

## Varun Dhawan accepts he was jealous of Sidharth Malhotra during Student of the Year



Varun Dhawan and Sidharth Malhotra made their Bollywood debut together in 2012 with the movie Student of the Year. In a previous interview, the former's father, David Dhawan, disclosed that his son was insecure of Sidharth.

Varun recently opened up about the same and accepted that he was jealous of his co-star. He recalled thinking whether his dream would just remain a dream.

In a recent conversation with Shubhankar Mishra, Varun Dhawan revealed why he was jealous of Sidharth Malhotra during Student of the Year. He said that Sidharth was tall, wide, and good-looking. SOTY being a two-hero film made Varun feel that the audience will only watch his amazing

and good-looking co-star. He recalled thinking, "Mujhe notice bhi karenge ya nahi? Mera dream jo hai, dream reh jayega (Will people even notice me or not? My dream will only stay a dream)."

Varun Dhawan shared that the 'negativity' around nepotism had also begun by that time. The actor further mentioned that he didn't have a plan before coming to the industry and thought that he was deserving due to his hard work. However, he said that people were saying something else. VD stated, "The reception has not always been flowery." He revealed that he has fought a lot and will keep doing the same.

The Citadel: Honey Bunny star added that he had to fight during

that time through his work and acting. Varun expressed that the perception of the people broke when his movies worked. When told that his father gave him work after that, VD replied, "Unhone baad mein hi diya na, par mai kitna bhi bol lun, logon ko alag hi lagega (He gave it only later, but no matter how much I say, people will feel differently)."

On the work front, Varun Dhawan has many exciting projects in his lineup. He will be seen in the romantic comedy Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari opposite Janhvi Kapoor.

The film is set to release on April 18, 2025. Border 2, Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai, No Entry 2, and Bhediya 2 are also among his upcoming movies.

## Hrithik Roshan to commence shooting for superhero film from summer 2025 after wrapping up War 2?



Hrithik Roshan has been busy shooting his highly anticipated YRF Spy Universe movie War 2. Another much-awaited project of the actor is Krrish 4, the next installment in the popular superhero franchise. It has now been learned that Hrithik is set to commence shooting for the film in summer 2025 after wrapping up War 2.

According to a recent report in Midday, the makers of the Hrithik Roshan starrer War 2 are planning to wrap up the film by April 2025. A source revealed to the portal that director Ayan Mukerji has kept some important action scenes for the last schedule, and he wants to make sure that they surpass the ones in the first film. The source stated, "The April schedule will be

wholly dedicated to the fights and stunts, after which it will be a wrap on the spy thriller."

The report further revealed that Hrithik would then move on to Krrish 4 with Agneepath director Karan Malhotra. As per the portal's source, the makers have been working on the script for the past few years. The source added, "They will take the project on floors in summer 2025, with schedules in Mumbai and parts of Europe."

Earlier in 2024, Hrithik's father, Rakesh Roshan, gave a major update on Krrish 4. In a conversation with Bollywood Hungama, he was asked if he would be back directing a film anytime soon. The filmmaker announced his retirement from direction, saying, "I don't

think I'll be directing any further." However, Rakesh Roshan promised his upcoming production, Krrish 4, adding that he would be announcing it very soon.

The superhero franchise consists of three films: Koi Mil Gaya, Krrish, and Krrish 3. All of them have been directed by Rakesh Roshan, but he would only be returning as a producer for the next movie.

Coming back to War 2, the action thriller also stars Kiara Advani and Jr. NTR in pivotal roles. The film is a sequel to the 2019 movie War.

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, it will be released in 2025. Hrithik Roshan will reprise his character Kabir and will also make a special appearance in the Spy Universe's movie Alpha.

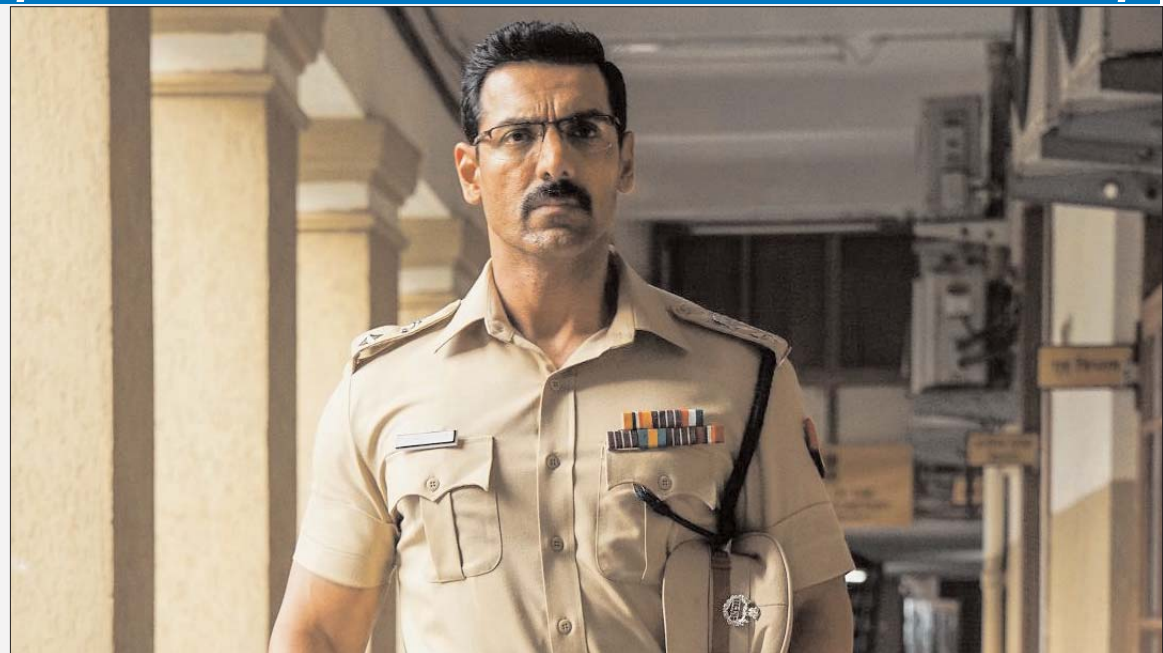


Sonnalli Seygall sets the temperature soaring in her sexy pink floral bikini as she looks smoking hot in this candid picture.

## John Abraham set to play Indian Police Officer Rakesh Maria in his biopic; 26/11 attacks and 1993 blast in backdrop

Over the years, John Abraham has established himself as an action hero doing high-concept action films. The actor has been a part of credible films like Force, Madras Café, Rocky Handsome, Parmanu, and Batla House among others. More recently, he won over the audience with his stellar act of an antagonist in the Shah Rukh Khan-led Pathaan directed by Siddharth Anand. And now, we have exclusively learnt that John Abraham is set to play the part of Indian Police Officer, Rakesh Maria in his biopic.

According to sources close to the development, a biopic on the life of Rakesh Maria is in the making and will chronicle his journey to solve the 1993 Mumbai Bomb blast, Zaveri Bazaar blast and 26/11 attacks. "Rakesh Maria has been one of the most celebrated cops in the history of Mumbai Police, as he has been the man closely involved in the mission to capture the men behind multiple terror attacks that took place in Mumbai in his tenure from 1981 to 2017. John Abraham is excited to play the part, and he truly believes that



the film will be a tribute to celebrate the legacy of Rakesh Maria's service to the nation," revealed a source close to the development.

The source further added that the film will go on floors in the second half of 2025. "The cop thriller film is currently in the scripting stage and will be helmed by one of the leading

filmmakers of Indian cinema. The makers are aiming to put forth the mechanism of capturing the terrorists, as Rakesh Maria had a method to function and crack all the cases. John too is involved in the process of developing this film, and is charged up to play the role of most celebrated cop on screen. It's a tribute to the real life hero,"

the source added. Maria's tale will see his journey from being Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) to Director General of Home Guards. Apart from the yet untitled Rakesh Maria biopic, John has two films ready for release – the Dinesh Vijan-produced Tehraan and the Bhushan Kumar production Diplomat.

## Shruti Haasan reveals Gabbar Is Back co-star Akshay Kumar gave best advice; recalls how it changed her life

Shruti Haasan collaborated with Akshay Kumar in the 2015 film Gabbar Is Back. In an exclusive conversation with Pinkvilla, the actress revealed that Akshay gave her the best advice, which was to concentrate on rewards instead of awards. She recalled that it changed her life.

In a recent podcast with Pinkvilla, Shruti Haasan was asked to share the best advice given to her by an actor. In response, she stated, "Mr. Akshay Kumar said to me, 'Focus on rewards, not awards.'"

When asked if this advice changed her life, Shruti said, "Yeah, because mere ghar mein (in my home) papa has like a shelf full of awards, my mother has a National Award, and my father has National Awards. So I was like, 'Main toh bilkul (I am totally) like full zero waste, like full anda (zero) I am.'"

She continued, "Then I was like, 'Nahi, nahi, main bas kaam kar rahi hun (No, no, I am just working) and I'll grow at my own pace; I'll grow. When I started going on the reward system, not financial reward, the reward system, I started enjoy-



ing it more." During the conversation, Shruti Haasan also talked about working in the comedy movie Welcome Back. She said, "I think Welcome Back mein it was very little comedy compared to what I have done in Telugu and stuff, but I love comedy."

Regarding being away from Bollywood in recent times,

Shruti shared, "It's not like I have avoided it, but I just shifted to where I got more work and more work that appreciates me or gives me a better platform. I think pre-pandemic what happened was that I had already taken a break of 1-2 years, and when I came back, everything was different, even in Mumbai, in Bollywood, and OTT. Now

again it has become different, and people are figuring out a lot of things."

The Luck actress added, "Mujhe Hindi filmein bahut acchi lagti hain, mujhe karna hai (I like Hindi films very much; I want to do them) but things that excite me." She mentioned that she had received some offers, but they weren't so exciting.

