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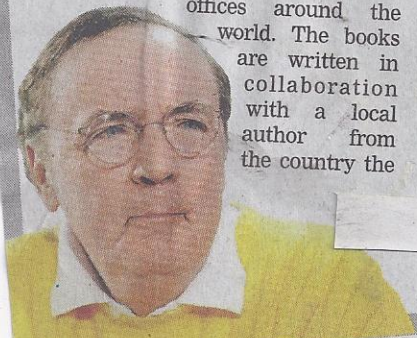
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# A thrilling combo

**Ashwin Sanghi** will co-author the next detective novel in **James Patterson's** latest series

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Known for his fictional works that weave history, mythology and crime, author Ashwin Sanghi is penning a purely contemporary thriller based in India — *Private India* — in collaboration with bestselling thriller writer James Patterson. This is the latest in James' Private series, about a global detective agency with offices around the world. The books are written in collaboration with a local author from the country the



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book is set in. "With its vibrant and chaotic cities, and rich history and heritage there could be no better place to set *Private's* next adventure than India. And there could be no better writing partner than Ashwin who has wide historical knowledge and love for a fast-paced plot," James says.

"James is often called a thriller factory, churning out a huge number of bestsellers over three decades," says Ashwin. "Working on this book will be very different from what I have done in the past. The key challenge will be to get James' style into my writing which is known for certain elements — short chapters, fast-paced plots, strong hooks at the end of chapters, no redundancy, and no sentences that do not move the plot."

"My role is to bring in the sensibilities of the local author and present my point of view, especially at the plot outline stage, to work out the storyline. James clearly knows what he wants, and there is no ambiguity on his ideas," Ashwin says. The book is currently in the outline stage and Ashwin will write the first draft between February and June. After this, the second and third revisions will be entirely by James, before it goes to the publishing house editors.

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