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#### Swara Bhaskar, Divya Dutta starrer Sheer Qorma wins audience award at US festival



THE SHORT FILM "SHEER QORMA", STARRING SWARA BHASKER, DIVYA DUTTA AND SHABANA AZMI, WILL HAVE ITS WORLD PREMIERE AT THE BAFTA QUALIFYING FRAMELINE: SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ+ FILM FESTIVAL. THE FESTIVAL, REGARDED AS THE LARGEST QUEER FILM EXHIBITION EVENT IN THE WORLD, IS SCHEDULED FROM JUNE 10 TO 27. THE FILM IS BASED ON AN LGBTQ+ THEME AND IT NARRATES A STORY OF LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE, REVOLVING AROUND ITS LEADS SWARA, DIVYA AND SHABANA AZMI.

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#### SHRADDHA KAPOOR REVEALS SHE OFTEN REPEATS OUTFITS, **SAYS 'STILL WEAR CLOTHES** FROM MY TEENAGE YEARS'



SHRADDHA KAPOOR REVEALED HER NEW FASHION MANTRA, AS THE PANDEMIC HAS REAFFIRMED HER APPROACH TO MINIMALISM AND SIMPLICITY.

#### ALAYA F FINALLY REACTS TO DATING RUMOURS WITH BAL THACKERAY'S GRANDSON **AAISHVARY THACKERAY**



ALAYA AND AAISHVARY HAD EARLIER MADE HEADLINES WHEN ALAYA ATTENDED HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD IN DUBAI THIS YEAR ALONG WITH HIS MOTHER SMITA THACKERAY.

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#### SONU SOOD SELLS EGGS, BREAD FROM 'SONU SOOD KI SUPERMARKET' ON A CYCLE TO SUPPORT **SMALL BUSINESSES**



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood was seen selling eggs, bread, chips, and daily grocery items on a cycle calling it 'Sonu Sood ki Supermarket' in his latest video on social media. The gesture was meant to promote small businesses.

Sonu posted a video of him on a cycle with the grocery items on Wednesday night. In the video, he says "you don't need to go to a mall to buy grocery items", adding that the most important supermarket is ready to deliver your daily items on your doorstep. He stressed the importance of buying from the local vendors as he said: "This market is a hit." He captioned the video, "Free home delivery. 1 bread free with every 10 eggs #supermarket #supportsmallbusiness."

#### JIMMY SHEIRGILL-ASHA NEGI STARRER 'COLLAR BOMB' TO DROP ON JULY 9



MUMBAI, (IANS) The Jimmy Sheirgill-Asha Negi starrer web film "Collar Bomb" is all set to release on July 9.

"The clock is ticking. Collar Bomb releases 9th July! Buckle up, it's going to be an action-packed race against time and terror!" wrote Jimmy on Instagram, with a poster of the thriller that he shared on

In the poster, Jimmy is dressed in a suit, sports a moustache and holds a pistol. Asha strikes an intense pose.

Asha, too, shared the poster and wrote: "Asha Negi The clock is ticking...Collar Bomb releases 9th July! Can't wait for you all to watch this thrilling race against time and terror.."

The film is directed by DnyaneshZoting.

#### ENT- HOT ON OTT: COMING UP THIS WEEK (JUNE 27-JULY 3)

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Here's a look at highlight films, shows and series that are scheduled to drop in the digital space this week. PUNCCH BEAT, Season 2 (series on ALT Balaji, June 27) Cast: Priyank Sharma, Siddharth Sharma, Harshita Gaur Created by: Vikas Gupta

COLD CASE (film on Amazon Prime, June 30)

Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Aditi Balan

Direction: TanuBalak

HASEEN DILLRUBA (film on Netflix, July 2)

Cast: TaapseePannu, Vikrant Massey, Harshvardhan Rane Direction: Vinil Mathew

THE TOMORROW WAR (film on Amazon Prime, July 2) Cast: Chris Pratt, Yvonne Strahovski, JK Simmons, Betty Gilpin Direction: Chris McKay

SAMANTAR season 2 (series on MX Player, July 2) Cast: Tejaswini Pandit, Sai Tamhankar, Swwapnil Joshi Direction: Satish Rajwade

FEAR STREET PART ONE: 1994 (film on Netflix, July 2) Cast: Kiana Madeira, Olivia Scott Welch, Benjamin Flores Jr. Direction: Leigh Janiak

BIG TIMBER season 1 (reality show on Netflix, July 2) Cast: Kevin Wenstob, Eric Wenstob, Sarah Fleming















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## Shraddha Kapoor reveals she often repeats outfits, says 'still wear clothes from my teenage years'

A minimalistic, simple approach towards fashion and beauty is what actress Shraddha Kapoor's new fashion mantra, as the pandemic has reaffirmed her approach to minimalism and simplicity.

"The entire lockdown period has resulted in all of us staying at home more that paved the way towards focusing on the simplest of things in our lives," she tells IANSlife.

Shraddha says, "This period was hard for most people but it shed light on how basic things are so easily accessible to us that happen to be the most important things to focus on in life. So even towards fashion and beauty, the approach of keeping real, simple and natural has never been so deep-rooted as before. If at all, I think the pandemic has reaffirmed my approach of minimalism and simplicity towards fashion and beauty." The youth icon believes in recycling her clothes and often repeats outfits as she contributes towards sustainability. "I repeat my outfits often, I still wear some of my clothes that fit me from my teenage years," says Shraddha. She adds, "I do believe in recycling my clothes. When I was a teenager as well, I used to revamp my old clothes by cutting them or stitching something on them myself. Sometimes I play with fabric paint as well. Of course, it didn't have the perfect finish but it had a certain feel and look to it that reflected my personality. There are also services I reach out to where I can donate my clothes and have them recycled instead of just giving them away." The 'Ek Villian' actor states she has also adopted small habits as a conscious buyer. She said, "I pay attention to what I buy and why I buy something. There is always a reason for my purchases, never a whim. Even in beauty, I make sure the products I use are cruelty-free and are not harmful in any way." Shraddha's efforts towards sustainability isn't only restricted to fashion and beauty but extends to homeware as well like crockery. The actor revealed, "I still use a mug I bought 14 years ago. I try to reuse things I own as much as possible and don't shop for extra stuff randomly." She concludes, "Our planet needs all the help it can get from us, from anything we can do from turning vegetarian to being a little more conscious with our actions. I try to do as much as I can."

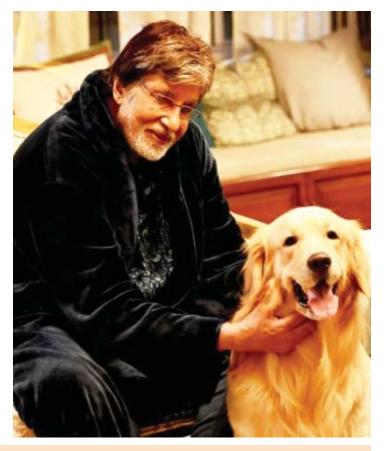


#### KAMAL HAASAN SLAMS DRAFT CINEMATOGRAPH BILL, ASKS PEOPLE TO RAISE THEIR VOICE FOR 'FREEDOM AND LIBERTY'

Actor-filmmaker Kamal Haasan is the latest celebrity to slam the draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021. "Cinema, media and the literati cannot afford to be the three iconic monkeys of India. Seeing, hearing and speaking of impending evil is the only medication against attempts to injure and debilitate democracy," he wrote on his Twitter account. The Vishwaroopam star has also asked people to write to the I&B ministry, which has invited public comments on the draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021 till July 2. "Please act, voice your concern for freedom and liberty," added Kamal. The draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021 gives the Union government power to re-examine the films that are already cleared for public screening by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). And the Central government will be able to revise the CBFC's decision if it deems fit. Several prominent members of the film fraternity have already expressed concerns over the proposed changes to the Cinematograph Act of 1952 that allow direct government intervention in controlling the narrative of the country's cinema landscape. The bill comes as a double blow to the film industry as it was still coming to terms with the disbandment of the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal, which was the last resort of filmmakers to appeal against the certificate granted to their film. "If I have 10,000 people ready to do what I ask them to do then I can influence the outcome of any film. I can have protests, file complaints, go to court. With this new bill, both the filmmaker's freedom and the film's revenue are going to be affected. Already the governing body has so much power over creative expression. With this kind of a law, there is only going to be one narrative - a pro-government one. You can either be a pro-government filmmaker or not speak at all," National Award-winning filmmaker Vetri Maaran told The News Minute slamming the government over the draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

## Amitabh Bachchan introduces his adorable 'co-star at work'

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan is all set to step out and shoot for his new project. Accompanying him is a furball. Big B took to his Instagram and posted an adorable picture of him and a cute golden retriever. He can be seen scratching the dog's neck with complete dedication. The star captioned the post as "my co-star at work .. when he's on set the whole atmosphere changes .. that is why they are man-woman's best friend!" Amitabh's granddaughter Navya, took to the comment section and commented with heart emojis. Fans are all in awe of the picture. For the unversed, in 2013, Amitabh's beloved pet dog, Shanouk, died after a brief illness. 'The gentle warm breeze on a cold morning'... Just stopped. Shanouk my pet Piranha Dane passed away a short while ago..." posted Bachchan. Recently on Milkha Singh's death, Amitabh Bachchan shared the last page of 'Flying Sikh's' autobiography which said "My final words would be: life as a sportsperson is hard, and there will certainly be times when you might be tempted to quit, or take shortcuts- but remember there are no shortcuts to success. At such times you should try and derive inspiration from this Urdu couplet: "Mita de apni hasti ko agar koi martaba chahe, ki dana khak mein mil kar gul-gulzar hota hai" On the work front, Amitabh recently announced that he will be a part of Deepika Padukone-starrer 'The Intern'. The superstar has replaced late actor Rishi Kapoor who was earlier supposed to play the role. The film is a remake of the 2015 Hollywood hit movie of the same name, which starred Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway. Big B also has films like 'Jhund', 'Goodbye', 'May Day' and several others in the pipeline.



## 'MY BOY STARTED DATING AT 25...': JACKIE SHROFF OPENS UP ON TIGER SHROFF-DISHA PATANI'S RELATIONSHIP

Although Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani have been rumoured to be dating for a very long time they have constantly denied it. The duo has made several public appearances together, even indulge in social media banter. Moreover, they even holidayed together in the Maldives in this one year. Now, during an interaction, Tiger's father and actor Jackie Shroff along with sister Krishna Shroff was asked about Tiger and Disha's relationship.

Jackie told Bollywood Bubble, "It's his life. My boy started dating at the age of 25 and they are really great friends. I have no idea what they decided for their future. But



I'm sure about one thing that Tiger is extremely focused on his work. For me, it's his first work. Nobody whether it's his mom, dad, sister or girlfriend matters more than work to him. Nobody can come in between him and his work. He is too focused on his good work." While Krishna said, "I am as protective as it can get, about my brother. But at the end of the day, he is an adult and old enough to make his own decisions. And I think he knows what's right, he's a really intelligent guy and as long as he's happy, whatever makes him happy makes us happy too. I don't think I want to give my brother any advice. He is really headstrong and sorted that way." Meanwhile, Tiger and Disha's first onscreen outing was the music video 'Befikra'. They were paired opposite each other in 'Baaghi 2'.

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#### PRIYANKA CHOPRA GOES ALL-WHITE TO **CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH**



Mumbai, (IANS) Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas went all-white to celebrate Pride Month in New York.

Priyanka posted a set of pictures on Instagram. In the images, Priyanka is seen sporting an all white coordinate blouse with a thigh high skirt. She completed her look with nude pumps and gold accessories.

"Sunday's OOTD. Feeling the love in NYC Happy Pride! @anjula\_acharia," Priyanka wrote as the caption.

Priyanka was last seen on screen in the digital film "The White Tiger". The RaminBahrani directorial stars Adarsh Gouravand also features Rajkummar Rao in a pivotal role. She is currently busy with "Citadel". Helmed by "Avengers" makers Joe and Anthony Russo, "Citadel" is a spy thriller series co-starring Richard Madden, and is billed as a global event for OTT.

#### SHEHNAAZ GILL ON LOSING WEIGHT: ONLY SLIM GIRLS GET WORK IN THE INDUSTRY

Shehnaaz Gill surprised her fans by going live on YouTube on Tuesday. The Bigg Boss 13 star spoke about her future projects and also shared her diet routine. While answering a fan, she even shared how she lost weight as the entertainment industry only prefers slim girls. Shehnaaz started the live chat, stating that she had some free time during a shoot. She even joked at how her team readied a script for the live, however, she wanted it to be a freewheeling conversation. As people guizzed her on how she lost oodles of weight, the singer-actor said that she has spoken about it a number of times. She pressed upon the fact that eating consciously is the way to lose all the extra kilos. "My team keeps telling me to stop taking sugar and salt. But all that is bakwas. It's important to keep a check on the quantity. You soon get into a habit of eating less and that's the key to shed the extra weight," she shared, adding that she has moong for breakfast with tea, and dal, chawal and sabzi for lunch. "For dinner, I just have milk," shared Shehnaaz. The Bigg Boss finalist also said that while workout helps, she is not a keen gym person, and depends on diet. However, she added that she wants to start working out as that helps one be fit rather than just slim.

## Ex-wife Sussanne Khan's reaction to Hrithik Roshan's jaw-dropping pic flaunting ripped physique is breaking the internet



On Monday, actor Hrithik Roshan took social media by storm with a video flaunting his chiselled physique and ripped abs. In the promotional BTS clip for his fitness brand HRX, Hrithik can be seen striking various poses as the crew shoots him.

From posing in an unbuttoned, sleeveless black denim jacket, flaunting his well-toned body in a sleeveless black zipper jacket featuring a hood to going topless for the shoot, Hrithik Roshan went all out showing off the hard work he had put in achieving the muscular physique. With a light stubble and that chiselled body, Hrithik was hotness personified in this video.

His astonishingly good looks teamed with an envious body definitely made a lot of girls swoon over him. What further set the fans' hearts

aflutter was a picture that Hrithik shared soon after the BTS video. It was a close-up photo of him flaunting his well-toned bare chest and showing off his muscular arms while sporting a black cap, and scarf and sunglasses. Now, this photo not just made Hrithik's female fans go weak in the knees but also evoked response for his ex-wife Sussanne Khan, who is rumoured to be dating Aly Goni's brother Arsalan Goni. While Anil Kapoor commented, "Constantly raising the bar," Sussanne Khan wrote, "U look 21." She followed up her comment with a raising hand and two clap emojis. For the unversed, Hrithik and Sussanne, who got married in 2000, got divorced in 2014. However, the two have been co-parenting their sons Hrehaan and Hridaan and have been setting major parents goals.

## Ranveer Singh to collaborate with Bear Grylls for Netflix adventure series

Actor Ranveer Singh, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming films '83, Jayeshbhai Jordaar and Cirkus, is all set to make his digital debut as he collaborates with British adventurer, writer, television presenter Bear Grylls for an adventure show. Ranveer's big-budget adventure series is likely to be bankrolled by Netflix and will stream on the OTT giant.

A source informed indian express.com, "Ranveer and Bear Grylls have been in talks for a wilderness adventure series for several months now, and this adventure outing will be for Netflix. The OTT giant has almost closed the deal and we'll see the two share screen-space for the first time for kind of adventure stunts in the wilderness. This is the first time Ranveer will be doing something so starkly different and it is going to be one of the biggest non-fictions shows we have seen in India, also marking Ranveer's digital debut."



The source further tells us, "The actor is expected to start shooting in the next two months in Siberia. Around this time, the region is really testing and Ranveer will have to prepare hard to survive in extreme weather conditions."

**JUSTIN BIEBER REQUESTS FANS TO** STOP COMING TO HIS HOME: 'DON'T APPRECIATE YOU GUYS BEING HERE'



Grammy-winning singer Justin Bieber wasn't pleased to find fans waiting outside his home in New York. He also emphasised that he doesn't 'appreciate them being here'. In a video on Instagram, originally shared on TikTok, Justin is seen walking towards his apartment after getting down from his car. As he reaches his apartment, a fan asks him for a hug but he refuses. He explains to them why he doesn't fans in his space. In the video, shared by Baller Alert recently, Justin Bieber said, "I hear you...This is my home. You know what I mean. This is where I live. And I don't appreciate you guys being here." He continued, "You guys can be anywhere else...You know at the end of the night when you come home and you want to relax? This is my space to do that. So I would appreciate it if you guys could leave." However, after he said this, a fan asked again, "Can I get a selfie, though?"

#### QUENTIN TARANTINO TURNS ONCE **UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD INTO** HIS FIRST NOVEL

Quentin Tarantino's first novel is, to borrow a phrase from his oeuvre, a tasty beverage. It's his novelization of his own 2019 film Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood (the book's title omits the ellipsis). It's been issued in the format of a 1970s-era mass-market paperback, the sort of book you used to find spinning in a drugstore rack. It's got a retro-tacky tagline: "Hollywood 1969 ... You should been there!" If it weren't so plump, at 400 pages, you could slip it into the back pocket of your flared corduroys.

Tarantino isn't trying to play here what another novelist/ screenwriter, Terry Southern, liked to call the Quality Lit Game. He's not out to impress us with the intricacy of his sentences or the nuance of his psychological insights. He's here to tell a story, in take-it-or-leave-it Elmore Leonard fashion, and to make room along the way to talk about some of the things he cares about — old movies, male camaraderie, revenge and redemption, music and style. He gets it: Pop culture is what America has instead of mythology. He got bitten early by this notion, and he's stayed bitten.





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## ALAYA F FINALLY REACTS TO DATING RUMOURS WITH BAL THACKERAY'S GRANDSON AAISHVARY THACKERAY



Pooja Bedi 's daughter Alaya F is rumoured to be dating Bal Thackeray's grandson son, Aaishvary Thackeray. Reacting to the rumours, Alaya in a recent interview has said that such reports shouldn't be take seriously. She has also called Aaishvary a 'wonderful friend and en extremely talented person'.

While speaking to ETimes, the star kid said, "If you are being talked about, that's always great! You shouldn't take these reports too seriously. Aaishvary is a wonderful friend and an extremely talented person. These stories used to spark curiosity amongst my near and dear ones, but now even they are used to it."

Alaya added that throughout the lockdown all she did was think about herself and not any other person. She said, "As far as my personal life is concerned, I don't stress about it as much as I do about my professional life. I feel your personal life should fall into place naturally. You should only work on being the best version of yourself every day. That's what I did throughout the lockdown. It was all about me thinking about myself and not about any other person (laughs!)."

Alaya and Aaishvary has been spotted together quite a few times. The duo had earlier made headlines when Alaya attended his birthday party held in Dubai this year along with his mother Smita Thackeray. However, Alaya has always maintained that Aaishvary is a 'close family friend'. Last month, Without confirming or denying the rumours. Pooia said in a recent interview that there will always be speculation about Alaya's personal life. Earlier, addressing rumours of dating Aaishvary, Alaya had told TOI, "He is a very good friend. I know it is a cliche thing to say, but we are very good family friends. Our moms know each other, my grandad knows his mom, we have known each other for a very long time. It's just now that the media notices a photo of us together and assumes that something is going on. We have been doing acting classes for a very long time, and also go to dance classes together; if the paparazzi had clicked us earlier, they would have a lot more pictures. That's why we are bound to click together; I find him to be quite funny." Alaya F made her debut with 2020 movie 'Jawaani Jaaneman' opposite Saif Ali Khan.

## KATRINA KAIF FINDS MALE MODEL FOR HER BEAUTY BRAND AND IT'S THIS BOLLYWOOD ACTOR, FIND OUT

Bollywood actor Katrina Kaif has finally found a male model for her beauty label, 'Kay By Katrina', and if you are thinking it's her rumoured beau Vicky Kaushal, then you are wrong! Katrina had received a direct request from Bollywood actor Arjun Kapoor, to cast him as the male model for her beauty brand. This came after Katrina extended birthday wishes to Arjun on her Instagram Story, two days ago. Replying to her, Arjun who is known for his witty nature, wrote, "Thank u and as a gift I want u to launch a men's line of @kaybykatrina and make me the face of it..." Quick to reply, Katrina wrote, "@kaybykatrina is for men also, so you can come and model for us right away." On a related note, this is not the first time that fans got to see the fun bond the two actors share with each other. Earlier, Arjun hilariously trolled Katrina as mango season arrived while promising to eat mangoes with 'as much love as' her.

Katrina's 'Kay By Katrina' beauty label recently made headlines for introducing homosexual models to the brand promotions in order to celebrate Pride month. Meanwhile, speaking about the work front of both the actors; Arjun will be seen sharing screen space with Saif Ali Khan, Yami Gautam and Jacqueline Fernandez in 'Bhoot Police'.

# 'HASEEN DILLRUBA': TAAPSEE PANNU SHARES VIKRANT MASSEY, HARSHVARDHAN 'LOOKED VERY SCARED' ON FILMING INTIMATE SCENES

Taapsee Pannu, Vikrant Massey and Harshvardhan Rane are currently gearing up for the release of their Netflix original film 'Haseen Dillruba' which is hitting the platform this Friday. Ahead of that, the actors spoke at length about their experience of shooting for the film. Taapsee in an interview revealed that both Vikrant and Harshvardhan were 'scared' while performing intimate scenes with her. The 'Thappad' actor told a portal, "I hope I made it comfortable for the guys because they looked very scared. They thought pata nahi yeh kya karegi hamare saath (who knows what she'll do to us). Both the guys were, I felt, really scared because, I don't know, the image I have or what the problem was... But I used to go to Vinil and complain..."

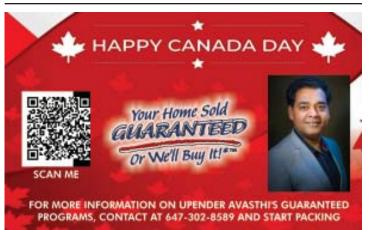
On being quizzed what her boyfriend Mathias Boe had to say on her onscreen intimate scenes, Taapsee went on to say, "No, I don't tell my partner about my intimate scenes. It's my professional life, and I keep it far, far away from my personal life. I don't expect him to take permissions from me in his professional life, so he should expect the same thing from me."

#### Deepika Padukone makes comeback on Instagram after nearly two months, shares her lockdown 'Expectation vs Reality'

After staying away from social media for almost two months, superstar Deepika Padukone Padukone has finally made a comeback on Instagram. The actor has graced us with her lockdown 'Expectation vs Reality' photos.

In the first photo, Deepika can be seen doing Yoga in a black sports bra and leggings. On swiping left, you will Deepika adorably sleeping on the sofa in a white top and blue jeans. While sharing the pictures, she wrote, "Expectation v/s Reality," with a laughing emoji. Well, we totally get you Deepika!

Deepika's fans and followers took to the comment section to let her know that she was incredibly missed and they're happy to finally see her post. "We Missed you Sunshine," wrote one user while another commented, "U made my day,". A third user wrote, "Love you queen. Missed you so much."





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## LGTBQ TALES FIND NEW LIFE ON OT7

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** When AyushmaanKhurrana kissed Jitender Kumar in "Shubh Mangal ZyadaSaavdhan", it wasn't anymore an eye-opener for mainstream Bollywood viewers. The audience had learnt to embrace same-gender love stories in films and web series with open arms. More than our film, however, the emerging medium of OTT has effectively addressed the elephant in the room, providing a secure platform to LGBTQ community stories. For decades, the community has been represented in a farcical way in commercial cinema. With time, content creators have now learnt to give same-sex stories mainstream importance. The audience is curious to know about the lives of the Trans community. Hence, we will get to see an array of content on LGBTQ community on mainstream viewing mediums. Films that dealt LGBTQ stories include "Kapoor & Sons", "EkLadki Ko DekhaTohAisaLaga", "Bombay Talkies", "My Brother Nikhil", "Aligarh", "Margarita With A Straw", "I Am" and "Loev". There is more coming up, mostly on OTT. Stories to look forward to are "Four More Shots Please" season 2", "Made In Heaven 2" besides other untitled web series in the pipeline. As Pride Month draws to an end, here are some on-screen same-gender that left an impact on the viewers in the digital space.

#### A MARRIED WOMAN

Directed by Sahir Raza based on Manju Kapur's book "A Married Woman", this ALTBalaji series is about two women Astha (Ridhi Dogra) and Peeplika (Monica Dogra) who discover that love happens when you least expect it. **ROMIL AND JUGAL** 

Directed by Nupur Asthana, ALTBalaji's original is set in a fictional Indian hill station Colwynganj. The story is about boy next door Jugal (Manraj Singh) who falls in love with his new, hunky neighbour Romil (Rajeev Siddhartha). Their love faces many obstacles including the homophobic residents of the Colywynganj, disapproving parents, and Romil's internalised homophobia.

#### **MADE IN HEAVEN**

Created by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti, this Amazon Prime series weaves two parallel stories -- involving gay Karan Mehra (Arjun Mathur) and lesbian Tara Khanna (Sobhita Dhulipala) in multiple stories.

#### FOUR MORE SHOTS PLEASE!

Directed by Anu Menon and Nupur Asthana, this Amazon Prime original is an ode to friendship and sisterhood, and also highlights a fairytale romance between two women, Umang Singh (Bani J) and the Bollywood superstar Samara Kapoor (Lisa Ray).

Directed by Roopa Rao, this YouTube film set in the nineties, the two

girls Aadya (SpoorthiGumaste) and Aanchal (Shweta Gupta) start off

a tentative friendship that leads to a secret romance.

#### THE 'OTHER' LOVE STORY

als by society and family.

**HIS STORYY** Directed by Prashant Bhagi, an ALTBalaji and ZEE5 original, the story is about Kunal (Satyadeep Mishra), Sakshi (Priyamani) and his lover Preet (Mrinal Dutt) and the social issue of acceptance of homosexu-

#### TAHIRA KASHYAP FIRST GUEST ON 'YOU **GOT CHEF'D' SEASON 3**



NEW DELHI, (IANS) Filmmaker-writer Tahira Kashyap is the first guest on "You Got Chef'd" season 3, show that aims at bringing out the chef in celebrities who try their hand at different dishes from around the world alongside the host, Chef Ranveer Brar.

The four-episode also features actors Pratik Gandhi and Arjun Kapoor, and comedian Rohan Joshi.

In the opening episode, Tahira shares interesting food tales and travel experiences, too, besides exchanging thoughts on her lovehate relationship with food. She will prepare a famous dish from New York, and also share fun anecdotes about her food experiences. "As a writer and a filmmaker, real-life experiences play a crucial role in shaping up content I portray on the screen. Food has been a vital source of anecdotes and references that come in handy," says Tahira, who is married to Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana. Confessing that she is a "total foodie at heart", Tahira adds that the show gave her "an amazing oppor tunity in polishing my culinary skills with the Master Chef himself". She calls the experience "truly very enriching".

The series drops on Tuesday on lifestyle channel Gobble's YouTube and Facebook channels. "You Got Chef'd" presented by Dewar's will also see the celebrities pick a few tips on how to make highball cocktails and bartending tricks from ace mixologist Greg Benson, who is Dewar's India Brand Ambassador.

#### NEETU KAPOOR'S 'WORLD' INCLUDES RANBIR, ALIA, RIDDHIMA

MUMBAI, (IANS) Neetu Kapoor on Monday shared a glimpse of what she terms "my world" through an Instagram picture. The photo features Alia Bhatt with her son Ranbir Kapoor, daughter Riddhima Kapoor Sahni and granddaughter Samaira.

In the image, Neetu, Ranbir, Alia, Riddhima and Samaira pose for the camera flaunting big smiles.

"My world," wrote late actor Rishi Kapoor's wife as caption with the picture that currently has 41.3K likes on the website.

Neetu and Rishi Kapoor had tied the knot on January 22, 1980. Rishi Kapoor passed away in Mumbai on April 30 last year after a two-year battle with leukemia.

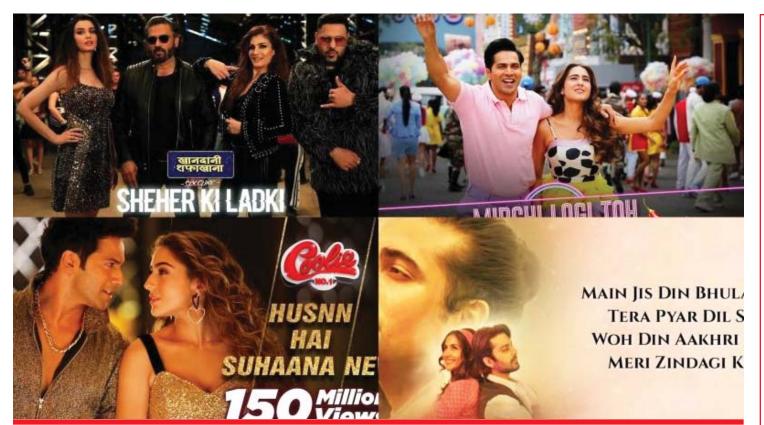
Meanwhile, Neetu is gearing up for making a comeback on the big screen with "Jug Jugg Jeeyo", which also stars Anil Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani.





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## Remix mantra: '90s hits set the rhythm

MUMBAI, (IANS) Remixes or recreations are nothing new to our mu-views on YouTube. sicians and to Bollywood, they have existed since the nineties. Ironically, nineties have suddenly become flavour of the season now. Many original songs created back then have found reinvented beats lately. So, while K-pop, reggaeton, hip-hop and rap create waves internationally, Bollywood flips through the pages of the nineties, to pluck out an instant hit track every now and then that can be given a revised rendition.

IANS lists a few nineties hits that have ruled the internet and radio stations in recreated avatars.

#### **RANGEELA**

Singer Jasleen Royal along with social media sensation composer YashrajMukhate in April recreated AR Rahman's popular title track of the 1995 superhit "Rangeela", which was originally sung by Asha Bhosle and Aditya Narayan, and filmed on Urmila Matondkar. Jasleen and Yashraj have composed a short, acapella cover of the song "Ho jarangeela re". The song on Jasleen's Instagram account currently has 126K likes and 835K views on Yashraj's profile.

#### MAIN JIS DIN BHULA DUN

The remake features Himansh Kohli, Jubin Nautiyal and Tulsi Kumar. The song is originally from the 1990's film "Police Public" and was sung by Lata Mangeshkar and Amit Kumar. The recreated version released in February earlier this year and currently has 175,022,474

#### **HUSN HAI SUHANA**

Actors Sara Ali Khan and Varun Dhawan featured in the remake of the song of the same name picturised on Govinda and Karisma Kapoor in the 1995 film "Coolie No.1". Singers Abhijeet and Chandana Dixit lent their vocal prowess in both the versions. The revamped version, which was released in December 2020, currently has 205,125,907 views on YouTube.

#### MIRCHI LAGI TOH

The song is from the film "Coolie No.1" and featured in filmmaker David Dhawan's remake of the same name which released last year in December. The original was picturised on Govinda and Karisma Kapoor. The song, which was an instant hit in 1995, was sung by Alka Yagnik, Kumar Sanu and was composed by Anand Milind. The new track is picturised on Varun Dhawan and Sara Ali Khan has sprinkle of electric funk by Lijo and DjChetas.

#### SHEHER KI LADKI

The song featured in the 2019 film "KhandaaniShafakhana" starring Sonakshi Sinha, Varun Sharma and Badshah in lead roles. The song is sung by Badshah and Tulsi Kumar, and recreated by TanishkBagchi. The recreated version of the song features Diana Penty and rapper Badshah. The number also stars Raveena Tandon and Suniel Shetty, who featured in the original track, which was from the 1996 film "Rakshak".

## 'BEDARDI SE PYAAR KA' FAME SHERINE SINGH TO BE SEEN IN 'BIGG BOSS 15'?



One of India's most controversial yet exciting reality shows 'Bigg Boss' has won millions of hearts over the past few years. The makers of the show have made a constant effort in getting some of the best and most entertaining of the contestants under one roof. And for 'Bigg Boss 15', while some names have been already been doing the rounds in the news, a few celebs have shown their interest in being a part of the show.

Season 15 of 'Bigg Boss; is coming soon and the audience has already started their countdown. Showing much excitement recently is Sherine Singh who hails from Mumbai. Last seen in the music video 'Bedardi Se Pyaar Ka', sung by Jubin Nautiyal and also featuring actor Gurmeet Choudhary, Sherine Singh recently revealed that she wants to be a part of the reality show.

In a recent interview, Sherine said, "I really would love to be a part of the show. This show has been India's favourite for more than a decade now. The excitement, drama and entertainment have made the

show favourite among the audience. Being a part of this show will actually be a game-changer for me. I will be able to showcase my talent in front of billion people watching out there."

For the unversed, 'Bigg Boss 15' will have celebrities, as well as commoners, participating in the show hosted by Salman Khan. Meanwhile, one of the celebs who has confirmed being approached for 'Bigg Boss 15' is Neha Marda of 'Balika Vadhu' fame.

During an interaction with 'Saas, Bahu Aur Betiyaa', Neha stated, "I am being offered 'Bigg Boss' for the last four years and this year also I have received a call for 'Bigg Boss 15'. Every year I refused to do the show thinking I won't be able to do it. I thought I won't be able to stay locked with no contact with anyone. I thought a show like 'Bigg Boss' was not worth me but now the situation in which we are shooting feels like being on 'Bigg Boss'." Marda further revealed that she considers herself a potential winner. Neha said, "I think now after this experience if I go to 'Bigg Boss', I'll be a strong contender. If I go on Bigg Boss, I can win the show."

#### FILHALL 2 SONG TEASER: AKSHAY KUMAR, NUPUR SANON'S LOVE STORY HAS AN AMMY VIRK TWIST

Following the success of his heartbreak song "Filhall", Akshay Kumar released the teaser of "Filhall 2- Mohabbat" on Wednesday. The song, like its first iteration, will also features Nupur Sanon. The new song has been sung and composed by B Praak and penned by popular lyricist Jaani.

The less than a minute-teaser shows Akshay Kumar and Nupur Sanon's characters- estranged lovers Dr Kabir Malhotra and Meher Grewal- caught in a different situation. The surprise this time is Punjabi star Ammy Virk, who the teaser suggests has an important role to play in the love story.

The video has been directed by Arvindr Khaira. This marks Akshay's second independent music video after "Filhall", while the song is Nupur Sanon's (Kriti Sanon's younger sister) second screen outing. The video description of "Filhall 2- Mohabbat" reads, "The pain of a selfless yet incomplete love story continues with 'Filhaal 2 - Mohabbat', a romantic ballad that reinstates the fact, true love never dies and if it does, it was never meant to be." "Filhall 2- Mohabbat" will release on July 6. On the film front, Akshay Kumar is as busy as ever with multiple films to offer his fans. While Bell Bottom opposite Vaani Kapoor releases in July, his much-awaited actioner Sooryavanshi is also expected to release later in the year. The actor also has Bachchan Pandey with Kriti Sanon, Aanand L Rai's Raksha Bandhan and the filmmaker's Atrangi Re, in which he stars in a special role.



#### VIDYA BALAN ON COPING WITH LOCKDOWN AMIDST PANDEMIC



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actress Vidya Balan has opened up on how she coped with lockdown and the pandemic. Vidya, whose latest film "Sherni" released digitally, told IANS that she spent time at home and went back to reading. "I have been home. It has been uneventful, thankfully. I think that has been a good thing. Spending a lot of time watching stuff, reading. I am glad that I am reading again. There was no question of stepping out or meeting anyone, so I got a lot of time to spend with (husband) Siddharth (Roy Kapur) at home and that's good," Vidya told IANS. "Sherni" casts Vidya as an upright forest officer on the lookout for a man-eating tigress. The film, directed by Amit Masurkar, also features Sharat Saxena, Mukul Chadda, Vijay Raaz, Ila Arun and Brijendra Kala. The film released on June 18 on Amazon Prime Video.

#### **AAYUSH SHARMA SHARES GLIMPSE** FROM 'ANTIM: THE FINAL TRUTH' SET

MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Aayush Sharma on Tuesday shared a glimpse of his look as the gangster Rahuliya from the set of the upcoming Salman Khanstarrer "Antim: The Final Truth".

For his look, Aayush has beefed-up muscles and his signature accessories including a golden locket with 'R', rings and an earring. He wears a thin designer beard.

"Back @ it," he wrote, announcing his shoot on

Instagram Stories along with a picture. Aayush has a four-day schedule from June 28 to July and will shoot the climax in the city plus additional sequences with co-

star Salman. The team has been shooting from 7am till 4pm.

#### BTS' 'BUTTER' TOPS BILLBOARD HOT 100 FOR 5TH CONSECUTIVE WEEK



SEOUL, (IANS) "Butter", the latest hit from the South Korean boy band BTS, remains at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the fifth consecutive weeks.

Out of the 54 songs to launch on number one, this is only the 11th track to remain at the summit in its first five weeks.

"Butter" is also the second longest reigning song from its debut by a group in the chart's history.

The Grammy-nominated band is all set to release their single CD "Butter" on July 9, which will include the song and a new single. They recently wrapped up their live-streamed fanmeet "BTS 2021 MUSTER SOWOOZOO"successfully. As many as 1.33 million viewers tuned in from 195 countries/regions across two days.

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MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Arjun Kapoor feels the 2013 release "Aurangzeb", which cast him in a double role, is an underrated gem. He claims if the movie was released today on OTT, the result would be amazing. "I do believe Aurangzeb was ahead of its time. I think if it came on an OTT platform today it would've been amazing. Even theatrically it could have done maybe double or more of the business it did,"



Arjun told IANS. "Aurangzeb" is a thriller directed by Atul Sabharwal. The film features Rishi Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, Prithviraj Sukumaran, Amrita Singh, and Sashaa Agha along with Arjun. "It was definitely a very very good film. Today when I roam around I do get compliments for it. It is an underrated gem in that case," he said. Arjun will next be seen in "Bhoot Police" and "Ek Villain Returns".



## KANGANA RANAUT HITS BACK AT TAAPSEE PANNU FOR CALLING HER 'IRRELEVANT', SAYS THIS

After Taapsee Pannu said that Kangana Ranaut doesn't hold any relevance in her life, the latter has now reacted to it, saying that Taapsee 'begs' producers for films rejected by Kangana. Recently in an interview Taapsee said that she doesn't miss Kangana's presence on Twitter as she 'doesn't hold any relevance in my life'. Taking to Instagram, Kangana reshared a screenshot of the original article and penned a long note in response to Taapsee remarks. She wrote, "She calls producers and begs kangana ji ne kuch chhoda hai toh muihe dedo please, aur aai iski aukat dekho, io kabhi gareeb producer ki Kangana kehlane mein bhi proud feel karti thi... aaj mujhe he irrelevant keh rahi hai ha ha insaan aur uski fitrat ajeeb hai (She calls producers and begs them to give her any films I turned down, and look at her today. She was once proud to be called the Kangana for poor producers and today, she calls me irrelevant. Haha, people and their strange nature) anyway all the best with your film girl @tapaseepannu try promoting it without my name."

In another Instagram story, Kangana said that she doesn't mind 'Bgrade actors' using her name or style to move ahead in their careers or 'promote themselves'. She said that she was also inspired by veteran actresses like Waheeda Rehman and Sridevi but 'never disrespected them'.

"I don't mind B grade actors using my name or style or interviews or general career strategies to promote themselves or their careers ....Of course they will use my name growing up in the industry I was also inspired by those who made it before me but I never disrespected them always showed immense respect for those who inspired me like Vaijantimala ji, Waheeda ji and Sridevi ji. Magar

doosre ke sar pe paon rakh kar upar chadhne ki koshish karne wale ko uski aukat dikhana zaroori hai (The ones who try to climb higher by pulling others down need to be shown their place). Good morning to all," she wrote. Rangoli Chandel, who is known to take a stand for her sister Kangana also took to her Instagram and wrote, "Dear sasti copy and gareeb B grade producers ki Kangana Ranaut

... please see everything that you spoke about no one is interested in your film that you are promoting or relationship that you explained in depth and gave details in this interview, everything is about Kangana ha ha ha your relevance is only because you use her name, some day try surviving without using her name if you can't then bow down to the Queen. @taapsee." Earlier this year, Kangana's Twitter account was permanently suspended for violating the platform's hate speech policies. The 'Thalaivi' actor has since shifted to Instagram and homegrown platform Koo to stay connected to her fans.

In a recent interview Taapsee was asked if she misses Kangana's presence on Twitter, to which she said, "No, I don't miss her. I didn't miss her, or want her, also before. She's too irrelevant for me, in my personal life. She's an actor, she's a colleague in that respect. But more than that, she doesn't hold any relevance in my life. I don't have any feelings for her, good or bad. And I think hate and love both come from the heart. If you hate someone, it comes from the heart. But the worst is when you don't care, when you're indifferent towards that person, when that person doesn't hold any value or relevance in your life. I think that's the worst feeling a person can have for the other. And that is that, so it doesn't matter to me."

#### ARJUN KANUNGO'S 'AAYANATU' **CROSSES 100 MILLION VIEWS**

MUMBAI, (IANS) Arjun Kanungo's song "Aayanatu" has crossed 100 million views on YouTube, and the singer is naturally elated.

"I am nothing but thrilled to have received so much love from audiences across the globe for 'Aayanatu'. As an artiste, there is no better feeling than being appreciated for your work," Arjun told IANS about the number, which



was released in 2018. The song currently has 100,041,432 views on YouTube. "It is one of those songs that is really close to my heart, and I am glad that people are still enjoying it! I hope to continue entertaining my fans with more such songs," said the singer, known for belting out songs such as "Baakibaateinpeenebaad", "La lala" and "Gallantipsiyan". Arjun's most recent track is "Famous". He was also seen acting in the Salman Khan-starrer "Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai" earlier this year.

#### TIGER SHROFF'S SISTER KRISHNA SHROFF SHARES RELEASE DATE OF HER DEBUT MUSIC VIDEO 'KINNI KINNI VAARI', POST GOES VIRAL



Krishna Shroff, Jackie Shroff and Ayesha Shroff's daughter, has dropped another post promoting her new collaboration for the music video of the Punjabi song, Kinni Kinni Vaari by Rashi Sood, Upside Down, and ICONYK.

The social media post is an animated version of her earlier post with a purple graffiti background where she is seen flaunting her body in a black bra and black pants. Her caption says, "Poured all my sass into this music video. #KinniKinniVaari dropping tomorrow on @bgbngmusic's official YouTube channel at 12:00 PM. Stay tuned! #KinniKinniVaari #KKV."



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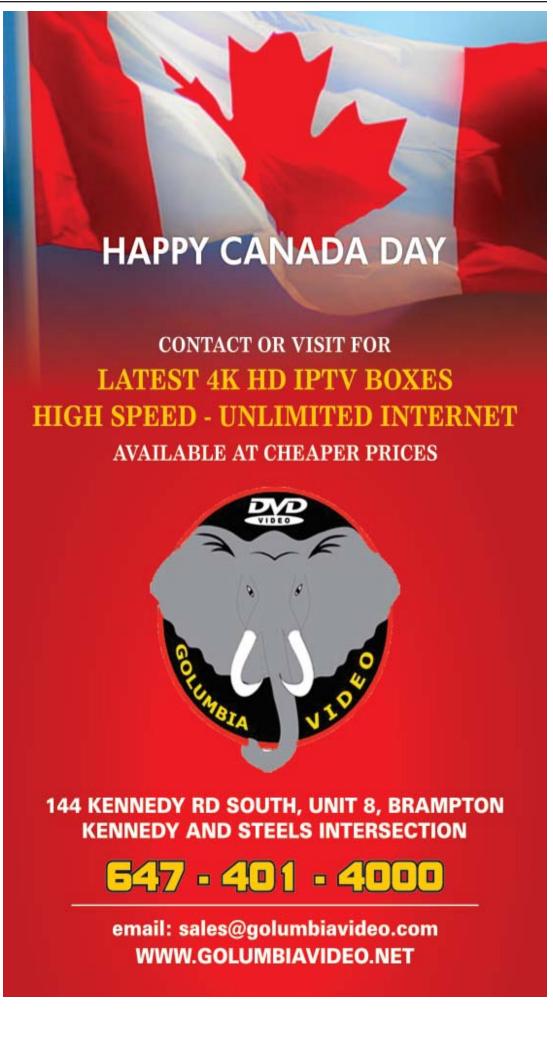
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## JOHN ABRAHAM JOINS SHAH RUKH KHAN-DEEPIKA PADUKONE STARRER 'PATHAN' SHOOT

'Pathan', has joined the shooting schedule and the fans are rejoicing. John will be shooting his portions with Shah Rukh Khan, who started the schedule last week as Mumbai started to unlock post the second coronavirus wave.

A top trade source reveals, "Aditya Chopra and Siddharth Anand is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that Pathan is an action-packed visual extravaganza. Siddharth is currently shooting some really intense and key portions of the film with Shah Rukh Khan and John at YRF Studios. Deepika Padukone will be joining the shoot in the next few days. We expect fireworks in this schedule as SRK and John come face to face for some blockbuster scenes in the film."

Earlier, on June 25, Shah Rukh Khan had resumed shooting his highlyanticipated project 'Pathan' at Yash Raj Films Studios in Mumbai. A well-placed trade source had said, "Pathan has resumed its shoot- theatrical business returns to normalcy.

Bollywood action star John Abraham, who plays the villain in YRF's ing schedule after the lockdown caused due to the second wave. An intense shooting schedule awaits SRK who seems to have started the shoot first. A sizeable portion of the film will be shot in this schedule before the team heads to international locations to shoot the big action and scale sequences."

> Directed by Siddharth Anand, 'Pathan' is soon set to start its overseas schedule where the crew will shoot some jaw-dropping action sequences.

> 'Pathan' is part of Aditya Chopra's huge lineup of films that are set to be announced soon. With Salman Khan's 'Tiger 3', Junaid Khan's debut 'Maharaj', Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji, Siddhant Chaturvedi and debutant Sharvari's 'Bunty Aur Babli 2', Vicky Kaushal's next, Ranveer Singh's 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar', Ranbir Kapoor's 'Shamshera', YRF is expected to rule the box office as soon as

## **KAREENA KAPOOR CELEBRATES 21 YEARS IN BOLLYWOOD:** 'HAPPY, BLESSED, MOTIVATED'



Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan on Wednesday celebrated the 21st anniversary of her debut film Refugee by sharing a reel featuring throwback clips and stills with co-star Abhishek Bachchan and director JP Dutta. Sharing the reel, Kareena wrote, "21 years Grateful, happy, blessed, motivated, passionate... 21 more to go... I'm ready Thank you to everyone for the continuous love and support." The actor's post received a lot of love from her friends in the industry, including best friend Amrita Arora, designer Manish Malhotra and singer Neeti Mohan. "I remember watching Refugee- First day First show," Neeti becoming one of the biggest stars in the country.



wrote in the comments section.

Refugee, which marked the Bollywood debut of Kareena Kapoor and Abhishek Bachchan, was a cross-border romance set in the aftermath of the formation of Bangladesh in 1971. The film also featured Suniel Shetty, Jackie Shroff, Sudesh Berry, Anupam Kher, Kulbushan Kharbanda and Reena Roy. While Refugee was a moderate success, Kareena earned praise for her screen presence. The actor has since been a part of blockbusters as well as critically-acclaimed films,

## PUT BHAAG MILKHA BHAAG, RANG DE BASANTI IN A MIXER, TOOFAN WILL COME OUT OF IT: RAKYESH OMPRAKASH MEHRA

Director Rakyesh Omprakash Mehra, actor Farhan Akhtar and producer Ritesh Sidhwani launched the trailer of Toofan on Wednesday via a virtual event. The film, which brings back the actordirector duo of Farhan and Rakeysh after their 2013 release Bhaag Milkha Bhaag, promises yet another hair-raising experience. Talking about the film, Rakyesh said that while people have been talking about how the film is yet another sports-drama from him, he had no clue about this sport before beginning the prep for it.

"I don't know much about boxing. I haven't followed the game. But while working on the film, I suddenly realised how this is a contact sport unlike cricket or even a sport like marathon on which Bhaag Milkha Bhaag was based on. You cannot fake it. The whole physi-



cality and psychology world (that Farhan experienced while filming Toofan) is something one can write a book on," he said. The filmmaker also tagged it as his "most challenging" project. "By far, it was the most challenging film. If I put Bhaag Milkha and Rang De Basanti in a mixer, Toofan will come out of it," he concluded. Agreeing with Rakyesh Omprakash Mehra, Farhan spoke about how boxing needs more emotional and mental strength than the physical strength. "When we were growing up, we would watch boxing on screen or boxing in some film and get excited or fantasise about doing it someday. But when you train for it (in real), you realise that no matter how much endurance you have and physically fit you are, you are not prepared to take it on, especially with an attitude that hojayega (it is achievable). It is an extremely demanding sport because there is mental, physical and emotional aspect to it. It is like playing chess. You are constantly engaged. The fitness aspect shows on the screen but it is much more than what you see. It is more about what you feel inside than outside," Farhan said. He later added that while preparing for Toofan was difficult, it was exciting for him because "when you know you are working on something special, you automatically get ready for it." This is perhaps the first time when Farhan is playing a character like Ajju Bhai aka Aziz Ali. He said he had a lot of fun playing a typical Bollywood tapori on-screen. "I had wonderful time playing Ajju. We all are student of films. There are characters that you fantasise. I remember when I saw Aamir Khan in Rangeela, I thought it was very fun. It was such a carefree character. I relished playing Aziz. Working with Hussain Dalal was very helpful. He knew the lingo and the body language inside out. Other things were added to the character because of the style and, of course, Vijay Maurya's dialogues, which made it a great experience," Farhan concluded with a shoutout for people in Nagpara for being "so warm and hospitable." "Every single door was open for us. It felt like we were shooting with friends," he recalled.

#### TWINKLE KHANNA: FOREWORD MAKES THE BOOK EVEN MORE INTERESTING

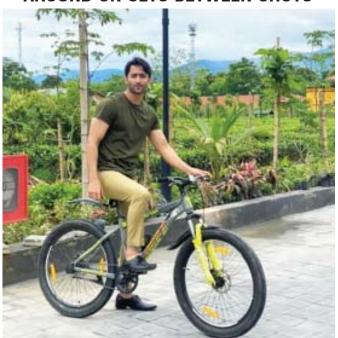


MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor-turned-author Twinkle Khanna keeps giving a glimpse of her reading habits on her social media. On Tuesday, she took to Instagram and posted a picture of the book she is reading these days.

The book in the frame is the Gabriel Garcia Marquez classic "Of Love And Other Demons" and Twinkle highlighted a reason that adds to the interest factor of the book.

"The foreword makes the book even more interesting. The journey of how a real life incident, a detail, an excavation, can churn within an authors's mind and turn into a wonderful novel. Of Love And Other Demons is a true masterpiece #bookstoread #marquez #SpiceCandle #thefarawaytreeindia," she wrote in the caption. The aesthetically captured picture shows the cover of Marquez's book along with a spiced candle with cinnamon, cardamom and clove, with a blue ceramic mug full of plums on the side. Twinkle's first book "MrsFunnybones" was declared a bestseller, and her second book, "The Legend Of Lakshmi Prasad", a collection of short stories, was later made into the film "Pad Man" starring her husband Akshay Kumar.

#### SHAHEER SHEIKH LOVES CYCLING AROUND ON SETS BETWEEN SHOTS



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Shaheer Sheikh, who features in the show "Rang PyaarKeAiseBhi: Nayi Kahani", loves cycling around on sets in his free time. He says it is an easy way to fitness between shots. "I believe in maintaining a healthy lifestyle as it makes me feel my best! Yes, it is a struggle sometimes when it comes to managing shoots and routine, but I try to manage it as much as I can in between shoots," he says. He further adds: "We started shooting for 'Kuch Rang PyaarKeAiseBhi' with an outdoor schedule. So I was more than happy and hooked to my morning walks in the midst of nature. To makes things a little more exciting, I decided to add cycling to my regime. Cycling according to me is one of the best stress-busters and a good way to stay fit." "Kuch Rang PyaarKeAiseBhi: Nayi Kahani", which also features actress Supriya Pilgaonkar, will soon go on air on Sony Entertainment Television.

#### ADITYA NARAYAN: "STOKED TO HAVE SONUKAKKAR AS JUDGE ON INDIAN IDOL"



MUMBAI, (IANS) Singer and anchor Aditya Narayan took to social media on Tuesday and shared a picture with singer SonuKakkar, Neha Kakkar's elder sister.

"Stoked to have @sonukakkarofficial as a judge on #IndianIdol. A great artist & remarkable human," he wrote in the Instagram caption. Sonu commented: "I am honoured Adi. Loads of love and hugs." Her sister Neha wrote: "That's such a beautiful picture!" Sonu has been seen as a judge in the recent episodes of "Indian Idol 12". She had been replaced with her younger sister Neha Kakkar for some time.

While the show is hosted by Aditya Narayan, the other judges on the show are Himesh Reshammiya and Anu Malik.

SonuKakkar has previously been a judge on "Sa Re Ga Ma Punjabi". The singer is known for her popular songs "Babujizaradheerechalo" ("Dum"), "Aalireysaalirey" ("No One Killed Jessica"), "London Thumkda" ("Queen") and others.





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## New Zealand Thrashes India By 8 Wickets In World Test Championship Final; becomes first world Test champs



SOUTHAMPTON, (IANS) New Zealand coasted to an unlikely eight-wicket win on the sixth, and reserve, day of the World Test Championship final against India here on Wednesday, after the rain-affected match ebbed and flowed over six days. This is an apt redemption for New Zealand, who had lost the final of the last two 50-over World Cups, in 2015 and 2019. Also, this is New Zealand's second major international trophy, following their ICC Knock Out triumph in 2000. The match, in which two days were lost to rain, saw a strong performance from Kiwis on the reserve day as their bowlers ran through the Indian batting line-up and dismissed them for just 170 runs at the Hampshire Bowl. And then they scaled the 139-run target through a 96-run third-wicket partnership between Kane Williamson (52 not out) and Ross Taylor (47 not out). India got a sniff of victory when off-spinner R Ashwin removed the two openers early and bowled a tight line to Taylor. However, Taylor smashed Ashwin for two boundaries in one over to break the shackles and then coasted along. Earlier, India, who started the day at 64/2, lost three wickets — skipper Virat Kohli (13), Cheteshwar Pujara (15), and Ajinkya Rahane (15) — in the first session to go to lunch at 130/5.

Kyle Jamieson (2/30) removed Kohli and Pujara while Rahane fell to Boult (3/ 39). Post lunch, India kept losing wickets as the tail failed to wag once again. Rishabh Pant, who was the innings top scorer with 41 runs, was the last hope for India but he fell to a rash shot as the seventh wicket with the score on 156. Pace bowler Tim Southee picked four wickets for 48 runs to end as the most successful New Zealand bowler. Indian seamers, in response, failed to make an impact on a pitch where New Zealand bowlers looked unplayable. Barring a brief spell during which Ashwin unsettled the Kiwis by removing Devon Conway (19) and Tom Latham (9), the entire bowling unit looked innocuous. This is New Zealand's sixth successive win over India in ICC tournaments, dating back to World T20 in 2007. As India started the sixth day at 64 for two in their second innings, a lead of 32, all four results were still possible but the Black Caps' pace quartet of Tim Southee, Trent Boult, Kyle Jamieson and Neil Wagner combined to take the last eight wickets for the just 106 more runs. That gave them at least 53 overs to chase down 139 and, despite some early Ashwin-induced wobbles, their two most senior batsmen saw them over the line. After rain had wiped out two of the first five days of this Test match, the ICC implemented the use of the reserve day to increase the chances of a result, with 98 overs due to be bowled on day six.

The 35-year-old Watling – playing his final Test match of a distinguished international career – dislocated his right ring finger during the morning session but gamely battled on behind the stumps and took his third catch of the innings to remove Ravindra Jadeja after lunch and reduce India to 142 for six. The unorthodox Pant had shown his class when whipping Jamieson through mid-on for four before charging down the pitch to Wagner and punching the ball through mid-off for another boundary, so him finally being dismissed for 41 felt like a huge moment for New Zealand.

Pant danced down the track once again, aiming to hit Boult over long-on but instead got under the ball and Henry Nicholls took a good catch over his shoulder with India still only on 156.

The Indian tail was then quickly dispatched as Boult had Ashwin caught by Taylor two balls later and Southee ended with innings-best figures of 4/48 by dismissing Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah, both caught by Tom Latham, as India were all out for just 170. It was the first time since 2018 that no Indian batsman reached a half-century in either innings of a Test match and a target of 139 looked within reach of New Zealand. A circumspect start by the Black Caps allowed openers Latham and Devon Conway to see out the eight overs before tea unscathed, as they reached 19-0 at the interval.

But scoring was slow and the pressure eventually told as Latham came down the wicket, saw Ashwin's delivery beat the bat and Pant smartly stumped him to make the score 33 for one.

India thought they had the key wicket of Williamson for just one when he was given out LBW by umpire Michael Gough, again off Ashwin, only for the decision to be overturned on review.

Ashwin did trap Conway LBW shortly after to become the leading wicket-taker in the World Test Championship and reduce the Black Caps to 44/2 but Taylor (47 not out) and Williamson (52 not out) rebuilt by keeping the scoreboard ticking and punishing the bad balls. Taylor in particular crunched a couple of wider balls through the off-side for four and when Pujara dropped him at slip off the bowling of Bumrah, with 55 runs still needed, the writing appeared to be on the wall. And so it proved, as the two veteran New Zealanders hit another gear to reach the target inside 46 overs, despite a Williamson skier hitting the ground with the Black Caps approaching single figures needed.

## ISHANT SHARMA GETS INJURED BEFORE ENGLAND SERIES, GETS STITCHES ON RIGHT HAND: REPORT

India pacer Ishant Sharma suffered an injury to his bowling hand while stopping a ball during the World Test Championship final at the Ageas Bowl and had to get three stitches. But the pacer is expected to be fit in time for the England Tests. Speaking to ANI, sources in the know of developments said the pacer suffered the injury while bowling in New Zealand's second innings. "Ishant hurt his bowling hand while stopping the ball and had to get three stitches. But he should be ready for the Tests against England which starts on August 4," the source said. Coming back to the WTC final, India skipper Virat Kohli said he would have been happier with a best-ofthree final rather than just one game. "Well, look, firstly, I'm not in absolute agreement of deciding the best Test side in the world over the course of one game, to be very honest. If it is a Test series, it has to be a test of character over three Tests, which team has the ability to come back into the series or totally blow away the other team. It can't just be pressure applied over two days of good cricket and then you suddenly are not a good Test side anymore. I don't believe in that," said Kohli while replying to an ANI query during a virtual press conference.

## NEW ZEALAND WEBSITE INSULTS SKIPPER VIRAT KOHLI AFTER TEAM INDIA'S LOSS

The AccNZ, a New Zealand website has posted a disrespect-ful meme referring to the Indian skipper Virat Kohli's dismissal by pacer Kyle Jamieson in the World Test Champion-ship (WTC) final twice. While, the New Zealand cricket team has the image of being the 'nice guys', some of the publications there might not be that nice. The AccNZ shared the post on its Instagram and has been receiving a severe backlash for it since. In the photo, a woman is seen putting a strap around a man's neck. In the picture, the woman was the pacer Jamieson, and the strangulated man was Kohli. After the eightwicket loss against New Zealand in the WTC final, the Indian skipper has been mocked and insulted by various Twitter users and New Zealand publications, whether in sarcasm or in seriousness.

## ICC TEST RANKINGS: RAVINDRA JADEJA BECOMES THE NO 1 ALL-ROUNDER

South Africa's wicketkeeper-batsman Quinton de Kock on Wednesday returned to the top 10 of the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings after top-scoring against the West Indies and helping complete a 158-run victory in St Lucia for a 2-0 win in their ICC World Test Championship series.

Meanwhile, former West Indies captain Jason Holder has lost 28 rating points to slip behind Ravindra Jadeja in the list of all-rounders. The Indian left-hander, who returns to No.1 after last being there in August 2017, is on 386 rating points, two ahead of Holder. De Kock`s knock of 96 in the first innings has helped him gain two places and reach 10th position, the first time in 18 months that he is in the top 10. The 28-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman, who has a career-best sixth ranking, was last in the top 10 in December 2019. Another left-hander progressing in the latest weekly update is captain Dean Elgar, up to one place to 19th after setting the platform for the win with a knock of 77. Rassie van der Dussen has rocketed 31 places to 43rd position after notching an unbeaten 75 in the second innings.

#### KANE WILLIAMSON SPILLS BEANS ON VIRAL HUGGING PICTURE IN WTC FINAL, HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH VIRAT KOHLI

After winning the first-ever World Test Championship (WTC) against India, New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson has opened up about the viral picture from the final of him hugging Indian skipper Virat Kohli and his friendship with him.

Kohli, who described his relationship with Williamson as one of the best he has with some of the players from other countries over and above the professional boundaries have shared a great bond and mutual respect since their Under-19 days. Speaking to India Today, Williamson elaborating on his relationship with his Indian counterpart said, "Virat and I have known each other for a long time and we are mates. It's always a great part of sports as you get the opportunity to meet people all around the world and form different friendships. "Different experiences that you have either together or against each other. And often you find a bit of common ground and share a few common interests," Williamson added.

Kohli had applauded New Zealand after the win saying, "They showed great consistency and heart to pull out a result in just over three days, sticking to their processes to put us under pressure. They deserved the win."

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