

Part V

# THEY FOUGHT & SURVIVED

Celebrities from the world of cinema to sports who battled cancer and came out victorious. As we go to press more and more celebrity names get added to this list. All these famous men and women fought the Emperor of Maladies bravely and following treatment are spreading cheer and awareness of the disease. They insist on the need for regular checkups, early detection and uninterrupted medication to become



Known for her roles in Bombay and 1942: A Love Story, actress **Manisha Koirala** was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2012, underwent surgery and is cancer free now. Her memoir Healed is her personal story of a battle against ovarian cancer.



Model-actress **Lisa Ray** was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow, in 2009 and is cancer free now.



Cricket star **Yuvraj Singh** was diagnosed with Stage 1 Lung Cancer in 2012 and underwent chemotherapy.



Yester-year actor and successful director and producer, **Rakesh Roshan**, recently diagnosed with throat cancer underwent a surgery. His actor son Hrithik Roshan even posted his father's post-surgery pics on Instagram.



Academy Award-winning actor **Michael Douglas** was diagnosed with throat cancer in August 2010 and is presently cancer free.



Veteran actress **Mumtaz** was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2000 and following series of chemotherapies and radiations sessions is cancer free.



Critically acclaimed actor of both Hindi film industry and Hollywood, **Irrfan Khan**, was diagnosed with neuroendocrine tumour. He is presently undergoing treatment in London.



South Indian actress **Gautami**, known for her role in Inruvar and Papanasam, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 and has since recovered.



The bubbly actor of many hit Hindi films, **Sonali Bendre** was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer for which she underwent treatment in USA and is now back in Mumbai. She says, I will fight cancer head on. I won't allow it to win."



Known for his role as Wolverine in the X man series **Hugh Jackman** was diagnosed with skin cancer in 2013 and has had several procedures since then. He has used his fame to raise awareness about skin protection.

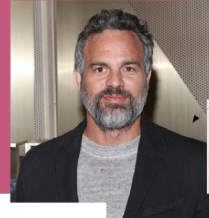


**Anurag Basu**, the Barfi director, was diagnosed with Blood Cancer in 2004 when doctors told him that he had only 50% chance of survival but he fought the disease bravely.



Veteran actor **Robert De Niro** was diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 2003, received a prostatectomy, a surgical procedure that involves either the partial or complete removal of the prostate gland.

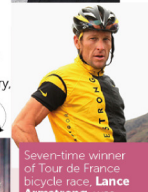
Mexican actress, model, producer and writer **Barbara Mori**, was diagnosed with early stage of breast cancer. Starring opposite Hrithik Roshan in the movie Kites Brabara is a proud cancer survivor. Besides her work she does a lot of cancer awareness programme, speaks extensively about her treatment and how one should go for regular checkups for an early detection for better chances of survival.



Hollywood actor **Mark Ruffalo**, known for his role as Hulk in the Avengers series was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2001 and had a successful surgery to remove it.



Actress **Kylie Minogue** was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 and after chemo and surgery, eight months later she was cancer-free.



Seven-time winner of Tour de France bicycle race, **Lance Armstrong** was diagnosed with testicular cancer in October 1996 and learned that it had already spread to his brain, lungs and abdomen. In February 1997, he was declared cancer-free.



Journalist and activist **Gloria Steinem** was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 1986 and is a cancer survivor.

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