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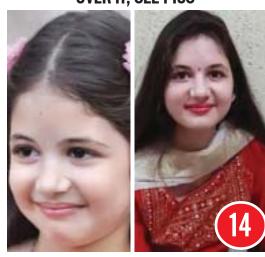
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# SHARAD KELKAR ON PLAYING LAXMII: **NEVER EXPECTED THIS KIND OF REACTION**



ACTOR SHARAD KELKAR ON PLAYING LAXMII, AND HIS MOST CHALLENGING SCENE IN THE RAGHAVA LAWRENCE DIRECTORIAL. HE EVEN RATES AKSHAY KUMAR'S PERFORMANCE. IF THERE WAS AN AWARD FOR THE BEST-KEPT SECRET IN FILMS, SHARAD KELKAR WILL DEFINITELY WIN HANDS DOWN. THE ACTOR WHO ESSAYED THE TITULAR ROLE IN LAXMII CAME ACROSS AS A HAPPY SURPRISE. "THE PLAN WAS TO KEEP IT UNDER WRAPS," SHARED THE ACTOR, AS HE BASKS IN THE APPRECIATION FOR PLAYING A TRANSGENDER PERSON IN THE AKSHAY KUMAR AND KIARA ADVANI STARRER LAXMII. DIRECTED BY RAGHAVA LAWRENCE, LAXMII IS A REMAKE OF HIS OWN TAMIL FILM KANCHANA. IT REVOLVES AROUND A MAN ASIF (KUMAR) WHO GETS POSSESSED BY THE GHOST OF LAXMII, A TRANSGENDER. THE FILM IS STREAMING ON DISNEY PLUS HOTSTAR. WHILE THE FILM RECEIVED A MIXED RESPONSE, KELKAR HAS GARNERED APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK.

#### SALMAN KHAN'S BAJRANGI BHAJJAAN CO-STAR HARSHAALI MALHOTRA IS ALL GROWN UP AND FANS CAN'T GET **OVER IT, SEE PICS**



SALMAN KHAN'S CO-ACTOR FROM BAJRANGI BHAIJAAN, LITTLE MUNNI, IS ALL GROWN UP. THE ACTOR TOOK TO INSTAGRAM TO SHARE HER PHO-TOS AS SHE CELEBRATED DIWALI AND BHAI DOOJ.

#### MOM-TO-BE ANUSHKA SHARMA FLAUNTS PREGNANCY GLOW AS SHE DAZZLES IN WHITE



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REACTING TO THE VIDEO THAT TIGER SHARED, RUMOURED GIRLFRIEND DISHA PATANI, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING HIM AT THE PICTURESQUE **LOCATION, LEFT SEVERAL CLAPPING EMOJIS** AND A HEART-EYED EMOJI, APPRECIATING THE **ACTOR'S FANTABULOUS BACKFLIP.** 

## Aaradhya Bachchan on 9th birthday: 'Love you eternally and unconditionally'



Like every year, this year too, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan had an adorable wish for daughter Aaradhya Bachchan on her birthday. As Aaradhya turned nine on Monday, Aishwarya took to social media to share photos from her birthday celebrations. The actor also expressed gratitude towards God for bringing Aaradhya into her life.

Abhishek Bachchan, whose recent Netflix film Ludo has brought him a lot of appreciation, also joined Aishwarya in celebrating the special day. In the photos, we see a pretty Aaradhya dressed up in a pink frock for her birthday party.

"HAPPIEST 9th Birthday the ABSOLUTE LOVE OF MY LIFE, MY DAR-LING ANGEL AARADHYA I LOVE YOU Eternally, Infinitely and UNCON-DITIONALLY... Forever and Beyond.. GOD BLESS YOU and I thank God every breath I take for YOU in my life Love, Love LOVE YOU" Aishwarya Rai wrote along with the photos.

On Monday, Amitabh Bachchan also wished granddaughter Aaradhya. He posted a collage of her nine photos over the years, and he wrote, "Happy birthday Aaradhya .. all my love."

#### KRUSHNA ABHISHEK REVEALS WHY HE REFUSED TO PERFORM IN THE KAPIL SHARMA SHOW' EPISODE WITH GOVINDA AS GUEST



Actor and comedian Krushna Abhishek yet again decided to opt-out of an episode of the widely popular The Kapil Sharma Show which featured his uncle, Govinda, as a guest. For the unversed, Krushna and Govinda's relationship soured over the years, culminating in a public fallout in 2018. When Krushna learned that Govinda was going to be part of the episode, he opted to sit out. The same situation had arisen last year when Govinda and his wife and daughter visited the show. Speaking about the episode with Govinda, Krushna told Bombay Times, "I learned about Chi Chi mama coming on the show around 10 days ago. Since Sunita mami wasn't accompanying him, the team thought that I would have no qualms performing. However, the incident has left a bad taste in my mouth. Last year, she didn't want me to perform in front of them, but this time, I had reservations."

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First Test: Dec 17 - 21 in Adelaide (D/N) Second Test: Dec 26-30 in Melbourne

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# **QUARANTINE IN AUSTRALIA**

THIS IS HOW VIRAT KOHLI IS SPENDING HIS



Team India is already in Australia and are gearing up for the series Down Under which will be a two-month-long period. The contingent left from Dubai in specially designed PPE kits and the squad will be led by Virat Kohli to play 3 T20Is, 3 ODIs, and 4 Tests.

After landing in Australia, the cricketers are being quarantined for 14 days before the start of their series. Now in this quarantine period, Indian skipper Kohli shared with fans his plans.

The captain took to Twitter and wrote, "Quarantine diaries. Un-ironed T-shirt, comfortable couch and a good series to watch". Kohli will not be part of three Tests in January as he will be on paternity leave. After playing the Pink Ball Test in Adelaide, Kohli will leave for India to be with his wife Anushka Sharma as he becomes a father.

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# KAREENA KAPOOR AND SON TAIMUR HANG OUT WITH BFF MALAIKA ARORA IN DHARAMSHALA AS SAIF ALI KHAN SHOOTS AMID MOUNTAINS



Kareena Kapoor and son Taimur are currently in Dharamshala where Saif Ali Khan is shooting for his horror-comedy, Bhoot Police. Malaika Arora, who too had a short shoot in the city, is now spending her free time with BFF Kareena in the scenic location. Malaika has now shared a sweet picture from her leisure time with the mother-son at a book cafe. Sharing a picture which shows all three of them dressed in woolens and soaking some winter sun amid the mountains, Malaika wrote on Instagram, "Mountain bliss #timtim @kareenakapoorkhan #dharamshala." While Malaika is seen white woollen casuals paired with a checkered jacket, Kareena is in a black track suit with Taimur sitting in her lap in a knitted sweater and trousers.

Malaika also shared a glimpse of the place on her Instagram Stories and called it a 'paradise'. Kareena shared pictures from their walk in their second child.

the greens on Tuesday. She shared a picture of Saif walking on the road with Taimur sitting on his shoulders and credited Arjun for clicking the picture. "Always looking ahead," she wrote. Another picture had Kareena joining the father-son duo in the frame.

Saif had flown to Dharamshala with co-star Jacqueline Fernandez and Yami Gautam last week for Bhoot Police shoot. He was later joined by Kareena and Taimur to ring in Diwali in the scenic location. The film is being helmed by Ragini MMS director Pavan Kirpalani and is produced by Ramesh Taurani and Akshai Puri.

Earlier, Kareena had shared a glimpse of how they all celebrated Diwali around a bonfire. A video showed Kareena, Saif and Taimur enjoying the night near the bonfire. Kareena and Saif are expecting

### PRIYANKA CHOPRA IS NOW BRITISH FASHION COUNCIL'S AMBASSADOR FOR POSITIVE CHANGE; GETS WARM WELCOME FROM DAVID BECKHAM

Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Monday shared with fans news about her recent honour of being named the British Fashion Council's Ambassador for Positive Change. The Baywatch star took to her Twitter page and penned a note expressing her happiness on the journey, Priyanka shared that she would be living and working in London over the next year.

She noted, "I am honoured to be the British Fashion Council's Ambassador for Positive Change while I'm living and working in London over the next year." PeeCee added, "We'll have some really exciting initiatives to share soon, and I look forward to bringing you on this journey with me. @BFC #CarolineRush." Priyanka Chopra shared her version of becoming the BFC Ambassador for positive change and wrote, "Fashion has always been the pulse of pop culture, and can be a powerful force with the ability to connect cultures and bring people together." "I look forward to celebrating the incredible diversity and creativity of the industry," added Chopra. On Priyanka's Instagram post, legendary football player David Beckham also commented by welcoming her to the British Fashion Council. He wrote, "Welcome to the BFC family @priyankachopra @britishfashioncouncil."

Salman Khan's Bajrangi Bhaijaan co-star Harshaali Malhotra is all grown up and fans can't get over it, see pics





Salman Khan's co-star from his superhit, Bajrangi Bhajjaan, Harshaali Malhotra is all grown up. The child actor shared photos from Diwali celebrations on social media and her fans could not get over how grown up she looks.

Harshaali made her debut with the 2015 Kabir Khan directorial. She played a speech-impaired child who gets separated from her mother while visiting India from Pakistan. Her fresh-faced innocence had won over the audiences. She then meets Salman's character who makes it his life's mission to unite her with her family. She was 7 at the time. She won the Best Debut Female award for her role in the film. Besides her and Salman, the film also starred Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Kareena Kapoor and Meher Vij.

In the new update, Harshaali is seen sitting besides a rangoli as she posted, "Happy Diwali, everyone!! Here's to a joyous and wonderful years ahead for us all. Be safe ... #festivevibes #diwali #light #diyadecoration #loverangolis." In another photo from Bhai Dooj celebrations, she was seen in a pink salwar kameez. "A very happy bhai dooj to the person who annoys me the most yet the one who I love the most....happy bhai dooj #hardik152004," she wrote as the caption.

"Can't believe she is a teenager now," wrote a fan. "Munni is all grown up," commented another.

Casting director Mukesh Chhabra had said earlier that the child actor was chosen from among 8000 kids for the role. He said three girls were shortlisted for the role. After a 7-10 days workshop for the children, it was decided that Harshaali will do the role. Harshaali also appeared in TV shows Qubool Hai and Laut Aao Trisha.



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# NORA FATEHI SHARES VIDEO OF HER JAPANSE FANS' DANCING TO GURU RANDHAWA'S 'NAACH MERI RANI'



Nora Fatehi has a global fan following especially for her amazing dance skills and paying tribute to her recently were Nora's Japanese fans who shared a video of themselves dancing to Nora's latest video, Naach Meri Rani.

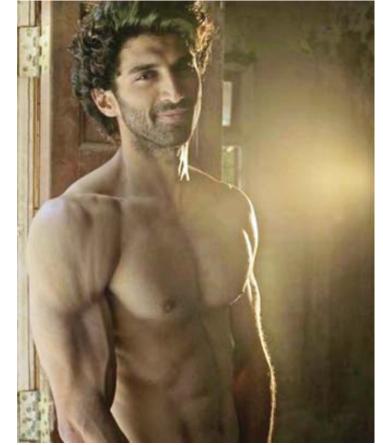
The video was also appreciated by Nora who shared it with her followers on social media.

For the uninformed, the dance routine has been performed by a group called Asianz and featured them dancing on Naach Meri Raani that was released on October 20, featuring vocals by Guru Randhawa and Nikhita Gandhi. The song was written by Tanishk Bagchi and choreographed by Bosco. The song became so popular ever since its release that it already has over 120 million views on YouTube.

There is no doubt that Nora Fatehi is a dancing queen with many hits a lot of time improving my skills."

to her name such as Rock the Party (Rocky Handsome; 2016), Kamariya (Stree; 2018), Dilbar (Satyameva Jayate; 2018), O Saki Saki (Batla House; 2019), however, in a recent interview with Hindustan Times, Nora said that she is raring to show off her acting chops. Nora said she doesn't want to be known as just "a girl who does item songs", but "I can also carry a role, too, which is very important if you want to last here." She added, "It gets complicated when you don't belong to India. There are a lot of barriers — language, understanding the nuances of an Indian character and so on. I want to be that artist in Bollywood who may be from abroad, but can be accepted equally like any Indian actress because of my skills. These few years, I've been hustling and trying to get a role in the industry and I'm also spending a lot of time improving my skills."

# On Aditya Roy Kapur's birthday, Ahmed Khan announces next film titled 'OM - The Battle Within' starring 'Ludo' actor



Aditya Roy Kapur turned 35-year-old with a bang today. The actor announced on his special day, revealing that he will soon play a lead role in the action-packed thriller 'OM - The Battle Within'.

The movie is produced by Zee Studios, Ahmed Khan, and Shaira Khan and will be helmed by Kapil Verma.

Excited about this film, Aditya Roy Kapur said, "Last year I was juggling between shooting Malang and Ludo around this time and both the films have received immense love and appreciation. COVID notwithstanding those years has been a special one on the work front. I have been living with OM for a few months now and to see it being announced on my birthday makes it extremely special. Looking forward to the journey." Backing this movie at the forefront, Shariq Patel, CEO of Zee Studios said, "We are excited to partner with Ahmed Khan for this action-packed thriller helmed by Kapil Verma with Aditya Roy Kapoor in the titular role. Aditya has made some versatile film choices and has already proven his mettle as an action hero. We're confident that he will play the part with finesse. With a strong emotional storyline with a high dosage of action, we are set to roll by early next month. Here's wishing Aditya a wonderful birthday and good luck for the film." Producer Ahmed Khan said, "Yes, Adi will be doing full-on action for the first time, he is structurally built for action and this character fits him. This film revolves around emotionally disturbed relationships on the line of duty." The action-packed entertainer will go on floors in December this year and is scheduled to release in the second half of 2021. Produced by Zee Studios and Ahmed Khan, Shaira Khan 'OM -The Battle Within' is directed by Kapil Verma.

# TIGER SHROFF'S PERFECT BACKFLIP IN MALDIVES LEAVES RUMOURED GIRLFRIEND DISHA PATANI IMPRESSED



Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff, who made his film debut with the 2014 action film Heropanti, is making the best of his time in the island country of the Maldives.

The 'Baaghi' star, who knows a staggering number of fighting styles including Kalaripayattu, Kung Fu, Krav Maga, Pencak Silat and is well-known for his dance skills, flexibility, and flawless gymnastic acts, on November 14 shared a video on his verified Instagram page doing the perfect backflip into the deep blue ocean in the Maldives. Playing in the background was his chartbuster 'Unbelievable'.

Reacting to the video that Tiger shared, rumoured girlfriend Disha Patani, who is accompanying him at the picturesque location, left several clapping emojis and a heart-eyed emoji, appreciating the actor's fantabulous backflip.

Earlier, giving fans a glimpse of his vacay in the Maldives, Tiger on Thursday dropped a gorgeous shirtless picture showcasing his chis-



elled physique on social media.

The 'War' actor posted an appealing picture on Instagram in which he was seen sporting yellow hot pants in the swimming pool. The actor looked handsome as he showcased his six-pack abs and the perfectly toned body. Enjoying his vacay at the exotic location, the 'Baaghi' star sported chunky sunglasses. The backdrop in the picture features the actor's holiday stay, which is surrounded by palm trees under a clear blue sky.

The 'Heropanti' star added a witty caption to the post, "PIs excuse the yellow hot pants. Either I've grown or my shorts have shrunk this lockdown. @intercontinental\_maldives #islandlife #intercontinentalmaldives #intercontinentallife."

Of late, the actor has been updating fans about his activities by posting pictures and videos. Disha Patani too, who is currently in the Maldives, has been sharing some steamy photos from her vacay.

# Deepika Padukone is 'kaju katli pro max' in hilarious meme about her Diwali outfit



Actor Deepika Padukone is a good sport and takes even memes around her in a hilarious way. Recently, the actor had shared a picture comparing herself to a mop and now she shared a meme that found similarities between her Diwali outfit and a delicious desi sweet.

Deepika took to Instagram stories to share the picture. The post was a combo of two pictures. On the left was a plate of kaju katli and on the right was Deepika's picture from Siddhant Chaturvedi's Diwali party on Friday. The actor was described as "kaju katli pro max". For the uninformed, Deepika Padukone, Ananya Panday, Shakun Batra all celebrated Diwali together. Ishaan Khatter had also joined the celebrations. Deepika wore a white sharara suit to the party and posed for the paparazzi outside Siddhant's home. Shakun's film recently completed a shooting schedule in Goa. It was among the first films to resume shoot after months of coronavirus lockdown. In an interview with Hindustan Times, Deepika had said about the film, "To be honest, you can't call Shakun's film 'light' either... Although the overall tonality of the film is slightly lighter than my last film, in terms of inner, emotional turmoil my character goes through, it's quite challenging. The overall genre of the film is something we haven't seen much in Indian cinema, it's called domestic noir. I don't think that's a genre we are very familiar with, but at the same time the audience is completely ready for it, as we have been exposed to that genre in different ways, whether through Hollywood films or OTT platforms. What I enjoy and look forward to, as far as this film is concerned, Shakun has this strong point with people and relationships."

# Hrithik Roshan shares fun video of his action scenes edited to 'Chikni Chameli' beats



Hrithik Roshan's fan club posted a fun video of an edit of the actor's action scenes. In the video, the most high octane scenes were taken from his movies and edited to the song Chikni Chameli from his film, Agneepath, which also starred Priyanka Chopra. The video posted by the fansite included scenes from his films such as War, Krrish, Bang Bang, Dhoom, and many others. All the punches and kicks land perfectly to the beats of the popular song, originally picturised on Katrina Kaif. Hrithik himself shared the video on Twitter and wrote, "Haha nice." On the work front, Hrithik was last seen in last year's War. It was the biggest hit of 2019 and also starred Tiger Shroff and Vaani Kapoor. The actor has said that he is working on Krrish 4 with his father, Rakesh Roshan. According to a Times Now report, Hrithik was quoted as saying, "This franchise is close to our heart, so, when my father wasn't keeping well, we decided to put it aside for a while. Now, he has recovered and is raring to go. So, we have started brainstorming and have begun work on the film." He described Krrish 4 as a 'mammoth' undertaking, and said, "I can't put a timeline to when we may roll as it's a mammoth project. We will go on floors only when we have everything in place." Hrithik has been spending some quality time with his family at their Mumbai home all through the coronavirus lockdown. His exwife, Susanne Khan had also moved into his home to be with their two sons amid the lockdown.

# Shehnaaz Gill's father 'not against nor in support of' relationship with Sidharth Shukla

Shehnaaz Gill and Sidharth Shukla were shooting in Chandigarh a few days back. Soon after hearing about it, Shehnaaz's father was extremely upset and vowed to never talk to her again. He has now opened up on how he feels about Sidharth and Shehnaaz together.

Shehnaaz Gill's father Santosh Singh Sukh gave an interview with Times of India in which he spoke about what got him upset in the first place. He also cleared his stand on relationship between Shehnaaz and Sidharth. "I don't know why her calls to me started decreasing, even though she kept in touch with her mother. She hasn't met her grand-parents after her stints in Bigg Boss 13 and 'Mujhse Shaadi Karoge," he said. "I wouldn't like to say anything on this. It's her personal life," said Santokh Singh when asked about Sidharth Shukla. He then spoke about their relationship and stated, "Na main unke khilaaf hoon, na main unke haque mein hoon. Na hi main iska virodh karta hoon aur na hi main chahta hoon ki yeh dono saath rahen. (I'm not standing with them, nor am against them. I'm not protesting against it but I don't even want them to be together.)"

# 'No photos,' Taimur Ali Khan sends out warning in the middle of stroll with Kareena, Saif, Arjun, Malaika





A video of Taimur Ali Khan screaming 'No photos' has been going viral. In the clip, Taimur was seen taking a stroll holding his father Saif Ali Khan's hand. Out of the blue, he looked at Saif and later screamed 'no photos' as if giving a warning to someone.

Kareena Kapoor Khan was seen walking behind Saif and Taimur. Arjun walked besides her, without holding Malaika's hand.

Kareena, Saif and Taimur were seen wearing overcoats to protect themselves from the cold. However, Arjun and Malaika were seen in regular outfits.

Taimur wore a red jacket with black pants. Saif was seen in a brown jacket with denims, while Kareena wore a white jacket as well as a year where we had to be at home for a long duration. So, going to shawl with black pants. Arjun donned a grey t-shirt with black pants,

while Malaika wore a green salwar kameez.

Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan are currently in Dharamshala with son Taimur Ali Khan. They are joined by Malaika Arora and Arjun Kapoor as the latter is shooting for Bhoot Police with Saif.

They had celebrated Diwali in Dharamshala. Earlier during an interaction with The Times of India, Kareena had confirmed her Diwali plans. She had said, "Saif is shooting in Dharamshala for a film, and I have never been there, so Taimur and I will join him there. We are actually looking forward to setting out. It will be great to travel to the mountains and spend time in the open air and sunshine. It's been a Dharamshala and being there for a few days will be great."

# Mom-to-be Anushka Sharma flaunts pregnancy glow as she dazzles in white for Diwali celebrations



Women glow when they are pregnant and you can be sure that this saying is no myth when you take a look at pictures of mom-to-be Anushka Sharma, who looked like a vision in white as she shared a few solo photos of her herself on Instagram.

Decked up for Diwali celebrations, Anushka Sharma exuded radiance as she dazzled in an elegant white outfit as she hid her baby bump with the help of her beautiful dupatta. However, her pregnancy glow wasn't something that she could hide.

The actress-turned-producer teamed her outfit with matching white chudidaar, golden earrings, white and gold juttis and kept her hair open as she posed for the captures with a beautiful smile on her face. "Got all dressed up to sit at home and eat. And it was great. Hope you all had a beautiful Diwali," Anushka captioned the post.

Earlier, adapting to the newer ways that coronavirus pandemic has forced us to undertake to celebrate the festival of lights, actress Anushka Sharma on Saturday, gave a glimpse of celebrations at her residence. The mom-to-be shared photos on her Instagram stories showing fans what Diwali celebrations were like at her home. And

besides all the amazing marigold flower and diva decor, one could spot sanitiser bottles too which were made to be part of decorations too. "Hand sanitisers also part of the decoration. The times we are living in." wrote Anushka on her Instagram stories alongside a photo of two sanitiser bottles placed on a stool and between flowers for everyone to use. In another photo that Anushka shared, one could see a rangoli of flowers which were decorated by diyas and not to miss the star's love for nature with the well-kept plants in the photo. She captioned it, "Happy Diwali". Before sharing a glimpse of the decor, the parents-to-be had sent heartfelt wishes to the fans on the auspicious occasion of Diwali.

While Anushka shared a GIF on Instagram stories that featured a diya and 'Happy Diwali' written on it, Virat took to his Instagram handle to share a video where he wished everyone a safe and prosperous Diwali. In the video, Virat also urged his fans to not burst crackers this Diwali and protect the environment. He also asked his fans to spend time with loved ones and to celebrate the festival with a simple diya and sweets this year.

# 'Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives' trailer: Shah Rukh-Gauri steal the show in Seema, Maheep, Bhavana, Neelam's series

Netflix India dropped in a surprise trailer for their upcoming show titled Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives. The show chronicles around the lives of popular 'star wives' namely Seema Khan (wife of Sohail Khan), Maheep Kapoor (wife of Sanjay Kapoor), Bhavana Pandey (wife of Chunky Panday) and Neelam Kothari Soni (wife of Samir Soni). The series gives a glimpse about the glitz and glamour world which they enjoy while juggling between the personal and professional lives.

Seema, Maheep, Bhavana and Neelam are seen travelling overseas for holidays, their moments with their husbands and the grandest surprise of all is revealed in the trailer. Yes, Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan make an extravagant entry in the trailer and grabs eyeballs instantly. Netflix India described the trailer on YouTube as "What happens when glam meets sass? Get a sneak-peek into the lives of four fabulous women: Seema Khan, Maheep Kapoor, Bhavana Pandey and Neelam Kothari Soni. Watch these BFFs take the girl code up another notch, as they navigate through the ups and downs of parenthood, profession and friendship. Catch Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives on

27th November, only on Netflix."



While sharing the premise, it stated, "Cameras follow the banter and bonding between four fun-loving women from Bollywood's inner circle as they juggle professions, family and friendship."

## 'BACK IN 1990'S, WE WERE ALL TYPECAST: SHILPA SHETTY



Actress Shilpa Shetty says there was a time when no one took her seriously to offer her the role of the protagonist, adding that she is glad that she has survived through the tough times. "Back in the 1990's, I have to be honest we were all typecast, either you were a very good actress and you would get those kinds of films or you would be typecast in those glamorous roles. And I was the latter, so nobody really took me seriously to offer me the main protagonist role," Shilpa said. "The game-changer for me was 'Dhadkan' where Dharmesh (director Dharmesh Darshan) really stripped me off all that glamour and actually kept the glamour but he wanted it all covered. So funny enough. he was the first to tell me that 'I want you to look glamorous but in an Indian outfit' ... That changed the entire perspective of people and that film went on to become a huge hit and then I did a lot of films after that where there were meatier roles but, honestly I didn't care, for me, it was just work and I was really young then," she added. The actress continued, "Today we are getting scripts where everything is elucidated on paper, we didn't have vanity vans and we still went to work with a smile on our faces in the sun and wearing those chiffon sarees in the snow. So we've done all of it and we enjoyed it.

"So today I feel we lead far more luxurious lives as actors, we are very very pampered with an entourage of staff and managers. I love this phase as well, I feel very pampered and feel very important but it was madness and today there's method to that madness," she added.

Shilpa walked into Bollywood with the 1993 Diwali release "Baazigar". The Shah Rukh Khan-Kajol blockbuster Baazigar released on November 14, 27 years ago.

## MOHANLAL-SANJAY DUTT RING IN DIWALI 2020 TOGETHER



Mohanlal is celebrating his Diwali with Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt this year. The Malayalam actor flew down to Mumbai and spent time at the Dutt house - with Sanjay and his wife Maanyata. He shared an image with them on

Mohanlal addressed Sanjay Dutt and Maanyata as 'friends' when he posted the images with the caption 'Diwali'. In the picture, Mohanlal was seen in a red t-shirt with black pants. Sanjay and Maanyata, on the other hand, coordinated in white.

While posing, Maanyata put her hand on Mohanlal's shoulder. Meanwhile, Sanjay, who has just beaten cancer, was seen on the other side of the frame. He was seen instructing the cameraperson when the image was clicked.

In another photo, Mohanlal and Sanjay Dutt were seen greeting each other with a namaste. Dutt appeared to be talking to Mohanlal, if the photo is anything to go by. A fan had posted the image, which is now viral.

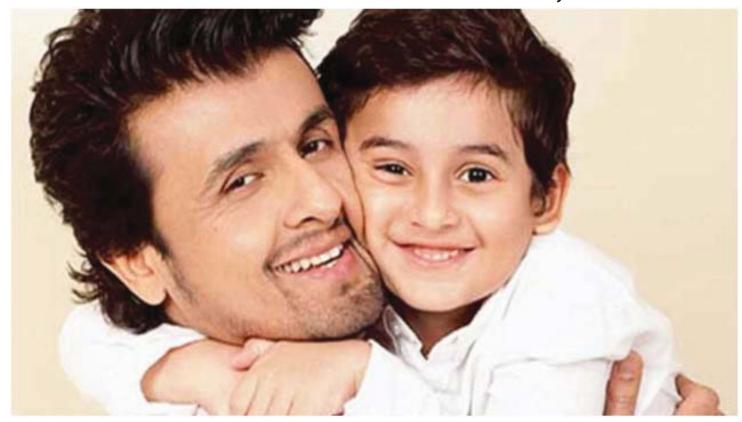
## IS 'JAMAI RAJA' ACTOR RAVI DUBEY PART OF ABHISHEK **BACHCHAN'S 'BREATHE 3'?**

Abhishek Bachchan had earlier hinted about the third season of Breathe, an Amazon Prime original. However, the actor neither confirmed the report nor he denied it. The second season Breathe: Into The Shadows also starred Amit Sadh and Nithya Menen in the lead roles alongside Abhishek. Now, we got to know that actor Jamai Raja is likely to be a part of Breathe 3. The actor's latest post hinted at his new outing and he confirmed it's not Jamai Raja. Earlier this week, Ravi took to his Instagram page and shared his ripped body in a black and white photo. He captioned it stating, "Halfway there... Another character in the making... guesses? Hint: not talking about the jamai. Thank u for the training @pramod08shinde." Talking about Ravi being a part of Breathe 3, a source told, "Ravi Dubey is in talks with the makers of the show to play a pivotal role in the third season of Breathe. The makers are taking the show a notch higher in terms of making it more gripping for their viewers. And the kind of roles Ravi Dubey has portrayed, he seems to be a perfect fit for the role!"

Earlier Abhishek hinted about the third season by tweeting, "C-16." To which Amazon Prime video replied, "Use this reply as a "what does this mean" button."

AB went on to ask director Mayank Sharma, "Sir, yeh C-16 hai kya, Zara bataiye." This led to fans confused and getting impatient for the third season.

# SONU NIGAM DOESN'T WANT SON NEEVAN TO BECOME SINGER 'AT LEAST NOT IN THIS COUNTRY'; HERE'S WHY



Singer Sonu Nigam has revealed that he does not want his son Neevan Nigam to be a singer and has also "got him out of India", revealing that his son is interested in gaming and lives in the UAE.

In an interview with Times Now, Sonu said that he does not want his son to work as a singer in India after previously expressing his disappointment at the music industry in the country and the "authority" of one giant music label.

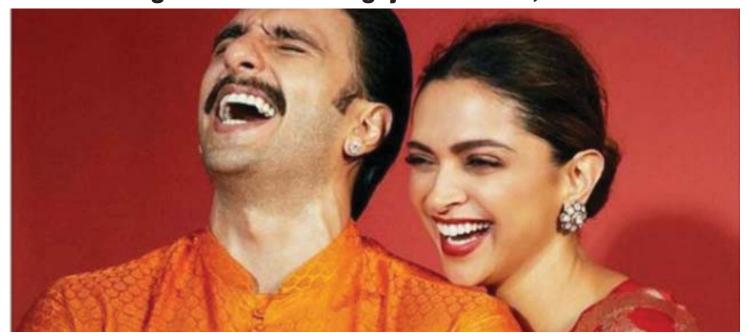
Sonu said, "Frankly, I don't want him to be a singer, at least not in this country. Anyway, he does not live in India anymore, he lives in Dubai. I have already got him out of India. He is a born singer but he has another interest in life." He further added, "As of now, he is one of the topmost gamers of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He is number 2 in Fortnite. There is a game called Fortnite and he is the top gamers in the Emirates. He is a brilliant child with a lot of qualities and talent. And I don't want to tell him what to do. Let's see what he wants to do

himself." Sonu was mired in controversies in the earlier half of 2020 after he accused T-Series' Bhushan Kumar of being the "mafia" in the music industry. "Tune galat aadmi se panga le liya, samjha (You have messed with the wrong person, understand),?" he said in a long vlog shared on social media.

Sonu claimed Bhushan planted articles about him in the media and persuaded musicians to give interviews against him. The singer warned him to back off or he would expose him.

Though Bhushan did not comment on the matter, his wife Divya Khosla Kumar had responded to Sonu's accusations with a long video message. She had also written on Instagram stories, "Today it's all about who can run a good campaign... im even seeing people being able to sell lies & deceits with their strong campaigns.... #sonunigam. Such kind of people know how to play with the minds of the audience ..... God save our world !!!"

# Deepika Padukone shares hilarious meme comparing her, Ranveer Singh's Diwali look to 'gajar ka halwa', 'motichoor ladoo'



Actress Deepika Padukone recently took to her Instagram account to "Sure? Why not!?" Deepika wrote alongside the photos and tagged share beautiful images from her low-key Diwali celebrations at home with husband Ranveer Singh on November 14. The day also happened to be the couple's second anniversary.

her social media handle, it went viral, sending the internet into a complete meltdown.

While Deepika picked an elegant red and gold Raw Mango saree and teamed it with a pair of uncut diamond-studded floral earrings, Ranveer complemented the star wife's look by sporting an orange kurta.

Both happily posed for the shutterbugs as they burst into laughter. However, besides all the praise that the B-town star couple received for their Diwali looks, as usual, some memes were also created which Deepika took very sportingly.

Taking to Instagram stories on Monday, the actress posted a meme comparing her and Ranveer Singh's Diwali look to 'gajar ka halwa' and 'motichoor ladoo' respectively.

The collage has two photos. One of these features gajar ka halwa and motichoor ladoo. In the other, Deepika poses in a red saree while Ranveer is seen in an orange kurta.

Hours before, the actress shared another meme comparing her look to kaju katli. She posted it on Instagram and asked her fans to "check And like always, the moment the B-town diva shared the photos on it out". The look was from Deepika's Diwali celebrations with Siddhant Chaturvedi and Ananya Panday, both of who will be seen in 'Shakun Batra' with the 'Padmavat' star. Earlier, the star couple posted images wishing each other a happy anniversary. In the photographs, the couple can be seen sporting colour-coordinated outfits from Sabyasachi and embracing each other with a smile.

> "Two peas in a pod...Happy 2nd Anniversary @ranveersingh .You complete me..." wrote Deepika.

> Ranveer, too, wished his wife with an Instagram post. The actor wrote: "Souls eternally intertwined. Happy second anniversary, meri gudiya @deepikapadukone"

> Deepika and Ranveer had tied the knot on November 14, 2018. The couple had a destination wedding at Lake Como, Italy.

> The husband-wife duo -- Deepika ad Ranveer-- will be seen in '83', which is expected to release soon after being delayed due to the pandemic.

### SALMAN KHAN ANNOUNCES BEING **HUMAN' WINTER COLLECTION WITH** SHIRTLESS PHOTO; NETIZENS ASK 'SO NO SHIRT THIS WINTER?'



Salman Khan is not only a successful actor and a producer but also a philanthropist too. His charitable organisation and trust - Being Human have their clothing line and also other products which are a huge hit among the masses. Now as the winter is finally coming and reached in some parts of the country, Salman decided to drop a 'Being Human autumn/winter collection' much to the excitement of the fans.

For the same, Khan took to his social media pages and shared a photo posing shirtless while riding a horse. He is seen giving an intense look and flaunting his ripped physique while getting clicked. Salman captioned his photo stating, "Being Human autumn/winter collection coming v soon... @beinghumanclothing." Within 12 hours of Salman posting the photo, it garnered more than 1.7 million likes on Instagram. Meanwhile, a few netizens teased Salman for going shirtless while announcing winter collection. One of the users tweeted, "Bhai is this winter collection near the equator." While another one asked, "Winter is coming. But where are your clothes?!" On the work front, Salman has been shooting for Bigg Boss 14 Weekend Ka Vaar episodes for over a month now. Apart from that, he has also been focussing on the completion of his upcoming film titled Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai. The film directed by Prabhu Deva was slated for an Eid release but the new date is yet to be announced. Radhe stars Disha Patani as the female lead.

#### SONU SOOD IS 'OVERWHELMED, EXTREMELY GRATEFUL' ON BEING APPOINTED THE STATE ICON OF PUNJAB



Actor Sonu Sood has been in the news all of the lockdown for the helping hand that he provided for those less privileged. Now, the actor has been announced as the Punjab state icon by the Election Commission of India, an official statement said here on Monday. The statement quoting Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) S Karuna Raju said his office had sent a proposal to the ECI in this regard and they approved the same. Belonging to the Moga district of Punjab, Sood catapulted to the national spotlight for his work in helping migrants reach their homes during the coronavirus induced lockdown. Sood arranged transport facilities for migrant labourers stuck in various places to their homes and his humanitarian work was highly appreciated by all sections of society. Reacting to the news, the Dabangg actor also expressed his happiness and said, "I am overwhelmed and extremely grateful for this honour. Having been born in Punjab, this appointment means so much to me, emotionally. I am happy to have made my state proud of me and I am motivated to keep working hard." In other news, Sood who has been hailed as a real-life hero for his relief efforts during the coronavirus pandemic feels that he still has a long way to go before he is the subject of a biopic.

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# MPL Sports becomes official kit sponsor for India, team to sport new jerseys against Australia



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday announced that they have partnered with Mobile Premier League (MPL) Sports as their new kit sponsor and official merchandise partner.

BCCI and MPL Sports have entered into a three-year agreement from November 2020 to December 2023. The association for the same will begin with upcoming India's tour of Australia. Team India will be seen sporting the new jerseys against the Aussies in their two-month-long series which is set to begin from November 27.

The senior men and women and the Under-19 teams are also a part of the deal for the new kits, BCCI stated. Apart from Team India jerseys, MPL Sports will also sell licensed Team India merchandise.

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said, "The partnership leads us to a new frontier for Team India and for sports merchandising in the country. We look forward to working with a young Indian brand like MPL Sports to tap the potential that this sphere holds. This partnership aims at facilitating access to high-quality Indian cricket fan merchandise, including the coveted Indian cricket team jersey for cricket fans not just in the country but globally."

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly on the partnership said: "We are delighted to announce the dawn of a new era for Indian cricket with the appointment of MPL Sports as the kit sponsor for the Indian men's and women's national cricket team until 2023. We look forward to MPL Sports adding a new chapter to the team's kit, and bring Official BCCI licensed merchandise within easy and convenient reach for the billion-plus fans who cheer for Team India." Commenting on the partnership, SVP Growth and Marketing, MPL and MPL Sports - Abhishek Madhavan - said: "India is a market with a billion cricket fans and we see a lot of potential in the underpenetrated merchandise market in India. We hope to partner closely with the BCCI and take all kinds of team India merchandise to the masses - with offline as well as online distribution at affordable prices. Associating with the Indian national cricket team is a matter of huge pride for us and we want every fan in the country to feel the same way and have access to the merchandise they can proudly flaunt." As for Team India, the contingent left from Dubai in specially designed PPE kits and the squad will be led by Virat Kohli to play 3 T20Is, 3 ODIs, and 4 Tests.

# **IPL 2021: WHICH PLAYERS WILL BE RELEASED BY** KINGS XI PUNJAB AND RAJASTHAN ROYALS?



The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 may see a mega auction before the tournament begins in the proposed window of April to May 2021, a lot of speculations about few players being retained while some being released are doing the rounds. Now whether to conduct the mega auction or to stick with the status quo until 2022, the decision for the same may be taken by the BCCI in December. There are also reports that a ninth team might be included in IPL 2021. In such a scenario, there will be many players who will be part of the auction pool and many teams will look to free some of their players. Which players might be released by the franchise ahead of the IPL 2021 edition? Here is a potential list of players from Kings XI Punjab and Rajasthan Royals. Kings XI Punjab's (KXIP) wait to play an IPL playoff match has now extended by another year. The KL Rahul-led side was already on the brink of being eliminated and had to ensure a win over CSK in order to keep its chances alive, but the loss got them out of the tournament. The biggest flop of IPL 2020 for KXIP was Glenn Maxwell. The Aussie badly struggled and only managed 108 runs off 106 balls he faced. Surprisingly, the big-hitting batsman failed to hit even one six, a stat that has left many surprised. Their newest buy could also be saying bye. Sheldon Cottrell managed only six salutes in six matches. In a hope that Cottrell will share the new ball with Mohammed Shami, the team management spent Rs 8.5 crore on him, but the Jamaican turned out to be a big upset and leaked runs at 8.80. As for Rajasthan Royals (RR), Varun Aaron played just three matches this season. Over the years he has played for a couple of franchises, but failed to make an impact. He wasn't able to pick even a single wicket and with 11.75 being his economy he could be released by the franchise.

Mayank Markande, who was traded from Mumbai Indians (MI) failed to get a game throughout the entire season. He was the find in IPL 2018 as he played for Mumbai and picked 15 wickets.

Shreyas Gopal and Rahul Tewatia's performance saw Markande not being picked. With his inclusion in the playing XI looking difficult

in the next seasons, Markande might well be shown the door ahead of IPL 2021.

## **AUSTRALIA TEST SKIPPER TIM PAINE** IN SELF-ISOLATION FOLLOWING **COVID-19 CLUSTER IN ADELAIDE**

A month before the Test series between Australia and India. a forced number of players, including captain Tim Paine have gone into self-isolation due to an outbreak of COVID-19 in Adelaide. South Australia state, which hosts the first Test at Adelaide Oval on December 17, reported 14 new COVID-19 cases on Monday, a dramatic increase from the previous day, prompting other Australian states to tighten internal borders. Adelaide hosted Sheffield Shield cricket matches last week and players involved have been directed to selfisolate after returning to their home states. Wicketkeeper Paine and test teammate Matthew Wade are isolating in Tasmania after playing for the state against New South Wales. Young all-rounder Cameron Green and spin bowler Ashton Agar are also self-isolating along with their Western Australia teammates and could miss the first white-ball match against India in Sydney on Nov. 27.

## 'GREATEST IN ALL THREE FORMATS' -JASON GILLESPIE HAILS THIS INDIAN **BOWLER AHEAD OF AUSTRALIA TOUR**

The Indian cricket team has depth in the fast bowling department that is the envy of the cricketing world currently. The journey has been long and arduous. From a team that used to rely on spinners for winning matches, India's fast bowling has transformed miraculously from bits and pieces to genuine match-winners. In the previous tour of Australia, it was the Indian bowlers who delivered immense success for India, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav all combined brilliantly as India took 70 wickets in the four-Test series while Australia managed just 60. The result - India achieved their first-ever series win Down Under, In IPL 2020, the likes of Mohammed Shami and Jasprit Bumrah put up a brilliant show, with Bumrah ending with 27 wickets and once again showing his class. Former Australia pacer Jason Gillespie believes Jasprit Bumrah will be one of the greatest bowlers across all three formats.

"They all bring their different ways of doing it (bowling fast). I think the Indian pace attack now is as good as they've had in a long time. That's no disrespect to the guys who came before them. But they are a fine bunch now. (Jasprit) Bumrah is going to be a superstar once his career finishes. He will go down as one of India's greatest in all three forms of the game. There's no doubt about that," Gillespie said in an interaction with Sporststar.

#### SHREYAS IYER LEAVES SACHIN TENDULKAR BEHIND, MATCHES VIRAT KOHLI IN SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THIS REASON

Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli have massive following on social media. On Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, their followers are over a 100 million easily and all their social media posts garner massive attention. However, there is one player who has achieved something on social media that Sachin Tendulkar or Virat Kohli have not yet achieved in their career. Shreyas Iyer has managed to achieve in social media what Virat Kohli and Sachin Tendulkar have not. Shreyas Iyer, the Delhi Capitals skipper, is being followed by Instagram. Kohli and Tendulkar are not. If one looks at the official Instagram handle on Instagram, it follows only 60 people. One of them is Shreyas Iyer, apparently the only sporting personality from India.

It may be noted that Instagram was earlier following Indian skipper Virat Kohli and his wife Anushka Sharma. Instagram may have followed the young gun following his heroics in IPL. None of the popular, seasoned cricketers like Sachin Tendulkar or MS Dhoni are being followed.

#### SUCCESSFUL IPL

Shreyas Iyer managed to score 500 runs in the IPL and led Delhi Capitals to the final of IPL 2020 where they lost to Mumbai Indians by five wickets. Speaking after the end of the match, Shreyas Iyer had said it was a tremendous achievement for the franchise.

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