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## Soha's festival film with Sharmila

Sharmila Tagore's first film with daughter Soha Ali Khan will premiere at the Mumbai Academy of Moving Images Festival this November. Here is all you need to know about it.

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daughters. Set in London, the time is now, the family of Indian origin.

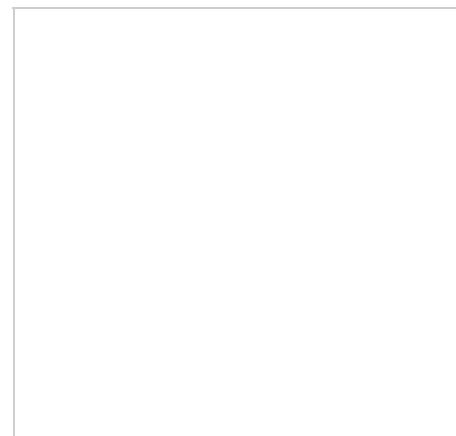
Since there is barely any buzz about this project, when StarBoxOffice snooped, we got to know what the film is about only to realise further that since there was no marketing done for this oddball film, there is no mention of the film anywhere in print or on the web. We are the first to bring you the story, read below.

With his wife's sudden death, Sanjay (Girish Karnad) is suddenly thrown into close proximity with his three daughters. The drama unfolds over six days from the day when Manju (Sharmila Tagore) dies to day of the funeral. Haunted by memories, grappling with this devastating loss, missing the mediating influence of his wife, Sanjay finds himself assessing and carving out new relations with his three daughters. He is faced with a further crisis when he discovers his youngest and most loved daughter Dia (Soha Ali Khan), has a Muslim boyfriend -Imtiaz. Confused and angry, Sanjay leaves home and wanders the streets of London one night. With an unexpected series of events, Sanjay is forced to face his past demons, his trauma over the partition when, as a child, he was forced to leave his home with his parents.

Finally, he tries to come to terms with his old and unspoken prejudice about Muslims in the larger context of the country in the grips of Islamaphobia as the events of 7/7 and the consequences of the Iraq war reverberate. As he sits drenched and tired on a bench on Hampstead Heath and watches the sun rise, Sanjay puts his demons to rest. At the funeral, he has come to terms with himself, and he allows the Muslim boy to join the family rituals and sees his daughters for what they are and not what he expected them to be. The shadow of Shakespeare's *King Lear* bears on this contemporary and free adaptation. It works functionally as a sub-text in the film, as we see Sanjay and Dia within the contours of the mythical Lear and Cordelia. Neerja Naik, Christopher Hatherall, Rez Kempton, Steph Patten, Om Puri and Mukulika Banerjee comprise the supporting cast of the movie.

Sangeeta Dutta said, 'It is an honour for a first-time director like me to debut at the prestigious MAMI, and this will be a good platform for me.' Soha Ali remained unavailable for comment, as we contacted her to speak about her role with mother

The film is called *Life Goes On* and is written, scripted and directed by first timer Sangeeta Dutta. The movie will only have its premiere at the fest but is not competing with other films. The drama explores the relations between a grief stricken father and his three



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