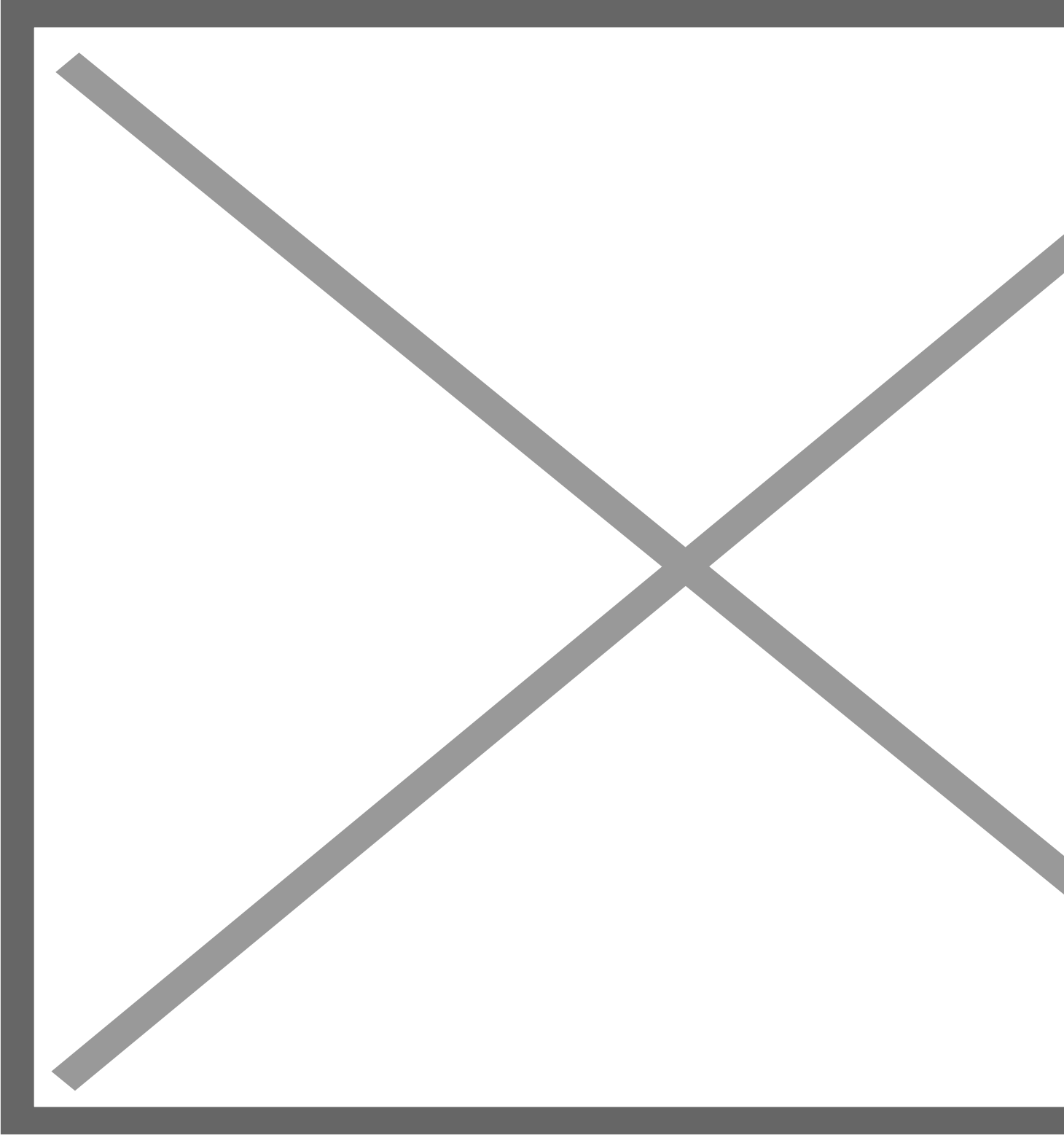


US journo calls SRK ‘India’s Tom Cruise’, fans slam him on Twitter

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Online Desk: Shah Rukh Khan’s “Pathaan” is sweeping the box office worldwide and domestically. The global success of the film has led many international critics to take notice of the film. Scott Mendelson, an American journalist and critic, who writes for “The Wrap”, referred to Shah Rukh in an article as “India’s Tom Cruise,” infuriating his fans.

Scott shared the article with the headline- “India’s Tom Cruise Shah Rukh Khan May Have Just Saved Bollywood With His Blockbuster Pathaan.” This led to a massive uproar on Twitter as SRK fans slammed the critic for his comment. “He isn’t Tom Cruise; he is Shah Rukh Khan, the one and only,” a user wrote. “SRK is just SRK. He is not an Indian Tom Cruise, but a national treasure, and he is more than his films,” wrote another user.



Another user explained, “I understand you’re just trying to provide context, but as a white American who hasn’t seen a single Bollywood film before 2019, Shah Rukh is far more than Tom Cruise. There is no equivalent in Hollywood.” Shah Rukh Khan’s “Pathaan” was released on January 25.

The film, which also starred Deepika Padukone, John Abraham, Dimple Kapadia, and Ashutosh Rana, starred Shah Rukh as an Indian spy attempting to stop a former rogue agent from spreading terror around the world. Since its release, “Pathaan” has earned approximately Rs 700 crore at the global box office.