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KANGANA RANAUT LEAD DHAAKAD ALSO STARS ARJUN RAMPAL AND DIVYA DUTTA. IT'LL HAVE A THEATRICAL RELEASE ON OCTOBER 1. ACTOR KANGANA RANAUT ON MONDAY SHARED NEW STILLS FROM HER UPCOMING FILM DHAAKAD. THE ACTIONER, ALSO STARRING ARJUN RAMPAL AND DIVYA DUTTA, IS DIRECTED BY RAZNEESH GHAI. IT IS SET TO HAVE A THEATRICAL RELEASE ON OCTOBER 1. IN THE NEW STILLS, KANGANA'S CHARACTER OF AGNI IS ARMED WITH A MACHINE GUN, IN THE BACKDROP OF A BURNING VEHICLE IN WHAT LOOKS LIKE THE SETUP OF AN ACTION SEQUENCE. KANGANA TWEETED THE PICTURES AND WROTE, "THEY CALL HER AGNI... THE BRAVE ONE #DHAAKAD I SAY SHE IS MY DEPICTION OF BHAIRAVI THE GODDESS OF DEATH ... #DHAAKAD."

Signs of climate change are dire: Bollywood on Uttarakhand glacier burst



Bollywood stars, including Ajay Devgn, Taapsee Pannu, Dia Mirza and Celina Jaitley, have stressed on the need to address climate change in the wake of the Uttarakhand glacier burst. Celina Jaitley said the disaster is proof that the signs of climate change will always be brutal. She posted on Twitter, "Climate change is serious and the signs are dire. My heart goes out to all the victims and their loved ones of the #UttarakhandGlacialBurst Climate change knows no borders, ultimately we all will pay the price of we do not get our act together. #Uttarakhand #saveourplanet." She wrote on Twitter, "Building too many dams in the Himalayas has lead to this. Prayers for the people of Chamoli. Please contact Disaster Operations Center number 1070 or 9557444486 for help. #Uttarakhand." The actor further wrote, "What is the connection with what is happening in #Uttarakhand right now and cutting trees (deforestation), cutting into our mountains, building dams combined with climate change? – Innocent, unsuspecting people get hurt." Ajay Devgn wondered if the burst is an indication of environmental damage that the world is yet to see.

SWARA SAYS KANGANA IS SPREADING 'POISON' ONLINE BY 'NORMALISING HATRED'



Actor Swara Bhasker, who worked with Kangana Ranaut on Tanu Weds Manu in 2011, has spoken about their duelling ideologies. Kangana has often attacked Swara on social media, calling her a 'B grade actor' on one notable occasion. In an interview, Swara said that she doesn't know Kangana personally at all, but that she is against people in influential positions using their power to 'propagate hatred'. Asked about how her equation with Kangana has evolved in the years since they worked together, she told The Quint in an interview, "I worked with her as a colleague, and she's a very competent actor, we have all seen that." She said that she wouldn't want to get into the topic too much, 'because it leads to unnecessary headlines'. She continued, "I don't want to talk about any particular artiste, but when you see people who are influencers, which all actors basically are on social media, use their platform for normalising hatred, bigotry, and communalism, that's a really, really sad thing. That is a steep fall from grace."

MIA KHALIFA ASKS IF PRIYANKA CHOPRA JONAS WILL SPEAK UP ON FARMERS' PROTEST?



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'THEEK HO RAHI HOON': RHEA CHAKRABORTY REPLIES TO PAPARAZZI ASKING HOW SHE'S HOLDING UP



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Priyanka Chopra addresses rumours of her plastic surgery, reveals filmmaker asked her to fix 'proportions'

Global icon Priyanka Chopra Jonas, whose memoir 'Unfinished' will hit the stands on February 11, recently opened up about reports of she undergoing the knife for a plastic surgery. For the unversed, for the longest time, Priyanka was called "Plastic Chopra" by many and it was a tag that has followed her for a good many years of her professional life. Now, in a recent interview with Asian Style Magazine, Priyanka while addressing the tag and the topic that she has elaborately also spoken about in her memoir, said, "I didn't write about these things now to clarify anything to anyone. I was in a place in my life where I sat down and wrote about the milestones in my life. These happened to be those things, that I'd kept personal in my heart, things I've been affected by." "I'm a woman in the entertainment business, which is kind of patriarchal, I had to be very tough. When Entertainers show their weakness, people enjoy pulling you down. I learnt to keep my walls up. I kept them up, did my job and didn't talk about the things I overcame. I'm much older and self-assured now, which makes it easier to discuss things from the past. This book is not me offering any form of clarification. It's a story of my life from my eyes," she added. Priyanka has reportedly narrated an incident in her book where she recalls how a filmmaker suggested she go under the knife, get a 'b**b job' and fix her 'proportions'. According to The Independent, Priyanka in her memoir has written about an incident involving the first film director she met, who suggested she undergo the knife and fix her proportions. "After a few minutes of small talk, the director/producer told me to stand up and twirl for him. I did. He stared at me long and hard, assessing me, and then suggested that I get a b**b job, fix my jaw, and add a little more cushioning to my butt. If I wanted to be an actress, he said, I'd need to have my proportions 'fixed', and he knew a great doctor in LA he could send me to. My then-manager voiced his agreement with the assessment," the publication quoted Priyanka in its article. Earlier, it was also reported that Priyanka, in the much-awaited memoir, has also opened up about facing racism as a teenager in America. She has in detail written about being a victim of racist bullying at an American high school and how it af-



ected her to a level that she had to ultimately return to India to finish her schooling. In an interview with PEOPLE, Priyanka, while speaking about the same said, "I took it very personally. Deep inside, it starts gnawing at you." "I went into a shell. I was like, 'Don't look at me. I just want to be invisible,' " she added. "My confidence was stripped. I've always considered myself a confident person, but I was very unsure of where I stood, of who I was," said Priyanka. As per the magazine, in Unfinished, Priyanka explains that other teenage girls would call and insult her with different names and statements like, 'brownie, go back to your country!' and 'go back on the elephant you came on'. "I don't even blame the city, honestly. I just think it was girls who, at that age, just want to say something that'll hurt," Chopra told PEOPLE. "Now, at the other side of 35, I can say that it probably comes from a place of them being insecure. But at that time, I took it very personally," she added. In her interview Priyanka revealed that after she came back to India, it was with the help of her doctor parents that she regained her confidence. "I was so blessed that when I went back to India, I was surrounded by so much love and admiration for who I was. Going back to India healed me after that experience in high school," Priyanka said.

KERALA HC STAYS SUNNY LEONE'S ARREST IN CHEATING CASE



A bench of the Kerala High Court on Wednesday gave relief to Bollywood actor Sunny Leone and two of her close aides from being arrested on a complaint filed by an event manager in Kochi in an alleged cheating case. The court asked the Crime Branch wing of the Kerala Police probing the case not to arrest the three till they are served notices as per the criminal procedures. Early this month in the state capital, Sunny was questioned by the Kerala Police at a private resort in the same case, where she explained the entire sequence of events and claimed she had done no wrong. R. Shiyas who conducts events in and around Kochi had filed a complaint with the Kerala DGP that Sunny Leone had taken Rs 29 lakh from him while promising to attend various inaugural functions in the state but failed to do so. The complainant said that her manager had taken money in several installments from 2016 onwards, prom-

ising to attend five functions. But the same did not happen and he, subsequently, complained to the police. According to her, while admitting that her manager had taken the money and she had given dates several times, the event manager could not comply with her dates and, hence the issue arose. Speaking about the same, Sunny had said, "As an artist, work is worship for me. I was nothing but gracious, understanding even moving my schedule multiple times over the organisers. But they wouldn't commit to a set date. It is customary that to lock an actor's time, an advance has to be paid upfront, which wasn't done till the nth hour." Sunny is currently in Thiruvananthapuram district, where she is shooting for the new season of "MTV Splitsvilla". With the relief from the court, Sunny Leone and her associates will have to cooperate with the police probe team.

DILJIT DOSANJH HONOURS RIHANNA, DROPS NEW SONG 'RIRI' CALLING HER A GIFT FROM GOD

Punjabi actor and singer Diljit Dosanjh has released a new song in honour of American pop icon Rihanna after the latter shed light on the ongoing farmers' protest in India on Tuesday. The song was released by Diljit on his YouTube channel on Wednesday afternoon titled, "RiRi (Rihanna)." The song is sung by Diljit Dosanjh himself, with lyrics and music by Raj Ranjodh and Intense, respectively. Diljit himself took to his Twitter account and shared the YouTube link, tagging the producer and lyricist. He wrote, "#RIRI #Rihanna," adding a closed-fist emoji. In the song, Diljit can be heard singing and thanking God for creating a 'pari (fairy)' like Rihanna. He also sang about wanting to overwhelm her with presents and being obsessed with her, like the rest of the world. For the uninformed, Rihanna, on Tuesday night, had spoken about the ongoing farmers' protest in a tweet that made her a top trend on Twitter. Rihanna had posted a news story about the protests, and wrote, "Why aren't we talking about this?!" After seeing her tweet, Punjabi star Diljit Dosanjh expressed gratitude in the most subtle way. He took to his Instagram story and shared a photo of Rihanna with the song 'Run This Town' by Jay Z playing in the backdrop. However, actor Kangana Ranaut had slammed Rihanna in response to her tweet and had said, "No one is talking about it because they are not farmers they are terrorists who are trying to divide India, so that China can take over our vulnerable broken nation and make it a Chinese colony much like USA... Sit down you fool, we are not selling our nation like you dummies."

NO CHAUTHA TO BE HELD FOR LATE RAJIV KAPOOR FOR SAFETY REASONS, ANNOUNCES KAPOOR FAMILY

Rajiv Kapoor, actor-filmmaker and the youngest son of Raj Kapoor and Krishna Raj Kapoor passed away on February 10, 2021. The late actor's funeral was held in the evening and elder brother Randhir Kapoor performed the last rites. Now, a few Kapoor family members took to their social media pages and announced that Rajiv's chautha has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Celebs namely Neetu Kapoor, Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Karisma Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and others posted the note on their Instagram pages. The statement read as "Due to the current pandemic circumstances, there will be no Chautha held for the Late Mr Rajiv Kapoor for safety reasons. May his soul rest in peace. The entire Raj Kapoor family is a part of your grief too." Rajiv Kapoor recently completed the shoot of his final film Toolsidas Junior starring Sanjay Dutt in the lead role. The film is produced by Ashutosh Gowariker. In a statement, the ace filmmaker remembered Rajiv and said, "I was a great fan of Rajiv Kapoor, from his Ram Teri Ganga Maili days. It was a superb debut performance. I carried that memory with me for many years and then we connected quite a few times since Lagaan. And when an opportunity arrived in the form of my production of Toolsidas Junior, (which is directed by Mridul), I cast him in it." Ashutosh further shared, "It was really lovely to work with Rajiv. On sets, he was an absolute professional. And played the part with so much fun, dignity and ease."

After Virat Kohli, Saif Ali Khan opens up on taking paternity leave after welcoming fourth baby



Saif Ali Khan is all set to embrace fatherhood again as his wife Kareena Kapoor Khan is expecting their second child together this month. In a new interview, Saif said that he will be taking paternity leave to spend time with his newborn baby. In an interview with Elle Magazine, Saif talked about the importance of paternity leave and how he has been taking it ever since his first child, actor Sara Ali Khan, was born. Saif said, "Who wants to work when you have a newborn at home! If you don't see your children growing up, you're making a mistake. And I can take time off from work—it's a privileged position. Rather than follow a 9-to-5 routine, I live like an actor. Your dharma and approach to everything are based on your career." Kareena shared the cover of the magazine, featuring Saif, on Instagram and wrote, "The coolest husband ever." Saif says fatherhood has made him stable, and that at the moment he is in a position to enjoy having children around. "It was great fun, the entire process, especially the making!" Saif joked when he was congratulated. Saif and Kareena, who are fondly called Saifeena by their fans, got married in 2012. They also share a son, Taimur Ali Khan. Saif also has a son Ibrahim Ali Khan and daughter Sara Ali Khan from his first marriage with actress Amrita Singh. On the work front, Saif was last seen in Amazon Prime Series, 'Tandav'. Saif will next be seen essaying a dark character in Om Raut's ambitious 'Adipurush', which stars Prabhas. He has described the role as electrifying and demonic. He will also be seen in the horror-comedy 'Bhoot Police', which also stars Arjun Kapoor, Yami Gautam, and Jacqueline Fernandez.

Randhir Kapoor reveals daughter Kareena Kapoor Khan will deliver her second baby on THIS date



Kareena Kapoor Khan's father Randhir Kapoor has revealed the actor's due date, who is expecting her second child with hubby Saif Ali Khan. In a statement, Randhir said that Kareena is expected to deliver on February 15. In an earlier interview, Saif had said that Kareena's due date is in 'early February'. Randhir told Bollywood Bubble, "She is due around 15th February." Randhir's statement came just sometime before the Kapoor family on Tuesday suffered a loss. Rajiv Kapoor, the son of late Raj Kapoor, and brother of Randhir and Rishi Kapoor died of a cardiac arrest at the age of 58. The family lost Rishi and Ritu Nanda last year, within the span of a few months. A visibly pregnant Kareena was photographed at the bungalow, along with her sister, Karisma, and their mother, Babita. For the uninformed, Saif and Kareena, who are fondly called Saifeena by their fans, got married in 2012. They also share a son, Taimur Ali Khan. Saif also has a son Ibrahim Ali Khan and daughter Sara Ali Khan from his first marriage with actress Amrita Singh. The couple had announced via a joint statement in August that they are expecting their second child. "We are very pleased to announce that we are expecting an addition to our family! Thank you to all our well-wishers for all their love and support," they said. Speaking about how things are different during the second pregnancy, Kareena said in an interview with Times Now Digital, "I guess I am more prepared and confident this time around. I was quite nervous and jittery since I was going to turn a mother for the first time. This time around, I am way calmer and thankfully, I am not going berserk yet."

Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda lauds Nirmala Sitharaman for 'calling out sexism'



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan's granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda on Monday shared a screenshot from a video clip on her Instagram Stories, featuring finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. In the said video, originally posted by a news portal, Nirmala is seen getting angry at a man during a press conference organised on February 1 for the announcement of the Union Budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022, for not allowing a female journalist to ask as many questions as her male counter-part. When the journalist says 'Ma'am, I have two questions', a man, off-camera, interrupts and tells her 'no, only one, others are there.' Immediately, Sitharaman intervenes and tells the man why he is only stopping her, he didn't stop the others from asking their questions. The Finance Minister is heard saying, "Why did you say only to her? You didn't stop the guys." Sharing the clip, Navya wrote on her Instagram Stories, "Yaaaaaas. More people in power calling out the sexism that exists every day." For the uninformed, Navya is a vocal feminist and a mental health advocate. She is the co-founder of Aara health and has recently started a campaign, #ProjectNavya that aims at creating equal work opportunity and spread awareness about gender pay parity. In one of her recent online sessions with co-founders of Ara Health on Instagram, Navya had opened up on being mansplained and about



how she feels she has to constantly prove herself in a space that is dominated by men. She said, "When you are meeting new people for work and talking to them, there is always that...not worry of what they are going to think of you but more internal, where I feel like, 'Oh, we need to prove ourselves.' Especially because in the space that we are in, it is largely dominated by men." She further added, "So whenever we are put in the spotlight, talking to a vendor or a doctor... All of us have been in situations where we are talking to somebody, most likely a man, who is mansplaining and talking to us in a very condescending manner." During the course of the Instagram live session, Navya said that there have been situations where she has felt the need to prove herself, adding that she feels it is from these situations that 'anxiety' sets in. She said, "It is those situations where you feel like you need to prove yourself and you don't necessarily do because it is just stupid. But we have all been in those situations and I think that is where the anxiety comes from, which is, 'Why is this person talking to me like I am stupid?' That is where I feel like, 'Okay, I need to prove myself.' I need to make that impression at the beginning that I know what I am talking about and I don't need you to explain every single thing to me and talk to me in a condescending manner."

Mia Khalifa asks if Priyanka Chopra Jonas will speak up on farmers' protest? Twitterati reply



Lebanese-American former adult star Mia Khalifa on Sunday took to Twitter and posed a question asking if at any point Mrs Jonas i.e Priyanka Chopra Jonas will chime in and speak about the ongoing farmers' protest? Mia, who had earlier extended her support to the agitating farmers, wrote that she wonders if 'Mrs Jonas will chime in at any point' and that it gives her 'Shakira during the Beirut devastation vibes'. In her tweet, Mia Khalifa wrote, "Is Mrs Jonas going to chime in at any point? I'm just curious. This is very much giving me Shakira during the Beirut devastation vibes. Silence." However, Mia's tweet did not go down well with Priyanka Chopra fans and they replied to her saying that 'The White Tiger' actress had already spoken on the issue and extended her support to the farmers. They reminded Mia how in December Priyanka had tweeted about the farmers' protest and attached screenshots of the 'Bajirao Mastani'

star's tweet in the comments section of the post. Meanwhile, besides this, Mia in a separate tweet on Sunday gave a shout-out to the farmers, days after she tweeted, to state that she is determined not to bow from her stance in support of the farmers protest in India. Khalifa posted a picture on Twitter on Sunday, where a plate full of food can be seen. Alongside the image, she wrote: "Shoutout to the farmers" On Friday, Khalifa, who found herself in the line of fire after coming out in support of the farmers' protest in India, tweeted to state that she is determined not to bow from her stance. She shared pictures of a protest against her and environmental activist Greta Thunberg, where protesters are holding placards stating: "Mia Khalifa regains consciousness", which seems to take a dig at her porn past. "Confirming I have in fact regained consciousness and would like to thank you for your concern, albeit unnecessary. Still standing with the farmers, though," she wrote while sharing the images. Last week, Khalifa tweeted, "What in the human rights violations is going on?! They cut the internet around New Delhi?! #FarmersProtest." "Paid actors, huh? Quite the casting director, I hope they're not overlooked during awards season. I stand with the farmers. #FarmersProtest," she expressed in a separate tweet sharing a photograph of protesting farmers. Her tweet came after posts by international pop sensation Rihanna and Greta Thunberg expressing their concern for the protesting farmers. Rihanna had tweeted: "Why aren't we talking about this?! #FarmersProtest." "We stand in solidarity with the #FarmersProtest in India," Greta had written.

ALIA BHAT LOVES NUMBER 8 JUST LIKE BOYFRIEND RANBIR KAPOOR AND OTHERS IN KAPOOR CLAN

One of the most sought after couples of Bollywood, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, often shipped together as Ralia by fans, have more than one thing in common. Besides the love for pets, the one other thing the two are obsessed with is number 8. Well, we aren't just saying it without confirmation. Alia herself spilt it out on her latest Instagram Story where she held a 'True or False' session with her fans on the photo-sharing platform. Alia Bhatt conducted a true/false session on her Instagram account wherein her fans made an assumption about her and then she revealed if it is true or false. So, when a fan asked her if number 8 happens to be her favourite number, the actress was prompt to reply with a "true" in a video upload. She also happened to mention "love" and made the heart sign after uttering the word "true", which when heard in a go sounded "true, love". Well, it doesn't come as a surprise since number 8 is Alia's boyfriend, actor Ranbir Singh's favourite number too. His obsession with number 8 is known to all. From his car to his football jersey sports the same, all of them have the number 8 on them or numbers which add up to 8. In fact, the late actor and Ranbir's father Rishi Kapoor's too was obsessed with number 8. The license of his Mercedes SUV was 4400 – adding to 8. Ranbir's cherry red Audi too had number 8 on it. The 'Wake Up Sid' star earlier had a blue Range Rover, which also bore the number 8. Ranbir's mom and



senior actor Neetu Kapoor's birthday happens to fall on July 8 and in fact, even her blue SUV bore the number 8. That's no coincidence, right! While the reason has never been revealed by the family, one assumes that because the Kapoor's believe in numerology, number 8 can be the meant one for them. However, according to a report in the Hindustan Times, Ranbir had once said, "My mom's birthday is on 8th. I just fell in love with the design of the number and also the fact that can mean infinity."

NETIZENS MASSIVELY TROLL KANGANA RANAUT FOR SHARING BIKINI PHOTOS OF RIHANNA



On Wednesday, Bollywood star Kangana Ranaut called international pop sensation Rihanna a "porn singer", a "porn star", and a "Left-Wing role model". Taking to her verified Twitter handle, Kangana shared two photos -- one of herself dressed in Indian wear and offering prayers and another of Rihanna in a bikini giving a performance on stage while members of the audience visible in the background are seen clicking photos of her. "Right Wing role model VS Left Wing role model ...I rest my case. #Indiatogether #IndiaAgainstPropoganda," Kangana Ranaut wrote alongside the post. "Sanghi Naari sabpe Bhaari Vs Libro role models their lil pussy cat dolls ... come on India show them our power. #IndiaTogether #IndiaAgainstPropoganda," the actress wrote in a separate tweet. Kangana also attached a scantily-clad picture of Rihanna alongside a saree-clad photo of herself along with the above two tweets. In a separate tweet, Kangana called pop star Rihanna a "porn singer", "porn star" and Canadian parliamentarian Jagmeet Singh a "terrorist". Reacting to a video featuring Jagmeet Singh talking about Rihanna following him on social media, Kangana wrote: "This terrorist is porn singer @rihanna's friend... he is accused of funding terroristic activities. There is a Khalistan in his head also. A porn star followed him and that's his biggest achievement #IndiaTogether #IndiaAgainstPropoganda." However, soon after Kangana tweeted steamy photos of the pop star, netizens started flooding social media with bikini-clad pictures of the actress, as well as screen grabs of her intimate scenes from past films. Trolls wasted no time in jumping into action and shared photographs of Kangana performing intimate scenes in films and took her to tasks. Here are some tweets that social media users shared in response to Kangana's Left-Wing tweet for Rihanna.

TAAPSEE PANNU'S TWEET RATTLES KANGANA RANAUT, LATTER CALLS HER 'WANNABE, DESPERATE, CLUELESS MORON'



After a few tweets by celebrities on 'India Together' and 'India Against Propaganda', Taapsee Pannu shared her views. The actor tweeted, "If one tweet rattles your unity, one-joke rattles your faith or one show rattles your religious belief then it's you who has to work on strengthening your value system not become 'propaganda teacher' for others." Soon after that, Kangana Ranaut jumped in and once again called Taapsee a 'sasti copy' while she slammed her. Kangana tweeted, "B grade logon ki B grade thinking, one should stand up for one's faith motherland and family, yehi Karm hai yehi Dharm bhi hai... free fund ka sirf khaane wale mat bano... iss desh ka bojh... that's why I call them B grade... ignore them, freeloaders..." She also wrote, "Yeah her only achievement is it be a sasti copy... Since she styled herself like me people started noticing her, librus are happy to find not just sasti also atrocious, ugly and more than willing to be anti-national as well, Never saw such a wannabe, desperate and clueless moron..." One of the Tweeters posted Kangana's replies to Taapsee and wrote, "Looks like @taapsee's tweet really rattled someone. This would have been funny had it not been this toxic or abusive." To which Taapsee replied, "But what if those are the basics of someone's DNA? Or RNA? Or even platelets." While Smriti Karan quote tweeted Taapsee's tweet and called her 'Queen', to which the latter replied, "Hahahhhaha. Arre is word ka toh copyright patent hai just like the curly hair n being an opinionated person." This is not the first time Kangana attacked Taapsee on Twitter! However, Twitter has been deleting Kangana's tweets citing it as 'This Tweet is no longer available because it violated the Twitter Rules'.

KRITI SANON CONFIRMED TO JOIN HER FIRST CO-STAR TIGER SHROFF FOR 'GANAPATH', FIRST LOOK OUT



It is confirmed! Kriti Sanon has been revealed as the leading lady for Tiger Shroff's action film 'Ganapath'. The Vikas Bahl directorial that promises to be a genre-defying, dystopian, massive, action thriller has found its female lead. The makers of 'Ganapath' are leaving no stone unturned to make sure that their big-budget, action blockbuster is the most eagerly awaited film of 2022. Recently, they announced the film with a viral motion poster that heralded Tiger Shroff as the action star with a global appeal. The news was announced with a poster launch that shows Kriti in a never seen before sensational action avatar. This will be the second film that Kriti and Tiger will be doing together after their debut film, 'Heropanti.'

Speaking about the film and working with Tiger, Kriti said, "I'm thrilled to reunite with Tiger after about 7 years and also to be directed by Vikas in a space that is so new to me. I've been wanting to explore the genre of Action for a while now and I'm super excited to do so on such a massive scale with Pooja Entertainment! Jacky is a very passion-

ate producer and I'm glad to be starting my journey with them with such a cool character."

Taking to his Instagram handle, Tiger shared the first look of Kriti in a stunning, rugged, and badass avatar with a bike. He captioned the post as, "Khatam hua intezaar @kritisanon Super excited to work with this bundle of talent again." On the other hand, Kriti also shared the same on social media and introduced her character Jassi. She wrote, "Meet JASSI !! Super Duper Excited for this one!! Teaming up once again with my very special @tigerjackieshroff Can't wait for the shoot to begin! Lets KILL it!"

On the other hand, director Vikas Bahl said, "Kriti not only has a riveting screen presence but she also has the persona of a superstar. She is truly 'The Right One' to star opposite Tiger as I am confident she will make a perfect action heroine. I am extremely excited and looking forward to working with the two wonderful artists."

'Ganapath' is helmed by Vikas Bahl and produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh, Vikas Bahl, and Jacky Bhagnani.

LOOKIT! PRIYANKA CHOPRA-NICK JONAS' UNSEEN 'GRIHA PRAVESH' MOMENT UNVEILED IN 'UNFINISHED', PHOTO INSIDE



Priyanka Chopra Jonas' book Unfinished: A Memoir has hit the stands and fans are grabbing their copies now and then. Several fan clubs have shared a few excerpts from the book including unseen photos of the actor. One of the fan clubs posted a few special moments of Priyanka and her husband Nick Jonas starting from their whirlwind romance to entering marital bliss. The photos are mushy and too palpable for words.

We got our hands on a photo of Priyanka and Nick from her 'Griha Pravesh' ceremony to the new house in Los Angeles, California. In the photo, the actor is seen wearing a white printed jumpsuit with a stole placed as a veil on her head. She is seen carrying a small pot with

coconut and flowers on her head while Nick follows her with a puja thali. Both are welcomed with flower petals at the entrance. In the book, Priyanka captioned the photo as "Moving into our new house during quarantine was unusual, but we made the best of it, including a Griha Pravesh (house-warming) ceremony." Meanwhile, Nick was all praises for his wife Priyanka as she made her debut as an author. He tweeted, "My beautiful wife @priyankachopra just added PUBLISHED AUTHOR to her already long list of achievements! Unfinished is out now! Congratulations Pri! You are all going to love this book." PeeCee replied to him by quote tweeting, "Thank you, babe. You're the best."

'I'VE TO GO MARRY SALMAN KHAN BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO BE MY SAVIOUR': SOMY ALI ON COMING TO MUMBAI AT 16

Pakistani descent Somy Ali has made headlines when she spoke about her desire to tie the knot with Salman Khan after watching Maine Pyar Kiya. Not only she met Salman, but they even got into a relationship soon after. However, the couple broke it off in 1999. Now during an interaction with Bombay Times, Somy spoke at length about falling in love with Salman and how she ran off to India in a desire to marry him. Somy stated, "It was 1991 and I was 16. I saw Maine Pyar Kiya, and I went, 'I have to marry this guy!' I told my mom that I am going to India tomorrow. She, of course, sent me off to my room, but I kept pleading that I have to go to India and marry this guy Salman Khan. That night, I had a dream that I have to go marry Salman because he is going to be my saviour. Since she wouldn't relent, I called my dad. Of course, I didn't tell him why I wanted to visit India." She further said, "I told him that we have relatives in Mumbai and I wanted to meet them. I also told him that my biggest dream is to see the Taj Mahal, which I must admit, I haven't seen to this day (laughs!). I was born in Pakistan and had lived there for a few years before I move to Miami, so I spent a week there, and then landed in India and checked into a five-star hotel. People used to make fun of me because I was this 'struggling actor', who was staying at a plush hotel." Meanwhile, Somy returned to the US soon after her breakup with Salman and completed her education.



NAKUUL MEHTA SAYS FATHERHOOD IS 'SURREAL, DEEPLY EMOTIONAL YET MAGICAL' AFTER WELCOMING BABY BOY WITH JANKEE PAREKH



Nakuul Mehta has announced on Saturday that his singer wife Jankee Parekh and he have been blessed with a baby boy. The couple was blessed with the little prince on February 3. Describing the feeling of fatherhood, Nakuul said that it is "overwhelming" and while the couple has settled on a name, Nakuul said that "it's private" for now.

During an interview with Hindustan Times, Nakuul said, "It was overwhelming to be in the operation theatre (OT) besides my wife, and watch my child being born. I had heard it often enough, but nothing prepares you for that kind of rush. It's surreal, deeply emotional, and yet magical in so many ways. I'm not sure if the fact that I'm a father has sunk in completely yet. We're only a week into this, but I do feel infinite compassion and love for this new life and for everybody around me." Speaking about how their parents had reacted to the news of their baby being born, Nakuul said, "We're just grateful to have this healthy baby with us. I video called our parents from the OT and literally had my parents hold on to the suspense until I got Jankee's parents also on call, and in that exhausted yet delicious state broke the news to the excited grandparents. I managed to screenshot their reaction for posterity."

ABRAM KHAN IS 'BOXING READY' IN LATEST PHOTO, GAURI KHAN CALLS HIM 'MY MIKE TYSON'



AbRam Khan, the youngest son of Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan is the apple of his parents' eyes. The couple often shares adorable moments of the young lad on social media pages. Moreover, during several media interactions, SRK and Gauri speak at length about his antics and the loving relationship they share with AbRam. On Wednesday, Gauri took to her social media pages and shared the latest photo of the little munchkin. AbRam is seen boxing ready in the photo wearing wrestling gloves and giving an intense pose for the camera. He sported a grey T-Shirt and matching boxer shorts while getting clicked. Gauri captioned the photo stating, "My Mike Tyson." Celebs namely Malaika Arora and Amrita Arora Ladak commented, "Cutie". While Neelam Kothari Soni wrote, "miss him." Earlier during an interaction with NDTV, Gauri shared lockdown stories of Aryan Khan, Suhana Khan and AbRam. She had said, "Suhana has her online school which keeps her very, very busy. Thankfully. Aryan is just through with his college, so he needs a break. And that is exactly what he is doing. Relaxing, watching movies, playing games. AbRam is back to school.. something very new. It was initially quite hard on the kids..at his age. But he is coping well. Spending a lot of time with the family and all of us together." About Shah Rukh, she said, "During this lockdown, we were initially scared to even order any food from outside. So 'Ghar ka khana' is made by Shah Rukh himself and we are enjoying it. He loves cooking and I enjoy eating."

Sunny Leone calls cheating charge 'slandorous', 'deeply hurtful' and 'unsolicited'

Sunny Leone has refuted cheating claims levelled against her, saying that half-baked information is as dangerous as misreporting. On her part, she has alleged lack of timely payment in the concerned deal.

Last week, Sunny was questioned by Kerala Police at a private resort in Thiruvananthapuram. The interrogation was conducted following a complaint filed by an events manager in Kochi in an alleged cheating case.

R. Shiyas, who conducts events in and around Kochi, had filed a complaint with the Kerala DGP alleging that Sunny had taken Rs 29 lakh from him while promising to attend various inaugural functions in the state but failed to do so. The case is related to a 2019 event. She has now accused the events organiser of sharing incorrect information and hopes that law will take its course. "Half information is as dangerous as misreporting. And this is yet another case of the same. I want to set the record straight," Sunny said. "As an artist, work is worship for me. I was nothing but gracious, understanding even moving my schedule multiple times over the organisers. But they wouldn't commit to a set date. It is customary that to lock an actor's time, an advance has to be paid upfront, which wasn't done till the nth hour," she continued.

'Theek ho rahi hoon': Rhea Chakraborty replies to paparazzi asking how she's holding up



A recent video of actress Rhea Chakraborty is doing the rounds on social media where the paparazzi can be heard greeting her as she comes out of a gym in Mumbai city. As Rhea comes out of the gym, the paps waiting outside to click pictures and record videos of her, are heard asking her how she was to which the 'Jalebi' star replies 'Theek ho rahi hu (I'm getting better)'. Rhea Chakraborty, who lost her boyfriend, actor Sushant Singh Rajput, last year, has had a tough 2020 where, from being accused in the death of Rajput to being jailed in a drugs case, the actress was in the news for all the wrong reasons. Rhea, who was in a relationship with Sushant, was accused by the late actor's family of abetment of suicide and embezzlement of his funds, among other things. She was arrested on a drug-related charge in the case consequently spending nearly a month in jail before she was granted bail. Currently, investigating in his death case is on and the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Enforcement Directorate and the Narcotics Control Bureau are all probing the case from various angles including

financial and drugs. Meanwhile, in the video of Rhea exiting her gym and getting into her car has now gone viral on the internet. Earlier, in an interview to SpotboyE, Rhea's director-friend Rumi Jaffrey had said, "It has been a traumatic year for her. Of course, the year was bad for everyone. But in her case, it was trauma on another level. Can you imagine any girl from a well-to-do middle-class family spending a month in jail? It has crushed her morale completely." He further mentioned to the portal in his interview that he met her recently and assured her that she will be welcomed in the industry with open arms. He said, "I met her recently. She was withdrawn and quiet. Didn't speak much. Can't blame her after what she has gone through. Let the heat and dust settle down. I'm sure Rhea will have a lot to say." Rumi and Rhea have worked on the upcoming film 'Chehre' starring Emraan Hashmi, Amitabh Bachchan and Rhea Chakraborty. The film which was announced in 2019 was slated for release on July 17, 2020, but got delayed due to the ongoing pandemic.

AMITABH BACHCHAN HAS THE SWEETEST WISH FOR SON ABHISHEK BACHCHAN ON HIS 45TH BIRTHDAY

Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan took to social media to wish his son, actor Abhishek Bachchan, on his birthday. Abhishek turned 45 on Friday. Wishing Abhishek on Instagram and his official blog, Big B posted a then-and-now collage of throwback pictures with his son. "I lead him once holding his hand ... he leads me now holding my hand," the veteran actor wrote with the picture. The first picture in the collage Abhishek as a child, being lead by Big B who holds his hand. The second image, a recent one has Abhishek holding his father's hand and leading him. The second picture seems to be clicked at a Bollywood function. "He has been wished ... he has been decorated with the memories of his birth and connected in this world today on that flat piece of technology that has transformed the very existence of the human ? leads me .. when I did once lead him," Big B blogged. On the work front, Big B will soon be seen with Emraan Hashmi in "Chehre", and in Nagraj Manjule's "Jhund". In Ayan Mukerji's "Brahmastra" he shares screen space with Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Nagarjuna and Mouni Roy. The superstar also has an untitled film coming up with Prabhas and Deepika Padukone. Meanwhile, several Bollywood celebrities took to social media to extend birthday wishes to Junior Bachchan. Bachchan's 'Delhi 6' director Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra shared a picture from the time of the shooting of the film and dedicated the hit song 'Rehna Tu' to him. The picture sees the actor-director duo seated in one of the Delhi-6 mosques. "Happy birthday @bachchan, Rehna tu hai jaisa tuh," he wrote in the caption of the post. Filmmaker Farah Khan, on the other hand, shared several pictures of herself with the birthday boy including a picture from the time when international singer Ed Sheeran had come to India. "You will always be my favourite boy ... soooo many happy memories with you, of you.. happy birthday @bachchan love you always, till we do the issnake dance again," she wrote in the caption.



Abhishek's 'Bol Bachchan' co-star Ajay Devgn took to Instagram to share a picture of himself with him and penned down a birthday note. "Happy Birthday dear Abhishek. Hope you have a good one. Wish you the very best today & always. @bachchan #HappyBirthdayAbhishekBachchan," he wrote. Senior actor Sanjay Dutt took to Twitter and shared a picture of himself hugging Bachchan and wrote, "Happy Birthday little brother @juniorbachchan! May you always be blessed with the best." Bachchan's 'Happy New Year' co-star Sonu Sood also shared a picture with him on Twitter and wished him on the occasion. "Happy birthday mere bhai ..u were,u are and u will remain my most favourite. Love u loads. @juniorbachchan," he wrote. Wishing her 'Delhi 6' co-star happy birthday, Sonam Kapoor shared a couple of pictures with the birthday boy and penned a special note on her Instagram Stories. "Happy happy birthday darling @bachchan I have the best memories of working with you.. you're kind, funny and supremely talented. No negativity has ever deterred your joie de vivre. Keep smiling and keep going. Lots and lots of love," wrote Kapoor. She also shared a monochromatic picture with the 'Refugee' star.

AFTER SHIKHAR DHAWAN, ACTOR RAJPAL YADAV FEEDS GRAINS TO SIBERIAN BIRDS DESPITE BAN



Despite a ban, actor Rajpal Yadav on Friday was seen feeding grains to the Siberian birds on the Sangam coast in Prayagraj. For the uninformed, in the wake of the Bird Flu pandemic, the District Administration had ordered a complete ban on feeding the Siberian birds. However, unfortunately, Rajpal Yadav was seen breaking the rule. It has been reported that no one tried to stop the actor from feeding the birds, despite clear instructions that is a ban on the said activity. However, the administration claims that there were enough security personnel deployed to stop anyone from feeding the bird who have flocked to the Sangam coast and nearby wetlands of Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, after a video of the actor feeding the birds surfaced, SP Crime Ashutosh Mishra has said that an inquiry will be conducted in the case. Earlier, Indian cricketer, Shikhar Dhawan too was spotted feeding birds during his cruise on the Ganga river in Varanasi. According to the inputs, an official complaint has been filed in the Varanasi court. As per the rules set by the district authority of Varanasi, they prohibited feeding birds amidst the outbreak as lakhs of birds could get infected. With the photos of Shikhar Dhawan and the birds going viral, the Varanasi District Administration took the matter in its own hands. An inquiry on the complete matter with immediate effect was requested and the District Magistrate also informed that the sailor of the boat in which Dhawan was sailing was also under the scanner. The District Magistrate also informed that the sailor of the boat should have been aware of the local laws. The Indian Cricket Team will take on England in their own backyard, with the first Test of the four-match series beginning from February 5 at Chennai.

Salman Khan has THIS to say about ongoing farmers' protest in Delhi



Salman Khan became the latest celebrity to voice his thoughts about the ongoing farmers' protest against the three farm laws when he was questioned by paparazzi at a recent event about his opinion on the issue. The issue picked up a few days back after pop icon Rihanna and activist Greta Thunberg extended support for the protesting farmers. Reacting to it, Salman Khan said whatever was the correct thing to do, should be done. He was quoted by SpotboyE as saying, "The right thing should be done. The most correct thing should be done. The most noble thing should be done." Earlier this week, Rihanna had shared a news article on the issue and had written, "Why aren't we talking about this?! #FarmersProtest." After Rihanna's tweet, several Indian celebrities including Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Suniel Shetty, and cricketers such as Virat Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar had posted on the subject, using the hashtags #IndiaTogether and #IndiaAgainstPropaganda. This is the first time that Salman opened up about the issue. The actor has essentially been busy shooting for his upcoming project, 'Antim'. The film sees him play a Sikh cop. He is paired opposite Aayush Sharma, the latter playing a negative role in the film.

Deepika Padukone beats all Bollywood female actors to achieve this milestone

The latest release of 'Celebrity Brand Valuation Study 2020' by Duff & Phelps labels Deepika Padukone as a brand favourite, receiving heaps of love from brands, fans and audiences she is Indian's most loved female actor. Also, to top it all, she has again made a place at the top as the most valued female celebrity in the country. Deepika races ahead of some of India's biggest male superstars even, valued at 50.4\$ million. Reportedly, in the coming days, the actor will have a few more brands in her kitty. Deepika who debuted on the silver screen in 2007 with Om Shanti Om and continues to hold a strong place in the industry. DP as been the brand ambassador for global brands for years together and still rings in with the weight and recognition that follows her name. An army of 52 million followers on Instagram and almost 30 million followers on Twitter, Deepika is loved by the masses and is one of the most followed Indian celebrities. As per TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) in 2019, Deepika topped the list of the Most Trusted Female Celebrity. Her appearances at the Cannes and Met Gala in 2019 were graceful reminders of her striking personality and what an ethereal beauty she is. Deepika will next be seen in Shakun Batra's next directorial, then would be The Intern's Hindi remake. Deepika will also be seen opposite Shah Rukh Khan in Pathaan and then will be sharing screen space opposite Prabhas in a Pan-India Film directed by Nag Ashwin. Then comes the recently announced Fighter opposite Hrithik Roshan and her home production Mahabharata from Draupadi's point-of-view.





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ALL OUT! VIRAT KOHLI'S 72 COULD NOT SAVE INDIA AS HOSTS LOSE 1ST TEST AGAINST ENGLAND AT CHEPAUK STADIUM



A TOTAL OF 120 POINTS IS UP FOR GRABS AND THIS IS THE FINAL SERIES IN THE CURRENT ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP CYCLE FOR BOTH SIDES.

India who needed to win to keep progressing in the ICC World Test Championship saw the Men in Blue lose the first match against England at the MA Chidambaram Stadium. India scored 192 all-out as England won by 227 runs and the 4-match Test series is now 1-0 in favour of the visitors.

James Anderson produced three of the best possible deliveries to dismiss Shubman Gill, Ajinkya Rahane, and Rishabh Pant on day five of the ongoing first Test. Jack Leach too produced excellent spells as he got the better of Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ravichandran Ashwin and Shahbaz Nadeem.

Indian skipper Virat Kohli's 72 too could not help India draw the match as Ben Stokes cleaned him up to drown all of India's hopes. There were a lot of similarities as to what had happened in Sydney and Gabba to what was required here. However, the main factor was the challenging conditions at Chepauk as the surface had become very abrasive which helped the ball to reverse.

A total of 120 points is up for grabs and this is the final series in the current ICC World Test Championship cycle for both sides. For England to reach the final and face New Zealand in the final, they have to win by a margin of at least 3-0 or 4-0 in order to qualify for the final. At the lunch break on day five, India's score reads 144/6 and the side was still 276 runs away from the target. For the hosts, Virat Kohli and

Ravichandran Ashwin were unbeaten then on 45 and 2 respectively. The first session saw 105 runs being scored in 26 overs.

Resuming day five at 39/1, India did not get off to a good start as Jack Leach continued from where he left off on day four and he sent back Cheteshwar Pujara (15) in just the seventh over of the final day. India skipper Kohli then joined Gill in the middle and the hopes of scrapping away with a draw relied heavily on these two batters.

Gill took a special liking towards off-spinner Dominic Bess and this saw the right-handed batter bring up his third half-century in Test cricket. England skipper Joe Root then introduced Anderson into the attack, and the veteran did not disappoint as he produced a jaffer to rattle the stumps of Gill (50). In the very same over, Anderson castled the stumps of Rahane (0), leaving India reeling at 92/4. Rishabh Pant who played a knock of 91 in the first innings, failed to leave a mark in the second innings as he was dismissed by Anderson. Pant just managed to score 11 in the second innings. Soon after, Washington Sundar (0) was sent back to the pavilion by Dominic Bess, and this reduced India to 117/6.

In the end, Kohli and Ashwin ensured that India did not lose more wickets before the lunch break and now the hosts would hope that these two batters continue to frustrate the visitors.

Social distancing, masks mandatory for fans during second Test

Fans will have to wear face masks and maintain social distancing when they flock to the MA Chidambaram Stadium for the second Test between India and England, starting from February 13.

The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association on Monday announced the protocols for around 15,000 fans, heading to watch the second Test, which included denial of entry to anyone who shows symptoms of COVID-19.

The game will mark the return of spectators for an international match in India after COVID-19 outbreak forced a complete shutdown of sporting activity in March last year. The first Test is being played without spectators. "Conditions to be adhered by the spectators during the 2nd Test Match at MAC Stadium. Face mask, covering mouth and nose, is mandatory for entry into the stadium and maintain social distancing within the stadium premises at all times," TNCA said in a media release.

"Persons showing any symptoms of COVID 19 like fever, cough, cold etc will be denied entry into the stadium," it added.

The authorities have also cautioned fans to refrain from indulging in racist behaviour, adding that strict action will be taken against anyone flouting the rules. During the recent tour of Australia, some of the India players were racially abused, which has also been confirmed by Cricket Australia. "Spectators are cautioned not to indulge or display anti-racist, religious or political activities, foul/abusive/unruly language inside the stadium, that could disturb the game and such persons will be dealt with in accordance to law. "Strict disciplinary action will be initiated by authorities against all persons violating covid & security protocols." Items such as binoculars, speakers, musical instrument have been prohibited.

Other prohibited items include "bags, jholas, briefcases, radios, laser



pointers, digital diaries, laptops, computers, tape recorders, recording devices, binoculars, remote-controlled devices, inflammable material, musical instruments, speakers, professional/video cameras among others. The media, which was barred entry for the series-opening Test, will also be allowed to cover the second fixture. The second Test will also see the stadium's three stands — I, J and K — being opened for spectators for an international match for the first time since 2012. The three stands were sealed after the 2011 World Cup owing to various issues, depriving the city of the opportunity to host matches at various events, including the World T20 in 2016 and the IPL final in 2019. An exception was made when the stands were opened for an ODI between India and Pakistan in 2012.

'If you're trying to dig something out' Virat says THIS about Rahane after his twin failures

Skipper Virat Kohli has come out in support of his deputy Ajinkya Rahane after the latter was criticised for the lack of runs from his bat in the last few innings. The concern regarding his form increased in the recently concluded first Test against England, where Rahane scored just 1 run in the match as he got out for a duck in the second innings.

Asked about Rahane's struggles with the bat, Virat Kohli said, "If you're trying to dig something out, you're not gonna get anything because there's nothing. Ajinkya is, I've said this many a times in the past as well, along with (Cheteshwar) Pujara, he is our most important Test batsman and he's gonna continue to be.

"We believe in his abilities, we've believed in his abilities for a long time now. He is an impact player. If you're talking about the MCG Test, he stood up and scored a hundred when the team wanted it the most. So, you can look at the number of innings and what happens from there on, the reality of the situation is we won the series in Australia. And, here there's just one test, two innings. Yes, you can put today's innings aside, in the first innings he wanted to score a boundary.

ISHANT SHARMA REACHES MT. 300

Ishant Sharma on Monday became the third Indian pacer to bag 300 Test wickets, after Kapil Dev and Zaheer Khan. Sharma, 32, reached the milestone when he dismissed England batsman Dan Lawrence in the 16th over of England's second innings in the Chennai Test.

Sharma is now the sixth Indian bowler to reach the landmark in red-ball cricket. He is also the slowest to 300 wickets. Former India captain and leg-spinner Anil Kumble is on top of the charts with 619 wickets. Kapil Dev (434), Harbhajan Singh (417), R Ashwin (382), Zaheer Khan (311), and Ishant (300*) follow suit. Ashwin was the fastest to get there, taking only 54 matches, followed by Kumble (66), Harbhajan (72), Kapil (83), and Zaheer (89).

He has 11 five-wicket hauls and picked up 10 wickets in a match once. The lanky pacer's spell to former Australian captain Ricky Ponting during his teenage years is still discussed in Indian cricketing circles. Ishant, who made his Test debut back in 2007 against Bangladesh, missed the four-match Test series against Australia due to a side strain and came back for the challenge against England.

Ravichandran Ashwin breaks unique over 100-year-old record against England

As India keep fighting against England on the fourth day of the first Test at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Monday, veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin achieved a feat to be proud of. After Joe Root won the toss, he led his team from the front with a mighty double hundred on his 100th Test. England posted a mammoth 578 in their first essay and in reply, India got dismissed for 337-all out on Monday despite Washington Sundar's brave 85 not out. During the visitors' second innings, India enjoyed a perfect start courtesy of an opening ball dismissal by Ashwin. With his dismissal of Rory Burns, the Tamil Nadu-born bowler became the first spinner in more than 100 years to get a wicket off the first ball of an innings.

Before the 34-year-old, former South African cricketer Bert Vogler achieved the feat in 1907. The first spinner ever to pick up a wicket off the first ball of an innings was former England bowler Bobby Peel in 1888. Earlier in the first innings, Ashwin had claimed 3/146 including the wickets of Burns, Ollie Pope and James Anderson. He also bowled the longest in an innings of a Test match for India, bowling a total of 55.1 overs.

Most overs in an innings by Ashwin: 53.1 vs England, Chennai (2020/21*) 53.0 vs Australia, Adelaide (2011/12) 52.5 vs Australia, Adelaide (2018/19) 52.3 vs England, Kolkata (2012/13) 52.1 vs West Indies, Mumbai (2011/12)

During his earlier spell, Ashwin also bowled the first-ever no-ball of his Test career. The off-spinner had gone more than 20,600 balls before overstepping in Test cricket.

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A DEJECTED VIRAT KOHLI REACTS AS WICKETS TUMBLE

WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP: ENGLAND ON TOP, INDIA SLIPS TO FOURTH POSITION, HERE'S WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO QUALIFY

England have comprehensively beaten the Indian team in the first Test of the four-match series in Chennai. As a result, the 227-run defeat is not just a blow to the hosts' chances in the series, but also to their hopes of qualifying for the World Test Championship (WTC) final at the Lord's.

The defeat in the clash at Chepauk meant England went to the top of the pile in the WTC points table and subsequently India slipped to the fourth position, now even behind the Australian side. The heavy defeat had landed India in trouble and severely dented their hopes of the Lord's date with New Zealand in June this year.

What does India need to do?

India were at 430 points out of 600 played before the series began. However, after the loss, they still have 430 points in the kitty but out of 630. The loss has taken their points percentage (PCT) to 68.25, further below than that of Australia. The loss means, India now can't lose

any of the three remaining games in the series and have to win at least two. India will have to win the series against England by margins of 2-1 or 3-1 to ensure their PCT stays ahead of Australia to qualify for the final. India needed 381 runs on the final day of the Test match, however, left-arm spinner Jack Leach and James Anderson ran through the Indian middle-order as apart from skipper Virat Kohli, none of the other batsmen could offer any resistance and the Indian side succumbed to a heavy defeat.

What does England need to do?

With this win, England have boosted their chances of facing New Zealand in another Test match at home this season (England and New Zealand will be playing two Tests in June before the WTC final takes place at Lord's).

England's PCT before the series was at 68.67 (412 points out of 600 played) but this win has helped it to rocket to 70.15, resulting in them

leapfrogging New Zealand in the points table. The situation for the England side is clear, they have to win at least two more games, and they will be through. If they lose two out of the remaining three in the series, they will be out of the reckoning from the race to the final. So, England has to win the series by margins of 3-1, 3-0 or 4-0 to make it to the final.

What do Australia should hope for?

For Australian side, whose fate depends on this series can only hope for the results to go in their favour to have hopes of meeting their Trans-Tasman rivals in the final. They don't need India winning the series, which means they will be hoping for England to win one more match, but not more than that.

Thus, scenarios for Australia to qualify will be if England win the series by 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 or if the series gets drawn by 1-1 or 2-2 between the two teams.

LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAY IN FRONT OF FANS: ENGLAND'S JAMES ANDERSON ON 2ND CHENNAI TEST



After delivering a sensational spell in the first Test against India, England pacer James Anderson is eager to play in front of the fans when the two sides lock horns in the second game from Saturday. The first Test between India and England was played behind closed doors but the second Test will have 50 per cent crowd in attendance at the MA Chidambaram Stadium, the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) secretary had confirmed last week.

Speaking to ANI, TNCA secretary RS Ramasaamy said that the association has got the final approval from the BCCI to allow fans to come in for the second game of the Test series.

"We will have 50 per cent crowd for the second Test," he said.

Anderson said it would be a great sight to play in front of the crowd in the second Test and the pacer is looking forward to the fixture ahead.

"The safety around the bubble in the hotel is so strict and I am sure

they will take all the right precautions. They are gearing up for the fans to come in which would be great and we look forward to that," Anderson during the virtual press conference.

England defeated India by 227 runs in the first Test at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Tuesday. Anderson produced three of the best possible deliveries to dismiss Shubman Gill, Ajinkya Rahane, and Rishabh Pant. Anderson hailed the team's "complete performance" against India which led them to an impressive win and said his side is "trying to develop skills to win anywhere in the world."

"It was a solid performance throughout the five days and I thought it was a complete performance from the whole team," Anderson said after the match.

"We feel like we are building something and we push each other. For me, as I get older, I feel like I need to work harder and we are trying to develop skills to win anywhere in the world which you need to do if you want to get to number one which is our goal," he said.

The 38-year-old, Anderson stressed that he can still improve his game. "I feel like I am getting better and feel that I can still keep improving. Fitness, skills and consistency is something that I am continuously trying to improve. I cannot see why I cannot keep getting better," he said.

England's winning start against India in their ICC World Test Championship series has kept alive the visiting side's hopes of making the final of the nine-team competition.

The victory at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Tuesday has lifted England to first place and 70.2 percentage points on the points table and they've improved their chances of securing one of the three series results in their favour that could see them through to the final - 3-1, 3-0 or 4-0.

DID JOE ROOT RECEIVE ONE AFTER LOSS? MICHAEL VAUGHAN ON INDIA NOT GIVING SIGNED JERSEY TO SKIPPER FOR HIS 100TH TEST



India lost the 1st Test of the four-match series against England at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai by a massive 227 runs.

It was a special occasion for the English skipper Joe Root as he played his 100th game for England in the longest format of the game. The batsman made the 1st Test even more memorable by winning the Man of the Match award for his knock of 218 runs in the first innings.

Following the iconic win, former England captain Michael Vaughan took a sly dig at the home side and questioned India for not giving any signed shirt to Root to acknowledge his 100th Test match.

The remark comes after India had won hearts at The Gabba in Brisbane by giving a signed shirt to the Australian spinner Nathan Lyon for playing his 100th Test.

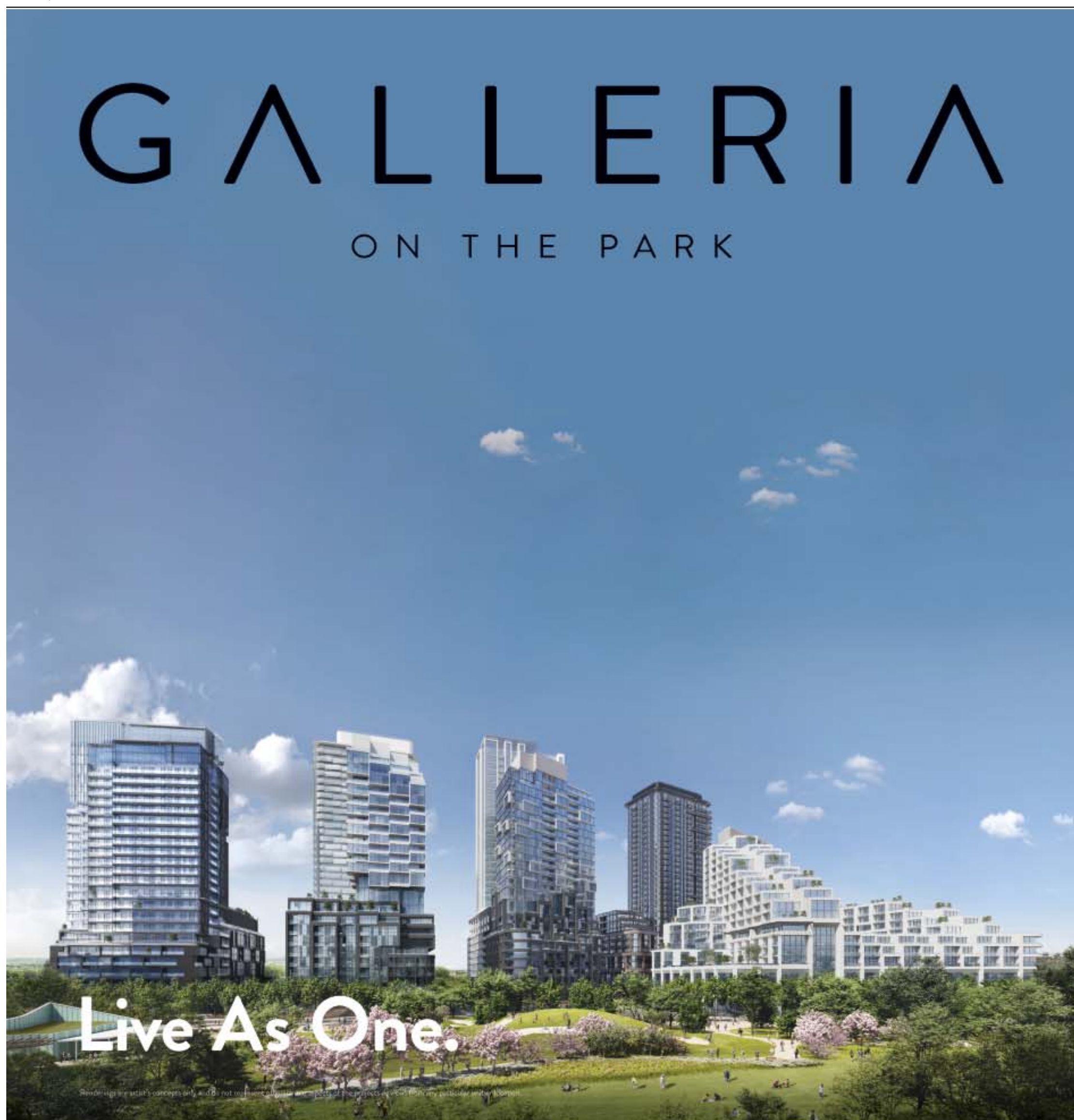
Referring to the same, Vaughan took to Twitter and wrote why Root wasn't presented with a signed shirt. The veteran asserted that India didn't do any such gesture due to the embarrassing defeat in Chennai. Michael Vaughan wrote, "India gifted @NathLyon421 a signed shirt for his 100th Test at the end of the Gabba Win ... Did @root66 receive one today after the loss?? Not sure if it happened? Can anyone confirm?" As for the Day 5 clash, India skipper Virat Kohli showed resilience in the second innings but the England bowlers dominated the hosts right from the start of the final day. With this win, England has taken a 1-0 lead in the four-match Test series. The win over India in the first Test has also propelled England to the top of the ICC World Test Championship standings. A total of 120 points is up for grabs and this is the final series in the current ICC World Test Championship cycle for both sides. For England to reach the final and face New Zealand in the final, they have to win by a margin of at least 3-0 or 4-0 in order to qualify for the final.

IND VS ENG: 'VIRAT MAY STEP DOWN FROM CAPTAINCY IF INDIA LOSE SECOND TEST,' SAYS MONTY PANESAR

Former England left-arm spinner Monty Panesar has said that the pressure of performing and leading his side to a victory in Tests might be building on Team India skipper Virat Kohli suggesting that he might take a huge call on his captaincy if India are to lose the second Test against England in the ongoing series.

India's Test captaincy debate took another turn on Tuesday after the hosts lost to England by 227 runs in the first Test in Chennai. Virat Kohli, who now stands at an unwanted streak for a skipper, losing his all the last four games, hasn't been able to inspire his side from his leadership. Speaking to WION, Monty Panesar said, "Virat Kohli is one of the greatest batsmen of all-time. But the team is simply not doing well under him and we have the result in the last four Tests that India played under him. I think Kohli will be under pressure and more now because Rahane has done phenomenally well as the captain. India have already lost four Tests in a row and if the number goes to five in the next match, then I think he will step down from his role."

Not just the captaincy, the star of England's 2012/13 series win in India, Panesar came down heavily on team management's decision of playing one Test old Shahbaz Nadeem over the experienced Kuldeep Yadav in the game, after Axar Patel injured himself in the nets, a day before the match started. "I just don't understand why India would play Shahbaz Nadeem over Kuldeep Yadav. Kuldeep has been with the team since ages, he is bowling regularly in the nets and is in a rhythm. I don't know how much Nadeem has played since the lockdown but Kuldeep should have started," he reckoned. Nadeem picked four wickets in the game, but proved to be expensive as he gave away 167 runs and 66 runs in the two innings going at 3.8 and 4.4 respectively. Panesar was also delighted with his side's win, given how dominant India are in the Test matches especially in their home conditions and beating them so comprehensively will surely bring excitement amongst the English fans, who have long awaited their team's consistent performances in the longest format, away from home. "It is an unbelievable win. The way England have played over the last five days show how much confidence is there in that team. Joe Root needs to be lauded for the way he led his troops from the front. Everyone in that team stepped up in some manner and that is what makes team sport great. The players need to savor this moment. It will be celebrated for long," Panesar said.



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