

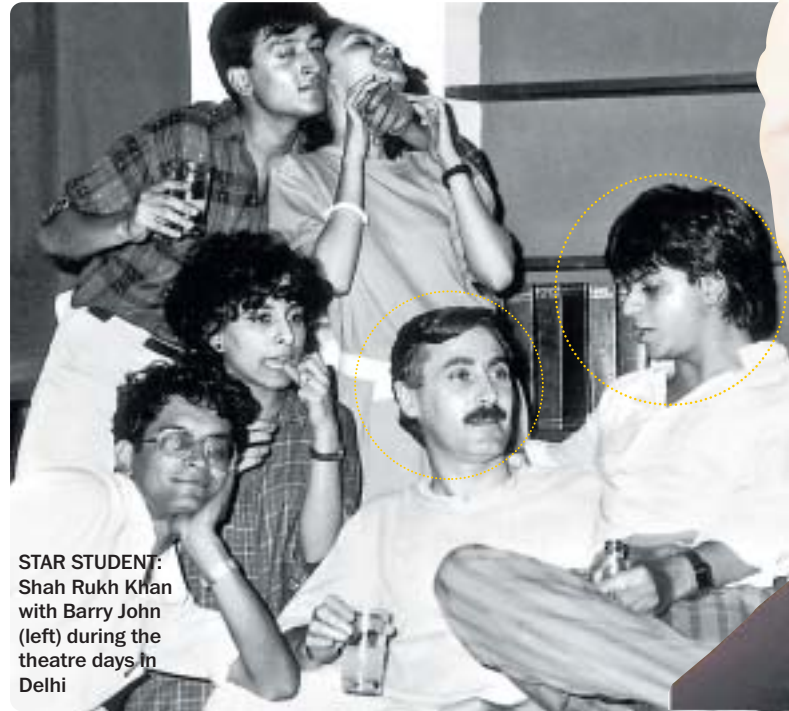


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# 'Barry's a great teacher'

It's Teacher's Day today...and actor **Shah Rukh Khan** gives his acting guru **Barry John** the thumbs up!



STAR STUDENT: Shah Rukh Khan with Barry John (left) during the theatre days in Delhi



**Soumyadipta Banerjee**

## Says SRK on his guru...

"The days when I was doing theatre in Delhi was an interesting time. Barry (John) was a great support when I was doing theatre in his group. Barry is a great teacher and above all, he is a great human being. I have learnt so much from him both on stage and off it. I have always remained indebted to everybody with whom I have come in contact with at any point in my life. And that includes Barry, who'll always have a special space in my life. Most of my friends even now laugh at me that I have become a film star. Besides the fact that I work hard, God's blessings, and all those people who have been kind (like Barry) to me..."

**GURU COOL**

## Theatre director Barry John on his most famous student

"There are a lot of factors that go into the making when you are trying to make the cut in Bollywood — talent, perseverance, belief in yourself, a never-give-up attitude and of course, a bit of luck. Shah Rukh had the perfect combination of all of them. Yes, he is my most famous student and I am known all over as somebody who taught acting to him. But I won't take credit for that as I believe that everything that you do is a learning process. If you look at Shah Rukh's life closely, it is the stuff of what dreams are made of. Shah Rukh's life is a like a fairy tale — there's tragedy, loss, comedy and a success that none has seen so



Barry John

far. He was there in the right place at the right time, and worked his way up to the top without anyone there to push him. This is true that he is the reason why so many believe that they can make it in Bol-



## SHAH RUKH'S LIFE IS LIKE A FAIRY TALE... HE WAS MEANT TO BE A SOMEBODY

**Barry John**

lywood, even if they are not related to any big-shot in Bollywood. Nobody can make anybody. Shah Rukh was destined to be a somebody, and he's also one of the most intelligent persons that I have come across. I am so proud of him like the rest of the country."

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## NO REPEAT value

It's tough being a celebrity, especially if you're considered a 'wardrobe offender'...

**Sujata Reddy**

While we can get away wearing the same outfit for several events, celebrities don't have it that easy. The fashion police are ever-ready to crack the whip on wardrobe offenders. The fear of being ripped apart has driven many celebrities to discard an outfit that they've worn just once!



Actor Sameera Reddy recalls being picked upon. "I've gotten picked on once or twice, and after that I've made sure to never ever repeat an outfit. But this also means that I shop extensively," says the actor adding that she recently returned from a trip abroad with two suitcases full of clothes!

But veteran actor Shabana Azmi refuses to bow down to the pressure. "Clothes are meant to be repeated," she states defiantly. "I don't like that our actors are being bullied into keeping aside outfits they've worn just

once," adds the actor.

Actor Kim Sharma confesses to falling prey to the glamour industry's dictates. "I try really hard not to repeat my outfits. Shoes and accessories are fine, but I am very particular about the clothes," she says.

Both Sameera and Kim say that they make it a point to donate their outfits to charitable organizations. Though Kim doesn't reveal the maximum amount she has splurged at one go, "Money has never been a criteria for me," she adds.

TV actor Neha Marda says that she once spent a cool Rs 5.5 lakh on a shopping spree in Bangkok. "It makes sense as the common man always looks at actors for new trends and styles," says Marda who tries to find a balance between splurging and saving her money.

Sameera, however, has the final word. "As an actor, I see splurging on clothes as an investment and not as an unnecessary expense. One has to be in sync with new trends and set trends too," sums up the actor.

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NEVER AGAIN: Sameera Reddy, Kim Sharma and (inset) Shabana Azmi



(L-R) Sunanda with her son Shiv, and her husband Shashi; (inset) Shaahid Amir

After Hrs get a special peek into the Tharoor's 3-day wedding reception held at Dubai

## Tharoor's in Dubai

**Prachi Kadam**

After a quaint wedding ceremony with politician Shashi Tharoor's Kerala residence, it was time for the newly wed Tharoor to celebrate their wedding in Dubai. Sunanda, who's based in Dubai, wore a heavily-embellished red and green sari by Indian designer Shaahid Amir. She was the perfect hostess and happily posed



for photographs with friends and her high-profile guests. Tharoor, meanwhile, chose an elegant bandhgala, a long Indian tunic with a Mandarin collar which was topped off with a two-toned silk scarf. Also seen at the do was Sunanda's teenage son, Shiv, who studies in Dubai. Among the VIP guests that attended the reception were power couple Adi and Parmeshwar Godrej, actor Anupam Kher and politician Salman Khurshid amongst many others.

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Security concerns for supposed show-stoppers **Rahul Gandhi** and **Priyanka Vadra** are rumoured to be the reason for a Kolkata fashion carnival coming to a halt

**Prachi Kadam and Soumyadipta Banerjee**

Security concerns over **Rahul Gandhi** and **Priyanka Vadra** are apparently what have brought the Indian Fashion Carnival (IFC) scheduled to take place in Kolkata (Sept 10-12) to a halt.

The grapevine had earlier named them as two big-ticket show-stoppers: Priyanka for designer Soumitra Mandal and Rahul for Riyaz Gangji for the khadi collection at the grand finale. It was meant to be a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. "The reports are incorrect! We don't know where this information is coming from as we are not aware of any such development," says an official from the office of the Congress General Secretary.

Close on the heels of a denial from the office of the Gandhi scion, the organizers of the Kolkata fashion carnival announced that it has been 'indefinitely postponed'.

"We promise to return to

## Grounded!



SIBLING CONCERN: Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra

you soon to announce the new dates...We are also very surprised at the way some very important and big dignitaries were linked with IFC as probable guests without any attribution from us," says Pratik Sen, the director of the organizing company, hinting at the Rahul-Priyanka controversy.

Designer Riyaz Gangji hinted that Rahul Gandhi was indeed slated to be the show-stopper while talking to *After Hrs*. "I was all set to fly to Kolkata when I received

this mail from them (the organizers) saying that the event is cancelled. I have no clue what went wrong in the past couple of days as we just had a press conference to announce the event. My entire collection is ready and now the show is cancelled!"

The buzz doing the rounds is that there were ample security concerns regarding Rahul and Priyanka which forced the organizers to cancel the event.

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Emma Watson

## Emma Watson slams Twilight series

*Harry Potter* star Emma Watson has apparently slammed the popular *Twilight* series for selling sex. The 22-year-old actress, who reprises her role as Hermione in the upcoming *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I*, condemned the rival franchise during a conference call with journalists.

"This kiss between Hermione and Ron [Weasley played by co-star Rupert Grint] is highly anticipated, it's been building up for eight films now," the *New York Daily News* quoted her as telling *OK Magazine*. "And *Harry Potter* is not *Twilight*, you know. We're not selling sex," she added. Although it is a fan favourite from the book, Watson admitted it was uncomfortable for her and Grint to shoot.

—ANI

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