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MADHURI DIXIT'S

confession about her beauty regime creates controversy

The dhak dhak actress, who was the face of Olay skincare range in India till a while ago, recently shocked everyone when she revealed the secret behind her beauty regime.

Madhuri fans were in for a rude surprise when she revealed that the product she has been using for her beautiful skin wasn't the one she has been endorsing for years. In a media interaction, she said that she uses BellaVe and

Phytoceramides and that the results are amazing.

This confession by the diva not just dilutes the public distrust of the brand that she used to endorse; it also puts a question mark on the trust factor of celebrities who endorse brands. Due to this, brands are now getting cautious about signing celebrities for their products and have started formulating new clauses in their contracts.



Richa Chadha

to raise funds for rescued trafficked girls

Richa Chadha has joined hands with KETTO, a crowd funding digital platform, owned by actor Kunal Kapoor to help raise funds to provide shelter for rescued trafficked girls.

Richa has decided to be the voice of the campaign and raise money for an NGO named Purnata in suburban Mumbai where up to 15 such girls are given various forms of training including dance, vocational training and other activities. The

money will help the NGO pay off rent for 24 months summing up to a total of Rs 12 lakh.

"I always wanted to be able to do something for causes that I believed in. To me, this is an extension of being a true artist. And to pay it forward is my philosophy. These girls have been to hell and back, and if I can do anything at all to make them heal, it's an absolute privilege for me," Richa Chadha shared.



Judi Dench to play Queen Victoria in her next

Oscar-winning actor Judi Dench will play Queen Victoria in a screen adaptation of 'Victoria and Abdul: The True Story of the Queen's Closest Confidante', by director Stephen Frears from a book by the London-based Indian journalist and author Shrabani Basu.

The book tells the story of the unusual bond that developed between Queen Victoria, then Empress of India, and Abdul Karim, a 24-year old Indian who was sent to

London to wait tables for the Queen during her golden jubilee celebrations. An unconventional affection flowered between the ageing queen and Abdul, as he became her Urdu instructor, and she his English teacher.

According to a report, author Shrabani Basu says she is "absolutely delighted" with the news about the film, calling the three at the helm - Stephen Frears as director, Lee Hall as screenplay writer and Judi Dench as lead actor - a "dream team."