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VACCINE FOR ALL ABOVE 18: KAREENA KAPOOR, SWARA BHASKER, ANUBHAV SINHA AND OTHERS HAIL GOVERNMENT'S MOVE



AFTER THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT ON MONDAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE VACCINE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE OVER AGE 18 FROM MAY 1, SEVERAL CELEBRITIES REACTED TO THE NEWS. ACTORS LIKE RITEISH DESHMUKH, SWARA BHASKER, KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN, RANVIR SHOREY, ANUBHAV SINHA AND OTHERS HAVE WELCOMED THE NEWS. WHILE RITEISH TWEETED, "IT'S A GREAT DECISION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO OPEN UP THE COVID 19 VACCINATION FOR EVERYONE ABOVE 18 YEARS OLD. #VACCINEFORALL," KAREENA KAPOOR WROTE ON HER INSTAGRAM STORY, "LET'S DO THIS INDIA!" OTHERS LIKE ANUBHAV SINHA AND SWARA BHASKER, WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE QUITE CRITICAL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, ALSO COMMENDED THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT. WHILE BHASKER'S TWITTER POST READ, "FINALLY! YES, THANK YOU," SINHA TWEETED, "CHALO AB MAY 1 SE JUGAAD LAGAO VACCINE KA" (NOW LET US START DEVISING WAYS TO GET THE VACCINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE).

'EVERY HOUSE IN INDIA SHOULD HAVE SONS LIKE SALMAN KHAN, SOHAIL KHAN': RAKHI SAWANT THANKS ACTOR FOR 'SAVING MOM'S LIFE'



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RANVEER SINGH TALKS ABOUT HOW HE KEPT CHASING HIS DREAMS BY BELIEVING THAT THE IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING FOR HIM.

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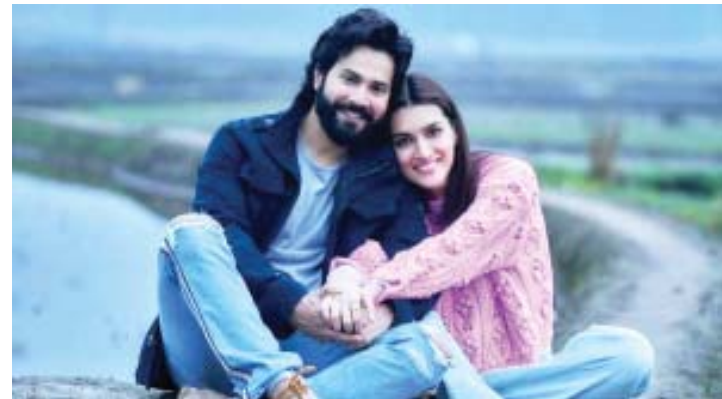
DISHA PATANI IS CURRENTLY HOLIDAYING IN MALDIVES. WHILE SHE WAS CLICKED AT MUMBAI AIRPORT WITH HER RUMOURED BOYFRIEND TIGER SHROFF, THE ACTOR SHARED HER SOLO PHOTOS FROM THE ISLAND NATION. CHECK THEM OUT!

AFTER TESTING NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19, BHUMI PEDNEKAR STARTS INITIATIVE TO HELP OTHERS DURING PANDEMIC



Days after actor Bhumi Pednekar tested negative for the coronavirus, she has started a new initiative to help those in need during these trying times. Calling herself a Covid warrior, Bhumi said as India deals with the second wave of the virus, she will be 'identifying resources to enable facilitation and access to medical supplies, plasma request and donors'. She added in the post, "While I am trying my level best to verify the numbers/contacts which are shared with me on a rampant & daily basis, there might be some numbers which may turn out to be fake. In the event that you find any information here not helpful/fake, please do let me know & I will immediately remove the same." She also wrote, "This initiative is my small contribution to the huge battle that lies ahead to us. Please be patient and don't lose hope! We're in this together."

KRITI SANON BIDS SWEET GOODBYE TO BHEDIYA CO-STAR VARUN DHAWAN AFTER SCHEDULE ENDS: 'WE'VE COME A LONG WAY'



Kriti Sanon on Monday posted a heart-warming message for her Bhediya co-star Varun Dhawan as she wrapped up her schedule on the upcoming horror-comedy. Kriti wrote about the long-standing friendship she shares with Varun since they first starred together in Rohit Shetty's 2015 action drama Dilwale. "And its a schedule wrap for me in Ziro for #BHEDIYA! From Dilwale to Bhediya and all the years of friendship in between, we've come a long way @varundvn... Gonna miss you, the captain of our pack @amarkaushik and the entire Wolfpack See you guys soon!! And bye bye Ziro!" Kriti wrote alongside two photos of herself with Varun. The Bhediya team had been shooting in Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, for some time now. An hour before Kriti shared her feelings on completing her schedule, Varun took to Instagram to write that he would miss both his co-star and their stunning shooting location. "Kya lagti hain hai Raaba Bahut maaza ayaa apka saath @kritisanon #wolfpack. It's a sched wrap for kriti on #BHEDIYA as we say bye to ziro. Will miss you both," Varun Dhawan wrote while sharing the same pictures that Kriti Sanon posted.

IPL 2021: ANDRE RUSSELL REFUSES TO RUN OUT KYLE JAMIESON IN RCB VS KKR



AB de Villiers was in fine form as Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Kolkata Knight Riders by 38 runs in their IPL match on Sunday. Batting first, De Villiers' master class and Maxwell's counter-attacking half-century propelled RCB to an imposing 204/4. In reply, KKR were stopped at 166/8 as RCB regained the top spot in the pecking order. RCB smashed 56 runs in the last three overs, including 21 in the final six deliveries, thanks to de Villiers 34-ball 76 not out. The show belonged to De Villiers as he toyed with KKR bowlers. He finished it off in style, pummeling Andre Russell for three fours and a six in the last over of the innings. The last-over onslaught was preceded by 4, 4, 6 as de Villiers left poor Russell bruised and battered. Having leaked plenty of runs, Russell surprisingly decided to leave the only chance that came his way to send an opponent batsman back when he refused to run out RCB's Kyle Jamieson.

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PRACHI DESAI REVEALS SHE WAS REPLACED BY FILMMAKERS FOR REFUSING TO DO 'SEXY, RAUNCHY' SCENES



'Bol Bachchan' actor Prachi Desai has revealed that she was replaced in films because she did not agree to enact certain scenes. Prachi said that none of the filmmakers had the 'decency' to inform her about throwing her out. Prachi also said that she could never wrap her head around being told that she isn't 'hot enough' and that she needed to do more 'sexy songs'.

During an interview with Bollywood Bubble, Prachi said, "In the film business, people want you to be what only a certain man wants you to be. You are always looked at from a male gaze. And I was always told like, 'You are not hot enough. You need to be hot. You are too young too cute. I think you need to do a sexy shoot. All you need to do a sexy song'. And I didn't understand that. I was like, 'But for who should I do these sexy shoots. For who should I do these sexy songs.' Don't you see what I am doing in my films? That I can act."

Prachi, during her interview, also revealed that she and her manager sometimes got to know that she was replaced in a film through a third person's social media post. "And then we confronted the filmmaker and said that 'You know in the next six days we were supposed to start shooting for you. And we have been told that 'you are not okay doing a certain song or a certain scene we had to replace you'. Now we are looking to make the role far sexier or raunchier So yeah that has happened in the past. It again happened a couple of months ago. So it's nothing new to me and I feel like a lot of people will sadly go through as I said it's not just a thing of the past and I experienced it recently as well," Prachi added. Prachi emphasises that the filmmakers would never call to inform her that she has been replaced. "Waise toh bade mard bante hain (They say they're honourable men) but when it comes to working they are not even man enough to send you a text or a call," she said.

'Virus may be killing humans but healing everything else': Kangana Ranaut on COVID-19

It's a stressful time around the country with the rising cases of COVID-19. Several celebs are lending their support and help virtually with helpline numbers and other important information needed for coronavirus patients. Amid that Kangana Ranaut has listed down a few pointers on how the Earth is healing after the pandemic was hit and also shared that further, we have to be gentle to her.

Kangana's tweet read as "Today humans are traumatised by a self-made virus that they used to bring each other's economies down. Some may agree with what I say some may not but one thing no one can deny is that the Earth is healing, the virus may be killing humans but healing everything else." The actor added, "Let's be gentle to her1) each one of us must plant eight trees a year 2) stop breeding like rabbits 3) avoid single used plastic 4)Don't waste food 5) be aware of idiots around you, take responsibility because you could be living wisely but if not handled they will destroy you." On Saturday, Kangana had tweeted about the COVID-19 virus and even lent her support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his efforts in tackling the situation. She wrote, "This bio war/virus which has been unleashed upon this world is a huge crisis but much more challenging for this over the populated country which can test even the greatest and the strongest leader. May the forces be with you. May you emerge victorious in defeating the darkness."



MIDWEEK HIT OR FLOP

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| MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES) | HIT |
| COOLIE NO 1 | SUCCESS |
| WONDER WOMAN 1984 | SUPER HIT |
| LAXMII | SUCCESS |
| DIL BECHARA | SUCCESS |

top 10 songs



| SONG | ARTIST |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JUDAIYAAN | DARSHAN RAVAL, SHREYA GHOSHAL |
| WAADA HAI | ARJUN KANUNGO |
| HONTHON PE BAS | MIKA SINGH, SHEFALI JARIWALA |
| FIRST KISS (FT. IPSITAA) | YO YO HONEY SINGH |
| SUKOON | TAARUK |
| AABAAD BARBAAD | ARIJIT SINGH, PRITAM |
| LOVE CAN SAVE IT ALL | ANDRA |
| RONA LIKHA THA | RAMJI GULATI |
| MUJHE PEENE DO | DARSHAN RAVAL |
| TAARON KE SHEHAR | NEHA KAKKAR, SUNNY KAUSHAL |

MIDWEEK BOX OFFICE

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| MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES) | 154 CRORE |
| COOLIE NO 1 | 30 LAKH (AMAZON) |
| WONDER WOMAN 1984 | 10.5 CRORE |
| LAXMII | 37 LAKH (HOTSTAR) |
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'Every house in India should have sons like Salman Khan, Sohail Khan': Rakhi Sawant thanks actor for 'saving mom's life'



'Bigg Boss 14' contestant Rakhi Sawant has thanked Bollywood superstar Salman Khan and his brother, actor Sohail Khan, for pitching in with support for her mother Jaya's cancer treatment. Rakhi posted a few clips of her mother in the hospital. In the clip, Rakhi is heard saying in Hindi, "Today is my mother's operation for cancer and I am so happy. Now, you don't have to take any more tension mom. The cancer will be out of your body permanently." Rakhi's mother Jaya then thanked Salman for the support he has shown. "I would like to say namaskar to Salman Khan. I used to pray to Jesus that I have no money. I will die like this and my god sent Salman Khan as an angel in my life. He stood by us and helped me with my operation. His entire family is standing by me. I would like to thank you and your family," said Jaya, addressing Salman.

Rakhi's mother further added, "I pray that you and your family never face any kind of struggle. I pray that you move much ahead. Thank you, Salman Khan." Rakhi too thanked Salman for the help. She said, "It is because of you and god that this big operation is taking place. You helped us get the number of the world's best doctors. Every house in India should have sons like Salman Khan and Sohail Khan." Earlier, Rakhi had said that Salman had asked her to not talk candidly about the role he played in her mother's treatment. In an interview, Rakhi had said, "Salman Khan and Sohail Bhai have done a lot for me. They always tell us whatever we do there is no need to talk about it. That's why I want to keep it personal. But yes they have helped me a lot. My other friends like Kashmera Shah also came forward to help me and I am very thankful for them," Hindustan Times quoted.

TIGER SHROFF SHARES A MESSAGE ABOUT STAYING HOME FROM MALDIVES TRIP WITH DISHA PATANI



Tiger Shroff, on Monday, shared a post on his Instagram stories urging his fans to stay at home and stay safe amid the rise in COVID-19 cases. Tiger himself is currently in the Maldives where he is vacationing with Disha Patani. On Monday, Disha took to her Instagram and shared several photos from her Maldives holiday with Tiger Shroff. While he did not make an appearance in her photos, the two were seen leaving for the holiday stop together from the Mumbai airport on Sunday. As for Tiger, he did not share any posts from the Maldives yet, however, he did share an informative Instagram post on how to stay safe as India continues to struggle with the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. In the message, people were advised to stay at home and



ask their family members to stay at home as well. Disha, on the other hand, posed at the beach in a red bikini in her latest post. She captioned her post with an octopus emoji. More pictures from the trip shared on her Instagram Stories, showed her enjoying a coconut drink by the beach, and posing for some gorgeous selfies. Not just Tiger and Disha, Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, who just recently recovered from the virus also jetted off to the Maldives on Monday. On the work front, Tiger was last seen in 2019's 'War', with Hrithik Roshan. His upcoming projects include 'Ganapath' and 'Baaghi 4'. Disha will be seen with John Abraham in 'Ek Villain 2', and in 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai' with Salman Khan.

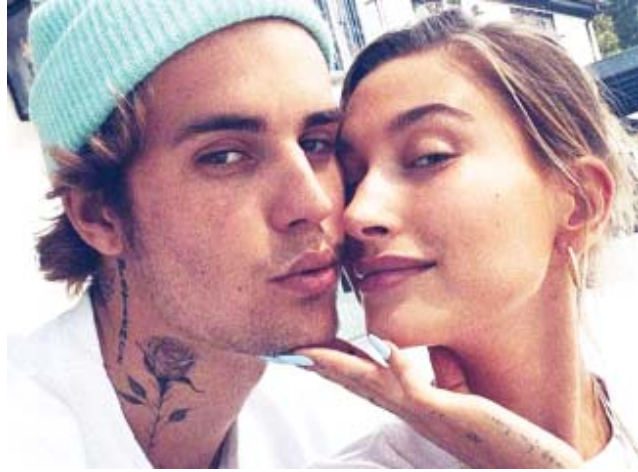
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'HELEN MCCRORY'S MOST EXQUISITE ACT OF BRAVERY HAS BEEN TO NORMALISE HER DEATH': DAMIAN LEWIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE WIFE



Actor Damian Lewis paid a heartfelt tribute to his late wife Helen McCrory, who died last week, battling cancer. She was 52 when she breathed her last. Damian honoured McCrory, who was widely known for her roles as Narcissa Malfoy in the popular 'Harry Potter' films and Polly Gray in 'Peaky Blinders', in an emotional tribute written for 'The Sunday Times', in which he reflected on his "brilliant" wife's life, reported People magazine. "Many people have spoken about her career and many more will, so that's where I'll leave it because it strikes me that two things are happening this weekend: an outpouring of grief and shock, and a celebration of Helen McCrory the actress from fans everywhere, and of Helen the person. And that's who I want to talk about," Lewis said of the actor.

'THERE WAS JUST A LACK OF TRUST', SAYS JUSTIN BIEBER, TERMS FIRST YEAR OF MARRIAGE TO HAILEY BALDWIN 'REALLY TOUGH'



Justin Bieber opened up about the ups and downs of his marriage, in a recent interview. According to People magazine, the 27-year-old pop star, who graced the cover of GQ's May issue, recounted low points in his life that were caused by his struggles and how his wife, Hailey Baldwin, helped him out of during those dark moments. Describing himself to the outlet as someone who was always "compelled" to get married, Bieber said, "I just felt like that was my calling. Just to get married and have babies and do that whole thing." As for babies for himself and Baldwin, Bieber said, "Not this second, but we will eventually." However, Bieber went on to share how his demons caused a strain in his marriage to the love of his life. Bieber said, "The first year of marriage was really tough because a lot was going back to the trauma. There was just a lack of trust. There were all these things that you don't want to admit to the person that you're with because it's scary. You don't want to scare them off by saying, 'I'm scared.'" As reported by People magazine, the hitmaker and Baldwin tied the knot in September 2018 at a New York City courthouse, just two months after getting engaged in the Bahamas that July. "They went ahead and did it without listening to anyone," a source close to the couple told People magazine at the time. On September 30, 2019, the couple hosted a larger second wedding ceremony in front of family and friends. Bieber and Baldwin, who wore a custom off-white gown, exchanged vows and Tiffany wedding bands as the sunset at the Montage Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, South Carolina. On the work front, Bieber had released his sixth studio album titled 'Justice' on March 19. Bieber also released a deluxe version of the album on March 26, which features an extra six songs.

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'Came back gaining 8 kilos after my trip to Tuscany with Saif': Kareena Kapoor Khan's candid secret of binging on pizza



Kareena Kapoor Khan recently starred as a guest in the new celebrity-based cookery show titled Star vs Food. During her stint, the actor dished out several food-related secrets about herself, her family and even friends from the film industry. Kareena shared a candid secret of her enjoying delectable pizzas on a trip to Tuscany, Italy she previously took with husband and actor Saif Ali Khan. The Jab We Met actor stated, "We went for a holiday to Tuscany and we had all these amazing brick oven pizzas and I came back gaining eight kilos because all I did was watch that chef make pizzas day in and day out. It was like art, making a pizza is easy but starting from scratch and actually doing it the way they do is an art." Talking about

being health conscious over the years, Kareena shared, "I think most of the times actors have been very healthy with what they eat. This generation especially is extremely conscious of their food, no gluten, no sugar, or everyone is on some sort of packed meal." KKK also said, "Back when Karisma (Kapoor) was still in the movies, people were not as conscious of food, but today's generation is always interested in knowing what's in their meal, from salt to the quantity of oil. I was shocked by the amount of oil that goes into making the Pesto sauce that we made today. So, I think everyone is conscious including me because it's in my family to put on weight easily, so I have to be extra careful."

Navya Naveli Nanda schools a troll savagely, just like uncle Abhishek Bachchan

Abhishek Bachchan often replies to netizens who troll him over his performances, nepotism and more. He is one of the few celebs who use social media platforms to interact with his fans as well as his haters. It seems like his niece Navya Naveli Nanda is following his footsteps in shutting down trolls in the most subtle way. On Sunday, the young entrepreneur took to her Instagram page and shared the news of 'Our first Period Positive Home was inaugurated today in Gadchiroli'. Navya shared the photos and wrote, "Seeing this project come to life has been so fulfilling. We are excited to build six more homes such as these, very soon so we can continue to fight against the age-old custom of banishment to huts during menstruation. Thank you for ensuring women everywhere can have a safe and happy period. 'Menstruation is the only blood not born from violence, yet it's the one that disgusts you the most.' @projectnaveli @mukulmadhavfoundation." Navya is currently in the US for her studies and she has been monitoring every project closely. However, one of the users asked her, "If the project meant so much to you, then where were you in the inauguration?" To which Navya replied, "I'm sure you're aware we're in the middle of a pandemic?"Meanwhile, Project Naveli is a Non-profit organisation that undertakes to banish taboos against women and their health. The bio reads as "Building a gender-equal world."



RANVEER SINGH HAS THIS ADVICE TO 'OUTSIDERS', TALKS ABOUT HIS INITIAL HUSTLE DUE TO 'SHEER LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES'



Ranveer Singh in his decade long journey as an actor has shattered many stereotypes. The actor with his acting prowess not only won the hearts of the people but also received many accolades. He has proved that he a shape-shifter and can mould himself to get into the skin of the character he plays. Now, while interacting with the sports brand Adidas, Ranveer revealed how he kept chasing his dreams by believing that the impossible is nothing for him. When asked about his 'biggest learnings on a journey to superstardom', Ranveer stated, "When young actors, especially 'outsiders', come up to me seeking advice on how to navigate their hustle - the first and most important thing I tell them is 'do it for the right reasons. Do it simply because you love performing'. I urge them to not be lured towards performing arts or the entertainment business because success in this field comes with fame and money. Those are transient, they are frills - just trappings. So I say, Be true to your craft and do it for the love of, and for the joy of performing."

The actor added, "Another thing I learned along the way, is that authenticity has the most resonance. If you try being something that you are inherently not, you are doing a disservice to yourself. If you stay true to who you are, if you lose the fear of being judged, only then will you vibrate at a high frequency. 'You do you', I tell them. Be original, be your unique self. Another important thing I've learned is to keep taking risks. The bigger the risk, the bigger the reward. You may falter during that process, but I believe that there are no failures in life- there are only lessons." Talking about the 'moment when he decided that an outsider has to stand beside fellow outsiders', Ranveer shared, "One can have the passion and grit and can even prepare endlessly for the moment that one gets to shine. But oftentimes the missing piece of the puzzle is 'opportunity'. My hustle was as difficult as it was because of the sheer lack of opportunities. That's what I wanted to create for fellow dreamers. To provide the opportunity to young creators who were burning with passion. To give them a platform to showcase their talent. It is my way of giving back. It is my way of paying forward the blessings I have received. It is my way of showing gratitude to the universe."

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T20 World Cup 2021: Host India to grant visas to Pakistan cricketers, decides on venues as well



India ends all speculations surrounding the T20 World Cup 2021 as the government has decided to grant visas to the Pakistan cricketers for the tournament to be held later this year. According to reports, Jay Shah, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), informed the Apex Council about the government's decision.

The development comes after Pakistan had defeated South Africa 3-1 in the T20I series. "The visa issue of Pakistan cricket team has been sorted. However, whether the fans can travel across the border to watch matches is still not clear. It will be decided in due course of time. However, we had promised ICC that it will be sorted. The secretary announced during the meeting," a member of the Apex Council was quoted as saying in India Today.

In another development, it has also been learned that the BCCI has decided on nine venues and will see the entry of new venues in Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Chennai and Hyderabad. The four venues had not hosted the matches in the 2016 edition of the T20 World Cup held in India. The venues are - Dharamsala, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Delhi, and Hyderabad- for the T20 World Cup. The Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad is likely to host the final. "The nine venues have been informed and it was again discussed that preparations should continue for the showpiece event with an eye on the COVID-19 situation and a call will only be taken closer to the event. It is too early to imagine what can or will happen in October-November with regards to the coronavirus situation. But preparations shall be on," a BCCI source told ANI.

FORMER SRI LANKA CRICKETER LOKUHETTIGE BANNED FOR EIGHT YEARS UNDER ICC ANTI-CORRUPTION CODE

DUBAI: Former Sri Lanka cricketer Dilhara Lokuhettige was on Monday banned from all cricket for eight years after being found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

The ban for Lokuhettige, a right-arm fast-medium bowler and lower-order batsman, is backdated to April 3, 2019 when he was provisionally suspended. "Having represented Sri Lanka in international cricket, Dilhara had attended a number of anti-corruption education sessions and would have known his actions were a breach of the Code," Alex Marshall, ICC General Manager – Integrity Unit, said in a release. "The severity of the sanction reflects the seriousness of his offences and his continued refusal to cooperate and should serve as a deterrent for anyone considering getting involved in corruption of any kind." The 40-year-old, who had retired in September 2016 after playing nine ODIs and two T20 Internationals for his country, was found guilty of three offences under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code in January this year, following a hearing by an independent tribunal. He was charged under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code in November 2019 for his involvement in match-fixing during a T20 tournament in UAE in 2017, where a Sri Lankan team participated. The Tribunal found Lokuhettige guilty of: Article 2.1.1 – for being party to an agreement or effort to fix or contrive or otherwise influence improperly the result, progress, conduct or other aspect(s) of a match.

Hardik Pandya hasn't bowled so far due to shoulder niggle: Mahela Jayawardene



Hardik Pandya did not bowl in the last three IPL games due to a shoulder niggle that he picked up during the final ODI against England, said Mumbai Indians head coach Mahela Jayawardene on Monday. "...we were looking forward for him to be bowling this season... he was coming back from an injury already, but after those matches against England, the last ODI, I believe he picked up niggle, so that is something that we are nursing at the moment," Jayawardene said during a virtual press-conference. The former Sri Lankan batsman, however, hoped that Hardik will be able to return to bowling in the next few weeks. "We don't want to risk it, because it is important that we make sure that he (Hardik) is in a position to comfortably come in and bowl. So hopefully in the next few weeks, with a bit of work and all that, we might see him bowling," he said. "It is not that we are deliberately trying to not bowl him, we would love to have him bowling, but as soon as the niggle is off and he is comfortable, we should be able to use that asset as well."

I was worried about my technique after getting dropped in Australia: Prithvi Shaw

The promising Prithvi Shaw says he had started "worrying" about his technique after being dropped in Australia before roaring back to form in domestic cricket, thanks to a few technical changes he made in his game.

Shaw, 21, was dropped after his twin failures in the opening Test at Adelaide last December.

However, the Mumbai batsman dominated the Vijay Hazare Trophy like no other in the history of the tournament, amassing a whopping 827 runs in eight matches. Then, Shaw made a blistering 72 off 38 balls in Delhi Capitals' first match of the season against Chennai Super Kings. "After getting dropped from the Test side after the first Test in Australia, I started worrying about my technique on why I was getting bowled. Even if it was a minor mistake, I wanted to minimize that. I started working on it there itself," said Shaw after Delhi Capitals' win over Punjab Kings on Sunday night. He smashed 32 off just 17 balls against Punjab Kings, hitting three fours and two sixes. "I worked on my initial movement — getting more stable and more ready before the bowler has bowled.

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| 24 | 29 | SUN | 2-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | PUNJAB KINGS | DELHI CAPITALS |
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FROM VIRAT KOHLI TO MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI: TAKE A LOOK AT WHOPPING NET WORTH OF INDIA CRICKETERS

Indian cricketers earn a huge sum of money through various cricket and non-cricket related contracts and deals. The BCCI pay a handsome salary to Indian cricketers and majority of them endorse several brands which help them earn a large sum of money. Here's take a look at top 5 richest cricketers in the world:

Sachin Tendulkar

Former India opener Sachin Tendulkar has a net worth of Rs 1090 crore and he is the richest cricketer in the world. Though the legendary batsman is now retired from international cricket but he still earns money from various brand endorsements and sponsorship deals.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is without doubt a very popular cricketer even though he has now retired from international arena. Dhoni is the 2nd richest cricketer in the world with a net worth of Rs 767 crore. Under Dhoni's captaincy, the Indian cricket team won two Asia Cups, an ICC Champions Trophy, an ICC T20 World Cup and the prestigious 2011 Cricket World Cup.

Virat Kohli

India skipper Virat Kohli is the 3rd richest cricketer in the world with a net worth of Rs 638 crore. Kohli has his own fashion brands Wrogn and One8 (partnering with Puma). He is the only cricket player included in the list of Forbes' highest-paid athletes in the world.



Virender Sehwag

With a huge net worth of Rs 277 crore, former India Opener Virender Sehwag is fourth richest Indian cricketer. Sehwag also represented IPL franchises Delhi Daredevils and Kings XI Punjab in his 8-year IPL career.

Yuvraj Singh

Former all-rounder and the 'architect' of India's 2011 World Cup win, Yuvraj Singh, is also one among the richest cricketers in India. The southpaw has a net worth of around Rs 245 crore.

Sri Lankan legend Muttiah Muralitharan undergoes angioplasty after having a cardiac issue



Former Sri Lankan spinner and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) bowling coach Muttiah Muralitharan has undergone angioplasty here in Chennai. According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, the bowling legend has had a stent fitted to unblock his artery. Muralitharan, who has 800 wickets in the longest format of the game, will rejoin SRH camp when he is discharged from the hospital. SRH lost the Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Mumbai Indians on Saturday. David Warner-led team will next lock horns with Punjab Kings on Wednesday.

WASN'T TOO STRESSED ABOUT LOW SCORES, STUCK TO WHAT WORKED IN 2020: MAYANK AGARWAL



MUMBAI: Back in form with a scintillating half-century, Punjab Kings' Mayank Agarwal says he wasn't too stressed about not firing in the first couple of IPL matches and tried to stick to the things that worked for him in the last edition. Mayank, who had amassed 424 runs in the last season in the UAE, had scored 14 and 0 against Rajasthan Royals and Chennai Super Kings to make a dismal start to the ongoing season. However, the 30-year-old from Bengaluru found his touch on Sunday as he smashed a sizzling 36-ball 69 to help Punjab post 195 for four against Delhi Capitals. "I wasn't thinking too much, I planned to do and keep the mindset that worked for me last year. I thought last match I had a good ball, I didn't want to stress too much about it and wanted to look forward and so stuck to what worked for me," he said during a virtual press-conference.

SHIKHAR IS 'THE ONE' FOR DELHI CAPITALS, HELPS THEM CHASE DOWN 196 COMFORTABLY VS PBKS

Shikhar Dhawan in Delhi Capitals colours has made batting look so easy as he continued his smashing form in the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) with a 92-run innings taking his side home against the Punjab Kings on Sunday. Dhawan, after a low score in his last outing against the Rajasthan Royals, made amends and was back to his striking form and the dashing Prithvi Shaw along with him helped Delhi get off to a flier. Shaw took the initiative first hitting off-spinner Jalaj Saxena for boundaries giving treatment to all the Punjab pacers. He raced off to 31 off just 15 balls and was looking ominous. However, pacer Arshdeep Singh was the breakthrough man for the Kings again and removed Shaw. After Shaw went, it was Shikhar Dhawan to the centre stage.

After that, it was just 'The-one' show. Whether it was a cover-drive or a six over the long-on or finding gaps on the leg-side, it looked like Dhawan was batting on a different strip altogether. Dhawan, who admittedly has cautiously improved his strike rate in the last couple of years and started to take more risks, was playing a gem, proper cricketing shots and finding the boundary at ease. Dhawan's fluent innings DC debutant Steve Smith at the other end to take his time, however, him trying to be extravagant became his undoing against his countryman Riley Meredith. Dhawan, however, was unstoppable. He looked like he was on the way to his third century in the IPL before he decided to hit the ball towards fine leg by walking in front of the sticks and was bowled by Jhye Richardson

for a well-compiled knock of 92 runs off just 49 balls, including nine fours and two sixes. Following that, it was just a formality as finishers Marcus Stoinis and Lalit Yadav were in a hurry to win the game for the team and Delhi Capitals romped to home in just 18.2 overs. This was Delhi Capitals' second win of their campaign in the ongoing edition of the IPL and now were back at the second spot in the points table, just behind the high-flying Royal Challengers Bangalore, who are still the only unbeaten team in the competition after 11 games.

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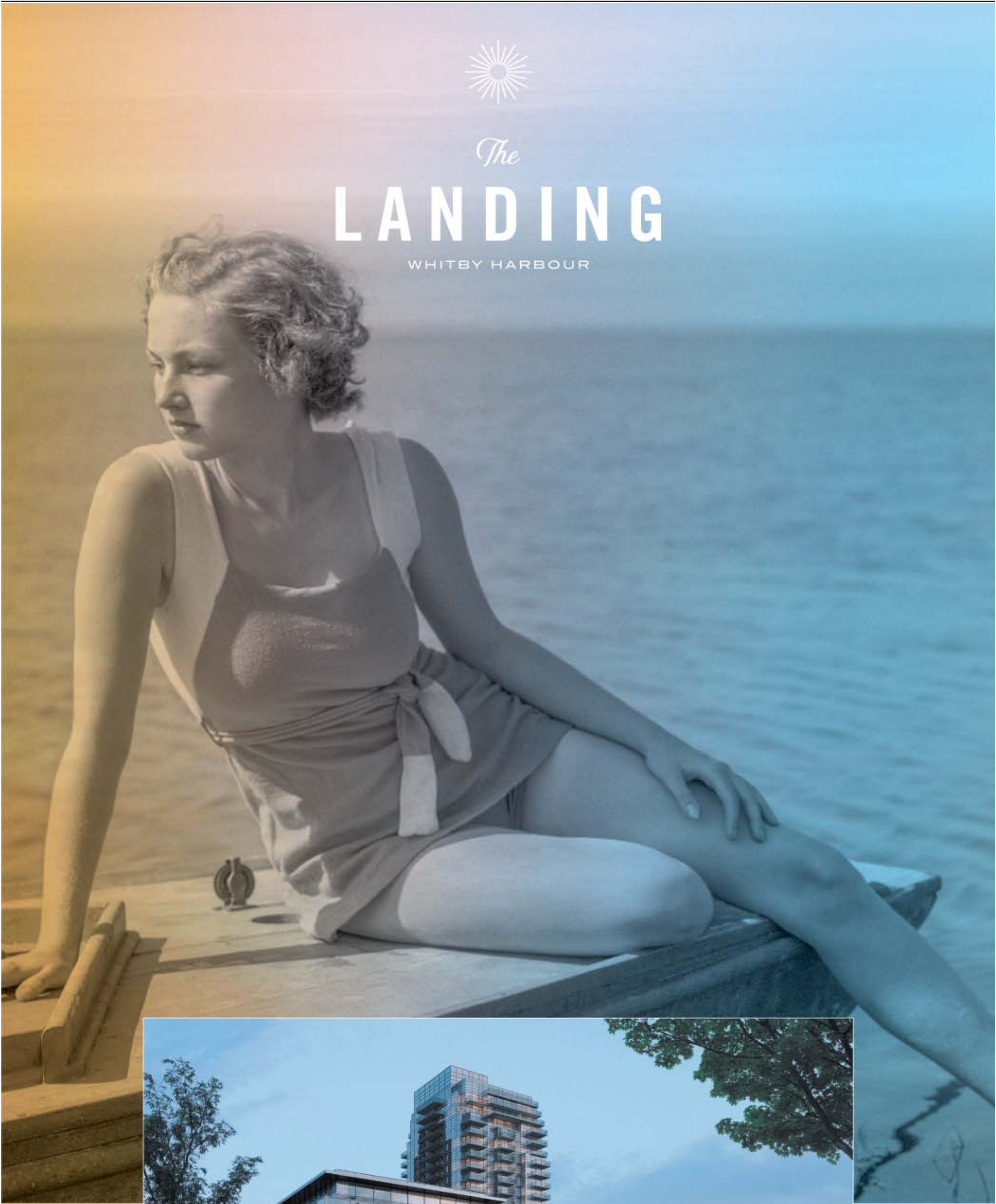
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