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Tandav stirs controversy, but it's not the only one



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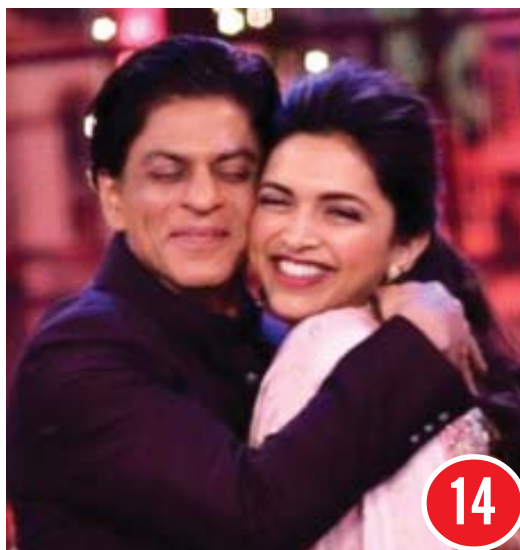
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KANGANA RANAUT MOVIE DHAAKAD TO RELEASE ON OCTOBER 1



Kangana Ranaut starrer upcoming film Dhaakad will have a theatrical release on October 1 this year. The actor took to social media to announce the date along with a new poster. The movie also stars Arjun Rampal and Divya Dutta. Dhaakad's new poster features Kangana in a fierce look. She plays Agent Agni in Dhaakad, which she said is 'India's first female led action thriller'. Kangana wrote on Twitter, "She is fearless and Fiery! She is Agent Agni ?? India's first female led action thriller, #Dhaakad releasing in theatres on 1st October 2021! Talking about the film Kangana earlier said, "Dhaakad is not only a benchmark film for my career but will be a turning point for Indian cinema as well. The film is mounted on a large scale, and is one of a kind female-led action film." "If it is received well, there will be no looking back for women in Indian Cinema. Sohail and Razy are my friends, and we have been planning this project from quite some time. I am quite excited about this film and can't wait to start work on it," she added. Written by Chintan Gandhi and Rinish Ravindra, the action-thriller is jointly produced by Sohail Maklai Productions and Asylum Films and co-produced by Qyuki Digital Media. The film also marks screenwriter Ritesh Shah's first collaboration with Kangana.

DEEPIKA PADUKONE CONFIRMS SHAH RUKH KHAN'S COMEBACK FILM 'PATHAN'



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RANVEER SINGH AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR EIGHT YEARS AND ARE STILL DISCOVERING EACH OTHER: DEEPIKA



After a courtship of six years, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh entered marital bliss in 2018. The couple is head-over-heels in love with each other. During several media interactions, they just can't stop gushing over each other. Recently, Deepika spoke at length about Ranveer and how even after two years of marriage they are still discovering things about each other. She also called him the 'best actor' in today's times. Deepika told Femina, "Everybody talks about his energy but what most people don't realise is that this is not who he is all the time. What attracted me to him was the fact is that we have been together for eight years and are still discovering each other. I think that is the beauty of our relationship. We started not as lovers but close friends, who connected at some level, even though we are very different people.

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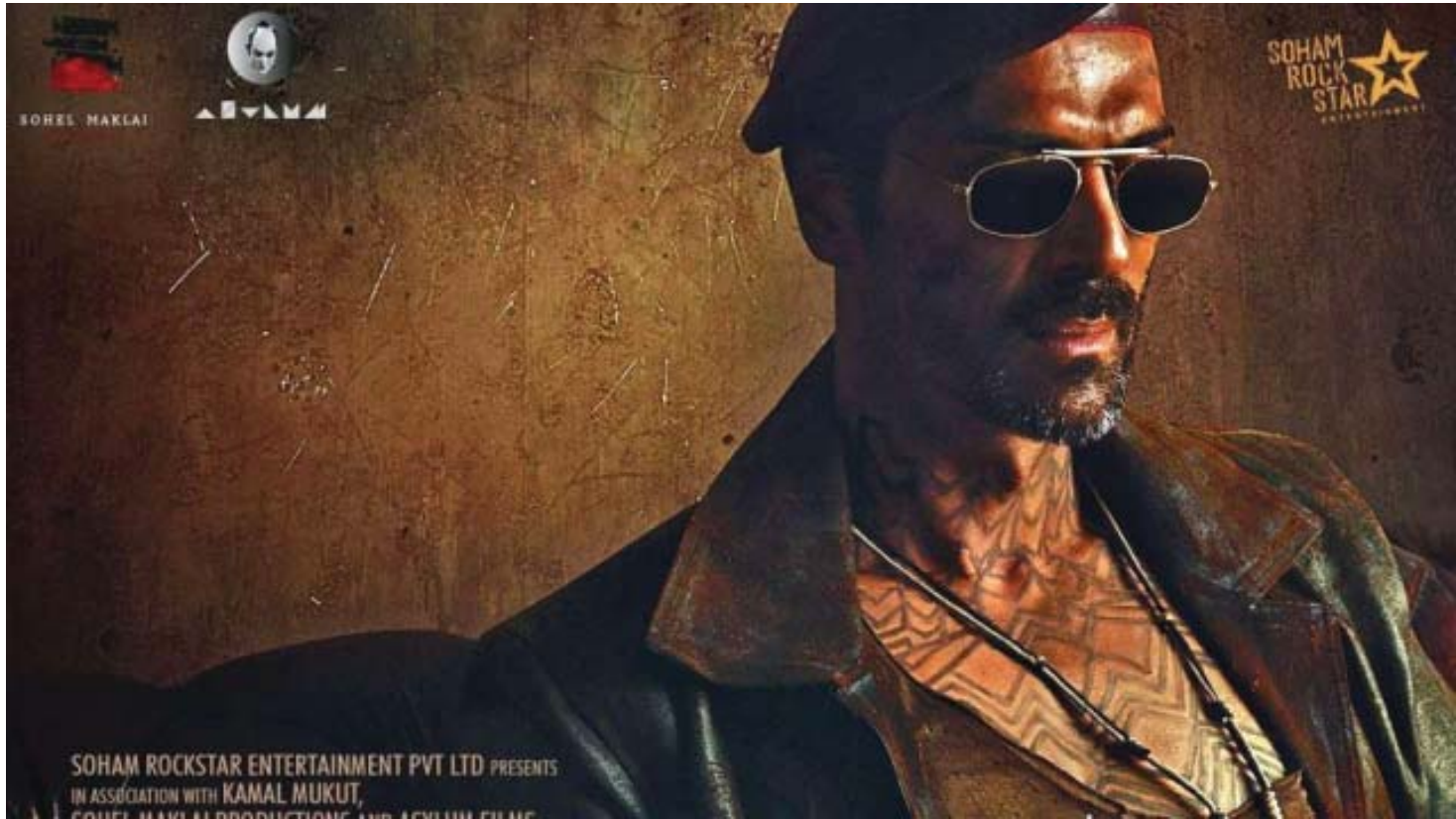
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Arjun Rampal aka Rudraveer is main antagonist in Kangana Ranaut's 'Dhaakad', shares deadly first look



After Kangana Ranaut, Arjun Rampal shared his character poster from the upcoming film Dhaakad. In the action thriller, the actor plays the role of Rudraveer and is the main antagonist. The first look poster features Arjun in a raw look wearing a ripped black vest and a leather jacket with black sunglasses and a beret. Rampal sports body tattoo and poses intensely in the poster.

Arjun posted the character poster with a caption stating, "Boom! Evil has a new name- Rudraveer! Super excited to essay an antagonist who is dangerous, deadly and cool at the same time! Here's my look for @sohamrockstrent's #Dhaakad. Arriving in cinemas on 1st October 2021!

Dhaakad is directed by Razneesh Ghai aka Razy and has Kangana

playing the role of Agent Agni. Arjun's presence in the movie was confirmed when the actor made an appearance at Kangana's Brunch party at her residence in Mumbai for team Dhaakad.

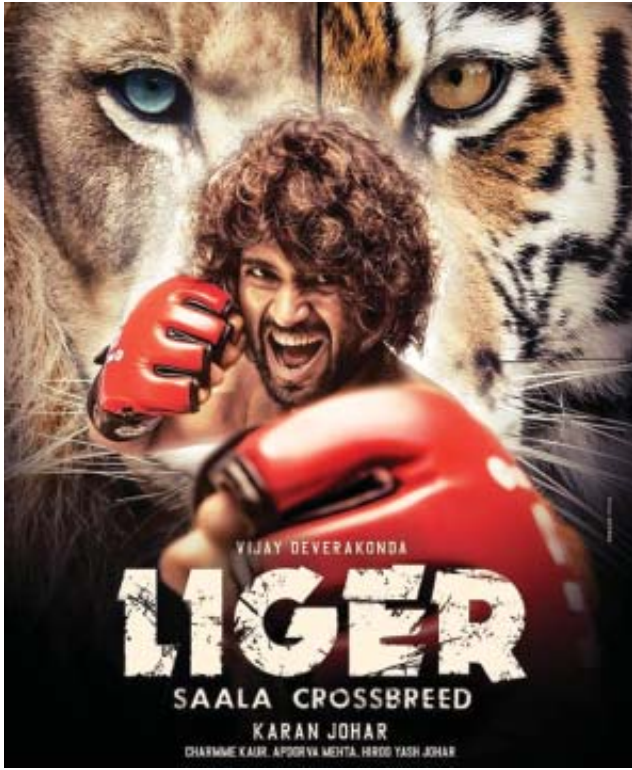
While talking about the film, Ranaut had earlier said in a statement, "Dhaakad is not only a benchmark film for my career but will be a turning point for Indian cinema as well. The film is mounted on a large scale, and is one of a kind female-led action film."

The actor also said, "It has several chase sequences and sword fights. I will use all kinds of sophisticated weapons, including some of the latest machine guns. I believe one must pick up new skills for every movie. I don't like to rush into any project as it makes me anxious." Dhaakad is set to hit the screens on October 1, 2021.

NASEERUDDIN SHAH ON HIS REACTION TO HIS MOTHER ASKING IF HE 'WOULD WANT RATNA PATHAK SHAH TO CHANGE HER RELIGION'

Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah who never fears while giving his opinion recently spoke at length about the controversial 'love jihad'. During a video interview with a YouTube channel named Karwan e Mohabbat, the actor stated, "The people who coined this term- do they even know the meaning of Jihad?" Naseeruddin is married to Ratna Pathak Shah, and in the same interview, he shared about how his mother was against the idea of converting one's religion. Talking about 'love jihad', Naseeruddin stated, "I am really furious with the way divisions are being created, like the love jihad tamasha in UP. Firstly, the people who coined this phrase don't know the meaning of the word jihad. I don't think that anyone would be so stupid to actually believe that Muslims will overtake the Hindu population, it is unimaginable. For that, Muslims will have to have so many babies. So, this whole notion is unreal." The Masoom actor further said, "They not only want to discourage interfaith marriages but also curtail social interactions between Hindus and Muslims." Shah further shared that Ratna and he have taught their children about every religion. The actor said, "We have taught our children about every religion. But we have never told them that they belong to any particular religion. I always believed that these differences would slowly fade away. I believed that my marriage to a Hindu woman would set a healthy precedent. I don't think this is wrong."

Vijay Deverakonda-Ananya Panday's film titled 'Liger', Karan Johar shares 'punching' first look



Earlier titled Fighter, the Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Panday starrer film is now called Liger. As announced by Karan Johar, the makers have unveiled the first look poster of the film much to the excitement of the fans. In the poster shared by KJo, Vijay is looking deadly while donning a look of a boxer. He has messy hairdo with a 'liger' in the backdrop. The tagline for the film is 'Saala Crossbreed'.

Karan posted the first look with a caption stating, "Proud to present LIGER, starring the ruler of big screens and many hearts - Vijay Deverakonda & the fiery Ananya Panday. Directed by the exceptionally skilled Puri Jagannadh, we can't wait to let the world witness this story in 5 languages - Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada & Malayalam.

The title seems to have changed after Siddharth Anand announced the title of his forthcoming directorial as Fighter starring Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone in the lead roles. With this film which is touted to be a pan-Indian flick, Vijay will be making his Bollywood debut. The film is directed by Puri Jagannadh and co-produced by Charmme Kaur. Earlier while praising Deverakonda, Ananya had said, "I have yet to meet someone so grounded and humble despite being such a huge star. He is kind and soft-spoken."

Talking about her character, Panday had shared, "My character is quite like the real me. I think young girls will be able to relate to her cute, funny and charming personality. I am working on my Telugu too, learning a few words every day on the set. I will try to dub for myself in as many languages as possible."

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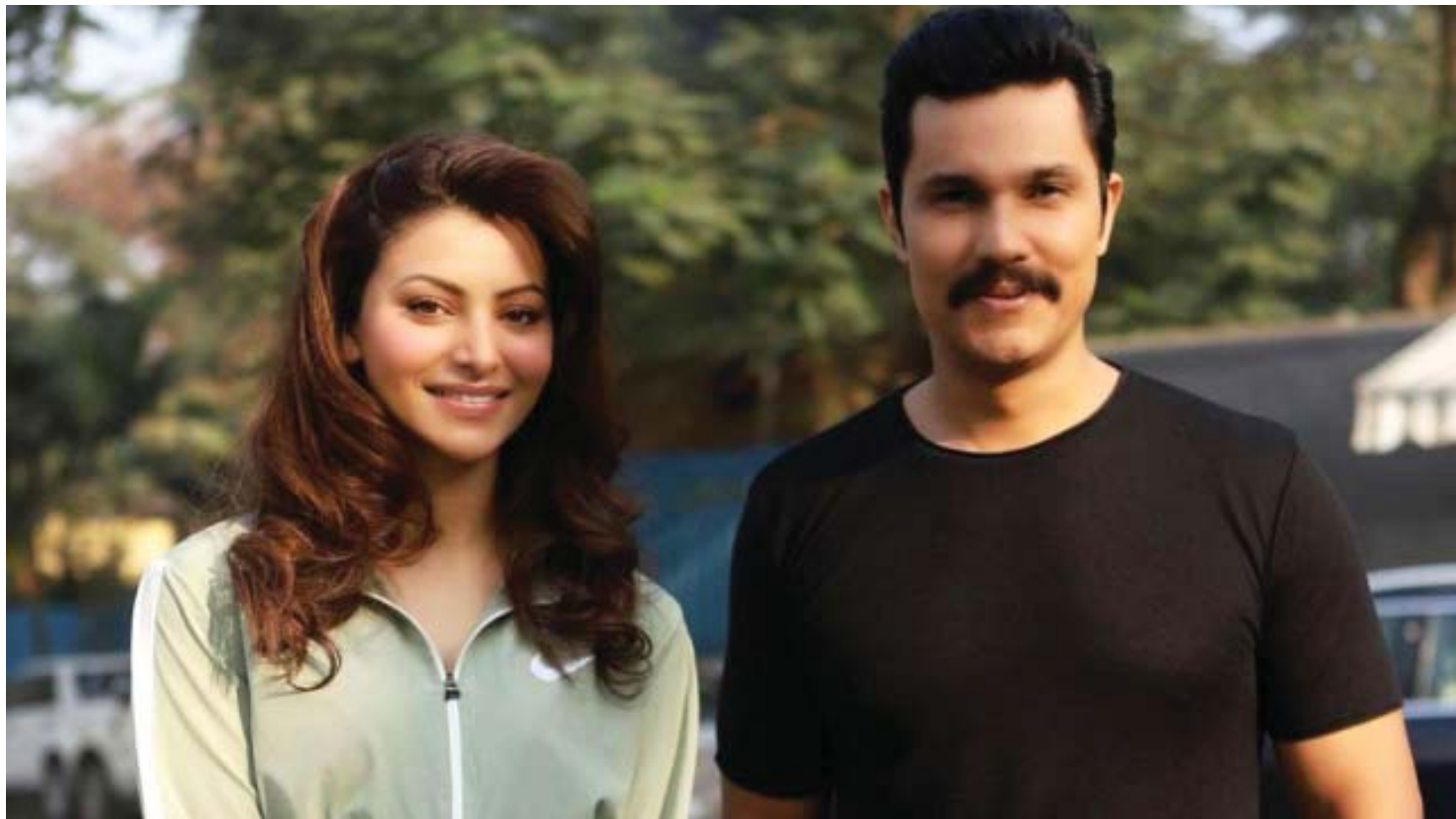


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'Biopics are great challenge for me': Urvashi Rautela on her role in 'Inspector Avinash' starring Randeep Hooda



Randeep Hooda has kickstarted the shoot of Inspector Avinash which is a web series. In the show, the actor is joined by Urvashi Rautela who plays his on-screen wife named Poonam Mishra. Sharing her excitement on the same, Urvashi had shared a photo posing with Randeep on her Instagram page. She wrote, "Enjoying shooting with my super amazing costar @randeephooda for #InspectorAvinash. After I saw his films #Extraction, #Sarbjit & #Highway I was like OMGGGG." Talking about her character, Urvashi stated, "My character is inspired by a real character. My character's name is Poonam Mishra and I play the wife of Randeep Hooda's character, the 'Super Cop' Avinash Mishra. Biopics are a great challenge for actors instead of creating a character from nothing, they have to portray a version of

a real person on screen. Bringing someone else's story to life is a big responsibility, but one that also helps a real-life person's story be told." Rautela further said, "To get into the skin of the character, I have been hanging out with Poonam Mishra. I've been trying my level best to get as close to her personality and mannerisms as possible. I'm wearing the same kind of bangles and sarees of her liking, basically trying to soak up the character to the best of my ability! I'm truly honoured to be playing her in the series because she, in my eyes, is the epitome of strength and courage. She has been a strong pillar of support to Avinash Mishra. For me, that is a very interesting story to tell. I've also met the real Avinash Mishra and talked to the whole family. I spent time with them. It can be melancholy and beautiful at the same time."

#SHAURYASTORIES: REMEMBERING KARGIL WAR HERO 'SHERSHAAH' CAPTAIN VIKRAM BATRA



Kargil war hero Capt Vikram Batra was one of the Bravehearts of the country and his heroic tale deserves everyone's attention. For DNA's 'Shaurya Stories', look back at some inspiring stories of lesser-known heroes who created history in their own ways. Vikram Batra, who was bestowed with Param Vir Chakra posthumously died on July 7, 1999, during Kargil War fought between India and Pakistan.

Who was Captain Vikram Batra?

Born on September 9, 1974, Captain Vikram Batra spent his childhood in Palampur. During the 1999 Kargil War, his unit was ordered to recapture Point 5140 in his first major battle in the war. Even though the enemy had the higher ground, he led his men to a brilliant tactical assault on the enemy. The 13 J&K Rifles won a decisive victory which strengthened India's hold on the territory and he was immortalised when he reportedly told his commander: 'Yeh dil maange more.' His next operation was to capture the 17000-feet high Point 4875, a tough challenge made harder by the steep slopes and chilly temperature. On a fateful night, after shocking the enemy to retreat, he went to rescue a junior officer who had injured his legs in an explosion. Even though he took out five enemies with a grenade a bullet hit him on the chest.

Capt Vikram Batra was awarded Param Vir Chakra on August 15, 1999. His citation read as -

During 'Operation Vijay', on 20 June 1999, Captain Vikram Batra, Commander Delta Company was tasked to attack Point 5140. Captain Batra with his company skirted around the feature from the East and maintaining surprise reached within assaulting distance of the en-

emy. Captain Batra reorganized his column and motivated his men to physically assault the enemy positions. Leading from the front, he, in a daredevil assault, pounced on the enemy and killed four of them in a hand-to-hand fight.

On 7 July 1999, in another operation in the area Pt 4875, his company was tasked to clear a narrow feature with sharp cuttings on either side and heavily fortified enemy defences that covered the only approach to it. For speedy operation, Captain Batra assaulted the enemy position along a narrow ridge and engaged the enemy in a fierce hand-to-hand fight and killed five enemy soldiers at point-blank range. Despite sustaining grave injuries, he crawled towards the enemy and hurled grenades clearing the position with utter disregard to his personal safety, leading from the front, he rallied his men and pressed on the attack and achieved a near-impossible military task in the face of heavy enemy fire. The officer, however, succumbed to his injuries. Inspired by his daredevil act, his troops fell upon the enemy with vengeance, annihilated them and captured Point 4875.

Captain Vikram Batra, thus, displayed the most conspicuous personal bravery and leadership of the highest order in the face of the enemy and made the supreme sacrifice in the highest traditions of the Indian Army."

Biopic on Captain Vikram Batra

Sidharth Malhotra will be seen playing the role of Capt Vikram Batra in his biopic titled Shershaah. The film is directed by Vishnu Varadhan and produced by Karan Johar under his home banner Dharma Productions. Shershaah also stars Kiara Advani as the female lead.

Shahid Kapoor-Mrunal Thakur starrer 'Jersey' gets festive release date

Shahid Kapoor's upcoming film Jersey is awaiting a release for nearly a year. The actor plays the role of a cricketer in the Hindi remake of the Telugu film of the same name. Now, Shahid took to his social media pages and announced the new release date of Jersey and it's set to be a festive release date. The film co-starring Mrunal Thakur and Pankaj Kapur is slated to release during Diwali on November 5, 2021. Shahid posted a still from Jersey in which he is seen donning the look of a cricket player. The actor captioned the post stating, "JERSEY releasing in theatres this DIWALI 5th November 2021. The triumph of the human spirit. A journey I am so very proud of. This one's for the TEAM... @mrunalofficial2016 @gowtamnaidu @geethaarts @amanthegill @srivenkateswaracreatations @sitharaentertainments."

Mrunal commented on Shahid's post by writing, "Let's goooooooo." Talking about the shoot experience in Uttarakhand during the coronavirus pandemic, Mrunal had earlier told DNA, "I am blessed to have such wonderful producers. Everybody was comfortable, going through the necessary precautions and safety measures. I thought it was going to be very difficult but it was very smooth. We became a family altogether. We finished this schedule in 20 days, so it took us a long time to finish the shoot and it was really worth it." She added, "Going to Uttarakhand was also the best break and it was so beautiful. Mumbai in lockdown was really claustrophobic. I needed that change and nothing can make me feel better than standing in front of the camera. Can't wait to shoot for the next schedule soon."



'BIGG BOSS 14': RAKHI SAWANT DOES NOT WANT HER HUSBAND RITESH ANYMORE, WANTS ABHINAV SHUKLA TO BE HER SPERM DONOR



Rakhi Sawant had a heart-to-heart conversation with Sonali Phogat during Monday's episode of 'Bigg Boss 14'. Rakhi spoke at length not only about her husband but also her liking for fellow contestant Abhinav Shukla. Rakhi said that she is ready to accept Abhinav along with his wife Rubina Dilaik - "woh gharwali, main baharwali (she is the wife, I can be the mistress)". Rakhi went on to add that there has been no man in her life since her public break-up with ex-boyfriend Abhishek Awasthi. Rakhi said, "Mere zindagi mein koi aadmi aaya hi nahi hai. Saalon ho gaye. Mera boyfriend tha, Abhishek. Uske baad toh koi aadmi hi nahi aaya (No man has come into my life. It has been years. I had a boyfriend named Abhishek. No man has come into my life since then). You need someone. Ek katori uska pyaar chahiye (I just need a little bit of Abhinav's love)."

Rakhi also said that she never come between Abhinav and Rubina but said that she wants certain things like a hug, kiss on the cheek, and coffee dates. For the uninformed, Rakhi had married a businessman named Ritesh in 2019. She has often accepted that she has not met him in over a year. She further said that she does not want her husband anymore. "Uska kuch hai ki woh mujhe duniya ke saamne nahi apnayega. Kya hai main nahi bata sakti (There is a reason why he will not publicly accept me as his wife. I cannot say what the reason is)." She burst into tears as she told Sonali that if she ever has kids, the identity of their father will have to be kept a secret, which is not acceptable to her. Rakhi said that she had frozen her eggs and wants Abhinav to be the sperm donor. She said that she will ask Rubina and his family if they are okay with that.

KAPIL SHARMA RECALLS RUNNING AWAY FROM HIS OWN WEDDING, HERE'S WHY



Kapil Sharma often shares interesting anecdotes on his comedy-talk show The Kapil Sharma Show. The actor-comedian tied the knot with Ginni Chatrath who is away from the limelight. However, Kapil talks about her on his show and also teases his wife in front of the celebrity guests who mark their presence. On Sunday's episode, while talking to Raj Babbar and Jaya Prada, Kapil narrated an incident of running away from his own wedding.

In one of the sequences, Kapil asked Raj, "We have heard that you check the stage personally in a rally before making a speech. Is it true?"

To which the actor-turned-politician replied, "When I joined politics, many fans used to come to our rallies. We cannot push them away and some of them even used to jump directly on stage and there used to be a huge crowd. The stage could not handle overcrowding and it broke down. Fearing that, yes, I started checking the stage before entering a rally." Related to the stage thing, Kapil recalled, "I can relate to this. This happened in my own marriage. Many people crowded the stage and I ran away to my room and did not come out." Meanwhile, Kapil and Ginni are blessed with a baby girl named Anayra Sharma. The little munchkin who is the apple of her parents' eyes turned one recently. Kapil often treats fans with the cutest photos and videos with his baby daughter which instantly go viral on the internet.

'Tandav' controversy: FIR registered in Lucknow against Amazon Prime Video, Ali Abbas Zafar

An FIR has been registered at Lucknow's Hazratganj Kotwali against Amazon Prime's India head of original content Aparna Purohit, director of web series Tandav Ali Abbas Zafar, its producer Himanshu Krishna Mehra, writer Gaurav Solanki and others for allegedly hurting religious sentiments. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has summoned Amazon Prime Video officials in India in connection with the controversy around the web series Tandav, sources had said on Sunday. This comes after two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders alleged that the Saif Ali Khan-starrer web series Tandav hurts Hindu religious sentiments. BJP leader Ram Kadam had earlier said that he has filed a complaint at Mumbai's Ghatkopar Police Station against Tandav. Expressing similar concerns, BJP leader Manoj Kotak has written a letter to Union Minister Prakash Javadekar.

DEEPIKA PADUKONE CONFIRMS SHAH RUKH KHAN'S COMEBACK FILM 'PATHAN'



After much speculation around Yash Raj Films' 'Pathan' and fans awaiting evidence about Shah Rukh Khan's comeback, actor Deepika Padukone has now confirmed that his next release is Siddharth Anand's Pathan. Shah Rukh Khan, who has been on a sabbatical since the box office dud 'Zero' in 2018, has maintained an air of mystery about his next project as an actor but Deepika's confirmation is sure to make fans go gaga. During an interview with Femina, while talking about her line-up of films for 2021, Deepika said, "So, I immediately started with Shakun Batra's film, which is a relationship story that we haven't seen in Indian cinema before. Then there is Pathan, an action film with Shah Rukh Khan, next is Nag Ashwin's multilingual film with Prabhas."

Deepika further added, "Then I am doing which is a remake of Anne Hathaway's movie The Intern, which is so relevant in today's times when

you have the millennial and the older generation coming together. And then, the most famous story coming out of our country, Mahabharata, in which I am playing Draupadi; I want to tell that story to the world." In other news, Shah Rukh Khan has not made any formal announcement regarding his comeback to acting after 2 years. However, he had dropped a hint during his New Year message by saying, "See you on the big screen in 2021." Meanwhile, Shah Rukh has been busy with his production ventures. Last year, he produced two films under his Red Chillies Entertainment banner - Kaamyaab and Class of 83. His next project is Bob Biswas, the origin story of the bespectacled contract killer from 2012 hit Kahaani. The film stars Abhishek Bachchan in the titular role and recently wrapped up shooting in Kolkata.

Jiah Khan's sister accuses Sajid Khan of sexual misconduct, alleges 'he asked her to take off top



In the documentary Death In Bollywood on Jiah Khan's death, the late actor's sister levelled allegations of sexual misconduct against Sajid Khan. In the small clip which has made it on social media pages, Jiah's sister is heard saying that the late actor was asked to remove her top by Sajid during a script reading session and she came home crying after that. Kangana Ranaut retweeted the video and once again slammed the 'Bollywood mafia'.

In the video, Jiah's sister stated, "When she was asked by Sajid Khan to take her top off, she came home and cried. She said, "It was a rehearsal, she was reading the scripts and he asked her to take off her top and stay in her bra. She didn't know what to do, she said 'the filming hasn't even begun yet and this is happening.' She came home and cried."

Karishma Khan, Jiah's sister further said, "I have a contract, and if I leave, he'll sue me and slander my name and if I stay then I'll be sexually harassed, it is a lose-lose situation." So, she did do the film."

Talking about her own experience, Karishma went on to say, "I remember going to Sajid Khan's house with my big sister and I remember being around the kitchen table, must've been like 16 at this stage. I was just wearing a strappy top and was leaned at the table and he was sort of staring and said 'Oh she wants sex'. My sister Jiah immediately jumped to my defence and said 'No what are you talking about', and he said, 'Look at the way she's sitting'."

She added, "No she's innocent, she's young, she doesn't know what she wants." And then we left shortly after that."

Meanwhile, retweeting the video, Kangana wrote, "They killed Jiah they killed Sushant and they tried to kill me, but they roam free, have the full support of the mafia, growing stronger and successful every year. Know the world is not ideal you are either the prey or the predator. No one will save you you have to save yourself."

Jiah Khan died in the year 2013 at the age of 25.

CONFIRMED: EIJAZ KHAN EXITS 'BIGG BOSS 14', SHOCKS INMATES

Several reports have been making the rounds that Eijaz Khan will be exiting from the reality show Bigg Boss 14. The announcement will be made during the Monday episode which will shock everyone in the house. In the promo, shown amid Bigg Boss 14 Weekend Ka Vaar episode, BB shows the montage of Eijaz's journey inside the house. This brings a smile on everyone's face. But soon, Bigg Boss announces that the actor is set to exit the house. Yes, due to some prior professional commitments, Eijaz will be leaving the reality show. This can be cited as a 'voluntary exit' from Bigg Boss 14 house. The actor will be leaving the house after staying for about 106 days. On hearing the shocking news, Arshi Khan is seen breaking into tears and is inconsolable. Talking about Eijaz's exit from Bigg Boss 14, a source told Pinkvilla, "Eijaz has had a great run on the show so far. But he will have to leave the house because of work reasons. Since the duration of the show has increased, the schedule is coinciding with Eijaz's another professional commitment. He doesn't like to keep people waiting and hamper their schedules. The crew has been out of work for a while because of the pandemic, so he wanted to be on time to help the crew earn. This is why he's decided to move out of the show voluntarily to be on time with his other show's schedule." It is also said that Devoleena Bhattacharjee will be entering the reality show as Eijaz's proxy. A source told The Times of India, "It was believed that Devoleena would enter the BB house as Vikas Gupta's proxy just like he did for her in the previous season. However, we have now learnt that she will be filling in for Eijaz Khan. The latter has had to bow out of the show owing to his work commitments. He had allotted dates to another project and will have to exit the reality show. While we are hoping for him to return to the show at a later stage, chances of that happening seem bleak at this point."



RAJKUMMAR RAO ASKS 'THE WHITE TIGER' CO-STAR PRIYANKA CHOPRA IF SHE LIKES 'PAAN' IN HILARIOUS BTS VIDEO



Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Rajkummar Rao, and Adarsh Gourav starrer 'The White Tiger' is all set to digitally make its debut on January 22, 2021. Today, Rajkummar, who is shooting for 'Badhaai Ho' along with Bhumi Pednekar shared a hilarious BTS video featuring his co-star Priyanka Chopra. The video shows Rajkummar and Priyanka can be seen enjoying some fun banter. Rajkummar can be heard asking PeeCee, "Which hajmola do you like the mos?" to which, Priyanka jokingly says, "Albela aam chulbuli imli." Soon the former asked, "Do you like paan?" to which Priyanka said, "I like pan pasand more than pan."

While sharing the fun BTS video, Rajkummar captioned it saying, "#BTS When Chulbuli Pinki and Albela Ashok went out to dinner. #TheWhiteTiger @priyankachopra."

Earlier, during an interview, Rajkummar piled praises on his co-star Priyanka. He said that Priyanka is truly phenomenal, a very chilled out person as being a global star she never made them feel that she was the biggest star on their set. He had said, "I have always been a big admirer of her work. It's fun to work with great actors as it enhances your performance and Priyanka did just that to me. She even helped me out in my scenes. I look forward to working with her more and hopefully, it will happen soon."

Priyanka had earlier said about The White Tiger, "I'm so excited to work with Ramin Bahrani and Netflix to bring Aravind Adiga's poignant story to cinematic life. When I read the book, I was fascinated with the perspective of the narrative. The story's portrayal of raw ambition and the extent one will go to to achieve one's goals is riveting. I look forward to filming this in India this fall and also working along with Rajkummar for the first time and the wonderful cast Ramin is putting together."

WHO IS SURAJ NAMBIAR? ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MOUNI ROY'S WEDDING PLANS WITH RUMOURED BEAU



After several reports of Varun Dhawan and Natasha Dalal tying the knot in January 2021, now it is being reported that actress Mouni Roy is all set to settle down as well. Mouni Roy is planning to tie the knot with a Dubai-based banker named Suraj Nambiar.

According to a report in The Times of India, Mouni is extremely close to Suraj's parents and family and is ready to take her relationship to the next level.

For the uninformed, Dubai is a very homely and popular location to visit for Mouni. The actress is seen visiting the glorious city several times. Meanwhile, this is not the first time that Mouni has grabbed eyeballs for her personal life as previously too her name has been linked to Suraj.

At that time, Mouni told Mumbai Mirror, "People who matter know I'm single and it's not about the shortage of time because you can compartmentalize your life. But I need to meet the right person, I can't just pick someone and start dating. At the moment I'm grateful for this window (movies) that has opened in my life. I don't think I should throw it away by not giving my 100 percent to it." Recently, a video had also gone viral on the internet of Mouni calling Suraj's parents mom and dad. Mouni's personal life has always grabbed headlines. She was previously said to be dating her 'Devon Ke Dev...Mahadev' co-star Mohita Raina as well as TV actor Gaurav Chopra. On the work front, Mouni will next be seen in Ayaan Mukherji's 'Brahmastra' alongside Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, and Alia Bhatt.

'GLAD I COME FROM A BLOODLINE OF WARRIORS': KANGANA RANAUT SLAMS ALI ABBAS ZAFAR OVER 'TANDAV'



Actress Kangana Ranaut on Monday criticised Ali Abbas Zafar's controversial new series 'Tandav', starring Saif Ali Khan, Dimple Kapadia, and Mohammad Zeeshan Ayyub. Kangana slammed the series, calling it "Hindu phobic, atrocious and objectionable". "The problem isn't just the Hindu phobic content, it's also creatively poor and deprived, atrocious and objectionable on every level hence deliberately placed controversial scenes. Put them in jail not just for criminal intentions but also for torturing the viewer #tandavwebseries," the actress tweeted from her verified account on Monday. In another tweet, Kangana slammed Ali Abbas Zafar and wrote in Hindi, "Where will you be left to apologize? They cut the throat straight away, jihadi countries remove fatwa, Libru media performs virtual lynchings, you will not only be killed but that death will also be justified @aliabbaszafar do you have the courage to make fun of Allah?"

Zafar has also issued an apology on behalf of the cast and crew on Monday with a long note on Twitter. Kangana's tweet comes at a time when a criminal complaint has been filed before a Delhi court seeking action against OTT platform Amazon Prime and the makers of the web series. The complaint filed under Section 200 of the CrPC seeks summoning, commencing the trial, and punishing the accused persons alleging that the web series is provoking communal disharmony and is hurting the sentiments of Hindus. An FIR was lodged against the makers of Tandav for promoting enmity and causing public mischief, the Lucknow Police said on Monday. The FIR was lodged against Ali, Amazon head of Indian originals Aparna Purohit, producer Himashu Krishna Mehra, writer Gaurav Solanki, and others, it was reported. Controversy arose with sections of people claiming a particular sequence featuring Mohd. Zeeshan Ayyub insults the Hindu god Shiva and also hurts Hindu sentiments.

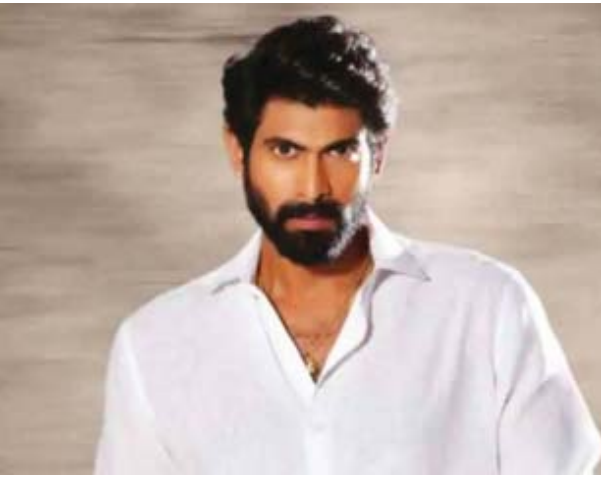
Soni Razdan believes Rhea Chakraborty 'will do very well' in Bollywood, calls her 'innocent victim of twisted design'



Alia Bhatt and Shaheen Bhatt's mother and actor Soni Razdan has come out in defence of actress Rhea Chakraborty on Twitter. Rhea is currently being investigated for her alleged role in the death of Sushant Singh Rajput. Rhea spent almost a month in jail on a drug-related charge in the case and is currently out on bail. Soni was replying to a Twitter user who said that Rhea 'possibly lost any chance at a career in Bollywood', to this, Soni wrote, "She going to jail has clearly exposed only the people who sent her there and shown that she was an innocent victim of a very twisted design. Why won't anyone work with her? I think she will do very well. I hope so anyway." Soni also pointed fingers at a certain section of media who seemed to have declared Rhea guilty before the court gave its ver-

dict, and demanded her arrest. Earlier, her director friend Rumi Jaffery had said that he is positive that Rhea will put the bitterness of the past year behind her and return to the industry. He had told Mid-Day, "I am confident she will get through this phase. Everybody around will advise you to be brave, but only the one going through [the ordeal] knows how difficult it is. Time is the best healer; with time, she will be fine. She is a talented artiste and will be ready to bounce back." Rumi further said that he had high regard for people who supported Rhea in her time of trial. "People drew their own conclusions on the matter. Ideally, we should wait for the judiciary [to give its verdict]. Every coin has two sides, but Rhea should also get a fair trial. I have the highest regard for those who supported her then."

'MISSION FRONTLINE IS A TRIBUTE TO OUR JAWANS' GRIT AND SPIRIT': RANA DAGGUBATI ON HIS NEW DOCUMENTARY



Actor Rana Daggubati says working on the documentary, 'Mission Frontline', has given him a perspective on what goes into guarding our frontiers. The upcoming documentary highlights the life of jawans of the Border Security Force. "India's Border Security Force - or the country's first line of defense has no holidays, no breaks, and no breathers. If it isn't for those brave-hearts always on their toes, our nation stands at risk. I feel grateful to have been able to meet them, live with them and train with them," Rana said. "As a civilian and countryman, this experience gave me perspective on what goes into guarding our frontiers, 24/7. These Jawans are our lifeline, our guarantee to sovereignty, and they're the true heroes," Rana added. "Going by what I experienced in Jaisalmer, Mission Frontline is a tribute to those Jawans' grit and spirit, with the intention to drive home some inspiration and gratitude for our defense forces, whose service we often take for granted," he further shared. For the uninformed, in the episode, Rana will be seen experiencing the life of a BSF Jawan and live with them at the Murar Post, Jaisalmer. He will be seen performing several tasks, including physical training routines and running drills. Rana will also be trained to use weapons, patrolling on a camel, and riding sand scooters. The documentary will premiere on discovery+ on January 21. On the personal front, Rana Daggubati and his wife Miheeka Bajaj travelled to Mumbai from Hyderabad recently and were snapped while leaving the South city. At the airport, Rana Daggubati looked dashing in a white T-Shirt and blue-washed jeans with a black buttoned shirt over them. A black cap, a black mask, and sneakers completed his look.

MINISSHA LAMBA OPENS UP ABOUT HER SEPERATION FROM RESTAURATEUR RYAN THAM

Actor Minissha Lamba who had starred opposite former actor Imran Khan in 'Kidnap' recently opened up about her separation and subsequent divorce from restaurateur Ryan Tham in 2020. For those who are unaware, she had tied the knot with Ryan in a low-key ceremony in 2015. During an interview with The Times of India, Minissha said that it is natural to be open to finding love and that there is no longer a stigma attached to separation. She said, "Life goes on and the important thing is to be happy. If something is not working, part ways amicably. Today we have options for that; there is no stigma attached to separation." Speaking further about the same, the actor said, "Everyone is open to love, the dizziness, the craziness of love. Which woman won't be open to love? She may have had a bad experience and she may say she doesn't want it but if it comes knocking on the door, she will break down the walls and let it in." For the uninformed, Minissha had announced her divorce in a statement in 2020 and had said, "Ryan and I have parted ways amicably. The legal separation has been done." In another interview with Indian Express, the actor had said, "We met at his nightclub. He ignored me a couple of times. It was after a few weeks that we got talking at a friend's place. I don't know about love at first sight, but it was definitely liking at first sight." On the work front, Minissha is known for films such as 'Bachna Ae Haseeno' and 'Honeymoon Travels Pvt. Ltd'. She has not appeared in any new films recently and noted that she has not received any interesting offers in the last couple of years, 'for reasons even I don't understand'.

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IT'S A PANTDEMIC: NETIZENS ENJOY AS INDIA DESTROY AUSTRALIA AT GABBA TEST



AFTER THE SERIES BEING LEVELLED AT 1-1, INDIA MADE SURE TO KEEP IT THE SAME AT SYDNEY, HOWEVER, AT BRISBANE, THEY WENT FOR THE KILL.

What an interesting game at the Gabba as India broke Australia's 32 years record and won the series 2-1. After the series being levelled at 1-1, India made sure to keep it the same at Sydney, however, at Brisbane, they went for the kill. While Shubman Gill fell nine runs short of his maiden Test hundred and skipper Ajinkya Rahane departed after a brisk 24, with Cheteshwar Pujara endured blows to the body and fought on and Rishabh Pant going on a run-chase, the injury-marred Team India surely gave fans the entertainment they deserved. Seeing the victory gained by the Men in Blue got netizens showering praises to the side.

Earlier in the day, Shane Warne had said that Pant "could hold the key" for the visitors, adding that India was looking well on track to win the fourth Test. Starting the second session with the game evenly poised, Gill and Pujara added 49 runs in the second session before the opener fell short of what would have been a sensational hundred. Gill had taken on the Australian bowlers smashing 20 runs off a Mitchell Starc over, hitting three consecutive boundaries but Nathan Lyon got the big breakthrough. Pujara got his first boundary off the 103rd ball he's faced in the innings.

'TO EVERYONE WHO DOUBTED US, STAND UP AND TAKE NOTICE': VIRAT KOHLI AFTER HISTORIC SERIES WIN



India have beaten Australia hands down in the four-match series and it fittingly ended at the Gabba, where the visiting side breached the hosts' fortress to become the first team to beat Australia in Brisbane in 32 years. Virat Kohli, who captained India in the first Test where they lost by 8 wickets after getting all out for just 36, took to Twitter to appreciate the Indian side, as many had given this side sans-Kohli and without many otehr players as the injury count was rising, India's resolve and belief defeated the Australian side. India became only the second side after South Africa to win two Test series against Australia on their home soil. Taking to Twitter, Kohli filled with pride and emotion, wrote, "WHAT A WIN!!! Yessssss. To everyone who doubted us after Adelaide, stand up and take notice. Exemplary performance but the grit and determination was the standout for us the whole way.

Well done to all the boys and the management. Enjoy this historic feat lads. Cheers @BCCI" No Kohli, No Ashwin, No Jadeja, No Ishant, No Shami, No Umesh, No Jadeja and India won 2-1 against Australia with the likes of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, David Warner, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon, Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne. A historic victory for a team where the adjectives about their mental strength and confidence in their abilities trumped over their skills. By the virtue of this win, India leapfrogged Australia in both the Test rankings and the World Test Championship rankings, as their hopes of qualifying for the Lord's summit clash got a further boost after the Gabba win. Earlier, opener Shubman Gill set up the Indian team with an aggressive 91 after which Pujara and Rishabh Pant sealed the match for India, winning the series 2-1.

INDIAN CRICKET TEAM GET 5 CRORE BONUS AFTER HISTORIC WIN IN AUSTRALIA



As an injury-ravaged India team retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy on Tuesday with a 2-1 series win over Australia, Jay Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), announced that a prize of INR 5 crore will be awarded to the team as a bonus.

"The @BCCI has announced INR 5 Crore as team bonus. These are special moments for India Cricket. An outstanding display of character and skill #TeamIndia #AUSvIND #Gabba," tweeted Jay Shah.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly also took to Twitter to congratulate the Indian team for achieving a remarkable feat. "Just a remarkable win...To go to Australia and win a test series in this way ..will be remembered in the history of Indian cricket forever ..Bcci announces a 5 cr bonus for the team ..The value of this win is beyond any number ..well done to every member of the touring party," tweeted Ganguly. On Tuesday, Australia's fortress -- The Gabba -- was finally breached. It took 32 years and two months, but the unthinkable was achieved as an injury-ravaged young Indian team beat Australia by three wickets against all odds in the final Test of the series at The Gabba.

The last time a visiting team came out triumphant from the Brisbane Cricket Ground was back in November 1988 when the mighty West Indian outfit under the leadership of Viv Richards thrashed Allan Border's team by 9 wickets. What makes the feat even more commendable is how the Indians fought multiple injuries and mental fatigue - due to the bio-bubble restrictions -- to register a historic win.

Rishabh 'nerves of steel' Pant will be forgiven for all the mistakes he has made through the series with wicket-keeping gloves in hand as each of the 89 runs that he scored in the final hour on Tuesday was worth its weight in gold. It was only poetic justice that he hit a boundary to win India a thriller. Coming back to the final day's action, needing 69 to win going into the last hour, any other team might have thought of ensuring a draw first. But not this Indian team which is filled with youngsters who believe in backing themselves till the fat lady sings. With swashbuckling Rishabh Pant at the crease, Australia skipper Tim Paine had no option but to keep the field open with men at the boundary. The wicket-keeper did take a few chances, but luck was smiling bright and sunny on him and he made hay.

And when Washington Sundar hit Pat Cummins for a six and a four off the last two balls of the 93rd over, it was down to 39 needed off the last seven overs. From there on, it was a game tailor-made for T20 star Pant. He went for twin boundaries in the very next over off Nathan Lyon and from there on, it was about just not committing hara-kiri.

But it all started with a 21-year-old Shubman Gill and a gritty Cheteshwar Pujara standing ground and stitching a slow yet steady 114-run partnership off 240 balls after Rohit Sharma was dismissed for 7 in the seventh over of the final morning. The wicket of the experienced campaigner was just the impetus the Australian bowlers needed to begin the day. But the duo of Gill and Pujara had other ideas.

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AJINKYA RAHANE'S INDIA END 32-YEAR DOMINANCE OF AUSTRALIA IN GABBA, WIN FINAL TEST TO CLINCH SERIES



SHUBMAN GILL, RISHABH PANT AND CHETESHWAR PUJARA BLASTED 50S AS INDIA BECAME THE FIRST NATION SINCE WEST INDIES IN 1988 TO BEAT AUSTRALIA IN BRISBANE.

It took 32 long years, but finally, Australia's last big fortress has finally crumbled. Shubman Gill laid the foundation with a brilliant 91, Cheteshwar Pujara stonewalled and built the base strong enough for reality. Rishabh Pant enhanced his reputation as one of the best and aided by a solid stand with Washington Sundar, India defeated Australia by three wickets with two overs to spare to win the series 2-1 and regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. However, this win will be special in more ways than one when it comes to the history of Indian cricket. Ajinkya Rahane's side has ended 32-year domination of Australia at a venue and they did it with half of their side injured. No Virat Kohli, No Mohammed Shami, No Jasprit Bumrah and no Ravichandran Ashwin. Yet, India still got the better of Australia in their own den. The win in Brisbane on January 19 will be the day Indian cricket finally came off age and it exhibited the level of talent and depth in Indian cricket. This has made the Indian cricket team the second nation after South Africa to win consecutive Test series in Australia. The day did not begin too well for India as Rohit Sharma was undone by a superb delivery from Pat Cummins. However, Shubman Gill and Cheteshwar Pujara followed the blueprint that had served them so well in the past. Shubman Gill showed more confidence while Cheteshwar Pujara set out to stonewall and grind the Australian bowlers down. In one over of Mitchell Starc, Shubman Gill blasted a six and two fours off the wayward Mitchell Starc as Australia failed to make inroads. Cheteshwar Pujara and Shubman Gill stitched a 114-run stand and the youngster looked good for a maiden century but he was undone by a flighted delivery from Nathan Lyon to fall for 91. While Cheteshwar Pujara took plenty of blows on his body and weathered the bouncer barrage of the Australian bowlers, Ajinkya Rahane looked to play some positive strokes. However, in his quest for

proactivity, he edged Pat Cummins who looked the best of the bowlers. Rishabh Pant came in and played with a mixture of caution and recklessness although luck favored him totally. Cheteshwar Pujara continued to fight and registered a fifty off 196 balls, making this his slowest fifty. However, with the second new ball, Cheteshwar Pujara was trapped LBW by Pat Cummins and Australia sensed an opening. When Mayank Agarwal fell after a nervous nine, it seemed the game would be evenly poised. But, Rishabh Pant had other ideas. Rishabh Pant found the boundary on a regular basis and he got confident support from Washington Sundar. When India needed 53 off 54 balls and Australia were trying to go for the kill, Washington Sundar changed the complexion of the game. The left-hander pulled a six and then a four off Pat Cummins as India got some breathing space. Towards the end, Washington Sundar and Shardul Thakur fell but fittingly, it was Rishabh Pant who sealed the win as he thumped a full toss from Josh Hazlewood to the long-off fence. The fact that India managed to turn the series around after being bowled for an 88-year low of 36 in Adelaide speaks volumes of the mental fortitude of the Indian cricket team. Ajinkya Rahane's calm leadership in Melbourne and his leading from the front gave India the ultimate advantage in sealing a win in the Boxing Day Test. The guts and determination shown by the Indian players who battled injuries in Sydney will go into folklore. It will not be long for social media to term this victory as one of the greatest in the history of Test cricket. More so because it was done in so much adversity. Kolkata 2001, Adelaide 2003, Rawalpindi 2004, Trent Bridge 2007, Johannesburg 2007 will all be footnotes in India's greatest Test wins. But, Melbourne 2020 and Brisbane 2021 will be spectacular only because it was done under so much adversity.

SEE YOU AT THE GABBA? 'WELL THEY SAW AND THEY CONQUERED', TWITTER GOES HYSTERICAL AFTER INDIA WIN



Twitterati is having a field day at the office on Monday after India's thumping victory at the 'Gabbatoire' as it is called in Australia before this match ended, owing to their stupendous record that was intact for whopping 32 years till new-resurgent India came to the ground. India defeated the Aussies by three wickets at the Gabba, becoming the first visiting side in the last 32 years to win a test in Brisbane. Australia, who boasted their record at the Gabba and took pride in being their fortress in the Test matches, got a taste of their own medicine from the users on Social media. The netizens took a leaf out of

skipper Paine's book to mock in his own style, with which he sledged off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin in the SCG Test. Paine had said, "Can't wait for you to get to the Gabba," from behind the stumps in a move to disturb his concentration. However, this Indian side, not just saw the Aussies at their fortress, they conquered it and slammed their overconfidence to the ground. The users on Twitter came up with hilarious memes and Ashwin's wife Priithi too, took a cheeky dig at the same by writing the exact same words of the Australian skipper in capital letters.

India claim second spot in ICC Test ranking after memorable win at Gabba

India's memorable win at The Gabba not only saw the team script history but also ensured they toppled Australia in the ICC Test Team Rankings to claim the second spot. New Zealand sits atop the table with 118.44 points while India now has 117.65 points, overtaking Australia on 113 points. "India displace Australia to become the new No.2 in the @MRFWorldwide ICC Test Team Rankings," ICC tweeted. It took 32 years and two months, but the unthinkable was achieved on Tuesday as an injury-ravaged young Indian team defeated Australia by three wickets against all odds in the final Test to take the series 2-1. Rishabh 'nerves of steel' Pant will be forgiven for all the mistakes he made through the series with wicket-keeping gloves in hand as each of the 89 runs that he scored in the final hour on Tuesday was worth its weight in gold. It was only poetic justice that he hit a boundary to win India a thriller. The last time a visiting team came out triumphant from the Brisbane Cricket Ground was back in November 1988 when the mighty West Indian outfit under the leadership of Viv Richards thrashed Allan Border's team by 9 wickets. What makes the feat even more commendable is how the Indians fought multiple injuries and mental fatigue - due to the bio-bubble restrictions -- to register a historic win. Having already lost Ravindra Jadeja and Hanuma Vihari going into the final Test, Jasprit Bumrah and R Ashwin too couldn't get match-fit and that saw India field a bowling attack that was led by a two-Test old Mohammed Siraj. But the lion-hearted pacer rose through the ashes like a phoenix to show he belongs at the highest level. Coming back to the final day's action, needing 69 to win going into the last hour, any other team might have thought of ensuring a draw first. But not this Indian team which is filled with youngsters who believe in backing themselves till the fat lady sings. With swashbuckling Rishabh Pant at the crease, Australia skipper Tim Paine had no option but to keep the field open with men at the boundary. The wicket-keeper did take a few chances, but luck was smiling bright and sunny on him and he made hay.

PANT SAYS THIS AFTER HISTORIC WIN AT GABBA



Young wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant hit an unbeaten 89 runs off 138 balls to help India register a historic win against Australia on Day 5 of the fourth Test match, at The Gabba in Brisbane. With this three-wicket win, Ajinkya Rahane-led side succeeded in retaining the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and won the four-match Test series 2-1. During the post-match ceremony, Pant said, "This is one of my biggest days in life. The support the team has given me even when I was not playing has been incredible. It's a dream come true. We've been practicing hard after the first Test. The team management always backs me and tells me you are match-winner and you have to go out there and win and I am happy I did it today. It was a fifth day pitch and the ball was turning." It is to be noted that Pant hit 97 runs during the third Test match, which helped India secure a crucial a draw at the Sydney Cricket Ground. "I keep thinking every day that I want to win matches for India, and I did it today," the south-paw added. Also revealing about the pitch condition, Pant said, "It was a fifth-day pitch and the ball was turning a bit. I thought I have to be disciplined with my shot selection." India started Day 5 slowly with opener Rohit Sharma returning to pavilion cheaply. After Sharma's departure, 21-year-old Shubman Gill held the fort for the visitor and smashed 91 runs off 146 balls. Cheteshwar Pujara once again showed why he is an important part of Indian Test side as he hit 56 runs off 211 balls. Ajinkya Rahane (24) and Washington Sundar (22) also joined the party. For the home side, Pat Cummins claimed four wickets and off-spinner Nathan Lyon grabbed two wickets.

Skipper Ajinkya Rahane hails Indian team's character and determination after historic series win



Skipper Ajinkya Rahane has hailed the character and determination of the Indian team after winning the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia. Rahane, who was given the captaincy in the last three games after original skipper Virat Kohli's departure has led team India to win two Tests - one at the MCG and now the second at the Gabba - and draw the third at SCG, to keep his undefeated record as captain in the longest format intact. Speaking after the win, Rahane was at loss of words as when he was asked what this victory means to the team and the country, Rahane said, "It means a lot to us. I don't know how to describe this victory. I am really proud of all the boys, showed character, attitude, especially after the Adelaide Test match. We have to fight really hard, we know Australia in Australia is a very dangerous team. We just wanted to give our best and not think about results but as I said I don't know how to describe this victory. I'm really proud of each individual," Rahane said. India were bowled out for 36 in Adelaide Test. Skipper Virat had left the team. India had lost their premier fast bowler in Mohammed Shami. Defeated, two main men down and the humans dressed in whites turned warriors at the MCG led by the magnificent hundred by the stand-in skipper Rahane. Rahane scored 112 at the MCG and led India's fightback to trump Aussies in the Boxing day Test. Coming to Brisbane Test, India needed 324 runs on the final day of the game to win the match and take the series in the bag. After Shubman Gill's 91 Cheteshwar Pujara as usual had a sedate start but Rahane's intent was visible and everyone knew they were going for the win. After Lunch, Shubman Gill playing on 65 came out with a positive mindset and wanted to take the game on, with Pujara playing himself as usual. When asked, at what point Team India started going for the target, Rahane said, "When I went in to bat, the conversation between me and Pujara was that he would bat normal, and I would play with intent and if we get close to the total, we knew we had Pant, Mayank to get the total for us. Credit to Pujara, the way he handled the pressure was magnificent. Rishabh, Washington were magnificent. India had two debutants in the Brisbane game and collective experience of 3 Tests and 10 balls before the start of the game, but India took all the 20 wickets of the Australian team and also chased down the target in the fourth innings of the Test match. Asked if taking 20 wickets was the most pleasing thing for him, Rahane said, "Taking 20 wickets was the key, so we opted for 5 bowlers. Sundar brought the balance in place of Jadeja. The intention was clear to play five bowlers. Siraj played two Tests, Saini just one, so it was inexperienced but the character shown by the bowlers and everyone else was incredible."



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