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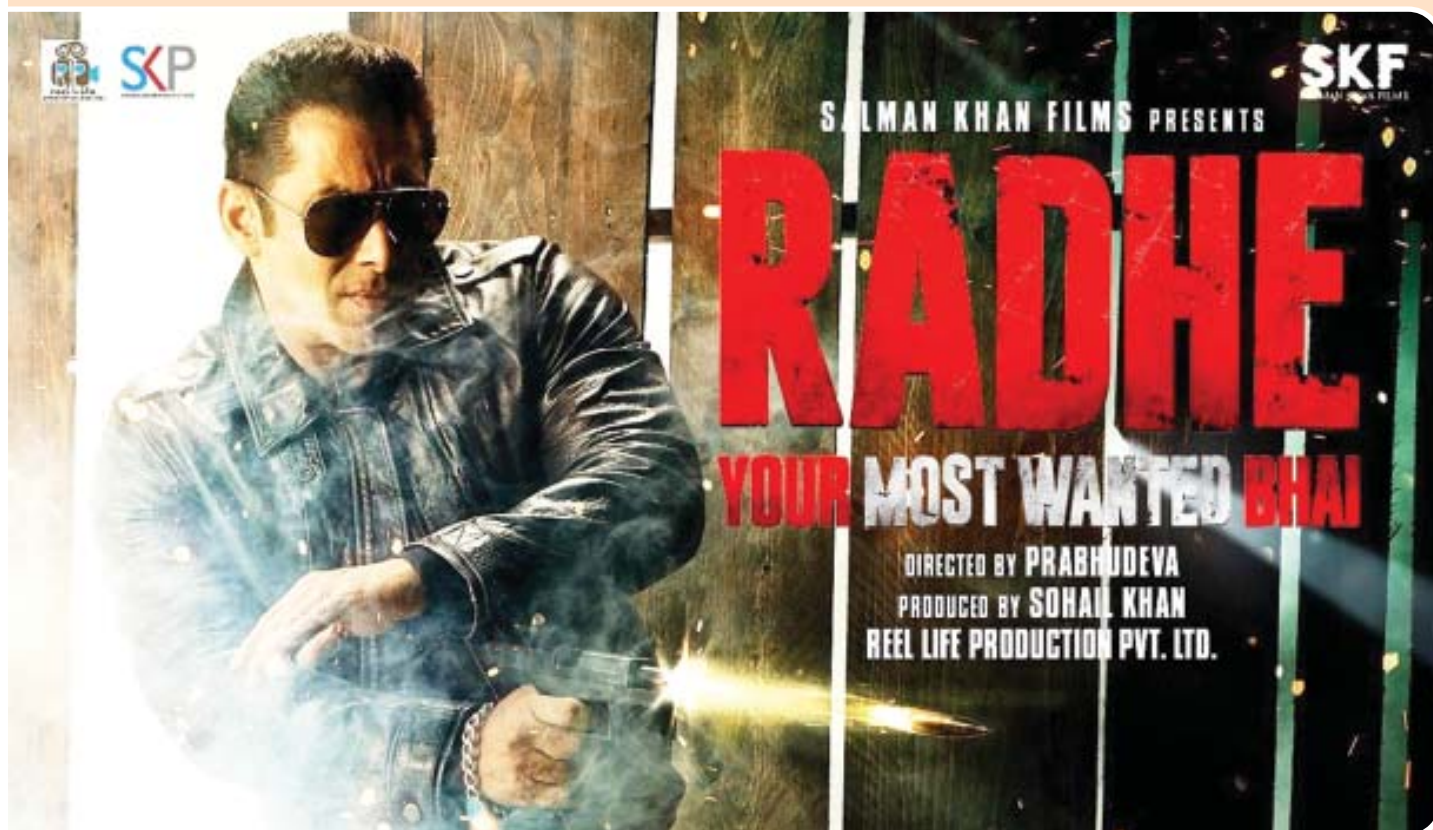


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'NO PIRACY IN ENTERTAINMENT': SALMAN KHAN TAKES COMMITMENT FROM FANS TO WATCH 'RADHE' ON RIGHT PLATFORM



SALMAN KHAN POSTED A VIDEO ON HIS SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES TO REQUEST PEOPLE NOT TO INDULGE IN PIRACY

Only a few hours are left for the release of Salman Khan's much-awaited film 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai'. The film directed by Prabhu Deva will release in over 40 countries, including a theatrical release in major overseas markets on the occasion of Eid. The film will be available on ZEE5 with ZEE's pay per view service ZEEplex on the Zee5 OTT platform and all leading DTH operators. Now ahead of its release and streaming on OTT platforms, Salman took to his social media pages and shared a video urging people to not indulge in piracy. The superstar starts by mentioning how many people put in lots of efforts to make one film hence, it is very upsetting when some people take to piracy to enjoy that film. Salman is known for sticking to the commitments he makes and he is keeping his latest commitment of releasing 'Radhe' on Eid. Khan asked his fans for the commitment to enjoying the film on its correct platform and say no to piracy in entertainment this Eid.

COVID-19 SECOND WAVE: FARHAN AKHTAR ORGANISES FOOD DONATION PROGRAMME, DISTRIBUTES 1000 THALIS DAILY



The second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the country hard and has left people in distress. Many celebrities are coming forward to help people in need during these troubled times. The most recent to join ranks is actor Farhan Akhtar who has been organising food donation programmes for COVID-19 affected families and their caregivers in Uttar Pradesh. Farhan is working with an NGO called 'Hope For Welfare Trust' and where his donations are being used to feed patients and caregivers in affected by the deadly disease. Away from the media limelight, Farhan's donations are not only being used to feed the virus infected patients, but also the people working at Harishchandra and Manikarnika shamshan ghats in Varanasi. Diyanishu Upadhyay, secretary of the NGO said that Farhan has always stood by them in times of need, and they are grateful for his contribution this time. "Eight of us from the Hope team have been distributing 1000 thalis every day in the city. Each thali has rice, dal, roti, sabzi, salad and biscuits. If we distribute lunch to the hospitals during the day, at night, we focus on the cremation grounds," Upadhyay said. Diyanishu reached out to Farhan through social media when Uttar Pradesh witnessed a surge in cases and received a prompt response by the actor, who was ready to help. Last year, the 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara' actor distributed 1000 PPE kits for the Healthcare workers of government hospitals. In a joint statement, the makers of Farhan Akhtar-starrer Toofan announced on Monday via social media that the release date of the boxing drama has been postponed due to the second wave of COVID-19.

SALMAN KHAN'S BODYGUARD SHERA RECALLS HIS FIRST MEET WITH SUPERSTAR AND IT HAS 'HOLLYWOOD' CONNECTION



SHERA HAS BEEN SALMAN KHAN'S BODYGUARD FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES NOW.

NEWLYWEDS SUGANDHA MISHRA-SANKET BHOSALE BOOKED FOR FLOUTING COVID-19 NORMS AT WEDDING



FOR THE UNVERSED, THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT HAD RESTRICTED WEDDING GUESTS TO 10 PEOPLE KEEPING IN MIND THE SPIKE IN COVID CASES.

KANGANA RANAUT SAYS INSTAGRAM DELETED HER POST ON 'DEMOLISHING' COVID-19, TAKES A JIBE AT 'COVID FAN CLUB'



KANGANA RANAUT HAD POSTED A PHOTO OF HERSELF IN A YOGA POSE AND SPOKE ABOUT HER COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS CALLING IT A 'SMALL-TIME FLU'.

SALMAN KHAN CONFIRMS SISTER ARPITA KHAN SHARMA TESTED COVID POSITIVE, WAS 'ASYMPTOMATIC'



Superstar Salman Khan, who is geared up for the release of his much-awaited film 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai', revealed in a journalists roundtable on Monday that his sister Arpita Khan Sharma had tested positive for the novel coronavirus. He said that she was COVID positive but did not show any symptoms. Salman added that she is on the road to recovery and is doing well at present. During the interaction, Salman also revealed that while both his parents -- Salim and Salma Khan -- have got both doses of the vaccination, he is due for the second jab. He also urged citizens to get vaccinated and to take necessary precautions and stay safe while adding that the second wave of COVID is "very dangerous".

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Ashley Giles, England's director of cricket, has asserted that the country's posse of contracted cricketers will not miss international fixtures this year to participate in the rescheduled Indian Premier League (IPL), which was postponed earlier this month due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the country. A potential window to complete the remainder of the IPL season is in September, before the Twenty20 World Cup. However, England are scheduled to tour Bangladesh and Pakistan for limited-overs matches during that period. "If those tours go ahead, I'd expect them (players) to be there," Giles told British media. "We're planning on the involvement of England players in England matches." As many as 14 English players were part of IPL 2021 before its suspension.



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HERE'S HOW TOM CRUISE IS TACKLING INTRUDERS ON THE SETS OF UPCOMING 'MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE' FILM



Tom Cruise is leaving no stone unturned in completing the filming of his upcoming movie in the Mission: Impossible franchise. The actor has been shooting for the film in England during the coronavirus pandemic. Earlier it was reported that Tom called out a few crew members for allegedly breaking the social distance during the shoot. Now, it's being stated that Cruise called in security to tackle intruders who have been visiting the sets of Mission: Impossible. Talking about the same, a source told The Sun, "The set is so large and open that it has been impossible to close it all off. So trespassers have been getting in and attempting to scale the rigs and equipment set up for the stunts. It is a health-and-safety nightmare. Police were called to one incident last week and then Tom was forced to take action when it happened again." The source added, "This time two intruders were spotted clambering up the set, leading to security rushing to get them down. The set looks exciting and these people think it's funny trying to get pictures of themselves there, but they don't realise how dangerous it is. Extra security might have to be drafted in. Along with it being a safety nightmare, Tom and the team don't want any delays to filming."

TOM CRUISE BREAKS SILENCE ON HIS LEAKED COVID-19 RANT TO 'MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 7' CREW



Hollywood star Tom Cruise recently addressed his viral coronavirus rant which got leaked in December. The actor was heard yelling about COVID-19 safety protocols in the leaked audio while speaking to the crew of his upcoming movie 'Mission: Impossible 7'. According to Fox News, the 58-year-old actor has now addressed why he felt the need to say what he said. Cruise told the outlet, "I said what I said. There was a lot at stake at that point. But it wasn't my entire crew. I had the crew leave the set, and it was just select people." Cruise went on to explain how filming was never shut down again despite the pandemic saying, "And here we are, continuing to film." Talking more about the instance he added, "All those emotions were going through my mind. And for the whole crew to know that we'd started rolling on a movie was just a huge relief... It was very emotional." Cruise could be heard yelling about crew members reportedly not following social distancing rules in the leaked audio. He had said, "If I see you do it again, you're f-king gone. And if anyone in this crew does it, that's it and you too and you too. And you, don't you ever f-king do it again. They're back there in Hollywood making movies right now because of us. We are creating thousands of jobs, you motherf-ckers." Cruise continued in the audio, "That's it. No apologies. You can tell it to the people that are losing their f-king homes because our industry is shut down. We are not shutting this f-king movie down. Is it understood? If I see it again, you're f-king gone."

JENNIFER LOPEZ AND BEN AFFLECK SPARK DATING RUMOURS AS THEY VACATION TOGETHER IN MONTANA

Seventeen years after calling it splits, singer-actor Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck have sparked rumours of romance once again. First, they were seen together at Lopez's Los Angeles home and later the ex-couple was spotted holidaying together in Montana. People magazine reported Jlo and Affleck have been spending more time together since her breakup with Alex Rodriguez. "Jlo spent several days with Ben out of town. They have a strong connection. It's all been quick and intense, but Jennifer is happy," a source told People. The rumoured couple returned to LA on Saturday on a private jet. Affleck first met Lopez on the set of their film Gigli in 2002. The couple got engaged that same year, and their fans fondly addressed them 'Bennifer'. But they delayed their much-awaited nuptial in 2003, and finally called off their relationship in January 2004. At the time, Jlo had called her split with Affleck her "first big heartbreak". Recently, Jennifer Lopez called off her two years of engagement with Alex Rodriguez. In a joint statement, they said, "We have realized we are better as friends and look forward to remaining so. We will continue to work together and support each other on our shared businesses and projects." The couple started dating in early 2017.

Salman Khan's bodyguard Shera recalls his first meet with superstar and it has 'Hollywood' connection



Shera, Salman Khan's bodyguard has been with the superstar for nearly 26 years. He addresses the actor as 'Maalik' and lives as a human shield to him. There are very rare occasions when Shera is not beside Salman. He is even a part of all the family functions and outings that Salman hosts. Now, in an interview, Shera recalled his first meet with Salman and how that changed his life forever. Shera told a YouTube page ViralBollywood, "We first met when I was handling security for Whigfield's show. She's a Hollywood singer, she'd come down. I met Salman again when Keanu Reeves, the Hollywood hero, had come to India. Speed had released and Matrix was about to release. I did my first show with Salman in Chandigarh, and we've been together ever since." Earlier when Salman starred in the

film Bodyguard he dedicated it to Shera, who also had a cameo in it. Talking about the same, Shera said, "Who else has ever done such a thing for his bodyguard in the industry?" Meanwhile, on the work front, Salman is currently gearing up for the release of his upcoming film Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai. The film also stars Disha Patani, Randee Hooda and Jackie Shroff in pivotal roles. Directed by Prabhu Deva, the movie is presented by Salman Khan Films in association with ZEE Studios, produced By Salma Khan, Sohail Khan and Reel Life Production Pvt. limited. Radhe is set to release on the big screen in a few countries on May 13, 2021, on the occasion of Eid. While it will be streamed simultaneously on ZEE's pay per view service ZeePlex on Zee5's OTT platform and all leading DTH operators.

WHEN KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN REVEALED WHAT SHE WANTS FROM SRK, PRIYANKA CHOPRA, DEEPIKA PADUKONE AND SAIF ALI KHAN


Have you ever thought that even the most talented and seemingly satisfied celebrities wish they had better. If not, then this throwback interview of Kareena Kapoor Khan will surely make you think otherwise. In an old interview, Kareena had expressed her wish to own Shah Rukh Khan's London home. Not just this, during the interview, when names of a few celebrities were taken, Kareena was asked what would she want from each of them and she precipitously mentioned a thing each that she wanted from Deepika Padukone, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Salman Khan, Alia Bhatt, and her husband Saif Ali Khan, among others. The actress who is a proud owner of a colossal house in Bandra, Mumbai, with a colonial-classic style decor had revealed that she was in awe of Shah Rukh Khan's London abode and wished to have it. She said she wants to have "His house in London," when asked about what she wants from King Khan. Despite the fan following the actress enjoys, in her interview with Pinkvilla, Kareena had said she would want Salman's "fans". When asked about Priyanka Chopra, the 'Jab We Met' actor had said "it would be her voice". "She has a lovely voice," she had told Pinkvilla.



Saif I would actually want his brain because I think he's truly gifted. The way he absorbs things he is so intelligent, he is articulate. I would like his mind." Meanwhile, on the work front, Kareena will be next seen in 'Laal Singh Chadha' opposite Aamir Khan. The film is an adaptation of the Hollywood classic Forrest Gump.

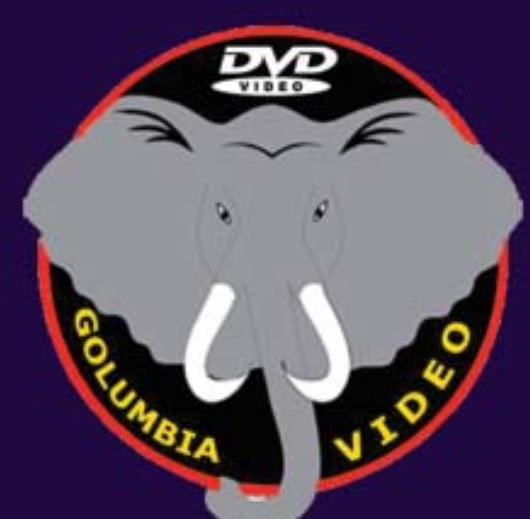
When asked about what she would want from Alia Bhatt, her response was, "She is a bundle of talent. So I don't mind taking some from her." Deepika's beautifully prominent dimpled-smile is what her heart is set on and wouldn't mind taking away her smile. The questions didn't stop at the Bollywood fraternity outside home, when asked about what she would want from husband Saif Ali Khan, she said, "I have everything na...I think from ALIA BHATT, AJAY DEVGN, RAM CHARAN, 'RRR' TEAM URGE CITIZENS TO GET VACCINATED, STAY SAFE

In the wake of the second wave of the Covid pandemic, the team of SS Rajamouli directed 'RRR' come forward to urge everyone to follow all protocols, stay home, stay safe and get vaccinated. The official handle of 'RRR' movie shared a video message with the caption, "Wear a mask always Get vaccinated when available. Let's #StandTogether to Stop The Spread of #COVID19 in India" The video sees Alia Bhatt, Ajay Devgn, Ram Charan, Jr. NTR and the director, SS Rajamouli reiterating the importance of following protocols and staying safe in current times. They can be seen urging fans to take a pledge to always wear a mask while stepping out and get vaccinated. The message has come at an important time when all of us as a nation fight against our biggest enemy. 'RRR' has an ensemble cast from multiple industries and boasts of names like Ram Charan, NTR Jr along with Ajay Devgn and Alia Bhatt. The project is helmed by SS Rajamouli. The film is a period drama like never before, a fictional take on the younger days of celebrated freedom fighters Komaram Bheem and Alluri Seetharamaraju. The much-awaited Pan-India film will have a worldwide release on October 13, 2021, on the festive occasion of Dusshera.



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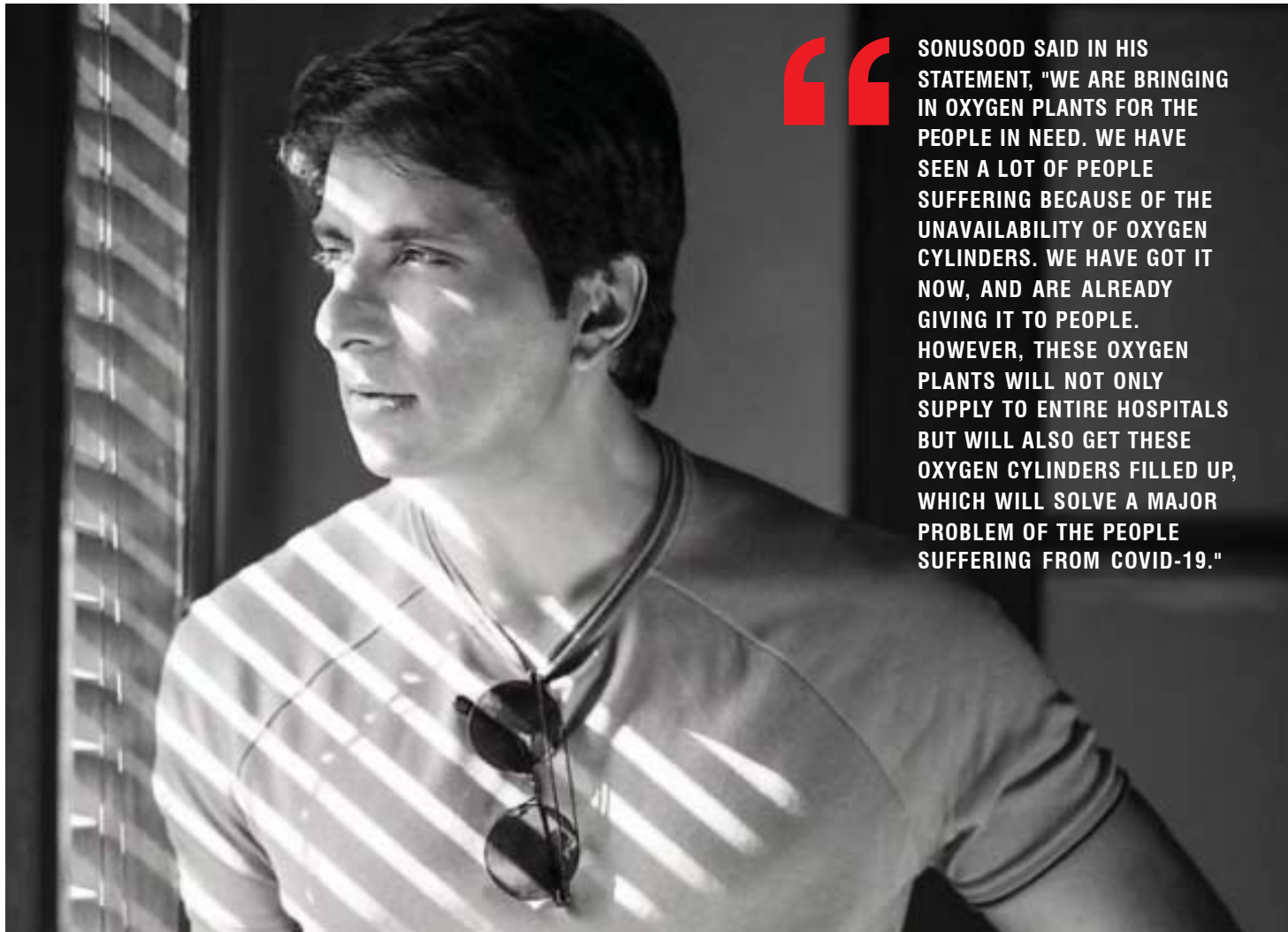
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Sonu Sood imports oxygen plants from France to India



SONUSOOD SAID IN HIS STATEMENT, "WE ARE BRINGING IN OXYGEN PLANTS FOR THE PEOPLE IN NEED. WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE UNAVAILABILITY OF OXYGEN CYLINDERS. WE HAVE GOT IT NOW, AND ARE ALREADY GIVING IT TO PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THESE OXYGEN PLANTS WILL NOT ONLY SUPPLY TO ENTIRE HOSPITALS BUT WILL ALSO GET THESE OXYGEN CYLINDERS FILLED UP, WHICH WILL SOLVE A MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19."

SONU SOOD THANKS PRIYANKA FOR BACKING PLEA FOR FREE EDUCATION TO COVID VICTIMS' KIDS, FANS WANT HIM AS 'NEXT PM'



NEW DELHI, (IANS) Sonu Sood on Monday evening thanked Priyanka Chopra for backing his appeal for free education to children of those who lost their lives to Covid, even as many fans pitched him for next Prime Minister of India.

"Thanks a ton Priyanka for your support. I promise we will make this happen," Sonu wrote to Priyanka, along with a folded hands emoji.

His post came in reply to Priyanka's long tweet earlier in the day, agreeing with Sonu's appeal and hailing him as a "visionary philanthropist".

"Have you heard of visionary philanthropists? My colleague @sonu_sood is one such. He thinks and plans ahead. Think this one out carefully

because the impact is long-term and it involves children -- amongst the many horror stories of the pandemic, this is regarding those children who have lost one or both parents due to Covid-19. The disruption, for many, sadly leads to a complete stop in their education due to the combination of loss and economic factors due to that loss.

"Firstly, I am inspired that Sonu made this critical observation. Secondly, in typical Sonu style, he has also thought of a solution and come up with some suggestions for action. Sonu's suggestion is to both the state and central governments to ensure free education for all children affected by Covid. Whatever stage of studies they are at -- school, college, or pursuing higher studies. The aim is not to allow a pause and definitely not for the lack of finance. If ignored, a huge number of children would be left without the opportunity as adults.

"For those outside govt, I appeal to your compassion combined with generosity and be the philanthropists, knock on institute doors or anyone who can help to make an impact that will matter. Adopt the education of a child if you can.

"I fully support Sonu's ideas and I will actively work towards finding ways to support education because I have always believed that #educationforeverychild is a birthright.

"And we cannot as a society let the virus change that," Priyanka concluded her post. Meanwhile, many fans were emotional while conveying their hero worship for Sonu.

"We need a prime minister like Sonusood," wrote a user.

"SonuSood should be next PM," wrote another.

Another user tweeted: "Immense respect for this man."

"Prime Minister like SonuSood," wrote another user.

Recently, Sonu arranged for a critically-ill Covid patient to be airlifted from Jhansi to Hyderabad for treatment. Priyanka, meanwhile, has started a fundraiser hoping to raise one million dollars for Covid medicine supply in India.



SONU SOOD HAILS SARA ALI KHAN AS 'HERO' AFTER SHE DONATES TO HIS FOUNDATION.

'Bhaji... will be delivered': Sonu Sood rushes to Harbhajan Singh's aid after cricketer's urgent request for Remdesivir

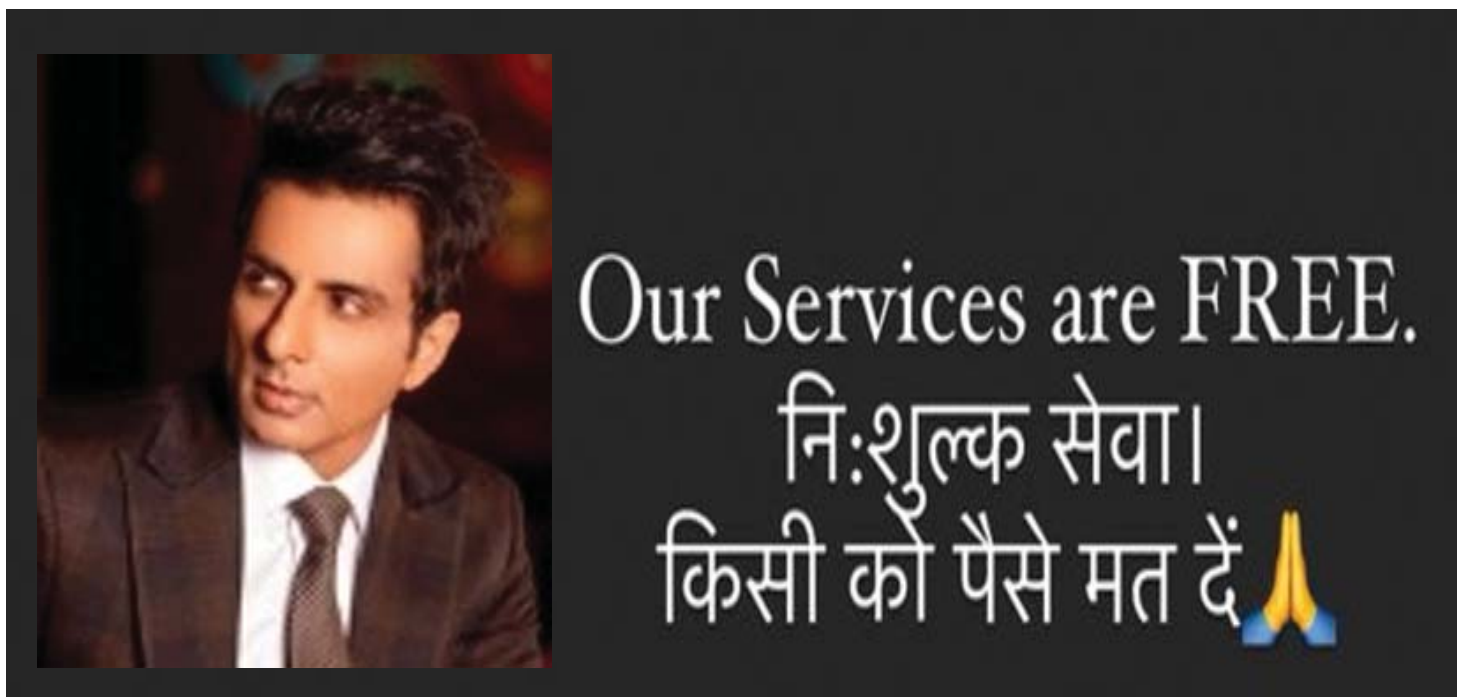


Days after helping cricketer Suresh Raina in his time of need, Sonu Sood has come to the aid of another Indian cricketer. The actor rushed to help Harbhajan Singh after the spinner requested for an urgent need of Remdesivir injection. Harbhajan put out his request via a tweet, to which Sood responded promptly, "Bhaji... will be delivered". It seems the injection reached Harbhajan or whoever it was meant for in time, as a few hours later, the off-spinner responded to Sood's reply: "Thank you my brother... may god bless you with more strength." Sood has been actively involved in providing oxygen cylinders, concentrators and others necessary supplies as India continues its fight against the deadly second wave of Covid-19 which has claimed a huge number of lives and affected millions. Approximately a week ago, Sood had helped out Raina as well. The Chennai Super Kings batsman had requested for an Oxygen cylinder for one of his relatives and the actor, who is running the Sonu Sood foundation along with his team, wasted no time in helping the batsman. On the same day, Sood's foundation had timely arranged for oxygen in Bengaluru's ARAK Hospital and helped save the lives of approximately 20-22 Covid-19 patients whose lives were at risk. Raina and Harbhajan were playing the IPL 2021 before the tournament was suspended indefinitely after 29 matches due to the rising Covid-19 cases inside its bio-bubble. Harbhajan, who was picked by Kolkata Knight Riders for his base price of 750 lakh during the IPL auction in February this year, played three matches for the franchise but went wicketless.

Sonu Sood reacts after Vir Das and Rakhi Sawant endorse him for next Prime Minister



Sonu Sood has been a 'saviour' for the people of the country since the first wave of COVID-19 hit India last year. Since then, he has received many praises from citizens of the country and during this second wave; fans continue to laud him for his work. Fans are even asking to get him rewarded by Bharat Ratna for his work. Last year, he ardently worked towards helping migrant workers to return to their villages across the country. On Tuesday, Sonu Sood was clicked by paparazzi in Mumbai and during the conversation, he was about the latest demand of his fans to be the Prime Minister of India. Sonu replied "Hum aam insaan ache hain bhai, aam insaan better hain (I am better off as a common man.)"



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COVID-19: AMITABH BACHCHAN REQUESTS PEOPLE GLOBALLY TO HELP INDIA FIGHT AGAINST DEADLY VIRUS



Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Sunday shared a mini glimpse from the Vax Live event on his social media where he could be seen requesting the world to help India in fighting the deadly wave of coronavirus. The 78-year-actor was part of the Vax Live global event which was all about the coronavirus. In the video, which he shared on his Twitter handle, the veteran actor urged global citizens to rise and help India in fighting the deadly second wave of COVID-19. The event also emphasised the importance of vaccination. Along with sharing the video, Bachchan also tweeted, "Privileged to be a part of the concert .. and the fight for India .." The second wave of coronavirus

has infected many people, and the number of COVID-19 positive cases has been rapidly rising. In Bollywood also an array of celebrities like Kangana Ranaut, Arjun Rampal, Manish Malhotra among others got infected within a span of a few weeks. With a total of 4,03,738 new COVID-19 cases being recorded in the last 24 hours, India again reported its highest single-day spike on the second consecutive day. With this, the cumulative national tally of the infection went up to 2,22,96,414, the union health ministry informed on Sunday morning. 4,092 deaths related deaths were also registered in the last 24 hours, taking the total COVID-related death toll to 2,42,362. At present, India has 37,36,648 active coronavirus cases.

NEWLYWEDS SUGANDHA MISHRA-SANKET BHOSALE BOOKED FOR FLOUTING COVID-19 NORMS AT WEDDING

Days after their marriage, singer and comedienne Sugandha Mishra and her husband, comedian Sanket Bhosale have been booked for flouting COVID-19 norms during their wedding ceremonies that were held on April 26. The couple have been booked for violating restrictions imposed by Punjab government. The case was registered on Wednesday against the two and the owner of the resort after a video showing a large gathering at the wedding event went viral on the internet. Taking cognizance of the same, a case was booked against the newlyweds. Reportedly, the case was registered under Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code and relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act. While no arrests have been made, an investigation is ongoing in the case. According to a Times of India report, 'the FIR mentions that from the media clip it emerged that several people gathered at the marriage function.' For the unversed, the Punjab government had restricted wedding guests to 10 people keeping in mind the spike in COVID cases. Earlier, in an interview, Sugandha had revealed that they were taking necessary precautions and following all COVID-19 related norms. She had even mentioned that only close family members and friends would be attending the wedding and prior to entering the venue, they would have to undergo the Rapid Antigen Test, given the current Covid-19 pandemic.



KANGANA RANAUT SAYS INSTAGRAM DELETED HER POST ON 'DEMOLISHING' COVID-19, TAKES A JIBE AT 'COVID FAN CLUB'



After her ban on Twitter, Kangana Ranaut, on Saturday, said that she will not last on Instagram for "more than a week". Kangana also claimed that her post of testing COVI-19 positive was taken down by Instagram and suggested that it must have been reported by the 'Covid fan club'. Taking to her Instagram stories, Kangana wrote, "Instagram has deleted my post where I threatened to demolish Covid because some were hurt. Matlab terrorists and communists sympathisers suna tha twitter pe lekin (I had heard of terrorist and communist sympathisers on Twitter but) Covid fan club awesome... It's been two days here on insta but don't think will last here more than a week." Kangana also added several laughing emojis at the end of her post.

'RADHE YOUR MOST WANTED BHAIR' BOX OFFICE REPORT: HERE'S HOW SALMAN KHAN-DISHA PATANI'S FILM IS GETTING RESPONSE OVERSEAS

Salman Khan and Disha Patani starrer 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai' has finally released in selected theatres and streaming on ZEE5, ZEEPLEX. Talking about the big-screen release, the film has hit the silver screens in 40 countries across the globe. Gulf nations, Australia and other countries have people visiting the theatres to watch the Prabhu Deva directorial on the big screen. However, as per reports in Box Office India, in Australia, the response for Radhe is 40% lower than that of Bharat which was an Eid release in 2019. The portal also reported that a massive response can be expected from Gulf countries as Salman has a huge fan base in those nations. During a recent interaction, when Khan was asked about box office collections of Radhe, he had said, "We may get the lowest numbers with Radhe. It might not even cross 10-15 crores. We would lose money on Radhe and box office collections are going to be almost zero." Talking about Radhe release, trade analyst Atul Mohan told News 18, "Very few theatres around the country, some in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, are expected to be screening the film. The revenue generated will be negligible. Salman Khan's films are critic-proof, a negative review has never affected his film. He knows he is an entertainer and has to do films that appeal to the masses."



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MUMBAI, (IANS) With more dead bodies found floating in the Ganga amid the ongoing second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bollywood celebrities took to social media to express shock and condemn the horrific incidents.

Actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar tweeted on Wednesday: "The news of scores of bodies being discovered floating in rivers and washed up on its banks is absolutely heartbreaking. The virus will be defeated someday but there has to be accountability for these failures in the system. Until then, the pandemic chapter is not closed!"

Actress-filmmaker Pooja Bhatt wrote: "You can fudge the data.. how do you hide the bodies? This will haunt us for generations to come."

Reacting to a news piece talking about the same, actor-comedian JaavedJaaferi wrote: "This is tragic and horrific."

Earlier, Bollywood celebrities like Urmila Matondkar, Shekhar Suman and Divyenndu Sharma had also reacted to the shocking development. On Monday, around 45 dead bodies in a decomposed stage were found on the banks of the Ganga in Buxar district, and the district administration claimed the bodies were from the upstream districts of Ghazipur, Varanasi or Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh. After Bihar's Buxar, around two dozen bodies have been found on the banks of the Ganga at adjoining Ghazipur district of Uttar Pradesh, some of which have been partially cremated and then thrown into the river.



#INDIAFORMOTHERS, AN INITIATIVE BY INDIA GATE AND TISCA'S TABLE BY TISCA CHOPRA, SUPPORTS VIKAS KHANNA'S #FEEDINDIA THIS MOTHER'S DAY



NEW DELHI, (IANS) India is home to a maximum number of widows and transgenders and we as Indians fondly call them mothers.

This Mother's Day, India Gate & Tisca's Table by Tisca Chopra came forward to support Michelin Star Chef Vikas Khanna's initiative #FeedIndia with the launch of campaign #IndiaForMothers to benefit Mothers by ensuring maximum number receive rice supply.

They aim to benefit a minimum of 5,000 such families across various parts of the country, majorly in Varanasi, Vrindavan, Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. NGO's Vibha and Global Funds for widows are helping to implement this project on-ground and help reach out to maximum mothers in need.

India Gate also released a small nostalgic video, showing the strong women in different roles of life and wishing them all Happy Mother's Day during these tough times.

"These are the times when we all need to stand united and fight against this second wave which is stronger. We at Tisca's table are proud to be a part of the #IndiaForMothers campaign to feed and support our Mothers. I am happy to collaborate with India Gate and Vikas Khanna for this initiative," shared actress Tisca Chopra.

"This all started with the #FeedIndia initiative last year during the pandemic to support my fellow citizens with rations and other necessities. We were able to touch more than 30 million lives. This year with the second wave, the crisis is bigger. #IndiaForMothers helps us not just reach many mothers, but also encourages the society overall not to neglect them. I extend my gratitude to Tisca for joining forces and India

Gate for its continuous support," said chef Vikas Khanna.

Ayush Gupta, Business Head, India Gate, said, "At India Gate, we deeply associate ourselves with the old Indian values of sharing and caring for society. #IndiaForMothers is our special initiative this Mother's Day to show our support and celebrate all the strong women in our lives who we address as 'Maa', be it our 'Maasi' or 'Nani Maa' or 'Badi Maa'.

These are the women who have shaped our lives and it's time for us to hold their hands in this difficult time and protect them. #IndiaForMothers is our hand folded tribute to all the mothers in need and with Tisca and Vikas joining hands for this, we aim to not just help but sensitise many people towards mothers."

Transgender activist Laxmi Narayan Tripathi said, "I am honoured to associate with India Gate's initiative #IndiaForMothers to reach out to the Transgender community and feed them in these difficult times. I want to thank Tisca Chopra, India Gate and Vikas Khanna for remembering us in this difficult times and doing their bit for the community."

It all started with the #FeedIndia initiative by Vikas Khanna in April last year.

Last year, through the #FeedIndia initiative, Barkat became the largest food drive in the world ? serving 2 million meals in a day in Delhi?NCR. #FeedIndia served more than 30 million people including vulnerable communities including the differently-abled, transgenders, Victims of sex trafficking, HIV positive people with support from many brands including India Gate. #IndiaForMothers is an initiative by India Gate & Tisca's Table by Tisca Chopra to support #FeedIndia to feed our mothers.

Disha Patani: Salman Khan dances like no one's watching him

MUMBAI, (IANS) Disha Patani is paired with Salman Khan in the upcoming action thriller "Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai", scheduled to drop digitally for pay-per-view watch on Eid. Disha, who has worked with Salman in the 2019 drama "Bharat" earlier, says it is always a pleasure seeing the superstar dance.

Their much-hyped dance number "Seeti maar" in the film has been well-received upon release, having garnered over 110 million views since it officially dropped on YouTube on April 26. If Disha has been appreciated for matching steps adeptly with the veteran superstar, she says it was the guidance she got from Salman as well as the film's director Prabhu Deva that helped.



"He (Salman) and Prabhu sir guided me. I am just following instructions in the song. He (Salman) adds that different charm. He has a different style of dancing. When he dances it's like no one is watching him. It's just fun to see him dance," she told IANS.

Ask her if she feels a Salman Khan film is already a success even before releases, and she replies: "I don't think about that too much. I am happy that I am part of such a great cast and film. I am happy that people are giving us good reactions for the trailer and song."

She adds: "I care a little bit until a point and (then I) don't overthink things. I am just happy. I feel like once I have shot for the film and given my best, my work is done. Then I just enjoy the ride."

She hopes that the audience enjoy the film: "It was a great experience I got to work with the biggest star of the country. I am excited, nervous, looking forward to the audience's reaction. I hope that they enjoy the film," she says.

MADHURI DIXIT IS 'BACK ON SET', DAYS AFTER SECOND DOSE OF COVID VAX



Actress Madhuri Dixit Nene on Tuesday took to Instagram to inform fans that she was "back on set". The 53-year-old veteran had taken her second dose of the Covid vaccine a while back, and on Instagram she has posted a series of pictures where she strikes classic poses in a shimmering silver saree and matching blouse. She completes her look with matching neck piece, earrings and a single bracelet on the right hand. She wears her hair open and goes for matching heels in the photo-op of three images. "Back on set," she wrote as caption with the images, along with a film projector emoji.

While the actress did not share details about what the shoot, it seems like she faced the camera for a special shoot. Currently, Madhuri is readying to enter the OTT space with the thriller series "Finding Anamika". She plays a superstar actress who goes missing one day. The show also features Manav Kaul and Sanjay Kapoor.

WHEN BOBBY DEOL'S SUNGLASSES BECAME A FASHION TREND



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Bobby Deol has fond memories of his debut film "Barsaat", which released in 1995. Looking back, he recalls how a casual accessory he wore in one of the songs of the film went onto become a fashion trend.

"Anything that is first is always special. The zeal one has while starting something new is unique. 'Barsaat' was my first movie and there are so many memories attached to the film," said Bobby.

Looking back, the actor shares an anecdote: "One of the things I remember, at that time I was fascinated with sunglasses and I had a blue pair, which was my favourite. I wanted to wear them in the song 'Teri adaa pe martahoon'. Back then, I didn't know they would become so popular. The audience loved that look and it became a fashion trend."

"There's another thing that comes to my mind, during a horse-riding scene I met with a minor accident and broke my leg. Luckily, it was my last scene of the movie. There are quite a few moments from the movie that I cherish even today," shared Bobby.

The Rajkumar Santoshi directorial cast Bobby opposite Twinkle Khanna, who made her Bollywood debut with the film, too. Although the film failed to live up to its hype at the box office, the songs by Nadeem-Shravan were a rage.

The film will premiere on Zee Bollywood soon.

'KAUN BANEGA CROREPATI 13': CAN YOU GUESS THE RIGHT ANSWER FOR 4TH QUESTION ASKED BY AMITABH BACHCHAN?



Much to the excitement of the 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' fans, the makers are bringing the 13th season of the quiz based show. For the same, the registrations have kickstarted since Monday. On Thursday, the fourth question was asked by the host megastar Amitabh Bachchan as per the registration process. Along with that, Big B even shared about how 'koshish' is the right mantra for achieving what you are striving for. Here's the fourth question asked by Amitabh Bachchan for 'KBC 13' registrations - 'Which two seas are connected by the Suez Canal?' The options are - the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, the Adriatic Sea and the Red Sea, the North Sea and the Tyrrhenian Sea. The right answer is the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Are you willing to date someone who is not vaccinated?



NEW DELHI, (IANS) Amid the second and more lethal wave of Coronavirus in India, an increasing number of people prefer to date only those who are vaccinated, reveals a survey. The results of the survey, led by online dating app QuackQuack, showed that people are more likely to talk to someone who is pro-vaccine compared to anti-vaxxers. About 70 per cent of people in the age-group 18-30 will consider meeting their date only once they are vaccinated, and eight out of 10 people aged 31 and above feel that inoculation is a prerequisite for their date. On the other hand, 30 per cent of people in the age group 18-30 would not necessarily consider vaccination and would take other safety precautions while meeting, the study showed. About 80 per cent of women and 70 per cent of men want their date to be vaccinated and if someone is an anti-vaccinator, then chances of them getting rejected are high. Only 25 per cent men and women

were found open to the idea of meeting anti-vaccinators. "The survey has given us some very important insights into how people are not being negligent about the prevailing crisis and are strictly abiding by the health protocols issued for everybody's wellbeing. Conversations have now moved from 'lockdown', 'Covid', 'masks', asocial distancing' to 'vaccination' and the greater fear about the second wave," said Ravi Mittal, Founder & CEO, QuackQuack, in a statement on Wednesday. "It has rather become essential to disclose that you have been vaccinated, because otherwise there are very slim chances of finding a match. Therefore, vaccination has become an added quality for a person to be liked and chosen. "Also, as we put our users' safety over anything, we have provided links to a collective page to our users when they login to our website. Hence, we are doing our bit in ensuring that our users are safe while they look for love," Mittal added.

DO YOU KNOW WHY RAKESH ROSHAN BECAME TRENDING TOPIC ON TWITTER?

On Thursday, out of nowhere veteran actor-filmmaker, Rakesh Roshan became a trending topic on Twitter. Netizens tagged him as the 'best dancer'. When one of the tweeters asked the reason behind him being a top trend, a Chiranjeevi fan revealed, "In one of the Telugu cinema spaces, an N-fan (@NTR_Warrior) (NTR, Balakrishna, TDP etc.) didn't accept that Chiranjeevi was the best dancer of India in the 80s and 90s he said Rakesh Roshan was no. 1 dancer during that time."

Soon after that an audio clip regarding the same went viral on Twitter leaving the netizens in splits. One of them wrote, "When I saw Rakesh Roshan Sir trending on Twitter. The first thought that came into my Mind was - 'may b there is some Serious happened' But my bad, I got to know that he is the Best Dancer Lol." Talking about the movies he directed, they are 'Bhagwaan Dada', 'Khoon Bhari Maang', 'Kishen Kanhaiya', 'King Uncle', 'Karan Arjun', 'Koyla', 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai', 'Koi... Mil Gaya', 'Krrish', 'Krrish 3'. He is likely to make a comeback with the fourth instalment of 'Krrish' wherein Hrithik Roshan will reprise his role as the superhero.

NOT NICK JONAS, PRIYANKA CHOPRA'S FAMILY WANTED HER TO MARRY THIS ACTOR

Global star Priyanka Chopra needs no introduction. A former beauty queen, Priyanka's impeccable sense of style, her charity work besides her films and professional projects grab headlines every other day. With worldwide popularity and fans across the globe, Priyanka is in a great place professionally. As for her personal life with Nick Jonas, apparently, it just keeps getting better for the duo with each passing day.

After the two fell head over heels in love with each other and started dating, it wasn't long before they decided to tie the knot in 2018 and enter matrimony. And while Priyanka's family did give Nick a thumbs-up, there was a time they wanted the 'desi girl' to marry a very 'desi' boy -- 'Devon Ke Dev...Mahadev' actor Mohit Raina.

Yes, you got that right!

A few years ago, Priyanka had reportedly told Zoom TV that her aunt wanted to fix her match with 'Devon Ke Dev...Mahadev' fame Mohit Raina. Her aunt was apparently mighty impressed by the actor, who she felt was a "well-behaved, honest, young man who is also an exceptionally good actor".

When Mohit was asked about Priyanka's aunt's wish, the actor was humbled and was beyond ecstatic to hear that her aunt had thought him capable enough to be a match to Priyanka. However, he added that while Priyanka is a 'superstar', he was just a television actor while adding that if not in this life, he would definitely meet her in another lifetime.

On the work front, Priyanka Chopra was last seen in Netflix's 'The White Tiger', co-starring Adarsh Gourav and Rajkummar Rao. Currently, she has 'Matrix 4' and 'Text for You' in her kitty. On the other hand, Mohit Raina will be next seen in the film 'Shiddat: Journey Beyond Love'.

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INDIA TO TOUR SRI LANKA FOR THREE ODIs AND THREE T20Is - DETAILS HERE

THE INDIAN TEAM WILL BE TRAVELLING TO SRI LANKA IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY AND NONE OF THE ENGLAND-BOUND PLAYERS WILL BE PART OF THAT SERIES



India will be going to Sri Lanka in July for a limited-overs series of three ODIs and three T20Is. After BCCI President, Sourav Ganguly said that India and Sri Lanka will be involved in a limited-over series, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has proposed an itinerary to the BCCI. In a report in ESPN Cricinfo, as per the itinerary, India's white-ball team will be arriving on July 5 and they will be in the island country till July 28. The series will start with the ODIs and end with the T20Is. The first ODI will take place on July 13, followed by games on July 16 and 18. The T20I series will start on July 22 and will go on till July 27.

The report stated that the Indian team will be serving a 7-day quarantine but in two parts. The first part will be of three days of hard quarantine in hotel rooms and in the second the team will be allowed to train but the movement will be restricted to just the hotel and the ground for four days. While Virat Kohli and co will be in England preparing for the five-match Test series against the hosts after the completion of the World Test Championship (WTC) final, BCCI will be sending a second-string team specially for the limited-overs while some players will be looking to stake a claim for the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup to be slated to held in India..

NO VIRAT KOHLI, ROHIT SHARMA IN INDIA'S SQUAD FOR SRI LANKA, SOURAV GANGULY WANTS 'DIFFERENT TEAM'

As India will be travelling to Sri Lanka in July for three ODIs and five T20Is, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Sunday said that the top players will be missing this tour. While the dates for the series is still unclear, Ganguly has confirmed that big names such as captain Virat Kohli and his deputy Rohit Sharma will not be part of the tour. Both Kohli and Rohit will be engaged in a marquee five-match Test series in England. According to the ICC's Future Tours Programme (FTP), India are scheduled to play three T20Is in Sri Lanka in July. Last year, India's tour was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We have planned a white ball series for the senior men's team during the month of July where they will play T20 Internationals and ODIs in Sri Lanka," Ganguly was quoted by PTI in an interaction. When asked if Team India will segregate the two teams, Ganguly said that that will be in the United Kingdom at that time.

"Yes, it will be a team of white-ball specialists. It will be a different team," the former India captain said, making it clear that the cricket board also has the preparation of white ball regulars in mind. India's tour of England will end on September 14 and the BCCI would want the likes of Shikhar Dhawan, Hardik Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Deepak Chahar, Yuzvendra Chahal - who are not part of the English tour to be match ready. "The BCCI president is very keen that all our top players are match ready and since England doesn't have a white ball leg the month of July can be utilized well," a BCCI source told PTI. As for Kohli and Sharma, they do not need to come from the UK, which has in place some hard quarantine rules. "Technically, in the month of July there are no official senior India team matches. The Test squad will be playing intrasquad games. "So there is no harm in India's white-ball experts getting some match time and selectors also get to fix the missing jigsaws in selection puzzle."

IND VS ENG: RAHUL DRAVID PREDICTS VIRAT KOHLI-LED SIDES WIN CHANCES IN TEST SERIES AGAINST ENGLAND

Former India skipper Rahul Dravid on Sunday said that the Virat Kohli-led side has a very good chance of winning the Test series in England. India and England are slated to lock horns in the five-match Test series in the UK this year. The series would commence in August, and India is also slated to square off against New Zealand in the finals of the World Test Championship (WTC) in June. "I really do think India have a very good chance this time. There's no question about England's bowling. Whatever bowling attack England put on the park, especially their seam-bowling attack, is going to be fantastic. They have a lot of players to pick and choose from and that's going to be terrific," Dravid said in a webinar organised by Live Aid India, trust to help those affected by Covid-19, as reported by ESPNcricinfo. "But if you look at their top six or top seven, you really think of one great batsman, a world-class batsman who is Joe Root. Obviously, Ben Stokes is another one, who is a good all-rounder, but for some reason, Ravichandran Ashwin seems to do well against him. And that should be an interesting contest. I know he's done well against Stokes in India, but it'll still be an interesting subplot to the series," he added. Dravid also said that Kohli's side would be well prepared for the Tests against England and he also opined that a lot of players in the squad have the much-needed self-belief. "But I just think India will be well-prepared, have the confidence from Australia, there's a lot of belief in the squad. A couple of players have been to England a few times, there's a lot of experience in the batting order this time around, so this is probably our best chance, maybe say 3-2 to India. I think India will play really well in England this time. It's a great opportunity we've got. After the WTC final, they're going to be in England for a whole month before the Test series starts. I don't think any team has had that kind of time to prepare for a Test series as India will have this time so that surely should be a great advantage," said Dravid. Talking about India's squad for the WTC final and five-match Test series against England, Dravid said: "It does seem balanced. It's a 20-member squad. The only other one who could have merited selection would've been Kuldeep Yadav, but he's fallen away over the last little bit. Also, with the kind of recent performances from Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja, and Washington Sundar, they're clear about the kind of balance they want in the squad."

India skipper Virat Kohli receives first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, says THIS



India skipper Virat Kohli received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Monday. Kohli also urged everyone to get vaccinated as soon as they can.

"Vaccinate as soon as you can please. Stay Safe," Kohli wrote in his Instagram story.

India pacer Ishant Sharma and his wife Pratima Singh also received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine on Monday. Last week, Umesh Yadav, Ajinkya Rahane, and Shikhar Dhawan received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Rahane, Umesh, Ishant, Kohli will be next seen in action when India locks horns against New Zealand in the final of the World Test Championship (WTC). Speaking to ANI, a BCCI official said that it will need some more time before a clear picture can be drawn regarding the completion of vaccination for all India Test cricketers who are to head to the UK on June 2.

With BCCI planning to send 'B' team to Sri Lanka, chance for youngsters to stake claim for spot in T20 World Cup squad



Australia have done a few times in the past where their first-choice team would be playing a Test series home or away, they'll have a specialist side for limited-overs selected and going for a series. But now with the emergence of India's talent pool across formats, it wouldn't be difficult for India to have two different sides playing at the same time.

India took 30 players to Australia including reserves and the circumstances were such that every last player got to play a game and whoever came in made an immediate impact and showed what he is capable of when given an opportunity at the highest level. Mohammed Siraj, Axar Patel, Shubman Gill, Shardul Thakur, Washington Sundar to name a few, performed and showed their mettle.

With BCCI president Sourav Ganguly recently saying that India will be having a 'specialist' limited-overs side going to Sri Lanka to play in three ODIs and five T20Is, this might be a great opportunity for the Indian team to test their bench strength and the ones who had a great IPL season ahead of the ICC T20 World Cup and with the player limit extending up to 23, many players would be eager to make their mark.

So let's take a look at the make-up of this specialist side and which players might get a shot at plying for India in the white-ball formats:

Shikhar Dhawan and Prithvi Shaw look certainties for the openers' slots, with an outside chance of Devdutt Padikkal getting a maiden call-up given his exploits in the Vijay Hazare Trophy and in the IPL for the Royal Challengers Bangalore. Dhawan and Shaw, on the other hand, are in the form of their lives having stitched five 50-plus partnerships for Delhi Capitals in this year's IPL including two 130-plus stands.

For the middle-order, Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan will be back. Shreyas Iyer, who underwent shoulder surgery will be facing a race against time to get fit by July, otherwise, Manish Pandey could be relooked with Sanju Samson as the second wicket-keeper forming a strong middle-order.

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VIRAT KOHLI, ANUSHKA SHARMA SAY THIS ABOUT
RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN



Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma, who had started a campaign to raise funds for COVID-19 relief work in India, say they are 'overwhelmed and grateful' from the response they have received. Announced on Friday, Virat and Anushka themselves donated Rs 2 crore to the campaign and urged others to "come together and help our India". On Saturday, the Virushka couple took to Twitter to reveal that the campaign had received Rs 3.6 crore in donations in just 24 hours. "3.6 crores in less than 24 hours! Overwhelmed with the response. Let's keep fighting to meet our target and help the country. Thank you," tweeted Kohli. "Grateful to everyone who has donated so far. Thank you for your contribution. Folded hands. We have crossed the halfway mark, let's keep going," Anushka wrote on Twitter. On Friday, the power couple had posted a video on their Instagram handles to announce their initiative. "Since the COVID-19 outbreak, our country is going through trying times, our health systems are being challenged, we need to come together and help our India," Kohli wrote in an Instagram post. "Anushka and I have started a campaign on Ketto, to raise funds for Covid-19 relief, and we would be grateful for your support. No amount is too small to save lives."

JIMMY NEESHAM READY TO RETURN IF IPL 2021 RESUMES IN INDIA DESPITE FEARS

The horrendous situation in India due to COVID-19 led to the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) being suspended and all the players returning their homes or serving quarantines before returning to their homes. While many players in their post wished for India and its citizens to recover quickly and felt sad for leaving the IPL, some of them are happy to come back again if the remaining matches are held in India. Jimmy Neesham, the New Zealand all-rounder, who played for the Mumbai Indians, landed in Auckland with some of his countrymen on Saturday and is currently serving his mandatory 14-day quarantine. Speaking to newshub.co.nz from his hotel room, Neesham expressed his desire to come back to India despite the risk.

PAT CUMMINS MISTAKENLY TAGS MAYANK AGARWAL IN POST RELATED TO MAYANTI LANGER; INDIAN OPENER RESPONDS

Australian fast bowler Pat Cummins has been in the news for quite some time after he had made a contribution of \$50,000 (over 37 lakh) for oxygen supply in India in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) has again grabbed attention, but this time for a funny reason. Amidst the gloomy situation with the Indian Premier League (IPL) being postponed, the speedster had happened to attend a YouTube show named 'Players Lounge' where he interacted with sports presenter Mayanti Binny Langer. However, after he attended the chat show, Cummins - who wanted to share about the talk on social media - tagged Indian opener Mayank Agarwal instead of Mayanti.

WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP: 'WINNING ANY
ICC EVENT WILL BE A SPECIAL FEELING,' SAYS
INDIA'S BOWLING COACH BHARAT ARUN

Over the last few years, India's pace bowling attack has risen through the ranks to be counted among the best in the business. And with the World Test Championship (WTC) final against New Zealand coming up in Southampton, skipper Virat Kohli will once again turn to the likes of Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma, and Jasprit Bumrah to hand the team the upper hand. While Ishant, Bumrah, and Shami are proven performers, what is heart-warming is the emergence of the backup unit in Umesh Yadav, Shardul Thakur, Mohammed Siraj, and T Natarajan. And one man who deserves credit for creating this pool of pacers is none other than bowling coach Bharat Arun.



With the biggest battle round the corner -- WTC final -- the bowling coach believes the team has the firepower to go the distance. In fact, he says India's consistent performance over the last season is the reason why

they made it to the final of the Test championship. "New Zealand is an excellent team. They've been playing exceptional cricket and are in the final for a reason. Winning any ICC event will be a special feeling," Arun told ANI.

'Ever since MS Dhoni left, Yuzvendra Chahal and I haven't
played together': Kuldeep Yadav on missing MSD's guidance

While the transition of captaincy between MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli was smooth, the team overall has seen a lot of changes. With many newcomers getting a chance, some players from the past team are struggling to keep their place in the squad. One of them is Kuldeep Yadav. The Indian cricketer, since MSD's retirement from international cricket, has been trying his best to make a place for himself in the playing XI. In fact, he along with his then companion of spin - Yuzvendra Chahal - who were called 'KulCha' have not played many matches together.

In 2017, both Kuldeep and Chahal flourished in the limited-overs formats and Dhoni was seen guiding them, however, after Dhoni quit playing, Kuldeep has had to strain to keep his spot in the national team. Kuldeep stated that he misses MS Dhoni's guidance from behind the wickets. "Sometimes I miss that guidance because he (Mahi) has a great experience. He used to guide us be-



hind the wicket, kept screaming! We miss his experience. Rishabh is there now, the more he plays, the more input he will give in the future. I always felt every bowler needs a partner who can respond from the other end," Kuldeep told media. "When Mahibhai was there, I and Chahal were playing. Ever since Mahi bhai left, Chahal and I haven't played to-

gether. I played only a handful of games after Mahibhai left. I must have played ten-odd games. I had even taken a hat-trick. "If you look at the performance as a whole, it will look pretty decent but if one breaks it up then my performance sometimes can look not up to the mark. One has to also look at the opposition we are playing against," he added.



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