

Mrunal Thakur shuts down Yashasvi Jaiswal dating rumours



Actress Mrunal Thakur has hit back at speculation linking her romantically to cricketer Yashasvi Jaiswal, after a video of the two leaving the same cafe in Bandra West, Mumbai went viral and sent social media into a frenzy.

Reacting to a post that questioned whether the 34-

year-old actress was dating the 24-year-old cricketer, Mrunal was direct. "Bro relax. Show me ek sath ka-han? Kaise yaar, aap log itne padhe likhe log aise afwaaao ko sach manne lagte hain?" she wrote in the comments, questioning how educated people could take such speculation seriously.

She did not stop there. "Desh mein kya kuch nahi ho raha hain. Gen Z se kuch sikhiye aur sahi mud-don par videos baniye aur jyaada views mileenge," she added, urging page owners to focus on real issues rather than unverified gossip.

Her fans rallied behind her, with several pointing out that two people being spotted at the same restaurant on the same day hardly constitutes proof of a relationship.

This is not the first time Mrunal has had to address dating speculation. Earlier this year, reports claimed she was set to marry actor Dhanush on February 14 — rumours both denied.

Mrunal was last seen in Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai alongside Varun Dhawan and Pooja Hegde and will next appear in Pooja Meri Jaan opposite Huma Qureshi on ZEE5.

The Meenamma effect: When a film character became a fashion moment

When Chennai Express released in 2013, its North-South love story became a talking point. While many viewers criticised the film's stereotypical portrayal of South India, one thing that won almost universal admiration was Meenamma's saree wardrobe.

Draped in vibrant Kanjeevarams, soft cottons and elegant South Indian weaves, Deepika Padukone's Meenamma turned every saree into a style statement, earning the character's ethnic looks a devoted following of their own.

Here's revisiting some of Meenamma's most iconic saree moments from Chennai Express.

The powder blue chiffon saree Grace met simplicity in this powder blue chiffon saree. With delicate borders, understated jewellery and loose waves, this look highlighted Meenamma's softer, quieter moments while remaining effortlessly elegant.

Nothing captures traditional South Indian elegance quite like a rich red Kanjeevaram saree. Paired with classic temple jewellery and a neatly tied gajra, this remains one of the film's most festive and visually striking looks.

Bright yet balanced, this orange saree with contrasting blue borders became another standout in Meenamma's wardrobe. Styled with a bindi, gold earrings and a simple hairstyle, it beautifully reflected the character's rooted charm



Taylor Swift's August removed from Donald Trump's campaign TikTok video

A TikTok video that included Taylor Swift's song August posted four days ago to the account for US President Donald Trump's campaign has had the sound removed, according to reports.

The video, posted four days ago by the official @TeamTrump TikTok account, featured Trump and Melania Trump standing on a balcony and watching fireworks. The text over the video read, "Mood because it's August and Donald Trump is your president." Its caption originally read, "I'm sure @Taylor Swift is going to be super excited we used her song! #taylorswift #maga #august." Fans noticed that Swift's August, from her 2020 album Folklore, had been removed from the video. In the US version of TikTok, a message displayed on the post says: "The copyright owner hasn't made this sound available in your country."

The @TeamTrump TikTok account, which has around 14 million followers, was created ahead of the 2024 US presidential election and has continued to post videos regularly since Trump returned to the White House for a second term, as per the outlet.

This is not the first Trump campaign TikTok featuring Swift's music to lose its audio. A Team Trump video featuring Swift's song Father Figure, posted on November 6, 2025, has also had its audio removed. Politics(Right)

However, a Team Trump video posted a day ago featuring a version of Swift's Red still had its audio track available as of the time of reporting. A video posted on the official White House TikTok account last November also continues to feature Swift's The Fate of Ophelia.

Swift and Trump have previously clashed publicly over politics. In September 2024, Trump posted "I HATE TAYLOR SWIFT!" on social media after the singer announced her support for then-Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris, according to Variety.



Mahesh Babu's first look as Rudhra from SS Rajamouli's 'Varanasi' unveiled on his birthday

Mahesh Babu's first look as Rudhra from SS Rajamouli's pan-Indian epic Varanasi has been unveiled on the actor's birthday, giving fans a new glimpse of the rugged character at the centre of one of the most anticipated action-adventure.

The still was shared on the film's official Instagram handle, with the caption: "Another trip around the Sun... before we travel across time. Happy Birthday Rudhra." The newly released images feature Mahesh Babu in a rugged avatar, sporting a beard and casual outdoor gear.

One of the visuals places Rudhra amid the African wilderness, with zebras and giraffes visible in the background. Another shows the actor relaxing on a bamboo raft or cot surrounded by dense greenery.

The images were captured during the film's Africa schedule, which included filming around Mount Kilimanjaro and the Masai Mara. Director SS Rajamouli revealed the locations added a dimension that could not have been recreated on a set.

"Rudhra was born to fulfil a purpose much larger than himself. He carries a destiny he did not ask for. He is witty, he is vulnerable, and he is fierce. That's what Mahesh brought to him. Anyone can play fierce; very few can play fierce and fragile in the same breath," Rajamouli revealed.

He added, "These frames are from our Africa schedule, and the land gave us something no set could. Shooting around Kilimanjaro and in the Masai Mara, I was stunned. There were mornings I felt even the



1.43:1 IMAX frame could not hold what was in front of us."

'Varanasi', earlier referred to as SSMB29, stars Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran alongside Mahesh Babu. Chopra plays Mandakini, while Prithviraj plays the antagonist.

The makers had earlier unveiled Chopra's first look as Mandakini on her birthday in July.



Days before her eviction from Lock Upp: Sach Ya Sazaa, Akanksha Choudhary broke down while revealing an alleged casting couch encounter from her years in the beauty pageant circuit. The model-turned-reality star said she had once approached a well-known figure in the industry, someone who had judged her pageants in the past, for a short-term loan of "around Rs 1-2 lakhs" to cover training and costume expenses her parents could not afford.