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TAAPSEE PANNU CELEBRATES RASHMI ROCKET'S SUCCESS: 'A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR RECOGNISING OUR EFFORTS'



TAAPSEE PANNU'S RASHMI ROCKET IS RECEIVING HEARTWARMING RESPONSE FROM HER FANS AND FRIENDS. THE FILM IS CURRENTLY STREAMING ON ZEE5.

Taapsee Pannu is on cloud nine as her recent release Rashmi Rocket is receiving overwhelming response since its release. The actor on Sunday shared a picture of herself in which she is seen smiling looking at her phone. Sharing the picture, Taapsee mentioned that the picture is her mood since the film dropped on ZEE5. "Been just like this... smiling away reading all your beautiful messages since the film dropped on @zee5," she expressed, adding, "A heartfelt thank you to you all for recognising our efforts. We always wished this film travels to each n every corner of this country and something children can watch with their families because of the larger issue at heart. I'm glad we all connected via Rashmi. Keep the love coming, it becomes a source of motivation to keep pushing the boundaries."

VICKY KAUSHAL SHUTS DOWN RUMOURS OF ROKA WITH KATRINA KAIF: 'I'LL GET ENGAGED SOON ENOUGH'



Actor Vicky Kaushal is on cloud nine after the release of his latest film, Sardar Udham. And now, he has opened up about the rumours surrounding him and Katrina Kaif, as well as their supposed relationship, which neither have chosen to confirm or deny. A few weeks ago, there was much speculation about Vicky's eventual roka with Katrina Kaif. The actor told Times Of India, "The news was circulated by your friends. I'll get engaged soon enough, when the time is right. Uska bhi time aayega (the time will come)." The two actors have been rumoured to be dating for quite a while now, and are often papped visiting each other. Katrina attended the screening of Sardar Udham and praised it on her Instagram story as well, saying that Vicky's performance was 'raw and heartbreaking'.

AKSHAY KUMAR THANKS RETIRED ARMY OFFICER FOR SPOTTING THIS MISTAKE IN 'GORKHA' POSTER



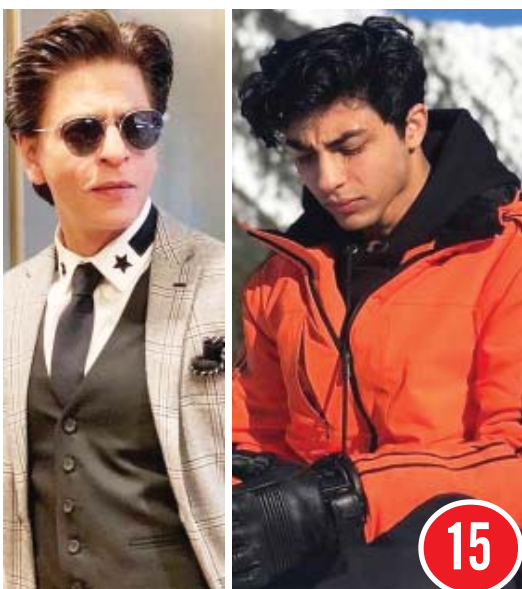
After a retired Indian Army commander pointed out an inaccuracy in Akshay Kumar's next film Gorkha's poster, the actor promised to 'take utmost care' during filming to ensure authenticity. The shape of the khukri (a sort of machete) on the Gorkha poster was inaccurate, according to Major Manik M Jolly, a former officer of one of the Gorkha Rifles units. "Dear @akshaykumar ji, as an ex Gorkha officer, my thanks to you for making this movie. However, details matter. Kindly get the Khukri right. The sharp edge is on the other side. It is not a sword. Khukri strikes from inner side of blade. Ref pic of Khukri att. Thanks," he wrote, attaching a photo of a khukri alongside the Gorkha poster. Replying to him, Akshay wrote, "Dear Maj Jolly, thank you so much for pointing this out. We'll take utmost care while filming. I'm very proud and honoured to be making Gorkha. Any suggestions to get it closest to reality would be most appreciated."

ASIA CUP 2023 WILL BE PLAYED IN PAKISTAN, CONFIRMS PCB CHIEF RAMIZ RAJA



Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) will host the 2023 Asia Cup, which will be played in the 50-over format, confirmed the newly-elected chairman Ramiz Raja. The decision was taken unanimously by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) held in Dubai on October 15. The meeting was chaired by BCCI secretary Jay Shah and as reported by Cricbuzz, it was acknowledged that it was PCB's turn to host the event, not at a neutral venue but in Pakistan only. The postponed T20 Asia Cup will be played in 2022 in Sri Lanka, ahead of the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia in October-November, while the 50-over tournament next year will be played as a precursor to the ICC Cricket World Cup in India. Pakistan hasn't hosted a multi-nation event since the 2008 Asia Cup as teams from around the world stopped touring the nation after the 2009 attacks on the Sri Lankan team. Recently, New Zealand and England too had pulled out of their bilateral series supposed to take place in Pakistan at the last minute owing to security concerns.

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SRK AND HIS HISTORY OF BEING A CONTROVERSY MAGNET



MUMBAI, (IANS) Aryan Khan's troubles with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) may have dragged Shah Rukh Khan into the kind of spotlight he would have liked to avoid, but he himself is no stranger to controversies.

Stories about him date back to 1992, when he was just another new face with starry aspirations in Mumbai. That year, Shah Rukh Khan picked up a fight with a film journalist and got arrested for causing disorder in the office of the magazine that employed the target of his fury. In an incident reported by Anupama Chopra in her book on SRK and which he himself later recounted in his interview with David Letterman, the then fledgling actor was upset that the journalist had written about an intimate scene involving Deepa Sahi and him for Ketan Mehta's acclaimed film 'Maya Memsaab'. Sahi, incidentally, is Mehta's wife.

"I'm gonna take off your clothes and make you stand naked with me. Would you find that funny?" SRK, in his Letterman interview, recalled having said to the journalist and then going on to create a scene, which ended up in his arrest. Seeing the state of the lockup inside the Bandra police station, Shah Rukh made peace with both the journalist and the cops.

In the intervening years, SRK had the Samajwadi Party baying for his blood after he declared (jokingly, he said later) at a public function, pointing to the then leading political operative, Amar Singh, that he could see 'darindagi' (evil intent) in his eyes.

Singh, who was then the influential general secretary of the Samajwadi Party, and was close to Amitabh Bachchan, among many other public figures, did not find it funny and vowed to humiliate SRK at an opportune moment. Matters came to a head and Samajwadi workers landed up outside SRK's home.

His daughter, Suhana, was so shaken by the incident that she started crying and this upset Shah Rukh so much that he went to town with his feeling. He said in an interview with an afternoon tabloid, "I am a Pathan and I am very, very, very protective about my family." In 2012, after Kolkata Knight Riders beat Chennai Super Kings in the IPL final, an allegedly drunk SRK got into a scuffle in full public view with a security guard at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. In his defence, the superstar said the guard had stopped Suhana from joining the celebrations on the ground, but then he aggravated matters by verbally abusing the guard and officials of the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA), in full view of the television cameras around him.

A social media influencer promptly demanded that Shah Rukh be booked under the Juvenile Justice Act for using abusive language in the presence of children. The Mumbai Police filed an FIR and MCA

banned his entry into the stadium, but after six years, the cops found no substance in the charges against SRK.

Even before the IPL took off, SRK got into the crosshairs of the Shiv Sena in 2010, when he said he found it "humiliating" that there was pressure on him to not bid for Pakistani cricketers for the Kolkata Knight Riders. The Pakistanis, he said, were the best T20 players in the world.

It provoked the late Bal Thackeray, Shiv Sena supremo and father of the present Maharashtra Chief Minister, Uddhav Thackeray, to threaten to prevent the screening of his just-released film, 'My Name is Khan'. The Bollywood fraternity jumped to SRK's defence and eventually the controversy died down.

When on the subject of 'My Name is Khan', how can we not remember the three occasions when SRK, not unlike the son of the film's protagonist who gets killed because of his Muslim surname, was held back for questioning by immigration officials in US airports.

It happened for the first time in 2008 at Newark's Liberty International Airport, then in New York City in 2012, and finally in Los Angeles in 2016. Of course, Shah Rukh was let off with profuse apologies on each occasion, but, as he tweeted in 2016, "to be detained at US immigration every damn time really sucks". Apparently, a name-sake of the superstar was on the lookout list of the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service.

As if the constant glare of controversy were not enough, even his palatial addresses have been attracting avoidable bad publicity. Mannat, SRK's six-storey bungalow overlooking the Arabian Sea from Land's End, Mumbai, has been dragged to courts by activists, unsuccessfully of course, for violating heritage laws as well as the coastal regulation zone rules.

Even his opulent beach-front mansion at Alibaug, the preferred address of Mumbai's rich and famous, has been embroiled in controversies. In 2018, it was attached by the Income-Tax Department, but the action was vacated by an appellate tribunal.

The company that purchased the land, which was registered in the names of SRK's mother-in-law and sister-in-law, was fined Rs 3.09 crore for being in violation of the Bombay Tenancy Act, which does not allow the conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural uses. It has been a red rag for green activists as well, who allege that it also violates the Coastal Regulation Zone provisions that disallow any construction within 500 metres of the high tide line. L'affaire Aryan Khan may have come as a jolt that SRK may take a long time to recover from, but a row here and a controversy there have been constant companions of the superstar for as long as he has been in the public eye.

URVASHI RAUTELA ANNOUNCES HER NEW FILM 'DIL HAI GRAY'



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actress Urvashi Rautela has recently announced the name of her next film which is titled 'Dil Hai Gray'. It's a Hindi remake of Tamil film 'ThiruttuPayale 2'.

Urvashi Rautela will be seen alongside Vineet Kumar Singh and Akshay Oberoi. Urvashi shares: "I am excited to announce the title of my next film 'Dil Hai Gray' on the auspicious day of Vijaya Dashami. The film is very close to my heart and it was lovely working with director Susi Ganesan sir, producer M Ramesh Reddy sir, and my co-stars Vineet Kumar Singh and Akshay Oberoi. " "The film has created a massive response in the south industry and I am very positive about the story that it will be also be loved by the audience here. I hope my fans would bless us with their love and support. Super excited to watch my film on the big screen after a long time," she concludes.

HINA KHAN QUESTIONS 'BIGG BOSS' ON BEHAVIOUR OF HOUSEMATES

MUMBAI, (IANS) Television actress and ex-Bigg Boss contestant Hina Khan recently posted several tweets questioning 'Bigg Boss' about the behaviour of contestants.

She asked if the rules of 'Bigg Boss' have changed for this season as she feels the reality show gives a feeling of 'Smackdown and RAW'. Her tweet also mentioned that ear-



lier contestants were not allowed to touch each other but now things have changed in the show and rules are being broken. Hina took to her social media account and posted: "So how is it going folks, are u enjoying smackdown and RAW mon-fri 10:30pm now a days on #colorstv Ek time tha jab unglilagaana allowed nahitha and now What's happening BB..BiggieBoo? I usually don't tweet about BB But this is so damn funny and I could not resist.." She added further: "With all due respect BB, kahinaapvishwasundarikpeyaarmai to nahi pad gayehain. Open your Aankh BB PLZZZ.. wake up..I don't blame anyone in the house.. it was the first and the most imp rule of BB tht u cannot touch anyone.. but now this rule seems non applicable." (With all due respect BB, have you fallen in love with Vishwasuntree? Please open your eyes). After the tweet many of her fans came in support of her and also commented expressing their views agreeing to the questions raised by her.

REMO SAYS HIS PLAN TO OPEN DANCE STUDIO DELAYED BY COVID

MUMBAI, (IANS) Well-known Bollywood choreographer Remo D'Souza has launched his much-awaited Remo Fusion Dance Studio. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic his plan of opening this dance studio was delayed. But after a hiatus, showbiz is gradually getting back on its feet. Among other celebs who resumed work, Remo D'Souza has also fulfilled his plans.

Remo says: "I always wanted to open a dance academy where those who were passionate about dance could come and learn it in an organized manner. Covid-19 pushed things a bit but now with things opening up, I didn't want to wait longer and decided to launch the academy. The academy has been born out of passion and I want it to be a platform through which people understand the nuances of this beautiful craft called the dance".



ANU MALIK REVEALS HOW ASHA BHOSALE GIVE HIM HIS NAME

MUMBAI, (IANS) The week-end episode of 'Zee Comedy Show' will see musician and singer Anu Malik sharing the secret behind his name. He appears on the show as a special guest.

For the uninitiated, Anu Malik's real name is Anwar Sardar Malik. It was Asha Bhosle who suggested to his parents, the famous music composer Sardar Malik and his wife Bilqis, sister of Hasrat Jaipuri, that they call him Anu. He shared the story after the comedian, Dr Sanket Bhosale, asked him about his name. Anu Malik revealed: "When I was a kid, Asha Bhosleji had come to our home and she asked my father if she could call me Anu. My mother was also there and she told everyone that because Ashaji has said this. From that day, everyone knows me as Anu Malik. Even my parents have called me Anu." ('Zee Comedy Show' airs on Zee TV.)



POOJA BEDI, HER FIANCE AND HOUSE-HELP TEST POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS, SAYS SHE 'CHOSE' TO STAY UNVACCINATED

Actor Pooja Bedi has tested positive for Covid-19. The actor on Sunday evening took to Instagram to share the news. She dropped a video in which she informed that she, along with her fiancée and her house-help, has tested positive for the coronavirus and are taking all necessary precautions. "Hello everyone, while I have been wondering why I haven't got the coronavirus till now given that it is so infectious and at some point, everyone is going to get it. It seems that I have now got it. I tested positive. Very interestingly last couple of days I thought I have very bad allergy, which is why I have this cough. I do have dust allergy. Then the fever started and it is quite the virus that kinda knocks you out. I have been passing out a lot. I thought something is not right and I better get tested, which was a good idea, because I have the coronavirus. I am taking all the precautions," Pooja said, adding that there is "a need for cautions, not panic." Pooja has been vocal about her choice of not getting vaccinated. "I have been vocal about not taking the vaccine. For me, it was the choice I took. I know my body's immunity will rise up and I rather rely on my natural immunity. Each one of you make your own choices. This is my chronical journey of how I am handling the virus. We are now going to focus on getting better," she expressed. She also made



sure to mention it in the caption of her post, which read, "I have finally been diagnosed as covid positive. I chose/choose to stay unvaccinated as its my personal decision to allow my own natural immunity and alternative healing and wellness practices to accelerate my healing. You do what's right for you. Each to their own. Caution. not panic." By end of the video, Pooja said that this healing period is a great for her to relax, "I have been working a long and hard schedule. Maybe this is God's way to tell me to slow down and take it easy."

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WITH 'KBC13' PRIZE MONEY, FARAH RAISES RS 16 CR LIFELINE FOR CHILD WITH SMA



MUMBAI, (IANS) Ace choreographer and director Farah Khan has fulfilled her wish to help a 16-month-old baby, Ayansh Madan, in his battle against a rare genetic disorder called the Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). It has made Ayansh's throat and lung muscles so weak that he cannot talk, cough or swallow anything. The only cure for him was the drug Zolgensma, which is the world's most expensive medicine. Farah, who was the special guest on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 13' for its 'ShaandaarShukravaar' celebrity episode, has contributed towards Ayansh's treatment. Farah, who had appeared in the episode with Deepika Padukone on September 10, had won Rs 25 lakh. She put up a post on her social media handle the very next day in which she said: "After an over-

whelming response to the 'KBC' episode, everyone wanted to donate. ... no amount is small." Towards the end of September, Farah posted: "Almost there! Thank uuuu #kaunbanegacrorepati for the boost in donations ... thank you all generous souls who donated. Let's continue." At the time, Rs 11.82 crore had been collected for Ayansh's treatment. Now, it turns out that the Rs 16-crore mark has been met and baby Ayansh can finally be treated. Farah Khan posted: "I am so happy that the required amount, Rs 16 crore, has been collected for Ayansh Madan's treatment. I would truly like to thank 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' for giving me a platform to talk about this and reach out to people far and wide."

'GADAR' SEQUEL WITH SUNNY, AMEESHA ALL SET TO GO ON THE FLOORS

MUMBAI, (IANS) Sunny Deol and Ameesha Patel will return together to the big screen after 20 years in the sequel to 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha', the top-grossing blockbuster that was released in 2001, competing head-to-head with another modern classic, Ashutosh Gowariker's Aamir Khan-starrer 'Lagaan'. 'Gadar 2' also brings together director Anil Sharma and the original distributor Zee Studios. The film features Sharma's son, the actor Utkarsh Sharma, who had appeared in 'Gadar: Ek Prem Katha' as the child of the characters played by Deol and Patel. Scheduled to go on the floors soon, the plot of 'Gadar 2' has been kept under wraps. The original film was loosely based on the tragic love story between British Indian Army World War II veteran Boota Singh and a young Muslim woman named Zainab against the backdrop of the Partition.

NOV 5 RELEASE FOR 'SOORYAVANSHI' STARRING AKSHAY, AJAY, RANVEER, KATRINA



MUMBAI, (IANS) Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh and Katrina Kaif-starrer 'Sooryavanshi' is all set to release in theatres on November 5. The movie will see Akshay as Anti-Terrorism Squad chief DCP 'Veer Sooryavanshi'. It also features Jackie Shroff, Gulshan Grover, Abhimanyu Singh, NiharicaRaizada, VivanBhatena, Sikandar Kher, NikitinDheer and JaavedJaferi. Ajay and Ranveer will have cameo appearances. The action film is directed by Rohit Shetty and produced by Reliance Entertainment, Rohit Shetty Picturez, Dharma Productions and Cape of Good Films. It is based on a script by YunusSajawal, FarhadSamji, SanchitBendre and Vidhi Ghodgadnkar and an original story by Shetty.

FIRST TRAILER OUT FOR 'THE BATMAN' STARRING ROBERT PATTINSON



LOS ANGELES, (IANS) The first full trailer for 'The Batman', directed by Matt Reeves of 'The Planet of the Apes' franchise, and starring Robert Pattinson (most recently seen in Christopher Nolan's 'Tenet') as Gotham's 'caped crusader', was released at a DC Fandome virtual event on Saturday night. Describing the "dark and gritty" film, Variety.com reports: "In a Gotham City saturated in rain and gloom, Pattinson's 'Batman', just a year into his reign as a costumed vigilante, attacks his enemies with a visceral, unhinged brutality that past live-action Batman movies never quite reached." The film, it is speculated, pits Batman against the Riddler, played by Paul Dano ('12 Years A Slave'), but the trailer, although it begins with his arrest by the Gotham City police, is centred around the characters of Catwoman, played by Zoe Kravitz ('Big Little Lies') and an unrecognisable Colin Farrell, transformed by prosthetics to become Oswald Cobblepot a.k.a. Penguin, earlier most memorably essayed by Danny DeVito. Jeffrey Wright, who was seen in action in 'No Time to Die', appears as Gotham City Police Department chief, James Falcone, and James Turturro from 'The Transformers' films as Carmine Falcone. The movie has been slated for a March 4, 2022, release in US theatres.

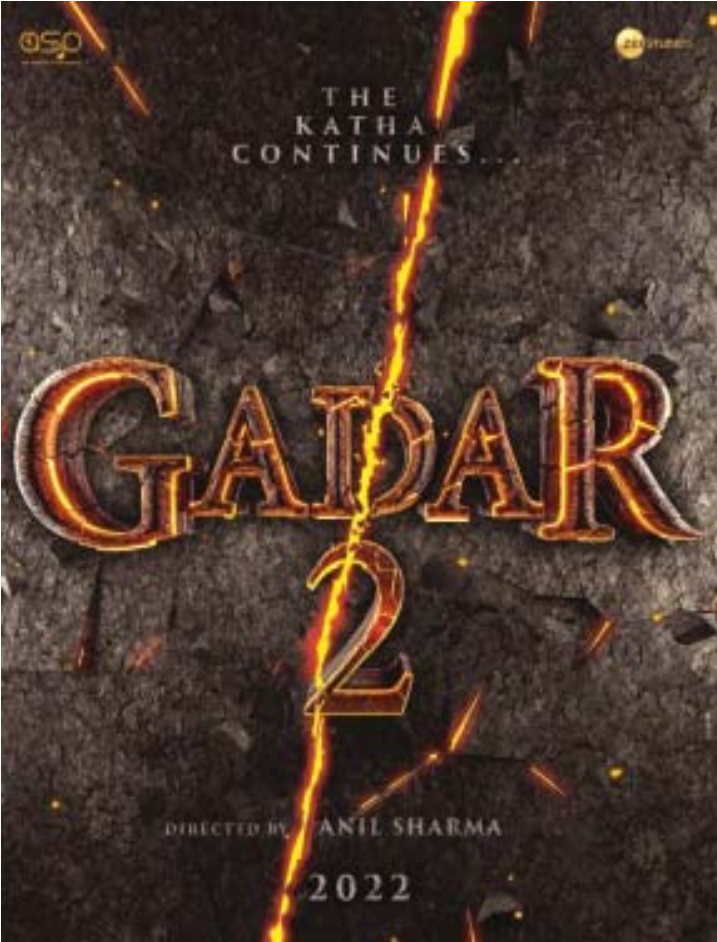
79TH GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS ON JAN 9, 2022, DESPITE CONTROVERSIES



LOS ANGELES (IANS) The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) has announced that it plans to present the 79th annual Golden Globe Awards on January 9, 2022, disregarding the many controversies over racism and sexism in the journalists' body, and with no telecast partner in sight to replace the American network NBC, which had disassociated itself from the event earlier this year. On Friday, the HFPA unveiled the traditional calendar with submission deadlines in various categories. It put to rest speculation over the fate of the 79th Golden Globes after the HFPA was plunged into turmoil by a 'Los Angeles Times' report in February pinpointing the organisation's questionable internal practices and the lack of diversity. NBC, which had been the HFPA's long-time telecast partner, decided to drop out because of the internal issues rocking the organisation. Matters came to a head when Tom Cruise returned the three Golden Globes he had won in the 1990s and Scarlett Johansson added her voice to growing criticism of the HFPA. Since then, the organisation has said that it had cleaned up its act under its new German president.

EKTA KAPOOR SAYS HER AUDIO SHOW 'DARMIYAAN' IS THE STORY OF MANY WOMEN'S LIVES

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Television czarina Ekta Kapoor shares about her audio show 'Darmiyaan' starring Sriti Jha and Shabir Ahluwalia. She opens up on the experience of doing this women-centric show and also how the audience will relate to it. Ekta says: "Conceptualising entertainment content for Audible has been a fantastic experience and has helped me push the creative envelope further than ever before. With the audio medium, you do not have the support of visuals to communicate your thoughts which makes the process challenging and pushes you to innovate. My first audio show 'Darmiyaan' has everything - love, unbelievable scandals, shocking twists and much, much more. I'm sure listeners are going to love it, and become audiophiles for life." Ekta has produced a number of shows and worked with numerous popular faces of television. She elaborates about the particular reason behind her choice of Shabir Ahluwalia and Sriti Jha. "The duo has exceptionally powerful chemistry and have been a very hit duo on my shows, I knew they would bring 'Sakshi' and 'Ridhaan's characters to life beautifully. Sriti has such depth of voice, such maturity and Shabir, he is the quintessential man child - brazen, bold and so loveable," adds Ekta. 'Darmiyaan' is a story of a couple 'Sakshi' whose beautiful married life undergoes a sudden upheaval when her husband's explosive sex tape is leaked online.



ARYAN KHAN RECEIVES MONEY FROM DAD SHAH RUKH KHAN FOR CANTEEN EXPENSES IN JAIL

Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan's son Aryan Khan who was arrested in a drug-related case earlier in October and is currently lodged in Mumbai's Arthur Road Jail, on Friday, spoke to his parents via video conferencing, jail officials said. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the High Court order states that all accused or prisoners who are logged in the jail can talk to their family members twice a week via video call. The official said, "Aryan was on the call for 10 minutes with his parents, and a jail official was present with him during the call." In addition to the video call, jail officials confirmed that Aryan, on October 11, had also received a money order of Rs 4,500 by his father Shah Rukh, which is meant for his expenses in the jail canteen. As per the rules of the jail, a prisoner can receive a money order of Rs 4,500 maximum for their expenses inside the jail.

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T20 WORLD CUP WARM-UP GAME: ISHAN KISHAN-KL RAHUL BLOW AWAY ENGLAND AS INDIA WIN BY 7 WICKETS

Team India have got off to a winning start, albeit in a warm-up game but a win is a win and they beat the champion England team as the batters were up to the task chasing down 188 runs in 19 overs owing to a splendid opening partnership between KL Rahul and Ishan Kishan. KL Rahul just continued from where he left off in the IPL when he played an outrageous knock in the Punjab Kings' final league stage game scoring an unbeaten 98 off just 42 balls against the eventual champions Chennai Super Kings. The pickup shots over square leg, the free-flowing lofted shots and the one off Chris Jordan where he hit straight over the bowler's head and Rahul had smashed his fifty off just 23 balls. He fell soon after and Ishan Kishan inherited his role, who was playing the second fiddle till then. Ishan, who was 24* off 21

till that point just smashed the spinner and pacers alike as he gave skipper Virat Kohli to take his time. Kohli fell cheaply and Ishan just went on. He scored 70 runs before he retired out and had done his job as Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya put the finishing touches while being helped by some filth bowled by Chris Jordan at the end as it was becoming harder and harder to grip the ball because of dew. Earlier, England's batting line-up had a blast as starting from Jos Buttler, Jason Roy to Jonny Bairstow, Liam Livingstone and Moeen Ali, they all had a hit out as apart from Jasprit Bumrah and Ravichandran Ashwin, all Indian bowlers went for runs. Despite Mohammed Shami picking up three wickets, he also gave away 40 runs but eventually, their batters chased down the target with one over to spare.

INDIA LOOKS TO FIX BATTING ORDER IN FINAL T20 WC WARM-UP GAME AUSTRALIA

Their preparations for the T20 World Cup off to a smooth start, India would look to finalise their batting order for the tournament-proper when they take on Australia in their second and final warm-up game here on Wednesday.

India will clash against Pakistan in their main event lung-opener on Sunday. The tournament will be Virat Kohli's last as skipper in the format besides being the swan-song for head coach Ravi Shastri.

As pointed out by Kohli before the warm-up game against England on Monday, India's top three is already settled with KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma opening the batting and the skipper coming in at the crucial no.3 position. Having made a stroke-filled 70 before retiring in the seven-wicket win over England, the young Ishan Kishan has also staked his claim for a place in the playing eleven. Rishabh Pant (29 not out) was promoted ahead of SuryaKumar Yadav and it remains to be seen where the latter bats on Wednesday. Rohit didn't bat against England and come Wednesday, the right-hander is expected to get a go against the Australians.

The talking point, however, remains all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who didn't look comfortable in his brief stay against England.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRUISE TO FOURTH IPL TITLE

DUBAI, (IANS) Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs in the final of IPL 2021 at the Dubai International Stadium here on Friday. With this win, Chennai have now clinched their fourth IPL title. It completes a remarkable comeback for Chennai, who were placed seventh last season and have now won their fourth IPL trophy in a campaign which started with a loss but ended with a win. Chasing 193, the way KKR openers Shubman Gill and Venkatesh Iyer started the chase, it looked like the target would not be that difficult. But once they were out, Kolkata's chase fell through as they lost wickets at regular intervals to end up with 165/9 in their 20 overs. Gill pulled the first ball of the innings over mid-on off Deepak Chahar. Iyer, dropped on zero, swatted Josh Hazlewood over backward square leg for a powerful six. The run-fest continued as Gill and Iyer crunched seven fours between themselves to give Kolkata an emphatic start with 55/0 in power-play. Iyer tore into Ravindra Jadeja with two sixes before reaching his half-century in 31 balls. Gill, who survived a caught dismissal as the ball touched the Spidercam wire, hammered Jadeja for back-to-back boundaries. The 91-run opening partnership was ended by Shardul Thakur in the 11th over as Iyer holed out to long-on. Two balls later, Thakur forced Nitish Rana to chip a cross-seam delivery to mid-off. Sunil Narine's promotion to four ended in pulling straight to deep mid-wicket off Hazlewood. Gill reached his half-century by smacking Jadeja over cover. But in the next over, Chahar took him out with a dipping slower full toss which hit him in front of the stumps while going for the ramp shot. Dinesh Karthik opened his account by pulling Chahar over long leg. In the next over, Karthik tried to repeat the shot against Jadeja but found deep backward square leg. One brought two for Jadeja as Shakib Al Hasan was trapped plumb in front of the wicket. From 120/6 in 15 overs, the result was a foregone conclusion. Rahul Tripathi (2) and Eoin Morgan (4) were dismissed cheaply in successive overs. Shivam Mavi and Lockie Ferguson struck well-timed boundaries but at the end, it was too little too late for Kolkata. Brief scores: Chennai Super Kings 192/3 in 20 overs (Faf du Plessis 86, Moeen Ali 37 not out, Sunil Narine 2/26, Shivam Mavi 1/32) against Kolkata Knight Riders 165/9 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 51, Venkatesh Iyer 50, Shardul Thakur 3/38, Josh Hazlewood 2/29) by 27 runs



CO-HOSTS OMAN THRASH PNG BY 10 WICKETS IN OPENER



AL AMERAT, (IANS) Co-host Oman produced a clinical performance with both bat and ball to register a comprehensive 10-wicket win over Papua New Guinea in the opening match of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 at Al Amerat Cricket Ground, here on Sunday.

Captain Zeeshan Maqsood's (4/20) sensational bowling performance helped Oman restrict Papua New Guinea to 129-9 in the 20 overs. Assad Vala (56 off 43) and Charles Amini (37 off 26) were the top scorers for PNG.

In reply, Oman overhauled the target in the 14th over of the innings with ten wickets in hand. Chasing a paltry target for victory, Oman openers Jatinder Singh (73 off 42) and Aaqib Ilyas (50 off 43) barely looked under pressure. They were solid rather than flashy during the powerplay and took Oman to 46 runs after the powerplay. Jatinder, who was strong with the reverse sweep all day, was the first to bring up his fifty, off 33 balls. Getting to face a free hit, he got to the landmark with a six over long-on. Ilyas, who had been caught off a no-ball, got to his half-century in 43 balls, before Jatinder sealed the game with a final six. Earlier, batting first, Papua New Guinea were off to a terrible start as they lost wickets of openers Tony Ura and Lega Siaka on duck. Bilal took the first wicket of the tournament when he got the ball to shape into Tony, who edged onto his stumps. The next over, Kaleemullah foxed Lega Siaka with his outswing, before a straighter one was chopped onto the stumps.

BCCI INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR TEAM INDIA HEAD COACH'S JOB



MUMBAI, (IANS) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Sunday invited job applications for the post of head coach, batting coach and bowling coach, among others, indicating that the Indian cricket team could get an all-new support staff after the ICC T20 World Cup, currently underway in the UAE and Oman. In a statement posted on their website, the Indian cricket board said, "BCCI invites job applications for Team India (Senior Men) and NCA (National Cricket Academy)." Besides the three top posts -- head coach, batting coach and bowling coach -- the Board has also invited applications for the post of Team India fielding coach and head sports science/medicine, NCA.

CSK WON'T LET GO OF DHONI IF RETENTION IS ALLOWED IN 2022 IPL AUCTION; OFFICIAL

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Chennai Super Kings (CSK) will look to "save captain MS Dhoni first" for the 2022 Indian Premier League (IPL) if retention of players is allowed ahead of the auction that will precede the mega tournament. According to a Sports Tak report, Dhoni will be the first player to be retained by CSK once they get clarity over the rules around the mega-auction. In a post-match discussion on Friday, Dhoni had said that it is up to the Indian cricket board (BCCI) and how they shape the rules for the auction next season that will decide whether he will be involved with CSK as a player next season. "MS will be the first man to be retained, there is no doubt about it. But first of all, we need to know the retention rules, which we are not aware of as of now. If we can retain (players), Dhoni will be first to save," a CSK official was quoted as saying. The official further said that the franchisee will not do anything without Dhoni, citing the performance of the team under the 40-year-old legend. Apart from most players being set to go under the hammer in the auction for next season, IPL 2022 will also feature two new teams.

FORMER CRICKETER YUVRAJ SINGH ARRESTED, RELEASED ON BAIL

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh was reportedly arrested by the Hansi Police in Haryana on Saturday in a case lodged against him for using a casteist slur against spinner Yuzvendra Chahal. According to reports, Yuvraj was interrogated for three hours before being released on interim bail. "Yuvraj Singh was arrested under section 153A and section 505 of the Indian Penal Code," it said. It is learnt that the incident dates back to June 2020 when Yuvraj made a derogatory remark, although jokingly, towards Chahal during an Instagram Live session with India opener Rohit Sharma. While speaking with Sharma about 'hahal's famous Tik-Tok and Instagram videos, Yuvraj made an indecent remark, which was of casteist in nature, aiming for the RCB leggie.

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SKIPPER VIRAT KOHLI MAKES BIG REVELATION ABOUT INDIA'S STRATEGY AHEAD OF PAKISTAN GAME

When Virat Kohli had said that he would be opening for India along with Rohit Sharma in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 and had even done the same in the England series back home, all thought it was the perfect combination. However, the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 happened, and things changed as out-of-form players got their magic back and now the Team India skipper has made this big revelation. Ahead of the warm-up game against England in Dubai, Kohli at the toss said he would be batting at No 3 and the reason for the change was batter KL Rahul's splendid form. The India captain had made it clear that it is difficult to look beyond KL Rahul at the top of the order and will be India's first choice to open with the 'Hitman'. However, the Indian skipper kept it open-ended when asked about the team's top-six batters who will play in the opening match of the tournament against arch-rivals Pakistan on October 24. "Things were different before IPL, now it's difficult to look beyond KL Rahul at the top of the order. Rohit is a no-brainer. World-class player, he's been solid upfront. I will be batting at 3. That's the only news I can give to start off," Kohli said.

KL Rahul had emerged as the third-highest run-scorer in the IPL for Punjab Kings (PBKS) with 628 runs to his name. Not just that, he had even slammed the most number of sixes (30) in the tournament. "We are pretty sorted in terms of how we are going to start in the first game (versus Pakistan)." Talking about the warm-up matches, Kohli said, "Outside of that we just want to give the opportunity to guys in these games as much as possible. We will look to give game-time to most of them. The idea is to create some energy and momentum as a team. We have played in different teams recently (in the IPL)". Kohli also spoke about IPL, but added that Indian cricket is paramount. "We have had success in the past. So we want to create that same energy, fielding is the best place to start I reckon when eleven guys are together. The IPL is right up there in terms of level and competitiveness, but this is paramount. Indian cricket is a priority for everyone. That has to be the case. "Adaptability is what matters. People play different roles in their IPL teams. It's about adapting quickly to this team now, who plays where is what matters."

T20 World Cup: Scotland stun Bangladesh in opening match



AL AMERAT, (IANS) Scotland began their men's T20 World Cup campaign with an upset six-run win over Bangladesh in the second match of the tournament at Al Amerat Cricket Stadium here on Sunday. Scotland used slower balls to good effect while bowling with discipline. In the field, they took their chances and were spot on with their fielding placements. Chasing 140, Bangladesh made just 25 runs in power-play, losing Soumya Sarkar and Litton Das for five each. Mushfiqur Rahman struck back-to-back sixes over leg-side off Michael Leask in the ninth over to infuse some momentum in the chase. Chris Greaves struck with his first ball of the match as Al Hasan tried to pull but found fielder at deep mid-wicket.

Greaves returned in 14th over to knock over Rahim's leg stump with a googly sneaking past the attempted scoop. Afif Hossain crunched three boundaries before holing out to deep mid-wicket off Mark Watt in the 18th over. Mahmudullah hit a four and six but, in an attempt, to go big, holed out to long-on off Bradley Wheal. Mohammad Saifuddin and Mahedi Hasan took three boundaries off Safyaan Sharif in the final over but it wasn't enough to stop Scotland from sealing a memorable win. Brief scores: Scotland 140/9 in 20 overs (Chris Greaves 45, George Munsey 29, Mahedi Hasan 3/19, Shakib Al Hasan 2/17) beat Bangladesh (Mushfiqur Rahim 38, Mahmudullah 23, Bradley Wheal 3/24, Chris Greaves 2/19) by six runs.

T20 WORLD CUP: SHOAIB AKHTAR 'CHILLS OUT WITH' KAPIL, GAVASKAR AHEAD OF INDO-PAK TIE



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The ICC T20 World Cup began on Sunday with a match between Oman and PNG, however, most of the cricket fans are actually waiting for the mother of all clashes -- India vs Pakistan -- on October 24. And ahead of the mega clash, ex-Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar had 'chilling o't' session with former cricketers of India and Pakistan in UAE. The 'Rawalpindi Express' was seen with the likes of Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, and Zaheer Abbas. Akhtar took to Twitter to share a photo with a caption: "Chilling with the best of the best. The

great Zaheer Abbas, Sunil Gavaskar & Kapil Dev. All set for the cricket ka mahamuqabla." India won the inaugural tournament in 2007 by beating Pakistan in the final. Pakistan managed to go one better in the 2009 edition. The men-in-blue hold a 6-1 advantage over Pakistan in Twenty20 internationals and have also never lost to Pakistan at an ICC tournament. Pakistan has a dismal record against India in ICC tournaments with the men in green winning only 3 out of 17 matches, and all three victories came in Champions Trophy matches. The last time Pakistan beat India was in the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy final.

ICC MEN'S T20
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ROUND 1 FIXTURES

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ICC MEN'S T20
WORLD CUP 2021

SUPER 12
GROUP 1

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v SA

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ENG
v WI

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A1
v B2

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v WI

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v PAK

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v B1

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v NZ

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IND
v AFG

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v A2

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IND
v B1

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NZ
v AFG

7 NOV 2021
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PAK
v B1

7 NOV 2021
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A1 v B2
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A2 v B1
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