

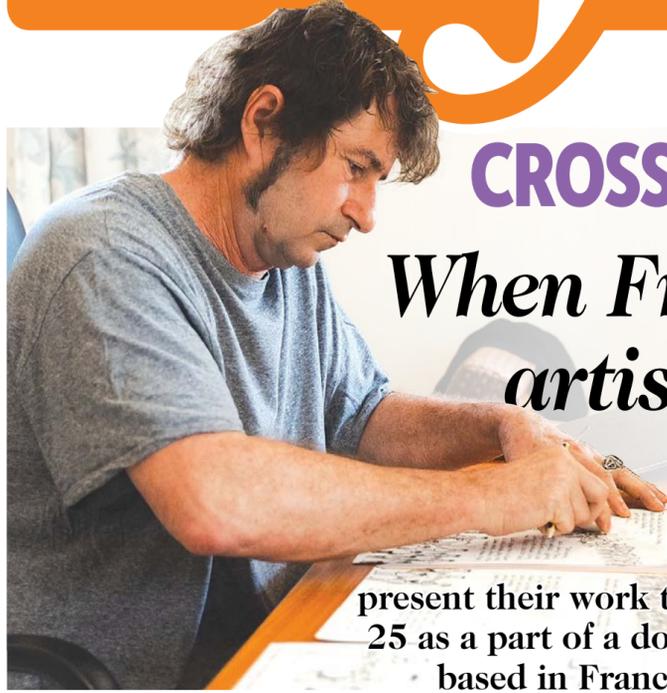
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CROSS-CULTURAL COMICS: When French and Indian artists collaborate

Lokesh Khodke and Jean March Troubert, two comic authors and artists will present their work today, February 25 as a part of a double residency based in France and Goa

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The comic is a very powerful medium that can present personal and public experiences in a deeply personal style. The art of the comic book is developed in India and themes associated with mythology and folk tales have pushed this forward. This art form will be presented by two comic authors, one from India and the other from France. Two countries with very distinctive styles, Lokesh Khodke from India and Jean-Marc Troubert from France will be presenting their work based on their collaboration as well as the work they have done before they met. 'Comics & Culture: A Shared Journey from France and India' will be held at Sunaparanta Goa Centre for the Arts, Altinho, Panjim at 6.30 pm today, February 25.



Lokesh Khodke

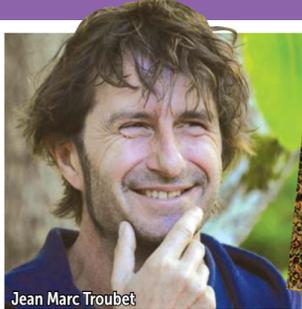
THE COLLABORATORS

Lokesh is the director of education at Art1st Foundation. He is also the co-founder of BlueJackal, publication which focuses on comic books. He was trained as a painter in Baroda and used to illustrate children's books. He also writes short stories. Over a period of time, he realised that he would have to make his own comics if he wanted his ideas and illustrations to come together.

The 45 year old comic author and author/illustrator is currently working on a long graphic novel which he intends to complete by this year and have it published by BlueJackal publications. It is a life he says which gives him great joy because he is doing something that he loves.

His collaborator is an artist, Jean-Marc who prefers to live in a jungle in the south west of France. The 55 year old was always fixated on comics and took to it as a child. He had comics at home and at 17, he left for art school. During his time in art school, he published a few books with others and some on his own. He always found it fascinating doing work by himself. Now it is interesting to work with a partner.

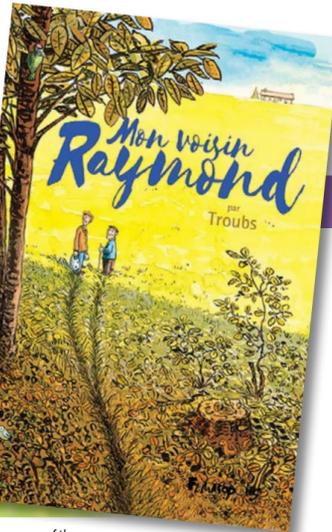
Jean-Marc also known as Troubs said, "Now



Jean Marc Troubert

we meet, we chat and we then retire to work. It is a different perspective that you get and I laugh and say that I have a moving studio. Our ideas are different and we have different reactions. Doing a comic is simple, you need a paper and pen, simple tools." It is fascinating to see his interest and what he makes of it all.

For his art, he lived in a forest because it was important for his creativity. He



was of the opinion that Indians and generally Asians were closer to nature and they had a better relationship with it.

This joint-residency has been organised within the framework of the Villa Swagatam network of residencies, an initiative of the French Embassy in India and the French Institute in India. The residency partners are Sunaparanta Goa Centre for the Arts (Artist-in-Residence Lab) and Maison des Auteurs and La Cité Internationale de la Bande Dessinée et de l'Image (Angoulême, France).



DIFFERENCE IN COMIC CULTURE

Speaking about the comic culture in both the countries, Jean-Marc said it was rich in both, India and France, though in France, people would read about politics and other subjects in a comic which was not the case in India. "India has novels and it was up to the people to bring it up to the same level. The distribution of comics was far more in France than in India and that has to improve. Comics could be very interesting like a novel and people like Orijit Sen were doing that."

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Pandya's rumoured girlfriend spotted at Ind-Pak match

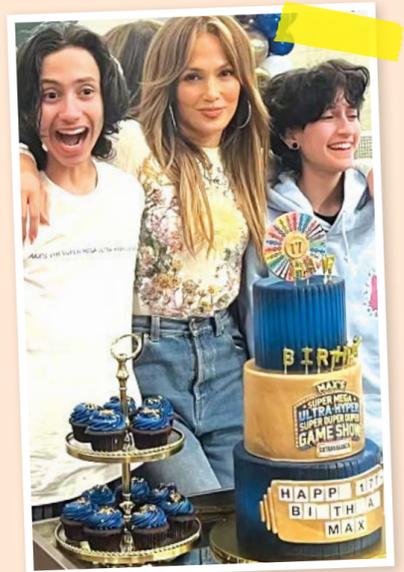


Indian team's star player Hardik Pandya's rumoured girlfriend Jasmine Walia was spotted at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, UAE. A photo of Actress and singer Jasmine is going viral in which she is seen cheering her team sitting in the dugout. Jasmine has been in the headlines continuously for the past few days. It is being claimed that after separating from his wife and actor Natasa Stankovic, the Indian all-rounder is dating Jasmine. However, it has not been officially confirmed. Jasmine was seen in the film 'Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety'.

Rihanna teases long-awaited ninth album



Rihanna left fans on the edge of their seats after teasing her highly anticipated ninth studio album. Nearly a decade after her latest record was released, the 37-year-old popstar teased what her upcoming album would sound like. She emphasized that this time around, the piece 'feels right'. The 'Needed Me' singer said that she is 'really optimistic' about the fresh tunes while also admitting that it's 'not going to be anything that anybody expects' — leading to further speculation.



Jennifer Lopez shares rare snaps of twins Max and Emme who celebrated their 17th birthday.

2025 SAG Awards brings about surprise wins

The 31st annual Screen Actors Guild Awards was held at Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium and Exposition Hall, making way for the biggest award show of the year, the Oscars



Selena Gomez

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The 31st annual Screen Actors Guild Awards opened with a skit in which Jean Smart appeared as her 'Hacks' character Deborah Vance, an aging standup comedian, as she mistakenly believed Vance was booked to host the show. The event's actual host, Kristen Bell, took the stage. Timothée Chalamet won outstanding performance by a male actor in a leading role for his portrayal of Bob Dylan in 'A Complete Unknown'. Timothée is vying to become the youngest Oscar winner ever for best actor. Conclave won the SAG award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion

picture. The best picture race has been especially hard to peg this year. Demi Moore continued her strong awards season run for 'The Substance' by taking home the SAG Award for outstanding performance by a female actor in a lead role. The victory was Moore's third among the major Oscar precursor ceremonies. She previously won best actress prizes at the Golden Globes and Critics' Choice Awards. Selena Gomez shared the award for

outstanding performance by an ensemble in a comedy series with her 'Only Murder in the Building' co-stars Steve Martin and Martin Short, neither of whom was present. "We never win," an amazed Selena said as she accepted the award. Shogun was the top winner on the TV side, with four awards, including outstanding performance by an ensemble in a drama series. During her acceptance speech for the SAG lifetime achievement award, 87-year-old actress Jane Fonda mentioned she began her career in the late 1950s and added, "we are in our documentary moment" right now.



Demi Moore

AND THE WINNERS ARE..

MOTION PICTURES

Male actor in a leading role
TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET, *A Complete Unknown*

Female actor in a leading role
DEMI MOORE, *The Substance*

Male actor in a supporting role
KIERAN CULKIN, *A Real Pain*

Female actor in a supporting role
ZOE SALDANA, *Emilia Pérez*

Outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture
CONCLAVE

TELEVISION PROGRAMS

Male actor in a television movie or limited series
COLIN FARRELL, *The Penguin*

Female actor in a television movie or limited series
JESSICA GUNNING, *Baby Reindeer*

Male actor in a drama series

HIROYUKI SANADA, *Shōgun*

Male actor in a drama series
ANNA SAWAI, *Shōgun*

Male actor in a comedy series
MARTIN SHORT, *Only Murders in the Building*

Female actor in a comedy series
JEAN SMART, *Hacks*

Outstanding performance by an ensemble in a drama series
SHOGUN

Outstanding performance by an ensemble in a comedy series
ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING



Timothée Chalamet



Zoe Saldana