













# Helen Flanagan

body-shamed for racy pics:  
'Not setting a very good example to your daughters'

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Actress Helen Flanagan has been cruelly body-shamed after sharing a racy picture of her enjoying a weekend away in London. However, fans rushed to support the star from critics. The 'Coronation Street' star, 33, took to Instagram to reveal that she had been treated to a night away in a sponsored post, and shared a slideshow of images for her fans, reports Mirror.co.uk.

"My home away from home in London @melondonhotel @me\_by\_melia #MELondon #giftedstay," she captioned the photos.

In one snap, the mum-of-three posed in the hotel lobby wearing a double denim outfit, and in another, she relaxed on the bed while smiling for the camera. But it was a risqué mirror selfie, showing Helen wearing a pair of short silver

pyjamas with a plunging neckline, which didn't impress some of her followers.

"Why do you vary from a soft porn star to a Mum in one post?" one fumed. "Wow! Nice to see you with clothes on," a second added sarcastically. "You have a lovely figure Helen but you also have 3 young children and I don't think you're setting a very good example to your daughters," another interfered. "Why do u have to dress like that have some respect you think you work for playboy," one furious follower added, as one menacingly asked: "What does she expect posting pictures like that?"

However, Helen was defended by her legions of loyal followers, including her famous friends. "She feeling herself," former 'Made in Chelsea' star Ashley James commented, as the actress cheekily replied: "She is." Carol Vorderman was another supporter, as well as ex-Love Island contestant Anna Vakili, who added: "Beautiful."

As per Mirror.co.uk, her fans were also quick to heap praise on her racy selfie, with one commenting: "Don't like it move along. Personally after 3 kids I think helen looks amazing and so body confident too."

"Good on you girl, enjoy yourself," another added. "What a stunning gorgeous body you have Helen!" one wrote. "Full of Life, the juices are flowing. Go on Girl," another praised.

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Actress Pamela Anderson has said her new natural look "still takes two hours in front of the mirror".

**Pamela Anderson needs 'two hours' to apply her 'natural' look**

The former 'Baywatch' star has quite heavy make-up and is embracing a more relaxed image but she's revealed looking natural is just as time-consuming as wearing a full face of cosmetics because it still takes hours to achieve, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"This is a new chapter in my life and, I don't know, natural beauty still takes two hours in front of a mirror," she joked when speaking to Entertainment Tonight.

In a recent interview with Elle magazine, the 56-year-old actress said she decided to change up her look after the death of her longtime make-up artist Alexis Vogel.

She told the publication, "She was the best. And since then, I just felt, without Alexis, it's just better for me not to wear makeup."

Pamela added her new look has been "freeing, and fun, and a little rebellious too." She went on, "I did notice that there were all these people doing big make-up looks, and it's just like me to go against the grain and do the opposite what everyone's doing."

"I think we all start looking a little funny when we get older. And I'm kind of laughing at myself when I look at the mirror. I go, 'Wow, this is really... what's happening to me?' It's a journey. (But) I feel rooted for. I feel good. I'm in a good place."

The screen star added she's now most comfortable when she's at home working in her garden or making pottery. She's poured her love of renovations into her reality show "Pamela's Garden of Eden" which shows her doing up her home - previously owned by her grandmother - on Vancouver Island in her native Canada. She's also showing off her culinary skills by working on new show "Pamela's Cooking With Love" which will show her creating plant-based menus and whipping up vegetarian meals at her home for family and friends.



# Cardi B was afraid to go to jail over mic-throwing incident

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Rapper Cardi B has finally addressed the mic-throwing incident that happened at her Las Vegas show.

She claimed she initially kept mum about it because she was afraid to go to jail.

"It was a really quick reaction," the 30-year-old first stated in the interview, which was released on Friday on "The Breakfast Club", reports aceshowbiz.com.

"And let me tell you - I didn't want to address it, because I thought a

b\*\*\*h gon' go to jail. But I'm not."

"Let me tell you something: it was hot as f\*\*k. That Vegas heat ain't no joke. That s\*\*t was hot. It was hotter than a muthaf\*\*ka; so there was a part of the show where I told people, like, you know, 'Splash me,'" she recalled.

"But even when I told them, 'Splash me,' I was like, 'Be careful with the face. Because the face is beat, b\*\*\*h.'"

Cardi went on to elaborate, "So, four songs after - nobody had splashed me, I told y'all to splash me for one little second. So four songs after, which is, I don't know, 15-20 minutes after, this b\*\*\*h threw water and ice on my face." She then added, "So I just automatically reacted."

"When I looked back at the video (clips), I see that she intentionally

threw that in my face... I felt very violated," the wife of Offset further noted.

She then turned her attention to the concertgoer, "You were trying to be funny, but, I'm hilarious."

Cardi tossed the mic into the crowd after someone threw a drink at her during her July 29 gig. Looking startled, the Grammy Award winner spontaneously launched the microphone at the woman. Security then intervened while the rap star yelled from the stage.

A woman, who claimed that she got hit by the mic but did not throw the drink, later reported Cardi for battery. Cardi, however, managed to escape criminal charges following an investigation as police have closed the case due to "insufficient evidence."



# Guns n' Roses postpones concert due to 'illness'

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The US Vice President Kamala Harris is throwing a house party to celebrate the 50th anniversary of hip-hop music, and honour its legacy at her residence in Washington D.C.

Nearly 20 acts are said to be participating in this party, partnering with the Recording Academy's Black Music Collective and Live Nation Urban for the event. Some of the big hip-hop names performing at the event, performers include Common, MC Lyte, Jeezy and Roxanne Shante, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

This commemoration will mark the first time a sitting Vice President has hosted a celebration of this kind. As such, more than 400 guests - including musicians, artists, industry leaders and cultural trail blazers will be attending.

The party was scheduled for September 8, though reportedly was shifted to September 9 due to reasons unknown.

Harris will speak at the event and discuss hip-hop's profound impact on American culture and how the genre has reached people around the world. She will also highlight and reinforce the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to

**Kamala Harris to honour 50th anniversary of hip-hop at her DC residence**

celebrating the arts.

"The Recording Academy and the Black Music Collective have had a tremendous year paying tribute to and honoring the legacy of Hip-Hop in its milestone 50th year. Taking the celebration to our nation's capital alongside Vice President Harris is truly something special and I look forward to a historic day," Harvey Mason jr., president and CEO of the Recording Academy, said in a statement.

The White House paid homage to hip-hop during its Juneteenth event in June, where Method Man spoke at the inaugural concert. "This concert is a fitting way to recognise Juneteenth and express this part of our shared American history," he said at the time.

"For it is through music that African-Americans found community and sought solace. Music has the power to uplift us, to enrich our minds and nourish our souls."

He added: "From spirituals to gospel, R&B, jazz, rock, soul, and yes y'all, 50 years of Hip Hop, ya heard?! Each generation of Black musicians, artists and thought leaders have channeled the struggles of their lifetime into the American soundtrack."



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American rock band Guns n' Roses have abruptly postponed their concert due to an illness. Due to take to the stage in Missouri with the Pretenders on Saturday night, the band have unexpectedly postponed their gig at the Busch Stadium, which is home to the St. Louis Cardinals, with the baseball team confirming that the concert will now take place on a different day.

Issuing a statement to the thousands of people who were hoping to attend, the band penned: "Gunsners, the concert scheduled for St. Louis on September 9 has been postponed due to illness. Hang on to your tickets, the event organiser is working to reschedule the concert", reports Mirror.co.uk.

"You will receive an update via email as soon as the status of the event changes or the new date is announced," the statement con-

cluded.

They then explained that should the rescheduled date not suit the ticket holders, then they would get issued a full refund.

As per Mirror.co.uk, fans were quick to air their frustrations over the cancelled event, with one writing: "SO disappointed! It would've been a perfect night." Another then said: "I'm hoping everything is ok, but damn. I've been waiting 35 years to finally see them. Paid full price for tickets the minute they went on sale. Taking my wife and kids which was difficult to finagle. Please get well and reschedule on a date I can still make." Meanwhile, many were quick to send their best wishes. One person penned: "Awe, Feel Better. Sending lots of healing thoughts."

Elsewhere on Twitter, some fans are speculating that Axl Rose could be ill after he apologised for his "horse voice" at the start of the month.

## ABSOLUTE PIC OF THE DAY



**Kaia Gerber**





# Farah Khan recounts train travel with SRK for 'Chaiyya Chaiyya' shoot

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Director-choreographer Farah Khan, who is known for 'Main Hoon Na', 'Om Shanti Om', 'Happy New Year' and others, is set to grace the upcoming episode of the talent reality show 'India's Got Talent' season 10. In the course of the episode, Farah reminisced about travelling with the Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in a train for the shoot of the song 'Chaiyya Chaiyya'.

Farah, who is a close friend of SRK, choreographed 'Chaiyya Chaiyya', and has directed him in 'Main Hoon Na', 'Om Shanti Om' and 'Happy New Year'.

The upcoming episode pays tribute to the incredible legacy of the Indian Railways as Farah Khan joins the judges' panel, alongside Badshah and Kirron Kher, as a guest judge. The Top 13 contestants will honour the contribution of the Indian Railways.

Amidst the performances, guest Farah Khan and judges Badshah and Kirron Kher take a nostalgic trip down memory lane as they fondly reminisce about their own rail adventures.

Farah Khan shared: "I have travelled my entire youth in trains. It used to be quite crowded, and I used to travel second class due to our limited financial resources. You learn self-defence while travelling in Mumbai locals (laughs). When we were travelling for the shoot of 'Chaiyya Chaiyya', we took Shah Rukh Khan on a train overnight, along with Manisha and Mani Ratnam sir".

She further mentioned: "We covered ourselves completely with

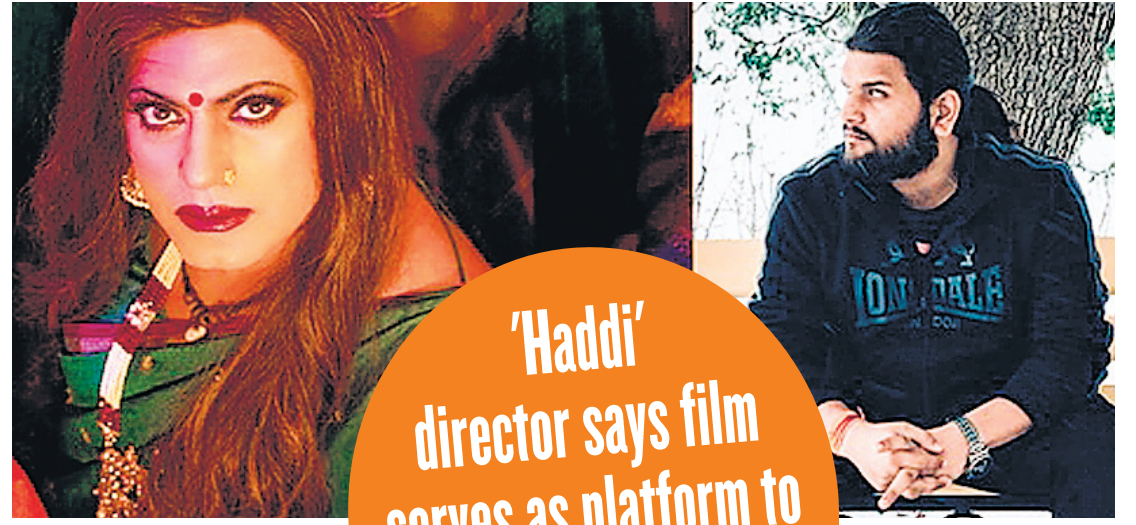


scarves so that people wouldn't recognise us. But by the time we reached there, it seemed like everyone already knew that Shah Rukh Khan was on the train. On every platform, there were thousands of people waiting to see him, and it was very scary."

Kirron Kher fondly shares her own experiences: "I had beautiful experiences too. My father was in the army, so when he was posted in different places, we would travel by train. The first-class carriages had spacious berths. The beds were quite large and comfortable. We used to peek out of the window, and my mother would say, 'Don't put your head outside; something might fly into your eye'. These trains

weren't diesel engines; they were steam engines. We had such beautiful memories."

Badshah reveals how he got introduced to A. R. Rahman courtesy the Indian Railways. He said: "My dad and I were on an LTC (Leave Travel Concession) tour of South India, and we were travelling with another couple who were newly married. I was quite young at the time, and it was the first time I saw a Walkman. They put the Walkman on my ears, and there was a cassette playing, perhaps Tamil music. The movie's name was 'Kadhalaan.' That was the first time I was introduced to A.R. Rahman. I heard the song 'Ooravasi Ooravasi' then and fell in love with Rahman Sir from that moment on."



'Haddi' director says film serves as platform to voices of transgender community

Team Absolute | Mumbai

Akshat Ajay Sharma, the director of the recently released film 'Haddi', has shared that the film is a statement of his team's commitment for providing a platform to voices of the transgender community.

The film explores the dark and complex world of transgender individuals who become entangled in Delhi's criminal underworld. For the film, over 100 transgender individuals were roped in.

Talking about the same, Akshat said that the inclusion of more than 100 transgender individuals in the making of 'Haddi' was a conscious choice to enhance authentic storytelling.

The director said: "Each of these remarkable individuals brought different perspectives of their life and experiences/struggles that they have faced in real life which helped us portray the Kinser Community in the most profound ways. Haddi is not just a film, it's a statement of our commitment

to celebrating diversity and providing a platform for voices that have long been marginalised."

He further mentioned, "We need to normalise this beautiful community and its people. I hope this film will inspire others in the industry to embrace inclusivity and open doors to countless untapped talents."

The film stars an ensemble starcast of Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Ila Arun, Zeeshan Ayub, Saurabh Sachdeva, Shridhar Dubey, Rajesh Kumar, Saharsh Shukla and Anurag Kashyap.

## URVASHI RAUTELA SAYS BOLLYWOOD NEEDS HEROES LIKE ELVISH YADAV

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Actress Urvashi Rautela and popular YouTuber and now 'Bigg Boss OTT 2' winner Elvish Yadav have paired up for a new music video titled 'Hum To Deewane'. Talking about working with Elvish, Urvashi is greatly pleased and said that Bollywood needs more heroes like him.

She said: "Elvish Yadav has truly delivered an incredible performance in 'Hum To Deewane', leaving everyone pleasantly surprised. I strongly feel that Bollywood is in dire need of tall heroes like Elvish."

"This song is a sincere ode to romance, catering to all the passionate couples out there, and it's undeniably a beautiful composition."

She also added: "Throughout the entire shoot, my focus was solely on him because I believe that when my hero looks his best, as an onscreen couple, we can deliver our very best. Please shower us with your love and blessings."

The song has currently come out with a poster, ahead of its release, featuring their distinct looks. Urvashi Rautela looks dazzling, donning a vibrant red anarkali dress.

In contrast, Elvish Yadav gives off a more casual look, exuding cool and confident vibes, dressed in a stylish combination of a checked shirt, black pants, and a leather jacket. The contrast between their looks is no mere aesthetic difference, but also a hint, pointing to an intriguing chemistry which will be part of the track.

The tagline hints at a story of passionate love, and the poster only fuels the curiosity about what lies in store for the audience.

Fans are already buzzing with excitement who took the internet by storm looking at the poster, and have created an online frenzy, particularly due to Elvish's own popularity and his ardent fan base.

One fan wrote: "Syttummm Hang hone wala hai bhai." Another wrote: "Waiting for the big Blast On 14 September . Ek King, to dusri queen."

## Hum toh Deewane



## INSTAGRAM PIC OF THE DAY



Kristal Silva

## RISHABH JAISWAL FINDS A SISTER IN GANG LEADER RHEA CHAKRABORTY

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Rishabh Jaiswal, who is currently seen in TV youth-based reality show 'Roadies Karm Ya Kaand' reveals finding a sister in Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty.

Rishabh said: "I'm enjoying my journey in Roadies and since the beginning of the show I'm in the gang lead by Rhea Chakraborty. I'm sharing a good bond with her."

"She motivates me to perform well. She reminds me that it's a once in a lifetime opportunity. The season will be known for us. She's kind and humble. I found a sister in her and refer her as... Didi, off camera," he added.

Rishabh came into the spotlight after he participated in 'MTV Splitsvilla Season 14' and later acted in TV shows 'Anupamaa' and 'Kundali Bhagya' is keen on contesting more reality TV shows. He added: "I find them very exciting, promising and at the same time challenging too. I'm waiting for more opportunities to experience a new reality show."

'Roadies', which premiered its first season in 2003, has come a long way since then and has remained a popular show among youth.

The current 19th season featuring Prince Narula and Gautam Gulati as two gang leaders promised to be an action-packed season, with a thrilling theme based on 'Karm Ya Kaand'.

## 'Nargis Fakhri never gave a feeling that she is a star,' says Gagan Anand

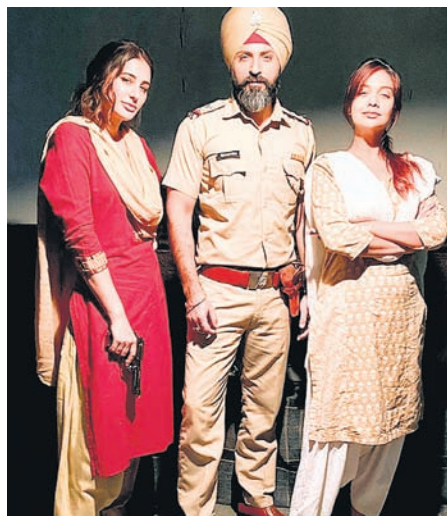
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Actor Gagan Anand, who plays a Sikh cop Dilbagh Singh in the series 'Tatubaa', had an enriching experience shooting with actress Nargis Fakhri.

Gagan is best known for featuring in TV shows like 'Kumkum Bhagya' and 'Lag Ja Gale'.

He said: "It was the most memorable experience as an actor. Nargis spoke only in English and my character had to do comic scenes with her in proper benarasi Hindi language. Since comic timing is a key, it was very challenging since language was a barrier."

"But I rarely in my lifetime had seen an actor who is as prepared so much for a role as Nargis was. We would rehearse in between shots, during lunch breaks and even post pack-ups at times.



Nargis never gave a feeling that she was a star."

He revealed that her down to earth approach made him understand that humility is everything.

"I'm a fiery man in real life and Nargis was a go-getter. This was almost like a dream co-actor for me in my entire career in tv and web till date," Gagan said.

Talking about reality TV star Divya Agarwal, he added: "Divya on the other hand was a friend on set for me. She would have pani-puri, chats and participate in several pranks with the production team. I was also the head of production on this show in addition to his role as an actor. For me, with friendly actor like Divya half of the job is done."

Gagan is best known for featuring in shows like 'Veer Ki Ardaas Veera', 'Yeh Hai Mohabbatein', 'Peshwa Bajirao' among others. He also acted in OTT space in series named 'Bicchoo Ka Khel' and 'Hai Taubba'.