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Demi Moore with her chihuahua Pilaf

WE HAVE BOUGHT INTO THE MALE-DEFINED IDEAL OF A WOMAN: DEMI

In multiple interviews promoting her upcoming film, Demi Moore has opened up about body image and ideas of self-perception and not playing by the rules

Self-judgment, chasing perfection, trying to rid ourselves of 'flaws', also feeling rejected and despair, none of this is exclusive to women. We've all had moments where you go back and you're trying to fix something, and you're just making it worse to the point where you're incapacitated

It's not about what's being done to us - it's what we do to ourselves. It's the violence we have against ourselves. The lack of love and self-acceptance, and that within the story, we have this male perspective of the idealised woman that I feel we as women have bought into

I'm here to define who I am at almost 62, and I don't need to play by any rules that have existed up until now... I remember long ago, hearing in passing that at a certain age you shouldn't have long hair, and I think unconsciously, there was a part of me that didn't buy into that, that said, 'Well, who made that rule?'

From your feedback to your screen: Exciting new TV shows unveiled!



(L-R) Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah and Vasudha premiere tonight

Tonight marks an exciting moment for TV viewers as Zee TV premieres two dynamic new shows - *Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah* and *Vasudha* - both born from the channel's innovative viewer feedback initiative, *Hamara Parivar*. In sync with its audience's evolving preferences, Zee TV introduces two unique stories from vastly different worlds, offering fresh narratives that have yet to be explored on television.

At 8.30 pm, the channel showcases the plight of marginalised communities with *Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah*. The show centres around Jagriti, a seven-year-old girl who challenges the social injustice inflicted upon her Chitta community. Young and endearing child actor Asmi Deo debuts as Jagriti, standing up to the menacing Kalikant Thakur (Arya Babbar), a brutal feudal lord.

At 10.30 pm, *Vasudha* brings a different flavour, focusing on the connection between two powerful women from contrasting worlds. Priya Thakur portrays Vasudha, a lively and innocent young woman whose impulsive actions spark conflict as she



Sa Re Ga Ma Pa returns in an all new avatar

seeks to impress Chandrika, a disciplined and strong-willed businesswoman, played by Nausheen Ali Sardar.

Adding to the excitement, Birla Opus Paints *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*, launched on September 14, brings a musical twist. This season, which airs on Saturdays and Sundays at 9 pm, offers a refreshed experience with a new panel of mentors - Guru Randhawa, Sachin-Jigar and Sachet-Par-

Building on its initiative of actively listening to viewers via *Hamara Parivar*, the channel translates audience feedback to screen through two compelling narratives - *Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah* and *Vasudha*, which premiere tonight

ampara - along with host Vipul Roy.

Mangesh Kulkarni, Chief Channel Officer, Zee TV, said, "Earlier this year, we deepened our connection with the audience through *Hamara Parivar*, a direct line of communication with our viewers. The three shows we're unveiling this September are the result of actively listening to our audience and aligning our content with their evolving entertainment

preferences. If *Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah* sparks conversations about social inequality and highlights marginalised communities still existing across India, we will feel truly validated. *Vasudha* showcases how, despite differences, women can become each other's biggest supporters in personal growth. *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* is in a new avatar with new mentors whose music resonates with every emotion. We eagerly await audience feedback on these new offerings."

Tune in tonight for the premieres of *Jagriti - Ek Nayi Subah* at 8.30 pm and *Vasudha* at 10.30 pm, and join Zee TV in its effort to bring stories that inspire change and hope to your screen.

Durga, a saga of love & dreams, premieres tonight



Indira Krishnan, Aashay Mishra and Pranali Rathod in Durga

Get ready to witness a gripping tale of ambition and forbidden love as a fearless tribal girl dares to dream beyond her boundaries. That's Colors' *Durga*, which premieres tonight and will air every day at 7.40 pm. Battling centuries of oppression and Paani Bai, *Durga* fights for her rightful place in the field of medicine and the heart of royal scion Anurag. The show features Pranali Rathod as Durga, Indira Krishnan as Paani Bai and Aashay Mishra as Anurag.

Pranali says, "This role is special to me because Durga is a force to be reckoned with, named after the fierce goddess we all look up to. Her battle is for her identity, her place in a world determined to hold her back. When people watch Dur-

ga's story, I hope they see a bit of themselves in her. I want them to feel that spark, that voice inside that says 'Mujhe haq hai'." Indira says, "For my character Paani Bai, upholding the rules of the past is her way of maintaining control in a world that's constantly shifting. She stands firm against Durga, who dares to believe they can rise above their birth and station."

Aashay shares, "Anurag is a man caught in the crossfire of two very different worlds - the weight of his royal lineage and the call of his heart. For him, it's a constant battle to reconcile his love for Durga with the expectations placed upon him. It will mean the world to me if this show inspires people to follow their dreams."

Prathamesh Bandekar



SANA MAKBUL

This Eid is special for me: Sana Makbul

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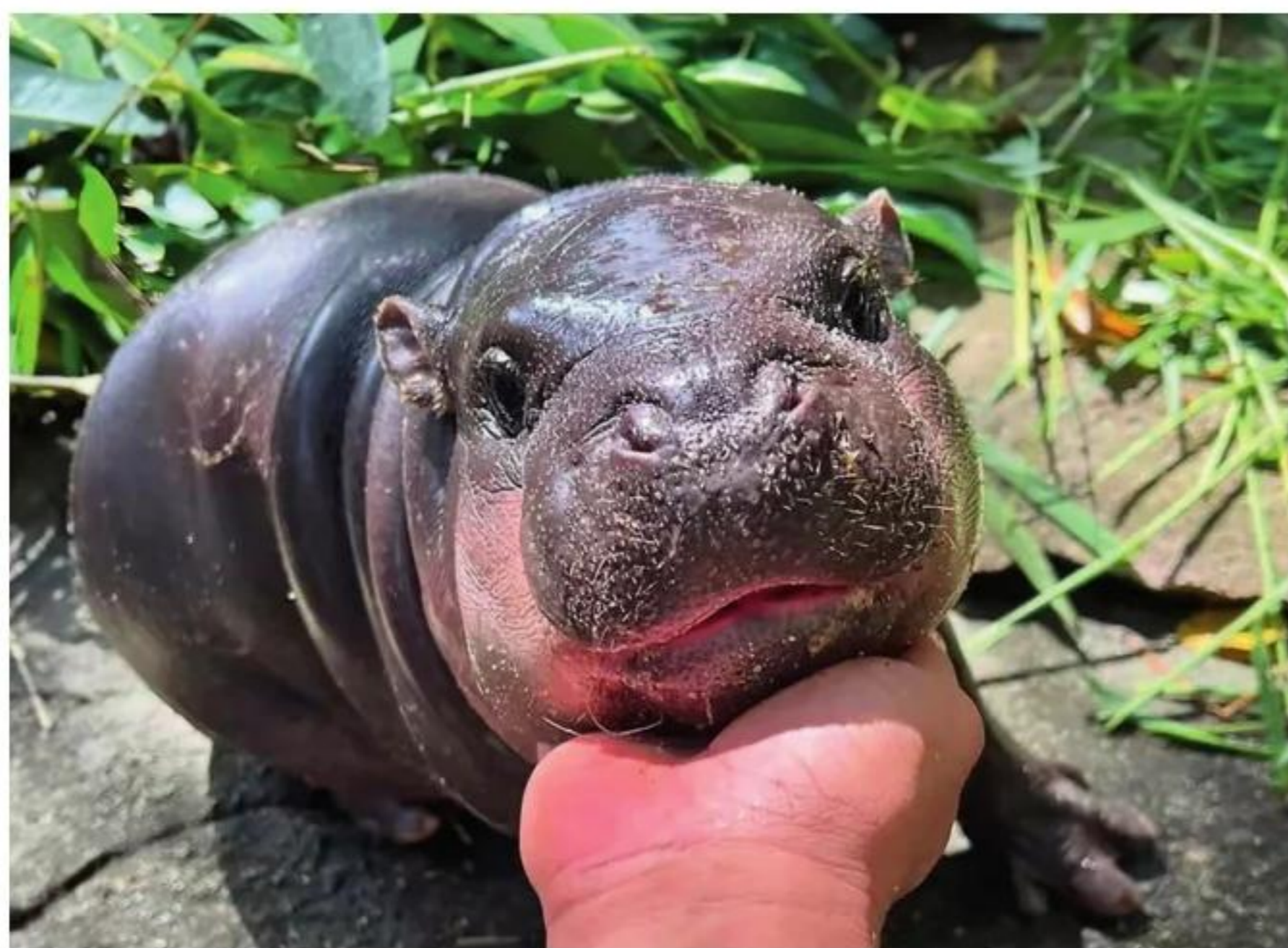
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIA TO HONOUR SHABANA AZMI

SHABANA AZMI will be honoured by the International Film Festival of South Asia (IFFSA) Toronto for her extraordinary contribution to cinema, the organisers announced Saturday. The 13th edition of the festival, which will run from October 10 to 20, will spotlight Azmi's remarkable

50-year career with a tribute programme that includes a special screening of Shyam Benegal's classic *Mandi*. PTI



MEET THE VIRAL BABY HIPPO MOO DENG



With her pinkish cheeks and natural charisma, two-month-old pygmy hippo Moo Deng is making millions of fans online and drawing bumper crowds to the Thailand zoo where she lives. True to her name, which translates to bouncy pig, Moo Deng's playful antics have uncovered a fandom of its own. For more, SEE PAGE 2

There is more that I can offer: Bhavya Gandhi

Kanksha Vasavada

Bhavya Gandhi, who played Tapu for nine years in *Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah*, is back on television in a negative role. The actor, who is playing an antagonist in *Pushpa Impossible*, shares, "I got a text from JD (Majethia) sir that there is an interesting development in the show. I was initially scared and sceptical about playing a negative role, fearing that I would be typecast from here on. But I realised that if someone didn't typecast me after playing a character (Tapu) for almost a decade, why would anyone typecast me for this character?"

He adds, "I don't want to break my image as Tapu, as it has given me a lot. But I want people to see me playing other characters too as there is more that I can offer. I feel the viewers will like me in this role."

'DIDN'T FEEL ANY PRESSURE WHILE JOINING THE SHOW'

Asked about whether he felt any pressure while joining an already popular show like *Pushpa Impossible*, he says, "Not at all. The makers are taking care of every small detail to make my character interesting. The cast and crew of the show are very friendly. Within two days, I felt at home on the set."

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Bhavya in the TV show *Pushpa Impossible*

Bhavya Gandhi says, "Shooting for a TV show after a break of five years (he did *Shaadi Ke Siyape* in 2019) is a satisfying experience"



'Dilip Joshi taught me how to get out of the character'

Bhavya, who is playing a psychotic character in his current show, says, "Dilip Joshi (his co-star in *Taarak Mehta...*) sir taught me how to get out of the character. He told me, 'As soon as the shoot begins, wear your costumes and become the character. And *jaise hi cut suno*, you leave it behind and be yourself.'"

Did You Know? James McAvoy nearly played the young Voldemort

James McAvoy revealed on a podcast recently that he was approached at the start of his career for the role in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. The actor was offered a substantial fee but declined due to the time commitment the role demanded.

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SHANAYA KAPOOR radiates happiness as she shared a series of cute pics of her fun-filled moments with her furry companion PABLO

Ambience Mall Raises the Bar with Ambience Beauty Weekender



Delhi, 16th September 2024 – The Ambience Beauty Weekender in association with SS Beauty concluded its remarkable 10-day event on 15th September, captivating the city's beauty and wellness enthusiasts. Hosted at Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj, this groundbreaking festival seamlessly blended luxury services, expert-led workshops, and interactive experiences with global beauty brands like MAC, Kama Ayurveda, Calvin Klein, Mont Blanc, and more. The event's massive success not only resonated with on-site attendees but also garnered an impressive 25 million+ digital reach, amplifying its impact across a wide audience.

Introducing World-Class Beauty Experiences to Delhi

The Ambience Beauty Weekender wasn't just another beauty event – it marked a significant milestone for the city's beauty scene. Offering personalized beauty services, interactive workshops, and wellness sessions, the festival set a new standard for beauty events in Delhi. From skincare consultations to fragrance trials and express makeovers, Ambience Mall became a hub of indulgence for beauty lovers, offering a well-rounded experience that bridged beauty and wellness over its 10-day span.

Expert-Led Workshops Take Center Stage

One of the key highlights of the weekender was the series of masterclasses led by prominent makeup artists and influencers, including the celebrated Sameep Ved, who co-hosted workshops. Industry veterans like Meenakshi Dutt, Guneet Virdi, Bhumika Bahl,

and IP Glitz drew large crowds eager to refine their beauty skills and learn insider tips.

Reflecting on her experience, Meenakshi Dutt shared, "It was an absolute pleasure to engage with such a passionate crowd. The Ambience Beauty Weekender is a one-of-a-kind platform where people can not only connect with brands but also learn new techniques to elevate their beauty game."

Bhumika Bahl echoed this enthusiasm, stating, "This event was about much more than just makeup – it was about fostering a sense of community. Attendees left feeling both inspired and empowered, which made the entire experience incredibly rewarding."

The festival extended beyond makeup, delving into wellness with experts like Tanvee Tutlani, who emphasized inner beauty through her workshops. The holistic approach of the weekender showcased that beauty isn't only about appearance but also about feeling good from within.

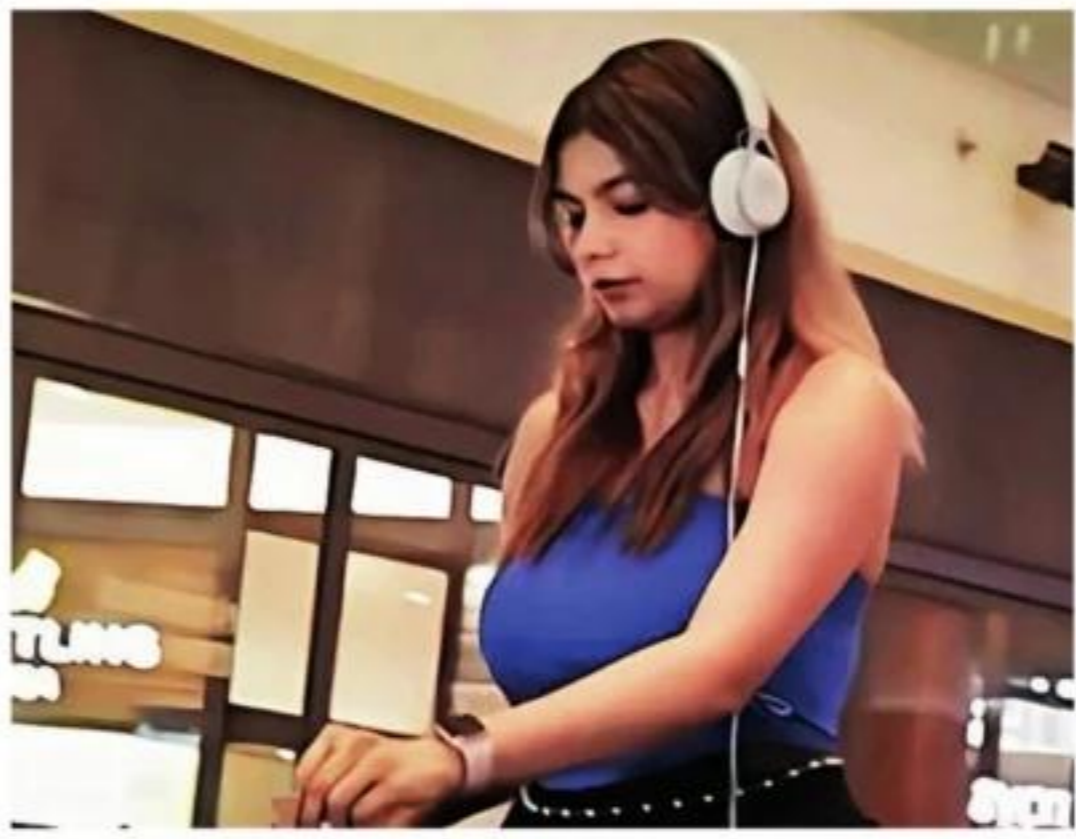
Immersive Zones with Top Beauty Brands

The event also featured experiential zones by leading brands such as LOOKS, Geetanjali, Opulent,

Kama Ayurveda, and Kiehl's. Visitors could enjoy everything from hair makeovers to skincare treatments and wellness sessions, all in one place. The curated zones were designed to offer hands-on experiences that brought brands and consumers closer.

A spokesperson from Kama Ayurveda remarked on the event's success, stating, "The Ambience Beauty Weekender allowed us to not only highlight our products but also engage with our audience on a deeper level, educating them on wellness and self-care."

Global beauty brands like MAC, Maybelline, Calvin Klein, Mont Blanc, Ralph Lauren, and Paco Rabanne



(L-R) Lalit Dalmia, Sameep Ved and Arjun Singh Gehlot



Bhumika Bahl



Meenakshi Dutt

added to the excitement, offering personalized makeup consultations, fragrance activations, and express beauty services. The festival brilliantly captured the essence of modern beauty, blending luxury and accessibility.

Digital Impact and Brand Success

The digital impact of the Ambience Beauty Weekender was equally impressive, with more than 50 million online impressions. Attendees, influencers, and beauty enthusiasts flooded social media with posts, stories, and reels, showcasing their experiences and amplifying the reach of both the event and the participating brands.

This strong digital presence strengthened the connection between brands and consumers, offering a unique opportunity for further engagement beyond the physical event.

Reflecting on the event's success, Mr. Arjun Gehlot, Director of Ambience Mall, expressed, "We are immensely proud of the Ambience Beauty Weekender. This festival is just the beginning of many more world-class experiences that we aim to bring to our patrons. The overwhelming response from both brands and attendees has been incredibly encouraging, and we're excited for what's to come."

With its innovative approach and immersive experiences, the Ambience Beauty Weekender has firmly established itself as a must-attend event, setting a new standard for beauty festivals in India.

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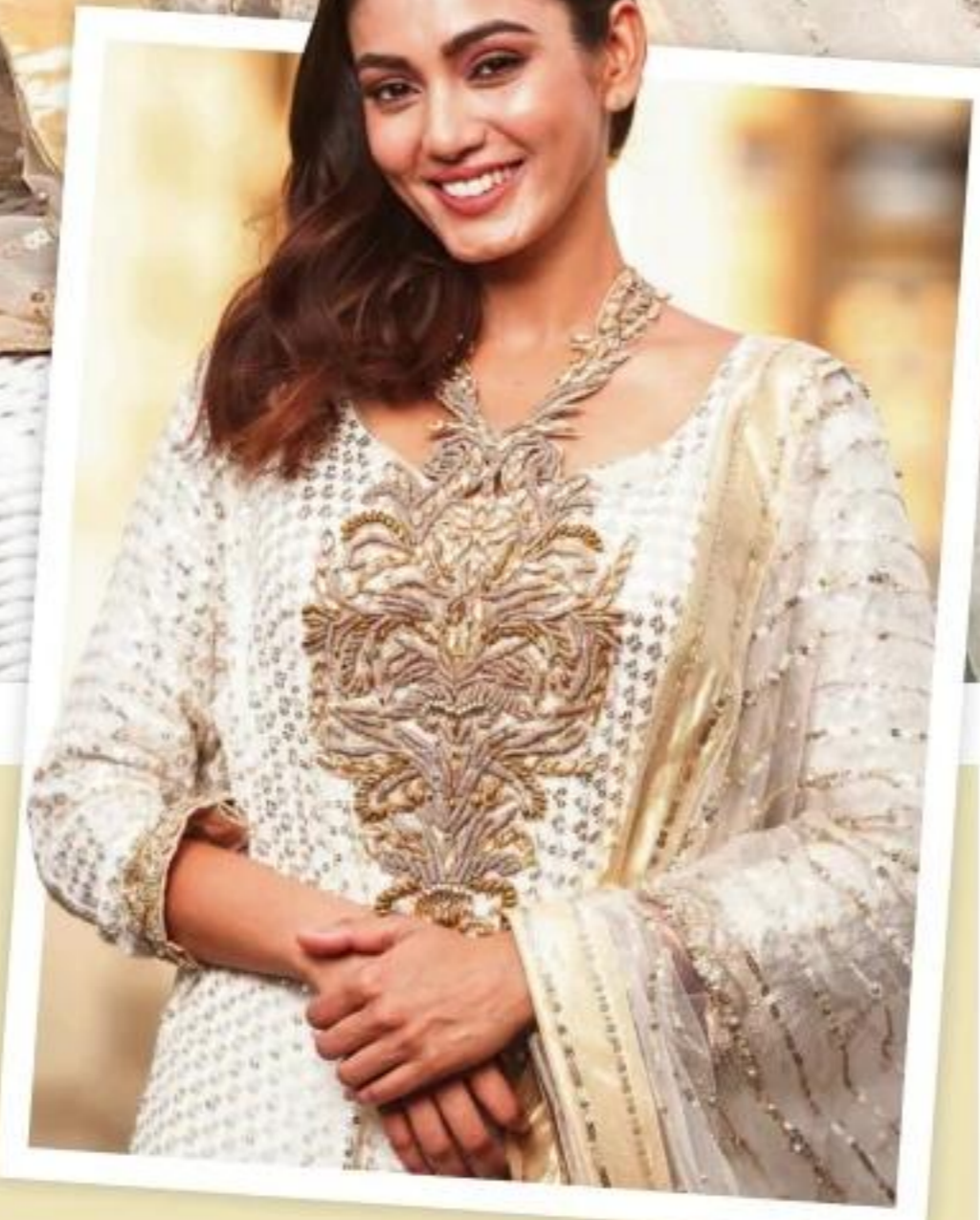
EID IS FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER: SANA

Sana Makbul dressed in ivory for a special shoot for Eid

Vinay MR Mishra

Dressed in an ivory and gold traditional outfit, Sana Makbul posed for the us on the occasion of Eid-e-Milad. The festival this year is special for Sana, as it comes soon after she won this season of *Bigg Boss OTT*. "I went into the house after celebrating Bakri Eid, and now I am here celebrating once again. This day is for people to come together and strengthen the bond that unites them. I plan to meet my relatives and friends. We make *sherbet* and *khichda*, which is also known as *haleem*. I love it and wait to gorge on it."

Sana, who has been a part of shows like *Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon?*, *Aadat Se Majboor* and *Fear Factor: Kha- tron Ke Khiladi 11*, further adds, "We follow various traditions on this day, like reciting poetry, singing devotional songs and distributing food and sweets. If there is something I would wish for on this day, it would be to buy a house for my parents and settle them in. I want to ensure that they have a comfortable life."



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DONAL BISHT is being touristy in THAILAND. Sharing pictures that feature her family, the actress wrote, "Once upon a time in Thailand"



Dhanush

Dhanush and producers settle dispute as Nadigar Sangam intervenes

Dhanush has officially announced that the issues between him and producers Kathiresan and Murali Ramasamy have been resolved.

The *Raayan* actor released a statement expressing his gratitude towards Nadigar Sangam for helping him and added, "Your right intervention and guidance helped us to overcome the challenges and reach a mutually beneficial agreement. I would like to acknowledge the negotiations held by the Producers' Council, The Film Employees Federation of South India (FEFSI), and the South Indian Actors' Association in coming to an agreement that would benefit all parties concerned." Further, stating that he appreciates Nadigar Sangam's efforts, Dhanush shared, "Thanks to your help, we were able to resume our shoot on September 11, 2024. I would like to express my special thanks to Nassar, Karthi, Vishal, Karunas and Poochi Murugan for their unwavering support. (sic)"

Background:

Earlier this year, the Producers Council had advised all producers to consult them before signing the actor for new projects and alleged that Dhanush had accepted advance amounts from multiple producers but failed to honour his commitments.

TV has given me everything: Sudha

Having worked across both films and television, Sudha Chandran feels most at home on the small screen. From her iconic role as Ramola Sikand in *Kaahin Kisi Roz to Maneka* in her new show *Safal Hogi Teri Aradhna*, the veteran actress feels blessed to have been consistently offered powerful roles.

She says, "Television has given me everything — respect, money, fame and the satisfaction of playing strong characters. I also believe I've earned it because I have always been a dedicated artiste, committed to my craft. It's not just luck that's brought me these opportunities."

While negative characters can sometimes be overwhelming, she has mastered the art of detaching from them once the camera stops

rolling. She says, "As soon as my makeup is on, I'm in character, but between shots, I love to have fun and chat with people. I have learnt not to let my characters consume me."

— Neha Maheshwri



Sudha Chandran

I'd love to play a positive character and I am sure the time for that will come. However, when things are going well, why disrupt the flow? Why take a risk and regret it

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