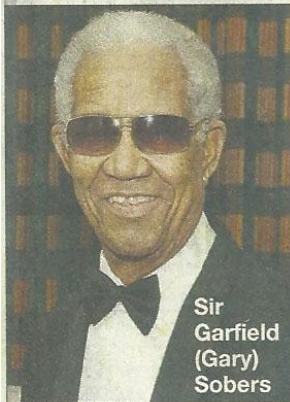


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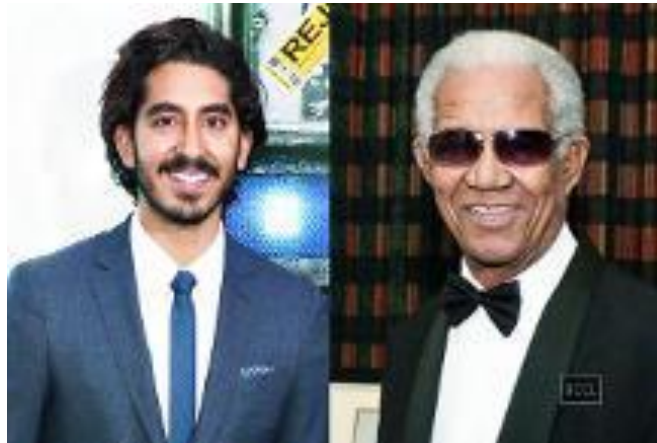
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**Interview with Devika Bhise**

**'Devika Bhise and 'The Man Who Knew Infinity''**

**The Navhind Times (Online)**

Devika Bhise, Indian American Hollywood actress is part of the opening film of the 46th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Titled 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' the film is a biopic based on Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Devika plays the role of Janaki, Ramanujan's wife.

'The Man Who Knew Infinity' premiered at various prestigious Film Festivals like the Cannes Film Festival, Toronto Film Festival and the Zurich Film Festival. At the last it was the opening film.

Devika, daughter of Bharatnatyam dancer Swati Bhise says that getting into the skin of this South Indian character came quite easily to her owing to her background in Bharatnatyam. "I began learning Indian classical dance when I was just five-year-old. This helped me in preparing for the role of Janaki, a character who hails from Tamil Nadu, the place where this dance is geographically located," says Devika, who was talking to us at her residence in Dona Paula. Devika while speaking about the diction used in the movie says that they have followed a generic dialect in the movie as opposed to the South Indian dialect. Also, this movie is in English, and, for a fact, Janaki never spoke English in real life.

Devika further says that she took utmost care in presenting herself as it is a period drama. "I wore nine-yard saris for this role. As it was a period film I gave attention to the way I walked, sat or even held something. But, it was encompassing with that culture," says Devika. She is paired opposite Dev Patel, who is portraying the role of Ramanujan.

When asked about acting with Dev Patel she says: "It was fun working with him and I don't get star-struck." Unlike Ramanujan there is not much research done on the life of Janaki, who according to Devika was the pillar of strength behind Ramanujan and his success story. Devika did meet the author of the book Robert Kanigel on whose book 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' the movie is based. "Robert had met Janaki when she was very old. I interacted with him to learn more about the character," says Devika.

Speaking about the sacrifices Janaki made, Devika says: "Janaki had amazing strength. She didn't understand mathematics, but she realised the passion her husband had for the subject. She also encouraged him to take his career forward. She gave up many things for Ramanujan. She knew in a way that she had to live without her husband and not have children. It was a hard decision in those days (early 20th Century). Don't forget it was a matriarchal society," says Devika. She further mentions that not much is known about the philanthropic work Janaki did in her lifetime. "She adopted children who didn't have an education. She even started a trust in her husband's name as she always believed that education was extremely important," says Devika.

The Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri. Arun Jaitley released a book 'Legends of Indian Silver Screen' at the opening of IFFI 2015 here today. The book has been brought out by the Publications Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Shri Jaitley released the book in the presence of actress Sonakshi Sinha, director Kabir Khan and actress Devika Bhise.

The 11-day film festival will bring a perfect mélange of remarkable films and celebrities from across the world. It will screen 187 films from 89 countries in World Cinema section while 26 Feature and 21 non-feature films will be screened in Indian Panorama section. The festival is all set to become more exciting internationally with 26 Oscar entries and 120 premieres to be screened in different sections. The International Competition will have 15 films from countries like Argentina, Japan, Iran, Palestine, France etc. This year Spain is the Focus Country of the festival. Organized by Directorate of Film Festivals, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in collaboration with Government of Goa and Entertainment Society of Goa, the festival will conclude on 30th November

**LINK:** <http://www.goainfomedia.com/46th-iffi-takes-off-at-go-a-with-national-and-international-celebrities/>

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**'Ramanujan's Passion for Mathematics Shown in the Film will Appeal to the Masses' – Matthew L Brown**

**Business Standard (Online)**

The Director and writer, cast and crew of the opening film *The Man Who Knew Infinity* interacted with the press at the Kala Academy here today. The film is based on the true story of friendship between the Indian mathematics genius Ramanujan and his professor G H Hardy at the Trinity College, Cambridge and how Professor Hardy worked to reveal the true genius of the great mathematician.

Writer and Director of the film Matthew L Brown, Actor Dev Patel, Actor Toby Jones, Producer Edward Rambaek Pressman, Producer Joe Thomas, Devika Bhise-actress playing the role of Janki and Swati Bhise, Associate Producer(India) for Cultural Authenticity and distributor for the Indian sub-continent were present at today's press conference.

In their opening brief, the celebrities felt privileged and excited to be a Part of 46th IFFI. "Slumdog kid" Dev Patel of the *Slumdog Millionaire* fame is the protagonist in the film. Actor Dev Patel said I feel lucky enough to be a part of this project and bring Ramanujan back to the people of India. Replying to a question received on PIBs twitter handle Dev Patel replied in real life, my maths is 'terrible'.

Replying to a question , Matthew L Brown, said it has been a long journey that took ten years from conceiving to writing ,directing and to be a part of the IFFI 2015 here. More than science it was the human emotions that led to the making of the film, he added. In Response to a question about the mass appeal of a subject like maths chosen for the film, Mat Brown said that the passion for Mathematics in the character Ramanujan will appeal to the masses.

Earlier, introducing the cast and crew, Swati Bhise said Matthew L Brown brings Ramanujan to India, just as Attenborough brought Gandhiji through his film 'Gandhi'. She informed that Mathew took 8-9 years to conceive and script the film as he wrote it after a lot of research on Ramanujans life and keeping in mind the sensitivities and complexities of South Indian lives.

*The Man Who Knew Infinity* is the true story of a friendship that forever changed mathematics. In 1913, Ramanujan (Dev Patel), a self-taught Indian mathematics genius travelled to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he forged a bond with his mentor, the eccentric professor G.H. Hardy (Jeremy Irons), and fought against prejudice to reveal his mathematical genius to the world. The film is based on the biography of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan *The Man Who Knew Infinity: A Life of the Genius Ramanujan* written in 1991 by Robert Kanigel. The film had its world premiere at the Toronto Film Festival this year, and was also shown at the Zurich film festival.

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**Press Trust of India (News Flash)**

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**'Dev Patel Proud of Ramanujan Legacy, But Scared of Maths'**

**New Indian Express (via IANS – News Flash)**

He may have played a young Ramanujan, India's greatest mathematician, but for 25-year-old Dev Patel, mathematics as a subject in the school curriculum has always been a scourge.

But maths or no maths, the British-born Patel, a native of the western Indian state of Gujarat, believes that by playing the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar, the 19th century Indian wizard of numbers, in Matt Brown's "The Man Who Knew Infinity", the actor is fulfilling an almost sacred obligation of bringing the legacy of an Indian hero back to his homeland.

Patel, who is in Goa to attend the inaugural ceremony of the 46th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), which opens with his film, spoke to a select audience about his role as Ramanujan, his fear of being typecast as the 'Asian guy', how Hollywood is evolving and, of course, his dread for mathematics. "As a matter of fact, I was terrible at mathematics. It was worse because my father is an accountant. Hey, thus is life. I am playing one of the greats (Ramanujan). I think there is a lot of acting that was involved," the strapping six-foot-two-inch tall actor said.

Patel leads the star cast which has the masterly Jeremy Irons, an Academy award winner, Stephen Fry, Toby Jones, Devika Bhise among others.

The film, which largely tracks down the life of Ramanujan in Cambridge and his passage to Britain and back to India after his stint at Trinity, according to Patel, is a priceless homage to one of India's greatest geniuses.

"I think it was a very important agenda for us, to always bring this story back to India. My heritage as you know, I was from Gujarat. I feel great responsibility to bring back the great Indian icon back and I am lucky enough to be able to do so," Patel said.

Asked if he felt typecast into playing 'typically' Asian roles in the West, the actor said that while his motto was to convert adversity into opportunity, he also believed that Hollywood was in the process of evolving.

"I don't mind being sort of ambassador to my culture. That being said, does it require that much hard work to get my foot in the door? Yes. Do people scrutinise the decisions I make more? Yes, one of my mottos is to see an obstacle as an opportunity. So people use the word typecast very loosely and like I said earlier on, I've turned what people see as a negative as something positive," he said.

"Hollywood's becoming more and more diverse, I am very lucky that I rode the wave of this incredible film 'Slumdog (Millionaire)', which was my first project and that kind of opened a lot of doors for a lot of actors including myself. The film was bigger than anyone that was in it really," he said.



Patel point-blank said he did not have to face the obvious rigours of discrimination.

"So you know I am lucky, but I am not one to go on about any kind of... I haven't faced any kind of obtuse discrimination in any way. It's been a good journey with positives and negatives," he said.

**LINK:** <http://www.newindianexpress.com/entertainment/hindi/Dev-Patel-Proud-of-Ramanujan-Legacy-But-Scared-of-Maths/2015/11/19/article3136692.ece>

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**'IFFI: Its lights, camera, action from today'**

**The Goan Everyday (Online)**

***The Man Who Knew Infinity' to be opening film; Over 7,000 delegates register***

The 46th edition of the International Festival will kick off with actor Anil Kapoor doing the honours at the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Stadium at Bambolim on Friday evening.

The 12th edition of the festival to be held in Goa -- with more than 7,000 delegate registrations received -- will feature 187 films from 89 countries including 47 of the Indian Panorama section.

While 'The Man Who Knew Infinity' directed by Matthew Brown a film on the 1913 self-taught Indian mathematical genius Ramanajun and his friendship with G H Hardy who helped reveal the mathematics genius to the world will be the opening film, this year's biggest Argentinean box office hit, The Clan (El Clan) will be the Closing Film of the festival.

Academy Award winner director, Tom Hooper's film 'The Danish Girl' will be the festival's mid fest film.

"We have personally inspected and reviewed the preparations at different venues which include arrangements for the opening and closing ceremonies, opening film, Indian Panorama section and arrangements for delegates and media in terms of hospitality and logistics," Secretary Information and Broadcasting Government of India Sunil Arora said. The festival will be opened by Actor Anil Kapoor on November 20 and brought to a close by composer A R Rahman on November 30.

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