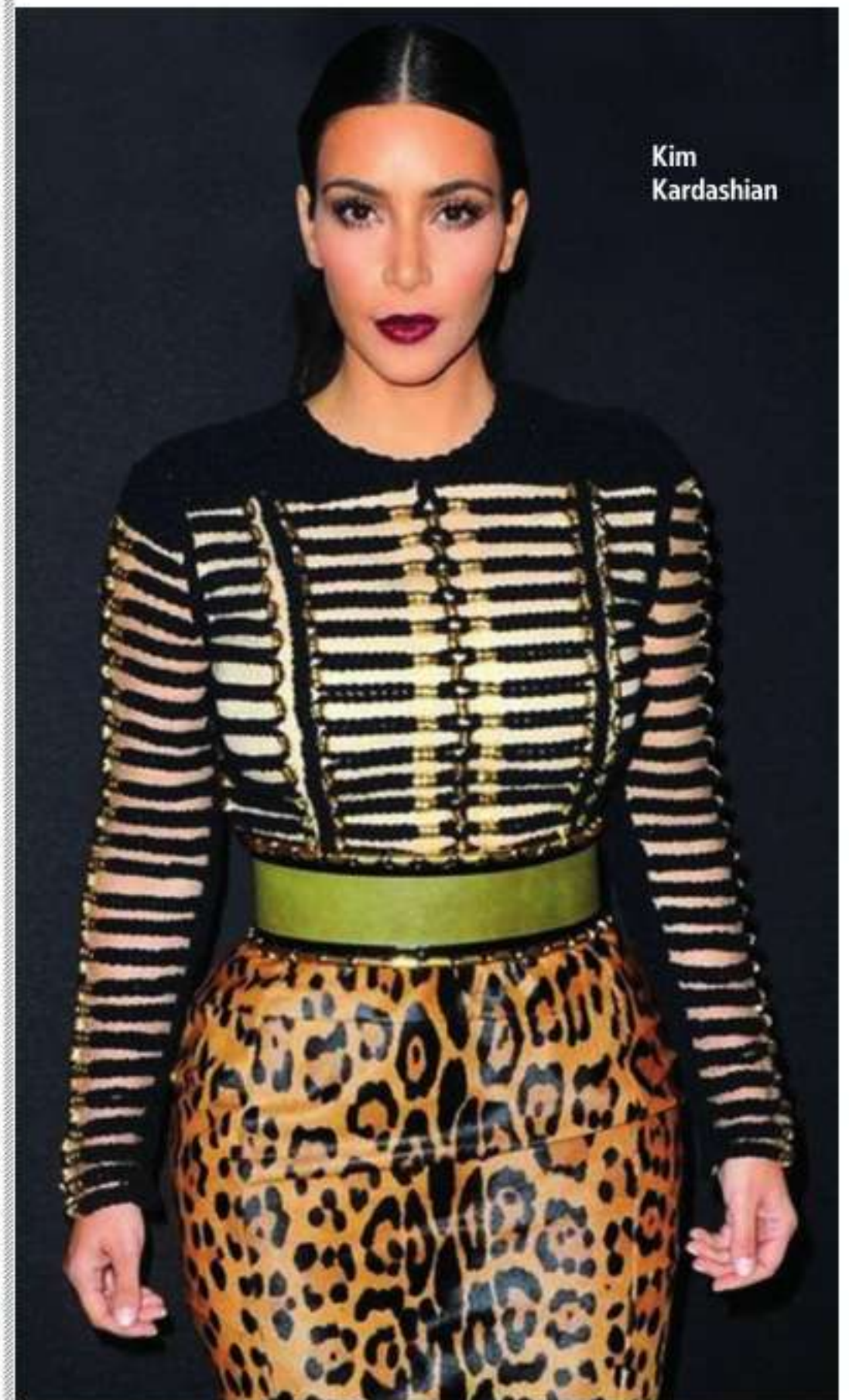
Medha and Vikrant in 12th Fail

Medha Shankr, who became popular after her performance in *12th Fail*, says that she didn't become an overnight sensation, adding that people do not know her journey. She said, "I don't think I am an overnight sensation; it is just that people don't know about my journey. If overnight is a word, then my overnight was five years long."

Medha started her acting career in 2019 with the British miniseries *Beecham House*. She was then seen in the film *Shaadisthan* and the series *Dil Bekaraar*.

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Kim sued for showcasing fake furniture



Kim Kardashian

The Judd Foundation, a non-profit group dedicated to the legacy of artist Donald Judd, sued Kim Kardashian on Wednesday for allegedly featuring fake versions of his furniture in a YouTube video. The lawsuit filed by the foundation states, "Two minutes and twenty seconds into the video... Ms Kardashian pointed to two tables with sets of chairs seamlessly tucked under the tables and said, 'If you guys are furniture people—because I've really gotten into furniture lately—these Donald Judd tables are really amazing and totally blend in with the seats.'"

According to the lawsuit, the furniture showcased in the video is not authentic Judd, but rather knock-offs produced by a West Hollywood interior designer known as Clements Design.

Judd, who died in 1994, was a leading figure in minimalist art.



Table and chair sets at Kim Kardashian's office which she claimed as Judd pieces

A Malibu party with Snoop Dogg, Robert De Niro, Austin Butler & Cordell Broadus

The Godfather, the Dogfather and Elvis just united for an epic gathering. Robert De Niro, Snoop Dogg and Austin Butler recently got together for a dinner party at a private residence in Malibu, Calif. The rapper's son Cordell Broadus shared photos of his dad with the actors. "Champ DeNiro Elvis Snoop," the 27-year-old wrote on Instagram. "Dinner @ the Malibu house talking numbers."

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(L-R) Cordell Broadus, Robert De Niro, Austin Butler and Snoop Dogg

