

## Do Aur Do Pyaar: Pratik Gandhi reveals WHY Vidya Balan is his favourite co-star ever



**Do Aur Do Pyaar:** The heart-warming film starring Vidya Balan, Pratik Gandhi, Illena D'Cruz, and Sendhil Ramamurthy is captivating viewers' attention with its impeccable storyline since its release. The film is a perfect romantic comedy that Bollywood has delivered in recent times. Be it the story, performances, or the feel-good aura of the film, cinema lovers can't stop themselves from falling in love with it. Amidst all this, Pratik Gandhi, who plays Vidya Balan's husband in the film, recently revealed the most heart-warming trait of the actress.

Be it the fans or the industry people, everyone knows that Vidya Balan is like a breath of fresh air. She is not only a powerhouse talent

from whom every actor can learn something, but also a great individual who believes in keeping the atmosphere light. Pratik Gandhi recently stated that Vidya's energy on set has been infectious. He mentioned that the actress has the ability to make even the most mundane moments fun and enjoyable.

Reacting to Pratik's heaps of praises, the actress stated that she has always been happy and jovial. She states that it's important that the atmosphere of a workplace should be happy. The actress believes that if the work environment is good, it automatically makes things easier for everyone. She also states that she doesn't need to make an extra effort to converse with people as she naturally loves talking to people

and knowing their stories.

Talking about *Do Aur Do Pyaar*, directed by Shirsha Guha Thakurta, the film is the story about Kavya and Ani. How Kavya and Ani's life changes when Nora and Vikran enter is the highlight of the film. The film offers the perfect blend of romance as well as comedy. While it perfectly tickles your funny bones, it will also make you aware of the beautiful yet complex side of love.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Vidya Balan is back in the *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* franchise after 17 years. Directed by Aneez Bazmee, the horror comedy also stars Kartik Aaryan, Tripti Dimri, and Madhuri Dixit. The film will hit the theatres during Diwali 2024.

## Ajay Devgn and Vaani Kapoor to wrap Raid 2 shooting by April end: Report



Riding high on the success of his recent releases, *Shaistaan* and *Maidan*, Ajay Devgn shows no signs of slowing down in 2024. Earlier, the actor announced the sequel to his 2018 hit film, *Raid*.

*Raid 2* stars Ajay Devgn and Vaani Kapoor in the lead roles, directed by Raj Kumar Gupta. Now, recent reports suggest some new updates about the sequel's filming.

According to Bollywood Hungama, Ajay Devgn and Vaani Kapoor will complete shooting *Raid 2* by the end of April, that is next week. "The makers of Ajay Devgn-starrer *Raid 2* will conclude filming by the end of April. The film is currently in its final shooting schedule in Lucknow, followed by a two-day shoot in Delhi, where the team will wrap the shoot."

"The makers had meticulously

planned the shoot. Everything went as per the plan and in less than four months, the shooting will conclude." Besides Delhi and Lucknow, *Raid 2* was also filmed in Mumbai and Rajasthan.

Earlier, the makers of *Raid 2* dropped its first look poster which features the legs and boots of the main character IRS Amay Patnaik played by Ajay Devgn. The poster has the tagline which reads, "Amay Patnaik is back", promising the return of Devgn as an honest government official who is at loggerheads with the powerful politicians.

*Raid 2* is backed by Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak, Abhishek Pathak, and Krishan Kumar under their banner T-Series and Panorama Studios respectively. It is slated to release theatrically on November 15th, 2024.

*Raid* is a 2018 crime drama film written by Ritesh Shah and directed by Raj Kumar Gupta. It starred Ajay Devgn, Saurabh Shukla, Ileana D'Cruz, Amit Sial, Vikram Kocchar, and Gayathri Iyer. The film follows the story of IRS officer Amay Patnaik who conducts an income-tax raid on a rich and corrupt politician.

It was based on the real-life account of Congress politician Sardar Inder Singh whose premise was raided by IT officers in the 1980s in Madhya Pradesh. It was particularly different from other raids as it was the longest raid in the history of India, lasting three days and two nights. Upon its release, the film became a critical and commercial success. Ever since then, there has been a lot of excitement surrounding the possibility of a sequel.

## Imtiaz Ali admits Amar Singh Chamkila wasn't a 'neat, clean' person; reveals why he didn't glorify him in film

Imtiaz Ali is riding on success after his recently released movie *Amar Singh Chamkila* met with massive positive response from the audience and critics alike. The movie stars Diljit Dosanjh and Parineeti Chopra in the lead and is a biopic of popular Punjabi singer Amar Singh Chamkila who was gunned down in 1988 along with his wife.

The alleged reason for Chamkila's assassination shown in films and publicized in the past has been his double-meaning songs which weren't appreciated by a certain section of society. Imtiaz's movie also featured some of the singer's songs that were unfiltered and below the belt.

Ali who made his debut in the genre of biopics with this one revealed that he never thought he'd make a biopic. So what was special about Amar Singh Chamkila?

Imtiaz told Mid-day, "In Chamkila's story, there were so many things I felt I should address since they've been hidden from the audience. However, when depicting someone's life, you should have the liberty — not to change the facts, but to represent all aspects of them. If



you don't show the mistakes they made, then what's the point of glorifying them?"

Imtiaz Ali further said that he is not in favor of those biopics who endlessly glorify the person they are based on because it is 'very boring'. In Chamkila's case, the singer enjoyed a fair share of both love and hate and

Imtiaz felt that he had to present the human side of Chamkila.

He continued, "I did not set out to make him come across as this neat and clean person, which he was not. This is also because I knew a few intrinsic good qualities of him... He has flaws."

Imtiaz expressed that if he had glorified Chamkila then he

would have become unrelatable. He added, "Sometimes it is the flaws and irregularities in a character that endear them to the audience. Then they know that this guy is human, thus enabling them to relate to and root for them."

Amar Singh Chamkila is available to stream on Netflix.

## Did you know Manisha Koirala rejected Dil Toh Pagal Hai out of 'silly insecurity' with Madhuri Dixit?

Manisha Koirala who last gave a hit almost a decade ago with *Bhoot Returns* is hoping for a solid comeback with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Heeramandi*. The actress will be playing the character of Mallikajaan in this period drama which is set to stream from May 1 on Netflix. Manisha while promoting the same looked back at her career and shared that one decision she regrets.

Talking about having silly insecurities, Manisha Koirala admitted that she rejected Yash Chopra's *Dil Toh Pagal Hai* because she was pitted against Madhuri Dixit.

Unknown to many, the character of Nisha who was eventually played by Karisma Kapoor was initially offered to several other actresses including Urmila Matondkar, Kajol, Raveena Tandon, Juhi Chawla, and Manisha Koirala. Unfortunately, Manisha is one of those who regretted the decision to back out.

Speaking with India Today, Manisha Koirala revealed, "One of the regrets that I have in my career is that I didn't do Yash Chopra's film. I was pitted against Madhuri ji [Dixit], and I



got scared. I backed out of that project."

Manisha confronted that every actor of her time wanted to work with the ace filmmaker at least once because of how he beautifully portrayed women on-screen. She added, "I went to Yash Ji's office and told him, 'Sir, it is my dream to be your heroine, solo. You are pitting me against

Madhuri ji'. Somehow [because of] better judgment of mine, I think I missed out."

When filmmaker Raj Santoshi offered Madhuri Dixit-led *Lajja* to Manisha in 2000, the actress immediately signed it because she didn't want to repeat the same mistake. She shared, "I think when you have a strong maker, and when you are confi-

dent in your own skin, the security comes. I realized I didn't want to make that mistake again because of my silly insecurities. I am so glad I did it. I am so proud of *Lajja*."

In *Heeramandi*, Manisha will star alongside actresses Aditi Rao Hydari, Sanjeeda Shaikh, Richa Chadha, Sonakshi Sinha, and Sharmin Segal.



Deepika lent her elegance and style to Pottery Barn in December 2022, a renowned home furnishings brand. As the brand ambassador, she showcased the exquisite collection of Pottery Barn, offering stylish and functional furniture, decor, and accessories for homes.