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## MANOJ BAJPAYEE, DILJIT DOSANJH, FATIMA SANA SHAIKH STARRER 'SURAJ PE MANGAL BHARI' GETS THEATRICAL RELEASE



EARLIER IT WAS REVEALED THAT ABHISHEK SHARMA DIRECTORIAL SURAJ PE MANGAL BHARI WILL BE ONE OF THE FIRST FILMS TO GET A THEATRICAL RELEASE AMID CORONAVIRUS CRISIS IN THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE FILM MIGHT SKIP THEATRICAL RELEASE DEPENDING ON THE UNLOCKING GUIDELINES AND MORE IN THE COMING DAYS. NOW, THE MAKERS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SURAJ PE MANGAL BHARI STARRING MANOJ BAJPAYEE, DILJIT DOSANJH AND FATIMA SANA SHAIKH WILL RELEASE IN THEATRES ON NOVEMBER 15, 2020. THE MAKERS HAD INITIALLY PLANNED TO RELEASE SURAJ PE MANGAL BHARI IN THEATRES ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020, NOW THEY HAVE POSTPONED THE RELEASE TO TWO DAYS. APART FROM MANOJ, DILJIT AND FATIMA, THE COMEDY FILM ALSO STARS ANNU KAPOOR, SUPRIYA PILGAONKAR, VIJAY RAAZ, SEEMA PAHWA, MANOJ PAHWA, NEERAJ SOOD, NEHHA PENDSE, MANUJ SHARMA, VANSHIKA SHARMA, KARISHMA TANNA AND ABHISHEK BANERJEE IN PIVOTAL ROLES.

## 'We should appreciate Akshay Kumar for doing such a strong film': Laxmi Narayan Tripathi after watching 'Laxmii'



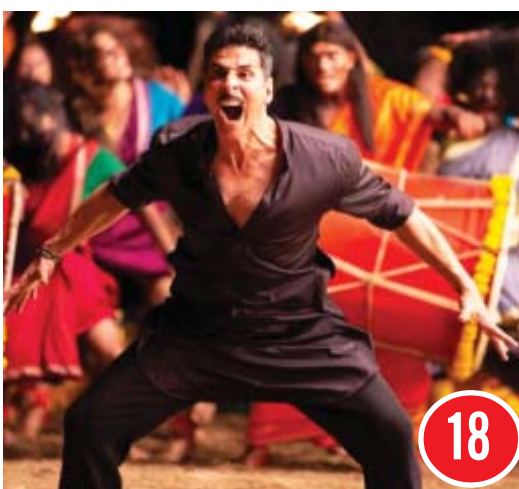
Laxmii starring Akshay Kumar and Kiara Advani, which is all set for its OTT release today, recently held a special premiere in Delhi for the transgender community. The team received great responses while interacting with them post the screening. Transgender rights activist Laxmi Narayan Tripathi who was touched by the transgender representation in the film said, "Any transgender is equal to any man or woman, which comes out from the film in a very strong way. I believe it is wonderful, and instead of criticism, we should appreciate Akshay ji for being such a strong man and doing such a strong film." Upset by the negativity surrounding the film, she added, "Some publications are opposing it, and putting up articles against it. How much do they know about reality? I am really shocked. What do you mean by that? There are many films I also acted in, nobody bought it, it's a business. Without seeing a film, on the eve of its release, these articles are being written." The best part of the film, according to Tripathi, is, of course, Kumar playing the role, and how it has shown the current situation for the transgender community. Another 60-year-old transgender woman, Kamal Guru, too has appreciated the actor's performance and the treatment in the film.

## KANGANA RANAUT CALLS JOE BIDEN 'GHAJINI', ROOTS FOR KAMALA HARRIS



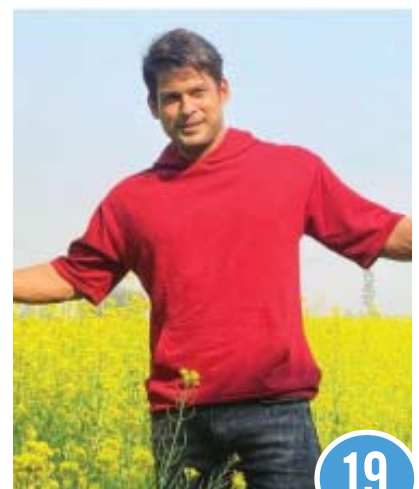
Congratulatory messages and many mixed reactions have been pouring in for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris after they were declared as President-elect and Vice President-elect of the US respectively. Even several Indian celebrities posted their thoughts and congratulated the US on the declaration of the election results. Amongst them is Kangana Ranaut, who rooted for Kamala but on the other hand, called Biden as 'Ghajini' in her latest tweet. The actor quote-tweeted Kamala's tweet in which she says, "While I may be the first, I won't be the last." To which Kangana wrote, "Not sure about Gajni Biden who's data crashes every 5 minutes, all the medicines they have injected into him he won't last more than a year, clearly, Kamala Harris will run the show. When one woman rises, she makes the way for every woman. Cheers to this historic day." Even Piyanka Chopra Jonas posted on her Instagram page. She wrote, "America spoke in record-breaking numbers and the verdict is in... EVERY VOTE counts."

## AKSHAY KUMAR, KIARA ADVANI STARRER 'LAXMII' SHATTERS RECORDS; BECOMES BIGGEST MOVIE OPENING



LAXMII IS THE STORY OF A MAN POSSESSED BY THE GHOST OF A TRANSGENDER. THE FAMILY ENTERTAINER HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY RAGHAVA LAWRENCE.

## SIDHARTH SHUKLA CHANNELS HIS INNER SHAH RUKH KHAN, ATTEMPTS SRK'S SIGNATURE POSE IN PUNJAB



RECENTLY, SIDHARTH SHUKLA ALSO EXTENDED HIS SUPPORT TO AKSHAY KUMAR'S LAXMII INITIATIVE.

## ANANYA PANDAY AND ISHAAN KHATTER RECALL THEIR RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE WITH 'KHAALI PEELI'



KHAALI PEELI IS DIRECTED BY MAQBOOL KHAN AND ALSO FEATURES JAIDEEP AHLAWAT, SATISH KAUSHIK, SWANAND KIRKIRE, AND ANUP SONI.

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## KL RAHUL WINS ORANGE CAP, KAGISO RABADA SEALS PURPLE CAP



The first innings of the Indian Premier League (IPL) final between Mumbai Indians (MI) and Delhi Capitals (DC) has already sealed the deal for the Orange Cap and Purple Cap holders. KL Rahul is the leading run-getter in IPL 2020 with 670 runs in 14 matches at an average of 55.83. Shikhar Dhawan who needed 68 runs to get the title, fell short by 53 runs after getting bowled for 15 by Jayant Yadav. He is now on has 618 runs in 17 games. Shikhar Dhawan was in form for the past few games after he had smashed two back-to-back centuries against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Kings XI Punjab (KXIP). However, as the tournament progressed, Dhawan's form tapered away and he scored three ducks in four games. In the game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, Shikhar Dhawan hit a fifty as they won the game to seal their spot in the playoff. This was the first time that Shikhar Dhawan has crossed over 600 runs in the IPL, having hit over 500 runs in four consecutive editions of the tournament.



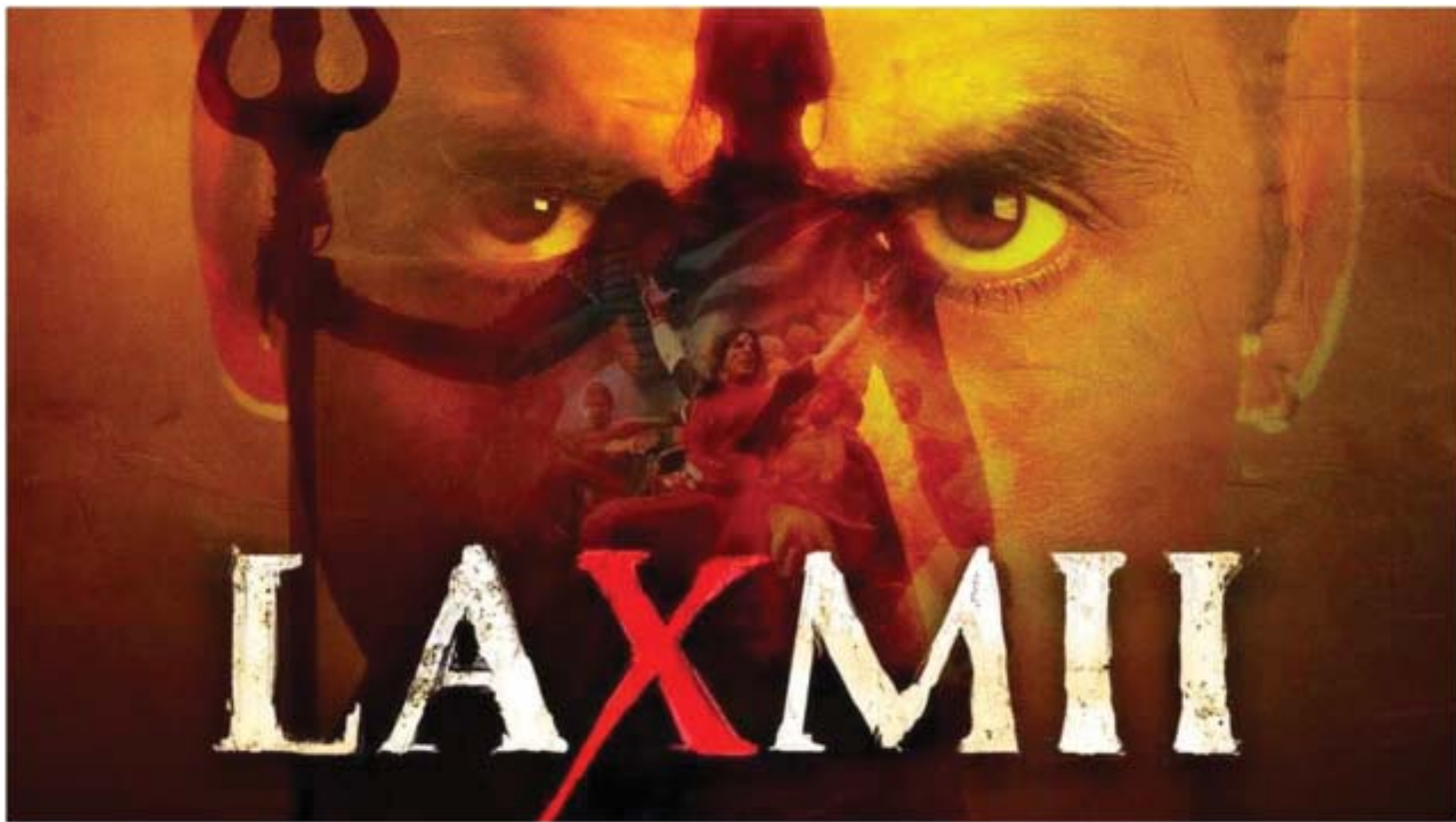
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## Akshay Kumar, Kiara Advani starrer 'Laxmii' shatters records; becomes biggest movie opening on Disney+ Hotstar ever



One of the 2020s most anticipated Bollywood movies, Laxmii starring Akshay Kumar and Kiara Advani that was released on Disney+ Hotstar VIP has gone on to shatter records.

Within hours of its release, the movie has broken all previous records set by any other Bollywood blockbuster to become the movie with the biggest opener for Disney+ Hotstar VIP.

The horror-comedy movie that sees Akshay Kumar in a never-before-seen role of transgender piqued the interest of millions of fans who logged in to catch the First Day First Show of the blockbuster film and made it the most-watched movie on the platform.

Speaking about the same, Akshay Kumar said, "I am overwhelmed and overjoyed by the response that Laxmii received. It's heartening to know that audiences and fans from across the country logged on to watch the movie within hours of its release. Who doesn't love beating

records – whether it's at the box-office or opening night on streaming platforms. Nothing is comparable to this feeling of euphoria."

On the other hand, Sunil Rayan, President & Head – Disney+ Hotstar said, "We couldn't be happier with the kind of response our direct-to-digital movies have received. They have been loved by millions across the country, and today we're happy to see that Laxmii has gone and set a new record to become the movie with the biggest opening night! A movie like this one makes for a great festive watch and we hope that it continues to brighten everyone's Diwali."

Laxmii is the story of a man possessed by the ghost of a transgender. The family entertainer has been directed by Raghava Lawrence and stars Akshay Kumar, Kiara Advani, Ayesha Raza Mishra, Sharad Kelkar, Tarun Arora, Ashwini Kalsekar, Manu Rishi Chadha, Rajesh Sharma, and others.

## ANANYA PANDAY AND ISHAAN KHATTER RECALL THEIR RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE WITH 'KHAALI PEELI'



Ishaan Khatter and Ananya Panday, in a recent chat with IANS, recalled the fun time they had playing the protagonists Blackie and Pooja in the action-comedy Khaali Peeli.

"Neither of us have played such wild, unabashed, free-spirited, and adventurous characters in our career so far. Blackie and Pooja are constantly fighting like cats and dogs and yet they have so much love for each other. I like the fact that Pooja is fighting in crisis, she is street-smart and she is quite refreshing to watch on-screen," Ananya said. "Blackie is a street smart Mumbaii guy, a wild child," said Ishaan, adding about his character, Blackie the cabbie, "In this film, I got a chance to do everything -- action, drama, dance and, yes, I drove a car like crazy! I did all the driving scenes myself so I had a gala time to indulge in madness!"

What were the favourite characteristics they wished to pick up from Pooja and Blackie?

Ananya promptly replied, "Pooja is my spirit animal and I so wish I could be her in real life. She is cool, adventurous and super funny with one-liners! I want to come up with such cool one-liners in real life. I think that is one of the characteristics I wish to acquire from Pooja."

While Ishaan said, "I lived like Blackie when I was shooting for the film, I did not keep any stone unturned. I drove a taxi and did all the stunts by myself and walking with that swag!"

Ananya also said, "When it comes to my attempt to do stunts in the film, I want to say that sitting behind Ishaan in the taxi, when he was driving it like a madman, was a stunt for me! I remember in one of the scenes Ishaan suddenly started driving the car in reverse and I started shouting 'Ishaan Ishaan... I was scared and I went out of character!'" Khaali Peeli is directed by Maqbool Khan and also features Jaideep Ahlawat, Satish Kaushik, Swanand Kirkire, and Anup Soni.

## TANUSHREE DUTTA ANNOUNCES 'GETTING SOME OFFERS FROM BOLLYWOOD IN TERMS OF MOVIES, WEB SERIES'

Tanushree Dutta in her recent Instagram post announced that she is gearing up for her comeback. In a prolonged note, the actor gave an update about how she refused a job in the IT sector in the US to give an artist in her another chance. The Dhol actor had left Mumbai a few years back and ignited the #MeToo movement in the country back in 2018. Now, she revealed that she has got good offers from the South film industry and they are big-budget projects.

Tanushree started by writing about her job offer in the US. She penned, "Some old news doing the rounds that I'm doing an IT job in LA. I was in fact training for in IT and had a fantastic IT job opportunity in the defence sector of the US Government. It was a very prestigious job opportunity as I have always had the discipline, integrity and determination of an army person so to work in this field in whatever capacity would have been an honour. But I didn't take it as I wanted to explore my artistic career again. The defence job based out of Nevada would eventually after the Pandemic would need me to shift out of LA/NY and I would not be permitted to leave the US for three years. I would also have to sign a job contract for three years coz such national defence-related US jobs usually have very high-security clearance and permissions so they cannot have people in and out of employment."

Dutta further wrote about her goodwill in Mumbai and Bollywood. Her note read as "Since I'm an artist at heart who just happened to lose my way away from my craft due to some very bad human beings and the trouble they caused me, I decided to not be hasty in changing my profession and re-consider what options I have in Bollywood. I have a lot of goodwill in Bollywood and Mumbai so I came back to India and will stay here for some time and will work on some interesting projects. I have been getting some offers from Bollywood in terms of movies and web series and the Industry seems far more interested in casting me rather than my arch-enemies. (they only announce projects but none of their projects ever sees the light of day & will not)."



## AKSHAY KUMAR-KIARA ADVANI STARRER 'LAXMII' FULL HD MOVIE LEAKED BY TAMILROCKERS



Just a few minutes after Akshay Kumar and Kiara Advani starrer Laxmii streamed on Disney+ Hotstar, the film was leaked on the several torrent websites namely Tamilrockers and Telegram. Raghava Lawrence directs the horror-comedy and the film is the official Hindi remake of Tamil flick Kanchana. As per India.com, Laxmii is available in HD print on these websites and the popular keywords are Laxmii Full Movie Download, Laxmii Full Movie Online, Laxmii Movie Tamilrockers, Laxmii Full Movie Tamilrockers HD Download, Laxmii Full Series Download Tamilrockers, Laxmii Full Movie Telegram, Laxmii Telegram links, Laxmii Full Movie HD Telegram. Tamilrockers website is known to pirate latest movies within a few hours of its release and Laxmii became their latest victim. The film is one of the biggest releases Disney+ Hotstar has witnessed.

Ahead of the streaming of Laxmii, Raghava had penned a note on his Facebook page. He wrote, "My Hindi debut direction movie Laxmii is releasing on Disney+ Hotstar at 7:05 pm today. Through Tamil movie, Kanchana I wanted to convey the pain and struggles of transgenders and the movie received a lot of appreciation from transgenders' community and the public. Similarly, when Akshay sir is acting in its Hindi remake, I hope the message will reach to a wider audience. Normally actors won't accept such tough roles but I believe Akshay sir being such a good human being he cares a lot for the society and previously he has given so many good message films. My special thanks to Akshay sir for accepting and doing this role."

## MILIND SOMAN SPORTS NOSE RING AND KAJAL; FANS ASK IF HE IS PART OF AKSHAY KUMAR'S 'LAXMII'



Milind Soman has fans wondering if he is part of Akshay Kumar's Laxmii after the 55-year-old actor and model shared a fascinating picture where his face is covered with vermilion and he is sporting a nose pin and heavily kohled eyes. Milind wrote on Instagram, "Travel Tuesday! I know its not holi but spent the last few days in Karjat near Mumbai doing some fun things - will share more soon now off to Chennai!" His wife Ankita Konwar was among the first few to comment on the post. "Kamaal," she wrote. As soon as Milind shared the photo fans couldn't help but remember Akshay Kumar in just released Laxmii. "Are you playing role in Laxmi," asked one as another called the look "spectacular". It was recently that Milind had celebrated his 55th birthday by running naked on a beach in Goa. The image that was clicked by his wife created quite a stir as an FIR was lodged in Goa for the photo. The south Goa Superintendent of Police Pankaj Kumar Singh had confirmed that the actor was booked under section 294 (obscenity) of the Indian Penal Code, along with other relevant sections of the Information Technology Act.

## NCB summons Arjun Rampal, his partner Gabriella Demetriades after raiding his residence

In a shocking development, after conducting a raid at actor Arjun Rampal's home and office, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has now summoned the actor to appear before them. According to our sources, the actor has been asked to join the investigation on November 11. As per NCB, the raid at Arjun Rampal's home and the office was carried out for 8 hours. NCB, in addition, also seized Arjun's iPad, laptop, few mobile phones, and some electronic gadgets. Apart from Arjun, his partner Gabriella Demetriades has also been summoned by NCB on November 11. In the ongoing crackdown by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the agency has raided the residence of Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal on Monday. According to our sources, raids were conducted at 7 am today at three places in Mumbai, Andheri, Khar, and Bandra which includes Arjun Rampal's residence and office. Recently, the NCB had also arrested South African national Agisialis Demetriades, brother of actor Arjun Rampal's girlfriend Gabriella Demetriades in another drug case. Former Dharma Productions employee Kshitij Prasad was also arrested in the same case earlier. Both Agisialis and Prasad were in touch with a Nigerian national arrested for the supply of cocaine in Mumbai.

## 'SHARAD KELKAR IS THE SOUL OF LAXMII': TWITTERATI CAN'T STOP PRAISING ACTOR FOR HIS BRIEF ROLE IN AKSHAY KUMAR STARRER



The trailer for Laxmii intrigued people to know who is the actual Laxmii in the film played originally by R. Sarathkumar in Tamil horror-comedy Kanchana. The character was a well-kept surprise by the makers until the streaming of Akshay Kumar starrer film. Yes, Laxmii is played by none other than Sharad Kelkar who makes people go gaga over him instantly. The actor has a role of about 13-15 minutes but in that brief stint, he proved that he is an underrated gem.

Twitterati couldn't stop gushing over Sharad and have been praising him immensely. People have been sharing his stills and videos from Laxmii with praiseworthy words. Earlier this year, Kelkar played the role of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior starring Ajay Devgn in the titular role.

Moreover, netizens also called Sharad the soul of the film for his extended cameo role.

Earlier during an interaction with Hindustan Times, Sharad had revealed that he loves acting irrespective of the medium. The actor has outshined himself in movies, TV shows as well as digital space.

He said, "I love acting, so whichever role fascinates me and gives me something new in terms of acting, I don't let go of that opportunity, irrespective of the medium. It doesn't matter whether it's a lead, a negative lead or a character role, there has to be something substantial in the role."

## Sidharth Shukla channels his inner Shah Rukh Khan, attempts SRK's signature pose in Punjab



Bigg Boss 13 winner and actor Sidharth Shukla is enjoying his time in Punjab with Shehnaaz Gill. The actor recently posed in a mustard field, doing the signature Shah Rukh Khan pose. Fans were so impressed by his look that they started to trend 'King Shukla'.

"Turning fields into reels," he captioned the picture.

For the uninformed, Sidharth is in Punjab to shoot for a song with his "Bigg Boss 13" co-contestant Shehnaaz Gill. He also shared a video where he is seen driving a vehicle on the streets of Punjab and wrote, "Loving Punjab".

Sidharth and Shehnaaz first met during their stint on Bigg Boss 13, where Sidharth emerged as a winner while Shehnaaz was a finalist. Post the reality show, the two have featured together in a music video together titled Bhula Dunga. Recently, Sidharth Shukla also extended his support to Akshay Kumar's Laxmii initiative. The person following the initiative is expected to share a photo with red bindi on them, to show their support to the transgender community. Sidharth did the exact same thing.

## Firoz Nadiadwala's wife arrested by NCB; drugs recovered from their Mumbai home

On Sunday, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raided producer Firoz Nadiadwala's house. After recovering huge amount of drugs from the home, Nadiadwala's wife Shabana Saeed was also arrested by the agency.

"Shabana Saeed was issued notice under section 67 of NDPS Act and after recording her statement, she was placed under arrest on November 8", confirmed the NCB.

"Film producer Firoz Nadiadwala's wife has been arrested today," Sameer Wankhede, Zonal Director of the NCB, also confirmed the news to ANI. According to sources, one of the previous drug peddlers revealed Firoz Nadiadwala's name, which led to the NCB raid. A team of NCB officials on Sunday, arrested Shabana Saeed and searched her house in presence of two independent witnesses. 10 gm of Ganja which was procured from accused Wahid Abdul kadir Sheikh during the house search. The NCB has now clarified, "A total of 727.1 gm of Ganja, 74.1 gm charas & 95.1 gm MD (Commercial Quantity) has been seized till now along with INR 3,58,610/- and total 05 persons including Shabana Saeed have been arrested." Firoz Nadiadwala has produced films like 'Hera Pheri', 'Awara Paagal Deewana', 'Welcome' and 'Aarakshan'. The producer was sentenced to three-month imprisonment for delay in tax payment in May 2019. The Bollywood drug nexus case came into light after NCB started investigating drugs angle in actor Sushant Singh Rajput's mysterious death. Various Bollywood celebrities were also summoned by the NCB in the case.

## MOVIE REVIEW



## Although there are loose ends, the visual strength of Netflix movie Kaali Khuhi makes it a decent watch

Something bad is going to happen... begins the movie Kaali Khuhi, streaming on Netflix. Darshan's (Satyadeep Misra) mother is ailing in a village in Punjab; with his wife Priya (Sanjeeda Sheikh) and 10-year-old daughter Shivangi (Riva Arora), he sets on a journey to check on his mother. Right from the opening scene, the movie creates an ambience of mystery. Even before we get introduced to these characters, plays a montage that goes as follows. During a dark night, a villager opens up a black well (the titular significance), he gets pulled into it. It is raining; another villager finds a young girl walking alone and offers to give her a lift. She reaches the village and knocks on a door; this is where Darshan's mother (Leela Samson) lives. The spectre chooses the room on top of the

house. Then we see Shivangi sucking on a gola. There is a well and there is a deadly secret resting deep within it...

So, back from where we began. On reaching the village, they find the grandmother in coma and the neighbour, aunty Satya (Shabana Azmi), looking after her. We get a glimpse of discord between the couple, as Priya has reservations about her mother-in-law and doesn't want to be there while Darshan is determined to tend to his mother.

Amidst all the conflict is the protagonist Shivangi. She can sense trouble between her parents, she feels the presence of a spirit around, some eerie events begin to unfold... a girl hiding under a bed, a dead rat in the cupboard, a reflection on a mirror... and Shivani sets out to solve the mystery. In her support are Satya

maasi and her friend Chandni, an orphan girl taken in by Satya. Soon Shivangi becomes aware of the village's past, a sin that is committed by her family and many others, something which has come back to haunt the entire village now. Highlighting the practice of female infanticide prevalent in the country, the story makes it obvious from the very beginning.

With a grey palette, the film is rather rustic, but instills constant scare with its tense sound effects. Although its narration falls weak and there are too many loose ends, its visual strength (kudos to Sejal Shah's powerful cinematography) and background score (by Daniel B George) carry the film till the end. At the centre of the narration are women of three generations, representing the past, present and future. While Shivangi is the new generation

fighting patriarchy, her mother is repulsed by it, but bears with it nonetheless; the older generation is shown as having played an equal part in promoting patriarchy. In fact, the movie shows those women as the main culprit whereas the beneficiaries of the custom have been the men.

Performance wise, although the characters are sketchy but the actors have lent sincere efforts. Shabana Azmi, who maintains a record of the disappearing daughters of the village in a diary, is unwavering as she carries such a painful history. The hero undeniably is Riva Arora. She may not be as polished as an actor, but her innocence and willingness to unravel the mystery take the story to its end. The other two child actors Chandni (Shivangi's friend) and Hetvi Bhanushali (the ghost) are also praiseworthy.

In sum, such message-driven stories need to be told!

## NEWLY-ENGAGED GAUAHAR KHAN, ZAID DARBAR RECREATE RING-EXCHANGE MOMENT FOR FRIENDS



Gauhar Khan recently treated her fans with new photos of her and Zaid Darbar. The couple, who got engaged recently, have recreated their ring-exchange moment amidst friends and family members. Gauhar and Zaid were celebrating Diwali. Gauhar shared images of her happy self around fiance Zaid. She was dressed in a green salwar kameez with embroidered print on it. Meanwhile, Zaid wore a matching zig-zag kurta with a high-collared neck. Gauhar also flaunted her diamond ring in one of the images. Khan revealed the cute name of the couple. "Mere tumhare sab ke liye haaaaa Diwali!!!! From US to aallllll of you! @zaid\_darbar. This is my fave Diwali Bollywood song, which ones yours???? #gaza #HappyDiwali #BeSafe #Spreadlove," she wrote while sharing three pictures of them. Awez, who happens to be Zaid Darbar's brother, shared a video of the couple sharing a cute moment as the friends tease them. At the beginning of the video, Zaid was seen recreating the moment when he gave Gauhar a ring. She nodded with glee in her eyes, saying yes to the sweet proposal. "Waah Waah Ramji" played in the background as Awez, Zaid and Gauhar along with two other girls, gave a group hug. "Dua karta hu ke. Allah apko hamesha khush rakhe aur aap dono ko kisi ki nazar na lage.. INSHAALLAH AMEEN SUMMA AMEEN," he wrote along with the video. Gauhar's sister Nigaar Khan was missed at the celebrations.

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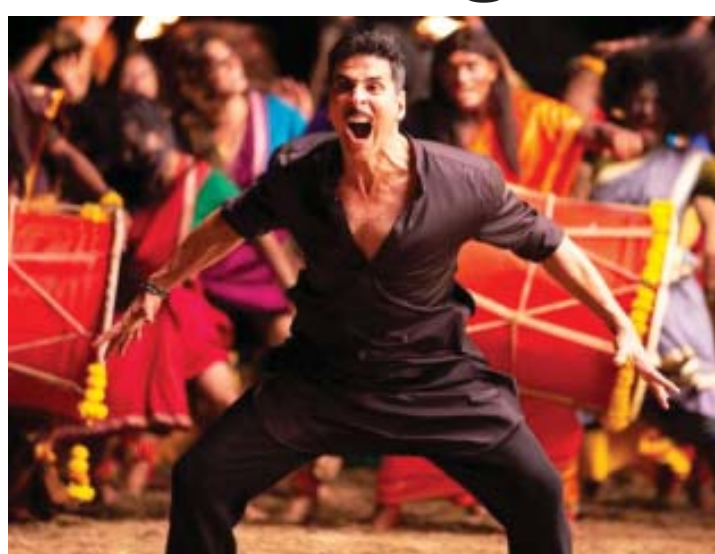


## Akshay Kumar's transgender act is the only firework in this not-so-ticking bomb

One who doesn't believe in ghosts get the taste of it — a popular formula done before and not dusted yet. Yes, Laxmii cannot just be dusted off as it's the official Hindi remake of Tamil horror-comedy flick Kanchana. Akshay Kumar stepped into the shoes of Raghava Lawrence, who not only played the lead but also helmed the original film. When the trailer was dropped we got to see everything but not who the actual transgender was, the role originally played by R. Sarathkumar in Tamil film.

The plot starts with Akshay Kumar and his wife Kiara Advani being called by her mother to pay a visit for the 25th wedding anniversary. Her parents' anniversary and Kiara's elder brother's role is played by Manu Rishi and wife Ashwini Kalsekar (Ummm... something to think about). Akshay plays the role of Asif, a Muslim guy who finds it hard to get accepted by Kiara's family. But that wasn't an important element at all. He comes, he conquers their hearts and gets possessed by a transgender's spirit in no time. It is a visual treat to watch Akshay turn into Laxmii as those were the most enjoyable moments of the film.

The initial build-up of showing spookiness can be scary for a minuscule number of people who are not into horror movies at all. The film tries to become a comedy flick with over-the-top acting by the cast and not-so-funny one-liners. Well, Kanchana was also all about that! Raghava Lawrence forayed into Bollywood with his forte of horror-



comedy but Kanchana is a decade-old formula. Bollywood redefined horror-comedy with Stree released in 2018 which set a high benchmark for the genre. The film's only X-factor is Akshay Kumar and watching him in a different space. The female lead Kiara Advani has nothing much to do but her cherubic look and subtle face bring calming moments in the film.

The biggest surprise of Laxmii is Sharad Kelkar, the OG Laxmi! He will leave you amazed and impressed from the word 'go'. The actor once again proved that he is an underrated gem. We wish there was some more screen space for Sharad and his strong act as Laxmi. Dialogues play an important role in a horror-comedy flick with punchlines and one-liners and Farhad Samji is the mastermind behind Laxmii. But we have seen better of him in many blockbusters. Talking about songs, 'Bam Bholle' is highly energizing and Akshay is a cherry on the top. The five-minute-long sequence is well shot and deserves a theatre watch.

Kanchana, however, the content was highly enjoyable for its slapstick approach but Laxmii lacks in it.

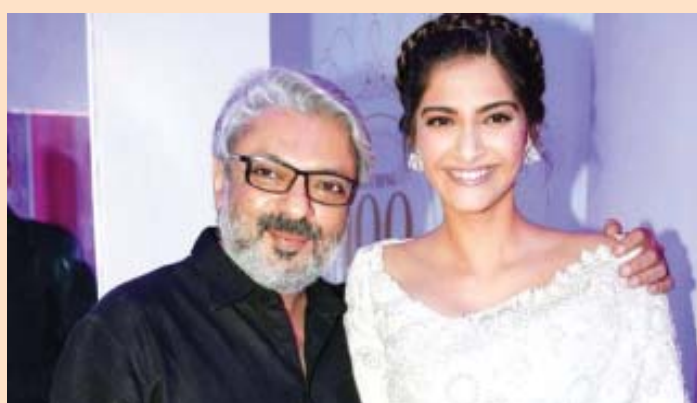
Not so horrific, not so comic maketh Akshay Kumar the only saviour of the not-so-ticking bomb!

## WHEN SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI FOUND OUT MY FATHER IS ANIL KAPOOR, HE GOT VERY UPSET: SONAM KAPOOR

It's been 13 years since Sonam K Ahuja made her Bollywood debut. The actor forayed in movies with Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Saawariya in which she was paired opposite Ranbir Kapoor. The film also starred Salman Khan and Rani Mukerji in pivotal roles. Now as Sonam clocked 13 years in Bollywood, we came across a video of the actor recalling her tenure with Bhansali as an assistant director and how she didn't tell him that she is Anil Kapoor's daughter.

Sonam told ETC Bollywood, "The first day I went to his (Sanjay) office to meet him, I was sitting at a table. He just came back from church and he looked at me and he is like, 'You have come for acting? Are you here for an audition?' I said, 'No, sir, I have come to be an assistant.' He said, 'But you should act, haan.' I said okay." She further shared, "When he found out who my father was and he got very upset. He was like, 'Are you allowed...?' I was 17 years old and bohoh jhooth-voot bol ke (after lying a lot) I was there. But I got it on my own."

Sonam also revealed that her mom Sunita Kapoor said a firm 'no'



when she said she wanted to assist Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Whereas Anil Kapoor was sceptical as he didn't know Bhansali well. Sonam further shared that she told them she will be assisting with Ranbir which convinced them eventually.

Sonam and Ranbir reunited on the big screen after a decade with 2018 release Sanju.

## 13 YEARS OF 'OM SHANTI OM': DEEPIKA PADUKONE BECOMES 'SHANTIPRIYA' AGAIN; UPDATES HER SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

It's been 13 years since Farah Khan Kunder directorial Om Shanti Om released. November 9, 2020, also indicates 13 years of Deepika Padukone in Bollywood. The actor made her Hindi movie debut opposite Shah Rukh Khan and a star was born. To celebrate the same, Deepika changed her social media name to 'Shantipriya' her character name in Om Shanti Om. She also switched her DP with Shah Rukh from the song 'Dhoom Taana'. Deepika Padukone had a double role in Om Shanti Om - Shantipriya and Sandhya aka Sandy after her reincarnation. After this, Deepika worked with SRK and Farah in Happy New Year released in 2014. Deepika swept off all the debut awards at several events back in 2007-08.

Earlier, while talking about Om Shanti Om, Deepika had told India Today, "Om Shanti Om put me on the map. It changed my life overnight. When I left Mumbai for the world premiere, people viewed me very differently. The minute I landed at immigration, I realised my life had changed."

Calling luck an important factor, DP went on to say, "The fact that I moved to Mumbai, the fact that I had Anil Anand in my life who encouraged me and pushed me in that direction or Atul Kasbekar was the first person to speak to my parents to ask me to move to Mumbai. Spotting the talent and coming on as my agent at that time."

Meanwhile, on the work front, Deepika is currently shooting for Shakun Batra directorial alongside Siddhant Chaturvedi and Ananya Panday.

## MY JOURNEY IS A PROOF THAT FILM INDUSTRY IS NOT AS BAD AS IT IS SAID TO BE: PANKAJ TRIPATHI



Pankaj Tripathi as Kaleen Bhaiya on Mirzapur 2 was loved and received well by the audiences and critics, however, the actor says he took his own time while watching Mirzapur. "I have watched five episodes, five more to go. I fast forward the show. I watch my own scenes and fast forward other's scenes. I shouldn't do this though," he said. Talking about his journey in the film industry, Pankaj told Hindustan Times reflecting that while everyone gets a chance, 'outsiders' have to work harder. "When you come to the industry as outsider, you have to make seven runs in one ball — hit a sixer and then run and take one more. That is the fun of it. Make the most out of the chances you get. My journey is a proof that film industry is not as bad as it is said to be." On the work front, Pankaj Tripathi is all set to play yet another don, this time in Anurag Basu's Ludo, which will release on Netflix. In the film, he plays Sattu while donning a leather jacket and yellow glares. "I also want to wear yellow glasses and red shoes on screen. No one ever gives me that chance. Sattu has a sweet little love story, people will not remember him as a gangster once they are done with the film." Recently, he had also made an appearance in Neha Dhupia's chat show No Filter Neha where he was asked what was his highest-paying role. To this, Pankaj had quipped saying that his asking price has only been going up. He said, "This is a most difficult question. Currently, I feel like the set I'm working on now, that one... and the last film that I shot for, that paid me a lot. With each film that I do, I keep breaking the record of the last film in terms of money."

## DEEPIKA PADUKONE HAS THIS TO SAY ON RANVEER SINGH'S 'DOWN & DIRTY' PHOTO



Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh are back at commenting on each other's Instagram posts. The couple often teases or drops thirst comments which make fans gush over them instantly. Ranveer has been lately sharing photos of his beefed-up bod which have made the Internet do the talking. However, even Deepika couldn't resist herself from commenting on her husband's big muscles and fit body. On Monday, Ranveer took to his Instagram page and shared an intense photo from his recent shoot.

In the photo, the Padmaavat actor has gone shirtless and made his body covered with dirt. He captioned the post stating, "Down & Dirty #mondymotivation."

Deepika commented on Ranveer's post by writing, "B.I.G!" She also commented, "No frowning". Ranveer replied to his wife with emojis filled comments.

Earlier during an interaction with Femina, Ranveer praised Deepika by stating, "There is a child-like quality to her that nobody other than me has the privilege of seeing. It's a precious part of my life."

## 'KBC 12': Amitabh Bachchan gets special surprise on completing 51 years in movies



Amitabh Bachchan who made his debut in the year 1969 with Saat Hindustani, has completed 51 years in the film industry on November 7.

To commemorate the special milestone, one of his fans gifted him a special rangoli on the sets of his popular TV show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) 12. The rangoli featured a behind-the-scenes picture of Amitabh from the shoot of his upcoming film, Ayan Mukerji's fantasy drama Brahmastra, and a cinema reel drawn below signified his journey from Saat Hindustani till now.

Amitabh shared the picture of the rangoli on his social media pages and said, "No .... that be not a painting .. that be 'rangoli' made by the yonder gentleman to commemorate my 51 years in the Industry .. please read the date at the bottom of the 'rangoli' it's 7 Nov 1969 , and the name Saat Hindustani .. the date of my first film release !! Presented to me on the 7th of Nov 2020 !"



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## MUMBAI INDIANS CRUSH DELHI CAPITALS, SEAL RECORD FIFTH TITLE



Mumbai Indians always had the habit of winning the IPL title on an 'odd' year. However, in 2020 when everything was so different, Mumbai Indians finally snapped their sequence in grand style. Trent Boult's magnificent opening spell, combined with Rohit Sharma's brilliant fifty in his 200th outing in the IPL, confirmed Mumbai Indians' status as the best side in the IPL as they crushed the aspirations of the Delhi Capitals with a five-wicket win to win the IPL title for an unprecedented fifth time at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Tuesday. This was Mumbai Indians' fourth consecutive win against Delhi Capitals and Rohit Sharma's side has now matched Chennai Super Kings as the only other team to defend their title, having won it in 2019. MS Dhoni's side had won the IPL title twice in 2010 and 2011. It was an IPL 2020 final that started off with Mumbai Indians dominating the opening spell followed by a wonderful comeback from Delhi Capitals thanks to Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant. However, the depth and class of Mumbai Indians' bowling as well as batting proved to be too strong and they fittingly won the match to become the first team ever to achieve five IPL titles and establish a big gap with the remaining teams. Delhi Capitals chose to bat on a pitch that was described 'confusing' by Rohit Sharma. The confusion soon

cleared and there was grand success ahead for the Mumbai Indians. Trent Boult struck gold with his first ball as he removed the in-form Marcus Stoinis with a short ball that climbed up and the batsman could only fend at it for a golden duck. This was the eighth time that Trent Boult had gotten a wicket in the first over of the match in IPL 2020. Ajinkya Rahane was strangled down the leg side as Boult got more swing while Shikhar Dhawan, the one player who might have made a difference, fell to Jayant Yadav as he missed the sweep. Rohit Sharma had made one change in the side with Jayant Yadav replacing Rahul Chahar due to the presence of many left-handers in Delhi Capitals' batting line-up. Shreyas Iyer eased the nerves with a couple of boundaries off Trent Boult while Rishabh Pant looked in fine touch. Both batsmen were striking the ball beautifully, with Pant hammering two big sixes off Krunal Pandya. Iyer also kept the scoreboard ticking and when he hit two fours off Nathan Coulter-Nile, Rishabh Pant had become the second-youngest half-centurion in an IPL final after Manan Vohra. However, in the quest for quick runs, the 96-run stand ended and Delhi Capitals lost some crucial momentum. Iyer hit his third fifty and went past 500 runs but Mumbai Indians managed to restrict Delhi Capitals to 156/7.

### 8 WICKETS IN FIRST OVER - TRENT BOULT BECOMES MOST SUCCESSFUL NEW-BALL BOWLER IN A SINGLE SEASON



If there were any doubts or concerns regarding Trent Boult's fitness before Mumbai Indians' final against Delhi Capitals on Tuesday, the left-arm pacer cleared them all away with the first ball he bowled in the game. Boult had suffered a groin injury in MI's previous match against DC last week, and he had walked off after bowling two overs. But he was included in the playing XI for the final, but there were a few voices wondering if he is fit to play.

The first ball that Boult delivered was an absolute knocker. It was 'The Hulk' Marcus Stoinis facing the first ball, and Boult pitched a back of a length delivery that moved inside after pitching. Stoinis was cramped up for room, and he just nicked the ball to wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock.

It was a dream start for Boult and the Mumbai Indians as the dangerous Stoinis had to walk back for a duck on the first ball. With the wicket, Boult extended his record of getting most wickets in the first over in a single edition of IPL. Boult has now taken 8 wickets in the first over this season which is the highest-ever by any player in an IPL season. Bhuvneshwar Kumar with 6 wickets in 2016 season, Praveen Kumar with 5 wickets in 2013 season and Zaheer Khan with 5 wickets in 2012 season are the other players in the list.

### 'He has quality to get you out on your defence,' Gautam Gambhir explains why batsmen have struggled against Bumrah



India fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has enjoyed a terrific time in the UAE as he has taken 27 wickets in the ongoing season of India Premier League. The Mumbai Indians player will enter the final as the 2nd highest wicket-taker in the tournament. Bumrah has been brilliant with the new ball, and has actually done even better at the death overs. Every time he would be given the ball by the MI captain, he has delivered the goods and picked up crucial wickets.

Former India batsman and two-time IPL winning-captain Gautam Gambhir believes that the players have tried to play off Bumrah, but the bowler is too good and actually beats them when they are defending.

"The opposition has been trying to see him off, but he's just too good a bowler to actually knock them off. If you look at Stoinis and Shikhar Dhawan's dismissals in the last game, they were just beaten by absolute beauties," Gambhir said on ESPNcricinfo. "So, even if you try and play him off, but just like Rashid Khan, he would beat you on the defence, he would beat you on the outside edge. He will beat you on the inside edge. So, you have to pick him," he added.

"You have to actually have the technique good enough to survive. A good ball, in any format, is a good bowl."

### INDIA VS AUSTRALIA: 'VIRAT WILL BE MISSED,' IRFAN PATHAN PREDICTS 'INTERESTING SERIES' IN KOHLI'S ABSENCE



Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan believes that Virat Kohli's absence during the Test series against Australia will definitely boost Australia's morale. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday confirmed that it has granted paternity leave to Indian captain Virat Kohli, who will return from Team India's upcoming tour of Australia after the first Test. The BCCI in an official release confirmed that Kohli had informed the board about his plans to return home for the birth of his first child.

The decision meant that Kohli will only play the first pink-ball Test in Adelaide and will miss the remaining three Tests.

"Virat not being there will make Australians feel a lot more comfortable but we have got a great bowling line up and if our batsmen can do the job, it will be an interesting series," former India pacer Irfan Pathan told news agency PTI. The last time Kohi-led India travelled to Australia, the visitors had won the Test series 2-1. But at the time, Australia's two major players David Warner and Steve

Smith were not playing as they were still serving their respective bans for their involvement in the infamous 2018 ball-tampering scandal. Pathan said that India still have a good team without Kohli, but added that things will be slightly harder with Warner and Smith back in the mix. "I still feel we have a good team but Virat will be missed. They have one of the best pact attacks and don't forget Smith and Warner are back. I would like to predict the outcome of the series after the warm-up game," Pathan added. "Virat Kohli not being there will have a huge impact on the team but you have to respect his decision. We have to accept and appreciate life beyond cricket, family is very important," Pathan further said. "On the field it is bound to make a massive difference and it is very tough for anyone to fill his shoes. The way he has performed over the years and in all conditions," he added. India are scheduled to play 3 ODIs, 3 T20Is and 4 Tests against Australia. The first ODI between the two teams will be played on November 27th in Sydney.

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## ROHIT SHARMA ON THE CUSP OF JOINING MS DHONI IN RECORD 'DOUBLE CENTURY' CLUB



Mumbai Indians will square off against Delhi Capitals in the final of IPL 2020 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. This game will be special for Rohit Sharma and the Mumbai Indians as they aim to snap their 'odd' streak of winning the title and win their fifth IPL title on an 'even' year. However, the final will be special for Rohit Sharma and he is all set to create more records as he steps out onto the field. The game against Delhi Capitals will be Rohit Sharma's 200th IPL game and he will be the second player in the history of the tournament after Chennai Super Kings' MS Dhoni to achieve this landmark in the tournament. The match will be a statistical milestone for Rohit Sharma when he steps out to bat. Rohit Sharma needs only eight runs to go past 4000 runs in the IPL for Mumbai Indians. Incidentally, Rohit Sharma requires just 43 runs to reach 3000 runs as skipper of the Mumbai Indians team, whom he has led to four IPL titles. Overall, Rohit Sharma has 5162 runs but 1171 runs have come while batting for Deccan Chargers in the very beginning of

IPL. Rohit Sharma also needs just 94 runs to become the second Indian player after Virat Kohli to reach 9000 runs in Twenty20 format. However, the Mumbai Indians skipper has a poor record in IPL playoffs, managing an average of just over 20 and not having scored some big runs.

### MUMBAI INDIANS ON THE CUSP OF HISTORY

A win for Mumbai Indians will make them the first side in the history of the tournament to win five titles and they will have a clear lead over all the other teams. The win will snap Mumbai Indians' 'odd' streak of winning the title in odd-number years. Mumbai Indians won the title first in 2013 and have since won the IPL trophy in 2015, 2017 and 2019. They even won the Champions League T20 tournaments in 2011 and 2013. Delhi Capitals, on the other hand, will be aiming to create history and win the tournament for the first time having qualified for the finals for the first-time ever. They have won only two playoff games in history and this makes them underdogs heading into the final.

## Women's T20 Challenge Final: Trailblazers win title, prevent Supernovas hat-trick



Smriti Mandhana's brilliant fifty had put Trailblazers on course for a big score. But, Radha Yadav took 5/16 and Trailblazers managed just 15 runs in the last five overs as they were restricted to just 118/8. However, a brilliant bowling performance, combined with a spectacular fielding effort from Thailand's Nattakam Chatam helped Trailblazers achieve history as they won the Women's T20 Challenge by 16 runs and dent the Supernovas' aspirations of winning the Women's T20 Challenge for the third straight time. It was an inspired effort from Smriti Mandhana's Trailblazers as they defended the small total with tremendous grit and application. Chasing 119, Supernovas lost Chamari Athapaththu, who scored a fifty in the previous encounter cheaply. Supernovas managed to score just 28 runs in the powerplay as the asking rate went over seven runs an over. Taniya Bhatia, the Supernovas wicketkeeper was promoted to No.3 but that did not work as she was dismissed by Deepti Sharma for 14. Deepti Sharma got her second when she dismissed Jemimah Rodrigues for 13. Harmanpreet Kaur, the Supernovas skipper, was struggling with a leg injury and she made really slow progress.

Shashikala Siriwardene joined Harmanpreet and the duo looked to stitch a solid partnership but the Trailblazers bowling was simply too disciplined. From overs 12 to 18, Trailblazers managed just one boundary and managed just 28 runs as Jhulan Goswami, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Salma Khatun made things incredibly hard. Harmanpreet struggled to get the big hits going. Salma Khatun then sealed the game for the Trailblazers when she dismissed Harmanpreet for 30 and Pooja Vastraker in the fifth ball as Supernovas clinched the title in dramatic fashion.

### RADHA YADAV WRECKS TRAILBLAZERS

Supernovas seemed to have the game in the bag after a fabulous display from Radha Yadav in the Trailblazers innings. Smriti Mandhana was in fine form for the Trailblazers as she blasted a magnificent fifty. The Trailblazers skipper led from the front with a fine batting performance. In the second over of the Trailblazers innings, Smriti Mandhana hit two fours and a six off Anuja Patil and she got good support from Deandra Dottin. The duo shared a partnership of over 50, with Mandhana nearing her fifty with a brilliant six off Pooja Vastrakar. The partnership reached 71 off 11 overs and Trailblazers looked good for a big score. However, the game changed in the death overs. Radha Yadav dismissed Deepti Sharma as the batter looked for quick runs. Two balls later, Radha Yadav dismissed Richa Ghosh for a two-ball duck. In the 20th over, there was carnage as Radha Yadav got the big wickets of Sophie Ecclestone, Harleen Deol and Jhulan Goswami. Although she missed a hat-trick, the team managed to achieve the feat as Nattakam Chantam was run-out for a duck.

## Real shame not to make it to IPL finals: Kane Williamson on SRH's loss to DC in Qualifier 2



After the loss to Delhi Capitals (DC) in Qualifier 2, Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) batsman Kane Williamson said that it's a "shame" the side could not make the IPL final. However, he asserted that SRH can take pride in its remarkable fightback to make the play-offs.

Williamson's had a stronghold on the game and could have led the side towards victory, however, his counter-attacking 67 went in vain as Delhi Capitals made it to their maiden IPL final with a 17-run win.

"Delhi is a very good side. They have been trying to find the rhythm to their play like we were and we managed to for a little period of time. Delhi was able to put it together against us and they played very well," Williamson said during the postmatch press conference.

"Going in the second innings, risks needed to be taken. We did not get off to a good start but we managed to build a few partnerships through the middle period. We still had a bit of opportunity. "It's a real shame not to make the finals but I think, particularly in the last three weeks, the guys can be proud of how they played."

Sunrisers' journey in the IPL was inconsistent in the first phase of the tournament and Williamson rued the "close losses", describing it as a "season of fine lines". "We had a number of close losses. Perhaps we were not playing our best, every team is very strong, everybody has beaten everybody, you need to be at the top of your game," the New Zealand skipper said.

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## IPL 2021 in India, 7-8 team women's league in 2022: Sourav Ganguly

The coronavirus pandemic not only postponed the 13th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) but also shifted the location all the way to the UAE.

However, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Sourav Ganguly has stated that the 2021 season will be held in the home country in April-May.

Ganguly believes the BCCI will be ready to host the tournament in India. "Yeah, absolutely. April-May we'll have another one [IPL 2021 season]," Ganguly told India Today. "The UAE was only for the IPL. We will host England in India. We will host domestic cricket in India. Ranji Trophy, we will create a bio bubble and we will do it. We'll be fine. ISL is starting in November in Goa. The worry is not there anymore and the IPL has helped a lot," Ganguly added. The former India captain also insisted that BCCI are committed to developing women's cricket. He said that they are looking to have a separate IPL for women in two years' time. This year, the Women's T20 Challenge was also staged in the UAE with three teams participating. "At the present moment, there are only three teams in the women's IPL and I believe that in a couple of years' time we will be good enough to have a separate IPL with seven teams, eight teams like the franchise-based teams for the women as well," Ganguly said. "Women's cricket all around the world has taken off. You see the women's T20 World Cup final in Australia this year. They had 80,000 people at the MCG which is as good as having a men's final and India has done well where two back-to-back finals in England they lost and they lost at the MCG this year, so it's very important that we continue with the talent, it'll only get bigger," he added.

### ENGLAND'S TOUR TO INDIA:

Ganguly also said that India will also host England for a bilateral series in February. England are expected to tour India after the team returns from Australia.





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