

DEFENDING 'Kabir Singh'?

Ever since its release on June 21, 2019, *Kabir Singh* has sparked controversy amongst its audience, and was labelled misogynistic and regressive. Recently, acclaimed director Anurag Kashyap shared his views on the film. He claimed that a majority of Indian men possess the same ideologies and morals that were portrayed in the film, and said, "Kabir Singh does represent more than 75-80 per cent of urban India. Why not put it out? If I disagree with it, I won't see it. But sometimes it's necessary to see ourselves". He also added that while Bollywood has always focused on films that have happy endings or positive messages, it is equally important to create films that make people uncomfortable and encourage them to face the reality.



Letting go that easy?

Harvey Weinstein has made a settlement worth 25 million dollars with dozens of people who he allegedly sexually harassed. This settlement states that Weinstein will not have to admit to any of the wrongdoings he has been accused of and that he does not have to pay anything himself as insurance companies will do so for him. More than thirty people accused Weinstein of sexual harassment, ranging from sexual misconduct to rape, and it has been reported that eighteen of these women will be given an amount of 6.2 million in total, where each will get an amount of not more than 500,000. It has also been reported that the total amount needed was 47 million dollars as a huge amount of money was needed to cover legal costs. This settlement is yet to be approved by a judge.



A 'Neo' era of THE MATRIX



If you think *John Wick* getting a third instalment while keeping *The Matrix* away from fans is utter injustice, you're not alone. It has been confirmed by *The Hollywood Reporter* that the fan-favourite Keanu Reeves trilogy will be met with a fourth instalment. That's not all; *The Matrix 4* will be released on May 21, 2021 — the exact same

day *John Wick 4* is set to be released! That's amazing news for fans of both franchises, but not so much for the production companies: *Warner Bros.* and *Lionsgate*. It will be interesting to see which film is a bigger blockbuster. One thing's for sure — Reeves will give a show-stopping performance in both the films.