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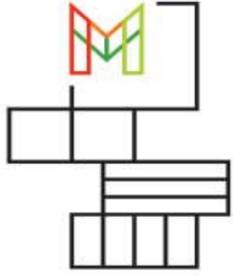
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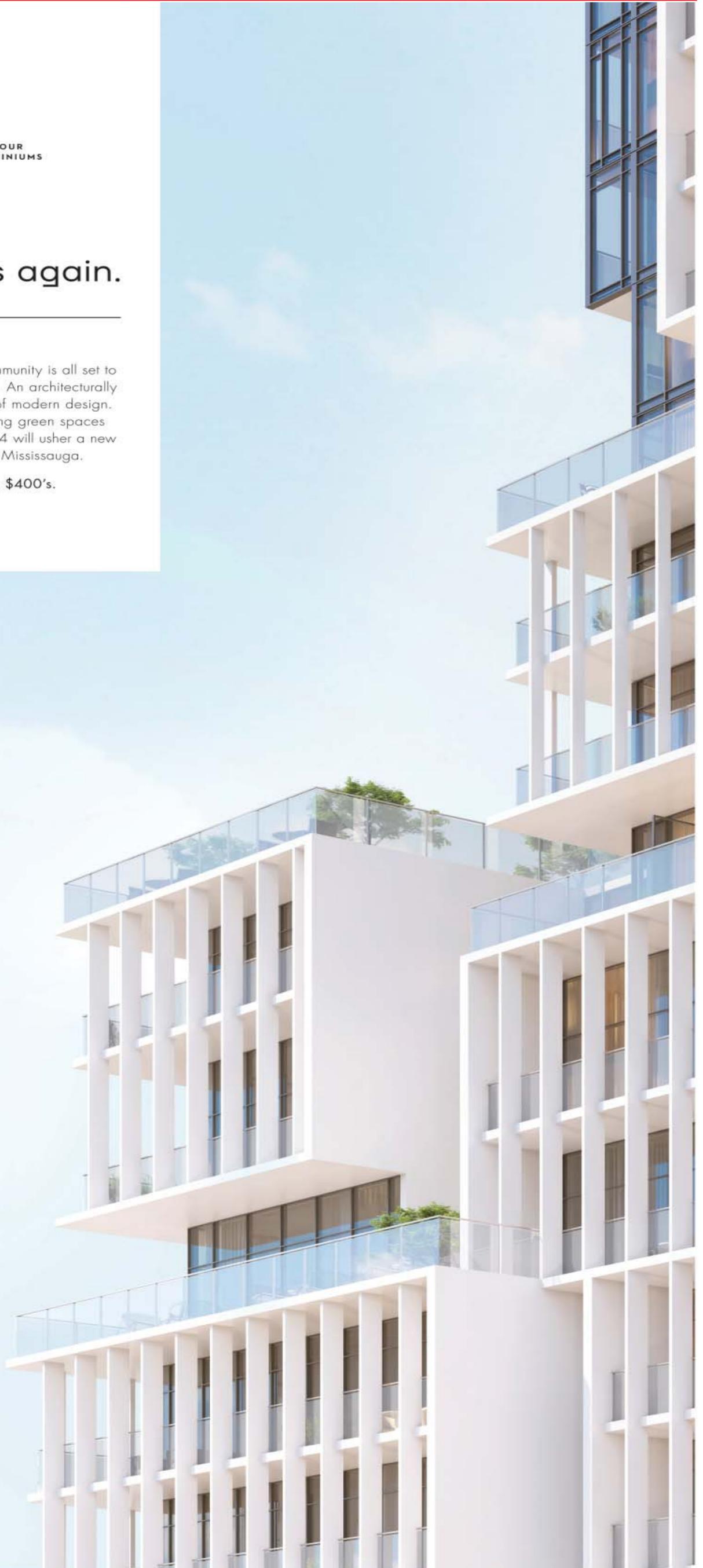
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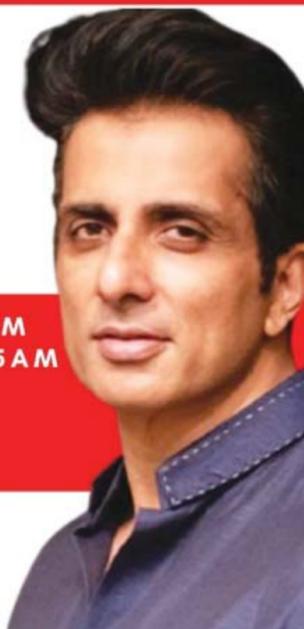
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**IRRFAN KHAN, BHANU ATHAIYA GET MENTION 'IN MEMORIAM'**



LOS ANGELES (IANS) Irrfan Khan and Bhanu Athaiya were the Indian film personalities honoured in the "In Memoriam" montage showcased at the 93rd Academy Awards ceremony held here, on early Monday morning according to India time. "Sean Connery and Chadwick Boseman were also among many others that the Academy remembered in the special tribute segment. Oscar nominee Angela Bassett gave a speech with the tribute, which was shown in the form of a video clip and was a homage to achievers the world of screen lost over the past year, including actors, writers, directors, and technicians." Irrfan, who passed away last year in Mumbai at the age of 53 after a two-year battle with neuroendocrine tumour, earned global recognition with his work in projects such as "The Warrior", "The Namesake", "Slumdog Millionaire", "The Amazing Spider-Man", "Life Of Pi", "Jurassic World" and "Inferno". He passed away on April 29 last year. "Costume designer Bhanu Athaiya became the first Indian to win an Oscar for her work in Sir Richard Attenborough's much-feted classic of 1982, "Gandhi".

**NOMADLAND, ANTHONY HOPKINS, FRANCES MCDORMAND WIN TOP HONOURS**



LOS ANGELES, (IANS) The 93rd Academy Awards ceremony will go down in history as one that celebrated inclusivity as never before. "From an all-black producing team being nominated for Best Picture, to Asian origin actors taking home the trophy, to deaf and mute presenter Marlee Matlin -- the Oscars this year made space for life in all its diversity. "The awards themselves held little surprise. Chloe Zhao expectedly won the Best Director honour and her film "Nomadland" won the Best Picture award. "Zhao said: "My entire Nomadland company, what a crazy lifetime journey..."" "Veteran actor Anthony Hopkins, who portrayed an ageing man battling dementia in The Father", won the Best Actor award. The octogenarian was not present at the ceremony or on video, and his award was accepted by the Academy on his behalf. Others nominated in the category were the late Chadwick Boseman, Mads Mikkelsen, Riz Ahmed, Steven Yeun and Gary Oldman.

**ILEANA D'CRUZ TALKS ABOUT BEING BODY-SHAMED SINCE SHE WAS 12, SAYS 'IT'S A DEEPLY INGRAINED SCAR'**

Actor Ileana D'Cruz who has often spoken about being a victim of body shaming, recently talked about it in detail while stating that it 'takes a lot of inner strength' to convince oneself that 'what they are saying doesn't matter'. The 'Barfi' actor, who started out young in films down South and later established herself as a Hindi film star too, revealed that she has been body-shamed since she was a child in an interview with Bollywood Bubble. On the topic of being constantly body-shamed and expected to be of a certain body type, Ileana disclosed she was commented on the size of her butt, over and over again and was advised to undergo the knife on several occasions. While sharing her experience, Ileana told Bollywood Bubble, "I remember those days like it was yesterday. It's weird because it's a very deeply ingrained scar. I went through body-shaming right from the time I was 12. I had just hit puberty and growing up. You are hit with these weird comments. And people are passing comments about your body and saying, 'Oh My God, why is your butt so big?' And I am like, 'What do you mean?' You think you are fine and then suddenly you have random people saying things about you and you start to believe what they are saying. So I think it's a deeply ingrained scar because you are carrying it for so many years. It takes a lot of inner strength to tell yourself that what they are saying doesn't matter. What you feel about yourself is most important. And it's something I tell myself every single day." "Because I go through it every day. I have at least 10 messages that I can find on my Instagram right now about body shaming for sure. So there's always going to be somebody saying something about you and it's harsh. And as much as I would like to tell people can you please be more kind more sensitive because you don't understand how much it can affect somebody else. The only thing that's in your control is you and how you think about yourself. So I would constantly just tell people your opinion about yourself is what matters the most. The hell with the world, the hell with what they think. Only your opinion matters. You are someone who is going to live with your body. There are days when I am like, 'I don't like this. Is my stomach too bloated?' But now I am like, 'No it's fine, there's a uterus in there so it's fine. It's alright. It's not gonna be flat," she also added.



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## Zareen Khan opens up on being judged as 'another pretty face', says didn't get opportunity to showcase talent

Her debut almost a decade ago in the Salman Khan starrer film 'Veer' was talked about in the media and the Hindi film industry alike. While the film tanked miserably at the box office, she appeared in a few Bollywood projects thereafter, including 'Ready', 'Aksar 2', 'Hate Story 3' and 'Housefull 2', but did not get noticed for it. Yes, we are talking about actress Zareen Khan, who recently opened up about being treated as just 'another pretty face who cannot act'. While voicing that she did not get enough opportunities to showcase her acting prowess, Zareen, in a recent interview with SpotboyE said, "I want people to see my potential. Till lately, I was only identified as another pretty face who cannot act, without even giving me an opportunity to showcase my talent. But now, I am doing my bit, reaching out to whom ever I can and I feel lucky that there are people out there who still believe in me and want to give me a chance to show my talent. I am happy to work with such people."

"I am not from a film background that a huge line of producers and directors will be outside my house to work with me irrespective of the fact that whether my last film was a hit or a flop. Being a person not belonging



to this industry, I have to be very careful with everything that I deliver. It has to be good and I have to take time to gauge a project and not just do for the heck of it, otherwise, after a point, even those projects will stop being offered to me. I am just being very careful in what I present to my audiences," she added.

Earlier, in an interview with Navbharat Times, Zareen had opened up about how the constant comparison to Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif did not work in her favour. "People come into the industry to create an identity for themselves and not to be someone else's lookalike or shadow. I have struggled to make a place for myself in Bollywood for 11 years, but till date, people tag me as Katrina's lookalike. No filmmaker wants to work with a lookalike or duplicate" she had said in the interview.

Stating that it wasn't just Katrina whom she was likened with, but that she was called a duplicate of a few other heroines as well, Zareen said, "I think I have a universal face. I apparently look like a lot of people. Some call me Pooja Bhatt's resemblance, some say, Preity Zinta, some even state I am Sunny Leone's lookalike. I don't understand why don't I ever look like Zareen Khan to people." On the work front, Zareen is awaiting the release of her film, 'Hum Bhi Akele Tum Bhi Akele'. The movie was originally scheduled to release in 2020 but got delayed due to the pandemic.

## RANBIR KAPOOR'S MOM NEETU KAPOOR BEFRIENDS ALIA BHATT'S PET EDWARD AS COUPLE HOLIDAYS IN MALDIVES



Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt are currently in the Maldives holidaying together. The couple was snapped at the Mumbai airport earlier this week while whisking off for a vacation after recovering from COVID-19. Now, Ranbir's mom and veteran actor Neetu Kapoor decided to spend some quality time with Alia's pet Edward. She took to her Instagram story and shared a cute photo of the feline winking while getting clicked. Neetu captioned her photo stating, "My new friend Edward. The friendship that started with a wink." The cat is pure white with a bushy tail and posed cutely while getting clicked by Neetu.

Earlier during an interaction with Hindustan Times, Alia was all praises

for her 'baby' Edward. She had said, "I love to show him off. I'm super personal with my social media accounts, especially Instagram, so I love showing people how cute he is. I mean, look how cute! My friends say I'm a little crazy as at times I actually just sit and keep looking at him. But that's because I love him so much. He's my baby, and what's wrong with being obsessed with your own baby?" The actor added, "He's running around me when I get home, and given my busy schedule, the most precious time I spend with him is when I am going to bed at night and he props himself up, head resting on the pillow like a human being, next to me. It's going to be heartbreaking when I go on my outdoor shoot as I won't get to see him."

## JANHVI KAPOOR ISSUES CLARIFICATION WHILE SHARING PHOTOS DRESSED IN BRIDAL AVATAR AMID COVID CRISIS

Amid the surge in COVID-19 cases across the country and a grim situation with patients struggling to get proper medication and lack of hospital beds, not to mention the ongoing oxygen crisis, B-town celebrities have been under the radar of social media users -- some for abandoning the country during the COVID crisis and vacationing abroad, others for continuing to shoot.

At such a time, when Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor on Friday shared took to her verified Instagram handle to share a series of photos that featured her dressed as a Gen Z bride on a magazine cover, it made headlines and caught the attention of netizens. But before anyone could raise a question as to why was she shooting for a cover issue amid the pandemic, Janhvi issued a clarification alongside the series of photos. In her caption, Janhvi wrote a message for her fans that read, "In these trying times, I know it's important to be sensitive to the troubles we as a country are facing & I would never want to be inconsiderate towards that. This cover, however, and the subsequent posts of it had been committed to a while back and were shot before lockdown. We were as safe and precautions as possible. I hope all of you are staying safe and strong! Love always." As for the photos, dressed in different bridal avatars for the cover issue, Janhvi posed effortlessly for the clicks. Rajkumar Rao and Varun Sharma. She will be next seen in Dharma Productions 'Dostana 2'. Apart from this, Janhvi has also been roped in for Karan Johar's multi-starrer period drama 'Takht' along with Ranveer Singh, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Alia Bhatt and Bhumi Pednekar.



## hollywood

### SCARLETT JOHANSSON REVEALS HOW SHE PLANNED HER WEDDING WITH COLIN JOST AMID PANDEMIC



American star Scarlett Johansson got candid about how she planned her 'very intimate' October wedding with Colin Hanks amid coronavirus pandemic. In a recent interview with People Magazine, Johansson admitted that her wedding during the COVID-19 pandemic was "such a delicate time" in terms of even planning to marry Hanks, whom she had dated for two years. While opening up about the "challenging" feat of pulling off her wedding, she told, "I think just keeping it intimate and small made it feel intentional. We wanted it to feel like it had an intentional intimacy as opposed to being something that felt like we were restricted by all these things." The 'Black Widow' star also shared that they adhered to all the COVID-19 guidelines for the ceremony. She told that it was their duty to ensure everybody was comfortable and safe, and following all the COVID protocols. The duo hosted the intimate celebrations at the 'Lucy' actor's home in Palisades, New York where they only planned the wedding within a few weeks with just close friends and family members, according to People Magazine. But even with all the wedding planning and COVID precautions, Johansson said she found it worth celebrating their special moment with their loved ones. "Some people we hadn't been able to really see so much over this past year. So that was really special, we felt really fortunate that we were able to do it," she added.

### KIM KARDASHIAN WEST AND KANYE WEST AGREE ON DIVORCE TERMS, ASK FOR JOINT CUSTODY OF THEIR FOUR KIDS



New details surrounding Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's divorce have revealed that the couple has agreed that they should have joint custody of their four children, North, Saint, Chicago, and Psalm, and neither of them needs spousal support. According to a report in The Guardian, Kanye's attorneys filed his response on Friday in the Los Angeles superior court in response to Kim's divorce filing, seven weeks ago, which began the process of ending their six-and-a-half-year marriage. Kanye's filing was reportedly identical to that of Kim's original petition, citing that the marriage should end over "irreconcilable differences" and they have shared custody of their 4 children.

### 'I'M IN': CAITLYN JENNER ANNOUNCES SHE'S CONTESTING FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

American reality TV star and former athlete Caitlyn Jenner on Friday (local time) that she is running for governor of California. As per Page Six, Caitlyn, a longtime Republican, filed paperwork for the initial stage to challenge Democratic incumbent Governor Gavin Newsom in a potential recall election. "I'm in! California is worth fighting for. Visit link in bio to follow or donate today," she announced on Instagram. The 71-year-old star has a group of prominent GOP specialists behind her, Axios detailed. They include Tony Fabrizio, a pollster who worked on former President Donald Trump's 2016 and 2020 campaigns, and Steven Cheung, a previous Trump White House helper who also a part of Arnold Schwarzenegger's group during the star's effective 2003 election. Jenner's close friend, Brad Parscale, Trump's former campaign manager, helped assemble her group, however, he doesn't anticipate playing an official role on the campaign. In an explanation, transgender rights activist slammed Newsom for his "over-restrictive lockdown" during the COVID-19 pandemic and whined that the Golden State's taxes are "too high."

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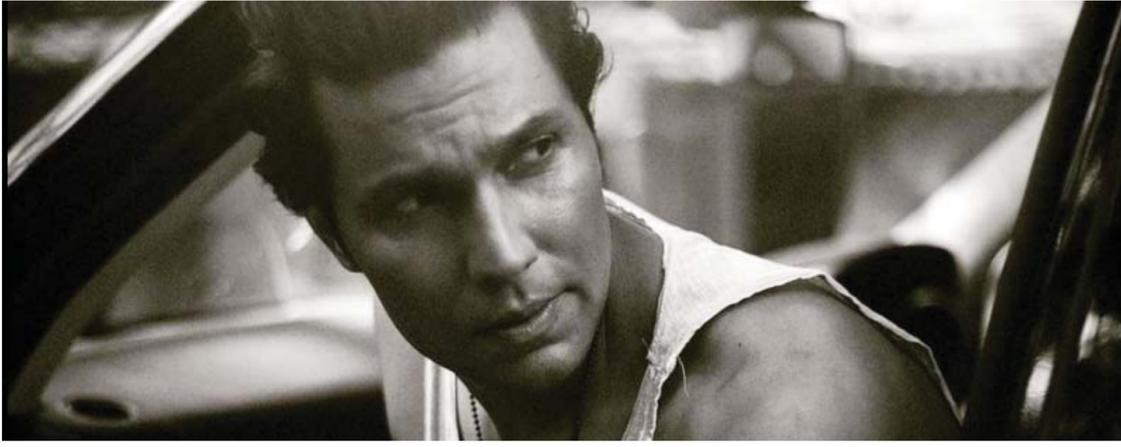
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## 'I'M QUITE USED TO IT': RANDEEP HOODA OPENS UP ON BOLLYWOOD'S COLD REACTION TO HIS HOLLYWOOD DEBUT 'EXTRACTION'



It has been a year since Chris Hemsworth and Randeep Hooda starrer Netflix film 'Extraction' released. The film got a warm reaction on the platform and also from Chris' peers in Hollywood, however, Randeep recently opened up about how Bollywood did not seem too excited for it. Randeep, in his first Hollywood film, played the role of Saju Rav, a former Para (Special Forces) Major. The film was produced by the Russo Brothers of 'Avengers: Infinity War', and 'Endgame' fame. Speaking to Pinkvilla about his colleagues' reaction to the movie, Randeep said, "Well I'm quite used to it. It does happen time and again, well that's okay. Maybe they didn't like my acting, liked my action maybe, that's why they didn't speak up," he said. As 'Extraction' completed one year of its release, Randeep spoke to Pinkvilla about the lack of reaction he got from Bollywood and said,

"Well I'm quite used to it. It does happen time and again, well that's okay. Maybe they didn't like my acting, liked my action maybe, that's why they didn't speak up." He further added, "But yeah there is a lot of hoopla that happens you know amongst people within the industry which did not happen for this. But, hey maybe as I said before maybe you didn't like my acting." Recently, Randeep, on his Instagram, also shared a video collection featuring some behind the scene moments from the Netflix movie. For the uninformed, 'Extraction' was released on the OTT platform Netflix on April 24, 2020. Many parts of the flick were shot in India. The film was directed by Sam Hargrave and also starred Rudhraksh Jaiswal, Golshifteh Farahani, Pankaj Tripathi, and David Harbour in pivotal roles.

## Hina Khan tests COVID-19 positive days after her father's demise

Hina Khan on Monday posted on Instagram that she has tested positive for Covid-19. Her post mentioned that she has home quarantined herself with all the precautions.

The Bigg Boss 11 finalist who recently lost her father following a cardiac arrest took to the platform to urge her followers to be safe and pray for her recovery. Her post read, "In these extremely difficult and challenging times for me and my family, I have tested positive for Covid-19. Following the guidance of my doctors, I have home quarantined myself and taken all necessary precautions."

The actress, who was recently in Kashmir for her upcoming project, requested everyone to get tested who came in contact with her. "Requesting everyone who came in contact with me to get themselves tested. All I need is your prayers. Be safe and take care," she said. In an earlier post, she had expressed her gratitude towards the people who checked on her during this difficult phase. Her post read, "My beloved father Aslam Khan left for the heavenly abode on the 20th of April 2021. I am grateful to each one of you for checking in on me and my family during these tough times. While I and my family are mourning the loss, my social media accounts will be handled by my team for upcoming work commitments. Thank you for your support and love."



'PEOPLE WILL BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHOLE DYNAMIC BETWEEN US': ANANYA PANDAY ON FILM WITH DEEPIKA, SIDDHANT



Ananya Panday has become one of the busiest actors with films and several brand shoots in her kitty. The actor will next be seen in Liger directed by Puri Jagannadh and starring Vijay Deverakonda in the lead role. Ananya has also been shooting for Shakun Batra directorial alongside Deepika Padukone and Siddhant Chaturvedi. Now during an interaction, the actor shared how she is balancing shoots between two films of different genres. Ananya stated, "Shakun's film is in a genre which hasn't been explored in Bollywood yet. And I think people will be really interested to see that, as well as the whole dynamic between the four of us." About Liger, the actor said, "It's the masala, popcorn entertaining kind of film that I've loved watching. There are high expectations that I've set for myself from this one."

Nobody will risk a 50 crore film with me today but they will risk a 500 crore film with Akshay Kumar: Suniel Shetty

Suniel Shetty, who has been a part of Bollywood for three decades now, says his problem is not being typecast but playing safe. The 59-year-old star made his Bollywood debut in 1992 with the action drama Balwan and was soon slotted as an action hero.

Over the years, he made his mark in the genre with films such as Mohra, Border, Kaante and Sapoot among others, though he also played the funnyman (the Hera Pheri series, Awara Paagal Deewaana), the romantic anti-hero (Dhadkan), the offbeat protagonist (Hu Tu Tu) and the odd villain's role (Main Hoon Na).

In the new generation, actors as diverse as Tiger Shroff and Ayushmann Khurrana have made a mark by sticking to a particular kind of cinema. "I guess over a period of time, whether it is Ayushmann Khurrana or Tiger Shroff, they will also start experimenting. What's very important is to get an image and they have a definite image for themselves. These two names can only be appreciated, hats off to them," Suniel told IANS.



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## DAVID WARNER, STEVE SMITH TO WITHDRAW FROM IPL 2021, HERE'S WHAT MEDIA REPORTS ARE CLAIMING

Australia has announced that it will suspend all direct passenger flights from India until May 15



After three Australian players - Adam Zampa, Kane Richardson, and Andrew Tye - pulled out of the Indian Premier League (IPL) mid-way, reports of Steve Smith and David Warner also looking to fly back home are doing the rounds. The reports come amidst the record-breaking coronavirus cases in India which have led to Australia potentially closing its borders. However, with Australia announcing that it will suspend all direct passenger flights from India until May 15, plans for Aussie players to leave India have been halted. The decision to halt flights has come to prevent more virulent coronavirus variants from entering the country. According to Australian media, they are reporting that their government is debating over issuing all flights from India which is dealing with record coronavirus cases on a daily basis. "Australian cricketers including David Warner and Steve Smith are now hoping to be flown home to India before borders shut," news agency IANS quoted 9News as saying on Tuesday. The report also claimed that around 30 Australian players, coaches,

and commentators are 'keen to get out of India' due to the 'deteriorating situation right across the country.' Australia Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews said that they have an obligation to ensure the safety of its 8,000 citizens in India. "Our primary responsibility is to keep Australians safe and secure, so that is our overarching responsibility," Andrews was quoted as saying by ABC. Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has asked for the suspension of flights from India. "I do believe now is the time to suspend those flights," Palaszczuk was quoted as saying by 9news. However, amid all this, Mumbai Indians pacer Nathan Coulter-Nile says he plans to stick with his franchise. "Everyone's got their own opinions on it and different situations for them," Coulter-Nile told cricket.com.au. "I was surprised to see AJ (Andre Tye) go home, and then Zamps and Richo (Kane Richardson), but when you speak to them, you definitely understand where they're coming from," he added. As for the IPL 2021, while Warner captains Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), Smith is representing Delhi Capitals (DC) this season.

## CSK CEO MAKES BIG ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MS DHONI'S RETIREMENT



Chennai Super Kings CEO Kasi Viswanathan opened up about skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni's future in the Indian Premier League (IPL) ahead of the 2021 season. Dhoni, who last year confirmed that 2020 was 'definitely not' the last time he was seen playing for the men in yellow, there have been speculations that this year could be his final in the IPL after he retired from international cricket on August 15, 2020. However, quashing the speculations and reports, the CEO of Chennai Super Kings, Kasi Viswanathan has said that this won't be the final year of Dhoni playing in yellow. Talking to The Indian Express about the same, Viswanathan said, "See, I don't think it is going to be his final year. This is my personal view and I don't think we are looking at anybody now." The former Indian skipper, Dhoni, who will turn 40 this year didn't play a single game at the highest level since the semi-final loss at the Cricket World Cup 2019. Many believed he would still play but he finally hung his boots from the international cricket in August last year. With no match practice and game time after the lockdown, Dhoni had a poor run in the last year's IPL both as a captain and a batsman.

## VIRAT KOHLI IS THE ONLY INDIAN TO WIN THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN T20 LEAGUE, HERE'S WHO ALL ARE IN THE LIST

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) skipper Virat Kohli is the only Indian player in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL) to win the 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) award, since the year 2013 when the award came into existence in the IPL. In the first five seasons of the cash-rich league, the MVP award wasn't there and the 'Man of the tournament' award was given to the most consistent/best player in the competition. Since 2013, this award has been given to eight players till 2020 and Kohli is the only Indian on the list. Kohli achieved the feat in the sensational 2016 year where he was scoring runs for fun, hitting half-centuries and hundreds left, right and centre. Kohli amasses 973 runs in the whole edition in the 16 games he played, averaging a whopping 81, including four centuries and seven half-centuries. Former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson was the first player to win the MVP award in the 2013 season, followed by Glenn Maxwell in 2014, Kolkata Knight Riders all-rounder Andre Russell in 2015 and 2019, Ben Stokes in his first season in 2017 for Rising Pune Supergiant, Sunil Narine in 2018 and Rajasthan Royals pacer Jofra Archer in 2020.

## IPL 2021: COVID-19 vaccination for Indian cricketers? BCCI leaves decision on players

With the Indian government opening up the process of COVID-19 vaccination for every citizen above the age of 18 from May 1, all eyes are now on the cricketers who are plying their trade in the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has left the decision of vaccination on the players. Speaking to ANI, sources in the know of developments in the BCCI said it is for players to decide on vaccination once the doors open for everyone above the age of 18 from May 1. "The Indian players can get vaccinated from Saturday. It is a call that is left on players," the source said. Asked if an exception can be made for the foreign players as well since there are players from England, Australia, South Africa, and West Indies currently playing in the IPL, the source said: "Only the Indian players can get vaccinated here." Meanwhile, Australia and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) pacer Pat Cummins on Monday informed he has donated to the PM-Cares fund to help purchase oxygen supplies for India's hospitals. Last week, Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in line with PM Narendra Modi's direction of boosting the availability of oxygen to hospitals, the PM CARES Fund has given in-principle approval for allocation of funds for installation of 551 dedicated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants inside public health facilities across the country. Cummins also urged fellow players who are participating in the ongoing IPL to come forward and donate for the same. The Australian pacer has donated \$50,000 to the PM-Cares Fund. India recorded 3,23,144 new COVID-19 cases and 2,771 related deaths in the last 24 hours, as per the latest update from the union health ministry on Tuesday morning.

2021 SEASON SCHEDULE									
MATCH DAY	MATCH NO.	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE	HOME	AWAY		
1	1	FRI	9-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	MUMBAI INDIANS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
2	2	SAT	10-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS	DELHI CAPITALS		
3	3	SUN	11-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS		
4	4	MON	12-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	RAJASTHAN ROYALS	PUNJAB KINGS		
5	5	TUE	13-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	MUMBAI INDIANS		
6	6	WED	14-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
7	7	THU	15-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	RAJASTHAN ROYALS	DELHI CAPITALS		
8	8	FRI	16-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	PUNJAB KINGS	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS		
9	9	SAT	17-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	MUMBAI INDIANS	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD		
10	10	SUN	18-APR-21	03:30 PM	CHENNAI	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS		
10	11	SUN	18-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	DELHI CAPITALS	PUNJAB KINGS		
11	12	MON	19-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS	RAJASTHAN ROYALS		
12	13	TUE	20-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	DELHI CAPITALS	MUMBAI INDIANS		
13	14	WED	21-APR-21	03:30 PM	CHENNAI	PUNJAB KINGS	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD		
13	15	WED	21-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS		
14	16	THU	22-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE	RAJASTHAN ROYALS		
15	17	FRI	23-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	PUNJAB KINGS	MUMBAI INDIANS		
16	18	SAT	24-APR-21	07:30 PM	MUMBAI	RAJASTHAN ROYALS	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS		
17	19	SUN	25-APR-21	03:30 PM	MUMBAI	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
17	20	SUN	25-APR-21	07:30 PM	CHENNAI	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	DELHI CAPITALS		
18	21	MON	26-APR-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	PUNJAB KINGS	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS		
19	22	TUE	27-APR-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	DELHI CAPITALS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
20	23	WED	28-APR-21	07:30 PM	DELHI	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD		
21	24	THU	29-APR-21	03:30 PM	DELHI	MUMBAI INDIANS	RAJASTHAN ROYALS		
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22	26	FRI	30-APR-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	PUNJAB KINGS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
23	27	SAT	1-MAY-21	07:30 PM	DELHI	MUMBAI INDIANS	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS		
24	28	SUN	2-MAY-21	03:30 PM	DELHI	RAJASTHAN ROYALS	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD		
24	29	SUN	2-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	PUNJAB KINGS	DELHI CAPITALS		
25	30	MON	3-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE		
26	31	TUE	4-MAY-21	07:30 PM	DELHI	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	MUMBAI INDIANS		
27	32	WED	5-MAY-21	07:30 PM	DELHI	RAJASTHAN ROYALS	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS		
28	33	THU	6-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE	PUNJAB KINGS		
29	34	FRI	7-MAY-21	07:30 PM	DELHI	SUNRISERS HYDERABAD	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS		
30	35	SAT	8-MAY-21	03:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	DELHI CAPITALS		
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## Premier League, Bundesliga have set templates for sports to continue amid lockdown: Eoin Morgan

England and Kolkata Knight Riders captain Eoin Morgan is pained to see the surge of COVID-19 cases in India but indicated the ongoing IPL could still go on as Bundesliga and Premier League have set the perfect "templates" for sports to continue amid lockdown. Returning to India in less than six months after the 2020 edition was staged in UAE amid the pandemic, IPL found itself in the grip of a second wave of COVID-19 with few Australian players and India's Ravichandran Ashwin exiting the event. With India's health crisis system crumbling, several states have clamped stringent restrictions, including night curfews and lockdowns. "Certainly in the UK last year we went through severe lockdown for a prolonged periods of time, and it looked for a long time cricket wasn't going to be played," Morgan said in a virtual press conference after KKR beat Punjab Kings by five wickets on Monday. "I think when we first came out of the lockdown, I remember the first sport being on TV was probably in New Zealand and in Australia. It was the Rugby Union's league and then



slowly, the Bundesliga started and the Premier League started. "And that almost displayed that you can play while the country is almost in full lockdown. So, certainly, there's a template to make that happen, it has happened. But also, as long as it doesn't disturb what's happening in the public eye." Sending out his message to fight the pandemic together, Morgan said: "... we fight this together, no matter where in the world you are, and so things like social distancing, going out wearing masks, and just generally trying to stay as safe as you can, are very important messages to portray." His KKR teammate and Aussie world number one Test bowler Pat Cummins has showed the way by donating USD 50,000 to PM Cares to "purchase oxygen supplies for India's hospitals". While many of his compatriots left the country in fear of the pandemic, Cummins was the first cricketer in this year's IPL to publicly announce such a contribution on Twitter as he also urged his fellow players to chip in. "We are constantly talking about this situation that's unfolding outside of our bubble. It's not nice to be honest, watching from afar, certainly considering how lucky we are to be in a bubble and not be affected by it very much," Morgan said.

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## IPL 2021: R ASHWIN LEADS COVID-19 EXODUS; ZAMPA, RICHARDSON WITHDRAW TOO

Ravichandran Ashwin has decided to cut short his Indian Premier League (IPL) season to support his "family and extended family". Australian medium-pacer Andrew Tye, as well as compatriots, leg-spinner Adam Zampa and seam-bowling all-rounder Kane Richardson, are returning home as well. Earlier, England batsman Liam Livingstone had pulled out citing bubble fatigue. A grim Covid scenario outside has started to penetrate the IPL bubble. So far, 20 matches have been played in this year's tournament with 40 games left. After the Mumbai and Chennai legs, the tournament is moving to Delhi and Ahmedabad for the next phase. The final phase of group league fixtures would be played in Bangalore and Kolkata. Amid a raging debate, whether or not the 2021 IPL should continue, Australia and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) fast bowler Pat Cummins has donated \$50,000 to the PM Cares Fund. The first match in Delhi is on Wednesday, between Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad. The city is reeling under an acute oxygen shortage. On Sunday, Delhi recorded 22,933 fresh Covid cases and 350 fatalities. And India and Delhi Capitals off-spinner Ashwin decided to exit the tournament.



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