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# Seven decades of political assassinations in Pakistan

**O**ctober 16, 1951, stands out in the history of Pakistan as a date when the first Prime Minister of the country, Liaquat Ali Khan, was shot dead during a public rally in Rawalpindi's Company Gardens. The bullets fired in 1951 at the Company Gardens, later renamed Liaquat Bagh, led to the first major assassination but, unfortunately, it was not the last attempt as PTI chairman and former premier Imran Khan has become the latest to join the long list of politicians, who have faced such attacks. The Express Tribune reported. The shootings and terrorist attacks that have continued with frequent intervals for more than seven decades took the lives of several politicians, including former premier Benazir Bhutto, her brother Mir Murtaza Bhutto, Gujrat's Chaudhry Zahoor Elahi, Punjab's former home minister Shuja Khanzada and former minister for minorities Shahbaz Bhatti. Several others, including Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Assembly member and ANP's Bashir Ahmed Bilour and his son Haroon Bilour; religious scholar and former senator Maulana Samiul Haq; MQM's Syed Ali Raza Abidi; and PTI's Sardar Soran Singh were also killed in such attacks. Benazir Bhutto was murdered on December 27, 2007 by a suicide bomber after she had just finished an election rally in Rawalpindi. Her brother was shot dead along with six associates in a police encounter near his home in Karachi on September 20, 1996, during her tenure, The Express Tribune reported. Zahoor Elahi was assassinated in Lahore in 1981 by Al-Zulfikar, reportedly, by a terrorist organisation led by Murtaza Bhutto. It claimed responsibility for the attack. Khanzada was assassinated in a suicide attack at his political office in Shadikhian, Attock on August 16, 2015. A militant group, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, had claimed responsibility for his murder. Maulana Samiul Haq, who was known as the "Father of Taliban" for the role his seminary Darul Uloom Haqqania played, was killed at his residence in Rawalpindi in November 2018, The Express Tribune reported.

# WHAT INDIA CAN EXPECT AT COP27 CLIMATE SUMMIT IN EGYPT?

Vishal Gulati

**A**gainst a backdrop of weather extremes and geopolitical crises, two upcoming UN summits -- the climate change conference in Egypt and the biodiversity summit in Canada to which India is a crucial Party to both -- are considered to be pivotal moments in global efforts to address the interlinked global warming and extinction crises. Unlike other "gap" reports, including last week's UNEP Emissions Gap report, which describe a divide between mitigation ambition and the emissions reductions needed to achieve the climate goals to be discussed at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from November 6-20. The biodiversity meeting named COP15, the biggest conference in a decade, in Montreal, Canada, is expected to deliver a biodiversity agreement on par with the Paris Agreement -- a legally binding international treaty on climate change that was adopted by 196 Parties at COP21 in Paris in December 2015 with the goal to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels.

What India can expect at COP27? The main focus this year will be on climate financing where India will push for better financing for G20 countries. Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R.K. Singh said the International Solar Alliance would "take up the cause" of demanding delivery of the Paris Agreement's \$100 billion per year climate financing pledge, which was supposed to run from 2020 to 2025 before increasing thereafter.

According to the latest OECD analysis, the climate finance provided and mobilised by developed countries for climate action in developing countries reached \$83.3 bil-



lion in 2020. This is a further four per cent increase from 2019 and followed a one per cent increase from 2018 to 2019. However, it still falls short of the goal for developed countries to provide and mobilise \$100 billion a year for developing countries by 2020. The increase in 2020 climate finance was primarily driven by a rise in public flows.

India's updated climate plan comprises 45 per cent reduction in emissions intensity by 2030 and to reach 500 GW of non-fossil installed capacity by 2030.

Future technologies including green hydrogen, offshore wind, off grid and decentralized renewable energy applications need to be adapted. A new report by BloombergNEF (BNEF) states that India will require \$223 billion investment in order to meet its goal of wind and solar capacity installations by 2030 as in its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), India has committed to 50 per cent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. This will necessitate the need to attract private finance. Climate negotiators say the recent slew of policies show India is serious about meeting its 2030 decadal targets, which can set the pathway for its 2070 net-zero decarbonisation, pledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland.

UNFCCC defines climate finance

as "local, national or transnational financing, drawn from public, private and alternative sources of financing, that seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions that will address climate change".

Climate finance is necessary for mitigation because large-scale investments are required to significantly reduce emissions. It is also equally important for adaptation, as significant financial resources are needed to adapt to the adverse effects and reduce the impacts of a changing climate.

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) will play a major role in supporting India to make this transition. But central banks and other financial institutions will have to step up their game. What's needed is a multi-sovereign de-risking mechanism.

R.R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute, said India hasn't benefited much from the \$100 billion climate finance. "The capital flows to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) have been very little, the total capitalisation of GCF is \$10-12 billion and out of that only \$3-4 billion has come from international sources."

"Further to that only six projects are being implemented in India with GCF funding and those too are very small in size. Almost 95 per cent of the \$100 billion finance has gone to other developing countries. Therefore, \$100 billion is not so important for India but it is important for other developing countries

and gives an important signal. "It's an unresolved issue that is still pending. We have resolved the question of NDCs, the question of mitigation largely, maintaining 1.5-2 degrees goals and large economies now have net zero goals, but this \$100 billion discussion is yet to be resolved."

On the expected focus areas at COP27, he said: "We will have to come up with a principle for finance just like we've come up for NDCs, whether it is relative or absolute, we need a certain principle for contribution. There are some principles already in existence, like the UN principle, but for the GCF and any finance operating entities of COP, there are no principles. I think establishing this principle will become one of the main finance issues at this COP." Shreeshan Venkatesh, Climate Policy Lead with Climate Trends, believes the COP is happening at a time of global churn and a lot of the issues important in the collaborative climate effort are now magnified. "Being the COP of implementation and the global contexts, climate finance has assumed special importance. While climate finance is scaling, this seems to be circumstantial and skewed towards low-risk developed markets. There are a lot of reforms that need to take shape for a comprehensive financial response to the challenge that climate change and climate action pose. "While one cannot imagine all the questions around required reforms to be answered during the COP, it could be a point of convergence for these discussions and the expression of these needs. Financial risk mitigating mechanisms, long-term finance goals and some clarity on how carbon markets and pricing will shape up are likely to be important points that determine the course of global climate finance flows. "With the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war and the energy crisis in

Europe compounding the woes of world that has been wreaked by extreme weather events and its devastating impacts, particularly in the developing world, TERI delegates note that COP27 should be resolving issues related to enhanced transparency framework, mobilization of long-term climate finance, adequacy of mitigation commitments by the Parties, the Global Goal on Adaptation, implementation of Article 6 (market-based mechanisms), the Warsaw international mechanism for loss and damage, and the implementation of gender-responsive climate actions. The TERI delegation headed by Vibha Dhawan, Director General, said: "Considering the particularly fraught world in which COP27 is set to unfold, and the continuing and devastating impacts of extreme weather events felt across the globe, it is imperative that the session at Sharm El-Sheikh engages with and tries to resolve issues related to long-term climate finance and the mechanisms for loss and damage. "As UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres says: "COP27 must provide a clear and time-bound roadmap on closing the finance gap for addressing loss and damage. This will be a central litmus test for success at COP27."

The UN estimates that the current cost of meeting adaptation needs is \$70 billion. By 2050, it could reach \$500 billion. According to the Carbon Disclosure Project, just for water risks alone, the costs of doing nothing is five times that of acting today. As recent extreme weather events across the developing and developed world showed adaptation is not just for the most vulnerable, host Egypt in a message sums up acethe world needs to come together to act now to save lives and livelihoods. It is time for implementation.

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# PTI LEADER CALLS ON SUPPORTERS TO AVENGE ATTACK ON IMRAN

**I**slamabad: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Anwar Zeb Khan has called on supporters to enter Islamabad armed and avenge the assassination attempt on party chairman Imran Khan. A video has gone viral on social media that shows Anwar, who is also Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Minister for Social Welfare, speaking to a charged crowd, Samaa TV reported.

In the video, he can be seen wielding an AK-47 as he challenges Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah.

As he waived the assault rifle in the air, Anwar dares Sanaullah to stop the PTI protesters as he announced that they will come to Islamabad armed. "We will take revenge of the attack on Imran Khan," Samaa TV quoted Anwar as saying in the video. Fazal Elahi, who was elected on a PTI ticket from Peshawar, has threatened Sanaullah that he is coming to avenge the attack on his party chairman.

A video of Elahi posted on social media shows him using foul language and call the Interior Minister names as he dares the latter to step out of his house. Following the attack on Thursday evening, PTI Secretary-General Asad Umar had said that Khan suspects three people to be behind the assassination attempt -- Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Sanaullah, and a senior military officer.



# Israel polls: Netanyahu-led alliance wins majority, Lapid concedes defeat

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**F**ormer Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a comeback with a decisive victory in the country's general elections, poll results showed on Thursday.

As the final thousands of votes were being tallied Thursday evening, Prime Minister Yair Lapid called opposition leader Netanyahu to concede the race and congratulate him on his election victory, The Times of Israel reported.

"The State of Israel is above any political considerations," Lapid said in a statement. "I wish Netanyahu good luck for the people of Israel and the State of Israel."

Netanyahu will control not just the largest party in the Knesset (Israeli parliament), but is poised to return to power leading a 64-strong majority bloc of his religious and right-wing allies in the 120-member Knesset.

Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party won 32 seats and his right-wing religious and nationalist bloc won 64 in the 120-seat parliament, or Knesset, according to Israel's Central Elections Committee.

Lapid's Yesh Atid party won 24 seats and his bloc of right-wing, left-wing and Arab parties secured 51.

Reacting to Netanyahu's victory, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a tweet, said: "Mazel Tov my friend @netanyahu for your electoral success. I look forward to



# FOREIGN TOURISTS TO CAMBODIA'S ANGKOR UP 2,224%

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**C**ambodia's famed Angkor Archaeological Park received 169,349 international tourists in the first 10 months of 2022, up 2,224 per cent compared to the same period last year, said an official report on Friday.

The park made \$6.76 million in revenue from ticket sales during the January-October period this year, up 2,155 per cent year-on-year, the state-owned Angkor Enterprise's report revealed.

Holidaymakers from 125 countries and regions visited the site during the period, Xinhua news agency quoted the report as saying.

Located in the Siem Reap province, the 401-square-km Angkor Archaeological Park, inscribed on the Unesco World Heritage List in 1992, is the most popular tourist destination in the Southeast Asian country.

The Park contains the remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire, from the 9th to the 15th century, including the famous Temple of Angkor Wat.

During the pre-Covidera, the Angkor park received up to 2.2 million international visitors in 2019, generating \$99 million in revenue from ticket sales, the Angkor Enterprise said.

According to Prime Minister Hun Sen on Thursday, high vaccination rates have in part helped revive the kingdom's tourism industry.

He said Covid-19 vaccines have built herd immunity in Cambodia that has allowed the country to reopen its borders with confidence since late 2021.



# Europe could risk gas shortage in 2023: IEA

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**E**urope could face a shortage of as much as 30 billion cubic meters (bcm) of natural gas during the key summer period for refilling its gas storage sites in 2023, the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) warned.

"Europe needs to take immediate action to avoid the risk of natural gas shortage next year," meaning urgent action is required by governments to reduce gas consumption amid the global energy crisis, IEA said.

Gas storage sites in the European Union (EU) are now 95 per cent full, it noted.

However, it warned that the cushion provided by current storage levels, as well as recent lower gas prices and unusually mild temperatures, should not lead to overly optimistic conclusions about the future, reports Xinhua news agency.

According to the IEA, the process of filling the European Union's gas storage sites this year benefited from key factors that may well not be repeated in 2023.

Europe "could face a challenging supply-demand gap" in the event of a full cession of Russian pipeline gas supplies to the EU, the IEA added.

For the Russian pipeline gas supply, "it is highly unlikely that Russia will deliver another 60 bcm" for 2023.

"Russian deliveries to Europe could halt completely," the IEA said.

"With the recent mild weather and lower gas prices, there is a danger of complacency creeping into the conversation around Europe's gas supplies, but we are by no means out of the woods yet," said IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol.



# Massive forest fire ravages 3,600 hectares of land in Chile

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**A** massive forest fire in central Chile's Maule region has ravaged at least 3,600 hectares of land, damaged several homes and is yet to be brought under control, authorities said.

The fire, which has been burning since Monday in the communes of Molina and Rio Claro, some 200 km south of the capital Santiago, presents a threat to nearby homes, Xinhua news agency quoted the country's National Forestry Corporation as saying in a statement.

While "the fire is generally of low intensity and spreading slowly", aerial firefighting has been hampered "due to thermal inversion" preventing the smoke from dissipating, the statement said.

The flames have damaged eight houses and destroyed two warehouses, according to the latest report from the National Emergency Office of the Ministry of the Interior and Public Safety.

Military forces, private forestry brigades and government institutions have been working together to combat the blaze.

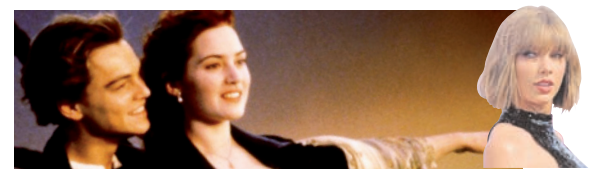


# ECUADORIAN POLICE ARREST 668 PERSONS OVER VIOLENT ATTACKS

**Q**uito: Ecuadorian President Guillermo Lasso announced that 668 people have been arrested in the wake of violent attacks by criminal gangs during a prisoner transfer. Since Tuesday, Ecuador has experienced a series of attacks, including shootings, car bombs, in the provinces of Guayas, Esmeraldas and Santo Domingo, resulting in the deaths of five policemen and a civilian, reports Xinhua news agency.

The attacks occurred when 1,002 inmates were to be transferred to other prisons from the Litoral Penitentiary in Guayas, the largest prison in Ecuador. Among those inmates are leaders of drug trafficking organizations, according to the Ecuadorian government. Lasso declared a 45-day state of emergency in Guayas and Esmeraldas on Tuesday, imposing curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. In face of the violent armed attacks, over 1,000 policemen and soldiers intervened to regain control of the prison on Thursday. The Ecuadorian president ordered the security forces to act harshly within the framework of the law against what he called the "acts of sabotage and terrorism".





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Filmmaker Ryan Coogler's memories of late actor Chadwick Boseman still leave him with overwhelming emotions whenever he talks about the late actor. The director got emotional as he recalled his last conversation with the 'Black Panther' star, says reports. In the first episode of 'Wakanda Forever: The Official Black Panther Podcast', the filmmaker said he just finished writing the 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever' script about T'Challa grieving the loss of time from the five-year 'Avengers: Endgame' Blip when he reached out to Boseman. "I just finished (the script). My last conversation with him was calling him asking him if he wanted to read it before I got notes from the studio. That was the last time we spoke," he said. "He passed maybe a couple of weeks after I finished."

## Ryan Coogler gets emotional after recalling his last conversation with Chadwick Boseman

When the interviewer asked for details about Boseman's response, Coogler took a moment to compose himself. In between what sounded like tears, he told host Ta-Nehisi Coates: "He was tired, bro...I could tell he was tired." (Boseman) called me, and I could tell he was laying down when we were talking," he continued. "Simone (Boseman's wife) was with him, and he kicked Simone out because he told her he didn't want her to hear nothing that could get him in trouble with an NDA. And she didn't want to leave him. So I could tell something was up." Coogler said the couple was in good spirits and "joking and laughing," as he remembered Boseman talking about their upcoming wedding in South Carolina. "Then he said he didn't want to read (the script) because he didn't want to get in the way of whatever notes the studio might have. So he said he'd read it later," Coogler recalled. "But I found out later he was too tired to read anything." The 36-year-old revealed he and Denzel Washington, Boseman's long-time friend and producer of his film "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom", had been trying to reach Boseman for days by the time he got Boseman on the phone.



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Comedian Pete Davidson is "still obsessed" with reality TV star Kim Kardashian. A source has alleged that the pair, who used to date from October 2021 until this August, are still in contact and even though the reality TV star is the one who messages him, she still turns down his requests to meet up, says reports. A source said, "Pete is still obsessed with Kim. She is in touch (with Pete although) she's turning down all of his requests to get together. There's been contact and Kim is actually the one who texts him a lot, she's always messaging and sending pictures."

The insider went on to explain that it must be "hard" for the former "Saturday Night Live" star because Kim, who was previously married to rap star Kanye West and has children North, nine, Saint, six, Chicago, four, and Psalm, three with him, knows now is not the time but claimed that the recent incident that reportedly saw Pete break his TV in half and throw coffee at his dressing room walls was a reaction to her blowing "hot and cold."

"It's got to be hard for Pete though - she's going hot and cold, she doesn't want to string him along but she can't be with him right now. Everyone suspects that's the reason behind his meltdown last week," according to the source. "When Kim called it off a few months ago, he was understanding because he thought she was (worried about) her current stressors of the kids, the long distance, Kanye and her crazy schedule," the source said.

Pete Davidson 'still obsessed' with Kim Kardashian



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Actress-singer Selena Gomez shared the unexpected style hiccup she experienced at the 2022 Emmys, telling Kelly Clarkson on her daytime talk show, "A lot of people saw something they didn't want to see." "My dress was actually riding up the entire time," Selena told host Kelly Clarkson about her wardrobe malfunction. "So a lot of people saw something they didn't want to see."

Despite having a fashion hiccup at the 2022 Emmys, the Rare Beauty founder handled it like a total pro. After all, wearing head-turning looks has become second nature for Selena, who recently wowed at the world premiere of her new documentary Selena Gomez: My Mind & Me. Between Selena's bold makeup and her gown's striking red fuchsia colour, it's safe to say she commanded the red carpet at the TLC Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

And while the actress celebrated the premiere of her new Apple TV+ documentary, her mom exclusively told E! News they haven't watched the film just yet. "It's something that I feel, 'cause I didn't really want to do a lot," Mandy Teefey explained at the Paw Works Animal Rescue event on October 29. "And it kind of just put me in a headspace that you just don't want to revisit after you've grown through so much."

Selena had a wardrobe malfunction at the 2022 Emmys



## Amber Heard 'deletes Twitter account'

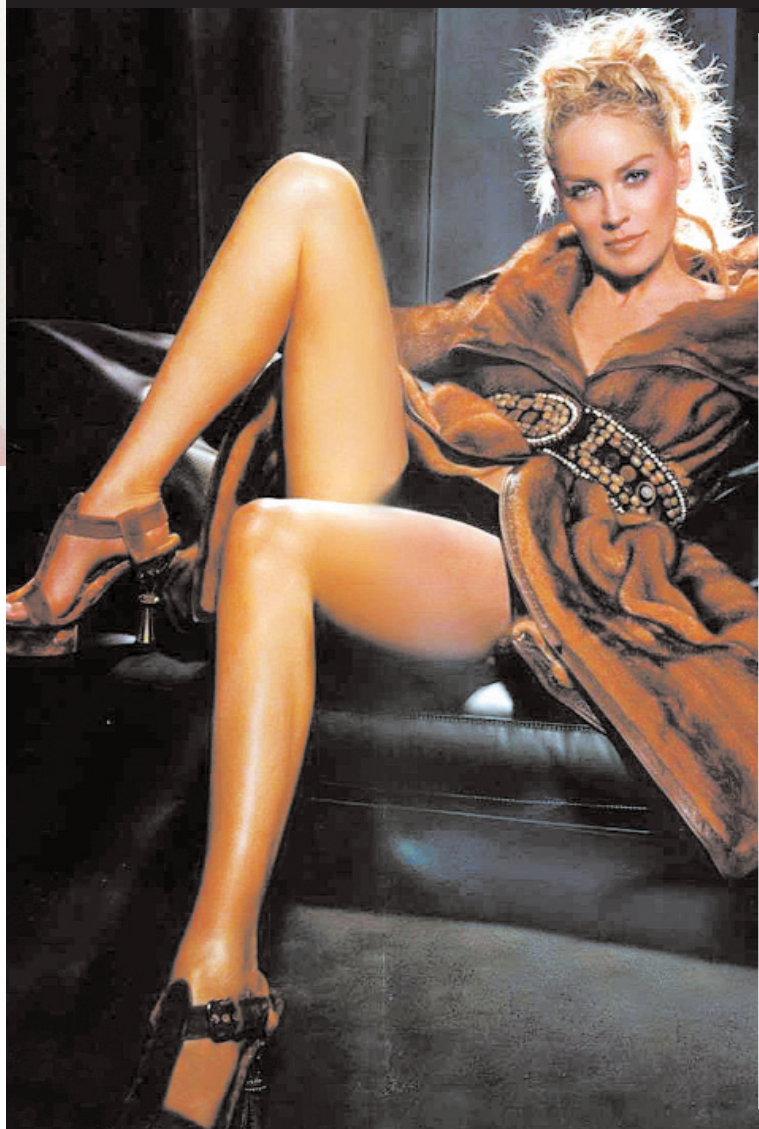
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Actress Amber Heard appears to have deleted her Twitter account, just days after her former beau Elon Musk's controversial takeover. He finally closed his \$44-billion takeover of the social media platform last week, and promptly set about announcing a string of changes, says reports. In the wake of the move, a string of famous faces announced their plans to leave the platform, including Shonda Rhimes and Mick Foley. Heard, who previously posted under the handle @realamberheard, is no longer visible on the microblogging site, sparking speculation that she has followed suit. According to reports, the account went down earlier today, but the reason behind this has not been made clear. Amber, who has taken a step back from the spotlight after losing her highly-publicised court battle against Johnny Depp, has not spoken publicly about the changes to her account.

## Sharon Stone to undergo surgery

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Actress Sharon Stone is expected to go under the knife to have a "large fibroid tumour" removed following a misdiagnosis. The "Basic Instinct" actress will have the surgery 21 years after she suffered a brain haemorrhage and stroke that almost killed her, says reports. While encouraging her fans to seek second opinions from doctors, she said the new growth, which develops in or around the womb, was found in her body after a previous medical misdiagnosis. Taking to her Instagram Stories with an update on her health, she said that she had "just had another misdiagnosis and incorrect procedure" and went for a "double epidural" to treat her pain. She added the agony grew worse and when she went for a second opinion from a different doctor and they revealed she had a "large fibroid tumour" that "must come out." The actress warned her followers: "Ladies in particular, don't get blown off. Get a second opinion. It can save your life." Sharon said it was going to take her between a month and six weeks to recover from the trauma and thanked fans for their concern, signing off, and "It's all good." Sharon, mum to sons Roan, 22, Laird, 17, and Quinn, 16, through adoption, told earlier this year how she has lost nine children by miscarriage. She addressed her other health woes in her 2021 autobiography "The Beauty of Living Twice", in which she said benign tumours were removed from her body in 2001 she said were "gigantic" and bigger than one of her breasts. She was also hit by a stroke and cerebral haemorrhage the same year.



ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



Natalie Portman





## Ayan Mukerji shares he re-edited his 1st from Astraverse for the streaming release

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Ayan Mukerji teased new details about the upcoming *Brahmastra* Part Two: Dev, the second instalment of his *Brahmastra* trilogy. Despite mixed reviews, the first instalment was released in September amid high expectations and grossed over Rs 400 crore globally. Ayan has been promoting the trilogy even before producer Karan Johar could officially confirm it and has stated that the second instalment will most likely not take as long to complete as the first.

Ayan spoke about his vision for part two in a new interview with a leading por-

tal, on the eve of the film's streaming release on OTT, and said that it will be more clash-oriented. The first film ended with a showdown between Ranbir Kapoor's Shiva and his villainous father Dev, a role that has yet to be filled.

Ayan also denied rumours that everyone from Ranveer Singh to Hrithik Roshan and Yash had been approached for the part. "I'm sure they'll be saying Prabhakar next. I can't say anything about any of this stuff, but it's fun," he said.

The filmmaker also revealed that he re-edited the film for the streaming release and that he went back and tweaked Shiva and Isha's love story in response to audi-

ence feedback. It was generally agreed that Alia Bhatt's character Isha didn't have much to do, and her love story with Shiva felt unearned. "It's subtle stuff, so you may not realise it unless you've seen the film three or four times," Ayan commented on the changes, noting that they are mostly limited to lingering glances and stray lines of dialogue.

Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna, and Mouni Roy also appeared in *Brahmastra*, as did Shah Rukh Khan, Dimple Kapadia, and Deepika Padukone.



## Took me two months to gain weight: Sonakshi Sinha

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Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha took two months to gain weight but the toughest part was losing those extra kilos. Talking about her body transformation for the film, Sonakshi in a conversation with media said: "It took me two months to put on weight which was not a big deal but it took me a year to get rid of the weight I had put on. There are two ways to do it. You either do it the healthy way or the unhealthy way. However, I went the healthy way." Life is a full circle for Sonakshi, who started off as a costume designer before making her debut in acting in the year 2010 with the Salman Khan-starrer 'Dabangg', as she plays Saira Khanna, a fashion designer in the movie. She calls the film her "life story".

The 35-year-old actress also shared her mantra to deal with trolls and body-shamers.

"Whether you are short, tall, thin, fat, dark or fair, you are likely to get body shamed. People say what they want to say just ignore it. Don't waste your energy," she said.

The actress, who launched her own beauty brand in 2022, shared that 'Double XL' is a very personal film for her. "It's a very personal film for me and I want to remind everyone that women are slammed for many things, but don't let anyone pull you back," added the actress, who released her debut single 'Aaj Mood Ishqholi Hai' in 2015.

## SRK has shown incredible dedication to prepare his body: Siddharth Anand

Team Absolute | Mumbai

SRK pushed his body to breaking point for the physically challenging action sequences designed for his upcoming film 'Pathaan'. Anand said: "Shah Rukh Khan has pushed his body to breaking point for Pathaan. So, all the love that he is getting for Pathaan's teaser, he deserves all that and much more. I remember when I first met him on Pathaan, we discussed how physically challenging it will be for him and he was game from the get go and it shows on screen." He added: "He wanted the adrenaline rush and he wanted the audience to feel the same on screen through him. The way he built his body, the insane training that he has done to pull off the extremely dangerous stunts, the dangerous terrains and climatic conditions in which he has thrown his body to and the commitment that he has shown to give India its biggest action spectacle is incredibly commendable."

The director further said that the way SRK has endured all the pain to pull off the action that the makers had designed, is unbelievable.

"There is no one like Shah Rukh Khan and you have to wait to see the film to witness his intensity with which he has approached the film."



## Uorfi Javed joins dating reality show

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Uorfi Javed is all set to be seen on the reality show MTV 'Splitsvilla X4'. Uorfi, who is known for her unique fashion sense and has been part of several TV shows such as 'Meri Durga', 'Bepannaah', and many more, said about participating in the show.

Uorfi said that she has been fond of the dating reality show for quite long and being 'romantic' the actress is more excited about being part of it. She was dating the TV actor Paras Kalnawat in 2017 but later, they parted ways. Although recently, a video of dancing with her ex-boyfriend went viral on social media.

She said about being part of the show: "I've been following MTV 'Splitsvilla' for ages, and being a part of this iconic dating reality show is just insane. The show is all about finding an ideal match, and this season brings back that old-world charm of winning your love. I'm a die-hard romantic so there was no doubt I wanted to be a part of this." 'Splitsvilla X4' is going to be hosted by Arjun Bijlani and Sunny Leone. While the last season was being hosted by Rannvijay Singh and Sunny, the new season will see Arjun replacing Rannvijay. Jay Duhane and Aditi Rajput defeated Shivam Sharma and Pallak Yadav and emerged as the winners.

## MILI: A MEDIOCRE REMAKE OF A WELL-ACCLAIMED THRILLER

**Synopsis:** Janhvi Kapoor plays a woman trapped in a freezer fighting for her life. 'Mili' is the official Hindi remake of the Malayalam thriller 'Helen'.

**Review:** A remake of a well-acclaimed 2019 movie Helen, Mili, begins by giving a synopsis of the whole film. The beginning of the film serves as the film's scoring part. It begins with an ant (metaphor) depicting the life journey of the girl Mili (Janhvi) as it passes through each and every photo and medal of hers until the ant falls and ends up in a freezer, which is exactly what the film's story is about.

In terms of the script and the concept of the film, in a nutshell, it is a well-written story but offers nothing new.

Coming to the star performances, Sunny Kashaul's role is substantial. He is basically a supporting actor which plays Mili's love interest. Because the character lacks depth, his presence makes little difference.

When it comes to the movie's central character, Janhvi, she is cute and a good fit for the role, but how many times do we have to see Janhvi in the same role? There is no difference between her character from Good Luck



FILM REVIEW

BY SHACHI CHATURVEDI

**Cast:** Janhvi Kapoor, Sunny Kashaul and Manoj Pahwa

**Director:** Mathukutty Xavier

**Runtime:** 2 hr 7 min

**Rating:** 2/5

Jerry, and this one. Although she does justice to the role, it is past time for Janhvi to step out of her comfort zone and show her other sides.

Manoj Pahwa knows how to nail a role. What is surprising is Jackie Shroff's Cameo in the film, which is a 5 min sequence yet a strong one.

In terms of technical aspects, there is nothing to question. Despite the fact that the film has good cinematography and well-captured frames and shots throughout.

About background score and music, but in this case, the soundtrack falls short.

Apart from the basic plot, the film subtly attempts to address the issue of a corrupt system and the stereotype that if a girl is not home by midnight, she is probably hoeing

with her boyfriend.

**Conclusion:** This is a straightforward story about a middle-class girl. Only a few scenes have a secondary meaning. It's a decent film that can be watched once, but it's nothing to write home about.



Shanaya Kapoor