

Dara Singh Immortalized In Statue, Book

MUMBAI: Actor Vindu Dara Singh says comic book "Epic Journey of the Great Dara Singh" presents the late wrestler, actor and his father Dara Singh as the real life superhero.

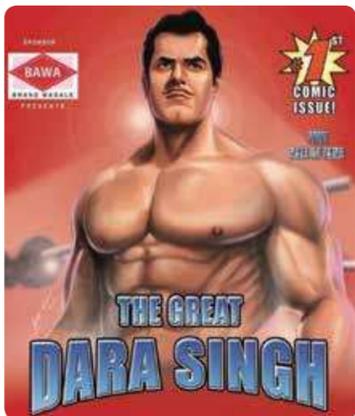
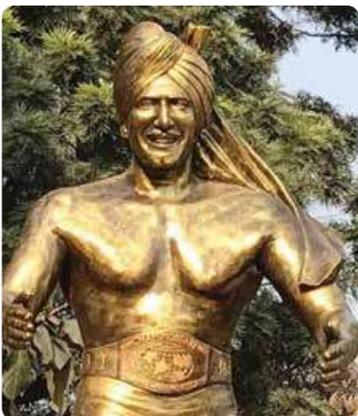
The series was launched at the Mumbai Comic Con 2018 on Saturday.

"The book presents my father Dara Singh as the real life superhero, who was a world wrestling champion and an inspiration to everyone," Vindu, who helmed the project, said in a statement.

"Right from his brand of raw, overpowering aggression inside the wrestling ring to his discipline and humility outside it, the aim is to present the lesser known side of the Rustom-e-Hind to the world," he added.

The biographical comic book shows on some of the lesser known facts about his childhood, his first stint in "pehlwani" and later years.

The brain behind the comic book is graphic artist George Emmanuel along with Calib on the creative side while Mahrukh Mirza has written the



story and dialogues.

Vindhu said: "My father as a wrestler had remained undefeated in more than 500 matches. He being born in Amritsar will be an inspiration to the youngsters of the Punjab. Adding to it we are also waging war against drug menace in Punjab too."

On November 22nd, a life-size statue of Dara Singh - popularly known as 'Rustom-E-Hind' - was unveiled in the Punjab city of Mohali. The statue is

made from three different materials, and was unveiled almost 6-years after his death. It was done by philanthropist S.P.S. Oberoi of Sarbat Da Bhala Trust. All the family members including Vindu Dara Singh were present at this event.

The statue situated at National Highway 21 near the Dara Studio chowk is an additional center of attraction in this rapidly developing IT Hub of the state.

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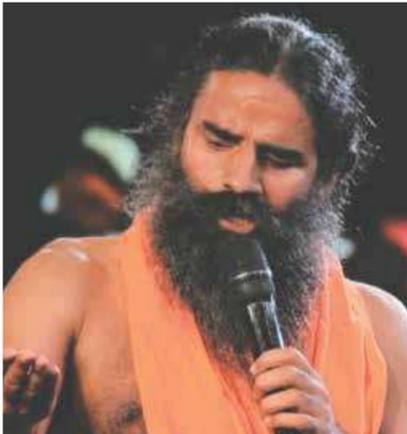
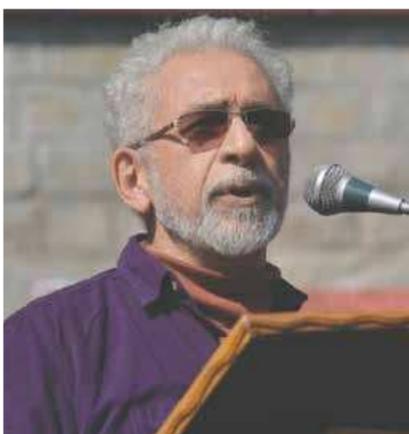
Baba Ramdev Assails Naseeruddin's Remarks

KOLKATA: Actor Naseeruddin Shah's remarks on religious violence prompted yoga guru Ramdev to say on Saturday that such accusations amounted to degrading the country's pride.

"Naseeruddin Shah has earned his popularity due to love of common people. I have not seen religious intolerance. I, of course, see political intolerance. I think accusing India of religious intolerance is equal to degrading country's pride," he said.

There is no country without internal violence and intolerance, but no one blames one's own country, said the yoga guru.

"Labelling one's own country with religious intolerance is akin to ungratefulness, disrespect and treason,"



he said on the sidelines of the inauguration of the Eastern India's first International Vedic Pathashala.

Actor Naseeruddin Shah, who is "angry" about the rise of mob violence, has said "poison" has spread in the Indian society where at some

places, the death of a cow is given more significance than of a police officer, an indirect reference to the recent Bulandshahr violence where a police officer was killed allegedly by cow vigilantes.

The actor raised concerns about the safety of his chil-

dren who, he said, do not follow any specific religion.

Ramdev said the Vedas were the greatest text of knowledge and in a secular country like India, political parties and governments should not do politics with the ancient legacy.

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