

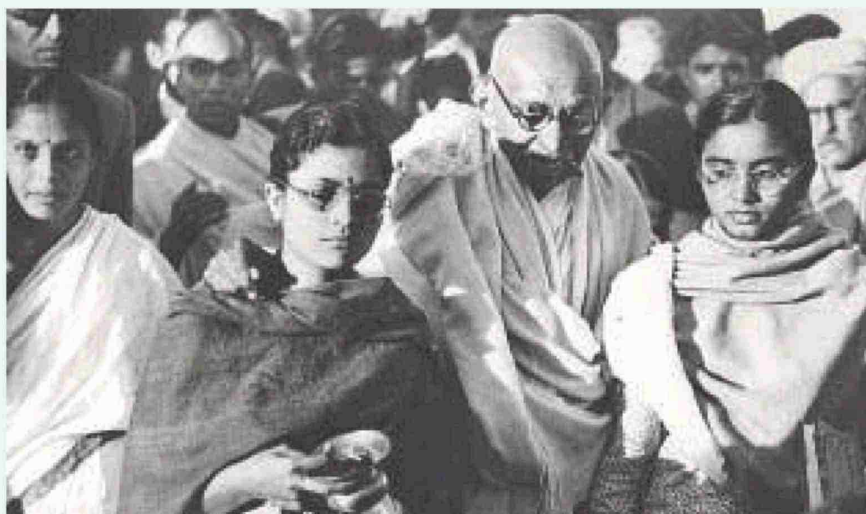
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Saturday

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Critics' choice



Pick of the day

Three Lives Of Gandhi (BBC2, 8.15pm)

The news anchor Mishal Husain proves a confident documentary presenter as she begins a biography of the revered Indian nationalist leader whose non-violence inspired Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. In part one, she shows how Gandhi's years in South Africa transformed a failure — a religious outcast unable to practise law in India — into a formidable campaigner.

Carry On fans will be miffed that **Sid! By Those Who Really Knew Him** (Sky Arts 1, 9pm) turns out to be about Sid Vicious, Sex Pistol, fashion icon, junkie and, it seems, adult bed-wetter.

David Blaine — Drowned Alive (E4, 9pm) mixes dazzling street magic with his attempt on the world breath-holding record, after a week in a water-filled glass globe. With only Brazil and Abu Dhabi to follow, Jenson Button tries to hang on to his points lead in the **Japanese Grand Prix** (BBC1, 5am, repeated tomorrow 2pm) at Suzuka, a circuit made testing by its figure-eight layout.

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