



HOWARD FOUND 'SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY' CHALLENGING

Veteran filmmaker Ron Howard has revealed that he really enjoyed the challenge of making a 'Star Wars' movie and relished every aspect of the job.

According to a report, in an interview, the 63-year-old filmmaker shared that initially when he took the director's chair from Phil Lord and Chris Miller, he felt a lot of pressure taking over the reins of the upcoming Han Solo prequel.

Howard noted, "Those are challenging projects.

And they take, you know, a lot of very talented people's energy to try to live up to the legacy of 'Star Wars' and everything that it means. Of course, no spoilers coming from me but I had a great experience." (TOI)

Nicki Minaj feels invincible

Los Angeles

Rapper Nicki Minaj says the support from her fans makes her feel invincible.

"I have a loyal fan base who never leaves. And all they do is motivate me and believe in me and fight for me. So anything that even seems negative has only made me even more of a magical unicorn," Minaj told *Paper* magazine, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She added: "I feel this year I have never been stronger, I have all my super powers back. I've never felt this powerful, as a woman, as an emcee -- I've never felt this invincible."

The "Swalla" rapper believes many people have been waiting for her to fail or have a "nervous breakdown" but she believes keeping a close circle of long-term friends around her means that will never happen.

Minaj, 34 finds strength in knowing she's been a good person throughout her life. (IANS)

I KNEW HE WAS SLEAZY: AFFLECK ON WEINSTEIN

Los Angeles

Actor-filmmaker Ben Affleck says he knew that Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who is in the midst of a sexual misconduct scandal, was sleazy.

"I knew (Weinstein) was sleazy and kind of a bully, but unfortunately, that wasn't that uncommon," Affleck said on the "Today" show on Friday, reports *variety.com*.

He explained that, as a 24-year-old newcomer to Hollywood who "had never made a movie", he did not understand how the business worked and what behaviour was deemed acceptable. Affleck shared his first Academy Award win with actor Matt Damon for their "Good Will Hunting" screenplay. (IANS)



STARRY
Birthday
Adam Driver

November 19, 1983

Best known for playing Kylo Ren in *Star Wars* and Adam Sackler on the hit HBO series *Girls*. His other notable film roles include *Inside Llewyn Davis*, *Frances Ha*, and *This is Where I Leave You*.