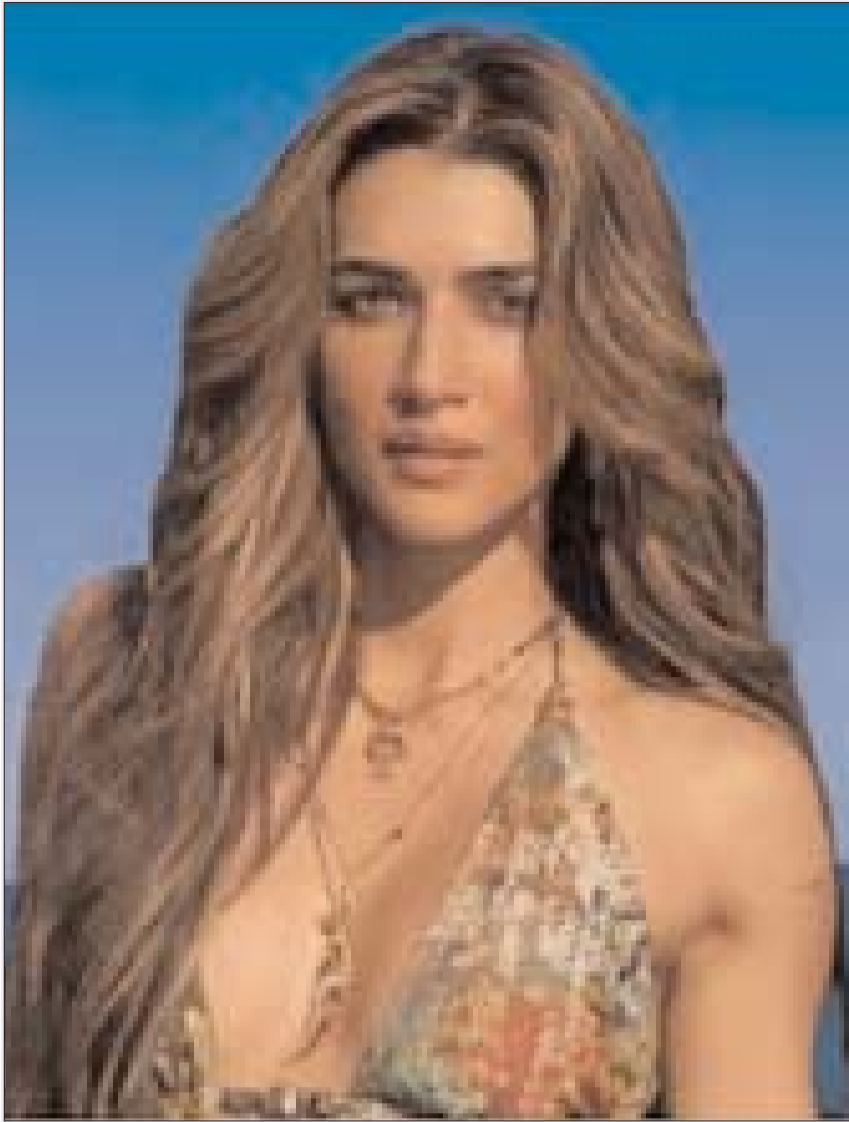


## Kriti Sanon Reveals She Was Extremely 'Cranky And Hangry' Due To Strict Diet During Cocktail 2 Shoot



Actress Kriti Sanon, who will be seen essaying the role of Ally in the much-talked-about sequel, "Cocktail 2," has left everybody spellbound with her picture-perfect physique.

However, looking like a million bucks means being on a strict diet and regularly sweating it out in the gym. Addressing the media during the trailer launch event

of the drama, Kriti admitted to being extremely cranky during the filming of the sequel, as she was getting to eat very little, being on one of the toughest diets of her life, that too in Italy.

She was heard saying, "I must say it was a very tough experience because I wasn't getting to eat much, and I was, for the first time in my life, on a very strict diet, that too in Italy. And I think Shahid can vouch for the fact that I was extremely cranky and hangry all the time."

However, Kriti added that despite going through all that, she now feels all her hard work has paid off as people are connecting with her character Ally.

"So yeah, I mean, everything is worth it, I hope so, now that you're saying that Ally is feeling like your spirit animal, I hope everything is worth it," she added.

The makers of Homi Adajania's directorial unveiled the gripping trailer of the drama on Tuesday, which shows a modern-day emotional rollercoaster set against a dreamy summer backdrop.

Revealing what she is most excited about in "Cocktail 2," Kriti stated, "What I love about Cocktail 2 is that it feels stylish & visually refreshing, but also very relatable & modern. The relationships are messy, warm, and real in their own way. The characters are beautifully flawed, & the film is a toast to friendship & love from today's lens. And honestly, the music just takes everything to another level!"

Backed by Dinesh Vijan, Luv Ranjan, and Ankur Garg, "Cocktail 2" is scheduled to be out in the cinema halls on June 19, this year.

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## Ram Charan's Fan Scares Janhvi Kapoor At Peddi Event; Shilpa Shinde Reacts To Harassment Allegations



A video from the recent promotional event of Peddi has gone viral on social media after a fan reportedly breached security and rushed towards actor Ram Charan during the gathering. The unexpected incident briefly created tension at the venue and left co-star Janhvi Kapoor visibly startled.

Actress Shilpa Shinde, who became a household name after playing the gullible character of Angoori Bhabhi, has made a startling revelation about her dispute during her exit from the popular show 'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hain!'. She said that the sexual harassment allegations she had levelled against the show's producer were false.

For months, rumours linking Trisha Krishnan and actor-politician Vijay have remained a hot topic among fans and on social media. With the buzz surrounding their relationship has refused to die down Trisha seemingly had a quiet message for

those invested in the rumours surrounding her.

Rhea Chakraborty faced a lot following the demise of Sushant Singh Rajput. The actress was subjected to serious social media scrutiny, but even after going through so much, she still chose to believe in love. In a recent interview, Rhea opened up about how she managed to not let the trauma override her life over the last few years.

In 2022, businessman Lalit Modi took the internet by storm after he announced his relationship with Sushmita Sen. The former IPL chairman had shared a bunch of romantic pictures with the actress and referred to her as his "better half." Many on the internet believed that the two had tied the knot. However, he later clarified that they were only dating. Recently, in an interview, Lalit Modi spoke about his most-talked-about relationship with Sushmita.

## 'Commercial Cinema Matters More Than Anything Else': Pooja Hegde Ahead Of 'Hai Jawani...' Release

At a time when streaming platforms, short-form content and lower audience attention spans are constantly reshaping Indian cinema, theatrical commercial entertainers face a unique pressure in 2026 – they have to justify the big-screen experience instantly. Recently, Pooja Hegde opened up about the same and explained how audiences today are far less forgiving and increasingly selective about what deserves a theatre visit.

"Theatrical cinema today has become very instinctive," Pooja, who has worked across Telugu, Tamil and Hindi cinema, said. "Audiences decide very quickly whether something connects emotionally or not. You can't fake entertainment anymore because people have too many viewing options," she added.

The actor's career itself reflects the evolving nature of pan-Indian commercial cinema. While Bollywood introduced her to wider national visibility with Mohenjo Daro, it was Telugu cinema that transformed her into a major mainstream star. Films like DJ: Duvvada Jagannadham, Aravinda Sametha Veera Raghava, Maharshi and Ala Vaikunthapuramuloo established her as one of the defining commercial heroines of the late 2010s.

For Pooja, navigating multiple industries has required constant reinvention. "Every industry has a different vibe," she says. "Telugu cinema taught me scale and audience energy. Tamil cinema taught me restraint in certain spaces. Hindi cinema has its

own sensibility and expectations. As an actor, you have to adapt without losing yourself."

That adaptability has become increasingly important in an industry now obsessed with the idea of "pan-India" cinema. But while the term is often reduced to market strategy, Pooja believes audiences ultimately respond to universal emotions rather than labels. "People connect to sincerity," she says. "Whether it's a mass entertainer, romance or action film, audiences want to feel something genuine."

Interestingly, Pooja admits commercial cinema often receives less respect despite being physically and emotionally exhausting to sustain. Songs, choreography, promotions, multilingual shoots and large-scale theatrical expectations create relentless pressure on actors to constantly deliver visible energy.



## Taylor Swift Records Original Song For Toy Story 5, Calls It A Dream Come True

For Taylor Swift fans, the countdown to her next musical release just got a lot more exciting. The singer-songwriter has revealed a brand-new project that connects her with one of the most beloved film franchises of all time.

Swift announced on Monday that she has written and recorded an original song for Disney and Pixar's upcoming animated film Toy Story 5. The track, titled I Knew It, I Knew You, marks a special addition to the movie's soundtrack and reunites the singer with longtime collaborator Jack Antonoff.

Disney is describing the song as a return to country music for the global superstar. The track is also linked to Jessie, the fan-favourite cowgirl character from the Toy Story universe.

Sharing the news with fans on Instagram, Swift opened up about what the opportunity meant to her.

"It's a 'Toy Story'. You knew it! My new original song 'I Knew It, I Knew You' for Disney and



@pixar's @toystory5 will be yours on June 5th. I've always dreamed of getting to write for these characters who I've adored since I was a 5-year-old kid watching the first 'Toy Story' movie," she wrote.

The singer also revealed that she was able to watch an early version of the film, which in-

spired her to immediately start working on the song.

"I fell instantly in love with 'Toy Story 5' when I was lucky enough to see it in its early stages, and I wrote this song as soon as I got home from the screening. Sometimes you just know, right? You can pre-order now exclusively on my site and

catch 'Toy Story 5' in theaters June 19th," she added.

The song was co-written with Antonoff, who most recently collaborated with Swift on her 2024 album The Tortured Poets Department. Fans can currently pre-order the track through Swift's online store, where it is available as a CD single.

Acoustic and piano versions of the song will also be released alongside the original recording. Directed by Andrew Stanton, Toy Story 5 is scheduled to arrive in theatres on June 19. The film will see several familiar voices return to the franchise, including Tom Hanks as Woody, Tim Allen as Buzz Lightyear, Joan Cusack as Jessie, Annie Potts as Bo Peep and John Ratzenberger as Hamm.

The Toy Story journey began in 1995 with Pixar's groundbreaking original film. Its success led to sequels in 1999, 2002 and 2019, turning the franchise into one of the most successful and loved animated series in cinema history.

**Rashmika Mandanna who will be seen as Diya also took Rs 15 crore for the film. (Image: Viral Bhayani)**