

Upcoming grand biopics



With the upcoming rush of biopics in Bollywood, the years 2018 and 2019 might come to be known as 'the years of biopics' in Bollywood history. 2018 and 2019 are going to see a bunch of biopics on different Indian personalities – from politicians to legendary actors to former sports superstars. We are only days away from the release of Akshay Kumar's biopic on Arunachalam Murugunantham. On 27 April 2018, Kangana Ranaut will return to the silver screen with her much-talked about biopic *Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi*.

Soorma starring Diljit Dosanjh is set to release on June 6, 2018 which is based on the life of the hockey player Sandeep Singh. It will be followed by the much awaited Ranbir Kapoor starrer biopic on Sanjay Dutt's life, which is scheduled to release on June 29, 2018. This year might end with Rohit Shetty's untitled biopic which would feature Parineeti Chopra essaying the role of the Indian tennis sensation Sania Mirza. On

August 8, 2019, Ranveer Singh is set to 'bowl out' the audiences in the Kapil Dev biopic 83 as the cricketer. The ace actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui who has graced the silver screen through his portrayal of diverse roles, will be debuting in the biopic genre by taking on the role of late Balasaheb Thackarey. Shraddha Kapoor will be seen in the role of Saina Nehwal in an upcoming biopic which is scheduled to be released in 2019. Aishwarya Rai has been approached to play Shehnaz Hussain in an upcoming biopic which is still in the planning stages. Priyanka Chopra who has formerly impressed viewers in *Mary Kom* is being considered to play PT Usha in an upcoming untitled biopic. Ali Fazal from last year's film *Victoria and Abdul* has been in talks with a Hollywood director to star in important role in a biopic.

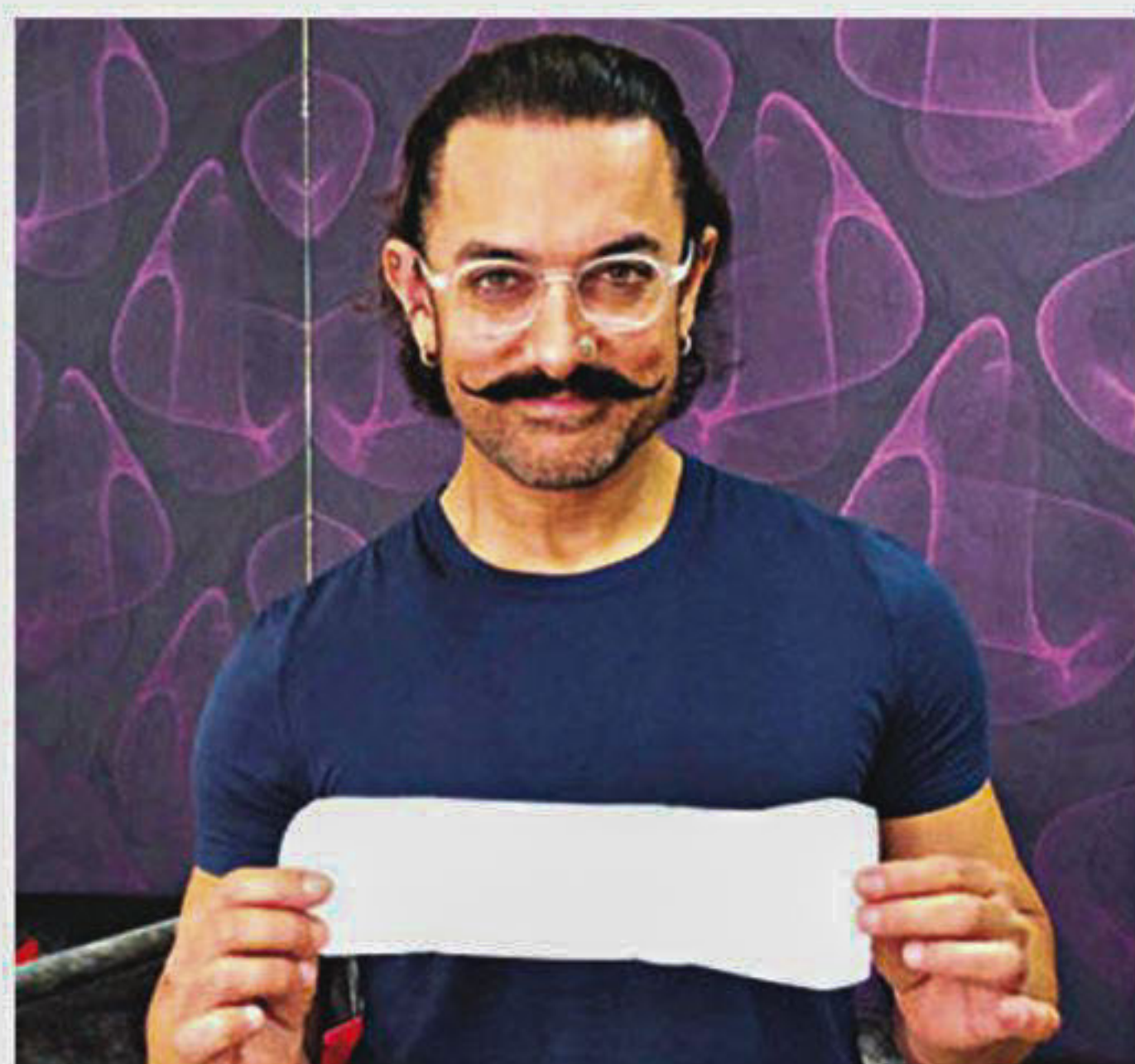
Source: Times of India

Sonam's prompt reply to the 'PadMan' Challenge

The widely talked about Akshay Kumar starrer *PadMan* was released yesterday. As a promotional strategy, the lead Akshay Kumar has been throwing a unique challenge called the 'PadMan' challenge to his colleagues in the film fraternity including his co-star Sonam Kapoor. The challenge is to post a photo of oneself holding a sanitary napkin on their social media. Upon being challenged, Sonam promptly posted a photo of herself holding a pad on her

Instagram account which she captioned thus: "Thank you sir! I accept your #padmanchallenge! Yes that's a pad in my hand and I don't feel weird. It's natural, Period!" *PadMan*, produced by Twinkle Khanna, is based on the life of Arunachalam Murugunantham, who is known for inventing low cost sanitary napkins for rural women.

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Jim Sarbh in 'Jonaki'

Actor Jim Sarbh after his much talked-about role in *Padmavat* will be seen next in Aditya Vikram Sengupta's *Jonaki*. The film has been premiered in the International Film Festival Rotterdam and it stars Lolita Chatterjee and Ratnabali Bhattacharjee alongside Sarbh. It is a touching story of an aged woman who searches for love towards the end of her life and is reunited with her former lover. The talented actor has made an address in IFFR and has stated, "The Rotterdam Film Festival really makes you feel like a part of a film family. I was so glad I got to be there and I got to see the world premiere of Aditya's beautiful dreamscape film. I am glad that he is out there taking risks and making films that other people would be too afraid to, developing a new modern Indian art language of cinema." *Jonaki* had a sold out during premier and received a standing ovation at the festival.

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