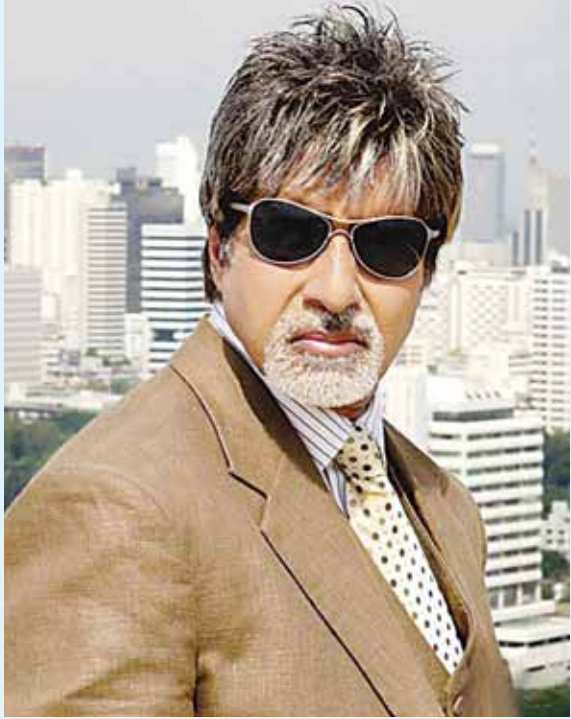


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I work because I need to: **Big B**

Bollywood's legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan shares his thoughts on the occasion of his 68th birthday



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan recalls that when he was born this very day in 1942 he was brought wrapped in a 'gudari' - a cheap form of cloth. And the actor proudly calls himself "gudari ka lal". "I was born today! 11th of October 1942 in Allahabad in a small private maternity outfit run by a missionary Dr Brar, in the most crowded market area of the city, Katra. I was brought home by my parents in the best possible transport machinery that they could afford - a tonga!" Amitabh wrote on his blog bigb.bigadda.com. "Wrapped in a 'gudari' I still refer to many that I am a 'gudari ka lal' - a human that is affiliated with the cheapest form of clothing. I loved being in that form and still love it," he added. Amitabh says he finds himself close to the people who have lead a life in adverse conditions. "I have noticed on many occasions that the life and the style of those that live in such conditions, is closest to me in temperament. There is a certain sense of attachment every time I come in close contact with people and circumstances that narrate to me stories of the time," he said. "That is my most alluring possession. The complete ease that I feel and identify with when in the company of those that inhabit those lands," he added. And what does the actor wish on his birthday? "I wish another day to pass in peace! One of the best ways to bring in birthdays is to be working at what you need to be working on ... I work because I need to ... love!!" he wrote on his Twitter page.



The ramp walk is my comeback: **Nisha**

Actress Nisha Kothari, who was last seen in a small role in "Bin Bulaye Baraati" earlier this year, is set to walk the Wills Lifestyle India Fashion Week (WIFW) ramp here Wednesday. She says with this appearance, she hopes to feature on the silver screen in a big way. The actress will flaunt designer Sulakshna Monga's creation on the runway. "I have been away from silver screen for a while and I did miss that phase of being in the limelight," Nisha told IANS. "But I have been busy utilising my time in reading few scripts. People will soon see me in a few Bollywood projects." After making her Bollywood debut in the 2005 film "Sarkar", she featured in "James". She went on to appear in Emraan Hashmi-starrer "The Killer", after which she did small roles in less popular films. She hopes to begin a fresh innings post the fashion show. "Sulakshana is a dear friend of mine and I completely admire her designs, so I thought why not make my official start towards Bollywood through this fashion show. I am also excited as this will be my first ramp walk ever," she said. Monga, who will present a collection inspired by underwater elements, has given the 27-year-old a blue-coloured, flowing gown with drapes and cuts, which will accentuate Nisha's hourglass figure. "People have seen Nisha in a very glamorous and sexy avatar. So I have tried to give her an image makeover by giving her this gown which will flaunt her femininity and charm," said Monga. The collection will vary from gowns, jumpsuits, short dresses and tunics in a mix of metallic fabrics, new textures, fine tailoring technique and rich embellishments. - IANS

Dookudu will rake in ₹100 cr: Krishna

The proud father of Mahesh said he had the same premonition about Pokiri which turned out to be one of the biggest blockbusters of all time

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After watching Pokiri, I told Mahesh that it would collect Rs 40 crore and it did. After watching Dookudu on the first day, I called up Srinu Vytla and Mahesh and said the movie would rake Rs 80 crore.

With the latest figures, I am sure that this movie is going to rake in Rs 100 crore. The movie has already created record in collections in overseas too," said actor Krishna, the proud father of Mahesh, during the success meet of Dookudu. The grand event was held at Novotel, Hyderabad, on Monday.

Vijaya Nirmala said: "As a director, I often tend to find faults with others' movies. But, after watching this movie, I was mesmerised. It's a laugh riot. I remember some of the dialogues even when I am asleep and laugh over it. Mahesh looks stunning, I

actually felt jealous for his good looks."

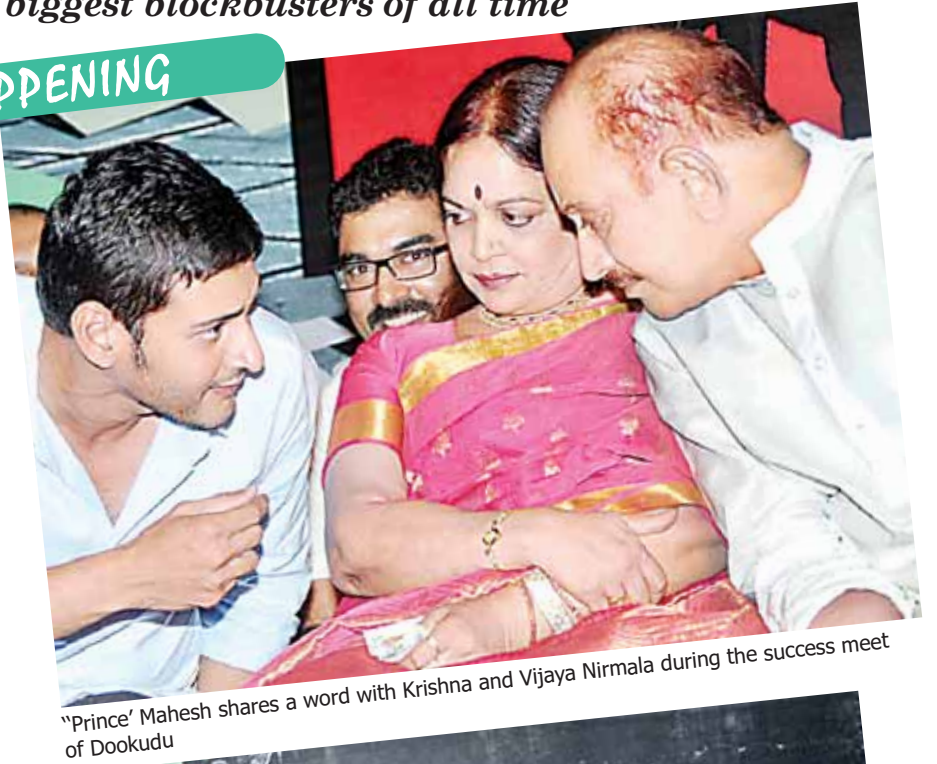
Mahesh said, "I knew the movie would be a hit. But it went on to set new industry records. I want to do more films under this banner and director." "No co-star can ever dominate Mahesh. Even if Miss Universe is cast opposite him, Mahesh will still outshine her. He has his mark," said actress Samantha Prabhu. Meanwhile, Dookudu has reportedly shared space with most popular movies, according to collections at multiplexes in US, such as The Lion King, Moneyball and Drive. Dookudu raked in over a million dollars in two days of its release in the US. The Los Angeles Times said: Dookudu, the biggest hit you've never heard of. While Bollywood movies sometimes land on domestic box-office charts, reminding the American film industry of the shadow economy that is Indian cinema in the

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US, it's rarer for a Tollywood film to pull off the feat.

It also mentioned, "At a multiplex in Fairfax County, Va., the movie took in a whopping \$82,000 over the weekend, a sum surpassed only by a trio of Moneyball engagements (at gargantuan venues such as AMC Lincoln Square and Regal Union Square in Manhattan and the ArcLight in Hollywood).

The Virginia multiplex was an outlet of the Phoenix BIG chain, which programs Indian films along with the "Abductions" and "Dolphin Tales" of the world. (The other two engagements, incidentally, came in Edison, N.J., and suburban Dallas, where the film took in \$73,000 and \$71,000, respectively, over weekend.)"



"Prince" Mahesh shares a word with Krishna and Vijaya Nirmala during the success meet of Dookudu



Vijaya Nirmala chides Mahesh jocularly during the event



Director Sreenu Vytla, Mahesh and Samantha receive a memento



Dookudu actresses Samantha and Sonia Deepti pose for the cameras

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Charan injured, but doing fine

Actor Ramcharan, who was shooting in Goa, met with an injury because of a freak accident on the sets of his upcoming movie Rachcha. The actor is doing fine now. Charan was with a few fighters in the scene and the cables attached to the train reportedly

snapped and came thundering towards the car in which Charan was sitting. Luckily, the actor escaped with minor injuries.

Nuvvila music launched

Teenage love story Nuvvila's audio was released on Monday on air on Radio Mirchi 98.3 FM. The movie features prominent Tollywood music directors such as M M Keeravani, Chakri, Koti R P Patnaik and Kalyani Malik in guest roles. Sharing his views on the music, director Ravi Babu said, "Nuvvila has some lively songs that are sure to win the hearts of Telugu music lovers. Its a film for the youth. It's a teenage love story featuring six debut actors and the music perfectly complements the movie. This is the first ever time that the music of my film is launched on-air, it's amaz-

ing to receive such encouraging words from the audience instantaneously!"

Gautam Menon to enter Bollywood

After creating the magic of Ye Maaya Chesava, ace director Gautham Menon is making an entry into Bollywood with a romantic flick Ek Deewana Tha. The romantic movie will see Prateik and Amy Jackson in the lead roles. Amy in the past starred in a Tamil film Madrasapattinam.

Ek Deewana Tha will also be Prateik's first solo performance movie, and for a change, the four-film-old actor will play a romantic character. Gautam is known to be a director with great sensibilities and his elegant cinematic touches. His previous movies such as Gharshana and Ye Maya Chesave have been blockbusters in Tollywood. He has to see whether he will also charm the Bollywood audiences with his new flick.



Taapsee

Taapsee is the sizzler in Mogudu

Taapsee, the girl ready to sizzle with her upcoming movie Mogudu, is the one to watch for. The actress apparently has a

role that gives her scope for acting as well as ooze glamour. The movie starring Gopichand and directed by Krishna Vamsi.

After experimenting with her own voice in Mr Perfect earlier this year, she will now do the same for Mogudu as well. Looks

like she is set to show her true mettle this time around. The audio will release today and the movie later this month.