

Preity Zinta Reacts To Bollywood's Long Shoot Hours Debate: 'I Was Working For 18 Hours'



For a long time now, long working hours in Bollywood has been a topic of discussion. On Wednesday, Preity Zinta also reacted to it and shared her views on gruelling shoot schedules. During the trailer launch of her upcoming project Vibe, which is Kunal Kemmu's directorial, Preity said that she herself has worked for as many as 18 hours a day, but her reason for doing so was different.

Speaking about her work schedule, Preity explained that she wanted to complete her professional commitments as quickly as possible so that she could return to the US and spend time with her children. "Each to its own. Of course, I was working for 18 hours

because I wanted to finish my work as soon as I can and go back to America to be with my kids. My focus was, 'I will come, I will finish it, bas mera kaam jaldi khatam kardo'. That was my reason," she said but confessed that working this way was "tough".

For the unversed, the work-life balance debate in Bollywood started after Sandeep Reddy Vanga and Deepika Padukone parted ways from Prabhas-starrer Spirit last year. Reports suggest that her demands, including eight-hour workdays, a high salary, and a share in the film's profits, did not sit well with director Vanga. Deepika, a new mother, is reportedly seeking to balance her work

and personal life by reducing her working hours.

Previously, Deepika Padukone also spoke exclusively to CNBC-TV18 when she addressed the ongoing debate surrounding working conditions and said, "I have done this at many levels; this is not new to me. I think, even as far as pay is concerned, I have had to deal with whatever comes with it. I don't even know what to call it, but I am someone who has always fought my battles silently. And for some strange reason, sometimes they become public, which is not the way I know and not the way I've been brought up. But yes, to fight my battles silently and in a dignified way is the way I know."

Why Has Hania Aamir's Name Emerged Amid Badshah And Isha Rikhi's Divorce?



Rapper Badshah and Punjabi actress Isha Rikhi announced their separation recently, barely five months after their marriage. The couple had kept their relationship and wedding largely private, making the sudden announcement all the more surprising. Their split has also brought Badshah's past dating rumours, particularly those involving Pakistani actress Hania Aamir, back into the spotlight. However, there is no evidence that Hania has anything to do with Badshah and Isha's separation.

Badshah and Isha Rikhi reportedly got married in March 2026 in an intimate ceremony attended by close family members. Their wedding was not officially announced at the time. The news surfaced online after Isha's mother, Poonam Rikhi, shared pictures from the wedding



celebrations on social media. Isha later confirmed that she was married during an Instagram interaction with fans. They had been linked for several years before tying the knot. In fact, Badshah had dismissed wedding rumours involving Isha in 2023. Their marriage therefore came as a surprise when pictures surfaced earlier this year.

On September 1, Badshah and Isha confirmed that they had decided to go their separate ways. In their joint statement, they said, "I and Isha Rikhi have mutually decided to part ways and move forward on our separate paths. This decision has been made with mutual respect, and we request everyone to kindly respect our privacy during this time. This will be our only statement on the matter. We sincerely request that there be no further speculation or as-

sumptions regarding our relationship".

Neither Badshah nor Isha has publicly revealed the reason behind their separation.

Hania Aamir's name is being mentioned because of her long-standing friendship with Badshah, which has repeatedly sparked dating rumours.

However, both have previously denied that they were dating. In a 2024 interview with BBC Asian Network, Hania described Badshah as a "great friend" and joked that being unmarried was the reason she faced so many relationship rumours. Badshah also addressed the speculation later that year, describing Hania as a very good friend and saying they shared a strong connection, while making it clear that people were interpreting their friendship differently.



When it comes to turning up the heat, Shama Sikander knows exactly how to do it. In one striking image, she flaunted her curves in a leopard-printed monokini, looking incredibly hot and effortlessly stylish. (Image: shamasikander/Instagram)

Kangana Ranaut Says Hanuman Ansh 'Is Not A Movie, It's A Satsang': 'Skip Your Therapy, Go Watch'

Kangana Ranaut has taken to Instagram to praise Hanuman Ansh, the new Hindi film starring Shobinaw Satyaa as Neem Karoli Baba. Written and directed by Vishal Chaturvedi, Hanuman Ansh draws inspiration from the life and teachings of Neem Karoli Baba, fondly known as Maharajji.

Kangana wrote on her Instagram Story, "Hanuman Ansh is not a movie, it's a satsang, beautifully woven short stories of people who had first hand experience of Neem Karoli Baba. Skip your therapy and go watch it."

The story centres on a young boy grieving the loss of his mother. In his search for a way to reconnect with her, he turns towards God, eventually discovering the deeper meaning of faith, devotion and selfless service.

Hanuman Ansh did not make much of an impact during its initial run. The film earned Rs 10 lakh on opening day, as per Sacnilk, and struggled to pick up pace over the next two weeks. By the end of this period, its domestic earnings stood at just Rs 1.48 crore. The film's fortunes changed



in its third week.

On Day 17, Hanuman Ansh saw a notable surge in audience turnout, pushing its daily collection to Rs 2.20 crore. The unexpected jump marked the start of its strong box-office run. By Day 25, it had collected Rs 45.28 crore net and Rs 53.43 crore gross in India.

Neem Karoli Baba was a Hindu spiritual teacher and a devoted follower of Lord Hanuman. His birth name is generally given as Lakshman Narayan Sharma, and he was born around 1900 in Akbarpur village in present-day Uttar Pradesh. He died on September 11, 1973, in Vrindavan.

Many of Baba's stories are sur-

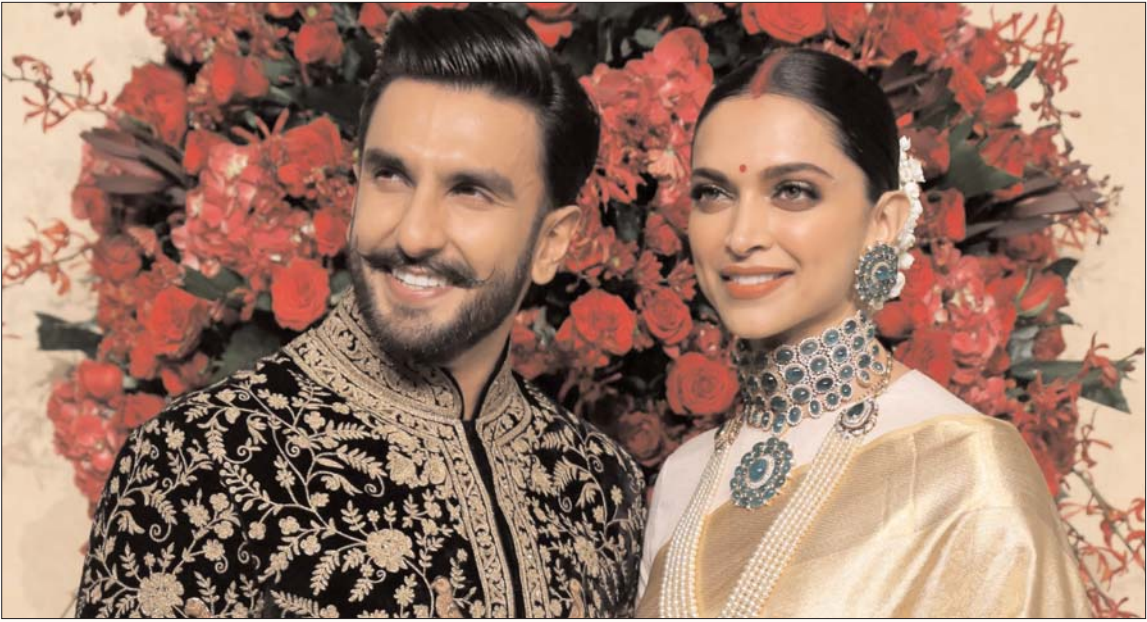
rounded by accounts of miracles and extraordinary incidents, many of which were passed down by his devotees. Because these accounts are based largely on devotees' recollections, they are best understood as part of the spiritual tradition surrounding him rather than as independently verified historical facts.

Ranveer Singh And Deepika Padukone Give Shoutout To Aneet Padda-Fatima Sana Shaikh's Series Hunkkaar

The teaser of Aneet Padda and Fatima Sana Shaikh's upcoming courtroom drama 'Hunkkaar- The Roar' was unveiled by the makers on September 1. The teaser, as well as the glimpse of Aneet and other cast members' performances, left fans mighty impressed and excited for the premiere of the series. Now, Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone have also showed their support for the crime thriller series. Meanwhile, Aneet's Saiyaara co-star Ahaan Panday also cheered for her series calling it the 'best of the best'.<

Ranveer Singh showed his support for Hunkkaar- The Roar, re-sharing the teaser on his Instagram stories. Cheering for Aneet Padda and Fatima Sana Shaikh starrer, he wrote, "BANGGGGG!!!! (fire emojis) LFG." He tagged the director of the show, Karan D Kapadia, and wrote, "Directed by Karan D Kapadia. Looks slamming bro!"

Meanwhile, Deepika Padukone also re-shared the teaser of Hunkkaar, showing her support. Ahaan Panday, who starred opposite Aneet in Saiyaara, also shared the teaser of Hunkkaar,



and wrote, "Best of the best." Take a look at their Instagram stories below!

Apart from Aneet Padda, the web series also stars Fatima Sana Shaikh, Arjun Mathur, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Raghubir Yadav and Ram Kapoor among others. The series revolves around a 17-year-old girl Meenu Rawat (played by Aneet Padda), whose accusation

against a powerful cult leader Sunil Chakosi "Baapji" sets off a high-stakes investigation that soon becomes a national reckoning.

Aneet filmed for the series before Saiyaara. Yesterday, while unveiling the teaser, she wrote, "Presenting a little something I shot before Saiyaara. Hunkkaar has been a part of my journey for a while, and I'm glad to finally

share it with you all."

Directed by Karan D Kapadia, Nitya Mehra and Heeraz Marfatia, the series premieres from September 25 on Jio Hotstar.

Produced by Birla Studios and Applause Entertainment, in association with Purple Pebble Pictures, A Mangata Films Production, the series is created by Karan D Kapadia and Nitya Mehra.