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SONU SOOD CALLS OUT CHINA FOR BLOCKING OXYGEN CONSIGNMENTS TO INDIA AS LIVES ARE BEING LOST, CHINESE AMBASSADOR ASSURES ‘SMOOTH FUNCTIONING’

Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong has assured actor Sonu Sood of “smooth functioning of export channel of materials to India”. Weidong’s reply came after Sonu Sood called out China for blocking consignments of oxygen concentrators being transported to India. Both Sonu and Weidong had a conversation over a series of tweets. Sonu took to Twitter on May 1 and wrote, “We are trying to get hundreds of oxygen concentrators to India. It’s sad to say that China has blocked lots of our consignments and here in India we are losing lives every minute. I request @China_Amb_India @MFA_China to help us get our consignments cleared so we can save lives.” In his reply, Weidong wrote back to Sonu, “@SonuSood Noted your twitter info. Mr. Sood. China will do its utmost to support India fighting Covid-19. To my knowledge, freight air routes from China to India are operating normally. The past two weeks have witnessed 61 freight flights from China to India in operation. We’ve provided convenience in customs clearance & transportation for India to transport medical



supplies from cities in China. Will continue to ensure smooth functioning of export channel of materials to India. Pls let us know any problem you met (or email to chinaemb_in@mfa.gov.cn) so that we could try our best to help accordingly.”

'I was pregnant, had an abortion': Ileana D'Cruz on 'bizarre' rumour she heard about herself

Back in 2018, when Ileana D'Cruz was dating Andrew Kneebone, it was reported that she was pregnant. However, the actor shut down the rumours by posting a photo and captioning it as 'not pregnant'. Now, in an interview, Ileana was asked about the rumours she made about herself which took her by surprise and made her life. The actor opened up about a report which suggested that she had an abortion. Ileana told Bollywood Hungama, “There have been a few. There was one where apparently I was pregnant and had an abortion. It is kind of sad, honestly, that people actually wrote stuff like that. It was bizarre.” The Big Bull actor added, “There was another where I had committed suicide, not attempted. Very sad. (That) I had committed suicide but I had survived and my maid had confirmed the news. I didn’t have a maid, I didn’t attempt suicide, I was alive... It didn’t make any sense. I don’t even know where they get stuff like that.” During the Raid trailer launch back in 2018, Ileana was quizzed if she is married. To which she replied, “Apparently! I don’t know what comment to make. Professionally, I am doing well. Personally, also, I am doing well.

KANGANA RANAUT WANTS GOVT, PEOPLE TO COMPENSATE FOR OXYGEN WE ARE FORCEFULLY TAKING FROM NATURE DURING COVID-19: ‘HOW LONG WE GOING TO BE MISERABLE PESTS’

Kangana Ranaut on Monday took to Twitter to question the Twitterati on the way we were ‘compensating for all the oxygen that we are forcefully drawing from the environment.’ Her tweet comes as India deals with a devastating surge in Covid-19 numbers and patients have been dying due to lack of oxygen. The Delhi High Court has been hearing the matter of oxygen shortage in the capital on a daily basis. “Everybody is building more and more oxygen plants, getting tons and tons of oxygen cylinders, how are we compensating for all the oxygen that we are forcefully drawing from the environment? It seems we learnt nothing from our mistakes and catastrophes they cause #PlantTrees,” Kangana wrote in her first tweet. She soon followed it up with a second tweet that read, “Along with announcing more and more oxygen for humans, governments must announce relief for nature also, people who are using this oxygen should also pledge to work on improving the air quality, for how long we going to be miserable pests only taking never giving back to nature?” Kangana used the context of a surge in demand for oxygen cylin-



ders and concentrators in the wake of the rising Covid-19 cases across India. Kangana, who will next be seen playing the role of J Jayalalithaa in the biographical drama Thalaivi, recently quashed rumours of its digital release. The film, which was scheduled to have a theatrical opening last month, got postponed due to the shutting down of cinema halls in after cases of the coronavirus surged.

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BHUMI PEDNEKAR LOSES TWO PEOPLE TO COVID-19 IN A DAY: ‘NO SPACE FOR GRIEF, ONLY ACTION’



Bhumi Pednekar on Sunday shared that she has lost two loved ones from her ‘immediate world’ in the last 24 hours. However, the Bollywood actor, who calls herself ‘covid warrior’ shared that there was no space for grief, as she is helping those in need find resources. In a tweet, the Saand Ki Aankh actor wrote how her day was spent looking for oxygen and beds for the ones she can save. “Have lost 2 people we love from my immediate world in the last 24 hours, 3 super critical. I’ve spent my day looking for Oxygen & beds for the ones we can save.” Stating that she can’t wait for the pandemic to get over, Bhumi added, “No space for grief. Only action. Really can’t wait for this to be over. Please do your bit. #covidwarrior #CovidIndia.” Dia Mirza, who like Bhumi has been using social media to amplify plea calls and help find resources, replied, “Sending you love Bhumi.” Another fan Ananya Mahadevan also hailed Bhumi for her actions, as she wrote, “You are being brave and strong in these tough times.

More power to you for all the good work you have done. My prayers are with you and your family.” Bhumi Pednekar had tested positive for the coronavirus last month, and post her recovery, has been helping people enable facilitation and access to medical supplies. Calling it a ‘small contribution to the huge battle that lies ahead’, the actor had asked her followers to send her genuine requests on her social media. As India is trying to battle Covid-19 pandemic, many celebrities have come forward to lend their help. Actors such as Alia Bhatt, Dia Mirza and others are amplifying the needs of those battling Covid-19 as well as sharing details. Deepika Padukone had spoken about mental health with a post that read, “As millions of us (me and my family included) strive to stay afloat, let us not forget that our emotional well-being in this current crisis, is equally important!” Priyanka Chopra, on the other hand, encouraged her Hollywood colleagues as well as social media followers to contribute in raising funds for India.

Shefali Jariwala on her divorce: ‘Not every violence is physical, there is a lot of mental violence too’

Bigg Boss 13 fame Shefali Jariwala, in a recent interview, opened up about her first marriage, and the turmoil she had to go through while filing for a divorce. The actor, who rose to fame with the music video Kaanta Laga was married to composer Harmeet Singh. The two got divorced in 2009 after five years of marriage. Shefali is currently in a happy space, having married actor Parag Tyagi in 2014. While filing for divorce, Shefali had accused Harmeet of domestic violence. Opening up about the same, the actor clarified that ‘every kind of violence is physical’ and she had to bear a lot of mental anguish. “It is very important to understand that you are not being appreciated. Not every kind of violence is physical. There is a lot of mental violence that also happens and you are very unhappy in your life,” she told Times Now digital



in an interview. Given there is still a taboo around divorce, the actor shared that she could make the decision for herself as she was independent. “I think, one of the reasons why I could make the decision for myself, was because I was independent. I was making my own money. The biggest fear in our country that we have is of the society. Divorce is considered to be taboo but the way I have been raised is to not really care about society but just do what we feel is right. I could take such steps in my life and had strong support.” Shefali further mentioned how women need to understand if they are in a happy marriage, and if not, there are people who can help them come out of it. “Shefali Jariwala found love again in Parag Tyagi, and the couple met through a common friend, who felt they were perfect for each other. Stating that they are very ‘similar and different in many ways’, the actor said that has helped them balance each other.

‘Chaaploosi’: Why Alaya F associates this word with Kangana Ranaut

Actor Alaya F contemplated undergoing the knife at one point of time in her life. Alaya, who made her Bollywood debut early this year with Jawaani Jaaneman, also listed her contemporaries in terms of their acting talent. Alaya F, while speaking on Zoom TV’s By Invite Only season 2, was asked if she’s ever gone for any kind of cosmetic surgery. She said, “Yes, I have. I have considered it, I have not done it. I think everyone has been like, ‘Maybe I should do...’ It is the smallest thing, I don’t even know if people can see it. So, this (right) side of my nose is the nice one, this (left) one has a slight bump here. It’s like the tiniest thing in the world. I’ll probably never do it because it’s so damn pointless.” And what word comes to her mind when she hears Kangana Ranaut’s name? “Not this word for her, but this word comes to mind because she says it a lot — ‘chaaploosi’ (flattery).” The actor also revealed that she’d like to see Tiger Shroff doing the pole dance. “He’ll be so damn cool on the pole,” she said. Alaya, daughter of Pooja Bedi and granddaughter of Kabir Bedi entered Bollywood with Jawaani Jaaneman, where she played the daughter of Saif Ali Khan and Tabu. Alaya received much praise and several Best debut award for the movie.



Speaking about how star kids are placed at different levels of privilege, Alay F previously told indianexpress.com, “There are definitely levels of privilege. I was watching this roundtable sometime ago, where actor Abhimanyu Dassani said, ‘I am not going to get a film because my mom did a movie 30 years ago.’ And I agree with that. I found a lot of similarities with him. But even then there’s privilege.”

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DID YOU KNOW VIN DIESEL WAS UNSURE OF BEING PART OF ‘FAST AND FURIOUS’ FRANCHISE?



Actor Vin Diesel has confessed that he was not sure about being part of the “Fast And Furious” franchise when it began. “Universal ended up being involved in the release of ‘Pitch Black’, the only other movie I had done of that size, and so they said, ‘We got this movie that’s about illegal street car racing, and we want you to play this character, who’s a tough guy, outlaw, with a heart and a code’. Then they describe that scene you see in the first movie, where the camera goes through my eye and down my arm and into the engine, and that’s the only thing they described. And I said, ‘Yes, I’m in!’” Diesel said in an interview with Entertainment Weekly’s ‘Binge’ podcast, according to a report in contactmusic.com.

‘SENORITA’ SINGER CAMILA CABELLO URGES FANS TO DONATE FOR INDIA TO HELP TACKLE COVID-19 CRISIS



The battle to stop the ravaging effects of COVID-19 in India continues unabated. After several celebrities came together to raise funds for India to help tackle the COVID-19 crisis, American singer Camila Cabello, on Sunday stepped forward, urging fans to donate for India. Taking it to her Instagram handle, Camila posted a video message for her fans where she is heard saying, “Hey guys! India is facing a devastating second wave of COVID-19. There have been 18 million cases reported and the healthcare system simply does not have enough resources to care for everybody. They need protective equipment, oxygen and medicine to save lives.”

WHEN MARVEL REFUSED TO HIRE ROBERT DOWNEY JR AS IRON MAN, SAID WE ‘WILL NOT CAST HIM AT ANY PRICE’



The story of how the Marvel Cinematic Universe came into existence never ceases to exhilarate. Today, when MCU is the biggest and by far the most profitable cinematic franchise in history, it is easy to forget that it could have been derailed if the first few projects had not lived up to expectations. When Iron Man, which began this whole shebang, went into production, the ambitions of the makers were largely limited to make a good comic book movie. Everything else — the Avengers, Thanos and what came later — were but a dream in the eyes of Kevin Feige. Now, nearly everybody agrees that the biggest reason the film worked is due to Robert Downey Jr in the lead role, an actor who has become synonymous with his MCU role. But casting him was not easy. Director Jon Favreau’s choice, the actor was not popular at that time.

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'Don't think I would have done it better than Vidya Balan': Kangana Ranaut on turning down 'The Dirty Picture'



It's a known fact that Vidya Balan's National Award-winning performance in The Dirty Picture was earlier offered to Kangana Ranaut. The film which released in 2011 is directed by Milan Luthria and produced by Ekta Kapoor. Kangana had mentioned in an interview with DNA that she chose Tanu Weds Manu over The Dirty Picture and people called her 'stupid' in doing so. Now, during an interaction, Kangana praised Vidya for delivering a terrific performance in The Dirty Picture. When asked about any regret on turning a film down, Kangana told ETimes, "Not really. But I think The Dirty Picture, just like I always said, turned out to be so wonderful! But I don't think I would have done it better than Vidya Balan because she was terrific

in that. But yes, sometimes I feel that I didn't see the potential in that film. I was not given anything on the platter." The actor added, "Though I failed to see the opportunity in The Dirty Picture, I don't regret it." Back in 2015, Kangana had said, "I choose Tanu Weds Manu over The Dirty Picture. And to date, people call me stupid for losing out on The Dirty Picture. But when you lose some, you win some too. I have taken multiple risks in my career. Even though on one hand, there was Balaji and Milan Luthria (one of the most powerful director-producer combos today), I opted to do Tanu Weds Manu with a relatively new director (Aanand L Rai), who had a limited budget."

AS RUBINA DILAIK ISOLATES AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, ABHINAV SHUKLA SAYS LIFE IS 'INCOMPLETE'

Bigg Boss 14 winner Rubina Dilaik recently tested positive for the coronavirus, and has quarantined herself. Husband Abhinav Shukla, who was in Punjab for some work, rushed home to be with his wife. However, given Rubina is in isolation, Abhinav's recent Instagram post shows how much he is missing her. Sharing a photo of his toothbrush, standing alone without his partner's, Abhinav wrote, "Life is incomplete without the other one ... @rubinadilaik," adding a message with love, "Get well soon baby." Emotional at the note, Rubina replied on Abhinav's post with a sad smiley. Nikki Tamboli, a close friend of theirs was also over-



whelmed with his post. She wrote, "Aww @rubinadilaik GWS (get well soon)." Others like Keerti Kelkar and Rahul Mahajan also showed concern for Rubina and wished her a speedy recovery. On Saturday, Rubina Dilaik took to Instagram to share her health update. Stating that she is looking at the "silver lining" of being infected with Covid-19, the actor wrote, "I always look out for silver lining!! I will be now eligible for donating plasma after a month. Tested Positive! Home quarantined for 17days! Whosoever has come in contact with me past 5/7days plz get yourself tested!" The actor had also shared that Abhinav did not have an idea about her testing positive. He was on the flight back home when she got her reports.

JASMIN BHASIN SAYS FATHER HAD A
HARD TIME FINDING HOSPITAL BED
FOR HER MOTHER AMID COVID-19
SURGE: 'WHO DO WE BLAME?'



Former Bigg Boss contestant and actor Jasmin Bhasin is "disappointed and heartbroken" looking at India's crumbling health infrastructure during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. Currently, India is facing second wave of the coronavirus. Commenting on the panic across the country, Jasmin Bhasin tweeted, "Everyday deaths, people on streets trying to find beds and oxygen. My own mother was in the same situation two days back where finding a bed was a task. My old father was running around to find medical care for her, many are going through same." In another tweet, Jasmin asked, "People are losing their loved ones, family. Who do we blame? Has our system failed?" On Saturday, 392,488 new cases of coronavirus infections were detected in India, about 9,500 less than the previous day's tally of 401,993. At the start of April, India had been reporting less than one lakh cases a day. This rose to nearly 4 lakh cases a day, with the daily count rising every single day.

Anushka Sharma says she, husband Virat Kohli are starting a movement against Covid-19, asks fans to join the fight too

Actor Anushka Sharma dropped a video on Sunday to thank her fans for her birthday wishes. She said that she did not 'feel right' to celebrate her birthday as India is battling a devastating Covid-19 surge. "Hi guys, I hope you are safe. I just want to say a big thank you to you all for the lovely birthday wishes. It truly made my day special. But in midst of all this pain and suffering, it just did not feel right to celebrate my birthday," the actor said in the video. She added that because many of her fans sent her special messages, she decided to share an important news with her followers. She asked her fans to unite and support the country in the hour of crisis. "I have seen your special messages to me and now, I have an important message for you. I would like to appeal to everyone to unite and support our country in this hour of crisis. Virat and I are coming together to do our bit. We will share the details soon so that you can also become a part of this movement.

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NO CHARTER FLIGHT FOR AUSTRALIA PLAYERS AT THIS MOMENT: CA CHIEF HOCKLEY



Cricket Australia currently has no plans to arrange a charter flight to bring its players back home from COVID-19-ravaged India once the IPL gets over, its chief Nick Hockley said on Monday. Hockley insisted that Australian players are feeling safe and secure in the IPL bio-bubble but his comments came before it emerged that two KKR players have tested positive for the dreaded virus, leading to the postponement of the franchise's game against RCB on Monday. Australian pacer Pat Cummins' Kolkata Knight Riders teammates — Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier — have returned positive tests. Mumbai Indians batsman Chris Lynn had recently requested Cricket Australia to arrange for a charter flight for Australia players after the tournament concludes on May 30. "There's no suggestion at the moment of any charter flight," Hockley told Melbourne radio station SEN. "We're working closely and talking closely with the Australian Cricketers' Association, with the players and

with the BCCI to make sure everyone's okay and the people have got full information. "We've been in touch with the players there and they are generally in good spirits. The work the BCCI has done around the (bio-secure) bubble means they are feeling safe and secure, and those we've talked to are generally planning to complete their playing commitments." The Cricket Australia boss said they are monitoring the situation and a decision will be made but not immediately. "The BCCI have come out and said they understand and want to support the players in making sure they get home safely at the end. "The tournament doesn't finish until the 30th of May, so for the moment it's monitor the situation and as we get closer to the end of the tournament we'll need to see where the situation is at," he said. The Australian government recently banned its citizens from travelling back from India, which is battling a severe second wave of the pandemic that causing thousands of daily deaths.

BCCI STARES AT IPL RESCHEDULING NIGHTMARE: KKR-RCB POSTPONED AFTER TWO PLAYERS TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The Indian Premier League (IPL) match between Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) and Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) on Monday has been postponed after two Indian players in the KKR team – spinner Varun Chakravarthy and medium pacer Sandeep Warrier – tested positive for Covid-19. And with teams that played against KKR over the last 14 days being asked to self-isolate by their respective franchises, the BCCI had a rescheduling nightmare on its hands. "Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier were found to be positive in the third round of testing in the last four days. All other team members have tested negative for COVID -19," said an IPL press release. It added: "Both the players have isolated themselves from the rest of the squad. The Medical Team is in continuous touch with the duo and are monitoring their health. Meanwhile, the Kolkata Knight Riders have now moved towards a daily testing routine to identify any other possible cases and treat them at the earliest." The new date for the KKR-RCB game that was scheduled to be played at Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad on Monday will be announced soon. Over the last 14 days, KKR played against Delhi Capitals, Rajasthan Royals, Punjab Kings and Chennai Super Kings. It is learnt that players from those sides have been asked to self-isolate by their respective franchises. Match officials involved in those matches, too, might have to serve a quarantine period now.

Shaw-Shikhar continue to sizzle as Capitals subdue Kings and move to top of the table



Stand-in-captain Mayank Agarwal's unbeaten 99 gave Punjab Kings some hope at the halfway stage. However, his seventh half-century for the franchise went in vain after yet another excellent knock from Shikhar Dhawan — a sparkling 47-ball 69 — that helped Delhi ace the 167-run chase with 14 deliveries to spare and climb to the top of the points table. After a thunderous match-winning essay — a 49-ball 92 — against Punjab Kings a fortnight ago, Dhawan had provided a peek into his mindset and the changes he has brought about in his game. "It was a conscious effort from my side to improve my strike rate. Started taking more risks. Not afraid of changes, always open towards it. Not scared of getting out as well. Have worked on a few shots. My slog shot has improved a lot. It was there earlier as well, but now I play it more freely. I'm more relaxed now," the left-hander had said. Two weeks later, against the same opponents, Dhawan anchored another perfectly-timed run-chase for Delhi Capitals with a sumptuous knock. Prithvi Shaw's pyrotechnics may have propelled them to 63/0 in the Powerplay. But with 56 needed off seven overs, it was Dhawan's aggressive approach that gave the scoreboard the required impetus.

KL Rahul hospitalised with acute appendicitis, to undergo surgery

Punjab Kings' (PBKS) in-form skipper KL Rahul will miss the upcoming games of the Indian Premier League (IPL) as the franchise revealed that he has been diagnosed with acute appendicitis. PBKS announced the news on Twitter ahead of their clash against Delhi Capitals (DC) at Narendra Modi stadium, Ahmedabad on Sunday. Rahul will undergo surgery and it is unlikely he will be back in action for the remainder of the IPL 2021 season. "KL Rahul complained of a severe abdomen pain last night and after not responding to medication, he was taken to the emergency room for further tests which revealed that he was diagnosed with acute appendicitis. It will be resolved surgically and for safety measures he has been transferred to the hospital for the same." Punjab Kings wrote in a tweet. Rahul is currently the leading run-scorer of the tournament with 331 runs from seven games at an average of 66.20 including four half-centuries. The franchise announced Mayank Agarwal as stand-in skipper for the remainder of the IPL season in absence of Rahul.

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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
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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
21	25	THU	29-APR-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	DELHI CAPITALS	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS
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
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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	9-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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32	39	MON	10-MAY-21	07:30 PM	BANGALORE	MUMBAI INDIANS	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS
33	40	TUE	11-MAY-21	07:30 PM	KOLKATA	DELHI CAPITALS	RAJASTHAN ROYALS
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47	57	TUE	25-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD		QUALIFIER 1
48	58	WED	26-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD		ELIMINATOR
50	59	FRI	28-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD		QUALIFIER 2
52	60	SUN	30-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD		FINAL










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IPL 2021: 'DON'T SEE MYSELF PLAYING FOR ANY OTHER IPL TEAM,' SAYS RCB SKIPPER VIRAT KOHLI



Virat Kohli, the only Indian player to play in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for just one team for the 14th season now shared his love and loyalty ahead of the 2021 edition o the cash-rich league, starting in two days time with his side Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) taking on the defending champions Mumbai Indians in the tournament opener. Kohli, who started his journey in the IPL in

2008 with the RCB as a youngster has played under various captains since, from Rahul Dravid to Anil Kumble to former New Zealand all-rounder Daniel Vettori. He took the charge in the year 2013 and since then has been the leading the men in red and gold and the elusive silverware still awaits the Bangalore-franchise, after reaching the final for three times.

RCB took to Twitter quoting Kohli on Wednesday with the skipper in a vibrant picture with a red background, "I don't see myself leaving or playing for any other IPL team" Home is where the heart is! #PlayBold #WeAreChallengers #IPL2021". RCB's journey has ebbed and flowed in the IPL for years now and with the new signings of players like Glenn Maxwell, Kyle Jamieson, Dan Christian, the Kohli-led side will be hoping to end the trophy drought. In the last year's tournament too, Kohli, who is from Delhi was asked about the opportunity for his side to qualify in the top two spots ahead of his side's final league stage game against the Delhi Capitals, after beating his Delhi boys, Kohli had said, "I've always been a Bangalore boy in the IPL, never sort of drifted towards Delhi." Kohli, who is currently the highest run-getter in the lucrative tournament has scored 5878 runs in the 192 games he has played in the IPL thus far, with five centuries and 39 fifties.

SRH HAVE A NUMBER OF LEADERS, IT'S VITAL WE STAY TIGHT: WILLIAMSON ON WARNER

Newly-appointed Sunrisers Hyderabad captain Kane Williamson believes that conversations on his predecessor David Warner's future in the playing XI is still on as the Australian is a world class player. Warner was stripped of SRH captaincy on Saturday after the team lost five out of its first six matches and Williamson's elevation to the post hasn't changed the fortunes as it suffered a 55-run defeat in the hands of Rajasthan Royals. "There are a number of leaders in the group. It's important we stay tight. And for us it is about building as a side and make adjustments," Williamson looked a bit uncomfortable on Warner question during the post-match presentation. The skipper said that the team needs to be clear about strategies and execution. "Rather than over-search for the win, we just have to be clear about how we need to operate. Warner is a world class player and we have our cards on the table. I am sure there are a number of conversations to be had," Williamson at best was evasive. On the match front, he admitted that once Royals posted 220 for 3 the chase was anyways going to be difficult. "A tough day. A very competitive total from RR. It was Jos' day and he was outstanding. With the bat you do need to get a few things to go your way and when you're losing wickets it makes it all the more harder to chase 220. "We have had a lot of challenges over the last three weeks, but we need to make small adjustments and put in improved performances. Jos and Sanju were key, so we wanted Rashid to bowl as many deliveries as possible against them."



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