











# REAL ANTI-NATIONALS THOSE TOPPLING ELECTED GOVERNMENTS: PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI'S REBUTTAL TO CM EKNATH SHINDE

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In a fiery response to statements made by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Shiv Sena leader Priyanka Chaturvedi has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its alliance partners of undermining the principles of democracy and neglecting the constitutional institutions. Chaturvedi's comments came as a rebuttal to CM Shinde's recent remarks about his former boss Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray. Shinde had said: "You (Uddhav Thackeray) backstabbed Bal Thackeray by committing dishonesty with his ideological legacy. I won't be surprised if they ally with terrorist groups like Hamas and Lashkar-e-Taiba for their own selfish motives." Shinde was addressing Dussehra rally of his faction of Shiv Sena on Tuesday, October 25, 2023. "They know that they will lose when the elections will be there. The people of Maharashtra would make them lose," Chaturvedi asserted.



ed. She went on to criticize the BJP and some of its alliance partners. However, she stressed that the real 'anti-nationals' were those who were allegedly toppling democratically elected governments and neglecting the agencies and the Constitution. "In a true sense, the real anti-nationals are those who are toppling

the elected governments and those who are neglecting the agencies and the Constitution, and reducing the rules of democracy. And they are the BJP and their one or two alliance partners," Chaturvedi added. The comments reflect the ongoing political tension between the ruling coalition, which includes the Shiv

Sena (Shinde faction), Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit faction), and BJP, and the opposition Indian National Congress, Shiv Sena (Uddhav faction) and Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) in the state of Maharashtra. The Maha Vikas Aghadi government was formed after the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly elections, and it has faced its share of challenges, including power-sharing dynamics and ideological differences between the coalition partners. As elections draw closer, the political climate in Maharashtra appears to be heating up, with parties on both sides engaging in verbal sparring to assert their positions. Early in the day, Maharashtra opposition leader and Congress leader Vijay Wadetiwar said that Shinde is "speaking all this because of the support that Uddhav Thackeray is getting". "They should declare elections and then they will know who is original and who is a duplicate, who has the support of the public, and who has Shiv Sena's ideology."

# Maratha leader: Govt casual on quotas, starts 'tough' hunger strike

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Tightening the screws, Maratha leader Manoj Jarange-Patil has accused the government of not being serious on the issue of reservations for his community and launched a "tough" hunger strike, here on Wednesday.

Patil, flanked by scores of his supporters in his native Antaravali-Sarati village, has decided to abstain all food, water and medication till the government concedes the demand for Maratha quotas.

"The state government wanted 30 days, we gave them 40 days... Today, it's the 41st day since the ultimatum, but nothing has been done. The government is not serious about our plea for quotas," declared Jarange-Patil.

He told mediapersons that the Marathas are coming within the ambit of quotas, yet they are denied reservations despite a series of agitations, processions and promises.

Patil expressed hope that the government will announce the quotas in a day or so, particularly after Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday night bowed and vowed before a portrait of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Mumbai to give Maratha reservations and fight till the last drop of blood in his body for justice to the community. The Marathas have



been on a warpath since August 29 when Jarange-Patil launched his first indefinite hunger strike which he called off after 17 days, then went on a tour of several key districts and addressed a series of mammoth rallies of the community. Earlier, he had warned that by October 24, "either my funeral procession will be taken out or the Marathas' victory march", and reiterated that the community which is now fully united, will not back off even an inch on the issue. The state has witnessed several suicides by pro-reservations activists and around five dozen villages in some districts have banned the entry of politicians from all parties as a protest. Jarange-Patil's agitation has secured response of almost the entire political spectrum in the state including the ruling Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party-Nationalist Congress Party (AP), the Opposition Congress-Shiv Sena (UBT)-NCP (SP) and other Maratha groups.

# Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Maharashtra, Goa today

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Maharashtra and Goa on Thursday, during which he will dedicate several various projects. As per his itinerary, at around 1 p.m., the Prime Minister will reach Shirdi, where he will perform a puja and darshan at the Shri Saibaba Samadhi Temple. At the temple, he will inaugurate the new Darshan Queue Complex. About an hour later, the Prime Minister will perform the "Jal Pujan" of Nilwande Dam and dedicate a canal network of the dam to the nation. At around 3.15 p.m., Modi will attend a public programme in Shirdi, where he will inaugurate, dedicate to nation and lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth about Rs 7,500 crore in sectors like health, rail, road and oil and gas. He will also launch the 'Namoo Shetkari Mahasman



Nidhi Yojana' benefitting more than 86 lakh farmer beneficiaries. At around 6:30 p.m., he will reach Goa, where he will inaugurate the 37th National Games. This is the first time the National Games are being held in the coastal state.

# WR TRAVELLERS GIVE THUMBS UP TO FOUR VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

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The semi-highspeed four Vande Bharat Express trains running on the Western Railway (WR) networks are going nearly house-full for their cleanliness, comfort, design and ambience, officials said here on Wednesday. WR Chief Spokesperson Sumit Thakur said that the Vande Bharat Expresses ply on Mumbai-Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad (Sabarmati)-Jamnagar, Ahmedabad-Jodhpur and Indore-Bhopal-Nagpur sectors, and have proved a 'hit' with the passengers. "The passengers have appreciated the comfort level of the Vande Bharat trains, the plush interiors, the variety of healthy, delicious food served and the reduced travel time as compared to other trains. They have equated the journey by Vande Bharat trains as that of travelling by aircraft with less hassles of check-in & more economical pricing," said



Thakur. He said that the Vande Bharat Express trains link major business hubs like Mumbai, Surat, Ahmedabad, industrial centres of Vapi, Valsad, Jamnagar, Sanand, Nagpur, tourist destinations like Jodhpur, Abu Road and religious

places like Ujjain, Indore, Sabarmati and Palanpur, thus becoming a catalyst for business growth and tourism. The Mumbai-Gandhinagar service was launched on September 30, 2022, and has an average occupancy rate of more than 130 percent, remaining in great demand from the

age group of 31-45 years who constitute over 33 percent of the total passengers, followed by 46-60 age group (25 percent), and the 15-30 age group (24 percent), with senior citizens accounting for 14 percent, with even more women clamouring to travel by Vande Bharat Express.

# Mumbai local train: Over 2,500 services cancelled

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Western Railway announced the cancellation of over 2,500 local train services in Mumbai from October 27 to November 5, as part of their efforts to commission the sixth line between Bandra and Goregaon stations. In a statement, the Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, Sumit Thakur emphasized meticulous planning to minimize disruptions for passengers. The statement details that 43 mail and express trains will face complete cancellations, while 188 others will be partially cancelled or short-terminated, a railway term indicating the early termination of services before the scheduled final destination. The sixth line between Khar and Goregaon is expected to enhance the carrying capacity of the



suburban train network. The 30 km stretch from Mumbai Central to Borivli is divided into phases. The project is estimated to cost Rs 918 crore and will increase the line capacity of the Mumbai suburban section, alleviate congestion, and add more train services, according to Western Railway. The fifth line between Borivli and Santacruz was commissioned in 2002, and between Mumbai Central and Mahim in 1993. Due to land shortages, the stretch between Mahim and Santacruz was not built. In the existing stretches, the fifth line, known as the suburban train avoidance (STA) line, serves as a bi-directional route for long-distance trains departing from and arriving at Mumbai Central and Bandra Terminus. Western Railway has asked affected passengers to check with its authorities for specific details of train cancellations and alternative travel arrangements during this period.

# 10 injured as bus taking people from Shinde's Dussehra rally crashes

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About ten persons were injured when a private bus taking people back from Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Dussehra rally in Mumbai met with an accident in Thane district, the police said today. The accident happened at around 12:30 am on the Kolambe bridge on the Mumbai-Nashik highway near Shahapur. A truck rammed into the

bus from the rear side pushing it onto the divider. In the meanwhile, another bus hit the truck from behind and overturned due to the impact. About ten people were injured, including two seriously, said an official. The police used cranes to move to buses and clear the road, he said. The first bus was carrying about 20 people, who were returning after attending Chief Minister Shinde's rally in Mumbai, said an official from Thane rural police con-

trol room. It was going towards Sillod in Nashik district, he said. The injured were taken to a local government hospital for treatment, said the official from Thane police's rural control room. Shinde on Tuesday addressed thousands of people at the Shiv Sena's Dussehra rally at Azad Maidan in Mumbai. His rival and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray held his party's annual rally at Shivaji Park.

# BMC deploys dust suppression vehicle at Marine Drive

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Mumbai's civic body, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), on Wednesday deployed a dust suppression vehicle at Marine Drive where a layer of haze was visible in the morning. The overall air quality in Mumbai has persisted in the 'moderate' category for the third consecutive day, with on Wednesday morning, according to SAFAR-India. On Monday, Mumbai's air quality was recorded in the 'moderate' category with an AQI of 115. Notably, Mumbai was ranked as the second most polluted city in the world, with an overall AQI value of 167 (in the afternoon) according to the live city AQI ranking, and it was listed among cities with the most polluted air by IQAir, a Swiss firm, on Monday. While Beijing, China topped the list, Mumbai secured the second position, Delhi was in the seventh position, and Kolkata at 24th place. According to IQAir's live air quality monitoring, the overall AQI recorded in Mumbai on Monday afternoon was 167, which reduced to 158 in the evening, but the city retained its position as the second-most polluted city on



October 23. Delhi, which was in the fourth position during the day with an AQI value of 155, dropped to seventh by evening with an AQI value of 144. The Air Quality Index (AQI) between 0-50 is considered "good," 51-100 "satisfactory," 101-200 "moderate," 201-300 "poor," 301-400 "very poor," and 401-500 "severe." An AQI above 500 falls in the "severe/critical plus" category. Despite the efforts of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to mitigate air pollution, poor air quality continues to affect the financial capital. While the

overall AQI value for the city remains in the moderate category, several areas in the city continue to record poor AQI, posing significant health risks. This situation is expected to persist. While the AQI improved in some areas, some locations continued to register poor air quality in the evening. As per CPCB's SAMEER app, AQI recorded on Monday evening at various locations including Colaba (MPCB station) - 238, Denaur (IITM station) - 275, Mulund West (MPCB) - 244, Kherwadi-Bandra East (MPCB), and Sion (MPCB) - 200.

# Gang of seven externed from five districts of Maharashtra for two years

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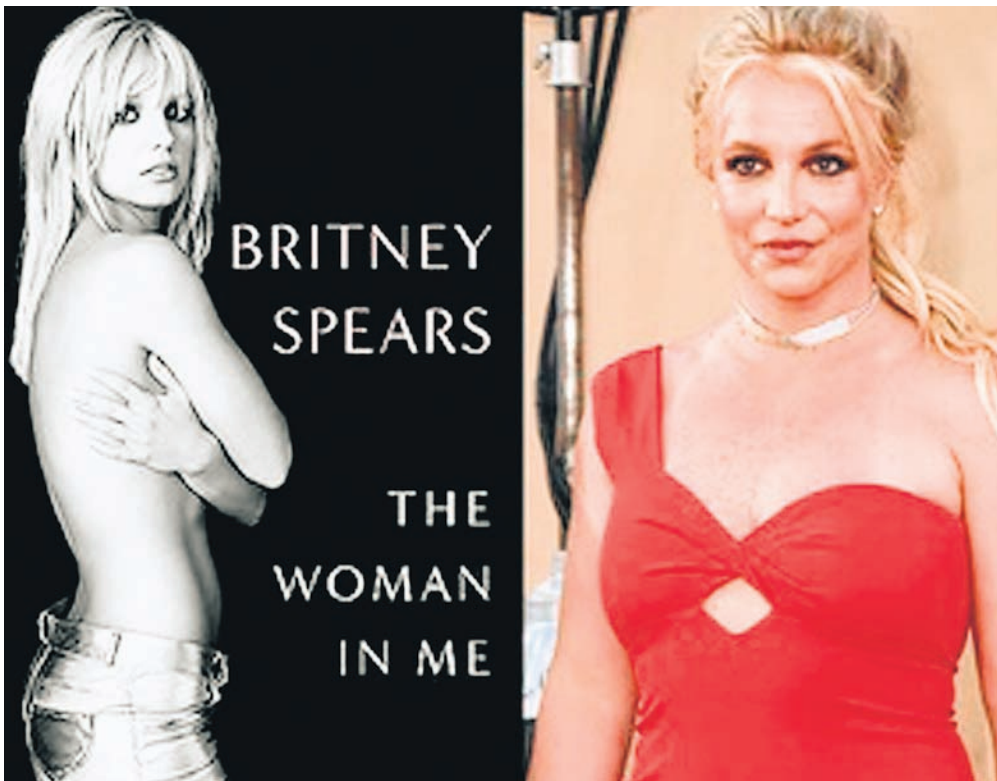
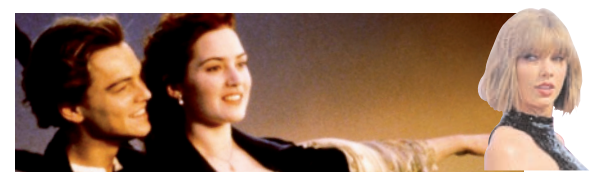
Seven members of a gang involved in multiple "heinous and hazardous" crimes have been externed for two years from five districts of Maharashtra, the Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar police said on Wednesday. The gang members have been externed from the limits of Thane, Mumbai, Mumbai suburban, Palghar and Nashik districts for two years, the MBVV police said. The police identified the seven as gang leader Ajay Amod Mishra (24), Jagan Patkatiar (20), Prishit, alias Dipka Pal (23), Sunny, alias Abhishek Tak (24), Harshal Rathod (19), Mohammad Karim Shakil Sheikh (21), and Rahul, alias Tika Ramesh Savant (22). 27-year-old man held with country-made pistols, 11 live cartridges. In a separate incident, a 27-year-old man has been arrested in suburban Bandra with two country-made pistols and 11 live cartridges, a Mumbai police crime branch official said. The arrest was made near Rangsharda Bhavan on Tuesday when tight security was in place in the city in view of the Dussehra rallies of two Shiv Sena factions, immersion of idols of Goddess Durga, and an ICC World Cup cricket match. The arrested man was identified as Amit Kinake, a resident of Nagpur. "Acting on reliable information,



the crime branch nabbed Kinake and recovered country-made pistols made up of steel and iron metals, and 11 live cartridges," the official said. Police are investigating to whom Kinake was going to deliver the firearms. A case has been registered under the Arms Act and the Mumbai Police Act, the official added. Meanwhile, nine children sustained burns after a generator caught fire during a procession

taken out with an idol of Goddess Durga on Dussehra in Maharashtra's Satara district, an official said on Wednesday. All the children are in stable condition, he said. The incident took place on Tuesday evening in the Koli Aali area of Mahabaleshwar, a popular hill station. According to the police, the generator was fitted on a vehicle on which an idol of Goddess Durga was being taken for immersion.

"The generator got heated up and caught fire as there was a can of petrol nearby. Nine children, who were sitting in a corner of the decorated vehicle, sustained burn injuries. They were rushed to hospitals in Satara and Pune," said an official from Mahabaleshwar police station. Superintendent of Police Sameer Shaikh said all the children are stable and undergoing treatment at different hospitals.



# Jennifer Lopez dances to Usher, Adele tracks at their Las Vegas concerts

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Actress Jennifer Lopez is a big fan of both Usher and Adele.

The 'Play' singer, 54, recently shared an Instagram reel which consisted of a lot of dancing and singing.

The clip began with Jennifer's night at Usher's 'My Way' Las Vegas residency, reports People magazine.

Jennifer appeared to be in great spirits as she sang along with the crowd to Usher's hit 'Burn'.

She danced while holding up her phone torch light and sipped a drink.

"Until Next Time Vegas...", the star wrote in the caption of her clip, as she swayed enthusiastically to the beat as rapper Nas joined Usher onstage.

As per People, on Saturday night, the singer passionately sang along to Adele's 'Someone Like You' at her Weekends with Adele residency. The video then captured Adele walking among the audience and giving Jennifer a salute, before shouting, "Love you J.Lo," when she was back onstage, to which Jennifer replied by writing, "Love you too Adele!"



The 'Mother' actress' attire consisted of black high-waisted pants and a stylish white cropped top. One user commented under her post, "I just imagine those people going to see Usher and Adele and you right there in the crowd ahhhhh double treat."

Meanwhile, the mom-of-two has also been enjoying stylish nights out on the arm of her husband, Ben Affleck. On October 17, the couple were pho-

tographed in Los Angeles enjoying a night out at Peppermint Club, and they wore their chicest fall 'fits for the occasion'.

The 'This is Me...Now' singer kept super cosy in a white teddy bear coat featuring a dramatic collar.

Meanwhile, the 'Air' director, 51, opted for an all-black suit consisting of a button-up shirt, jacket and trousers. He rounded out his look with a pair of classic black shoes.

## My management wanted to market me as an eternal virgin: Britney Spears

Los Angeles | Agencies

Pop star Britney Spears has been dropping bombshell after bombshell revelations in her memoir 'The Woman In Me'. Spears has revealed that her management was obsessed with marketing her as an 'eternal virgin' despite the fact that she already had sex when she was 14 years old. "Given that I had so many teenage fans, my managers and press people had long tried to portray me as an eternal virgin; never mind that Justin Timberlake and I had been living together, and I'd been having sex since I was 14," the memoir read according to People.

This obsession of her management regarding her sex life had been haunting her for a very long time. She added: "Why did my managers work so hard to claim I was some kind of young-girl virgin even into my 20's? Whose business was it if I'd had sex or not?"

The 'Toxic' singer's mother Lynne Spears had written her own memoir in 2008 called 'Through the Storm: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World'. In this book, she had also confirmed her daughter had already lost her virginity when she was 14.

Britney Spears was only one among the several girl icons at the time, some of the other being Christina Aguilera and Jessica Simpson whose sex lives were being constantly discussed and interfered by their management due to their status as teen, or young adult stars.

Ever since she released her memoir, the singer has been revealing various secrets of her personal life and relentlessly assaulting those who have created lies about her for years.

"It is finally time for me to raise my voice and speak out, and my fans deserve to hear it directly from me," Spears told People just sometime before the book's release. She added: "No more conspiracy, no more lies, now it is just me owning my past, present and future."

## Tom Cruise-starrer 'Mission: Impossible 8' delayed until May 2025

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Hollywood star Tom Cruise's next 'Mission: Impossible' film has been delayed until May 2025. It's also said that the film will also undergo a name change with a new title expected to be announced at a later date.

However, the picture is still expected to directly follow the events of 'Dead Reckoning Part 1', reports Female First UK.

The movie had been in production this year but shut down to allow the cast to promote the first instalment over the summer.

However, the cameras remained off as the Hollywood actors strike started in July meaning the cast could not get back to work on the film.

As per Female First UK, the action film is among a number of other titles which have also been pushed back including 'A Quiet

Place: Day One' -- a prequel to the 2018 original starring Lupita Nyong'o and Denis Hare -- which had originally been due for release in March 2024. The film will now land in June 2024.

Animated adventure 'SpongeBob SquarePants' has also been delayed from May 2025 to December 2025.

'Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning, Part 2' director Christopher McQuarrie previously promised fans they will be treated to some epic underwater scenes in the new movie.

The 54-year-old director and his lead actor Tom Cruise have spent time working out how to perfect underwater sequences after using them in previous movies 'Edge of Tomorrow' and 'Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation' and McQuarrie says they will be taken to the next level in the upcoming sequel.



**SNOOP DOGG SAYS HE WENT 'DIRTY' WHILE PERFORMING AT BAR MITZVAH**

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Rap icon Snoop Dogg has shared an incident when he went "dirty" with regards to the lyrics of one of his tracks during a bar mitzvah.

Bar mitzvah is the initiation ceremony for Jewish boys who are regarded as ready to observe religious precepts and eligible to take part in public worship.

In an interview for the Musicians on Musicians issue of 'Rolling Stone', Snoop, 52, opened up to the 'Big Energy' rapper Latto, 24, about opting to go "dirty" while performing at a bar mitzvah, reports 'People' magazine.

The pair were discussing the business of performing and how certain gigs will pay more than others. "You're going to have opportunities where somebody going to book you for a wedding that's going to pay you more than you getting paid onstage," Snoop tells Latto, to which she replies, "Bar mitzvah money."

As per 'People', Snoop then playfully recalled his own experience performing at a bar mitzvah.

"No, for real. I did a bar mitzvah for some kids that was, like, five years old. I'm doing the radio version. They doing the m\*\*\*\*\* dirty version. So I'm like, "F\*\*\* it, we going to go dirty," he says of the experience.

Latto said the mantra "this game is 85 per cent business, 15 per cent talent" has stuck with her.

## Cher says her boyfriend doesn't get most of her references

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Singer-actress Cher has a lot of "love and understanding" for her beau Alexander 'A.E.' Edwards even when he's not quite sure what she's talking about.

The 77-year-old icon opened up about what it's like dating someone 40 years younger, reports People magazine.

She told Extra: "I hate to talk about how happy I am, but no, we have a great time together. We can talk about music. We can talk about everything. He's got a great sense of humour, he's got the cutest son in the world, ever... We just get each other."

As per People, the 'Believe' songstress and Edwards first sparked relationship rumours when they were photographed holding hands in November 2022. His role as a music executive at Universal Music Group may help with their common connection, but when it comes to other topics, Cher admits he can be left stumped.

She said: "Sometimes I'm talking to him and he has no idea who I'm talking about... The other day, I said, 'Do you know who, I don't

know, Clark Gable, (is)?' Somebody said, 'Yes, of course,' but most of my references... He'll look at me and go, 'I wasn't born yet!'"

Cher spoke with Extra while promoting her latest album, 'Christmas'. Edwards also worked on the project. "This must be the right time because I was asked forever and starting from Sonny and Cher days," the Golden Globe winner said, noting how she previously felt she'd never do a holiday album.

"It's a very strange Christmas album. All the tracks are their own little islands. Nothing seems to go together, but when you hear it, it works," she added.



Kelsea Ballerini







## Shazahn Padamsee on her nickname: Sashaa for personal, professional growth

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Actress Shazahn Padamsee, who is known for her work in movies like 'Rocket Singh: Salesman of the year', 'Dil Toh Baccha Hai Ji', etc revealed why she wants to be known by her nickname Sashaa.

Talking about the same, Shazahn said she initially decided she wanted to be known by her nickname Sashaa simply because 'it's easier to pronounce'.

But she also feels that the name Sashaa which is an acronym of her real name, signifies both personal, and professional growth as the coming year holds exciting projects for her.

The daughter of legendary advertising and theater personality Alyque Padamsee, Sashaa has had a notable career in the entertainment industry.

She will be next seen in the upcoming Hindi film 'Pagalpan Next Level', in which she portrays the role of Harman Mann.

Having acted in Bollywood films like 'Housefull 2', Sashaa has garnered recognition and acclaim in the Indian film industry.

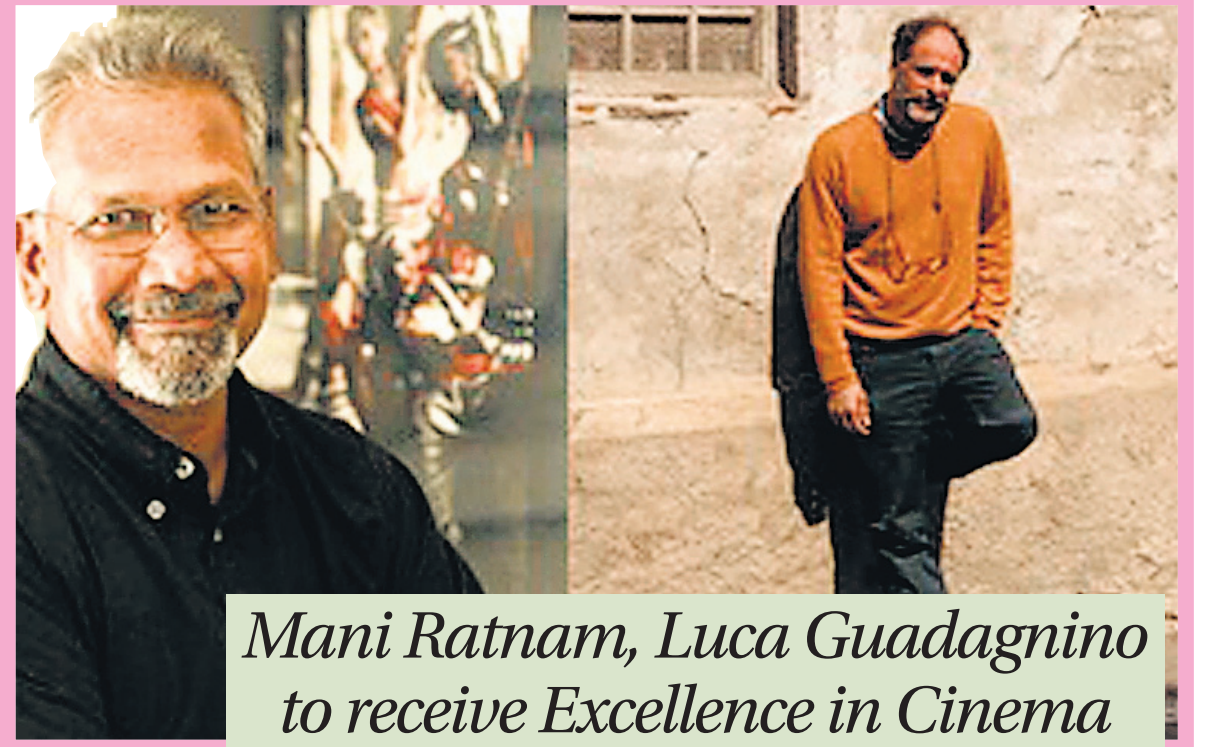
On where she has been all these years, Sashaa said that she took a bit of a break from films since the projects that were coming her way were not very interesting.

She will also be foraying into the music scene with indie Hindi album very soon.

Talking about the same, she shared: "Music has always been a childhood passion of mine and so I used the time to build & develop myself as a musician, a singer/ songwriter & composer and I learnt the piano as well."

"This whole phase has been a journey of self discovery. I have so much more to offer now to my performances. I feel refreshed and enthusiastic to be back. OTT has expanded the acting canvas. It's such an exciting time," added Sashaa.

'Pagalpan Next Level' stars Guru Mann in the lead. The movie is an embodiment of Guru's relentless pursuit of a dream, and offers a raw and authentic portrayal of his extraordinary journey. The film has been shot in diverse locations of Punjab, Mumbai, and California, providing a vibrant backdrop to the inspiring tale. It also stars Rituraj Singh, Suprana Marwah, Aarya Babbar, Rakesh Bedi, and Avtar Gill. Directed by Aryaman Keshu Ramsay and produced by GJ Singh under the banner of Golden Glass Entertainment, 'Pagalpan Next Level' is set to release in theatres on October 27.



## Mani Ratnam, Luca Guadagnino to receive Excellence in Cinema Award at Mumbai Film Fest

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Indian filmmaker Mani Ratnam, known for his works like 'Roja', 'Bombay', and Italian director Luca Guadagnino, who is known for 'A Bigger Splash', 'Call Me By Your Name', etc will be honoured with the 'Excellence in Cinema' award, here, at the MAMI Mumbai Film Festival.

Both the directors will attend the festival to receive this prestigious accolade, and will conduct masterclasses at the festival. It will be held at the Opening Night ceremony on October 27.

The award honours individuals who have made outstanding, long-lasting contributions to the world of film and cinema. Previous recipients include Darren Aronofsky, Sharmila Tagore, Fernando Meirelles, and Chen Kaige.

The festival will also screen Mani Ratnam's most recent historical dramas -- 'Ponniyin Selvan: Part one and two', and Guadagnino's Golden Globe-nominated film 'I Am Love'.

With a career spanning four decades, Mani Ratnam is one of the most celebrated directors from South Asia. Over the decades, his cinema has explored different themes, from the classic love story to political drama to human drama.

His films have layered characters and complex themes that are deeply rooted in a cultural and social context. His most notable movies include 'Mouna Ragam', 'Nayakan', 'Iruvar', 'Alaipayuthey', 'Guru' etc.

Luca Guadagnino is the auteur film-

maker behind some of the most visceral and visually stunning films of the last two decades, including the Oscar, BAFTA, and Golden Globe-nominated films 'I Am Love', 'Suspiria', and the feature documentary 'Salvatore: Shoemaker of Dreams'.

Guadagnino made his TV debut with the HBO drama series 'We Are Who We Are', which he created, directed, wrote, and produced. He is currently in post-production for his next feature based on William S Burroughs' novel 'Queer'.

Anupama Chopra, festival director said: "It's a privilege to award these formidable artists. They have redefined and expanded our ideas of what cinema can be."

## Shraddha Kapoor gifts herself swanky Lamborghini worth Rs 4cr

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Bollywood diva Shraddha Kapoor has gifted herself a new car - Lamborghini Huracan Technica, on the occasion of Dussehra, and the picture of the same has went viral on the social media.

The price of the swanky car is reported to be Rs four crore. She has opted for the red colour. Reportedly, the puja for the same will be held at ISKCON temple on Wednesday. The photo that went viral on the internet, shows Shraddha flashing her beautiful smile, while sitting down alongside her new purchase. She is wearing a floral white and pink salwar suit, with minimal makeup and a bindi.

In a video, we can see her driving her new car, with a man sitting next to the driver's seat. She is flashing her smile for the paparazzi, and is seen swiftly driving the car. Fans showered love on Shraddha and congratulated her on the social media. Some netizens commented: "Driving like a pro", "she is doing everything with confidence", "sign me up for your new driver", etc.

On the work front, she was last seen in romantic comedy 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar' alongside Ranbir Kapoor. She next has 'Stree 2' in the pipeline.



## Ranveer Singh recollects the moment he first saw Deepika Padukone: 'I just went ohh my God'

Mumbai: Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh, who was recently seen in the theatrical release 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani', recollected the moment when he saw his wife-actress Deepika Padukone for the first time in person.

The incident is from a meeting with the director Sanjay Leela Bhansali for the film 'Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela'.

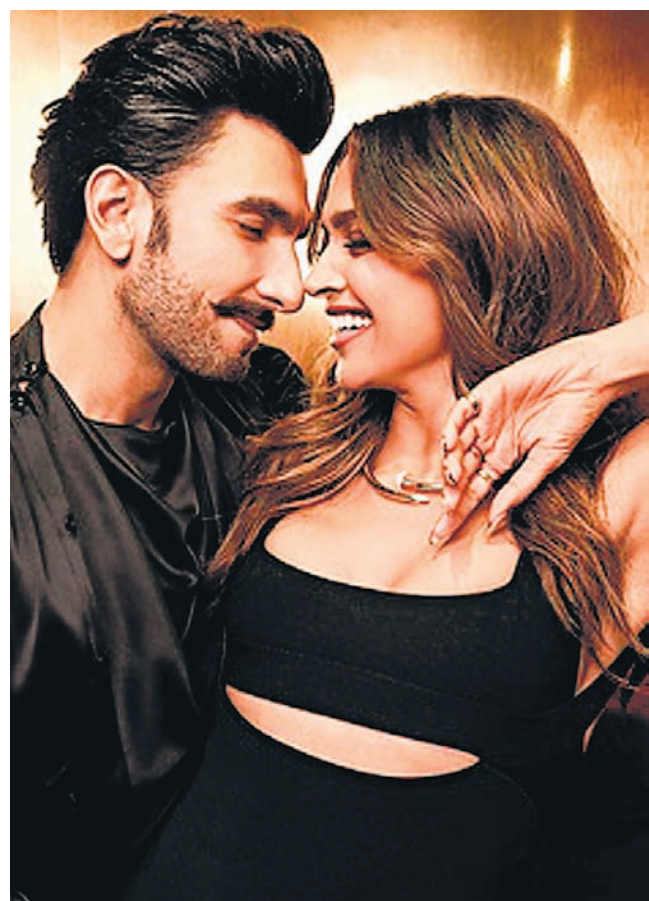
Ranveer is set to grace the couch of the chat show 'Koffee With Karan' in its season 8 with his wife.

Talking about his first meeting with Deepika, Ranveer said,

"There was a famous or infamous reading for the movie at Mr Bhansali's house in Versova. I was supposed to meet him before Deepika's arrival. So I was sitting on the table and the door was on my left. He has these heavy doors and he lives by the seaside."

He further mentioned, "So, these heavy doors open and the gush of wind comes from the sea. There, Deepika enters wearing this white chikankar, hair blowing due to the sea wind just like some sadgi ki moorat. I was like Oh My God."

'Koffee with Karan' Season 8 is set to stream from October 26 on Disney+ Hotstar with new episodes dropping every Thursday.



## Amit Sadh calls independent cinema important tool for creative freedom

Team Absolute | New Delhi

Best known for his performances in projects like 'Kai Po Che', 'Sultan', 'Gold' and 'Breathe' among others, actor Amit Sadh has expressed his gratitude towards independent cinema and filmmakers, calling it an important tool for creative freedom.

Amit had recently attended the Yellowstone International Film Festival, here.

During a panel discussion, he said: "I believe independent cinema should be given more priority in our country and elsewhere as it is a very important tool for creative freedom."

"In recent times we have seen amazing stories which were told by independent filmmakers through their outstanding craft - cinema," he added.

Showcasing 140 films under categories including Feature shorts, LGBTQIA+, Women empowerment, Comedy, Horror, Short and feature documentaries feature films from the US, the UK, France, Germany, Australia, Brazil, Canada, INDIA, Italy, the Netherlands, Chile, Spain, Pakistan, Belgium, Turkey, Israel, Finland, New Zealand, Sweden and many more, the festival will conclude on October 27.

In the festival, Amit also received the award for 'Outstanding Performance in a recurring Role' for 'Breathe Into The Shadows'.

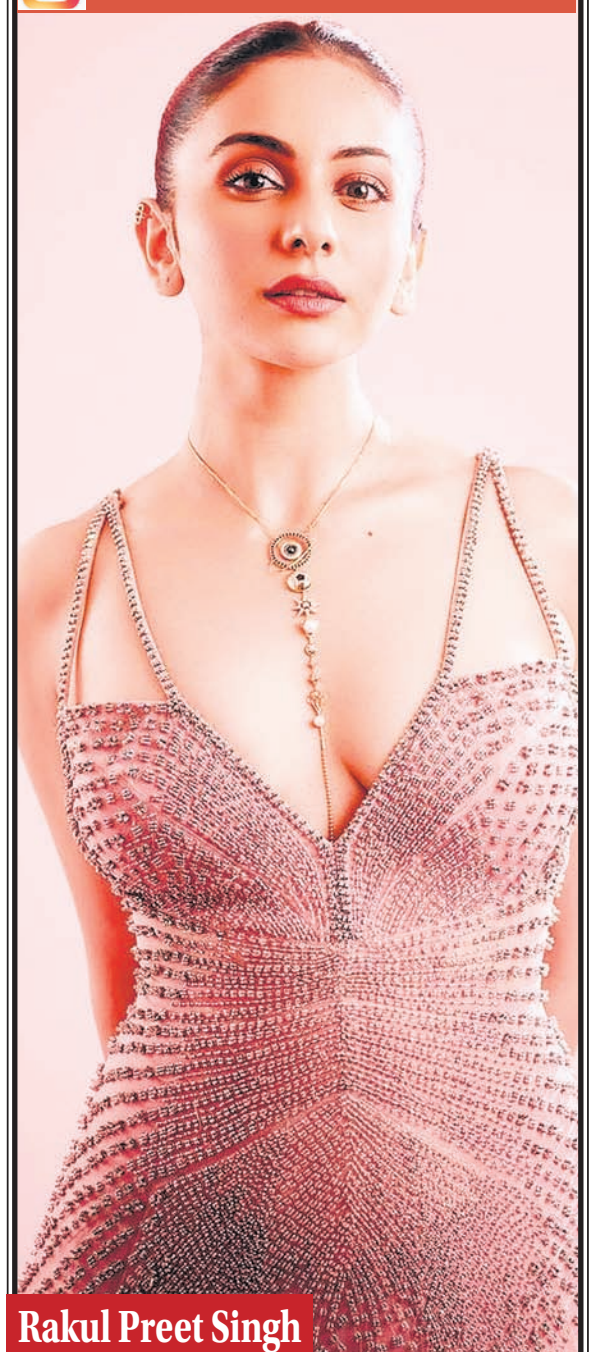


The festival witnessed Bani J, Amit Sadh, Deepak Kalra, Siddharth Chauhan, among others.

On the work front, he is currently seen in 'Duranga 2', which is the Indian adaptation of the popular K-drama 'Flower of Evil'. He plays the character of Sammit Patel in the show.

The second season of the show saw the return of Gulshan, Drashti Dhami, Amit Sadh, Barkha Sen Gupta, Rajesh Khattar reprising their respective roles. Spanning across eight episodes, 'Duranga S2' is streaming on ZEE5.

## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Rakul Preet Singh