Bappi Lahiri to sue Toonpur creators Hindustan Times | By Hiren Kotwani, Mumbai

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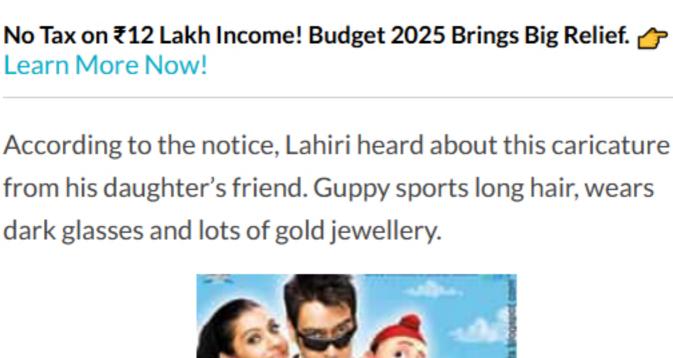
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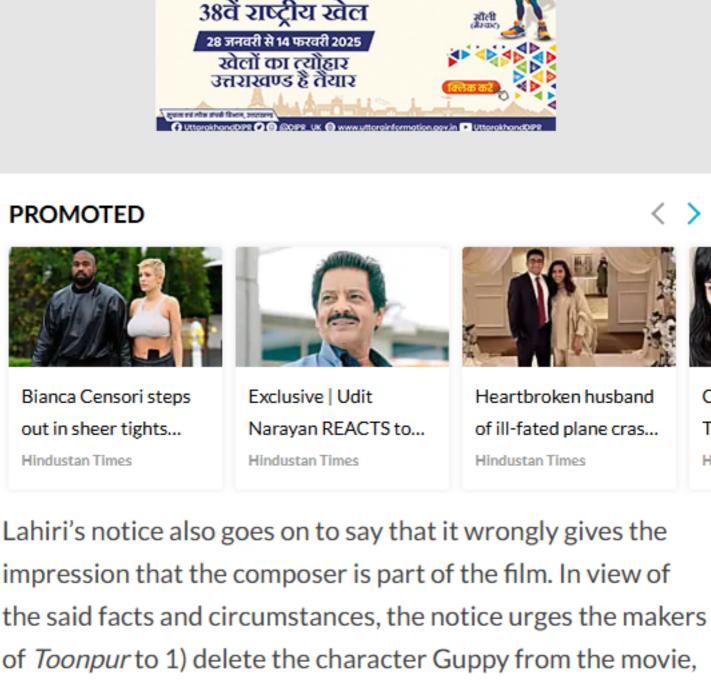
The notice, sent to the producers by Lahiri's legal team, Fox Mandal and Co, based in Delhi, carries Guppy's description as: "the cacophonous singer in the group has a compulsive urge to sing, which gets the group into trouble frequently. He breaks into a song at the slightest opportunity. The Devtoons are constantly trying to shut him up and are fed up of his singing. He has a strong desire to become a celebrity 'Toon Idol' and his Devtoon friends will someday appreciate his talent." Story continues below advertisement

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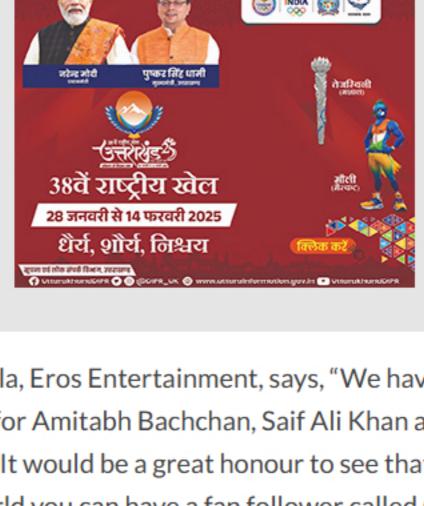
public apology within two days of receiving this notice, failing

which Lahiri will take legal recourse as would be available to

doesn't have any resemblance to the composer, 3) issue a

him.

Confirming the notice, Kumar Mangat says, "Our legal department is looking into it." When asked about their plan of action, Sangeeta Mandal, Lahiri's advocate said, "It's too premature to speak about what we plan to do. All I can say is that Bappi Lahiri is upset about the caricature. He is a renowned figure worldwide." Story continues below advertisement



Krishika Lulla, Eros Entertainment, says, "We have so many look-alikes for Amitabh Bachchan, Saif Ali Khan and Shah Rukh Khan. It would be a great honour to see that even in the cartoon world you can have a fan follower called Guppy. He should have called me instead of taking legal action, I would have shown him the movie and I am sure he would never have been disappointed." Catch every big hit, every wicket with Crickit, a one... See More >