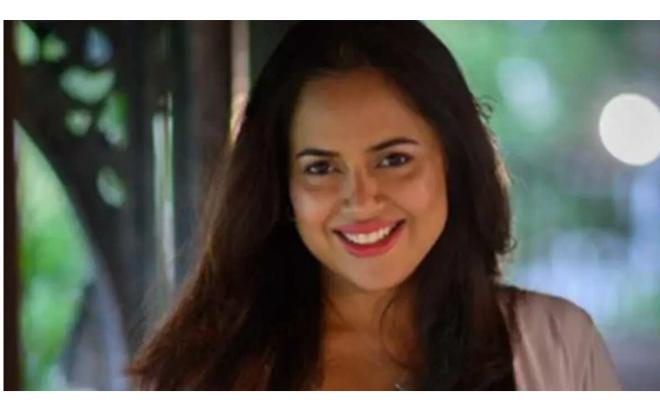
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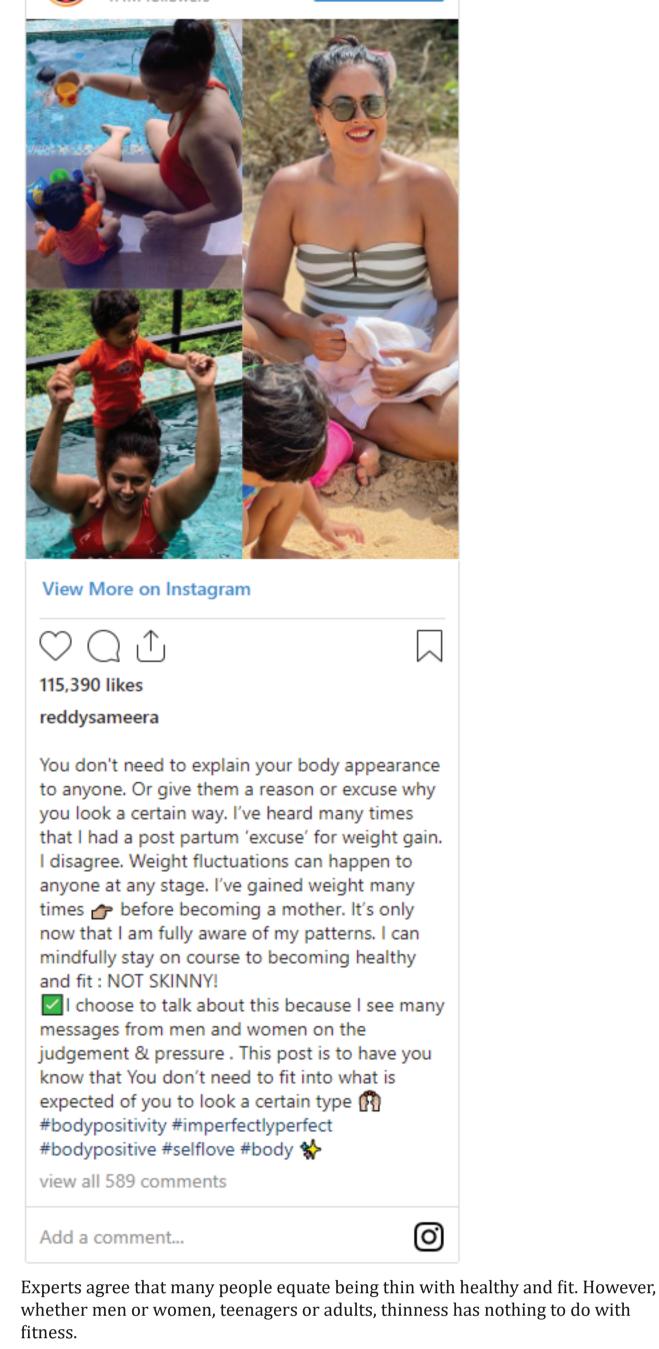
"You don't need to explain your body appearance to anyone. Or give them a reason or excuse why you look a certain way. I've heard many times that I had a postpartum 'excuse' for weight gain. I disagree. Weight fluctuations can happen to anyone

Instagram post.

Sameera Reddy, who regularly shares updates about her fitness journey, recently opened up about body image, self love and how being 'healthy is not skinny' in an

at any stage. I've gained weight many times before becoming a mother. It's only now that I am fully aware of my patterns. I can mindfully stay on course to becoming healthy and fit: Not skinny!" she captioned her last post. ALSO READ | Sameera Reddy shares fitness update: 'Even more determined to get to my goal'

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as part of which she follows mindful workouts, and eats without any "short cuts".

Stressing on the importance of not allowing the pressure of losing weight affect one,

Reddy mentioned how she chose to speak out due to messages from 'men and

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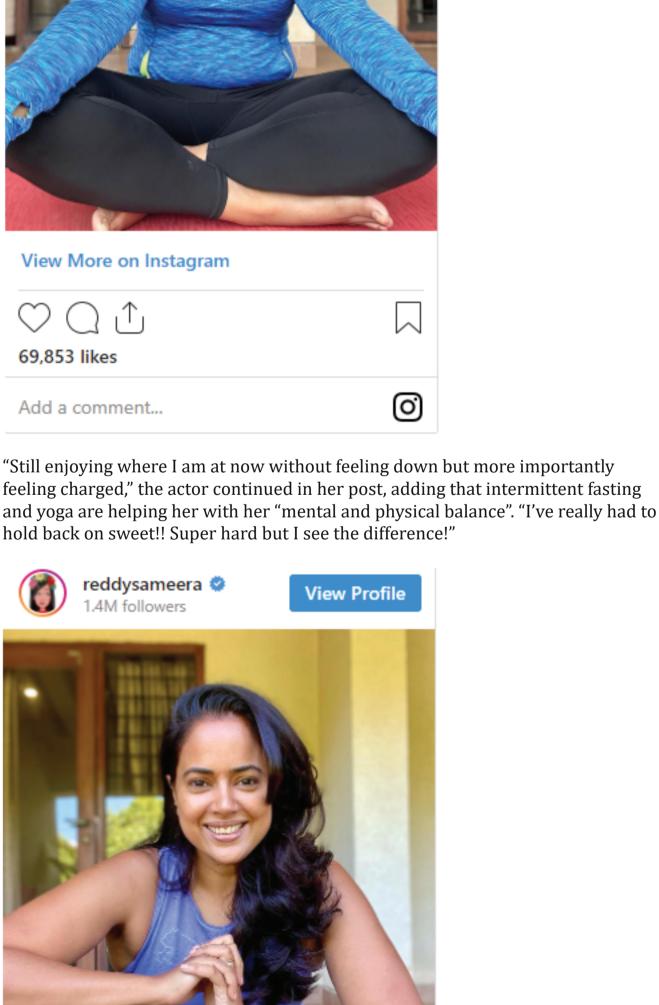
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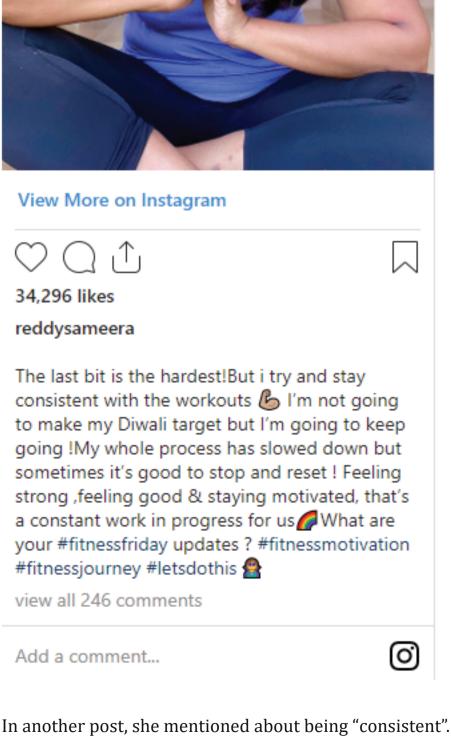
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Highlighting the importance of working out, Amol Naikawadi, joint managing director and preventive healthcare specialist at Indus Health Plus, said not exercising will lead to a weaker immune system and make our bodies more susceptible to infections. "Apart from affecting our immune system, it will also increase the chances of obesity, cardiovascular ailments, diabetes, and other

non-communicable diseases," he told indian express.com in an earlier interview.