

‘Love you till my last breath’: Parag Tyagi remembers late wife Shefali Jariwala on her birth anniversary

Actor Parag Tyagi remembered his late wife, actress Shefali Jariwala, on her 43rd birth anniversary on Monday, sharing a video of her dancing with his mother. Tyagi added that Jariwala shared her birthday with his mother.

“Log bolte hain ki ek aadmi ki saphalta ke peeche ek woman hoti hai, I am so lucky I have two women Pari & Mummy. Doston imagine dono ka birthday same date hai aaj. 15th Dec. Happy birthday to my life. Love you till my last breath even after that (People say that there is always a woman behind a man’s success. I am so lucky to have had two such women in my life — Pari and my mother.



Friends, imagine they share the same birthday, 15 December. Happy birthday, my life. Love you till my last breath even after that,” wrote Tyagi on Instagram. Jariwala, known for

her iconic 2002 music video Kaanta Laga, died on 27 June after suffering a cardiac arrest. She was found unresponsive at her Mumbai home and was declared dead upon arrival at

the hospital. Jariwala was 42 years old at the time of her death. Jariwala and Tyagi tied the knot in August 2014 after a four-year relationship. They had also appeared together on the popular reality show Nach Baliye.

In August this year, Tyagi founded an NGO in honour of his late wife. The Shefali Jariwala Rise Foundation seeks to promote women’s empowerment and education.

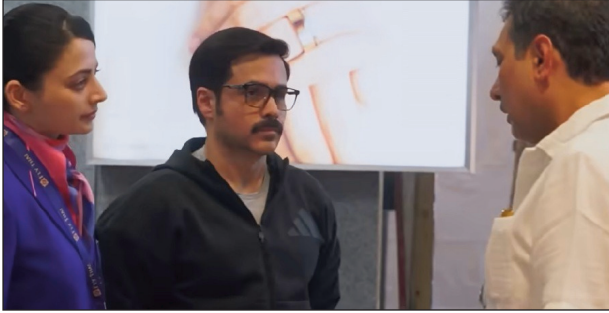
Tyagi, 49, is known for his roles in popular television series like Pavitra Rishta, Brahmarakshas, Jodha Akbar, and Shakti – Astitva Ke Ehsaas Ki. He also appeared in the 2023 Salman Khan-starrer Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan.

Neeraj Pandey, Emraan Hashmi team up for Netflix series ‘Taskaree: The Smugglers Web’

Filmmaker Neeraj Pandey has teamed up with actor Emraan Hashmi for a Netflix thriller series titled Taskaree: The Smugglers Web, the streamer announced on Monday.

A one-minute-seven-second-long video the streamer shared offers a glimpse into the shooting schedules at various locations, with Neeraj Pandey seen directing key sequences.

The video hints at a deep crime network of smugglers, with Hashmi’s coast guard officer determined to bust the cartel. Sharad Kelkar also appears in the video.



The teaser for the series is set to drop on 17 December.

“Pakde gaye Smuggling ki duniya mein aap ka swagat hai Watch Taskaree: The Smugglers Web, teaser out 17 December, only on Netflix,” the official Instagram page of the streamer wrote alongside the video.

Reacting to the post, a

fan wrote, “Really looking forward to this series. Emraan Hashmi gave such a surprise work.” Another fan commented, “Emraan 2.0 loading.” The ensemble cast also features Zoya Afroz, Nandish Sandhu, Amruta Khanvilkar, Freddy Daruwala, Anuja Sathe, Anurag Sinha, Jameel Khan, Virendra Saxena, and Hemant Kher.

Where to watch Cooper Hoffman, David Jonsson’s ‘The Long Walk’ on OTT in India

Cooper Hoffman and David Jonsson-led dystopian sci-fi thriller The Long Walk is now available to rent on Prime Video, Apple TV and YouTube in India at Rs 149.

On all the three platforms, rentals offer a 30-day window to start watching the film and 48 hours to finish once started.

The Long Walk takes place in the future in which 100 teenage boys embark on an annual competition known as The Long Walk. The rules are simple — maintain a speed above three miles



per hour and keep friends’ survival is a walking. If any participant receives three warnings within an hour, he will be shot dead. The last one walking gets whatever he wants for the rest of his life. Under these grim circumstances the boys develop deep friendships despite knowing that their

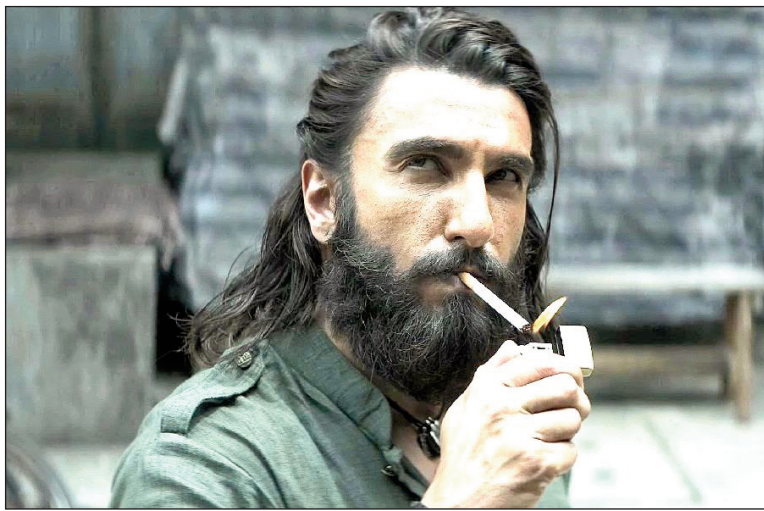
‘Dhurandhar’ earns more than ‘Pushpa 2’ on second weekend, grosses Rs 550 crore globally

Ranveer Singh’s Dhurandhar has crossed the Rs 500-crore mark globally on its tenth day in theatres, the makers said on Monday.

The spy thriller has collected Rs 430.20 crore gross in India and Rs 120.50 crore gross overseas, which takes its global haul to Rs 552.70 crore gross.

Dhurandhar is performing well domestically too. The film began its box office journey with a collection of Rs 28.60 crore nett in India on Day 1, followed by Rs 33.10 crore nett on the second day. On Day 3, the film earned Rs 44.80 crore nett.

The daily collection dropped to Rs 24.30 crore nett on Monday, but kept gradually rising through the week.



Tuesday fetched Rs 28.60 crore nett, followed by Rs 29.20 crore nett on Wednesday and Rs 29.40 crore nett on Thursday. The second week began with a collection of Rs 34.70 crore nett on second Friday.

Dhurandhar had a fantastic second weekend in theatres, raking in Rs 53.70 crore nett on Saturday and Rs 58.20 crore nett on Sunday. It beat Allu Arjun’s Pushpa 2 to become the highest second-weekend grosser among

Indian films.

The Ranveer Singh-starrer has earned Rs 364.60 crore nett in India so far.

“The story of The Unknown Men is now known globally,” the official handle of JioStudios wrote on X.

Set in Pakistan in the early 2000s, Dhurandhar follows an Indian spy working to dismantle Karachi’s mafia network. Directed by Aditya Dhar and inspired by real events, features Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, and R. Madhavan alongside Singh.

Meanwhile, Nandamuri Balakrishna-led fantasy film Akhanda 2 has earned Rs 61.55 crore nett in its opening weekend, industry data-tracking portal Sacnilk reported.

Three luxury eco resorts, Megapode revamp cleared as Andaman finalises long-term tourism push

UNITED NATION, DEC 15

Three leading hospitality groups have won bids to build luxury eco-friendly tourism resorts at Long Island, Aves Island and Shaheed Dweep (Neil Island) in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, while another group will redevelop the existing Megapode Resort under a public-private partnership model, an official said.

The projects, cleared by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), are part of a broader push to expand high-end, sustainable tourism infrastructure across the islands through long-term concession agreements.

ANIIDCO has finalised three applications for the design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) of five-star eco-tourism resorts on a PPP basis at the three island locations, the official said. "In a major stride toward sustainable tourism-led growth, we have finalised successful tenders for four flagship eco-tourism projects across the Islands. Three hospitality groups/investors have won the bid to build three luxury



eco-friendly tourism resorts at Long Island, Aves Island and Shaheed Dweep. Letters of Award for the development of eco-tourism resorts have been issued. We also got one of the highest bidder to develop the existing Megapode Resort in Sri Vijaya Puram on PPP mode," the official said. Under the concession framework, developers will pay annual concession fees and share revenues with the administration.

"In addition to the annual concession fee, concessionaires will share revenue at the rates of 3.6 per cent for Megapode Resort, 3 per cent for Shaheed Dweep, and 2 per cent each for Long Island and Aves Island. The concession period is 50 years for Megapode Resort and 75 years

for the other projects, including construction time," he said.

"Our aim is the archipelago as a premier global destination for responsible, nature-centric tourism. These projects are designed to meet international sustainability standards, including LEED, GRIHA, and Green Globe certifications, and comply fully with Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and environmental norms," he said.

Emphasising low-impact design, each resort will operate on self-sustaining systems powered primarily by renewable energy, including solar installations, ensuring minimal ecological footprint and seamless integration with the Islands' natural landscapes. Out of four locations, Aves Island is an uninhabited

Island, and this is probably the first time in decades that the local administration has decided to open such an uninhabited Island to promote tourism.

The Aves is a small and beautiful Island, also known as Coconut Island for its lush green coconut plantation. Presently, Aves is not open for tourists. It is an uninhabited Island with no accommodation facilities, but with the proposed five-star eco-tourism resort, Aves will be the most sought-after tourist destination after Swaraj Dweep (Havelock Island) in Andaman.

With an investment of nearly Rs 36 crore, the five-star eco-tourism resort (2.75 hectare) at Aves Island will have 50 rooms where the concessionaire can undertake various activities like a shopping area for local souvenirs, scuba diving, game fishing, forest trekking, nature camping, wellness centre, etc.

Apart from Aves, the resort at Long Island (total project cost of five five-star eco-tourism resort will be approx Rs 391 crore) will have a maximum of 220 rooms, while Shaheed Dweep (total project cost will be approx Rs 172 crore) will have a total of 120 rooms.

Markets close flat to lower; Sensex slips 54 points, Nifty down marginally

MUMBAI, DEC 15

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended marginally lower on Monday in tandem with a weak trend in global markets and persistent foreign fund outflows.

Also, uncertainty over an India-US trade deal weighed on investors' sentiment, analysts said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dipped 54.30 points, or 0.06 per cent, to at 85,213.36.

During the day, the benchmark declined 427.34 points, or 0.50 per cent, to 84,840.32.

The 50-share NSE Nifty edged lower by 19.65 points, or 0.08 per cent, to 26,027.30.

From the Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra, Maruti, Adani Ports, Bajaj Finserv, Titan, and HDFC Bank were among the major laggards.

However, Hindustan



Unilever, Trent, HCL Tech, Asian Paints, and Tata Steel were among the gainers.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 1,114.22 crore on Friday, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 3,868.94 crore, according to exchange data.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended lower.

European markets were trading higher. US

markets ended lower on Friday.

"Persistent foreign fund outflows and a weak rupee have kept markets in a narrow range, with currency volatility is likely to continue until clarity emerges on the India-US trade deal," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Ltd, said.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, went up 0.15 per cent to USD 61.21 per barrel.

On Friday, the Sensex climbed 449.53 points, or 0.53 per cent, to settle at 85,267.66. The Nifty surged 148.40 points, or 0.57 per cent, to 26,046.95.

Maruti Suzuki plans local battery production to boost EV ecosystem in India

NEW DELHI, DEC 15: Maruti Suzuki India is gearing up to localise battery production and other critical components over the coming years as part of its strategy to strengthen the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem in India.

The company, which plans to launch its first electric vehicle, the e VITARA, in the domestic market next year, aims to instill confidence in buyers while bolstering the overall EV ecosystem.

"Right now we are importing the

batteries but yes we have a plan for localisation. It is very much on the cards in a phased manner over the next few years," Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Partho Banerjee told reporters here.

He highlighted that electric vehicle adoption in India will grow only when consumers are confident enough to make an EV their primary car.

"We believe that the customer is not confident (about EVs). The

initial products that were launched, and the experiences from those, has created a huge amount of negativity in the minds of people regarding the driving range," he added. He also noted that, to date, most EV buyers use the vehicles as a secondary

option. "It's not the primary car. Since public infrastructure is not there, the buyer doesn't want to take a chance. So if he wants to buy his first vehicle, it happens to be not in EV, but in ICE or some other vehicle," Banerjee said.

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