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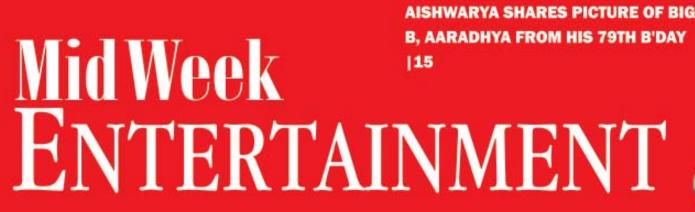
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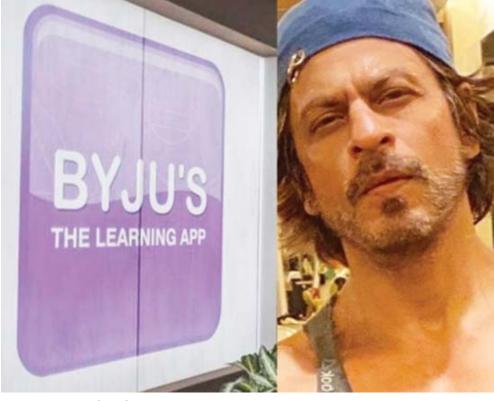




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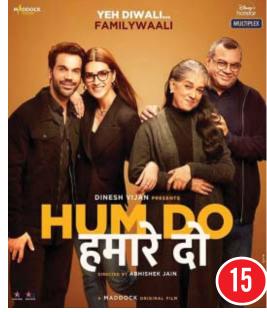
Aryan drug case: Byju's temporarily halts ads featuring SRK





NEW DELHI, (IANS) IPO-bound edtech major Byju's has temporarily halted advertisements featuring its brand ambassador and Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, as his son Aryan Khan undergoes a drug bust probe by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). Reliable Sources told IANS on Saturday that Byju's has stopped all ads featuring Shah Rukh Khan, apparently after social media users criticised the edtech company for endorsing ads featuring the actor, who has been the Byju's brand ambassador since 2017. When reached, a spokesperson for Byju's declined to comment on the matter. Byju's is on an acquisition spree this year. Overall, it has acquired nine businesses this year. The edtech giant is also exploring an initial public offering (IPO) which could value the company at around \$40 billion-\$45 billion. Shah Rukh Khan has over 42 million followers on Twitter and 26.5 million followers on Facebook-owned Instagram. The criticism came in the wake of arrests after a high-drama rave party raid on Cordelia Cruise ship during the Mumbai-Goa voyage by the NCB on October 2. In a major setback for Shah Rukh's son Aryan, a Mumbai court on Friday rejected his bail plea, and of two others who were among the 8 arrested. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate R.M. Nerlikar rejected the bail applications of Aryan, Arbaaz Merchant, and MunmunDhamecha, on grounds of "maintainability", upholding the contentions of the legal team of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). The

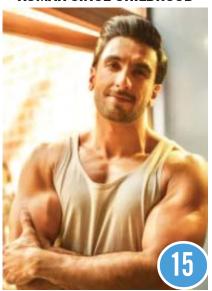
RAJKUMMAR, KRITI-STARRER 'HUM DO HUMARE DO'TRAILER LAUNCHED



'HUM DO HAMARE DO', DIRECTED BY ABHISHEK JAIN AND STARRING RAJKUMMAR RAO AND KRITI SANON, WILL PREMIERE ON DISNEY + HOTSTAR ON OCTOBER 29.

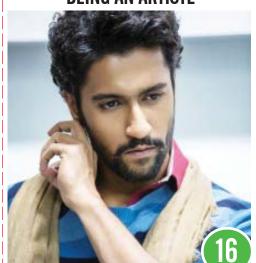
RANVEER SINGH: I'VE IDOLISED BIG B, SRK, AKSHAY KUMAR SINCE CHILDHOOD

developments came a day after all the eight accused were sent to judicial custody, and they shifted to the regular prisons from the NCB lockup.



RANVEER SINGH CONFESSES OF BEING MESMERIZED BY AMITABH BACHCHAN, SHAH RUKH KHAN, SALMAN KHAN AND AKSHAY KUMAR WHILE GROWING UP.

VICKY KAUSHAL: SELF-DOUBT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF **BEING AN ARTISTE**



VICKY KAUSHAL RECENTLY COMPLETED **NINE YEARS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT** INDUSTRY. CURRENTLY, HE HAS BEEN **BUSY PROMOTING HIS UPCOMING MOVIE** SARDAR UDHAM.

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APARSHAKTI RETURNS TO RADIO AFTER 6 YEARS, CALLS IT 'GHARWAAPSI'



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Aparshakti Khurana is back on radio for a storytelling series titled 'Ishq Mein Kabhi Kabhi'. He says it's a "gharwaapsi" for him as he back on radio after almost six years. Aparshakti, the younger brother of actor Ayushmann Khurrana, is hosting a new storytelling series on 104.8 Ishq FM titled 'Ishq Mein Kabhi Kabhi', which is a two-month-long series and will feature 24 stories on radio and six digital episodes over the next two months.

Aparshakti said: "It's a 'gharwaapsi' for me as I am back on radio after almost 6 years, but jokes apart it's such a special feeling to enter the same studio again. I'm really looking forward to voice these stories for the radio listeners." The series will see the actor take listeners through a rollercoaster of emotions exploring heartbreaks, puppy love, etemal love and second chances, among others. On the acting front, Aparshakti is gearing up for his next titled 'Hum Do Humare Do', which also stars Rajkummar Rao, Paresh Rawal, Kriti Sanon and Ratna Pathak Shah.

HEMA MALINI, RAMESH SIPPY TO RELIVE 'SHOLAY' SHOOT ON 'KBC 13'



MUMBAI, (IANS) Bollywood diva Hema Malini and Ramesh Sippy will be coming on the sets of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 13' to celebrate 46 years of the iconic and record-breaking film 'Sholay'. They will be seen as special guests in the 'ShaandaarShukravaar' episode of 'KBC 13'. Hema Malini and 'Sholay' director Ramesh Sippy will be seen sharing fun camaraderie on the show as they go back in time, reliving the good old days of shooting the film. The trio - Amitabh Bachchan, Hema Malini and Ramesh Sippy will be seen sharing various unknown facts and details about the film and what actually happened 'behind the scenes'. Not only this, Hema Malini and Amitabh Bachchan will also be seen recreating a moment from their iconic song 'Dilbar Mere'. The director will also be challenging Amitabh and Hema to enact scenes from the popular film as well.

Hema Malini and Ramesh Sippy will be on the hotseat playing a game with host Amitabh Bachchan and will be donating the winning amount for a social cause. 'KBC 13's 'ShaandaarShukravaar' will air on October 15 on Sony Entertainment Television.

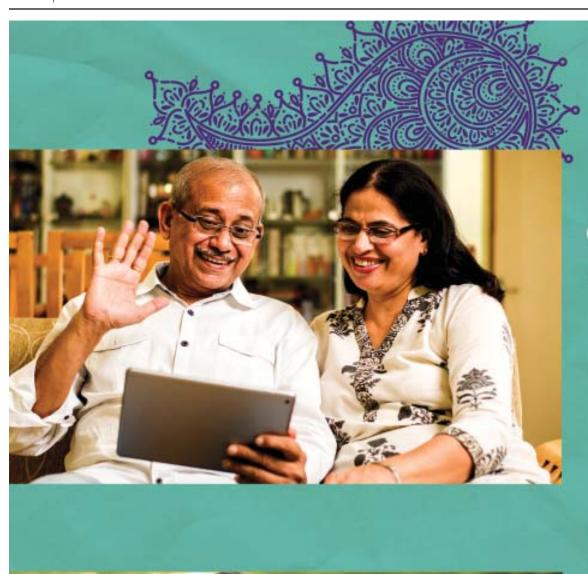
'NOT CAPTAIN BUT LEADER': PACER HARSHAL PATEL GIVES HIS VERDICT ON VIRAT KOHLI CAPTAINCY IN IPL 2021



Virat Kohli might not captain Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) but pacer Harshal Patel said Kohli is "definitely a leader" irrespective of whether he is leading the side or not. Kohli's captaincy era in the IPL came to an end on Monday as RCB suffered a four-wicket loss against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Eliminator. Pacer Harshal Patel lavished praise on Kohli and thanked him for his contributions to RCB over the years.

"Virat gives bowlers their space, lets you execute your plans. Grateful to him. I have learnt a lot playing with him since 2012. In terms of his captaincy, there are captains, and there are leaders. He is definitely a leader," said Harshal in the post-match press conference. "Just because he won't have the tag of captaincy anymore, it doesn't make him any less of a leader. I just want to thank him for his contributions to the team and my growth and whenever he supported me when I was down," he added.





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ZEE5 GLOBAL'S ORIGINAL FILM AAFAT-E-ISHQ **TO PREMIERE ON 29TH OCTOBER**



 \sim Directed by Indrajit Nattoji, the film also stars Deepak Dobriyal, Amit Sial, Namit Das and Ila Arun \sim

MUMBAI: ZEE5 Global, the largest OTT platform for South Asian content, has the largest library of Original content with Original shows and films across genres and languages. After the success of its Original web series Black Widows, an Indian adaptation of the Finnish drama of the same name. ZEE5 Global is all set to premiere Aafat-E-Ishq, an Indian adaptation of the award-winning international Hungarian Film 'Liza, the Fox-Fairy'. Directed by Indrajit Nattoji and starring Neha Sharma, Deepak Dobriyal, Amit Sial, Namit Das and Ila Arun, Aafat-E-Ishq will premiere on 29th October 2021, exclusively on ZEE5 Global.

Produced by Zee Studios, Aafat-E-Ishq is the story of Lallo and her quest for true love. Lallo, portrayed by Neha Sharma, finds herself as a prime suspect following a series of multiple deaths while an ancient curse looms large, threatening to destroy everything and everyone around her. A dark dramedy, Aafat-E-Ishq has an interesting concept with elements and a whodunnit twist. The original Hungarian film 'Liza, the Fox-Fairy' was a huge success at the box office and ZEE5 is the digital entertainment destination launched by Zee Enterwon awards at numerous film festivals including Best Director, Best Film, Best Actor (Female), Best Visual Effects and Best Soundtrack. Archana Anand, Chief Business Officer, ZEE5 Global, said, "We're focused on bringing our viewers handpicked stories across diverse genres and storylines. Supernatural and fantasy-themed stories have seen much traction globally and we're sure that Aafat-E-Ishq with its quirky storyline and dark humour will be a natural draw for our global viewers!"

Nimisha Pandey, Head, Hindi Originals, ZEE5 Global, said, "At ZEE5, it is our constant endeavour to present relatable stories that encapsulate the various emotions people experience in their lives. We are delighted to hand-pick this story and recreate it for our Indian viewers in a language of their choice. Aafat-E-Ishq is a compelling story rooted in India's love for the supernatural and fantasy genre. The film will certainly stand out for its unique storyline, quirky characters and is also available on Samsung Smart TV, Apple TV, Android TV and dark humour, which we are confident will appeal to various consumer Amazon Fire TV.

cohorts. We are extremely excited to bring this to your screens soon." Ashima Avasthi, Head Content, Zee Studios, said, "A heady mix of love, lust, intrigue and a little bit of a supernatural, this film is all set to take the audiences on a complete rollercoaster ride. We are confident that this exciting story backed by powerful performances will definitely be appreciated by the consumers. With Aafat-E-Ishq, Zee Studios continues to create and produce distinctive stories as a part of our diverse portfolio of original content. We're excited to partner with ZEE5 to bring this dark comedy to our audiences soon."

Watch 'Aafat-E-Ishq' exclusively on ZEE5 Global from 29th October 2021.

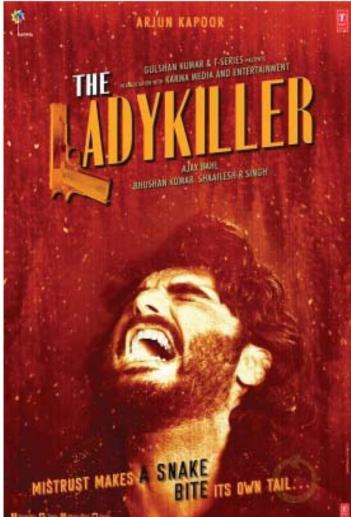
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Arjun Kapoor to star in 'nerve-racking' thriller 'The Lady Killer'



AISHWARYA SHARES PICTURE OF BIG B, AARADHYA FROM HIS 79TH B'DAY

MUMBAI, (IANS) Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan gave a sneakpeek into megastar Amitabh Bachchan's birthday with a picture she shared on social media.

Just like every year, Aishwarya posted a picture of her father-inlaw who is seen posing with his granddaughter Aaradhya. The two are hugging each other and smiling at the camera.

For the caption, Aishwarya wrote: "Happy happy birthday dearest darling Dadajii-Pa. Love you forever and beyond."

Aishwarya along with her actor husband Abhishek Bachchan and daughter Aaradhya returned from their Paris-Dubai trip right in before Amitabh's 79th birthday on Monday.

The cine icon took to his Instagram account to thank his fans and friends for their wishes. He shared a picture of himself and wrote: "My gratitude for the love you give me .. I shall never be able to repay it .. nor shall I ever be able to fathom your affection...

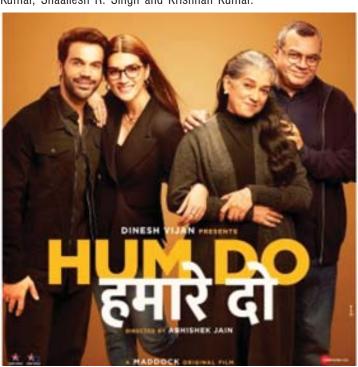
"Your greetings today have been immense .. I cannot respond to all of them, but I do hold them close here and wish that you take this humble presence here on Instagram as my response .."

MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Arjun Kapoor will be seen in the upcoming thriller 'The Lady Killer. He says the film has thrill, romance, emotions and suspense.

Arjun shared an intriguing poster on Instagram on Monday. On the poster, it is written "mistrust makes a snake bite its on tail..." with a picture of the actor.

"Isme Thrill hai. Romance Hai. Emotion Hai. Suspense Hai! Presenting to you, #TheLadykiller. A thrilling, nerve-racking love story and my most ambitious film yet. Thank you my director #AjayBahl for your belief in me.Produced by #BhushanKumar @ShaaileshRSingh #KrishanKumar," Arjun wrote as the caption.

The film is directed by Ajay Bahl and is jointly produced by Bhushan Kumar, Shaailesh R. Singh and Krishnan Kumar.



Rajkummar, Kriti-starrer 'Hum Do Humare Do' trailer launched

MUMBAI, (IANS) The makers of the upcoming family entertainer 'Hum Do Humare Do' starring Rajkummar Rao and Kriti Sanon have unveiled the film's trailer on Monday. The film also features veteran stars Ratna Pathak Shah and Paresh Rawal. The Dinesh Vijan production takes an "out of the box" look at adoption, telling the story of a man forced to "arrange" a set of parents to impress the love of his life. Speaking about the movie, Dinesh Vijan says, "Maddock trusts in the power of content driven films, while 'Mimi' was a delightful family entertainer, with 'Hum Do Humare Do', we take the essence of family further, because in the end, a family is a set of people we love and cherish. Our film is a wholesome comedy that can be enjoyed by all three generations". 'Hum Do Humare Do' also stars Aparshakti Khurana. It is directed by Abhishek Jain, produced by Dinesh Vijan, a Maddock Original film, starts streaming from October 29 on Disney+ Hotstar.

VINAY PATHAK, SMRITI KALRA, VIKRAM CHATTERJEE TO STAR IN 'MEMORY X'

MUMBAI, (IANS) Actors Vinay Pathak, Vikram Chatterjee and Smriti Kalra are all set to star in the upcoming psychological romance titled 'Memory X'.

The film explores the theory of time and mindspace. This plot is crafted by writer-director Tathagata Mukherjee, produced by Avinaba Ghosh, and co-produced by Tania Mukherjee, Tathagata Mukherjee, and Debleena Production Creations.

This fascinating story is shot mostly in Sikkim, and revolves around the story of Avinash and Shruti over three different timelines. Vikram and Smriti will be seen es-



saying the roles of Avinash and Shruti, respectively.

The duo will be joined by Vinay, who was last seen in 'Special OPS' and 'A Suitable Boy'.

Bengali film actor Vikram, is all set to make a debut in the Hindi entertainment industry.

He says: "'Memory X' is special for me because it affords me the chance to widen my range as an actor. I'm excited about collaborating with Tathagata Mukherjee for a film that is premised on such a unique concept.

"'Memory X' is a dream script for any actor and I'm fortunate that it came to me. It is an enchanting world of parallel timelines. I'm super kicked and looking forward to the shoot now."

Actor Vinay Pathak agrees that the project is a head-turner.

He says: "I'm really excited to be part of Tathagata's Hindi directorial debut, 'Memory X'. It's a wonderfully woven psychological romance. It is different from the films that I've been aboard in the past. It is a film that is based on a unique genre and the subject matter has not been explored much in cinema before." Smriti calls 'Memory X' a perplexing tale that explores parallel tracks of time. "I'm excited to be a part of something so unique and unheard," she added. Director-writer Tathagata Mukherjee says: "'Memory X' is a story that charts across time and mind. It is a psychologicalromance that will compel viewers to think about what they know about their own headspace and the nature of time."

The director is delighted to be working with "talented actors" such as Vikram Chatterjee, Smriti Kalra, and Vinay Pathak.

The shoot of this psychological romance has started in Sikkim.

BIG B TURNS 79: BIRTHDAY WISHES POUR IN ON BOLLYWOOD'S 'SHAHENSHAH'





MUMBAI, (IANS) A galaxy of stars from across India, from Mammootty, Prabhas, Ajay Devgn and Chiranjeevi Konidela to RashmikaMandanna and Rakul Preet Singh, have wished Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who turned 79 on Monday. To ring in his birthday, Big B shared a picture of himself, but he seemed to have got confused about his age and wrote: "Walking into the 80th." His daughter Shweta Bachchan Nanda quickly took to the comment section and corrected him. She wrote: "79th (heart emoji)." Since Monday morning, wishes have been pouring in for Amitabh on social media. Ajay Devgn, who will be seen sharing screen space with Big B in the upcoming film 'Mayday', tweeted: "Sir, looking at you through a different lens taught me what being a true artist is. Happy birthday dear Amitji."

Southern superstar Mammootty simply wrote: "Happy Birthday Amitabh Sir @SrBachchan #AmitabhBachchan."

Prabhas, who will appear with Big B in the upcoming Nag Ashvin film, 'Project K', took to Instagram and greeted the birthday boy. Sharing a photo of him and Big B, Prabhas wrote: "Happy Birthday to the legend of all times @amitabhbachchan Sir!"

'Mega Star' Chiranjeevi, who'd shared the screen with Big B in 'SyeRaa Narasimha Reddy', said: "Wishing My Beloved Big Brother, My Forever Guru, the One and Only Amit Ji @SrBachchan a very Happy Birthday. Many Many Happy Returns!! Health, Happiness and More Power to You Amitji!!"

Actor Suniel Shetty wrote, referencing Big B's famous dialogue from 'Kaalia': "All lines begin where you stand Mr Bachchan & you will always find me in that line. Stay blessed sir. #FanBoyForever #HappyBirthdayAmitabhBachchan. @SrBachchan."

Actress Rakul Preet Singh wished the thespian 'Happy Birthday' and added: "Wishing you abundance of joy, great health and all things beautiful. You are such an inspiration and I'm so grateful to get an opportunity of working with you. Have the most amazing year @SrBachchan."

Big B's 'Chehre' co-star Emraan Hashmi wrote: "HAPPY 79 ?@SrBachchan?!! And still blazing ahead with passion and ferocity. Thank you sir for always inspiring me. Best wishes and have a good one!" Actress RashmikaMandanna and Big B will be seen together in 'Goodbye'. She called the cinema icon 'paapaji' and said that he is "truly the awesomest"

"Happy birthday my handsome paapajiiiii @SrBachchan. You are truly the awesomest. We love you! Thank you for being the most amazing human being. We wish you all the love, health and happiness." Actress Parineeti Chopra, who will be seen sharing screen space with Big B for the first time in the upcoming film 'Uunchai', penned a heart-warming note. She wrote: "Mr. Bachchan, happy birthday sir! This is a special day, and a special moment. @amitabhbachchan. Especially excited to be working once again with Anupam sir @anupampkher, Boman sir @boman irani, and Neena mam @neenagupta001. And for the first time with Sarika mam and Danny sir. Let this magical journey begin. #Uunchai."

VICKY KAUSHAL: SELF-DOUBT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF BEING AN ARTISTE

NEW DELHI, (IANS) National heartthrob and actor Vicky Kaushal has been a part of the acting business for nine years now. The actor agrees that self-doubt is an integral part of being an artiste and that it helps them grow.

Vicky is gearing up for the release of his forthcoming film 'Sardar Udham', which focuses on the undeterred mission of Sardar Udham Singh to avenge the lives of his beloved brethren, who were ruthlessly murdered in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919.

Asked if self-doubt has ever crept into him, Vicky in a conversation with IANS said: "I think self-doubt is a very important part of being an artiste. You are never too satisfied, you are never too sure and that is the beauty of it because we always keep feeling that we can grow, we can do better and we can tell it in a better way and that is important also. "That is an integral part of our growth also as an actor. Everyday I come back home, I shower and I sit and I feel Oh I could've done better'. So, that self-doubt is always there but that is something that keeps that fire burning inside me."

Produced by Ronnie Lahiri and Sheel Kumar, and directed by Shoojit Sircar, the movie also stars Shaun Scott, Stephen Hogan, Banita Sandhu and Kirsty Averton in pivotal roles and Amol Parashar in a special appearance.

The movie is all set to release on Amazon Prime Video on October 16.



'ANTIM: THE FINAL TRUTH' MOTION POSTER OUT: SALMAN KHAN, AAYUSH SHARMA LOOK MENACING



Salman Khan Films recently launched the motion poster of their latest cinematic production, the highly anticipated film, 'Antim: The Final Truth'. The roaring action drama is a gripping tale of two powerful men, Salman Khan and Aayush Sharma, coming from polar opposite ideologies; one a cop and the other a gangster, culminating into fiercely feverish encounters and conflicts between the two, 'Antim: The Final Truth' is the journey of a gangster who wants to rise at any cost against a scheming cop who will plot to foil his plans.

his face, ready to face his opponent and take him out! The poster smoothly transitions to Salman, with an equally determined, threatening, yet vicious look in his eyes. He's not holding back and will go to any extent to prevail over his nemesis. Overall, the poster provides the awaiting audience with one more reason to look forward to the film's release and see their favourite stars in action on the big screen! The film will be theatrically released by Zee Studios on November 26, 2021. Starring Salman Khan, Aayush Sharma and Mahima Makwana, The riveting poster, with its crisp renditions and clean graphic execu- 'Antim: The Final Truth' is directed by Mahesh V Manirekar, produced tion, reveals a fierce and aggressive Aayush with a menacing look on by Salma Khan and is presented by Salman Khan Films.

KARTIK AARYAN-KRITI SANON TO REUNITE AFTER 'LUKA CHUPPI' - SEE 'SHEHZADA' ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER



Only a few minutes after the announcement of 'Shehzada', Kartik Aaryan's upcoming next, his name has made it to the social media trending list yet again. The revelation of the title, which think is apt for Kartik, has led to a massive wave of excitement within his fandom. Directed by Rohit Dhawan, the film is a remake of Allu Arjun starrer 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' – a title that garnered massive success

down south, last year. Kartik will be essaying the role originally played by Allu Arjun, co-starring Kriti Sanon. The duo will be reuniting after their successful outing with 'Luka Chuppi'. The shooting 'Shehzada' has begun and the film is set for a November 4, 2022 release.

The film also stars Paresh Rawal, Manisha Koirala, Ronit Roy, and Sachin Khedekar. The action-packed musical family film will be shot over various schedules in Mumbai and Delhi in the next several months. As for it's music, director Rohit, brother of actor Varun Dhawan, is once again collaborating with music director Pritam for the film's score. Sharing the announcement poster of the film, Kartik wrote alongside it, "#Shehzada Duniya ka Sabse Gareeb Prince." He tagged all those involved in the production, cast and crew of the film in his post. Reacting to Kartik's post, National awardwinning director Sameer Vidwans, with whom the actor is scheduled to do a film, wrote, "Congratualtions Prince." Others too hopped onto the comments section to wish Kartik luck for the project.

Kartik Aaryan has an envious line-up of films and is tirelessly adding more titles. He has films like 'Dhamaka', 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2,' Freddy' and now 'Shehzada' in the pipeline.

SHILPA SHETTY ON HOW HER **EXPERIENCE OF DANCE, ACTING HELPED** HER AS A JUDGE ON 'SUPER DANCER 4'



MUMBAI, (IANS) As the dance reality show 'Super Dancer 4' is coming to its finale 'Nachpan ka Maha Mahotsav', Shilpa Shetty Kundra shares in detail about nurturing the talents and how her experience as an actor and a dancer blend into the decisions she made as a judge on 'Super Dancer 4'.

Nurturing talent on such a public platform can be nerve wracking and what is the ultimate mantra to be a super dancer? Says Shilpa Shetty: "It is a challenging task to be a judge of a kids' talent show for many reasons. But mainly because a child is a mould that needs care and attention to get in shape, and it is a big responsibility on our shoulders. There is no mantra to be a Super Dancer but to have an honest approach towards the craft. As long as you are passionate about the art form and a keen learner and not just in it for the sake of a competition." She further adds how her experience as an actor and a dancer blend into the decisions she made as a judge: "Dance and acting have a lot in common. In fact, the history of many dance forms roots back to Natya Shastra. With both the performing arts, you try to tell a story, empathize with the audience, and move them. Coming from a background where I have had a chance to work with both the medium helps me evaluate a performance holistically and not just technically. Because a dance performance need not be technically perfect, it sure needs to communicate with you. These dance reality shows help to bring out the talent from different parts of the country. And she comments: "We are a country with a brewing young talent spread across the states. This younger lot is simply waiting for someone to tap into his or her reservoir of talent and skill. A show like this helps in giving a person a platform, a chance to grow, and it also nurtures his gift."

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA ALL SET TO REPRISE 'ACTION HERO' CHARACTER



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Ayushmann Khurrana is all set to star in the action genre with the upcoming film 'Action Hero', which will be directed by Anirudh Iyer.

Ayushmann said, "I'm thrilled to be collaborating with Aanand sir for the third time and I hope our track record to entertain audiences worldwide with disruptive scripts continues with 'Action Hero'." He added: "I absolutely loved the script of Action Hero instantly. It's zany, it's fresh, it's disruptive and it has all the trappings of cinema that I have come to be known for." 'Action Hero', directed by Anirudh Iyer is a T-Series and a Colour Yellow Production and is produced by Aanand L Rai. The film is also produced by Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar.

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INDIA TO PLAY THIS COUNTRY AND NOT ENGLAND IN WARM-UP MATCH

With the Men's T20 World Cup just days away after the completion of the 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), the UAE, ICC has made some changes to the warm-up games schedule.

While initially, Virat Kohli's men were scheduled to take on the England cricket team on October 18 and then face Australia on October 20 in an

However, according to the new schedule, India and Australia will now play each other in an evening fixture, starting at 7:30 PM IST in Dubai on October 18. As for the second team, the Indian side will be up against South Africa in Dubai on October 20 and the game will start at 7:30 PM IST as well. The other change that has been made to India's warm-up fixtures is the venue. While the previous schedule saw the Dubai International Cricket Stadium set to host both of India's warm-up matches, however, now the matches will now be held at the ICC Academy Grounds in Dubai. As far as England is concerned, they will now play their first Afghanistan vs South Africa, October 18, 3:30 PM IST, Dubai warm-up match against Pakistan at Tolerance Oval on October 18 and England vs Pakistan, October 18, 7:30 PM IST, Tolerance Oval their second warm-up match will happen against New Zealand in Abu Australia vs India, October 18, 7:30 PM IST, Dubai Dhabi on October 20.

Updated schedule for the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 warm-up matches: Afghanistan vs Australia, October 20, 3:30 PM IST, Dubai Ireland vs Papua New Guinea, October 12, 3:30 PM IST, Abu Dhabi

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DISAPPOINTING END BUT WE CAN HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH: VIRAT **KOHLI THANKS RCB FANS FOR SUPPORT**

Virat Kohli's tenure as captain of Royal Challengers Bangalore ended without an Indian Premier League title on Monday. Kohli, who has decided to step down as India T20 captain after the upcoming World Cup and RCB skipper post the ongoing IPL, thanked fans for the constant support. "Not the result we wanted but I am so proud of the character shown by the boys throughout the tournament. A disappointing end but we can hold our heads high. Thank you to all the fans, management & the support staff for your constant support," wrote Kohli on Twitter, tagging the RCB official account.

After Kolkata Knight Riders defeated RCB in the Eliminator, Harshal Patel said that Kohli continues to remain a leader. "In terms of his captaincy, there are captains and there are leaders, he is definitely a leader. Just because he won't have the captaincy tag, it doesn't make him any less of a leader," Harshal said. "So, I just want to thank him for whatever he has contributed for this team and to my growth." He also said that the team would "celebrate" the contributions of Kohli as a skipper. "Yeah, I think, absolutely we are going to celebrate his contributions and it would have been nicer to celebrate that with the trophy in our hand, but it was not meant to be. But his contributions, like I said, have been immense and we are definitely going to celebrate that."

WHY DC ERRED IN NOT GIVING RABADA THE LAST OVER, AND WHY THEY WERE RIGHT IN BENCHING STOINIS

From not picking the fit-again Marcus Stoinis in the match eleven to entrusting Tom Curran with the last-over duties, and not fully utilising the skills and smarts of Kagiso Rabada and Ravichandran Ashwin, Delhi Capitals, some argue, made a slew of tactical errors in the playoff surrender to Chennai Super Kings. Some of their decisions reeked of naiveté, like not exhausting Rabada's full quota, but some others, like not using up Ashwin, were not as straightforward. Stoinis, conversely, had been utterly ordinary this season to barge his way into the playing eleven. The South Africa-born England cricketer was easily the most successful DC bowler (three wickets) on the night. It was his two-wicket burst that catalysed DC's comeback after the 110-run partnership between Robin Uthappa and Ruturaj Gaikwad. Until the last over, he was their most economical bowler too, conceding less than six runs an over, his repertoire of cutters and slower balls proving difficult to crunch for boundaries. So, Rishabh Pant was rational in thrusting him with the last over, with 13 runs to defend. Rabada's pace was a risk, Ashwin has had a bad day (19 runs in 2 overs), whereas Curran's canny change of pace, they thought, could be a handful on the wicket. Two things were to work against him. First, his lack of experience bowling at the death. He is often used as a middle-over stifler than as a death-over destroyer. Besides, he was playing the first game of IPL's UAE leg, and understandably, he cracked under the pressure. The tension came in the form of length balls, as opposed to his preferred fuller-length balls. Secondly, he is exactly the kind of bowler MS Dhoni relishes. Experienced as the CSK skipper is, he second-guessed Curran's intentions, lined up for the slower balls and picked his spots. Dhoni knew Curran is not someone who could hurry him, and even the reduction of pace is not drastic, not as much variance in pace as Rabada, who was expected to bowl the ball last over. But captains, often, trust their instincts on a particular day, and on Sunday, Curran was their best bowler until the last over.

T20 WORLD CUP: BCCI HAVE FIVE MORE DAYS TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE SQUAD: REPORT



NEW DELHI. (IANS) Team India selectors have five more days to make any changes to the T20 World Cup squad as the International Cricket Council (ICC) has allowed all the Super 12 teams a window of one week till October 15. It has been revealed that the widely-believed October 10 deadline was only for the teams who are slated to play in the qualifying round from October 17 onwards.

An ICC official confirmed to The Times of India, saying: "Teams can change their teams seven days prior to the start of their support period. I'dia's support period starts with the Super 12 which begins on October 23. So, they have time to change the team till Oct 15 midnight." Some former players have raised concerns over the snub to some top players like Shikhar Dhawan and Yuzvendra Chahal. Especially after their performance during the UAE leg of IPL 2021.

The Indian squad has named Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur as reserves. Meanwhile, doubts remain over the services of all-rounder Hardik Pandya as he hasn't bowled during the second phase of IPL 2021. A BCCI official had told IANS that there will be no change in the squad unless someone is injured. It is believed that the physios are keeping a close watch on Varun Chakravarthy and Pandya fitness.

India squad: Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma (VC), KL Rahul, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Rahul Chahar, Varun, Mohammed Shami, Axar Patel, JaspritBumrah, Ravindra Jadeja, Ishan Kishan.

Standby players: Shreyas Iyer, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar.

VIRAT KOHLI TO LEAVE RCB? EX-SKIPPER MAKES BIG REVELATION



Not just his teammates, but even fans wanted to see Virat Kohli lifting the trophy for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB). However, the dream will only be one big dream after RCB lost to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Eliminator by four wickets in Sharjah.

Kohli had before the start of the UAE leg announced that he will step down from the RCB captaincy at the end of the ongoing season. The captain, in his tenure as an RCB captain, could not win a trophy for his side, but now the question was will he continue to stay with RCB? When asked about how he sees his tenure as captain, Kohli had said, "I have tried my best to create a culture here where youngsters could come in and play with freedom and belief. It is something I have done with India as well.

PAKISTAN PM IMRAN KHAN CLAIMS 'INDIA CONTROLS WORLD CRICKET'

In a shocking claim, Pakistan Primer Minister and former cricket captain Imran Khan has claimed that world cricket is under India's control. The remarks from Pakistan PM came days after England and New Zealand cricket teams decided to cancel their tour to Pakistan citing security issues. In an interview to Middle East Eye, Pakistan PM Imran Khan said that no country would decide against touring India because India controls world cricket now. "Money is a big player now. For the players, as well as for the cricket boards. The money lies in India, so basically, India controls world cricket now. I mean, they do, whatever they say goes. No one would dare do that to India because they know that the sums involved, India can sort of produce much more money," Imran was quoted as saying. "England let itself down. I think that there is still this feeling in England that they do a great favour to play with countries like Pakistan. One of the reasons is that, obviously, the money," he added. Earlier on Thursday (October 7), Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ramiz Raja had said that India and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) control the world cricket. Ramiz Raja claimed that if Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi decided that the International Cricket Council (ICC) should stop funding Pakistan cricket then PCB will 'collapse'.







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KOLKATA BEAT BANGALORE BY FOUR WICKETS, MOVE INTO QUALIFIER 2

SHARJAH, (IANS) Kolkata Knight Riders edged past Royal Challeng- out lyer, gloving behind to keeper KS Bharat. ers Bangalore by four wickets in a tight Eliminator match of IPL 2021 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium here on Monday. Kolkata chased down the target of 139 with two balls to spare. They will now face Delhi Capitals in Qualifier 2 for a place in the final against Chennai Super Kings.

Shubman Gill started off with a flick through square leg of Mohammed Siraj. In the next over, Venkatesh Iver joined the party, pulling George Garton over backward square leg. Gill then tore into Garton in the third over with a hat-trick of boundaries. Harshal Patel, introduced in the final over of power-play, made the first strike for Bangalore as Gill was foxed by an off-cutter and holed to mid-on moving to his right. Post power-play, Kolkata lost another wicket as Rahul Tripathi was struck plumb on the front pad by a Yuzvendra Chahal googly. Nitish

Rana broke the shackles with reverse hits going for a six and four

each off Glenn Maxwell in the tenth over, which also saw a running

Shahbaz Ahmed spilling a catch of lyer. But in the next over, Patel took

Sunil Narine's promotion to five paid off as he slammed three sixes off Daniel Christian over fine leg, square leg and long-off in the 12th over to simplify the equation. Chahal had his second wicket of the match in the 15th over as Nitish Rana mistimed slog-sweep to longon. Narine had luck on his side as DevduttPadikkal dropped the catch off Harshal Patel in the 17th over.

In the next over, Narine swiped across the line but saw his off-stump disturbed by Siraj. One brought two for Siraj as Dinesh Karthik nicked behind to Bharat. With seven needed off the final over, Shakib Al Hasan walked across for a scoop over short fine leg off Christian before finishing off the chase with a quick single.

Brief scores: Royal Challengers Bangalore 138/7 in 20 overs (Virat Kohli 39, DevduttPadikkal 21, Sunil Narine 4/21, Lockie Ferguson 2/30) lost to Kolkata Knight Riders (Shubman Gill 29, Sunil Narine 26, Yuzvendra Chahal 2/16, Harshal Patel 2/19, Mohammed Siraj 2/ 19) by four wickets.

DHONI GIFTS AUTOGRAPHED

DUBAI, (IANS) Mahendra Singh Dhoni played a vintage knock to help Chennai Super Kings beat DC in Qualifier 1 of IPL 2021 here. His match-winning shot moved a young Chennai fan to tears of joy at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday. The camera captured the young CSK fan unable to stop her tears watching Dhoni finish off things in style. After the match, the legendary cricketer signed the match ball and gifted it to make the memorable evening even more special for the teary-eyed CSK fan.

Dhoni played a cameo of 18 not out off 6 balls to see CSK through to their ninth IPL final in a thrilling win. Needing 24 off 11 balls and later 13 off 6, in Qualifier 1 against DC, Dhoni muscled a six off Avesh Khan and hit three fours off Tom Curran in the final over.

The England pacer surprisingly, opted to bowl slower balls to Dhoni, and the veteran batsman, who was not in the best of touches in the tournament, had saved his best for a knock in the all-important tie. CSK has reached the finals.



Men's T20 World Cup winner to receive cash prize of 1.6 million dollars

DUBAI, (IANS) The winner of the men's T20 World Cup 2021 will take home a prize money of 1.6 million dollars while the runners-up will get half of the winning amount, said the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Sunday. The ICC also said that the two losing semifinalists will receive 400,000 dollars each from the matches taking place on November 10 and 11.

All the 16 competing teams in the tournament will receive part of the 5.6 million dollars allocated as prize money for the tournament, which will be played in the United Arab Emirates and Oman from October 17 to November 14.

Just like the 2016 edition of the tournament, there will be a bonus amount for every match that a team wins in the Super 12 stage. The winning team in each of the 30 games in that phase will this time win 40.000 dollars, a total pot of 1,200,000 dollars. The teams confirmed to be competing in the Super 12 stage are Afghanistan, Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, and the West Indies. The eight teams whose men's T20 World Cup campaigns end at Super 12 stage will automatically receive 70,000 dollars each, totalling to 560,000 dollars. The same structure is in place for the first-round victories -- with 40,000 dollars available to those who win each of the 12 games, amounting to 480,000 dollars.

The four teams knocked out in the first round will take 40,000 dollars maximum of two reviews per innings in the match.



each from an overall 160,000 dollars. Teams whose campaigns begin in the first round are Bangladesh, Ireland, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Scotland, and Sri Lanka.

The ICC also said that there will be two scheduled drinks intervals in every match of the men's T20 World Cup. The scheduled breaks will last for 2 minutes and 30 seconds and will be taken at the midpoint of each innings. The Decision Review System (DRS) will also be used in a men's T20 World Cup for the first time ever. Each team will get a

England name full-strength squad for 2021-22 Ashes, Buttler included

LONDON, (IANS) The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Sunday named the strongest available squad for the 2021-22 Ashes with wicketkeeper and vice-captain Jos Buttler joining captain Joe Root in committing to the tour of Australia, starting in November. Of the 17-member squad, ten will be touring Australia in an Ashes series for the first time.

As anticipated, Ben Stokes was not considered for selection as he continues to take an indefinite break from cricket to manage his well-being. The all-rounder's absence is no surprise but leaves a huge hole in Joe Root's team as they attempt to reclaim the Ashes and win in Australia for the first time in eleven years.

Stuart Broad, who tore a calf after the first Test against India in August, has also been included subject to proving his fitness in a predeparture training camp at Loughborough. It will be Broad's fourth Ashes tour.

Meanwhile, all-rounder, Sam Curran was not considered for selection after a second scan confirmed that he has a stress fracture in his lower back. England's fast-bowling attack is set to lack the variety due to injuries to Jofra Archer and Olly Stone. Mark Wood is the only genuine pace bowler and Ollie Robinson, Craig Overton Broad, James Anderson, and Chris Woakes have also been included in the squad. The top three who finished the series against India - Rory Burns, Haseeb Hameed, and Dawid Malan - have all been included while Jonny Bairstow will provide wicket-keeping back-up to Buttler.

"As confirmed on Friday, the Ashes tour is subject to several critical conditions being met by Cricket Australia before the team travels in November. However, positive ongoing discussions continue, and it is hoped matters will be resolved in due course," the ECB said in a statement. Chris Silverwood, England's head coach and chief selector, said he was "delighted that all of our available players have committed to the tour". Notably, Buttler was understood to have been wavering due to the time he will spend away from home for the T20 World Cup and Ashes, as well as Australia's tough approach to Covid-19 protocols. "A tour of Australia is the pinnacle as an England Test cricketer. I am delighted that all of our available players have committed to the tour. We are looking forward to touring and enjoying the experience of this historic series," said Silverwood. "This is why we play and coach to be involved in iconic series like this. More than half of our squad haven't featured in an Ashes tour before, which means we will be fresh and looking to embrace the cricket and the excitement of touring one of the best places in the world.





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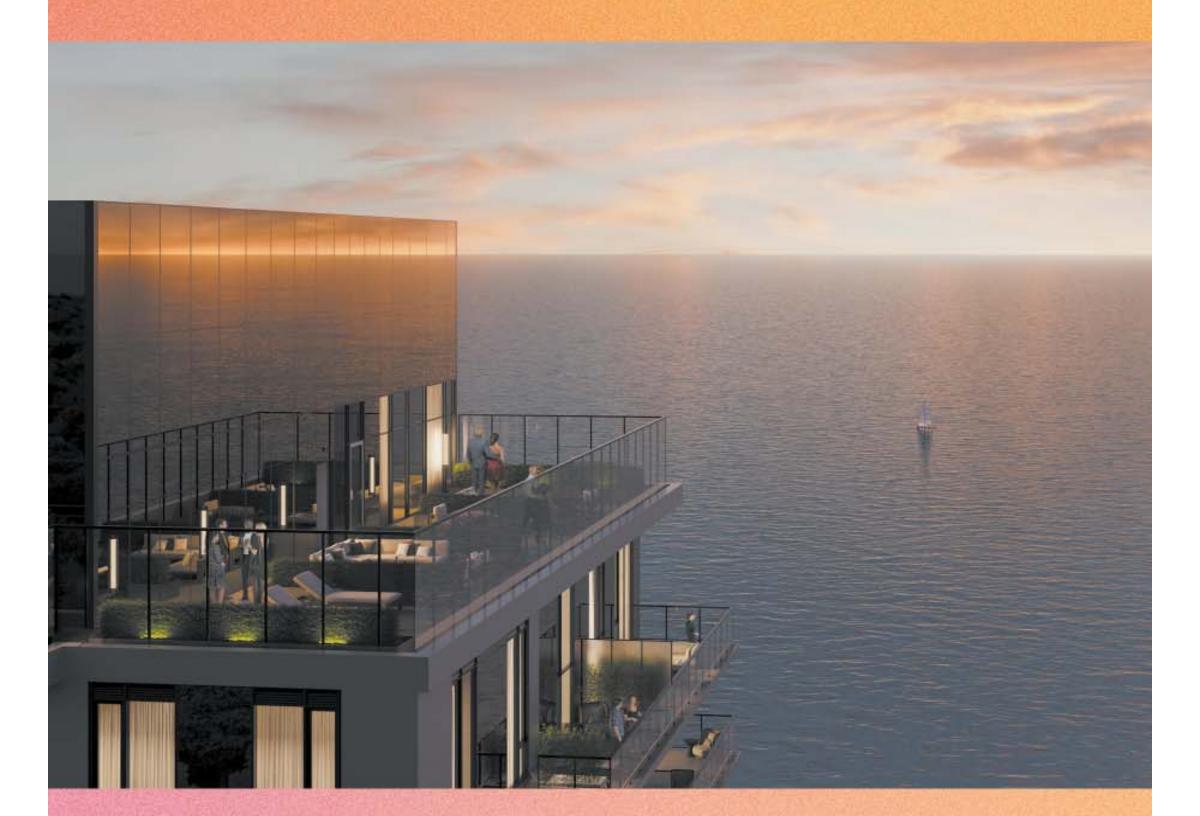
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