

Shamita Shetty Prepping Up For 'The Tenant'

Actress Shamita Shetty is excited about her next film "The Tenant", which will be helmed by Sushrut Jain. Set in India, "The Tenant" is written by Jain, who traces his roots to India. He is settled in Los Angeles.

Touted as an international project, "The Tenant" is about a woman with a mysterious past. Shamita will be seen playing the lead role of the woman whose arrival in a middle class housing society

causes a stir.

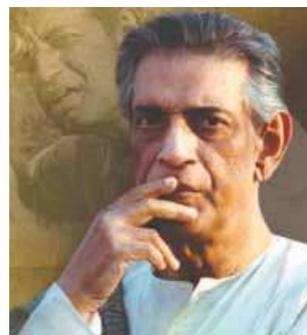
"I have started with the workshop and I am absolutely loving it. This is such a learning curve. I am looking forward to starting the shoot," Shamita said in a statement to IANS.

The actress, who was last seen in web series "Yo Ke Hua Bro", will start shooting for the project later this month. The shooting will go on till May.

Jain is known for "Beyond

All Boundaries" and "Andheri". Shamita made her debut in "Mohabbatein" with industry stalwarts like Amitabh Bachchan and Shahrukh Khan. Her portrayal of Ishika earned her the IIFA Award for Star Debut of the year. Featured in couple of movies later like "Zeher", "Cash", "Bewafa" where her roles were appreciated. She was a contestant in the popular controversial reality show, Bigg Boss in 2009

Sudhir Mishra Remembers Ray



MUMBAI: Director Sudhir Mishra on Monday remembered Satyajit Ray on his 26th death anniversary. The "Yeh Saali Zindagi" helmer says that the legendary filmmaker was a master.

Mishra re-tweeted a photograph of Ray and captioned: "The master. Absolute precision with the frame and what's outside. The sound suggests the world outside and inside the head. The music begins at exactly the right point. The dialogue suggests the future and the past. And you know what: one does not notice any of this."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded him an Honorary Academy Award. He is the first and the only Indian to receive the honour. Ray died in April 1992 at the age of 71.

Some of his greatest works include "Pather Panchali", "Aparajito" and "Shatranj Ke Khilari".

'Sachin...' Makers To Make Film On 'Brewster's Millions'

MUMBAI: 200 Not Out Cinemas Pvt. Ltd., the makers of "Sachin: A Billion dreams", are set to make a film on the book "Brewster's Millions" by George Barr McCutcheon. The novel revolves around Montgomery Brewster, a young man who inherits a million dollars from his rich grandfather.

Shortly after, his rich uncle dies and leaves Brewster seven million dollars, but only under the condition that he keeps none of the money inherited from his grandfather. Brewster is required to spend every penny of his grandfather's inheritance within one year.

If Brewster meets these terms, he will gain the full seven million dollars; if he fails, he remains penniless.

Deepika In List Of Time Magazine's 100 Influential People In The World

NEW YORK: Deepika Padukone is the only Indian actress to feature in the Time 100 Influential People in the World, sharing space with names like Nicole Kidman, Gal Gadot, Greta Gerwig and Lena Waithe.

In the Time magazine, international star Vin Diesel, Deepika's co-star in her Hollywood debut "xXx: Return of Xander Cage" has penned words of appreciation for her.

"Making that movie, Deepika took committed to a whole other level. That's who she is as a

performer. She wants the whole movie to shine, which is a rare thing.

"Anyone could talk about how beautiful she is, and anyone could tell you about her unmatched comedic timing. But she isn't just a star. She's an actor's actor, dedicated to the craft," Diesel wrote.

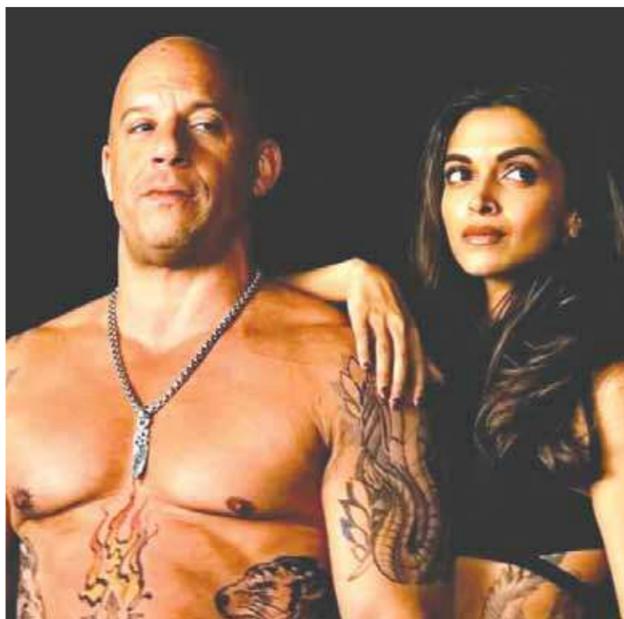
Deepika scored a success at the box office this year with the epic drama "Padmaavat" in which she played the title role.

One of the highest paid actors of Indian cinema today, she has 18 brands in her portfolio and has

a strong social media presence.

Apart from her work as an artiste, Deepika's philanthropic side has seen her spreading awareness on the condition of mental illness. She has spoken about her battle with depression and has been working towards creating awareness with her NGO The Live Love Laugh Foundation (TLLF).

The Time magazine list also features actress Meghan Markle, who will become a British royal family member upon her wedding to Prince Harry next month.



'Short Films Should Be Screened On Big Screens'



NEW DELHI: Director Tarun Dudeja's latest short film "Listener", which travelled to film festivals in the US and Germany, was released digitally earlier this week. But he feels the audience in India should be able to watch short films on the big screen too.

"Listener", a short featuring the tale of a storyteller and a listener, is presented by Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films -- a digital platform.

Asked if short films should be released on the big screens as well, Dudeja told IANS: "Of

course, it would feel great to see your work on the big screen. Short films should release in cinemas.

"You can make an anthology of sorts for five to six films and release them under one umbrella. It will give the audience much more variety and at the same time, it would be a great chance for small filmmakers to showcase their talent and work," he added.

Though he also feels that with so much of digital penetration, platforms like YouTube and Facebook "maximise your reach, which theatrical release might re-

strict in some way".

Raja Banerji, Assistant Vice President, Marketing, Pernod Ricard India, said: "We have seen how the short film industry has grown and evolved over the past few years and we are glad that our platform (Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films) is a perfect destination for meaningful and creative shorts.

"These films are not only attracting great audience but also receiving multiple awards and recognitions in India and across the world." "Listener" was also

screened at various film fests.

Dudeja said: "I had an idea since March 2015. I registered the script and started pitching it to my friends then producers. We shot the film over a period of two days in July 2015.

The film's team sent a copy to the eighth edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival where it won the Best Cinematography award. The starring Kumud Mishra, Yusuf Hussain, Shivani Tanksale and Shashank Arora, the short has been produced by Sanjeev Kumar Nair.