

Bella Heathcote joins 'Fifty Shades Darker'

'Pride and Prejudice' and 'Zombies' actress Bella Heathcote has joined 'Fifty Shades Darker' where she will play one of Christian Grey's former lovers. The actress will play Leila, a woman who had been in a relationship with Jamie Dornan's character, who is scarred both emotionally and psychically. Heathcote joins Kim Basinger, who will play Grey's Mrs Robinson-esque first lover. James Foley is set to direct the next two installments of the E L James adaptation 'Fifty Shades Darker' and 'Fifty Shades Freed' from screenplays by Niall Leonard. The first film in the franchise 'Fifty Shades of Grey' grossed \$560 million worldwide.



"It's sad that India has ignored Jagjit Singh" — Chitra Singh

Ahead of late ghazal maestro Jagjit Singh's 75th birth anniversary, his wife Chitra Singh shares the agony of her 'lone fight' against those who are exploiting his legacy. Feeble with age, there is no mistaking the anguish that lurks behind her voice, as they continue using Jagjit's name and songs in various places with no due credit or permission. Not one to give up so easily, Chitra Singh is ready to battle all those

who want to usurp and exploit his name. She says: "It is a myth that Jagjit merely made ghazal popular the world over; he immortalised all the forms of light classical music, including thumri and bhajan without making it too difficult to understand. He has sung so many songs in all the languages, including Bengali, which is his gift to the world. But it is really sad that India has ignored Jagjit Singh!"

Communities of colour still being crushed: John Legend

Oscar-winning musician John Legend has said that people of colour are targeted even today and it is a long way before they achieve "freedom".

While accepting the annual President's Award at the NAACP Image Awards, Legend said, "We know that we stand on the shoulders of giants who risked their lives to bring us closer to true freedom. And of course, we are still fighting for freedom. Today, communities of colour are still

being crushed by a criminal justice system that over-polices us, over-arrests us, over-incarcerates us, and disproportionately takes the lives of our young people because of our skin conjures the image of threat and violence." Spike Lee, Jada Pinkett-Smith, and Will Smith applauded Legend from the audience. Legend said people might be called out for speaking about racial inequality but that should not deter them from voicing their opinion.

