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## Dutt's daredevilry

**T**HOUGH Sanjay Dutt may be nearing 50, he does not seem to be slowing down. Rather, he is gathering pace all the more. Be it his status as an icon or his daring action sequences.

Well if you need proof, here it is. The actor apparently jumped off a speeding train for an action scene in his new film. And that's not all, he did that blindfolded, with hands tied back. Still not impressed? Sanju baba did it without regular safety precautions like cables. The stunt we are talking about is from his forthcoming film 'Luck' which also incidentally sees him pairing up with young star Imran Khan. The two were last seen in 'Kidnap' which had enough of action but didn't cash up at the box office. Coming to 'Luck', Sanjay's daredevilry has left director Soham Shah quite impressed and he is on a Sanjay Dutt praising spree. "It's Sanju's introductory sequence. He jumps from a running train, along with some other actors, blindfolded and with his hands tied behind his back," informs Soham. Sanjay Dutt, however, tries to play it down. "I hadn't shot such a hardcore action sequence in a long time, so when the opportunity arose, I decided to do it myself. Initially I was a bit nervous, but then I gauged the jump from the cage in the train to the tracks. After the jump, we had to speed away from the train, and keep running. For that split second, I

had my heart in my mouth but fortunately things went well," says Sanjay.

The scene is supposed to be one of the biggest and the most expensive highlights of the film. "It's about these characters testing their luck. We set up cables and kept harnesses ready. So that if anything went wrong, Sanju would not be injured. But when we narrated the scene to him, he said he didn't want to use any safety measures or dummies. He was kicked about shooting such a high-voltage action scene on his own," Soham adds.

The scene has been directed by action director Allan Amin. "The train sequence with five running trains was technically impossible to set up in Mumbai or any other big city, so we shot in Goa. The authorities helped us change guards and some trains were kept on standby for a couple of days on two railway tracks. It was a very expensive shoot. A five-day shoot with five trains a day cost us over Rs 1.5 crore," explains Soham. Now that surely is grand. Let's hope luck favours Soham this time around as his first movie 'Kaal' didn't quite register well. 'Luck' is slated to release on 24th July and sees the debut of Kamal Haasan's daughter Shruti Haasan. It also stars Mithun Chakraborty, Danny Denzongpa, Ravi Kishen and Chitrakshi and has been produced by Shree Ash-tavinayak Cine Vision Ltd.