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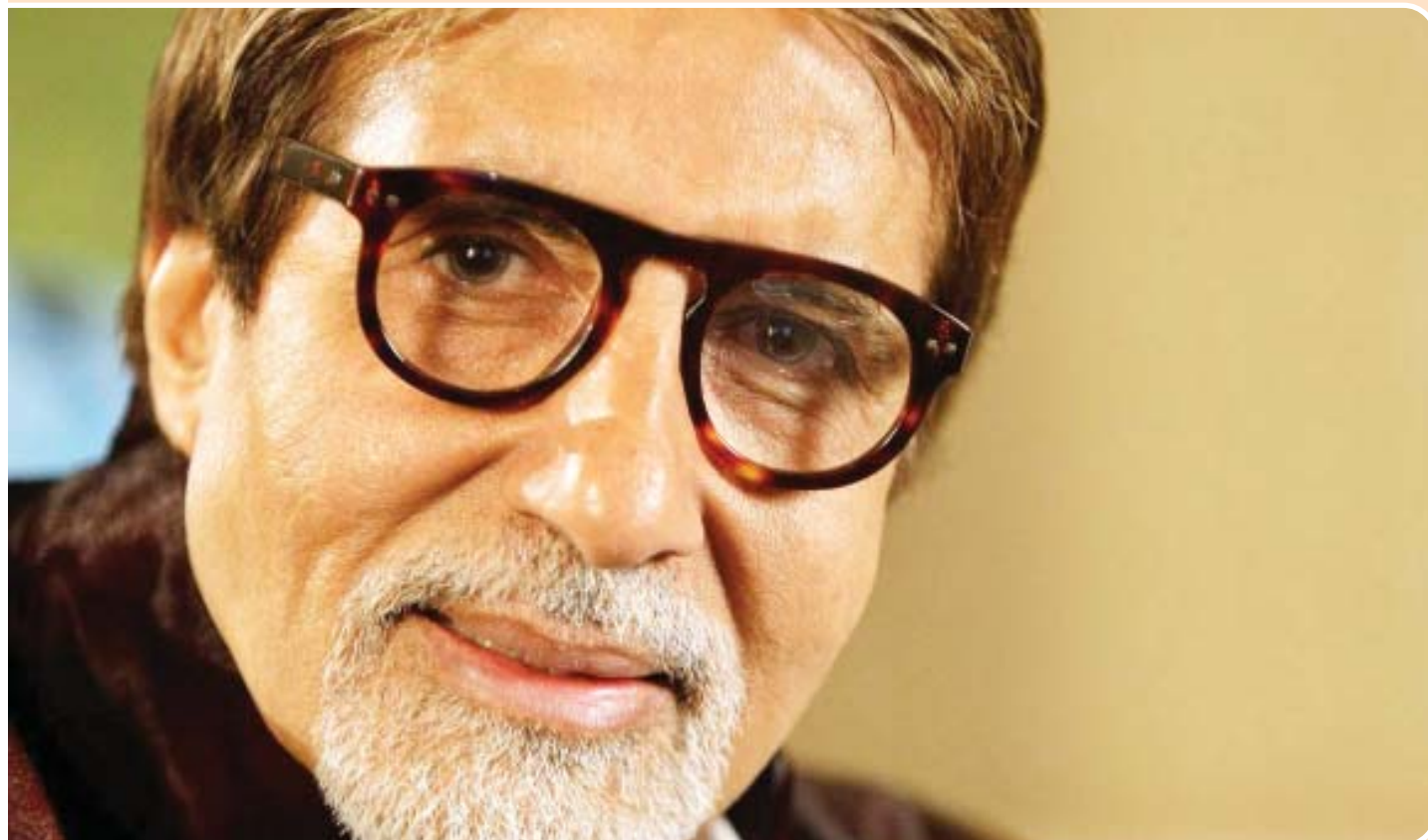


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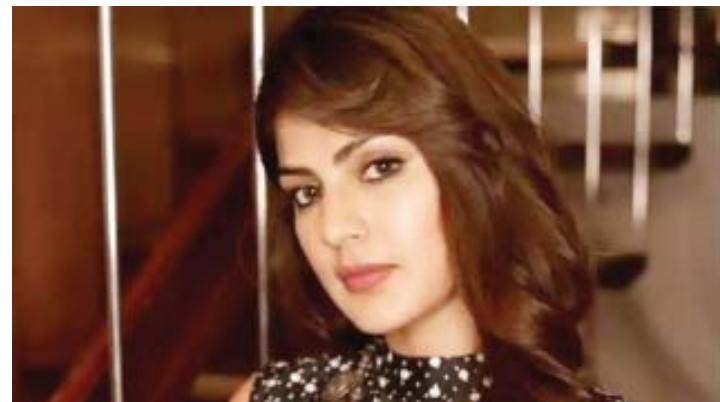
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'KHUDA HAAFIZ' TITLE SONG:  
VIDYUT JAMMWAL SETS OUT ON A  
MISSION, BUT PROMISES TO  
COME BACK



THE TITLE TRACK OF VIDYUT JAMMWAL'S FILM 'KHUDA HAAFIZ' IS OUT

## RHEA CHAKRABORTY IS NOT MISSING, SHE HAS NOT GOT SUMMONS FROM BIHAR POLICE: LAWYER



Actor Rhea Chakraborty's advocate refuted Bihar Police's claim that she was "missing", and said till date she has not received any summons from them in connection with the case of actor-friend Sushant Singh Rajput's death. Sushant's father lodged an FIR against Chakraborty last week for allegedly abetting his suicide. Bihar Police earlier said their team had failed to locate Chakraborty. However, her advocate Satish Maneshinde said in a statement on Monday, "The contention of Bihar police that Rhea Chakraborty is missing is not correct. Till today, no notice or summons has been received by her from the Bihar police." Chakraborty's statement has already been recorded by the Mumbai Police, Maneshinde said. "She has cooperated with the police as and when called," the statement said. Maneshinde in the statement reiterated that the Bihar Police do not have jurisdiction to probe the case and hence, Chakraborty has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking transfer of the case to Mumbai. Rajput, 34, was found hanging at his apartment in suburban Bandra on June 14.

## IT IS A SCARY TIME TO START SHOOTING: SHRUTI HAASAN



For actor Shruti Haasan, lockdown has been a "crazy challenging time". The actor, who is currently in Hyderabad for a shoot, shares that she tried to be productive, creative and positive in the last four months. "Besides, the lockdown has allowed me to spend some time and get to know myself better. Apart from writing music and pros, I also did some photoshoots on my own with all the hair, makeup and camera handling done by me alone. I really learnt a lot about it." The Rocky Handsome (2016) actor believes that the new normal would be about playing by the ear, one day at a time with extreme caution. "I also think people will also learn to be more cost effective, smart and time efficient," she shares.

## IPL: VIVO STAYS, COVID SUBSTITUTES GET NOD

**NEW DELHI:** The IPL Governing Council has decided to retain all its sponsors, including Chinese mobile company VIVO, and approved Covid-19 replacements in the event to be held in the UAE this year. The tournament will be played from September 19 to November 10, the IPL GC decided after a virtual meeting on Sunday. "All I can say is that all our sponsors are with us. Hopefully you can read between the lines," an IPL GC member said on the condition of anonymity. Chinese sponsorship became a bone of contention after the violent clashes between the Indian and Chinese troops in Ladakh in June. The BCCI had promised to review the deals in the aftermath of the violent show-down. In another major decision, the IPL GC also approved the women's IPL. Forced out of India due to the rising Covid-19 case count here, the IPL will allow unlimited Covid-19 replacements considering the delicate health safety situation across the globe. "I can confirm to you that the women's IPL is very much on and we do have a plan in place for the national team also," Ganguly said ahead of the meeting today. "We expect the Home and External Affairs Ministry to give us necessary approvals within another week. The final will be played on November 10 as it enters the Diwali week making it lucrative for the broadcasters," the IPL GC member said. "The BCCI has received presentations from a Dubai group on creating a medical facility in the UAE. BCCI is also in talks with the Tata Group for creating a bio-bubble," he said.



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# SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT'S FORMER AIDE BACKS CLAIMS AGAINST RHEA CHAKRABORTY

Sushant Singh Rajput death case has new information flooding in every day and now the late actor's former aide has spoken and has allegedly made some shocking claims about Rhea Chakraborty and her family. In his interview, as reported by BollywoodLife, Sushant's aide said that his client was a simple person who never hosted any lavish parties at his place. He said that Rhea and her family would throw parties at his place while he bore the expense of them. In addition to this, Sushant's former bodyguard also revealed how Sushant started feeling unwell after he came back from Europe. He said that SSR would be sleeping all day and would almost be unconscious in his room. Speaking further about the change of staff, he said that Rhea and her family changed the whole staff and they spoke about in hushed tones. For the uninformed, Sushant's father KK Singh had filed an FIR against Rhea on Tuesday for abetting the late actor's suicide at Rajivnagar Police Station in Patna. Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, parents, and Sushant's manager Shruti Modi have been booked under various sections of the Indian Penal code – 306 (abetment to suicide). 342 (wrongful confine-



ment), 380 (theft), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 506 (criminal intimidation), 120 (criminal conspiracy) – and also charged them under the Mental Health Care Act. KK Singh said that Rhea allegedly took away cash and jewellery from Sushant's house when she dumped him on June 8, 2020. The complaint further stated that Rhea had Sushant Singh Rajput's trusted bodyguard fired on March 22, just before the coronavirus lockdown was implemented in the country.

## 'Sushant Singh Rajput got really good opportunities throughout': Karishma Tanna on nepotism debate

Karishma Tanna who last week became the first woman to win the title of Fear Factor Khatron Ke Khiladi. In a recent interview, while the country is battling for justice for Sushant Singh Rajput, Karishma spoke about the insider and outsider debate. Karishma said, "Sushant Singh Rajput got really good opportunities throughout, from the time he shifted from TV to films, he has only got the best opportunities. Not even once he has worked with a normal production house, always worked with ace production houses, and all the A-Lister heroines. I wouldn't even debate on the insider and outsider debate, it is about who is good at acting, who fits the role, and who the producer wants. It is as simple as it gets." Karishma further added, "I don't believe there is an outsider and insider world because if that was the case, Karan Johar would have never taken Sushant in Drive, Rajkumar Sir wouldn't have taken him in PK. I just feel that from TV to jump into films, the struggle is a little more. I don't mind the struggle because then you can't enjoy the little success.

## Happy Birthday Kiara Advani: Shahid Kapoor's Kabir Singh-style greet to 'Preeti' on her special day



Kiara Advani celebrates her 28th birthday today and on her special day the actor got a special 'Kabir Singh' wish from her co-star and friend Shahid Kapoor. Shahid, on his Instagram stories, wished the talented actor in his swagger 'Kabir Singh' avatar as he shared the still from their blockbuster and wrote, "Happy birthday Preetiiii aka @kiaraaliaadvani. Kabir's wishes for you ke tuihe kabhi koi touch na kare." Kabir Singh was the official remake of Vijay Deverakonda's Arjun Reddy and was a huge box office winner with more than Rs 278 crore collections at the box office. The film was criticised by some for its misogynistic plot, however, in an earlier interview, actor Arjan Bajwa, who played Shahid's brother in the film had said, "It's a long debate. The simple line would be that what some people thought or accused the film of being, it was probably in their mind. They should have seen it just as a film, a story, and not delved too much into it. There are times when you see so much wrong in films, which are probably not the right way of showing things, and people just see the film and forget about it. It was not something you had to make such a hue and cry about or needed to quote the Director on or get Shahid (Kapoor) into a controversy. It was just a film, watch it as a film. There's no need to delve so much into it," BollywoodLife reported him saying.



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# 'YOU'LL ALWAYS BE OUR PRIDE': SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT'S SISTER SHWETA SINGH SHARES CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF RAKSHA BANDHAN



After Neetu Singh's heartfelt letter for brother Sushant Singh Rajput on Raksha Bandhan, his other sister Shweta Singh Kirti took to her Instagram page and shared a series of childhood photos in which he is surrounded by sisters during the festival. The beautiful memories have Sushant getting pampered by his sister during Raksha Bandhan with rakhis, gifts and sweets being fed to him. There is also a photo clicked during his teen years while getting rakhi from Shweta. She posted the photo collage with a caption which is too sweet to miss. It read as "Happy Rakshabandhan mera sweet sa baby... bahut pyaar karte hain hum aapko jaan... aur hamesha karte rahenge... you were, you are and you will always be our PRIDE! @sushantsinghrajput

#happyrakshabandhan". Earlier Shweta had penned an anecdote from their childhood days on her Instagram page. She wrote, "We were always time together, We played, danced, studied, did all sorts of mischiefs, ate, slept, did everything together so much so that people forgot we were 2 separate individuals, they even called us "Gudia-Gulshan" as if we were a single entity (Bhai's nick was Gulshan and mine Gudia)." Her post further read as "And when we started going to school, we had to go to different classes. Bhai's Nursery and my prep classes were in the same building so we managed our 1st year of school pretty well. But then my UKG class was in a different building and his prep classroom remained in the same building, so we got separated."

# AMITABH BACHCHAN TESTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19, ABHISHEK TO STILL REMAIN HOSPITALIZED



Actor Amitabh Bachchan has tested negative for coronavirus. After being in the isolation ward in Nanavati hospital for nearly 22 days, Big B can now go back home. Meanwhile, Abhishek Bachchan will continue being treated in the hospital since he has tested positive again. The 'Breathe' actor shared the news on his Twitter. Sharing folded hands emoji, Abhishek Bachchan shared that Big B has tested negative for COVID-19. He tweeted, "my father, thankfully, has tested negative on his latest Covid-19 test and has been discharged from the hospital. He will now be at home and rest. Thank you all for all your prayers and wishes for him." Junior Bachchan also shared, "I, Unfortunately due to some comorbidities remain Covid-19 positive and remain in hospital. Again, thank you all for your continued wishes and prayers for my family.

Very humbled and indebted. I'll beat this and come back healthier! Promise." Amitabh Bachchan and Abhishek Bachchan were admitted to Nanavati hospital on the night of July 11. While Amitabh Bachchan was receiving treatment in the isolation ward, Abhishek Bachchan was being treated in the general ward of the hospital. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Aaradhya Bachchan had also tested positive for the deadly virus on July 12. They were isolating in the house, but had to be admitted in the hospital within a week after showing a few more symptoms like fever. They, too, were recently discharged from the hospital. Meanwhile, Jaya Bachchan, Shweta Bachchan Nanda, Navya Naveli Nanda and Adgasthya Nanda had tested negative for COVID-19 on July 12. They, too, have been home-isolating since.

# 'The Kapil Sharma Show' new promo: Kapil Sharma's rumour on migrant workers leaves Sonu Sood in splits

The Kapil Sharma Show is all set to be aired again with fresh new episodes. The first guest on the show is none other than Sonu Sood who has been in the news throughout the lockdown for his inspirational help for migrant workers. Also known as 'Messiah of Migrants', Sonu had a ball of a time while shooting for the new episode of the Kapil Sharma-hosted show. The actor-comedian had shared a photo posing with the Dabangg actor on the occasion of his birthday. Clicked on the sets of The Kapil Sharma Show, the photo has Sonu and Kapil are seen posing with all swag and smiles for the camera. The comedian captioned it stating, "Wish u a very happy birthday @sonu\_sood paji keep inspiring the world with ur noble work. Health, happiness, prosperity n more power to u." A few hours back, Sharma had shared a promo from The Kapil Sharma Show and it's too hilarious for words. He wrote, "Don't miss the first episode of #TKSS after a long break with the Hero of #2020 @sonu\_sood paji tomorrow 9:30 pm only at @sonytvofficial #TheKapilSharmaShow #comedy #fun #laughter #weekend #familytime stay safe." As per reports in BollywoodLife, Kapil shared about the Sonu Sood episode during an interaction with a tabloid. He said, "The episode with Sonu paaji was different from other shoots as it's more like our tribute to him and with a dose of laughter. There is also an emotional live video chat with some of the migrants he helped."



# FANS FEEL SALMAN KHAN LEFT CRYPTIC MESSAGE ON 'TIGER 3' THROUGH HIS EID WISH



Salman Khan wished his fans 'Eid Mubarak' with a rather cryptic image. The fans have gotten excited thinking the actor is soon going to give an update about 'Tiger 3' - the franchise which has been taken forward with Salman and Katrina Kaif in lead roles. In both Kabir Khan's 'Ek Tha Tiger' and Ali Abbas Zafar's 'Tiger Zinda Hai', a scarf played an important part of Salman Khan's character. Thus, Salman wishing Eid Mubarak with a scarf covering his face, has fans believing that 'Tiger 3' announcement is on its way. "Tiger is coming back for his mission.... After #Tigerzindahai eagerly awaiting for it's 3rd part... @BeingSalmanKhan's giving some hints about #Tiger3," wrote a fan while sharing an image from Tiger franchise and Salman's latest Eid wish. 'Tiger Zinda Hai' had released in December 2017. The movie was a blockbuster, and soon, news about 'Tiger 3' started making rounds of the internet. However, it was not yet confirmed whether Kabir Khan or Ali Abbas Zafar would come on board for the movie. Post 'Tiger Zinda Hai', Ali had collaborated with Salman and Katrina for 'Bharat', which released in 2019. Meanwhile, Salman was awaiting the release of his movie 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai', directed by Prabudheva, on the occasion of Eid.

# ANIL KAPOOR, ADNAN SAMI MOURN AMAR SINGH'S DEMISE

Film and music industry celebrities took to social media to pay condolences after the demise of veteran politician Amar Singh on Saturday. Rajya Sabha member and former Samajwadi Party general secretary Amar Singh passed away in Singapore after prolonged illness. He was 64, and had been reportedly hospitalised for a second kidney transplant. Anil Kapoor called Amar Singh 'doston ka dost'. "Amar Singhji was a doston ka dost, always there when you needed him and passionately loved films and it's music...he will be truly missed...may he rest in peace. My heartfelt prayers & condolences to the family," Kapoor tweeted. Devotional singer Anup Jalota released a video in memory of his "friend" Amar Singh. "Sri Amar Singhji is no more. I am deeply saddened. I had a beautiful bond with him. We used to talk about shayari and songs. I have lost a good friend," Jalota said in the video. Lyricist Manoj Muntashair tweeted, "May you rest in peace #AmarSingh ji. I still remember our chance meeting when coincidentally we got adjoining seats in the craft, while flying to Bangkok for IIFA-2018. We talked a lot about cinema, poetry but nothing political. You will be missed." Singer Adnan Sami wrote on Twitter, "Saddened to learn of the passing away of #AmarSingh ji. My heartfelt condolences to his family & may his soul rest in peace.Folded hands." Amar Singh is survived by wife Pankaja and twin daughters.

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# 'Story of hero like no other': Akshay Kumar, Shah Rukh Khan praise Janhvi Kapoor's 'Gunjan Saxena' trailer



As soon as the trailer for Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl, social media pages are filled with comments from people around the world. Going by the current situation, the film has received mixed reactions from the people. Now, Akshay Kumar and Shah Rukh Khan took to their Twitter pages and promoted the Janhvi Kapoor starrer and praised Gunjan Saxena for being an inspirational figure to everyone. Akshay tweeted, "Harr sapne ki udaan aise hi ho! Make way for the truly inspiring story of #GunjanSaxena - The Kargil Girl and all my best wishes to the team. To the real hero, Gunjan Saxena - thank you for inspiring many to chase their dreams with the same courage and soar higher!" While Shah Rukh wrote, "A story of a hero like no other - Gunjan

Saxena - India's first woman Air Force Officer to go to war. Wishing love and luck to the team for this inspiring film. #GunjanSaxena". Along with Janhvi, Gunjan Saxena also stars Pankaj Tripathi, Manav Vij, Vineet Kumar Singh and Angad Bedi in supporting roles. Directed by Sharan Sharma, the film is produced by Karan Johar under his home banner Dharma Productions. Earlier Gunjan had penned a note about her biopic ahead of trailer release, she stated, "Very rarely have old memories flashed in front of me in such a sweet manner as was experienced after watching my montage with voice over of Janhvi Kapoor. I guess it is the time for the culmination of an enriching journey which started with Sharan Sharma three years back. And what a journey it has been with Sharan."

# Sooraj Pancholi dismisses reports linking him to Sushant Singh Rajput's death: 'My mother thinks I'm going to harm myself'



Sooraj Pancholi has criticised reports that have been linking his name to Disha Salian death case. Responding to the rumours that he partied with Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput the night before his death, Sooraj Pancholi has said that he is being falsely implicated in the case and his mother is worried about his well-being. Sooraj, who is also an accused in the Jiah Khan death case, added that Sushant may or may not have died by suicide but "these people will definitely drive me to commit suicide". Sooraj told India Today in an interview, "I am trying to stay positive right now. You know, as strong and as positive as I can be, I don't discuss this with my family because I know they are already in a lot of stress because of me, thinking about me all the time. In fact, my mother thinks that I'm going to harm myself. And she has spoken to

me a couple of times. Even after Sushant's death, she spoke to me saying, 'Sooraj, whatever it is, if there's anything in your heart please come and talk to us. Don't be quiet.' I'm not a very talkative person when it comes to my problems. I don't discuss with my family because I know they're stressed because of me." Adding that he did not get his first film served on a platter because of his family connections, Sooraj further said, "I am trying to make my living in this industry. And I don't want to give up on that soon. Because this is my dream. It is my passion. It is what I have worked for. People think I have just gotten out of bed and walked on a film set which is not true. I have worked very hard. Starting as an assistant director in two films. I have done my acting course, I have my acting degree. I have done everything possible to get my first film. So, this is my passion and I'm not going to give up that easy. And these people who are talking about me should have some sense and should have some kind of humanity. Because yeh fair nahi hai. They are destroying my life." On Wednesday, Sooraj shared a screen shot of one such a report and another, an actual picture from the said party, and wrote: "Complete bullsh\*!! #F\*ckYouFakeMEDIA Is this the media we are supposed to trust?? That girl in the picture which was clicked in 2016 is not "Disha Salian" that is my friend @agaur21 (Anushri Gaur) who doesn't even live in India .. Please stop brainwashing people and PLEASE stop harassing me and dragging me into this ! Start being responsible of your actions as it can ruin someone's life ! I have said this before and I'm saying it again "I have never met or spoken to Disha Salian in my life" Seriously F\*CK YOU AND F\*CK YOUR FAKE NEWS! I've had enough."

## ESHA GUPTA ASKS SMRITI IRANI FOR HELP, MAHESH BHATT DENIES RECEIVING NCW'S NOTICE IN RELATION TO HARASSMENT CASE

Actor Esha Gupta has sought union minister Smriti Irani's intervention after the National Commission for Women claimed that they have sent a notice to her in relation to a sexual harassment case. The NCW on Thursday issued fresh notices to Esha, director-producer Mahesh Bhatt, actor Urvashi Rautela and others for recording of witness statements on a complaint against the promoter of a company for allegedly blackmailing and sexually assaulting a number of girls on the pretext of giving them modelling careers. "Dear @smritiirani ma'am, can you please help me with this issue. Why is this the first time m hearing about it through the tweets. If we do a paid promotion, it's our work. Also the fact that I have yet received no notice," Esha wrote in a tweet. "Respected @smritiirani ma'am, please help me with this situation. Just by tweeting and giving out in news a case cannot be made on false pretext. I don't know the truth behind #NCW case, but to accuse me of something like is defamatory," she added. Esha said that she is willing to cooperate but did not agree with how NCW is 'dragging' her name into the matter without duly informing her about it. "Respected ma'am, @sharmarekha, as a woman, I would stand by any woman who has been wronged. But if no information has reached to us, then why is my name dragged here. I am ready to cooperate and not ashamed, hence making it public here. @smritiirani," she wrote. Mouni Roy, actor-model Prince Narula, and TV personality Rannvijay Singha have also been named by the NCW. As per a Pinkvilla report, Mahesh Bhatt's reps said that he has not received any notice from NCW. He denied being associated with the company accused of harassment.

# 'I BELIEVE I WILL GET JUSTICE': RHEA CHAKRABORTY AFTER ALLEGATIONS IN SUSHANT SINGH RAJPUT DEATH CASE

Rhea Chakraborty, in a video circulated to all media channels, put forth her viewpoint after recent developments in Sushant Singh Rajput's death case. In the video, Rhea appears to be teary-eyed, donned in a white salwar suit, saying, "I have immense faith in God and the judiciary. I believe that I will get justice, even though a lot of horrible things are being said about me in the media, I refrain from commenting on the advice of my lawyer as the matter is sub judice. Satyamev Jayate." On Thursday, the late actor's former bodyguard made some shocking claims about Rhea Chakraborty and her family. In his interview, as reported by BollywoodLife, Sushant's bodyguard said that his client was a simple person who never hosted any lavish parties at his place. He said that Rhea and her family would throw parties at his place while he bore the expense of them. In addition to this, Sushant's former bodyguard also revealed how Sushant started feeling unwell after he came back from Europe. He said that SSR would be sleeping all day and would almost be unconscious in his room. Sushant's father KK Singh, on Tuesday, had filed an FIR against Rhea on Tuesday for abetting the late actor's suicide at Rajivnagar Police Station in Patna. Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, parents, and Sushant's manager Shruti Modi have been booked under various sections of the Indian Penal code – 306 (abetment to suicide). 342 (wrongful confinement), 380 (theft), 406 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 506 (criminal intimidation), 120 (criminal conspiracy) – and also charged them under the Mental Health Care Act.



## Ariana Grande, Lady Gaga lead VMA nominations; full list out

The nominations list for Video Music Awards (VMA) is out. The list, which was unveiled on Thursday, saw Ariana Grande and Lady Gaga take the lead. Both of the artists have nine nominations each, which also includes a co-nomination in 'Rain On Me'. Billie Eilish and The Weeknd were nominated six times in the list.

The voting lines for fans will remain open till August 23. The awards have introduced two new categories, mainly best music video from home and best quarantine performance. The show will be hosted on August 30, 2020 at 8.00 pm ET in Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

See the full list of nominations below:

- Video Of The Year  
Billie Eilish – "Everything I Wanted"  
Eminem ft. Juice WRLD – "Godzilla"  
Future ft. Drake – "Life Is Good"  
Lady Gaga with Ariana Grande – "Rain On Me"  
Taylor Swift – "The Man"  
The Weeknd – "Blinding Lights"  
Artist Of The Year  
DaBaby  
Justin Bieber  
Lady Gaga  
Megan Thee Stallion  
Post Malone  
The Weeknd  
Song Of The Year  
Billie Eilish – "Everything I Wanted"  
Doja Cat – "Say So"  
Lady Gaga with Ariana Grande – "Rain On Me"  
Megan Thee Stallion – "Savage"  
Post Malone – "Circles"  
Roddy Ricch – "The Box"  
Best Collaboration  
Ariana Grande & Justin Bieber – "Stuck with U"  
Black Eyed Peas ft. J Balvin – "RITMO (Bad Boys For Life)"  
Ed Sheeran ft. Khalid – "Beautiful People"  
Future ft. Drake – "Life Is Good"  
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## IPL 2020 SCHEDULE: 10 DOUBLEHEADERS TO BE HELD, FINAL TO TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 10



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in its Governing Council meeting of the Indian Premier League (IPL) has decided to hold the 13th edition of the cash-rich tournament from September 19 to November 10. The tournament will see matches starting from 7:30 PM IST and will also witness 10 doubleheaders. Speaking to IANS, a BCCI official stated that it was decided to take the IPL into another week and that will see the final being played on November 10. The official also added that to ensure there is enough spacing between games considering the strict protocol, 10 doubleheaders have been planned. "We have decided to go up till November 10 and so the final will be held on a weekday for the first time. Also, to ensure that there are enough gaps between games considering the travelling and the biosecure environment and keeping all these things in mind, we will

have 10 doubleheaders this season," the official revealed. When asked about the starting time, the official said it will be 7:30 PM IST for the evening games. "We have decided to bring it forward by 30 minutes from the regular time of the IPL which is 8 p.m. for evening games and we will start at 7:30 instead." If the topic of fans entering the stadium was discussed in the meeting, the official said that these things can be taken care of in consultation with the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB). "It would be great to have some fans come in as that would boost the morale of the players for sure. But what needs to be remembered is that the safety of the players is a priority. So, these are things we will discuss with the ECB at the right time," the official said. According to an official of one of the franchises told IANS that: "We have been asked to start our visa process".

## To Thala from Chinna Thala: Suresh Raina's emotional Friendship Day post to 'mentor' MS Dhoni



Chennai Super Kings teammates Surah Raina and MS Dhoni share a much-adored bond of friendship and brotherhood. The veteran batsman paid his tribute to the former Team India skipper on Friendship Day with an emotional post. To celebrate friendship day, CSK took to Twitter and a video compilation of the two superstars, pushing each other in training to achieve perfection. "F.R.7.3.N.D.S - together in the pursuit of perfect10n, for a perfect

den. #WhistlePodu #Yellove #FriendshipDay," CSK captioned their post. Reacting to this post, Raina quote tweeted the post and wrote a heartwarming message for his CSK skipper 'Thala' Dhoni. "Thank you for creating such beautiful memories of us @ChennaiIPL. @msdhoni bhai is not just a friend, he is been my guiding force, my mentor & always been there in the hardest times. Thank you Mahi bhai. Happy #FriendshipDay ! See you soon!," Raina tweeted, replying to CSK's post.

## IF PAKISTAN DRAW AGAINST ENGLAND, IT'S NOTHING LESS THAN A WIN: SHAHID AFRIDI

A drawn Test series against the formidable England side will be as good as victory believes former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi. Pakistan will start their Test campaign on Wednesday at the Old Trafford in Manchester.

"English conditions are difficult when it comes to Test matches. I have high hopes from our team and I think even if they can draw the series, it would be equal to winning," Afridi told Cricket Pakistan.com.pk.

Afridi noted that head coach and chief selector, Misbah-ul-Haq, batting coach, Younis Khan, bowling coach, Waqar Younis and spin coach, Mushtaq Ahmed had loads of experience of playing in England. "I think the presence of this management is a big plus for our team and I am confident that these former stalwarts will be able to guide the players well session to session in the Tests," he added. Afridi said he was looking forward to some top performances from Babar Azam in the series and believes the batsman's game has improved and he loves challenges. "He is a wonderful talent and I don't think he has taken the pressure of being made captain," Afridi said. "He is going to be the backbone of the Pakistan batting and he is a very focussed player. In the coming days he should single-handedly win matches for Pakistan." The former skipper who took early retirement from Test cricket in 2010 while captaining the side in England and after playing just 27 matches, however, represented the country in 398 ODIs and 99 T20 Internationals before he retired from international cricket in 2016. Afridi expressed satisfaction at the pace bowling resources available in Pakistan cricket and said the country had always produced some top-class pace bowlers. "I see a great future ahead of Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi and we also have the experienced trio of Wahab Riaz, Muhammad Abbas, Muhammad Amir and Sohail Khan who can teach these youngsters a lot in England," he concluded.

Afridi felt England batsmen will not find it easy going against the Pakistani pacers like Naseem, Shaheen or Abbas and the touring side had the clear edge in the spin bowling department due to the experienced Yasir Shah. He also made it clear that once a player graduates to the national team it is not a place for him to learn and improve. "Once you are selected for Pakistan colours you are supposed to perform and not learn at this level," Afridi said. I don't agree with this concept. If you pick a player for Test matches, he should be able to perform."

Afridi clarified that although his statements about Kashmir or other political issues upset the Indian people but as a god-fearing Muslim it was his duty to speak out against injustices anywhere in the world.

## 'If we lose game, it's on your head': When wrong LBW call against Chris Gayle left Brad Hogg fuming

The 2015 Big Bash League encounter between Melbourne Renegades and Perth Scorchers was not one of the best games for former Australia spinner Brad Hogg. The left-arm spinner was hammered all over the park by West Indies' star player Chris Gayle. Hogg was smashed for 44 runs in his 4 overs. Speaking in a video on his Youtube channel 'Hogg's Vlog', the bowler explained how he lost his cool in the match after a wrong LBW call and almost cost the match to his team. "30th December, 2015, it's Melbourne Renegades vs Perth Scorchers. Chris Gayle is playing for Renegades, Hogg is playing for Scorchers. Before the game, I was hoping that our opening bowlers would make the breakthrough and not allow me to get exposed to Chris Gayle. The reasons being the conditions at dockland were not conducive to my bowling. Pitch stays low. I like a pitch with extra bounce because of my top spin where I hit the bat high up on the splice," Hogg said. "Chris Gayle already had one-up on me before we started the game. When I came on, I had two plans to Chris Gayle. The first one was up to keep him off strike. The first ball I am bowling, Aaron Finch was on strike. And he turned over the strike straightaway. So, I had the next five balls to Chris Gayle," Hogg recalled. "I wanted him to ball quick into the pitch just short of the length. But I didn't want to be too short because he would be able to pull me, I didn't want to be just overpitched where he could just power me down the ground. So, as I started bowling, I already had negative thoughts, and I gave away a four and a six in the next three balls," he further said.

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# RSS affiliate wants BCCI to reconsider IPL’s Chinese sponsorship deals



The Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), an affiliate of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has demanded that BCCI must reconsider the decision to allow Chinese phone makers Vivo to sponsor IPL given the strain in India-China ties following the standoff at the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh. Vivo, the title sponsors of IPL, signed a five-year deal with BCCI worth - 2199 crore in 2017. SJM, which was at the forefront of the campaign to boycott Chinese goods, has said if the decision is not reversed, Indians should consider boycotting IPL. National co-convenor of SJM, Ashwani Mahajan said BCCI’s decision is in contravention to the “current mood of the nation”. “The call for boycott of Chinese goods is no longer just a demand from SJM; it is a call that is being supported by citizens in the wake of what transpired between India and China,” Mahajan said. He said BCCI should be sensitive towards the nation and its security. “Whole world is boycotting China, IPL is sheltering them. They should understand that nothing is above nation.” The Opposition too has criticised BCCI’s decision. Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala tweeted, “Wither #AatmaNirbharBharatAbhiyan . Welcome back Cricket-China-profiteering and double standards. #BJPExposed”

# ‘BOTH HAVE THEIR HEARTS ON THEIR SLEEVES’

## MICHAEL SLATER ON WHY VIRAT KOHLI-RAVI SHASTRI IS A SUCCESSFUL COMBO

Former Australia batsman Michael Slater believes that India captain Virat Kohli works well with coach Ravi Shastri because both of them are strong personalities. India have attained some big successes in recent years, and both Kohli and Shastri are largely credited for the rise of the team. In 2018/19, India beat Australia to win their first Test series Down Under. Speaking in the latest episode of chat show Cricket Connected on Star Sports, Slater said: “Ravi and Virat probably challenge each other enough but there is such respect between them that it works.” “If Ravi is nodding his head when Virat is speaking and vice versa, the rest of them even if they don’t agree would be nodding their heads,” Slater added. “Both of them have their heart on their sleeve. I have worked with Ravi for so long in the commentary box, so I have got to know him and he was one of my great mates when we worked together. He is a big personality,” he further said. “But obviously there are subtle differences that allows them to really work well together. But it has been a great synergy and a great relationship and I think it has helped Indian cricket’s tempo,” he added. Meanwhile, former India pacer Ashish Nehra believes that Shastri gives Kohli space to express himself which makes the partnership work. “Ravi Shastri gives Virat Kohli his space, that he needs. Virat Kohli knows the type of person Ravi Shastri is and what can be extracted from him,” Nehra said on the same show. “Ravi Shastri is a great motivator, that is Ravi bhai’s strength. He gives you a lot of confidence. If you are stuck in quicksand till your neck, he will ask you to push with your hands twice and you would come out. Virat Kohli also likes leading from the front. Both have similar personalities. So, it is very good between the two of them,” he added.



## IRFAN PATHAN CLARIFIES WHETHER HE INTENDS ON PLAYING LANKA PREMIER LEAGUE

Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has dismissed speculations regarding his participation in the Lanka Premier League, saying he hasn’t confirmed anything to any league in the world. Pathan, in a tweet, announced that even though he intends on playing the different T20 leagues across the world, nothing has been made official from his side so far. “I wish to play T20 Leagues around the world in future, but at this stage I haven’t confirmed my availability in any Leagues,” Pathan tweeted on Monday. According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, Pathan, who announced his retirement in January this year, was expected to be one of the biggest attractions in the inaugural LPL. He was rumoured to be among the 70 foreign players to have expressed interest in competing in the event starting August 28. It was also reported that Pathan will be ‘put in a player draft unless one of the five franchises choose him to be a marquee player.’ “The details of the draft, and the franchise owners, are yet to be finalised and announced. SLC is also waiting on some government clearances even as it decides on franchise owners. The five franchises will represent Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Dambulla and Jaffna,” a report had stated. The BCCI does not allow active Indian players to take part in overseas T20 leagues but Pathan is believed to have been cleared as he has already retired. Former Sri Lanka all-rounder Farveez Maharoof had offered to add Pathan’s name to the draft after a banter between them on social media. The Sri Lankan cricket board had given its approval to the tournament during its executive committee meeting on Monday.



## Rahul Dravid likely to head BCCI’s Covid task force

The BCCI is forming a Covid-19 task force and it will include, among others, former captain and National Cricket Academy chief Rahul Dravid, the apex body said in its SOP to state associations. Dravid being the head of NCA is likely to be the head of the said task force. Players will have to sign a consent form before resuming training at their respective centres as per the standard operating procedure, which bars anyone above 60 years of age and individuals with underlying medical conditions from being part of the camp. For resumption of training at the NCA in Bengaluru, the COVID task force will include Dravid, a medical officer, a hygiene officer and BCCI AGM, Cricket Operations. Their responsibilities will include communicating “clearly and regularly with the players, explaining measures being taken to manage risk, and the advice being given to individuals to follow the same and update of COVID19 cases to relevant higher management”. Like the players at their respective state centres, cricketers at the NCA too will have to sign a consent form before resuming training. “All the Players and staff including administrative staff of NCA shall be tested for COVID-19 (RT-PCR test) to detect the possibility of COVID 19 infection before the resumption of training,” as per the SOP. “Prior to the commencement of National Cricket Academy, the players shall submit a written undertaking to abide by all the protocols prescribed in this SOP and various Government orders issued from time to time in the context of COVID19 prevention.” According to its 100-page-long SOP the players will have to sign the form acknowledging the risks involved with resumption of training amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2019-2020 domestic season ended in March but the upcoming season, which usually starts in August, is set to be curtailed due to the health crisis. “The health and safety of players, staff and stakeholders will be the sole responsibility of respective State Cricket Associations,” read the BCCI guidelines on resumption of cricket, which is in PTI’s possession. From travelling to the stadium to training there, the players will have to follow strict safety protocols.

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# Australia or India? A clash of dates for women’s leagues



In July, as the possibility of the 2020 Indian Premier League (IPL) being shifted to the UAE was becoming clearer by the day, there was a growing clamour about women’s cricket getting the short shrift. Former players spoke out about BCCI not even planning for a camp for women cricketers with the women’s 50 over World Cup 6 months away. That concern was addressed when BCCI announced that the Women’s T20 Challenge, which has been happening since 2018, will take place in the UAE alongside IPL, scheduled to be held from Sep-tember 19 to November 10. The women’s tournament features three teams who play four matches. For women’s national cricketers, for whom the last tournament was the T20 World Cup in February where they made a exhilarating run to the final, this was welcome news. “I’m thrilled finally there is some light in the uncertainty and cricket is happening,” said Mithali Raj, who captains the ODI team. “I am happy that BCCI has not only announced Women’s T20 challenge but also one camp and two series. All this exposure will help the team prepare well for the 2021 World Cup.” Yet, the dates of the women’s T20 Challenge clashes with what is undoubtedly the biggest cricket league for the women’s game right now, the Women’s Big Bash League (WBBL) in Australia, which runs from October 17 to November 29. The player of the final from the 2020 Women’s T20 World Cup, Australia’s Alyssa Healy, criticised the move on Twitter. “So, the Indian players who’ve already signed wbbi contracts will do what? And all the international marquee players that will be in aus for wbbi? Good luck with it,” wrote. New Zealand veteran Suzie Bates agreed. Bates tweeted: “What a huge shame for both the WBBL and WIPL competitions there is a clash.” In 2019, three players Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues were on the radar of the WBBL teams but they did not play as the dates clashed with India’s tour of West Indies. This year too no Indian is likely to play in the WBBL. “Two WBBL teams had sought no objection certificate from BCCI to sign Kaur as well as Mandhana for the upcoming season. It’s unlikely there will be any movement on that now, as the T20 Challenge dates are clashing with

WBBL. Also, one has to bear in mind quarantine rules in Australia,” a BCCI official said. It was reliably learnt there was also interest amongst WBBL teams in roping in World Cup star Shafali Verma and all-rounder Deepti Sharma, but no formal offer has been made yet. According to a cricket.com.au report from July, no Indian player has a WBBL contract. The only Asian to have a contract is Pakistan’s Nida Dar. The T20 Challenge started in 2018 with two teams and in 2019 was increased to three, and was held in May, which made it possible for players to play for both the Indian league and the WBBL in September-October. In 2019, nine foreign players were part of both the T20 Chal-lenge and the WBBL, including Healy and Bates. In 2019 there were 10 outstation players who played in both tournaments. “The BCCI is slowly building towards a full-fledged women’s IPL. Therefore, it is important the process is not halted. Usually, the league would have taken place around April or May but because of pandemic we are having it at this time of the year,” said Raj, who last played for India in November 2019 against West Indies. Former India captain Anjum Chopra said it’s only fair that women will start playing along with the men’s teams. “The Indian women’s crick-eters have not played a game since the T20 World Cup. Now, if they are getting a chance to play, we should welcome that. If suppose there would have been only the men’s IPL, would that have been fair?” Chopra said. “I understand Healy’s concern but these are not normal times. No cricket has been played by both the men’s and women’s teams for a long time.” Sulakshana Naik, former India wicketkeeper, felt that not too many players will miss out because of the clash of dates. “You’re an Indian and you have to play all your Indian tourna-ments. This is more important. Maybe the 4-5 Australian players will miss it. They were not there last year also. It’s not going to make a lot of difference. Other foreign players will hopefully play this tournament,” Naik said. “It’s very important that all countries start playing. They have to find a new way, a new normal out of this situation and start moving on.”

## MS Dhoni told me ‘selectors are not looking at you’: Yuvraj Singh on missing 2019 World Cup



Yuvraj Singh has revealed how he was backed to the hilt by Virat Kohli during his last international comeback but it was MS Dhoni, who informed the left-handed batsman that he was not in the mix for India’s 2019 World Cup plans. Yuvraj last played for India during the tour of West Indies in 2017. Earlier that year in January, Yuvraj made his final comeback into the Indian team during the ODI series against England and smashed a career-best 150 in Cuttack. Yuvraj was part of the India’s squad for the 2017 Champions Trophy where his only significant contribution was a knock of 53 against Pakistan and announced his retirement last year during the World Cup in England. “When I made my comeback, Virat Kohli supported me. Had he not backed me then I wouldn’t have made a comeback. But then it was Dhoni who showed me the correct picture about the 2019 World Cup that selectors are not looking at you,” Yuvraj told News18. “He showed me the real picture. He gave me clarity. He did as much as he could.”

## BCCI SOP: 60 PLUS ARUN LAL CAN’T COACH BENGAL, BARODA MAY MISS WHATMORE

BCCI’s Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for state asso-ciations bars 60-plus individuals from taking part in the train-ing camp, potentially affecting Arun Lal and Australian Dav Whatmore, who are coaches of Bengal and Baroda respec-tively. Whatmore, 66, was appointed in April while Lal, 65, guided Bengal to the Ranji Trophy final in March. “Individuals who are over the age of 60 years, viz support staff, umpires, ground staff and those individuals with under-lying medical conditions such as diabetes, weakened immu-nity, should be considered vulnerable and are believed to have higher risk of severe COVID-19,” read one of the guidelines from BCCI’s 100-page SOP, which is in possession of PTI. “All such individuals should be discouraged from participat-ing in camp activities unless suitable guidelines are issued by the government,” it stated. Both Lal and Whatmore won’t be able to join the pre-season training camp. CAB president Avishek Dalmiya was unavail-able for a comment but a senior BCCI official said, “This is SOP. It will be very difficult for any teams to breach the proto-cols. It is unfortunate that someone like Lal ji or Whatmore might have to miss out,” the official said.

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