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He highlighted the importance of democracy and how protests are a way to ensure the smooth functioning of democracy. The protest has helped bring communities together and established the fact that humanity lies

above everything. Group Editor Jaswal also stressed how the dedication and patience of Indian farmers helped them reach their goals. The devotional and gratitude program, conceived, set up and executed by the talented Y Media team, ended with the promise by Y Media CEO

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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: MISS UNIVERSE HARNAAZ KAUR SANDHU'S PARENTS SAYS, 'IT'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR GIRL COMING FROM PATRIARCHAL STATE'

India again re-created history after 21 years as Chandigarh's Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu was crowned Miss Universe 2021 on Sunday. In an exclusive conversation with Y Media, Miss Universe 2021 Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu's mother, Ruby Sandhu, a gynecologist, said, "any Miss Universe is passionate and compassionate about this beauty pageant, And nothing is impossible to achieve in this world." The 21-year-old's winning response to a question on climate change -- "This is the time to take action and talk less. ... Prevent and protect is better than repair and repent" -- helped her clinch the coveted title. Harnaaz Sandhu's mother piqued her interest in female empowerment. Harnaaz advocates for women's empowerment, especially their constitutional rights to education, careers, and freedom of choice. Sandhu believes that pageants are a platform where women come forward to celebrate sisterhood and womanhood, and people across the world celebrate their beauty queens and their successes with great pride. "Right now, Harnaaz is on cloud nine, and it is because of her hard work and dedication that she was able to win the Miss Universe 2021 title. Since childhood, the glamour industry has always interested her, and we never stopped her from chasing her dreams and goals," her mother added. Inspiring and motivating children are the essence of success. Even though Harnaaz belonged to a patriarchal society, she broke all the shackles and achieved her dreams. Sandhu clan has 17 brothers and only one sister, Harnaaz, in the extended family. Her father, Pritampal Singh Sandhu, who is in the real estate business, said, "we are proud and happy that our daughter brought laurels to the country. "She is very confident, down to earth and belongs to a middle-class family. Beauty pageants and the glamour industry always excited her, focusing on her goal. We have never stopped her from pursuing her dreams, she added. The family

‘Sam Bahadur’ to feature Vicky Kaushal, Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Shaikh

The film ‘Sam Bahadur’, which will feature Vicky Kaushal, has two additions to its cast, Fatima Sana Shaikh and Sanya Malhotra. They are all set to take on challenging roles in RSVP and Meghna Gulzar’s ‘Sam Bahadur’. The film ‘Sam Bahadur’ is based on the life of late Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, one of India’s greatest war heroes. The announcement of Sana Shaikh and Sanya Malhotra’s inclusion to the cast of the film also coincides with director Meghna Gulzar’s birthday. Manekshaw’s military career spanned four decades and five wars. He was the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal. The decisive victory of the Indian Army in the 1971 Indo-Pak war was under his command as Chief of Army Staff. Interestingly, this year also commemorates 50 years of the 1971 war. While Vicky Kaushal brings the protagonist’s character to life, Sanya Malhotra will play his wife, Silloo – Manekshaw’s pillar and strength. Fatima Sana Shaikh steps into the shoes of Indira Gandhi, the country’s first female Prime Minister. Excited as the Sam Bahadur family expands, director Meghna Gulzar stated, “I have much to celebrate... There is pride in the commemoration of 50 years of the historic win of our forces in the 1971 War. And it’s very exciting to have Sanya Malhotra and Fatima Sana Shaikh join the team of SamBahadur. Both their roles in the film require a great deal of sensitivity, dignity, and composure and I’m looking forward to the ladies bringing these characters to life.” Vicky Kaushal said, “Sanya and Fatima with their characters bring more character and substance to the story of Sam Bahadur and, I am very excited to be working with them together for the first time. Their characters have been one of the most influential personalities we have heard about and now, the audience will witness the story of their valour, commitment and resilience. I welcome both of them to our Manekshaw fam-

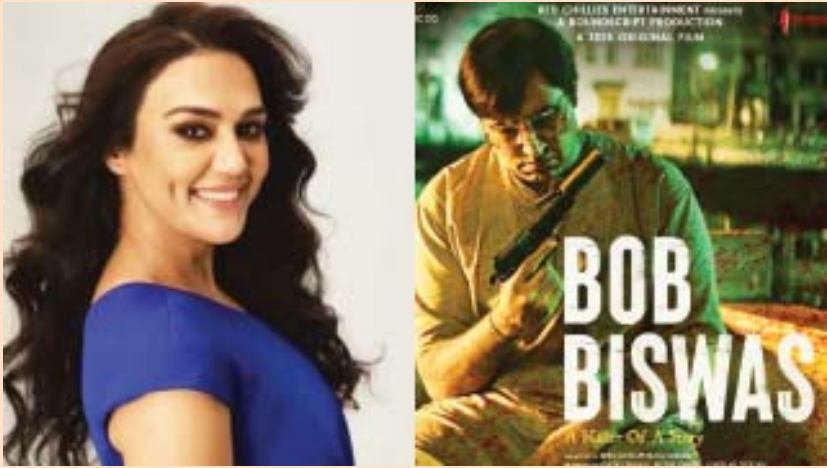
listed horse riding, swimming, cooking, singing, poetry writing, reading, theatre and acting as her passion. She is multi-talented, proud parents said. Ruby Sandhu shared with Y Media, "I didn't watch the ceremony as I was praying in the Gurudwara. I was only praying that Harnaaz should win the crown and had told God that I would only go home if my daughter won. The kids were updating me constantly. When she reached the Top 3, I got very emotional. When Harnaaz won, I was literally crying like a baby, and my tears welled up in my mask. I am thankful to God for this win. I don't know how to express my happiness. At the Gurudwara, people were looking at me as I constantly said, 'Thank you, Babaji.' I had a 20-minute drive home from the Gurudwara and I don't remember the journey back." Sandhu was crowned by the outgoing Miss Universe, Andrea Meza of Mexico, at a glittering ceremony held on Sunday night at the Universe Dome in Eilat, Israel. She edged out Paraguay's Nadia Ferreira and South Africa's LalelaMswane. This is India's third crown after Sushmita Sen in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000. Sandhu's final statement at the pageant was about young people's pressures across societies today. She said: "The biggest pressure the youth of today is facing is to believe in themselves, to know that you are unique, and that's what makes you beautiful. Stop comparing yourself with others, and let's talk about more important things worldwide. "This is what you need to understand. Come out, speak for yourselves because you are the leader of your life. You are the voice of your own. I believed in myself, and that's why I am standing here today." Sandhu has several pageant titles, such as Times Fresh Face, Miss Chandigarh 2017, Miss Max Emerging Star India 2018 and Femina Miss India Punjab 2019. She has also starred in Punjabi films like 'Yaara Diyan Poo Baran' and 'Bai Ji Kuttange.' She can mimic everyone, including animals, and loves writing couplets in Punjabi, her mother tongue.



ily and look forward to sharing the screen with two of the most talented and diligent actors of our generation” Meanwhile, Sanya Malhotra mentioned, “Behind every great man is a woman and Silloo Manekshaw was that support and strength to Sam Bahadur. I’m honoured to essay this role and bring to light her integral part and influence in this war hero’s life. I’m also extremely thankful to Meghna Gulzar and really looking forward to this exciting journey with her.” On the other hand, Fatima Sana Shaikh added, “I’m very happy to join the SamBahadur family and take on the challenge of essaying the role of one of the most influential and talked about women in Indian history. What intrigued and excited me the most was the passion with which the makers hope to honour his memory and legacy through this film.” Ronnie Screwvala expressed, “It’s a very special day for us as the SamBahadur tribe grows bigger and we also celebrate the birthday of our director Meghna Gulzar.

PREITY ZINTA WATCHES ABHISHEK BACHCHAN'S 'BOB BISWAS' WITH HER TWINS

Bollywood diva Preity Zinta, who recently became a mother of two children, on Sunday decided to watch Abhishek Bachchan’s ‘Bob Biswas’ with her new-borns. The movie is a spin-off of Sujoy Ghosh’s cult thriller ‘Kahaani’ released in 2012 in which Saswata Chatterjee essayed the character of the contract killer, Bob Biswas. Sharing the glimpse on her Instagram story, Preity Zinta wrote, “First movie with the babies.... Omg @bachchan you made our Saturday. What a killer performance and what an awesome film.” Earlier, taking to her Instagram handle, the actress posted a picture in which she was seen smiling and cradling her newborn. She added the caption, “Burp cloths, diapers & babies... I’m loving it all #ting.” Several friends, fans and fellow members of the film fraternity flooded the post with love-filled comments. Actors Priyanka Chopra, Dia Mirza, and Anushka Sharma all dropped heart emotions in the comments section. “Motherhood is incredible,” a fan wrote. On November 18, Preity announced the birth of her children - Jai and Gia - via surrogacy in an Instagram post. “Hi everyone, I wanted to share our amazing news with all of you today. Gene and I are overjoyed and our hearts are filled with so much gratitude and with so much love as we welcome our twins Jai Zinta Goodenough and Gia Zinta Goodenough into our family. We are very excited about this new phase in our lives,” she had posted. For the unversed, Preity married Gene Goodenough on February 29, 2016, and then moved to Los Angeles. Bollywood diva Preity Zinta, who recently became a mother of two children, on Sunday decided to watch Abhishek Bachchan’s ‘Bob Biswas’ with her newborns. The movie is a spin-off of Sujoy Ghosh’s cult thriller ‘Kahaani’ released in 2012 in which Saswata Chatterjee essayed the character of the contract killer, Bob Biswas. Sharing the glimpse on her Instagram story, Preity Zinta wrote, “First movie with the babies.... Omg @bachchan you made our Saturday. What a killer performance and what an awesome film.”



'ARRE WAH SUSH:' SALMAN KHAN COMPLIMENTS SUSHMITA SEN ON HER FIERCE LOOK IN 'AARYA 2' POSTER



Disney+ Hotstar's Sushmita Sen starrer action drama 'Aarya 2' has been winning rave reviews from critics and viewers alike since it started streaming a few days back. Sushmita Sen's power-packed performance coupled with Ram Madhvan, Vinod Rawat, and Kapil Sharma's ace direction has made the second season of Aarya a favourite amongst the OTT viewers. While Sushmita and the makers have been happy looking at the great reviews and response for 'Aarya 2', superstar Salman Khan appreciated the intense look of the former Miss Universe in hoarding of the series that he chanced upon while travelling in the city. Salman Khan posted a photo of the poster with an encouraging caption stating, "Arre wah Sush how nice u looking ya. Totally killing it. So happy for u. @sushmitasen47." We are all aware that Salman and Sushmita are great friends and have worked together on multiple projects. Sushmita too responded with a heartfelt post stating "You are a Jaan @beingsalmankhan Thank you soooooo much for all the love & generosity!!! #cherished."

LOUIS VUITTON SHOES, GUCCI BAGS, MINI COOPER: SUKESH CHANDRASHEKHAR'S EXPENSIVE GIFTS TO JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ



The Enforcement Directorate, probing conman Sukesh Chandrashekhhar in the Rs 200 crore money laundering case in which Jacqueline Fernandez was questioned multiple times, stated that the Bollywood actress received top models of luxury cars and other expensive gifts from the accused. As per an ANI report, an ED chargesheet filed in the matter clearly stated that the conman gifted Jacqueline Fernandez three designer bags from Gucci, Chanel, two Gucci outfits for gym wear, a pair of Louis Vuitton shoes, two pairs of diamond earrings and a bracelet of multicoloured stones and two Hermes bracelets. The 'Kick' actor also received a Mini Cooper from Sukesh, which she claimed that she returned. She further stated that the conman had arranged private jet trips and her hotel stay on different occasions. An India Today report also states that Sukesh had also given gifts to Jacqueline Fernandez's family members. The conman extended a loan of USD 150,000 to the actor's sister, who lives in the US and also gave her a BMW X5 car. The accused gifted Jacqueline's parents a Maserati and her mother in Bahrain a Porsche. He also extended a loan of USD 50,000 to her brother in Australia.

‘NO CIS-HET ACTRESS EVER PLAYS THE ROLE’: VAANI KAPOOR ON PORTRAYING A TRANS-WOMAN IN ‘CHANDIGARH KARE AASHIQUI’



Actress Vaani Kapoor recently appeared in ‘Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui’ alongside Ayushmann Khurrana. The actress has been praised for her acting skills and her brave decision to play the role of a trans-woman in the film. Netizens are praising Vaani Kapoor for portraying the role of Maanvi Brar, a trans-woman who stands up and fights for her rights. On Sunday, Hrithik Rishan had praised the ‘Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui’ team for delivering strong message. Speaking about the movies, Vaani Said that she was ‘blown away’ when she read the script. The actress said, “For me, when Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui came to me, I was blown away by the script because it sensitively spoke about the need for inclusivity but told the story in the most engaging way possible. Hats off to Abhishek Kapoor for making a film that is accessible for people and can appeal to every human being, in every part of the country. We have to first pull in people to watch such films so that they can ponder over what we are trying to say and that, I believe, can hopefully aid in changing society at large.” She added, “I hope the impact of Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui is in enabling future films and producers so that representation of transgender people playing such roles is achieved. I hope that after this film no cis-het actress ever plays the role of a trans-woman and we can cast people from the community to play such roles. That was the aim of Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui right from the start because to change the mindset that has been prevalent for so long, you have to engage with people en masse and tell them about the importance of celebrating individuality and the freedom to choose one’s gender.” She further stated, “I didn’t think that I would be perceived brave if I did this film. As an actor, I have only tried to do good work and be patient to find scripts that enables me to become a reliable credible actor.





# VICKY KAUSHAL-KATRINA KAIF MAKE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AS HUSBAND AND WIFE

Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif returned to Mumbai on Tuesday after their extravagant yet private Rajasthan wedding earlier this month. The couple made their first public appearance as husband and wife as they struck a pose for the shutterbugs. Vicky and Katrina had headed to an undisclosed honeymoon destination after their wedding at Six Senses Fort in the desert state. In the photos, Vicky is seen in an off-white shirt which he paired with cream pants, while Katrina wore a peach-golden salwaar-kameez. She was seen wearing Punjabi chooda (bridal bangles) and applied sindoor (red vermillion) in the parting of the hair. Both looked happy as they posed for the camera. Vicky and Katrina tied the knot on December 9 in presence of their close friends and family members. The couple shared photos from their wedding and wrote, “Only love and gratitude in our hearts for

everything that brought us to this moment. Seeking all your love and blessings as we begin this new journey together.” Ever since their wedding, Vicky and Katrina have been treating fans to adorable photos from their wedding ceremony. On Tuesday morning, Katrina gave a glimpse of her white wedding. The photos captured some candid and intimate moments between Vicky and Katrina. In one of the photos, Vicky was seen kissing Katrina’s forehead, while in another, the two could not take their eyes off each other. Vicky and Katrina are rumoured to host a grand reception in Mumbai. However, there is no confirmation on it yet. On the work front, Katrina will get back to shoot Tiger 3, while Vicky will start prepping for Sam Bahadur, a biopic on Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

## Harnaaz Sandhu: ‘Would love to be a part of, not just Bollywood, but Hollywood too’

As the newly crowned Miss Universe 2021, Punjab’s Harnaaz Sandhu says she wants to nurture an environment where fellow women feel comfortable about expressing their concerns regarding health and hygiene. The 21-year-old, who has already starred in a few Punjabi films, including Yaara Diyan Poo Baran and Bai Ji Kuttange both 2021 releases, is also looking forward to creating a niche for herself not just in Hindi cinema but also Hollywood. On Monday, Sandhu became the third Indian to be crowned Miss Universe — actors Sushmita Sen and Lara Dutta won the title in 1994 and 2000, respectively. It’s a huge celebration for the whole country because an Indian has got a chance to wear this crown after 21 years, Harnaaz Sandhu said. “I feel so grateful and my heart is filled with so much respect for all those who have shown their faith in me and showered me with all their love. I want to use this platform to talk about the issues which we should all be concerned about,” the pageant winner told PTI in a telephonic interview from Eilat, Israel, where the 70th edition of the event was held. Next stop for Sandhu is the New York City, her home for now from where she will discharge her duties as a spokesperson for various causes alongside the Miss Universe Organisation. Her mother and gynaecologist Ravinder Kaur Sandhu has been an inspiration for Sandhu, who wants to lead the way for women empowerment with special focus on menstrual hygiene and breast cancer awareness. “My advocacy is all about women empowerment with menstrual hygiene, my mom being a gynaecologist. Women should talk about their health. In my community, women still feel uncomfortable talking about their body and anything that’s to do with their health.

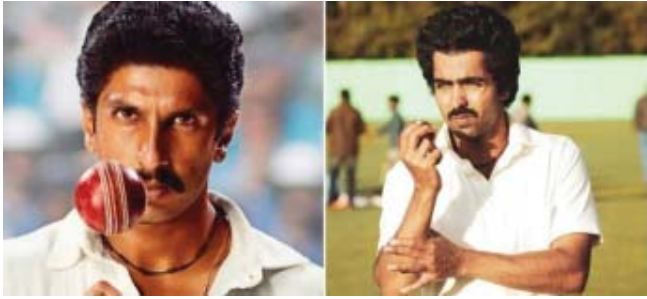


## 83 PRODUCER ON CHEATING CASE: ‘IT IS FALSE, BASELESS AND MOTIVATED’

A few days back, Ranveer Singh’s 83 landed itself in a soup after a complaint was filed against the producers for cheating. Since Deepika Padukone is also a co-producer, her name was also dragged into the controversy. On Monday, Vibri Media’s Vishnu Induri’s spokesperson clarified the legal hassle calling the case by Future Resources FZE as ‘false, baseless and motivated’. They also denied the claims of the complainants and said that ‘the makers of 83 are in no way concerned with the case’. “Future Resources FZE is a minority shareholder in Vibri Media, there have been internal disputes between the promoters of Vibri Media Pvt Ltd and the complainant, which are pending in various courts. The complainant Future Resources FZE has been restrained by the Hon’ble Telangana high court from interfering with the movie 83 in any manner,” they said. The spokesperson further called out the timing stating that the complainant decided to act just prior to the release of the film. Calling it a ‘publicity gimmick’ they said that it constitutes contempt of court for which Vibri Media Pvt Ltd is availing its legal remedies against the complainant. “The film 83 and the producers are in no way concerned with this and they reserve their right to initiate appropriate action against Future Resources FZE,” the spokesperson from Vibhi Media added. For the unversed, a UAE-based financier alleged that his company was promised good returns by Vibri Media after they invested close to Rs 16 crore in 83. Since they did not get what was promised in return, the businessman approached the Andheri Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Mumbai and filed a complaint against the makers of 83.



## 83: KAPIL DEV AND MADAN LAL REVEAL THE STORY OF ‘REVENGE’ DURING WORLD CUP FINAL, RANVEER SINGH IS IN SPLITS



Ranveer Singh’s turn as Kapil Dev in the much-awaited 83 is not just the only thing that audience is looking forward to. Director Kabir Khan, who’s tried to keep every detail about the film, as authentic as possible, is grabbing eyeballs already. These include the way its entire cast got into the skin of their respective characters, along with the tit-bits and lesser known stories from the field, before India clinched its first Cricket World Cup trophy. One such story, still recounted by many, is the way former bowler Madan Lal took “revenge” from then West Indies batsman Sir Vivian Richards. 83 traces the story of India’s maiden World Cup win in 1983, by the country’s cricketering squad lead by former captain Kapil Dev. The official Instagram handle of 83 shared a clip on Tuesday from one of the promotional events where we see Madan Lal revealing his story of revenge during the final match, and how he literally had to beg skipper Kapil Dev to give him another over. Madan Lal turned out to be the highest impact bowler of the 1983 World Cup. 83 is based on India’s triumphant victory in the 1983 cricket world cup. The sports drama also stars Tahir Raj Bhasin, Jiiva, Saqib Saleem, Jatin Sarna, Chirag Patil, Dinker Sharma, Nishant Dahiya, Sahil Khattar, Ammy Virk, Addinath Kothare, Dhairya Karwa, R Badree and Pankaj Tripathi. Deepika Padukone will be seen playing Romi, Kapil Dev’s wife.

## BRAHMASTRA: AMITABH BACHCHAN GIVES FIRST LOOK AT RANBIR KAPOOR’S SHIVA 4 YEARS AFTER FILM WAS ANNOUNCED



Actor Amitabh Bachchan on Tuesday teased the first motion poster of Brahmastra, which will be released on December 15, almost four years to the day after the film was first announced by producer Karan Johar. Directed by Ayan Mukerji, Brahmastra is expected to spawn an epic fantasy trilogy of films. The teaser also revealed star Ranbir Kapoor’s look for the film. The actor plays Shiva in the film, and could be seen striking a heroic pose in Amitabh Bachchan’s post. “Our journey of sharing Brahmastra with the world is finally beginning! Love .. Light .. Fire .. Brahmastra Motion Poster out tomorrow .. #brahmastra @brahmastrafilm,” the actor captioned his Instagram post.

## KAREENA KAPOOR AND AMRITA ARORA TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



Actors Kareena Kapoor and Amrita Arora have tested positive for Covid-19. Both have mild symptoms and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has asked them to remain in home quarantine. Both are doubly vaccinated and had attended a few public events with celebrities before they tested positive. “The BMC is tracking all their close contacts,” said Suresh Kakani, Additional Municipal Commissioner, health. Kapoor and Arora were tested on Saturday and results came on Sunday. So far, 30 of their high risk contacts have been traced and their Covid-19 test results are expected Tuesday. As per protocol, their houses have been sealed, BMC officials said.

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## PAKISTAN CREATE NEW RECORD IN T20I CRICKET HISTORY AFTER BEATING WEST INDIES IN 1ST MATCH

Pakistan defeated West Indies by 63 runs on Monday, surpassing their own record of 17 T20I wins in a calendar year. The Green Army took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series against the Windies, and in the process, achieved a massive milestone in T20 cricket history. Pakistan won their 18th T20I of the year 2021 on Monday, becoming the first team to do so. They shattered their own record of 17 wins from the year 2018, achieved under the captaincy of Sarfaraz Ahmed. Now led by Babar Azam, the Pakistani team have achieved a feat like no other, winning a record 18 T20 international in a calendar year, and they could further extend that figure with two more matches remaining to be played before next year.

Most wins by a team in a calendar year (T20Is):

- 18\* Pakistan (2021)
- 17 Pakistan (2018)
- 15 India (2016)
- 14 Papua New Guinea (2019)

India's arch-rivals Pakistan defeated West Indies by 63 runs at the National Stadium in Karachi. Batting first, the hosts racked up a total of 200 runs, and in return, the Caribbean team folded for a paltry total of 137, handing the hosts a crucial lead.

The home side got off to a slow start as they lost Babar Azam (0) and Fakhar Zaman (10) early, but recovered well through Mohammad Rizwan (78 runs in 52 balls), who scored his record 11th T20I fifty of 2021, the most of a batsman in a calendar year. Haider Ali also got into the act and scored 68 off 39 balls to help his side to a total of 200.

The Windies batsmen however struggled to cope up with Pakistani bowlers, as Mohammad Wasim Jr and Shadab Khan starred for the hosts picking up four and three wickets respectively. Shai Hope top-scored for the Caribbean side with 26 runs off 31 balls.

Meanwhile, the second T20I between Pakistan and West Indies will be played on Tuesday, December 14 from 6.30 PM IST. The two teams are scheduled to play a 3 match ODI series as well, after the conclusion of the T20I series, with all the games set to be played at the National Stadium in Karachi. Pakistan defeated West Indies by 63 runs on Monday, surpassing their own record of 17 T20I wins in a calendar year. The Green Army took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series against the Windies, and in the process, achieved a massive milestone in T20 cricket history. Pakistan won their 18th T20I of the year 2021 on Monday, becoming the first team to do so. They shattered their own record of 17 wins from the year 2018, achieved under the captaincy of Sarfaraz Ahmed.

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India's arch-rivals Pakistan defeated West Indies by 63 runs at the National Stadium in Karachi. Batting first, the hosts racked up a total of 200 runs, and in return, the Caribbean team folded for a paltry total of 137, handing the hosts a crucial lead. The home side got off to a slow start as they lost Babar Azam (0) and Fakhar Zaman (10) early, but recovered well through Mohammad Rizwan (78 runs in 52 balls), who scored his record 11th T20I fifty of 2021, the most of a batsman in a calendar year. Haider Ali also got into the act and scored 68 off 39 balls to help his side to a total of 200.

### VIRAT KOHLI HAS NOT OFFICIALLY ASKED FOR A BREAK: BCCI

India's former white-ball skipper Virat Kohli has not officially asked for a break from the ODI leg of the upcoming series against South Africa, as per the latest reports.

In an interesting turn of events, it was being speculated that Virat Kohli, who was recently replaced by Rohit Sharma as India's skipper in ODI format will be taking a break from the ODI leg of India's South Africa tour. The Men in Blue are scheduled to fly to South Africa to take on the Proteas in a 3 match Test series, which will begin from December 26 and go on until January 15. Subsequently, the two teams will play a 3 match ODI series that kicks off on January 19.

Kohli is set to lead India in the Test series, however, reports emerged earlier on Tuesday that the Delhi-born batsman has asked for a break after the Test series, and he won't be able to take part in the ODIs as he wants to be there with his family for the first birthday celebration of his daughter Vamika.

However, as per the latest developments, Virat Kohli has not officially asked the BCCI for a break, as per various reports. Therefore, it remains to be seen, whether Kohli will be a part of India's squad for the ODI leg or not. Moreover, it will be interesting to see who leads Team India for the ODIs, because newly crowned skipper Rohit Sharma has sustained a hamstring injury of late, and it's not clear whether he will be able to make a comeback in time for the ODI leg of the series.

### FORMER INDIAN SKIPPER SLAMS VIRAT KOHLI, ROHIT SHARMA FOR THEIR BEHAVIOUR AHEAD OF SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

Team India's former captain Mohammed Azharuddin has lambasted the current skippers Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli for not being clear about their availability across formats ahead of a crucial tour of South Africa. The Men in Blue are scheduled to take on the Proteas from December 26, although there have been a few hiccups along the road.

Firstly, the BCCI decided to remove Virat Kohli as the ODI skipper and gave the captaincy to Rohit Sharma, stating that there can't be two captains across T20 and ODI formats. For the unversed, Kohli had earlier stepped down as the skipper in T20I format after the ICC Men's T20 World Cup earlier this year.

Rohit Sharma then led India to a 3-0 series win against New Zealand in the T20I series at home, and subsequently, owing to his good run of form in the purest form of cricket, he was promoted to vice-captain in the Test format as well. However, Rohit had missed the Test series against New Zealand, while Kohli only played in the last of the two matches against the Kiwis. Now, in the latest turn of events, Rohit has been sidelined from the upcoming Test series versus South Africa through an injury, while Kohli has reportedly, asked for a break after the Tests as he wishes to be with his family, for the first birthday celebration of his daughter Vamika.

Team India will be playing 3 Test matches against the Proteas from December 26 to January 15, while the 3 match ODI series will be played between January 19 to January 23. Subsequently, former Indian skipper, Mohammed Azharuddin came down heavily on Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli for their behaviour ahead of the tour of South Africa. The veteran tweeted that the pair should have been clear about their availability and that such behaviour will only add fuel to the speculation about a rift between the two skippers.

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