

**f Status of the week**  
I am going to change my name to no-one, so when I like your status, it will say no-one likes your status.  
Ahzam Fatima, AIS Saket

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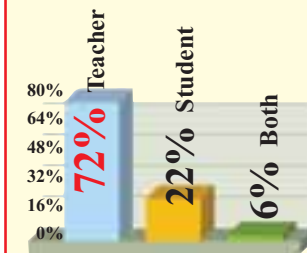
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# Rose coloured glasses

Its Valentine's Day and all the roses are beaming with pride. A humble rose, on the other hand, reminisces



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Through centuries, I have made serenading easy for poets and ruled over the imagination of many artists. As for you, my young friends, must thank me for recompensing for your lack of creativity and often, the sentiment to gift a present.

Though I am omnipresent in all seasons-weddings, birthdays and parties, my favourite, by far, is the Valentine's season, since I am put on a pedestal and worshipped, not dumped, as on other days, once the guests leave. I assume utmost importance on the day as I spread immeasurable joy- retailers end up pocketing more money than on usual days, girls eagerly await my arrival and even the laziest guy goes through the painstaking process of

sifting through other dozens of me! My self-esteem and pride escalates to another level as I dominate flower and card shops and adorn stuffed toys.

Before being traded to a flower shop, I belonged to Mrs Rosy's garden (co-incidentally my owner was named after me), where I was watered everyday and loved unconditionally. Then one fine February morning, when I had bloomed, I was tossed and swirled into baskets and loaded on to a pickup truck. I was scared, but when I saw many like me, I felt at home. I saw my colourful friends, and they all seemed to express an emotion. White, who looked serene and calm, was the first one to greet me, "Peace," he said making the gesture of peace with his fingers, while Yellow shook hands with me and said, "Friends forever!" Pink, true to what the colour stands for, was highly appreciative

of me, "Rose, you look passionate in red!" "Thank you," I replied with a humble smile playing on my lips.

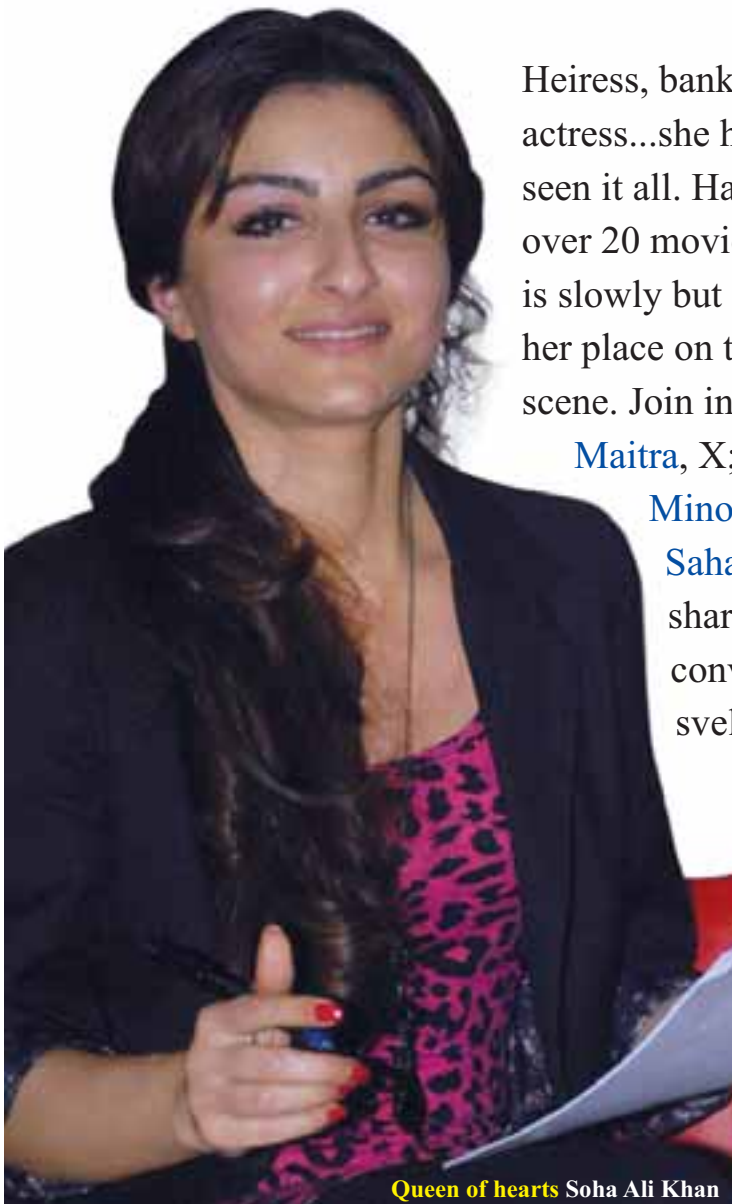
On the long journey towards the florist, I noticed couples canoodling in coffee shops and exchanging gifts, but one thing that made me blush all the more was that a rose was always their constant companion. I was staring at the couples, when Orange and Lavender woke me up from the dreamy state, "It's Valentine's Day, don't you know? We were groomed for almost a week so we could be brought here and spread the message of selfless love."

As we reached the flower shop, I was amazed to see a pack of crowd bargaining endlessly with the shopkeeper, who refused to budge. "Ow!" I squealed in pain

as the carriers carelessly abandoned me suddenly into a bucket with many other roses, some torn and some dry.

The black rose in the bucket gave me a blank look and said, "Welcome to the sale basket! We're not as good as others so we would be bought for lesser bucks, huh! You still have chances since you're red, I hardly have any! I hate racism!" I gulped down hard, thinking what a judgmental and selfish place the world was. Just then a lady walked in and glanced at my friends and me. She spoke adamantly to the shopkeeper, "Hi, I am from the cosmetic industry. I need all the roses in the bucket. How much?" I smiled a smug smile as the bargain continued for long between my new godly owner and the shopkeeper. 🇮🇳

# In conversation with Soha



Heiress, banker, entrepreneur, actress...she has done it all, seen it all. Having worked in over 20 movies, Soha Ali Khan is slowly but steadily making her place on the Bollywood scene. Join in as **Labanya Maitra, X; Kashish Minocha, X & Akash Sahai, XI, AIS Saket** share some candid conversations with the svelte star.

**How was your childhood as a princess?**

The concept of princely states and *nawabs* had eroded after India got independence and my father's royal status didn't matter much. People no longer recognized and classified us as royals and I really liked it that way.

I spent most of my childhood in the lavish palaces of Bhopal and Pataudi. It had huge sprawling lush green gardens, spaces and freedom, a child strives for. A walk down the memory lane takes me back to my numerous adorable pets.

The best part of my childhood was education; we were taught history, etiquettes, talking to other royals, and table habits.

**Your father, Mansoor Pataudi, is a name to reckon with, but how was he as a father?**

My father has been a great inspiration to me. I have always looked up to him for guidance and advice. He was just and kind and made great efforts to make everybody feel at home. Though, he was a man of principle but he never laid down rules for us. We were never told what to do or how to behave, we watched him and learnt. He was a wonderful father to all three of us and shaped us into the people we are today.

**What do you think of the 'kids-these-days'?**

I think the youth these days is a lot different from the older generation and has the potential to bring about a change in the world.

**Do you think that the youth today actually has the power it is being accredited with?**

Kids are boundless and radical, their minds are open to new ideas and fuelled by curiosity. They have the power to do anything. I think the most deadly combination would be the experience and wis-

dom of the older generation along with the bravery and freshness of the youth.

**You've worked as a banker. What made you shift to the film industry?**

Doing Masters from the London School of Economics and working at places like Citibank and the Ford Foundation was a dream come true for me. I had achieved much in my career, but again, I wanted to break away from my monotonous life and luckily acting offers started coming my way. When I think about it, I never was inclined towards acting. I was never a movie buff. I entered the industry because of my impulsive nature and a habit to experiment that I took up acting.

**Tell us something about your latest movie.**

In my latest movie, *Soundtrack*, I play the role of a deaf person who falls in love. It was a very difficult role to essay because you can close your eyes or turn off the lights and pretend to be blind, but there's no way you can get the feeling of being deaf. It's never completely silent. Even when the director yells 'Silence,' it's never quiet. I took on this role because I found it very challenging. 🇮🇳

## Rapid fire

- Favourite ice cream flavour**  
Strawberry
- Favourite movie**  
Roman Holiday and *Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikander*
- Favourite subject**  
History
- Favourite toy**  
History
- Soha/Saif - the better sibling?**  
They're both very different

from each other, so I can't really compare them. I go to Saba for emotional and intellectual guidance and to Saif for professional guidance.

**Preference as a co-actor: Emraan Hashmi, Shiney Ahuja, Aamir Khan & Shahid**  
Shahid Kapoor, Aamir Khan, Shiney Ahuja & Emraan Hashmi

Queen of hearts Soha Ali Khan