

Dimple Kapadia would have left Dil Chahta Hai had Farhan Akhtar done this

Farhan Akhtar made his directorial debut with Dil Chahta Hai, which was released in 2001. The iconic classic, led by Aamir Khan, Akshaye Khanna, and Saif Ali Khan, also featured Dimple Kapadia in a pivotal role. Most recently, the Dil Dhadakne Do actor shared a condition posed by the actress for working on the film.

While speaking at the WAVES Summit 2025, Farhan Akhtar talked about his debut film, Dil Chahta Hai, and how he was initially confused about how to address Dimple Kapadia. The actress was relatively senior to him in terms of both age and professional experience. As a result, Akhtar wondered whether calling her by her name might seem rude, while calling her 'Dimple aunty' might upset her.



He recalled that when the Cocktail actress arrived on set, he wouldn't call her anything directly. During their conversation, he would simply say, "Ji ji, yes yes, okay okay,

yes ma'am." However, this couldn't continue for long, as the actress soon noticed it. She eventually addressed the issue and asked him why he wasn't using her name.

"So after 2-3 days, she asked, 'Why are you not calling me by my name?' I said, 'I don't know what to call you.' She said, 'You better call me Dimple. If 'Dimple aunty' comes out



of your mouth, I'm leaving this film,'" he remembered with a laugh, calling her "an amazing person to work with."

Dimple Kapadia played the role of Tara Jaiswal in Dil Chahta Hai. In the film, Akshaye Khanna's character, Sid, falls in love with her, despite their age difference. The 2001 film is celebrated for its exploration of themes such as friendship, romance, and relationships. On the professional front, Farhan will next be seen in 120 Bahadur. The war-drama film is based on the Battle of Rezang La, where he will appear in a military uniform. In the upcoming film, he portrays Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, PVC. Directed by Razneesh Razy Ghai, the film is backed by Excel Entertainment and is set to release on November 21, 2025.

Sonal Panwar: Acting Found Me Before I Found It

Sometimes, destiny scripts the best stories and for &TV's young and talented actor Sonal Panwar, it could not be truer. Today, she is winning hearts as Inspector Malaika inHappu Ki Ultan Paltan, a tough, disciplined, and level-headed police officer who is known for her values and serves as the



landed a role in a web series alongside one of my favourite actors, Richa Chadha. I will be honest-I was more of a fangirl on set than a co-actor! But those early experiences taught me a lot and gave me the confidence I needed to take on bigger roles.

Speaking about her experience joining Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and stepping into the shoes of Malaika, Sonal recalls, "My journey to this show was extremely smooth. It genuinely wanted to come home. I already knew most of the cast and crew because I had worked with them on another show from the same production house. Although I joined the show later and replaced another actor in the role, the transition was seamless thanks to the support and guidance of my director and co-actors." For Sonal, Inspector Malaika is more than just a character, "I love being part of this show and playing Inspector Malaika. For me, she is not just another role, she reflects grit, groundedness, and girl power. Playing Malaika is empowering. She is bold, fair, speaks her mind, and knows how to stand tall in the middle of household madness."

Watch your favourite artist Sonal Panwar in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan airing from 10:00 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

All Hail 'The Royals'! Romance, Royalty & Sass



What begins as a business deal between a crumbling royal family and a sharp, sassy, self-made CEO quickly unravels into a rollercoaster of romance, comedy and a whole lot of drama! The trailer for Netflix's The Royals is here - offering a first glimpse into the grand but fading city of Morpur, where an endearing prince and a determined CEO are forced to team up... and maybe fall in love.

The series stars Ishaan Khatter as Aviraaj Singh, a reluctant, polo-playing new-age Rajkumar, and Bhumi Pednekar as Aam Kumari Sophia Kanmani Shekhar, a fiercely driven CEO with dreams bigger than any palace. As they join forces to transform Morpur's struggling haveli and its quirky residents into a luxury B&B experience, their clash of egos and ambitions sparks a whirlwind of flirtation, family feuds, and high-stakes frenzy.

Although unable to attend the trailer launch, Zeenat Aman reflects on her illustrious career spanning decades, "I find myself as passionate as ever about embracing new roles and opportunities. The Royals has been both refreshing and creatively fulfilling. Collaborating with vibrant young talents, brimming with energy and fresh perspectives, ensured that every moment on set was lively and engaging. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Pritish Nandy Communications and Netflix for bringing this extraordinary tale of romance, and for including me in

this project."

Bhumi Pednekar says, "Playing Sophia felt like stepping into a world that's both aspirational and deeply relatable. She's fierce, ambitious, and emotionally honest - qualities I've always been drawn to. I'm glad I could collaborate with Netflix and Pritish Nandy Communications for The Royals and extremely grateful that they brought this series to life - I hope people have as much fun watching it as we did making it."

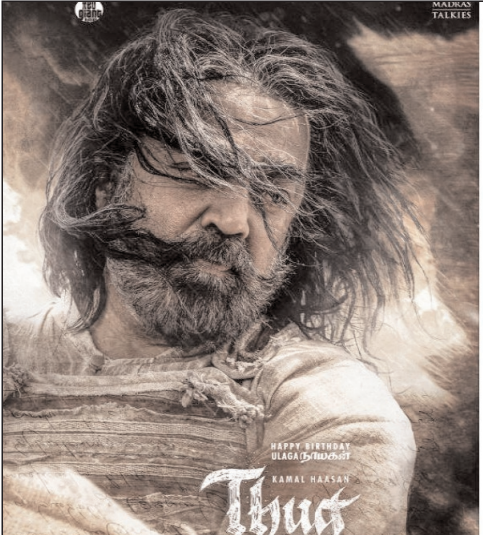
Ishaan Khatter adds, "To share the screen with such legendary and accomplished actors has been inspiring and a joy. This marks my second collaboration with Netflix globally and my first with Netflix India and it has been an adventure yet again. The Royals is a fresh, modern-day rom-com - zany, unpredictable, and packed with surprises. I can't wait for audiences to dive into the world of Morpur and binge it all! There's a lot of love, drama, humour - something for everyone. Maharaja Aviraaj is the most frustratingly charming character I've essayed and I hope the audience enjoys him as much as I enjoyed playing the role."

Directed by Priyanka Ghose and Nupur Asthana, written by Neha Veena Sharma, and produced under the banner of Pritish Nandy Communications, The Royals is created by Rangita Pritish Nandy and Ishita Pritish Nandy, known for their pop-culture-savvy, whip-smart storytelling.

Thug Life and Coolie team discussing a "8-week OTT window" for a smooth release in Hindi

Over the years, the Tamil Film Industry has failed to leave a mark in Hindi owing to the 4-week digital window opted by the producers. Most of the big screen entertainers from the Tamil Film Industry have failed to secure a showcasing in National Multiplex Chains due to a shorter OTT window, as the Multiplex Association of India in North India have demanded at-least 8 weeks gap between theatrical and digital release. Films like Vikram, Coolie, and LEO among others had scope to do well in Hindi, but the business was restricted due to a no-show in top multiplexes.

And now, we have exclusively learnt that two of the most awaited feature films of Tamil origin, are gearing up to leave a mark in the Pan India market. According to sources close to the



development, the team of Mani Ratnam-directed Thug Life featuring Kamal Haasan in the lead, and the Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial Coolie led by Rajinikanth,

have started the discussions of opting for 8-week window. "Thug Life and Coolie are the biggest Tamil releases of 2025 and have the potential to leave a mark in the

North Indian market too and hence the discussion of a 8-week theatrical window. If everything goes well, the two films will see a good release in the National Multi-



plex Chains of North India," revealed a source close to the development.

The source further added that the pros and cons of the move are being discussed by the producers with all the members in the eco-system: from exhibitors & distributors to the digital players. "There will be a clarity on release window of Thug Life by May 15. Coolie team still has time, and if Thug Life opts for a longer OTT window, the business could serve as a case study for team Coolie. Both Thug Life and Coolie are expected to do record-breaking business for a film of Tamil origin, and the hope is on the aforementioned projects to leave a nationwide impact, as both Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan are two of the most celebrated figures of Indian Cinema," the source added.

'Idiot is on a mission...': Virat Kohli's brother reacts strongly to Rahul Vaidya days after his '2 kaudi ke jokers' remark on cricketer and his fans

Rahul Vaidya consistently jibes at Virat Kohli for allegedly blocking him on Instagram. He went on to call the fans of the cricketer 'do kaudi ke jokers' for allegedly targeting him and his family online, which fueled the controversy further.

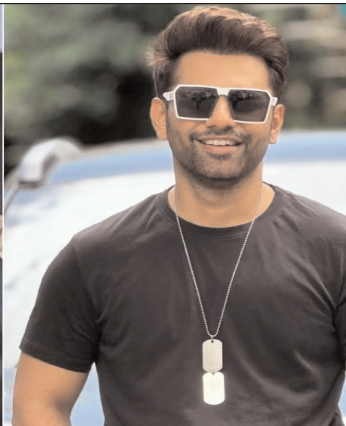
Now, days after, Kohli's brother Vikas Kohli has slammed the actor with a strong message and called him a 'loser.'

Virat Kohli's brother Vikas Kohli took to his social media handle and hit back at Rahul Vaidya. He asked the singer to focus on his singing skills to become popular and not use his brother's name to gain popularity.

He wrote, "Bache itni mehnat agar apni singing pai karle to shayad apni mehnat se famous ho jaae (Kid, if you put this much hard



work into your singing, you could probably get famous because of your hard work)...this idiot is on a mission to gain followers and become famous taking Virat's



name....WHAT A LOSER".

Soon after the post was shared, several fans of Virat Kohli came to his support and appreciated him for calling out Vaidya. A fan even in-

stigated him by stating, "Bhaiya post this on insta and cook him", while another assured, "Bhaiya...just check his comment section...we cooked him Aap tension mat lo and a third one commented, "Well said".

In addition to this, one avid fan of the cricketer commented, "Never mess with Virat Kohli and his brothers", "Bilkul sahi bhai i am great fan of Virat Kohli bhai...", wrote another.

For the unversed, Rahul Vaidya posted a video on his Instagram handle after Kohli issued a clarification on allegedly liking Aneet Kaur's picture. He taunted the cricketer, stating that it must also be Instagram's glitch that he had blocked him. Following this, cricketers' fans came into action and reacted strongly to his remarks.

COLORS' stars share heartfelt wishes to their mothers this Mother's Day

Priyanshi Yadav playing the role of Doree in COLORS' 'Doree' shares, "Every day, my mother shows me what unconditional love looks like. She is my biggest supporter, anchor and the strength behind the dreams I'm chasing. She accompanies me to the sets of Doree, cheering me on and never failing to express her pride in my work. As a little girl, I'd craft handmade cards and pluck flowers to make her smile on Mother's Day. Today, I try to give back in little ways, with gifts and gestures, but nothing will ever match what she's done for me. While I play a single mother on-screen, I draw a lot of inspiration from my mother. My character's journey is one of grit, sacrifice, and relentless love-the very qualities I've seen my mother live every single day. It's been an emotional and empowering experience, and I'm honoured to portray a character that reflects the resilience of so many real women.

This Mother's Day, I want to say to my mom, and to



every mother out there: you are God's greatest blessing. Happy Mother's Day!"

Karan Vohra, essaying the role of Rishank in COLORS' 'Meri Bhavya Life', shares, "While shooting for Meri Bhavya Life, which is all about self-worth and inner strength, I couldn't help but think of her.

She's the one who first taught me what it means to be confident, kind, and resilient. In the show, my reel mother

constantly pushes my character toward chasing superficial things-status, appearance, fleeting validation. Her world is all about how things look on the outside. But in real life, my mother is the complete opposite - she has instilled in me the values that Meri Bhavya Life stands for throughout my childhood.

She's my compass-the one who pulls me back to what matters. She offers me those much-needed reality checks, the kind that aren't always easy to hear but always come from a place of love. On this special day, I want to give a huge shout-out to all the women who make motherhood look effortless!"

Anchal Sahu, portraying the character of Parineet in COLORS' 'Parineeti' shares, "Everything I am today rooted in the values my mother taught me: kindness, honesty, and staying grounded. As a child, even my smallest achievements were met with her joyful celebration, especially when she'd make my favourite sweets.

Sudoku-2236

8	2			9			
3			7		5		1
	7	9		3	4	5	2
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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating a digit. Please see example given below.

The solution to each day's puzzle will be published the following day, along with the next puzzle. Each puzzle has only one solution.

Result: Sudoku-2235

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

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Across

1. Means of livelihood - 10

2. To plait - 5

7. A stone edging to a pavement - 4

8. A large group of ships operated by a single company - 5

9. To walk in a stately, deliberate manner - 5

11. Father - 4

13. A simple seat without a back - 5

14. A case to keep needles - 10

Down

2. Untrustworthy - 10

3. A social division of a people - 5

4. A psychic disturbance - 4

5. Characterized by impulse - 10

10. A playful trick - 5

12. Exhausted of moisture - 4

Solution- 640

B	U	R	M	A	C	O	I	F
A	A	L	R					E
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