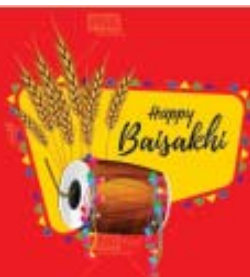


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DEEPIKA PADUKONE RESIGNS AS MAMI'S CHAIRPERSON: 'UNABLE TO GIVE THE UNDIVIDED FOCUS IT REQUIRES'



DEEPIKA PADUKONE HAD TAKEN OVER AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF MUMBAI ACADEMY OF THE MOVING IMAGE (MAMI) IN 2019. SHE HAD REPLACED FILMMAKER KIRAN RAO.

ACTOR DEEPIKA PADUKONE HAS DECIDED TO 'DEPART' FROM THE DUTIES OF BEING A CHAIRPERSON OF MUMBAI ACADEMY OF THE MOVING IMAGE (MAMI). THE ACTOR, WHO TOOK OVER THE POSITION IN 2019, STATED HER "SLATE OF WORK" AS THE REASON TO WHY SHE TOOK THE STEP. DEEPIKA, CALLING THE EXPERIENCE AS 'ENRICHING', STATED THAT HER BOND WITH MAMI 'WILL LAST A LIFETIME'. ON MONDAY, THE ACTOR TOOK TO HER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO SHARE THE NEWS. "BEING ON THE BOARD OF MAMI AND SERVING AS CHAIRPERSON HAS BEEN A DEEPLY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE. AS AN ARTIST, IT WAS INVIGORATING TO BRING TOGETHER CINEMA AND TALENT FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO MUMBAI, MY SECOND HOME."

SONU SOOD IS PUNJAB'S BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR VACCINATION



CHANDIGARH, (IANS) Actor SonuSood, the Messiah of the migrants who refuses to call himself so, has donned a new hat. Beginning Sunday, he is the brand ambassador of the Punjab government for its Covid vaccination programme. The actor says he will make a good example out of Punjab which will inspire the entire nation. Talking about the responsibility that he now has, Sonu tells IANS, "I feel really blessed, motivated. A huge amount of responsibility is on my shoulders that I have to spread the message across to everyone. People have to get vaccinated and we make sure that every family gets its share of vaccination. We should be an example for everyone that how fast people get vaccinated in Punjab. I am on it and we will make sure that the message reaches out to everyone and reaches fast. I always feel that when something like this happens, it has to start from Punjab."

SATISH KAUL, 'BACHCHAN OF PUNJABI FILMS', DIES OF COVID-19



MUMBAI, (IANS) Veteran actor Satish Kaul, who was best known for his role of Lord Indra in BR Chopra's "Mahabharat", passed away in Ludhiana on Saturday. He died owing to Covid-19 complications. The late actor, said to be in his early to mid-seventies, had also acted in the popular show "Vikram AurBetaal", and was often hailed as Amitabh Bachchan of Punjabi cinema in his heydays.

Kaul, who worked in over 300 Punjabi and Hindi films along with several TV serials, shifted to Punjab from Mumbai in 2011 with plans to start an acting school in Ludhiana. However, things didn't work out and the project failed badly, bringing financial woes. The actor was living in financial difficulties from last few years and had even sought help publicly from the film industry. Speaking to IANS last year, he had given an update on his situation, saying: "I don't stay in the old age home. I am staying in a rented place in Ludhiana," Satish dispelled the rumour, speaking to IANS in a frail tone. I shifted to this place from the old-age home two years ago. I am staying here with a woman, Satya, who takes care of me." Kaul is survived by Satya Devi, his caretaker.

WHEN VIRAT KOHLI'S 'BIGGEST OFF-FIELD' MOMENT WAS NOT ANUSHKA SHARMA BUT THIS ACTRESS SPEAKING TO HIM



WE CAME ACROSS AN OLD VIDEO OF VIRAT KOHLI TALKING ABOUT HIS 'BIGGEST OFF-FIELD' MOMENT.

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KANGANA RANAUT CLAIMS AKSHAY KUMAR 'SECRETLY' PRAISED HER FOR 'THALAIVI' BECAUSE OF 'MOVIE MAFIA TERROR'



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PAT CUMMINS CELEBRATES AFTER DISMISSING JONNY BAIRSTOW, SUNRISERS HYDERABAD VS KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS, IPL 2021, CHENNAI, APRIL 11, 2021.

KOLKATA RIDE HOME DESPITE BAIRSTOW-MANISH PANDEY'S EFFORTS

Kolkata Knight Riders have opened their account with a win against the Sunrisers Hyderabad in their first game of the 2021 season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). KKR side defended the 187-run target by 10 runs as it proved to be too much for Manish Pandey in the end after they lost a few wickets in quick succession. Pandey anchored the innings for the Sunrisers with a 44-ball 61* with a strike rate of 138, but the target needed for him to play a little bit quicker as it put too much pressure on the other batsmen to get going from the outset. Hard-hitting all-rounder Abdul Samad did hit a couple of lusty blows after coming in at No 7 was it was too late as the required run-rate had gone out of the reach for the SRH side. They didn't have a great start to their innings both the openers by the third over, however, a 92-run partnership between Jonny Bairstow and Pandey came to the rescue for the Sunrisers. Both brought up their fifties and after settling down took the attack to the KKR bowlers. However, Bairstow got restless after playing three dots in the 13th over bowled by Pat Cummins and he hit straight into the hands of the backward point fielder. The wicket came at the right moment for the KKR but wrong for the SRH as they just started to amp up towards the 188-run target on a slowish pitch. Sunrisers then lost a couple of more wickets and the innings suddenly lost the momentum and it got to a sluggish end and they fell short of the target despite Pandey and Samad being there at the end. Earlier, Dinesh Karthik played a decisive cameo of 22 runs off just 9 balls to help KKR finish on a high after they lost four wickets in just 14 runs. Nitish Rana and Rahul Tripathi stitched a 93-run partnership to give KKR much-needed momentum as the duo ripped apart the Sunrisers' bowlers. Rana, who recovered from COVID-19 last week came out all guns blazing and nine fours and four sixes in his knock of 80 runs.

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Deepika Padukone takes cue from Rahul Dravid's viral ad, calls herself 'Indiranagar ki gundi' in throwback pic



Bollywood star Deepika Padukone on Saturday treated fans to a super adorable throwback photo from her childhood days adding a quirky caption to it. The latest to jump on the 'Indiranagar Ka Gunda' meme bandwagon, Deepika called self 'gundi' in the caption alongside the throwback photo. A recent advertisement featuring ace cricketer Rahul Dravid in a super angry avatar surfaced on social media triggering a horde of memes. In the video, Dravid yells 'Indiranagar ka gunda hun' while stuck in traffic. Dravid is seen as uncharacteristically angry and shouting in the ad. Indiranagar is a locality in Bengaluru, which is the hometown of both Padukone and Dravid. The 'Om Shanti Om' star hopped on to Instagram and put out a priceless picture from her archives and wrote alongside it, "Indiranagar ki gundi hoon main!" and added a laughing with teary eyes emoticon. The picture sees Deepika dressed up in winter clothes a hand-knitted white cap and a light brown sweater with blue stripes and peach coloured pants with pink woollen socks. The tiny tot is seen chewing on something as she keeps her hand close to her mouth. With fringes peeking out of the cap, baby Deepika who is seen sitting on the floor by her bed sports a smile as she looks at the camera. Deepika also revealed that the picture was clicked by "Mama

Padukone" i.e Ujjala Padukone. Reliving her childhood with the photo, the snap is truly a treat to Deepika's fans who look forward to seeking glimpses of the childhood pictures of their favourite actor. Celebrity followers including Neena Gupta and lakhs of fans liked the post on the photo-sharing platform. Fans couldn't stop gushing over their favourite star and left red heart and heart-shaped eyes emoticons over the post. Meanwhile, on Thursday, launched her own website, and her actor-husband Ranveer Singh made sure to pen a note for her on it. In his post on the website, Ranveer mentioned how Deepika is made for 'greatness'. Deepika launched her website as a one-stop-shop to access her Instagram photos, brand deals, campaigns, and news about her films, among other things. Deepika's website also has a biography section featuring glowing credentials from some of her industry friends and colleagues. However, the most wonderful of them all is Ranveer Singh's statement, where he couldn't help but gush about his wife. On the work front, Deepika has an impressive line-up of projects in the pipeline including '83', 'Baiju Bawra', 'Fighter', 'Sanki', 'Pathan', and Indian adaptation of Nancy Meyers's 2015 hit Hollywood film 'The Intern'.

MIDWEEK HIT OR FLOP	
MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES)	HIT
COOLIE NO 1	SUCCESS
WONDER WOMAN 1984	SUPER HIT
LAXMII	SUCCESS
DIL BECHARA	SUCCESS

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WAADA HAI	ARJUN KANUNGO
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LOVE CAN SAVE IT ALL	ANDRA
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TAARON KE SHEHAR	NEHA KAKKAR, SUNNY KAUSHAL

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MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES)	154 CRORE
COOLIE NO 1	30 LAKH (AMAZON)
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LAXMII	37 LAKH (HOTSTAR)
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ZAIN KAPOOR DESTROYS MOM MIRA RAJPUT'S MAKEUP SPONGE, SHAHID KAPOOR WRITES 'SO HAPPY HE IS FILLING IN FOR ME'

Mira Rajput Kapoor recently did an Instagram live for which she decked up beautifully. However, amid all the chaos while getting ready for the live, there was another interesting turn that took place with Mira. She took to her Instagram page and shared a reel in which she is heard talking about her lost makeup sponge which she found in an inflatable pool, courtesy of her son Zain Kapoor. In the video, Mira says, "Hey guys! So today when I was getting ready for my live, and could not find my makeup sponge. Guess where I found it?" She then directs towards the pool and shows the state of the sponge by adding, "Inside an empty, inflatable swimming pool! Looking like this." Mira captioned the video stating, "#Kidshappen Has this happened to any of you or am I the only one? #millennialmomfail #shithappens." Meanwhile, Shahid Kapoor left a hilarious comment on Mira's video by writing, "I'm so happy he is filling in for me and keeping you entertained." To which Mira replied, "@shahidkapoor hahaha #notmygenes."

Kavita Kaushik calls Salman Khan's 'Bigg Boss' a 'fake reality show' while replying to a Twitterati

Kavita Kaushik, who was a part of Bigg Boss 14 called herself a misfit after being a contestant on the show. She even walked out of the reality show and stirred up multiple controversies during her stay inside the house. Now, on her Twitter page, Kavita called Bigg Boss a 'fake reality show' after the user stated she spoiled her image by participating in it. Tweet of the fan read as "You should not have done Bigg Boss. I dunno if it's just me but it did a lot of harm to imagine. I am your fan and wish you all the best things in life." To which Kavita replied, "It's ok like they say once you've spoilt your 'image' you are free! Now I don't give a fu*k about the hate or the love of those who judge someone on a fake reality show." Earlier, after walking out of Bigg Boss 14 house, Kavita clarified on her Twitter page that she doesn't want to give any interviews to anyone. She tweeted, "Dear YouTubers, and those messaging and calling for interviews please know that if I cared to give more explanations I would've stayed back and not walked out at will, you can go ahead and write or say anything, Just if you paint me bad, don't just stop at that, make me the devil. Cheers!" Meanwhile, talking about Bigg Boss 14, Rubina Dilaik has been declared as the winner of the reality show while Rahul Vaidya became the first runner-up.

When Virat Kohli's 'biggest off-field' moment was not Anushka Sharma but THIS actress speaking to him



Virat Kohli apart from being a successful and loved Indian skipper often makes headlines for his loved-up moments with his wife and actor Anushka Sharma. The couple tied the knot in 2017 after being together for many years. During media interactions, Kohli has only praiseworthy and adorable moments with Anushka to talk about his off-field moments. However, that was not the case before she came into his life. We got our hands on a major throwback video of Virat being interviewed by Bani J. In the video, the Indian skipper was then asked about his biggest off-field moment. To which he replied, "Katrina Kaif just spoke to me for two minutes, my biggest off-field moment."

Bani again asked him 'Sacchi?' and Kohli said, "Main jhooth kyu bolunga yaar? (Why will I lie?)" A couple of years back, Katrina had shown her batting skills on the sets of Bharat while playing cricket with her team. She wrote, "Pack up ke baad #bharat sets as the World Cup nears @anushkasharma perhaps u could put in a small word for me with the captain of the team, some room for improvement in my swing but overall, not a bad all-rounder #apnatieaayega @kkulsumsyeda." Meanwhile, currently, Virat is busy with the ongoing season of IPL where he is leading the Royal Challengers Bangalore team. During the opening match against Mumbai Indians held in Chenna on Friday, RCB won by two wickets.

'IT'S OBVIOUS STAR KIDS WILL GET PREFERENCE,' SAYS 'DHOOM' ACTOR ON NEPOTISM AMID PLANS OF COMEBACK

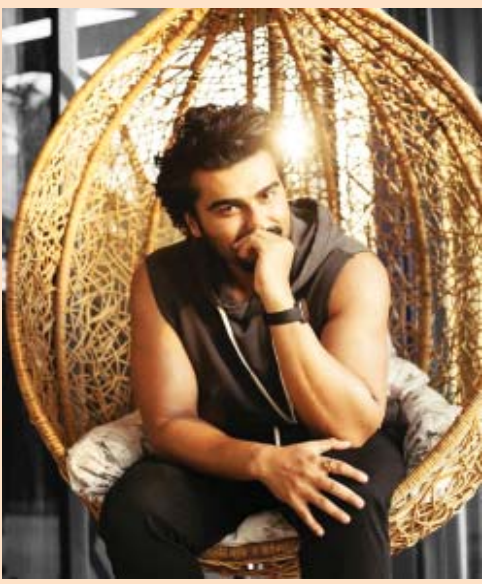


"It was a conscious decision from my side because I was tired of doing comedy movies and I was also being typecast as a comedy film actor," shares Rimi Sen on being asked why did she suddenly call it quits after her 2011 releases 'Thank You' and 'Shagird'. Rimi, who is all set to make a comeback in the Hindi film industry after a hiatus of over a decade, continued, "Actors who do comedy films do few other sensible movies also to balance it out. So, I consciously decided to let go of similar offers and looked at doing something different. So, I approached makers like Sriram Raghavan and Tigmathu Dhulia and then I did 'Johnny Gaddar' and 'Shagird'. But, unfortunately, those films did not do well. It was like a long fight. And then I thought of becoming a producer-director someday and do my own kind of films, so that is why I took a long break. Now, I am working on a couple of projects, web series (producing) which might take some time and maybe by next year we will be able to announce something." When asked if she will be producing and starring in the project, Rimi told DNA, "No. I wasn't even thinking of acting again when we started working on this project. It's only recently that it came to my mind that I should make a comeback after I got back in shape, rediscovered myself and got involved in the creative process." Opening up about

her decision to make a comeback, Rimi averred, "I was very disappointed and I gave up. But now, after OTT came into existence and after watching such intelligent content and impressive actors, I thought to myself, now it's not like those days when there was one heroine, one villain and four heroes." Sharing why she thought this was the perfect time for her to start her second innings in films, Rimi continued, "In our days, a heroine's role was that of furniture in a film. But now, girls have so much more to do. Today, making a women-oriented film or web series is not a big deal, like it was back in our times. You needed a big star to pull the crowd to the theatres, otherwise, no one would come to watch films. But now, it has become very easy, approachable. That is why I feel there is an opportunity for me to play my second innings. This time is perfect!" When asked how has she prepared herself this time around, Rimi told DNA in an exclusive chat, "I have prepared myself. Earlier, I was very careless and not very serious about this profession. I came to act, I was a model and was getting paid well and I did not know anything beyond these two things. But, I was very careless about myself and did not take things seriously. And when I did, at one point in time, then I decided I don't want to do comedy films. But then when I did Shagird and Johnny Gaddar and it did not work, then I gave up."

JANHVI KAPOOR'S COMMENT ON ARJUN KAPOOR'S 'SPOT THE DIFFERENCE' PHOTO WILL LEAVE YOU IN SPLITS

Arjun Kapoor and Janhvi Kapoor's sibling bond is too funny and cute at words. The siblings along with their sisters Anshula Kapoor and Khushi Kapoor often indulge in Instagram banter and it can crack one up instantly. Recently, Arjun took to his Instagram page and shared two photos in which he is seen sitting on a swing chair and posing stylishly for the camera. He captioned his post stating, "Can you spot the difference!!" To which Janhvi commented on Arjun's post by writing, "The first photo is when you think I'm done doing kathak by the dining table the second photo is when I start again." Arjun also replied to Janhvi's comment stating, "@janhvikapoor waaah." During Janhvi's birthday in March, Arjun shared a photo with her from the sets of Koffee With Karan and wrote, "Happy birthday @janhvikapoor!!! I can't promise much except like this picture you shall always have my support and hand wherever you go & whichever path you seek..." Meanwhile, on the work front, Arjun will next be seen in Sardar Ka Grandson, a Netflix original film alongside Neena Gupta and Rakul Preet Singh. The actor also has Bhoot Police with Saif Ali Khan, Jacqueline Fernandez and Yami Gautam. Arjun will also be seen in Ek Villain Returns co-starring John Abraham, Disha Patani and Tara Sutaria. Talking about Janhvi, her upcoming film is Dostana 2 with Kartik Aaryan and Laksh Lalwani. She recently wrapped the shoot of Good Luck Jerry.



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AFTER JOINING BILLIONAIRES' CLUB, KIM KARDASHIAN SET TO LAUNCH A SKINCARE LINE?



Kim Kardashian, who is a media personality, socialite, model, businesswoman, producer, and actor, is adding a new achievement to her already impressive resume. Kim is expanding her beauty empire by coming out with her own skincare line. As per Us Weekly, 40-year-old Kim filed a trademark for a skincare brand, named 'SKKN by Kim' on March 30, according to documents from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The soon-to-be lawyer, who already has her namesake makeup brand KKW Beauty, filed a trademark for a handful of beauty products as well as beauty services. Judging by the filing, the star's new venture will include skincare, haircare, nail products, perfumes, candles, and more. The documents contained a total of 19 filings for "various goods and services" under the upcoming brand. "It's no surprise that Kim is coming out with a skincare line. She's been talking about her passion for skincare especially over the past 6 to 8 months," a source told US Weekly.

AFTER REGE-JEAN PAGE'S EXIT, 'BRIDGERTON' MAKERS ADD 4 NEW CAST MEMBERS TO ITS MUCH-AWAITED SEASON 2



With news of actor Rege-Jean Page's surprising exit making headlines, the hit Netflix series 'Bridgerton' has added an impressive array of new members to its star cast. As per Variety, actors Charithra Chandran, Shelley Conn, Calam Lynch, and Rupert Young will star in the new season of the popular series at the streamer. They join the previously announced actor Simone Ashley, who will play Kate Sharma in the second season of the period drama. Chandran will play Edwina Sharma. Edwina has been taught by her older sister Kate (Ashley) to be the perfect debutante. She is kind-natured and endlessly endearing. But while she may be young and naive, she also knows what she wants: a true love match. Conn will play Mary Sharma. Lady Mary's marriage once embroiled her and her family in scandal. Now newly returned to London with her daughters, she's forced to endure the scrutiny of the ton yet again. Lynch will play Theo Sharpe. Theo is a hardworking printer's assistant but he's not just a working-class man, he's also an intellectual who fights for the rights of all.

DEMI LOVATO COMES OUT AS PANSEXUAL, OPENS UP ABOUT STARTING A FAMILY



Singer-actor Demi Lovato, who never shies away from speaking her mind, recently opened up about her plans to start a family. As per People magazine, Lovato revealed that she might want to adopt in Saturday's episode of the podcast 'The Joe Rogan Experience'. When asked if she wants to have children of her own, she responded, "I used to. I think if anything, I want to adopt, more than anything. I don't know, I was engaged to a man last year," Lovato told Rogan of her past relationship with ex Max Ehrlich. Lovato added, "I totally thought that I'd be married, maybe pregnant, by now. And that's not the case ... I know that my life is not going according to my plan." Lovato continued, "Life doesn't go according to any plan. So, I could sit here and say, 'Yes, I would love to have children.' But I don't know, because that might change next week. I think in this moment, I want to adopt, for sure."

On Deepika Padukone's newly launched website, Ranveer Singh declares he is 'proudest husband in the world'



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Ranveer, in his note, wrote, "Deepika is the most amazing person I've met in my life. And I'm not just saying this because she's my wife. Deepika nurtures a universe within herself: of love, compassion, kindness, intelligence, beauty, grace, and empathy. These qualities make

her a true and authentic artiste – she's one of the finest actors in the world. She's got inner strength, resilience, grit, and iron will. A woman so righteous and full of virtue, that she commands respect. I sometimes stop and admire her, aware that she's a special soul, born for greatness. I am the proudest husband in the world."

Apart from Ranveer, the website also includes testimonials from Farah Khan, the director of her debut film 'On Shanti Om' as well as Kabir Khan, who directed Deepika and Ranveer's '83.

Farah, in her note, wrote, "There was an innate dignity and poise that I saw in her, that I haven't seen in too many girls that age. 13 years later, these 2 very qualities, remain intact. We also often speak about her evolution as an actor and her craft, but what I truly admire about her, is how she has managed to keep her head above it all! I love her, I am proud of her and she will always be my baby."

After announcing Oscar nominations, Priyanka Chopra Jonas to now be presenter at 74th British Academy Film Awards



Priyanka Chopra Jonas is one of the presenters at the upcoming 74th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA), which will take place on April 10 and 11 at Royal Albert Hall.

Priyanka, who is currently in London, took to Instagram Stories to repost from the official BAFTA Instagram page, announcing the news. "So honoured and excited to be presenting at the #EEBAFTAs this Sunday!" she wrote. The category Priyanka will present, EE BAFTA represents the Rising Star Award that honours new talent. Earlier called the Orange Rising Star Award, it is now designed as EE owing to commercial reasons. Other presenters this year include Phoebe Dynevor, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Cynthia Erivo, Hugh Grant, Richard E. Grant, Tom Hiddleston, Felicity Jones, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, James McAvoy, David Oyelowo, and Pedro Pascal. Priyanka and other presenters at London will be joined virtually by presenters from Los Angeles including Rose Byrne, Andra Day, Anna Kendrick, and Renee Zellweger.

On the work front, Priyanka's last outing onscreen was 'The White Tiger', a film she featured in as well as executive-produced. Interestingly, 'The White Tiger' has two nominations at the BAFTAs this year - for lead actor Adarsh Gourav in the Leading Actor category, and writer-director Ramin Bahrani in the category of Best Adapted Screenplay. Recently, Priyanka and her husband, pop star Nick Jonas, had also announced the Oscars 2021 nominations. Priyanka recently also announced her own restaurant in New York, which offers Indian cuisine for foodies. The actress said she poured her love for Indian food into this restaurant and has named it SONA. Priyanka had unveiled details about 'SONA' earlier in March. The description on the website read, "SONA reimagines the wonders of Indian fare in a space that evokes a bygone era of a boisterous yet elegant India—all within the heart of New York City." Interestingly, 'SONA' also has a 'private dining room' named Mimi, which is Priyanka's nickname.

Madhuri Dixit recreates iconic song 'Ek Do Teen' from 'Tezaab' in latest post

On Tuesday, Bollywood's star beauty Madhuri Dixit treated fans to a special video of her grooving to the famous 'Ek Do Teen Char' on the sets of 'Dance Deewane'. Madhuri took to Instagram and shared a fun video as she recreated the choreography of the song with dancers Shakti Mohan and Punit Pathak, and fellow judge Tushar Kalia between a shot. In the video, the actor is seen dressed in a yellow designer suit and donning a white dupatta and matching jewellery. Madhuri looks drop-dead gorgeous as she gracefully performs the dancing steps, and the fellow judges on the show couldn't stop themselves from joining in. Taking to the caption, the 53-year-old noted down the lyrics of the popular song from the 1988 film 'Tezaab'. She wrote, "Ek do teen," and added a dancing girl emoticon. Celebrity followers including filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan Kunder and thousands of her fans liked the post on the photo-sharing platform. Scores of fans dropped in heart eyes emoticons as they adored the video. The song 'Ek Do Teen' from Madhuri's starrer 'Tezaab' is a much-loved dance number from the film. Crooned by Alka Yagnik, the song was choreographed by late choreographer Saroj Khan. The song was later remade for 'Baaghi 2', with Jacqueline Fernandez. Earlier, Madhuri had shared three videos in which she is shaking a leg with three yesteryear legendary actors -- Waheeda Rehman, Asha Parekh and Helen -- on their iconic songs. Madhuri danced with Waheeda Rehman on the latter's popular song from Teesri Kasam 'Paan Khaye Saiyan Hamara'. Then with Helen, the Aaja Nachle actor danced on 'Mungda' song from Inkaar film. Whereas with Asha Parekh, Madhuri grooved on the song 'Achha To Hum Chalthe Hain' from Aan Milo Sajna. Madhuri aced the steps with the legendary actors and it's a visual delight, indeed.

'BIGG BOSS 13' FAME SHEHNAAZ GILL'S PHOTOS DONNING TURBAN GO VIRAL, FANS CALL HER 'CUTEST SARDARJI'



Actress-singer Shehnaaz Kaur Gill, who shot to fame and became a household name after her stint in the controversial reality show 'Bigg Boss 13', is taking the internet by storm yet again with her latest pictures.

An avid social media user, Shehnaaz often takes to her Instagram handle to treat fans with her photos and BTS pictures and videos from her ongoing projects. In her latest Instagram Stories, the 'Bigg Boss 13' contestant treated her fans with a series of photos of herself donning a red turban. The gorgeous Punjabi singer Shehnaaz looked uber cool in the photos that she shared on social media sporting a turban. The actress teamed the red turban with a pink hoodie. The photos seem to be from one of Shehnaaz's upcoming projects (or maybe not). The actress did not reveal anything about her look. Whatever the case may be, Shehnaaz sure has taken the social media world by storm with her images. As soon as Shehnaaz shared the images, many took to micro-blogging site Twitter to call her the 'cutest Sardarji' ever! For the unversed, Shehnaaz enjoys a massive fan following of 7.4 million followers on her social media handle. And her ardent fans take no time in liking her pictures and making them viral on the Internet.

Earlier, the 28-year-old shared a series of photos with singer Diljit Dosanjh. On the work front, Shehnaaz has been busy shooting for Diljit Dosanjh produced film 'Honsla Rakh' with the singer himself, Sonam Bajwa and others.

Recently, Shehnaaz was seen with rumoured boyfriend Siddhant Shukla in the music video 'Shona Shona'.

KANGANA RANAUT CLAIMS AKSHAY KUMAR 'SECRETLY' PRAISED HER FOR 'THALAIVI' BECAUSE OF 'MOVIE MAFIA TERROR'



On Wednesday, Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut took to her Twitter handle to state that she has been secretly getting calls and messages several 'big stars' including Akshay Kumar for her work in upcoming film 'Thalaivi' after the trailer of the latter released recently. She, however, added, that unlike films of Alia Bhatt and others, these big stars can't praise her openly because of 'movie mafia terror'.

In a tweet, Kangana wrote, "Bollywood is so hostile that even to praise me can get people in trouble, I have got many secret calls and messages even from big stars like @akshaykumar they praised @Thalaivithetfilm trailer to sky but unlike Alia and Deepika films they can't openly praise it. Movie mafia terror."

Adding that she wished the industry could be "objective" when it came to art and not indulge in "power play and politics when it comes to cinema" Kangana wrote in another tweet, "Wish an industry of art can be objective when it comes to art, and not indulge in power play and politics when it comes to cinema, my political views and spirituality should not make me a target of bullying, harassment and isolation but if they do, then obviously I will win (sic)."

RANI MUKERJI HAS THIS ADVICE FOR YOUNG GIRLS WANTING TO BECOME BOLLYWOOD STAR



Rani Mukerji has ruled the silver screen for 25 years now with her breath-taking performances. The incredible actor has a piece of advice for young girls wanting to become a Bollywood star! She says, "My only advice would be that being an actress in the film industry is not easy. It's a very, very difficult profession to be in as there are a lot of expectations that the audiences have from you once you become an established star. Also, to be able to work in different conditions is not very easy." Rani says behind all the glamour that people see, lies a lot of passion for the craft which an actress has to put in every single day. She says, "Of course, onscreen it all looks very glamorous and very easy and nice. It looks serene and beautiful especially the locations where we shoot sometimes but actually working in the industry is very very hard."



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IPL 2021: KKR BOTTLE AS THEY DECORATE WIN IN PLATE ONLY TO GIFT IT TO MUMBAI

JASPRIT BUMRAH AND RAHUL CHAHAR INSPIRED MUMBAI INDIANS' COMEBACK AS KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS COULD SCORE ONLY 20 RUNS IN THE LAST FIVE OVERS.

Kolkata Knight Riders did a choke for the ages as they lost to Mumbai Indians by 10 runs in their second game of the 2021 campaign in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Kolkata Knight Riders required 31 runs off the last five overs but could score 20 runs for the loss of three wickets. Rahul Chahar couldn't stop taking wickets, Krunal Pandya looked like wanted to create a drought of runs on the Chepauk pitch, Jasprit Bumrah came back with a sensational 19th over giving away just four runs in that over. And, then there was Trent Boult landing yorkers left, right and centre in the final over to top it all. KKR were cruising for the most part of the game and even the team management would be puzzled seeing how did they come from 104 in 13 overs to 142/7 in their 20 overs. The leg-spinner Rahul Chahar started the wickets procession in the ninth over removing the opening batsman Shubam Gill as his first scalp of the night. After which, Chahar just kept chipping at the wickets as he took wickets in the 11th, 13th, and the 15th over of the innings, taking wickets of Rahul Tripathi, Nitish Rana and skipper Eoin Morgan. Krunal Pandya, on the other hand, was the miser and removed Shakib Al Hasan in an important breakthrough for his team. After which, Dinesh Karthik and Andre Russell didn't have an answer to some tight bowling by Jasprit Bumrah and Boult and KKR fell short by 10 runs off the target. Earlier, owing to Suryakumar Yadav's innings of 56 off 36 balls, Mumbai Indians reached a competitive total on a Chennai track which was gripping and holding a bit and Andre Russell took a fiver to dismiss the Mumbai side for just 152 in their 20 overs.



Suryakumar Yadav and Rohit Sharma put up a fifty-run stand, Kolkata Knight Riders vs Mumbai Indians, IPL 2021, Chennai.

'KLASSIC' RAHUL INNINGS: FANS THOROUGHLY ENJOY PUNJAB KINGS SKIPPER'S KNOCK AGAINST RAJASTHAN ROYALS

What an innings by Punjab Kings (PBKS) skipper KL Rahul who led from the front and got the side to reach 221 against Rajasthan Royals (RR). While all surely were saddened by his dismissal at 91, but his knock of just 50 balls surely got fans happy. His wicket was taken by debutant Chetan Sakariya. It was a special catch by Rahul Tewatia who took it right on the edge of the ropes, with the ball behind him. He tossed the ball up as he went over the boundary, before running back in, diving forward and grabbing it again. While the catch was highly praised, Rahul's 91 which consisted of 7 fours and five sixes had entertained all. Netizens took to Twitter to shower praises on the Indian batsman. As for the clash, it was a big score for PBKS. Deepak Hooda made the most of it after being promoted up the order. He came in at four and did wonders with a blistering 64 off 28 balls. There have been 13 sixes already smashed at the Wankhede Stadium and RR will surely look to achieve the target set for them.

IPL 2021: CO-OWNER SHAH RUKH KHAN APOLOGISES TO KKR FANS AFTER HIS SIDE'S MONUMENTAL CHOKE VS MUMBAI

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) had a shocker of half an hour in the wee hours of their second game of the IPL 2021 campaign against the Mumbai Indians as the Eoin Morgan-led side bottled chasing 31 runs off the final five overs. No one, the fans, experts, cricketers, the celebrities world over could believe what was transpiring in front of their eyes as batsmen like Dinesh Karthika and Andre Russell were finding it difficult to get the ball off the square when the run-rate was pretty much achievable. KKR were cruising for the most part of the game and even the team management would be puzzled seeing how did they come from 104 in 13 overs to 142/7 in their 20 overs. The leg-spinner Rahul Chahar started the wickets procession in the ninth over removing the opening batsman Shubam Gill as his first scalp of the night.

BIG BLOW FOR DELHI CAPITALS AS PACER ANRICH NORTJE TESTS COVID-19 POSITIVE

Delhi Capitals (DC) had started off their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 campaign with a win against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in Mumbai. The Delhi franchise had registered a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over the three-time champions in their opening match and was even without the services of their main bowlers Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje. However, now it has come to notice that Nortje, who was in mandatory quarantine of seven days with countryman Rabada has test COVID-19 positive.



Nortje is not the first cricketer to test positive this season. Apart from the ground staff and event managers at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium, several players had been afflicted too. Nortje is the second DC player to have tested positive after all-rounder Axar Patel on April 3, six days before the start of the new edition. ANI reported one of their sources saying, "He came in with a negative report, but has unfortunately tested positive now while undergoing quarantine." Royal Challengers Bangalore's Devdutt Padikkal and Daniel Sams had also tested positive along with Mumbai Indians' wicket-keeping consultant and talent scout Kiran More.

ROHIT SHARMA ACHIEVES THIS MASSIVE RECORD, BECOMES THIRD PLAYER IN LEAGUE'S HISTORY TO DO SO


Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma became the third batsman in the most run-getters list in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Tuesday as soon as the opening batsman scored 34 runs in his innings against the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR). KKR skipper Eoin Morgan put the Mumbai side into bat after winning the toss. Rohit, even though lost the wicket of his opening partner, Quinton de Kock, in just the second over continued to score runs and surpassed Sunrisers Hyderabad captain David Warner and Delhi Capitals' opener Shikhar Dhawan in the elite list. Rohit has now scored 5285* runs in 197 innings in the lucrative league, taking over Warner's tally of 5257 and Dhawan's aggregate of 5282 runs. Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) skipper Virat Kohli is the highest run-getter in the tournament with 5911 runs, followed by Chennai Super Kings batsman Suresh Raina who has 5422 runs to his name. Rohit stitched a 76-run partnership with Suryakumar Yadav to help Mumbai recover after having a scratchy start to their innings especially in the first six overs.

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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
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19	22	TUE	27-APR-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	DELHI CAPITALS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE
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25	30	MON	3-MAY-21	07:30 PM	AHMEDABAD	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS	ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE
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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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Virat Kohli should follow Babar Azam's technique, says former Pakistan pacer Aaqib Javed; Indian fans shocked



Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has been in form and has guided his side to victories against South Africa in the recently concluded ODI and in the ongoing T20I as well. Owing to Babar's performance, former Pakistan pacer Aaqib Javed has said that Indian captain Virat Kohli can improve his batting technique by closely following the Men in Green skipper. Javed, who is the head coach of Pakistan Super League (PSL) side Lahore Qalandars even compared Babar to Sachin Tendulkar and said that the former doesn't have many weak areas just like the Master Blaster. Javed, however, added that Kohli has a better range of shots as compared to Babar but he lacks the correct technique against swing bowlers. "Virat Kohli has a better range [of shots] as compared to Babar Azam but he also has one area of weakness. If the ball swings, he tends to get trapped around the off-stump such as against [James] Anderson in

England," said Javed in an interview with Cricket Pakistan. "When you look at Babar, you don't see any weak areas. Just like, [Sachin] Tendulkar who also didn't have any weak areas. Babar is technically more safe and sound but if he follows Kohli's fitness routine he will become an even better player. Meanwhile, Kohli can improve his technique by looking at Babar so that he doesn't get trapped," he added. Javed went on to heap praises on Babar and said, "During the past two or three years, Babar Azam is 50 per cent of Pakistan's batting. I never thought that he would be this consistent and even go past Virat Kohli [in ODI rankings]. Pakistan is very lucky, he came when the team was struggling and has single-handedly put the team on the right track. Even, captaincy hasn't affected his form," he concluded. Javed's views on Kohli were, however, not approved by Indian fans who started questioning him and even stating stats about the two batsmen.

IT'S AB DE VILLIERS' WORLD AND WE ARE JUST LIVING IN IT AS RCB BEAT MUMBAI IN THRILLER

The ageless South African star batsman AB de Villiers was at it again as he helped Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) beat Mumbai Indians in the first game of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 season. RCB were coasting along nicely in the chase when skipper Virat Kohli and Glenn Maxwell were batting but one wicket and RCB lost four in quick succession and they required de Villiers to bail them out and he provided that exactly. After a 52-run partnership between Maxwell and Kohli, RCB lost their way as they lost four wickets in just 24 runs and they were reduced to 122/6 from 98/2 in the space of just four overs. They required 39 runs off the final four and it was De Villiers, who stood for the men in red and gold again. Smashing four fours and two sixes, De Villiers' 27-ball 48-run innings ensured RCB weren't losing the game despite losing the wicket of Kyle Jamieson and himself to run-outs. The Bangalore side needed two runs of the last two balls and Mohammed Siraj and Harshal Patel finished the game as they just had to get the ball touch the bat. Earlier, Harshal Patel was the star with the ball for the Kohli-led side as his five-wicket haul helped his side keeping Mumbai Indians to a score of 159/8 in their 20 overs. Chris Lynn and Suryakumar Yadav stitched a 70-run partnership for Mumbai Indians after they lost



the wicket of captain Rohit Sharma to a run-out. However, after Kyle Jamieson removed Surya in the 11th over, MI kept losing wickets and couldn't build any meaningful partnerships and as the skipper Rohit Sharma fell 15 runs short of a good score on a slow pitch. This was Mumbai Indians' 9th loss in the first game of an IPL season and RCB too broke their rut of losing the first game of the season as they have lost three games and won this one by two wickets to get their campaign running.

Shreyas Iyer undergoes shoulder surgery, says 'will be back in no time'



India batsman Shreyas Iyer on Thursday informed that he underwent successful surgery on his shoulder and will be "back in no time". Iyer

had picked up a shoulder injury during last month's India-England ODI series. He had injured the shoulder in the first ODI and subsequently, missed the next two matches. "Surgery was a success and with lion-hearted determination, I'll be back in no time. Thank you for your wishes," Iyer tweeted. Iyer's injury came as a big blow to the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Delhi Capitals as the player will miss this year's tournament, set to begin on Friday. In Iyer's absence, the franchise appointed Rishabh Pant as the captain. Having played well through the group stages in IPL 13, DC failed to cross the final hurdle as they lost to Mumbai Indians in the final. But the Delhi boys now know what it takes to reach the top and while they fell one short last year, Pant and boys will definitely look to bag the coveted trophy this season. Delhi Capitals will play their first game on Saturday against Chennai Super Kings. And it will be interesting as Pant will come up against his mentor MS Dhoni in his first match as captain in this IPL.

'Sad to see T20 leagues influencing international cricket,' says Shahid Afridi on SA players leaving for IPL midway



Former Pakistan all-rounder Shahid Afridi has criticised Cricket South Africa (CSA) for allowing their players to leave international cricket to participate in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Afridi said it is sad that T20 leagues are influencing international cricket. South Africa are currently hosting Pakistan for three ODIs which concluded on Wednesday and now both sides will lock horns in the five-match T20I series from Saturday. Pakistan won the ODI series by 2-1 after winning the final game by 28 runs on Wednesday. In a tweet, Afridi said, "Surprising to see @OfficialCSA allowing players to travel for IPL in the middle of a series. It is sad to see T20 leagues influencing international cricket. Some rethinking needs to be done!!" Many Proteas players including Quinton de Kock, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, and Chris Morris were not part of the series against Pakistan due to the IPL. The 14th edition of the IPL will get underway from April 9 as defending champions Mumbai Indians will begin their campaign against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) on Friday at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

CAN PUT MY BODY ON LINE AS I AM FITTER THIS YEAR, SAYS KKR'S ANDRE RUSSELL



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) all-rounder Andre Russell on Sunday said that he has gained full fitness now and he can now put his body on the line for his franchise in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021. Over the last two seasons, Russell has been injury-prone and his fitness has been a cause of worry for the Eoin Morgan-led franchise. "I'm in better shape compared to last year, so I'm hoping for a better performance than last year. I can put my body on the line because I'm a lot fitter. Morgan is relaxed and he gives us all the freedom, only intervenes if it's not working. If we have the upper hand against any team, we must go for the kill," Russell told host broadcaster Star Sports before the start of the match against SunRisers Hyderabad. "We fell short by a few runs last year, and just lost the big moments and fell short marginally. We must minimize our errors and do well. The good thing is that we are back in India. The UAE was lovely, but when you talk IPL, you talk India. I am used to these conditions, and I'm looking forward to playing here," he added. SunRisers Hyderabad skipper David Warner on Sunday won the toss and opted to field first against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the third game of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 season here at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

'JAI JAI BALCONY': VIRENDER SEHWAG TAKES FUNNY DIG AT SURESH RAINA AFTER HIS IMPRESSIVE RETURN TO IPL

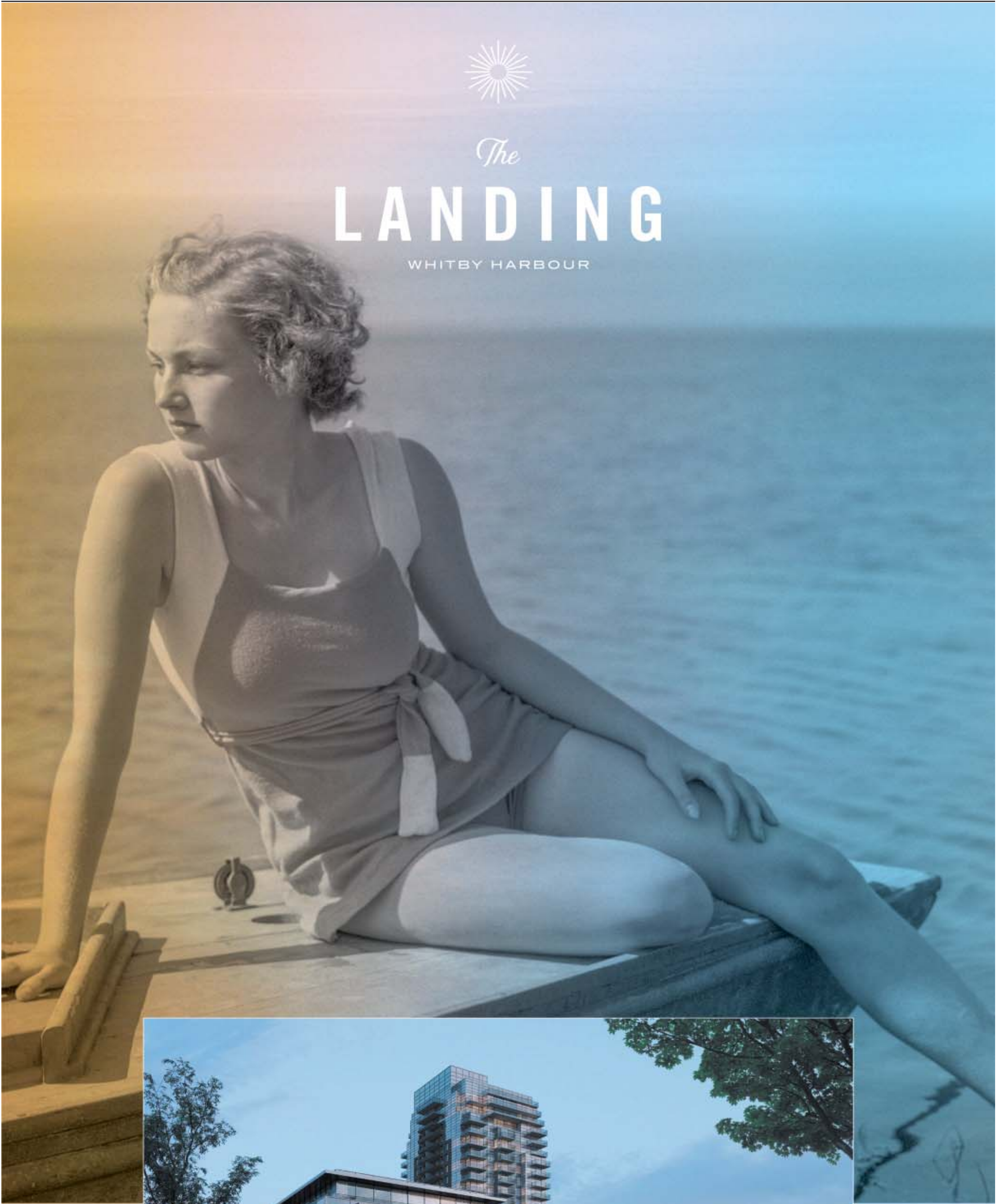


After missing out the last year's Indian Premier League (IPL) due to personal reasons, Chennai Super Kings' (CSK) Suresh Raina made a grand return as after walking in to bat at No. 4 he smashed 54 off 36 against Delhi Capitals (DC). Seeing the 'Chinna Thala' make an epic IPL return, former India batsman Virender Sehwag reacted hilariously to Raina's stunning performance. With Raina hitting the ground running in IPL, his name started trending on social media. With fans and the cricketing fraternity heaping praises on him for his fine return, Sehwag's tweet stole the show. The legendary batsman took to Twitter to post a picture of a room with a balcony and wrote: "This is the difference. Jai Jai Balcony. Mazaak hai, jyada seriously mat lo. (It's a joke, don't take it seriously)." The reference to the balcony comes after last year, reports had emerged that Raina returned to India from the UAE before IPL 2020 because he was not given a room with a balcony. The game against Rishabh Pant's Delhi was Raina's first in IPL since the final of the 2019 edition. The former India batsman had also announced his retirement from international cricket before leaving for the UAE. Between the IPL 2019 final and the ongoing game, he played only 5 competitive games.

'MS IS MY GO-TO MAN, HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM HIM,' SAYS RISHABH PANT ON CAPTAINCY DEBUT AGAINST DHONI'S CSK



How is a child like in a candy store? Wide-eyed, excited for everything he/she is witnessing, trying to absorb everything they can at first glance. That was Rishabh Pant like when he was walking out for the toss with the legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni, in his captaincy debut in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the Delhi Capitals. Pant, who has always looked up to Dhoni as a wicket-keeper, batsman and overall cricketer, had a surreal feeling to be captaining an IPL side and in the first game, he is up against his role model. Asked if it was a childhood fanboy moment for him going out for the toss with Dhoni at the post-match presentation, Pant said, "Yes, it was actually a special moment for me, captaining the first match in IPL and the toss is against MS [Dhoni]. I have learned a lot from him. Pant had a great start to his captaincy career in the IPL as the Delhi Capitals started their 2021 campaign with a fantastic victory as they chased down 189 runs in just 18.4 overs owing to a 138-run opening partnership between Shikhar Dhawan and Prithvi Shaw, which laid the foundation for them overpowering the CSK side and beating them pretty comfortably in the end.



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