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@Pun\_Starr: Akshay Kumar claims, he promoted Vimal thinking it was elaichi. Soon, he might also claim he supported BJP thinking they were patriots.

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### Lens on the Parsis

For years now, writer Ashwin Sanghi's Bharat Series has engaged and enthralled readers. We're glad to report that the seventh title in the series is on its way. The Magicians of Mazda (published by HarperCollins India) will hit the bookshelves in May. Blending fact with fiction, this time, the story will take readers to the port of Sanjan in Gujarat, where a fleet of boats carrying 18,000 frightened Parsis arrived in 720 CE. Centuries later, a Parsi scientist called Jim Dastoor is abducted by the Ayatollah to uncover an ancient relic known as the "Athraivan Star". "The Magicians of Mazda explores a facet of Indian history that has remained obscure for around 1,300 years — the arrival of the Parsis in India. I was keen to examine the ancient connections between Vedic and Zoroastrian philosophies, but packaged in a fast-paced thriller," he told us.

