

After 33 years, SRK set to win his first ever National Film Award as Best Actor for Jawan



Over the years, Shah Rukh Khan has established himself as one of the biggest movie stars of the world, with a theatrical track record like no one else. Having made his debut in 1992 with Deewana, SRK has entertained the audience's decade after decade and is considered to be the ambassador of Indian Cinema at a global level. In 2023, Shah Rukh Khan scripted history by entertaining over 7 crore people in India on the big screen with Pathaan, Jawan, and Dunki. The three films collected over

Rs 1300 crore in India, and Rs 2500 crore at the worldwide box office. And now, Pinkvilla has exclusively learnt that the year 2023 has just gotten special as Shah Rukh Khan is set to bag his first ever National Film Award at the

71st National Film Award. "Shah Rukh Khan is being bestowed with the Best Actor Award for his performance in Jawan at the 71st National Film Award. The announcement is expected to take place today at a press conference in Delhi. This would mark his first-ever National Award win," revealed a source. Shah Rukh Khan's filmography boasts of memorable films and performances ranging from Darr, Baazigar and Dil Se, to Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Devdas, Veer Zara, Kal Ho Na Ho, Paheli, Swades, Chak De India, My Name Is Khan, Pathaan, and Jawan among others. Over the years, he has been felicitated at ceremonies all across the globe for his contribution to cinema, and the National Film Award for Best Actor is just another addition to his tally of his legacy in cinema. On the work front, Shah Rukh Khan is presently shooting for King, which is scheduled to hit the big screen in 2026. The actioner marks the big screen debut of his daughter, Suhana Khan.

Rajiv Thakur says 'no one could replace' Kapil Sharma in 2 years of his absence, talks about Sunil Grover

Kapil Sharma is one of the most popular comedians in the entertainment industry of India. He has been a part of showbiz for around two decades. The actor-comedian currently hosts The Great Indian Kapil Show and The Kapil Sharma Show. Actor Rajiv Thakur recently praised Kapil for ruling television for 18 years. Rajiv Thakur expresses admiration for Kapil Sharma. In an exclusive interview with Pinkvilla, actor-comedian Rajiv Thakur, who often shares the stage with Kapil Sharma on the latter's show, called him "irreplaceable." Rajiv shared that people often troll him that he praises Kapil to ask for work, which is not the reality. "Jo banda piche 18 saal se undoubtedly rule kar raha hai, banda chhod ke gaya TV, do-do saal tak koi kuch nahin kar paaya ("The guy has undoubtedly been ruling for the last 18 years. He left TV and nobody could do anything for two years in his absence)," the 41-year-old comedian told us. "Waapas aata hai, phir usi position mein hota hai wo. To kyun na karun mai taareef? (When Kapil came back, he was again in the same position. So why shouldn't I



praise him)?" he added. Rajiv Thakur also spoke about actor Sunil Grover, who appears on the comedy show. Rajiv called him 'king of disguise' and said that whenever Sunil becomes a character, he doesn't come out of it easily. Rajiv Thakur's work front, Rajiv Thakur has been associated with The Kapil Sharma Show since 2016. He played Kap's Cafe attendant in the first and second seasons of Netflix's The Great Indian Kapil Sharma Show. However, Rajiv is not a part of the ongoing third season of the show.

Rain-kissed romance: Mumbai's surprise pour enhances Kumkum Bhagya's romantic dance sequence



Sometimes, the most memorable moments on screen are the ones that aren't fully planned, and Kumkum Bhagya's upcoming rain dance sequence is a perfect example. While the rain dance was already part of the storyline, what made it extra special was the unexpected downpour of real Mumbai rain during the shoot. The team embraced the rains, and it added a magical, unscripted layer to the moment. The natural rain blended beautifully with the mood of the scene, making it feel more authentic, romantic, and cinematic, something that no special effect could have achieved. Shooting the sequence wasn't easy, though. Pranali and Namik had to give multiple takes in the cold rain, and since it was their first romantic scene together, the pressure was on! The sequence took nearly 3 to 4 hours to shoot, pushing both actors to their physical limits. But their chemistry shone through, and the entire team, including the crew behind the scenes, worked in sync to pull off the challenging shoot smoothly. With safety measures in place and a shared passion to make the moment shine, what could've been a hurdle turned into a highlight of the show. Handsome Namik Paul said, "The rain dance was always part of the plan, but what made it truly special was that the real Mumbai rain decided to join in! It wasn't timed or expected, but it just added to the mood and made the whole scene feel more alive. I genuinely enjoyed shooting it, even though we were drenched for 3-4 hours; it was quite fun. I've always loved dancing, and getting to do it in such a dramatic, rain-soaked setup was a total treat. Big shoutout to the crew, especially the camera team, for making every frame look stunning. Personally, I enjoy shooting in unpredictable conditions; it keeps things exciting and helps me grow as an actor." Gorgeous Pranali Rathod said, "This rain sequence was meticulously planned by the production team, direction team, and the creative team. They ensured everything was executed seamlessly.

71st National Film Awards Full Winners List: Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey win Best Actor, Rani Mukerji bags Best Actress

The winners of the 71st National Awards have been announced at 6:00 PM today, August 1, 2025. Shah Rukh Khan and Vikrant Massey shared the award in the category of Best Actor in a leading role. Rani Mukerji bagged Best Actress in a leading role. The Kerala Story won the Best Direction Award, and Kathal: A Jackfruit Mystery was touted as the Best Hindi Feature Film. 1. Shah Rukh Khan-Jawan and Vikrant Massey-12th Fail (Best Actor in a leading role), Shah Rukh Khan won the Best Actor Award in a leading role for the Atlee directorial, Jawan. It is the first National



Award of SRK's career, after 33 long years. The superstar shared the award with Vikrant Massey, who won it for his film, 12th Fail. 2. Rani Mukerji- Mrs

Chatterjee vs Norway (Best Actress in a leading role), Rani Mukerji won the Best Actress Award in a leading role for her performance in Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway. The legal drama was inspired by the real-life story of Anurup Bhattacharya and Sagarika Chakraborty, an Indian immigrant couple whose children were taken away by Norwegian authorities in 2011. 3. The Kerala Story (Best Direction), Starring Adah Sharma, Yogita Bihani, Sonia Balani, and Siddhi Idnani, The Kerala Story bagged the award in the Best Direction category. The 2023 drama film was helmed by Sudipto Sen.

Zee TV Brings Big Relief to the Middle Class This Monsoon

The Indian middle-class family runs on the unshakable values of bachat, budget, ration, EMIs, and month-end jugaad. Every rupee matters; whether it's choosing a sim recharge over a snack or holding back on a purchase to save for the future. In this world, ?2 may seem trivial to some, but for a middle-class person, it holds real weight. Zee TV, through its renewed brand philosophy Aapka Apna Zee TV, resonates deeply with these lived experiences. And through its recently launched fiction show Tum Se Tum Tak, it brought to life a character like Anu - a girl rooted in practicality, self-respect, and middle-class sensibilities. In a moment that struck a chord with viewers, Anu argued with a rickshaw driver over ?2 change, firmly saying: "Agar ek crore mein do rupaye kam ho gaye, toh woh ek crore nahi hota." This moment stayed with



Aryavardhan, the male lead, and changed his outlook - leading him to launch a product with a ?2 discount on mobile recharge, which ultimately transformed his telecommunication business. An extension to this thought, Zee TV's latest initiative brings a heartfelt gesture to the streets of Mumbai, Delhi, and Lucknow - distributing raincoats for just ?2 to women and daily-wage earners

who brave the rains every day. For many, especially women, walking around in drenched clothes can be uncomfortable and even embarrassing. More than a distribution drive, this is about empathy - making a necessity accessible while preserving dignity and a sense of ownership. That ?2 isn't just symbolic; it's a powerful nod to the reality that ?2 bhi bohut badi cheez hoti hai. Adding authenticity to the campaign, actor Niharika Chouksey, who plays Anu in Tum Se Tum Tak, joined the initiative in Mumbai. Her character and her iconic line mirrors the philosophy behind this entire drive. Mangesh Kulkarni, Chief Channel Officer, Zee TV, said: "At Zee TV, we believe entertainment is only one part of our connection with the audience. The real bond is built on shared experiences, emotions, and mutual care.

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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.

Sudoku-1688

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Across

1. Preceding - 10

6. Deep red colour - 7

7. Reverberate - 4

8. A water slide into a swimming pool - 5

9. Find fault with - 5

11. A journey especially one made on foot - 4

13. To seek information by questioning - 7

14. Extending in a cross direction, अनुप्रस्थ - 10

Down

2. A native or inhabitant of the North - 10

3. An ant - 5

4. To eat the principal meal of the day - 4

5. Terrifying dreams - 10

10. a small insect which lives as a parasite on animals or plants - 5

12. Finely sharpened - 4

Solution- 405

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Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi cast fees: Smriti Irani charges over Rs 10 lakh per episode but Amar Upadhyay...

Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi, a beloved television show from the early 2000s, has made its return to the small screen. The first season, starring Smriti Irani and Amar Upadhyay, left a legacy. The new season features many original cast members, along with a few new actors who have been brought in for pivotal roles. Reports suggest that the actors in this Ekta Kapoor-produced show are receiving substantial fees for this popular daily soap. Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi's cast fee revealed: Returning from the first season are Smriti Irani and Amar Upadhyay, along with actors such as Shakti Anand, Ritu Chaudhary, Hiten Tejwani, Gauri Pradhan, Kamalika Guha Thakurta, and Ketki Dave. In the first season, Smriti was the highest-paid actor of the show. According to Times Now, the actress is still the highest-paid actor on Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi. Smriti Irani, who plays the role of Tulsi Virani, is reportedly earning between Rs 10 to 12 lakh per episode.



However, Amar Upadhyay, who portrays Mihir Virani, is charging Rs 1.5 lakh per episode. This means there is nearly a Rs 10 lakh difference between Smriti's and Amar's paycheck. Hiten Tejwani, who plays Karan Virani, is reportedly earning between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh per episode. Gauri Pradhan, who portrays Nandini Virani, is taking home a salary ranging from Rs 80,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh per episode. However, there is no official word regarding the same. Kamalika Guha Thakurta,

who plays the antagonist Gayatri, is charging between Rs 50,000 and Rs 1 lakh per episode. Shakti Anand, who plays Hemant, is receiving a paycheck of Rs 80,000 to Rs 1 lakh. While these actors continue to portray their original characters, new actors Rohit Suchanti, Shagun Sharma, and Aman Gandhi have joined the Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi cast in important roles. Rohit plays Angad, Shagun portrays Pari, and Aman plays Hrithik. They are Tulsi and Mihir's children.