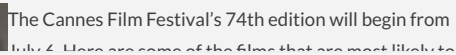


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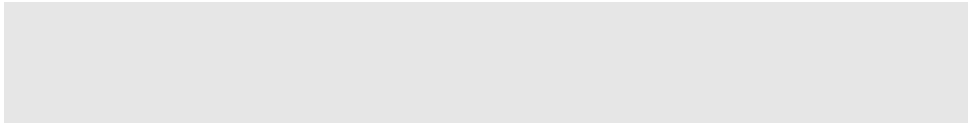


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The French Dispatch: Wes Anderson's star-studded drama narrates the story of a fictitious American publication in France, and what happens to the staff there. Oscar-winner Frances McDormand (*Nomadland*), Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray and Owen Wilson play in this.

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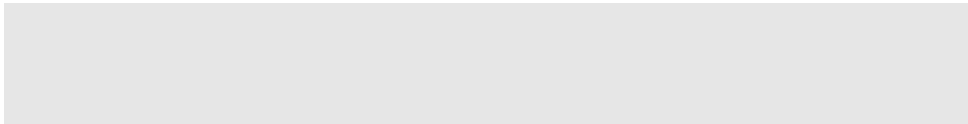
Red Rocket: Sean Baker may return to the Croisette (Cannes' beach front, where the main screening venue, Palace de Festival is located) after his *The Florida Project* screened in the 2017 Directors' Fortnight (a sidebar which runs along the main Festival). The movie focusses on a spent porn star, who goes back home in Texas, but nobody there is happy to welcome him.



Flag Day: This thriller comes from Sean Penn's stable, and centres on a man who leads a secret life as a bank robber and con artist in order to take care of his daughter. Penn himself portrays the father, while his daughter, Dylan Penn, essays his screen child.

The Lost Daughter: Again a directorial debut. Maggie Gyllenhaal gets behind the camera in an adaptation of an Elena Ferrante work (she has always been hugely popular). Olivia Coleman (*The Father*) plays a woman traumatised by memories of early motherhood. This film also has Dakota Johnson, Ed Harris and Peter Sarsgaard.

Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon: This Ana Lily Amirpoor's fantasy thriller was to have been at Venice last year, but may now make a Cannes bow. A plot about a girl with special powers who runs away to New Orleans, the movie has among its cast Kate Hudson and South Korean actor Jeon Jong-seo.



More titles may emerge as we get closer to May 27, the day when Cannes will announce its official list.

But some say that enquiries for possible inclusion have been fewer this time; there are more coming for Venice, which is slated for a September 2 opening.

These are unpredictable times. And this reminds me of a famous song – *Que Sera Sera* (What Will Be Will Be. The Future Is Not Ours To Say...) from Alfred Hitchcock's 1956 *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, sung by Doris Day!

(Author, movie critic Gautaman Bhaskaran has covered the Cannes Film Festival for almost three decades)

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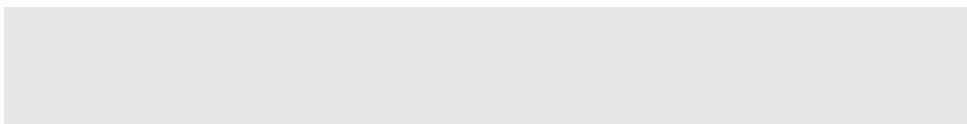
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Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) initiated the first drive-in vaccination facility in Mumbai a few days back. The facility administers COVID-19 vaccine doses to people in their own vehicles. Recently, actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar got his first jab at the drive-in vaccination centre in Andheri. Since the actor shared the update on his Twitter handle, he has been facing flak on social media for using the facility. Lately, the actor broke his silence and slammed the troll with a befitting reply.

On May 8, Farhan had updated his fans about getting the first jab using drive-in facility through a post on Twitter. Soon, he was trolled by people for using VIP access, claiming the facility is reserved for senior citizens and physically challenged and he is neither of the two.

Among several others who questioned Farhan were the Lokhandwala Oshiwara Citizens Association (LOCA) and Ameet Satam, MLA from Andheri West.

"Thought the drive in was only for 60+ citizens. Did bmc open it for all age categories. Can anyone enlighten," tweeted the LOCA, while MLA of Andheri West questioned BMC to clarify the criteria of vaccination at drive-ins that enabled the actor to get the jab.



Finally, the actor opened and responded to the tweets. "The drive in is for 45 + ...now do something constructive for society with your time like losing your phone," he snapped at the troll who called him a 'VIP brat' and criticised him for turning out for vaccination at the drive-in reserved for 60 plus citizens.

Got my first jab today via drive through at Andheri sports complex. Thank you to [@mybmc](#) & [@MumbaiPolice](#) for the streamlined system. To those waiting their turn, the process does take 2-3 hours (for now) so please be patient. Carry water & a snack, if need be. Stay safe. 🍷 — Farhan Akhtar (@FarOutAkhtar) [May 8, 2021](#)

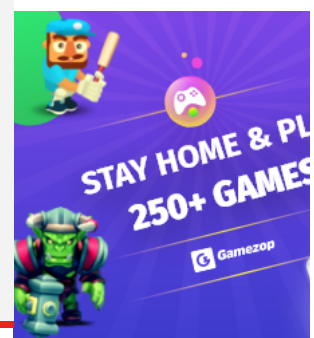
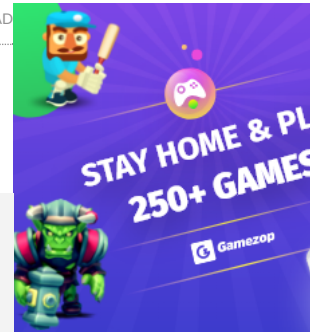
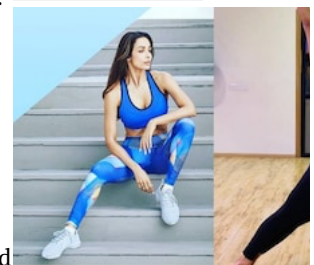


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BMC has started the first-of-its-kind drive in vaccination centre at Kohinoor Parking Lot on JK Sawant Marg near Shivaji Park in Dadar (West) on May 4 to cater to senior citizens and specially-abled citizens. Later, it was open for open for 45 plus specially-abled for the second dose.

Meanwhile, Farhan's upcoming flick *Toofan* which was earlier set to release on Amazon Prime on May 21 has been postponed. The movie directed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra also stars Mrunal Thakur, Paresh Rawal, Supriya Pathak Kapur and Hussain Dalal in pivotal roles.

Lately, Farhan released the official statement of postponing his film on social media. He informed that in light of the severity of the situation, the makers have decided to postpone the release date of Toofan until the situation improves.

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