

## Alia Bhatt, Ritesh Sidhwani To Attend 79th BAFTA Awards At London's Royal Festival Hall



Hollywood sensation Alia Bhatt is all set to present an award at the 79th edition of the BAFTA Awards. The prestigious ceremony, officially named the EE BAFTA Film Awards, celebrates excellence in filmmaking and artistic achievement across genres and languages. Hosted annually by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, the award ceremony is scheduled to take place on February 22 at London's Royal Festival Hall. The event will see some of the most influential names from across the international film fraternity.

But Alia Bhatt will not be the only Indian gracing the prestigious evening. Excel Entertainment's co-founder and producer Ritesh Sidhwani has been confirmed as one of the special guests of the illustrious guest list at the 79th edition of the BAFTA Awards.

He will be sharing the spotlight with Indian and international stars including Alia Bhatt and Riz Ahmed, as

dian production houses in the international film ecosystem.

The relationship of India with the BAFTA goes back to the 36th BAFTA Awards when Rohini Hattangadi became the first Indian to win a prize for her role in the 1982 *Gandhi*. As of 2023, three Indian films have received nominations for Best Film from any Source, *Pather Panchali* (1955), *Aparajito* (1956) and *Apur Sansar* (1959), all part of Satyajit Ray's celebrated *Apu Trilogy*.

Five Indian films have been nominated in the Best Film Not in the English Language category. These include *Aamir Khan's Rang De Basanti* (2006), the 1988 *Salam Bombay!* as well as the 2001 film *Monsoon Wedding* (2001), the 2002 *Sanjay Leela Bhansali* film *Devdas*, starring Shah Rukh Khan in the lead role and the late Irrfan Khan-starrer *The Lunchbox* (2014).

well as prominent Hollywood figures such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Marc Robinson, Lauren Evans, Lee Groombridge, Nicolas Gonda, Michael B. Jordan, Cillian Murphy, Adam Willis, and Charlie Noble, among others.

His attendance at the BAFTAs is especially meaningful this year, as it coincides with Excel Entertainment's expanding global presence. The production banner's film *Boong* has received a nomination in the Best Children's and Family Film category, marking a significant milestone for the company on a worldwide scale. The award highlights Excel's growing creative ambitions and dedication to supporting diverse, inspiring tales that connect across boundaries.

With Ritesh Sidhwani representing Excel Entertainment at one of cinema's most important nights, the occasion signifies not only individual presence but also the growing worldwide importance of Indian

## Hardik Pandya's Girlfriend Mahieka Sharma Says He Is 'The Best Gift' She Got On 25th Birthday



Mahieka responded with an equally affectionate message. Reacting to Hardik's post, she wrote, "you're my best gift this year (pleading face, growing heart and nazar amulet emojis)." Her sweet reply only added to the romance, making the birthday tribute even more special.

Earlier in the day, Hardik had also shared a cosy photo of them hugging inside a swimming pool, once again wishing her with the words, "Happy birthday, my princess."

Hardik and Mahieka have been making public appearances together for months now. Earlier this year, they attended the United in Triumph event in Mumbai, walking hand-in-hand and twinning in black

outfits as they posed for paparazzi.

ricketer Hardik Pandya turned romantic on Instagram as his girlfriend Mahieka Sharma celebrated her 25th birthday. The all-rounder shared a heartfelt video featuring the couple, leaving fans gushing over their chemistry.

Taking to Instagram on Thursday, Hardik posted an unseen clip of the duo enjoying a quiet, intimate evening outdoors. In the video, Mahieka and Hardik are seen talking, laughing, hugging and holding hands while fireworks light up the night sky behind them. The clip ends on a dreamy note as the couple releases a floating lantern together.

Sharing the video, Hardik captioned it, "Happy birthday, my princess (red heart emoji)." He added, "Thank you for coming in this world 25 years ago. You are the most amazing person I know. I love you (red heart, Om and nazar amulet emojis)."

The post quickly went viral, with fans flooding the comments section with heart emojis and congratulatory wishes for the couple.

In October last year, Hardik confirmed his relationship with Mahieka following weeks of speculation. The couple was spotted at Mumbai airport and have also been seen vacationing together. The cricketer had shared glimpses of their time together on Instagram Stories, subtly making their relationship official.

Before Mahieka, Hardik was briefly linked to UK singer Jasmin Walia. However, reports later suggested that the two parted ways.

Hardik was previously married to actress Natasha Stankovic. The former couple tied the knot in 2020 during the pandemic and welcomed their son Agastya the same year. In July last year, they announced their separation in a joint statement that read, "After four years together, Natasha and I have decided to mutually part ways. We tried our best and gave it our all, and we believe this is in the best interest of both of us."

## Tamannaah Bhatia Channels Boss Energy In Burgundy Suit



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia recently turned heads in the city wearing a sharp burgundy suit paired with a crisp white shirt and a bold Gucci Double-G belt. The clean tailoring and luxe detailing gave her outfit a powerful, elegant, and confident vibe. Her look proves that true style lies in simplicity and attention to detail.

She kept her makeup minimal, hair tied up back with a wet look. Adding a minimal accessory to her look, she gave a perfect bossy vibe with her appearance, making her way to a building.

Beyond her fashion statement, Tamannaah recently attended the grand Mahashivratri celebrations at Sadhguru's Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore. The all-night vigil was filled with meditation, music, dance, and devotion, and she immersed herself fully in the experience under the iconic Adiyogi.

Sharing her experience on Instagram, Tamannaah wrote, "Maha Shivratri at Isha is not quiet. It's an all-night vigil... Thousands of people choosing to stay awake, not out of compulsion, but participation." She described spirituality as a method for inner wellbeing, blending science, devotion, and rhythm of life, and highlighted the harmony of meditation, dance, and celebration.

The celebrations also saw Sara Arjun, Srinidhi Shetty, and Mouni Roy joining the festivities. Videos from the event showed Tamannaah leading devotees in joyful dance, spreading energy and happiness throughout the night.

While balancing her spiritual and social commitments, Tamannaah is also preparing for her upcoming film, *Vvan*, where she stars alongside Sidharth Malhotra. Written by Arunabh Kumar and directed by Deepak Mishra with Arunabh Kumar, the project marks another exciting chapter in her career.

Tamannaah's recent appearance in the city, alongside her spiritual engagement, highlights her ability to blend luxury, elegance, and mindfulness, making her a true trendsetter both on and off the screen.

## Delhi HC Pulls Jubin Nautiyal For Not Filing Personality Rights Plea In Local Court

Singer Jubin Nautiyal had approached the Delhi High Court to safeguard his personality rights, and in recent times, several such cases have come to the notice of the Delhi HC. Now, following Jubin's plea, the Delhi HC has questioned the ace singer as to why he didn't approach a local high court rather than coming to Delhi, since he is based in Uttarakhand.

The judge asked Jubin's lawyer why he didn't approach a court in Uttarakhand, where he is based, noting that courts exist there. Later, Jubin's lawyer argued that the singer chose the Delhi HC because authorities, including the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Technology (DoT), are located there. However, the court did not get convinced by the reasoning.

As per Bar and Bench, the court asked, "What is the reason for coming here? Court in Uttarakhand can't call them (defendants) and pass directions? Are you saying Google is not available in Uttarakhand? You have to tell us this, no? Why Uttarakhand doesn't have jurisdiction when you yourself are located there? Is it the law that because the ministry is here, whatever will be against them, all jurisdiction, whether from Madras, Calcutta, or Bombay will come here?"

In a statement given in December 2025, the singer said, "Music has always been very personal to me. My name, my face, and my voice are not just parts of my profession; they are deeply connected to who I am and to a journey that the audience has supported with immense love over the years. When these are used without consent, it affects more than just my work. It impacts the emotional bond I share with my listeners and my family, who have stood beside me through every step."

He added, "This step is taken with humility and responsibility. It is not only for myself, but also in the hope that it helps uphold respect



for every artiste who gives their heart to their craft. I trust that the Hon'ble Court will ensure that personal identities are treated with care, integrity, and consideration."

Jubin Nautiyal, born on June 14, 1989, is a prominent Indian playback singer. He has received several accolades.

Disha Patani sizzles hard as she flaunts her hot body in a pink saree gown.