

Close to the madding crowd
Emraan Hashmi steps on to a local train station to shoot; gets mobbed, naturally



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Earlier this year, when Emraan Hashmi was shooting for Ghanchakkar on the Eastern Express Highway in Mumbai, he got mobbed. It wasn't the first time. In Old Delhi, while shooting for Jannat 2 (2012), fans had already let the man know how popular he is.

But the much-mobbed actor seems undeterred. So he decided to venture out onto a local train station — at Charni Road — in the middle of the day, earlier this week (October 23). This time, it was to shoot for director Kunal Deshmukh's film, tentatively titled Shatir. Surprise, surprise, he was mobbed again. "A large crowd gathered to get a glimpse of him. It became impossible for Emraan to even walk out and go into his vanity van parked outside," says an eyewitness.

The schedule was delayed by an hour, until security hired by the film team could clear the area. Deshmukh says, "We started at 3 pm and shot till 7 pm. People gathered at the platform and over the bridge. It was hectic."



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'I HAVE WORN SARIS WORTH ₹200'

Kangana Ranaut's outfits are always à la mode; for her role as a Nautch girl, however, she slashed her shopping budget

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Kangana Ranaut is known for being one of the most stylish actresses in Bollywood. Apart from grabbing eyeballs for her style statements and red carpet appearances, the actor also made headlines recently for sporting some expensive outfits in her next, Krrish 3. However, Kangana will now be seen wearing saris for as cheap as ₹200 in her upcoming film, Rajjo, which is being directed by Vishwas Patil.

In the film, Kangana plays the character of a poor, Nautch dancer (a form of dance that started to gain popularity towards the end of the Mughal era). "The story revolves around a Nautch girl, which obviously means the character is poor. Kangana had to wear inexpensive clothes to make the character look believable. She is well known in the industry for her fashion sense, but she readily agreed to sport these inexpensive

DIRECTOR'S CLOUT

Author-turned-film director, Vishwas Patil, who was also a civil servant in Maharashtra, has invited Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde for the music launch event of his directorial debut, Rajjo (to be held today, October 27). "I am thankful that Sushilkumar Shinde agreed to attend the ceremony. He has read my books and I'm glad that he is flying to Mumbai especially for the event," says Patil.

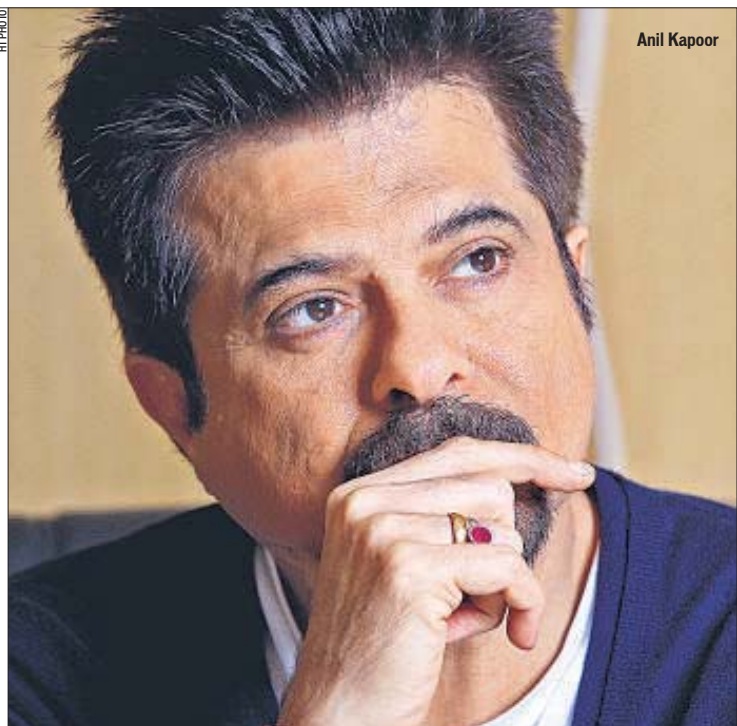
— Dibhojyoti Baksi

outfits," says Patil. "I didn't mind putting on low-cost clothes for my part in Rajjo. In fact, in the second half of the film, where I have been shown to be really impoverished, I have worn saris worth ₹200. I also wore inexpensive accessories to go with them," says Kangana. She adds, "If my character is that of a deprived girl, I would love to wear cheap clothes."

Kangana will be seen opposite the 19-year-old Paras Arora. The film also stars Prakash Raj, Mahesh Manjrekar and Jaya Prada.



Kangana in one of the inexpensive saris in a still from the film



Anil Kapoor

'I have made friends for life in Hollywood'

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Your TV show, 24, has been received well. But were you initially anxious about its fate?
From the time I started talking about 24 or when people began to write about it, there was an air of positivity around the show. Yes, there were certain well-wishers who felt that there was a lot of work and risk involved, but I was confident about my material.

Do you think Indian TV viewers in India are ready for such a

different theme?

The show has discovered a new viewer bases, especially those people who never used to watch TV. That makes me happy.

Indian TV shows are looked upon as repetitive and regressive. How do you plan on changing that perception?

When I work, I only focus on what I am doing. Many actors, who had worked on TV for about 10 years and had stopped because they were tired or bored, are thanking me for 24 right now. As there

was no creative satisfaction, they had quit. They also felt that the system was bad.

Do you feel you have cracked the Hollywood code?

It's too early to say that. But, my achievement is that I have made friends for life in Hollywood. I haven't spread myself too thin, feeling that I am going to become a big star. So, be it the people associated with Slumdog Millionaire (2008) or Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (2011), if I ask for help or anything else, they won't refuse.

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'Prothom Alo is a stupendous historical fiction'

READ Sudipto Das, author, The Ekkos Clan

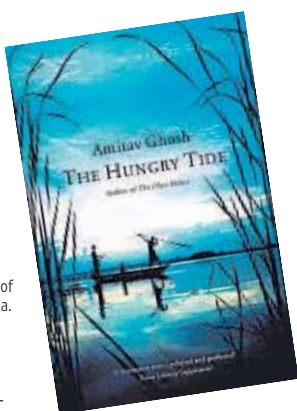
Farewell Song Rabindranath Tagore

It is translated by Radha Chakravarty. One of the later works of Tagore, Farewell Song, explores the human relationship in a mature and bold way. The protagonist, Amit Roy, justifies his simultaneous love for two women.

Prothom Alo Sunil Gangopadhyay Translated by Aruna Chakravarty, it's a magnum opus by Sunil Gangopadhyay, a stupendous historical fiction, a type of which has been rarely written in India.

Love Story Erich Segal

Such was the impact of this simple story that it was written and rewrit-



ten in many forms and languages. It also got made into movies. It's very impactful and the story is relatable.

The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini

It's a heart-wrenching saga of a boy from Kabul, his unusual friendship with the son of a servant and his escape from Afghanistan to the US. It tells a fascinating story in a style that so wonderfully transports you to a fantasy land.

The Hungry Tide Amitav Ghosh This novel delves into the lives of some unusual people and their constant struggle to win against nature that's as hungry as Royal Bengal tigers.

— HTC

'I can relate myself to the protagonist of Hero'

LISTEN Aishwarya Nigam, singer

Hero Enrique Iglesias

It's a very romantic song and is perhaps Enrique's most enjoyable number that I have heard. It is perhaps the only Latin pop song that is listenable. Whenever I listen to this track, I can relate myself to the protagonist.

Here I am Bryan Adams

I cry whenever I listen to this song. It is simply amazing and it touches my heart. I feel Bryan Adams is a good singer, but he has done a phenomenal job in this track. The song is very well written.



Kitani mohabbat hai Kitani Mohabbat Hai TV show I love this track. It's extremely close to my heart. I find it

beautiful and romantic.

Tum jo mil gaya ho Haste Zakhm This song can transport you to a world of intense love and nostalgia. It is composed by the great Madan Mohan and the lyrics are penned by Kaifi Azmi. It has been sung beautifully by Rafi saab. Very few songs in the '70s had such a balance of lyrics, music and voice. An aspiring musician can consider it as a masterpiece to learn the art.

Abhi mujh mein kahin Agneepath This song, sung beautifully by Sonu Nigam, boasts of great writing by Amitabh Bhattacharya. It's very engaging.

— Soumya Vajpayee

'Sanchos serve authentic Spanish and Mexican cuisine'

EAT Nikhil Bhatia, owner, Vicinia Cafe And Bar/Barmobile

Flamboyante Cuffe Parade

I like the place for their variety of food options. Their service is incredible. I have visited several restaurants that serve both vegetarian and non vegetarian food, but this place serves great vegetarian cuisine. Their Roomali Roti and Paneer Tikka Masala are amazing.

Sanchos Bandra

They serve authentic Spanish and Mexican cuisine. The food here is worth every penny you spend. I feel they serve the best nachos in town. I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for authentic Mexican food.

Moshe's Cuffe Parade

I like the place for its simple and light



Choose from an array of pizzas at Pizza By The Bay

service is great.

Pizza By The Bay Marine Drive

This place is a perfect destination for innovation lovers as you can choose from an array of pizzas. The food is priced decently and the taste is amazing. What makes the place all the more special is the great view of Marine Drive. Their Bombay Masala Pizza is amazing. It's the right place to be at on a lazy Sunday afternoon.

Swati Snacks Tardeo

No place can beat them in traditional Gujarati food. You can indulge in some amazing panki, satpadi roti, pani puri, dosa and khichdi.

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'Lage Raho Munna Bhai is the best Bollywood film ever made'

WATCH Saumya Tandon, actor

Before Sunrise 1995

Besides this one, I like Before Sunset (2004) and Before Midnight (2013) as well. I will count these three films together as they are part of one series. They show the journey of two people, who meet in their 20's in the first film, then in their 30's in the second film. The third film shows what they are like in their 40's. The conversations just sweep you into an insightful journey of love.

Life Is Beautiful 1997

It makes me cry while I smile and make me smile while I cry. It lingers on my mind and leaves a lump in my throat every time I watch it.



A still from The Shawshank Redemption

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 1975

It's based on a best seller novel and is probably better than that. I was so disturbed after watching it that I

couldn't sleep for two nights till I grabbed the book to find out the end in the real story. It is a remarkable piece of work.

The Shawshank Redemption 1994

It's the closest to what a perfect twist in a tale can be. It has an extraordinary screenplay and is an engaging masterpiece, which throws you overboard in the end.

Lage Raho Munna Bhai 2006

I think it's the best Bollywood film. It has managed to communicate the most difficult message to the masses, with a smile. It makes Gandhi relevant even for today's generation. Its simplicity melts my heart.

— HTC