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## TRACTOR RALLY: KANGANA RANAUT FIRES FRESH SALVO AT DILJIT DOSANJH, PRIYANKA CHOPRA



KANGANA RANAUT IS KNOWN FOR NEVER MINCING HER WORDS. AS SOMEONE WHO IS KNOWN TO EXPRESS HER OPINIONS VIA TWEETS ON MOST MATTERS CONCERNING THE NATION, ON TUESDAY, THE BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS TOOK TO HER TWITTER HANDLE TO TARGET PUNJABI SINGER DILJIT DOSANJH AND ACTRESS PRIYANKA CHOPRA.

Kangana Ranaut is known for never mincing her words. As someone who is known to express her opinions via tweets on most matters concerning the nation, on Tuesday, the Bollywood actress took to her Twitter handle to target Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh and actress Priyanka Chopra. For the unversed, as the nation celebrated its 72nd Republic Day, farmers from across the nation, who were seen as friendly and peaceful for more than 60 days as they waited for the government to accept their terms, suddenly left behind a trail of vandalism, violence, hooliganism as they hoisted their flags at the 17th century iconic Red Fort after running amok through the capital clashing with the police personnel in several parts of the national capital.

## HERE'S WHY SALMAN KHAN GAVE BIGG BOSS A MISS



Over the weekend, Salman Khan was missing from Bigg Boss 14. The star host interacts with contestants to discuss the various happenings in the house in the Weekend Ka Vaar episodes. Instead, television actors Sidharth Shukla, Rashami Desai, Tinaa Dattaa, dancer-actor Raghav Juyal and writer-host Haarsh Limbachiyaa featured as guests. Sallu is known to honour his Bigg Boss commitment even when shooting and travelling. So, what made Sallu give it a skip? Turns out the reality show was originally slated to end around January 17, but the producers and the channel decided to extend it by a month. This not only affected the superstar's other commitments, but also his contract for the show. It ended with the original date set for the finale. So, he was no longer bound to shoot. The makers are drawing up a new agreement for the extended schedule. The buzz is that Khan is now asking for more. Bigg Boss has always been full of drama, here's one more. Earlier on Monday, Khan shared an official statement revealing that his much-awaited flick Radhe will be releasing in theatres on Eid this year. He wrote, "Sorry it has taken me a long time to revert to all the theatre owners... It's a big decision to make during these times. I understand the financial problems that the theatre owners/exhibitors are going through and I would like to help them by releasing Radhe in theatres. In return, I would expect them to take utmost amount of care and precautions for the audience who would come to the theatre to watch Radhe. The commitment was of Eid and it will be Eid 2021 inshallah. Enjoy Radhe this year in theatres on Eid. God willing..."

## PAPARAZZI ADDRESS VARUN DHAWAN'S WIFE NATASHA DALALAS 'BHABHI', HERE'S HOW SHE REACTED



VARUN DHAWAN WAS CONSTANTLY THERE AT WIFE NATASHA DALAL'S SIDE, GUIDING HER ON HOW TO POSE IN FRONT OF THE PAPARAZZI.

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DIRECTED BY MILAP ZAVERI AND PRODUCED BY T-SERIES IN COLLABORATION WITH EMMAY ENTERTAINMENT, SATYAMEVA JAYATE 2 IS A SEQUEL OF SATYAMEVA JAYATE (2018).

## SONAKSHI SINHA 'CAN'T WAIT' TO FEATURE IN A MEME



At a time when almost all of Bollywood seems obsessed with circulating US senator Bernie Sanders' memes, actress Sonakshi Sinha has expressed that she can't wait to feature in a meme. On Monday, Sonakshi shared a photograph of herself staring at the mirror with her hands covering her cheeks. Sonakshi asked netizens to create memes of the photo posted on Instagram and informed that the ones she likes would feature on her Instagram story. "You know I love memes right?? So Bring your meme game on! Share memes using this picture and don't forget to tag me! My favorite ones will be shared on my story. Get creative, get funny... cant wait #AsliMondayMeme," wrote the actress.

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# 'Have delivered Rs 100 crore film as a director before': Kangana Ranaut on 'Manikarnika: The Legend of Didda'



Actor Kangana Ranaut had made her directorial debut with 'Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi' in 2019 after which she recently announced a standalone sequel 'Manikarnika: The Legend of Didda'. On January 25, as Manikarnika completed 2 years of release, Kangana said that she would love to direct despite her hectic schedule unless she gets someone better to do the job.

For the uninformed, Kangana who had worked in 'Tanu Weds Manu' had told Aanand L Rai to maintain the same crew that had worked on the first part for the sequel and has said that she plans to do the same for the Manikarnika series.

Kangana told The Times of India, "I had told Aanand ji that it is everybody's efforts from the smallest person to the biggest, so try and stick to the same crew. I will apply the same rule when it comes to my film."

Speaking about directing the film herself, Kangana said, "I have delivered a Rs 100 crore film as a director with 'Manikarnika: The Queen of

Jhansi'. So, I will try and keep myself as the director unless I find someone better than me for this job. Obviously, I will be more than happy to just act as an actor because I have lots of responsibilities in terms of other projects that Manikarnika productions are going to announce. The pressure is a lot but I do believe that I can do a lot. So, I'm looking for someone to direct but if not then I am there, I will definitely do it."

'Manikarnika: The Legend of Didda' will go on floors next year after Kangana fulfills her previous commitments. "This year I will be finishing my earlier commitments and then I will start the pre-production of 'Aparajita Ayodhya' in July. It is dependent on the seasons, so we have to shoot accordingly. I can simultaneously do pre-production of two projects and roll with two films in 2022. This is the plan right now but let's see how things go, it is a creative process," Kangana added. On the work front, the 'Panga' actress will be next seen in 'Dhaakad', 'Tejas', and 'Thalaivi'.

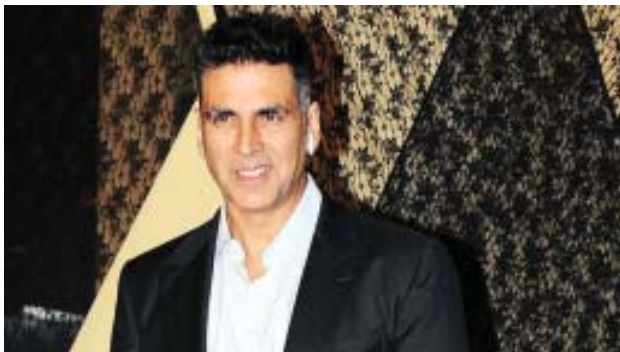
## CASE AGAINST MAKERS, CAST OF ‘TANDAV’ WEB SERIES IN KARNATAKA

A case has been registered by the city police against the cast and crew of the controversial web series 'Tandav' starring actor Saif Ali Khan, for allegedly hurting religious sentiments of Hindus. Based on a complaint by Kiran Aradhya, the case was registered on Friday against 'Tandav' director Ali Abbas Zafar, producer Farhan Akhtar, actors Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub and Saif Ali Khan and the head of India Originals of Amazon Prime Video, Aparna Purohit.

In his complaint, Kiran alleged that the cast and crew made the deity of Hindu religion Lord Shiva spell invective to hurt the Hindu sentiments. Cases have been registered under section 295A, 298, 153A and 34 of the IPC for insulting religious belief and promoting religious enmity between groups. Several cases have been filed against the makers and cast of the web series in states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.



Akshay Kumar walks half marathon on treadmill to raise awareness about water scarcity



Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar on Tuesday lent his support and participated in a campaign that aims at spreading awareness about the water crisis in India and how one can contribute to saving water. In an attempt to understand the plight of women who walk miles to fetch water in the rural areas, Akshay walked the treadmill for more than 21 kilometres, that is equivalent to Half Marathon, to mirror the distances the women walk to fetch clean water, under the 'Har Ghar Jal, Har Ghar Nal' initiative. He said that while participating in half marathon, the athletes are given water at various intervals, but in real life, we need to understand the difficulties faced by these hardworking women.

Sharing a video on his Instagram handle Akahsy wrote why he chose to be a part of this campaign. He wrote, "Mission Paani My reason to connect with #MissionPaani Waterthon is very personal as in a way water is the reason I'm still able to work today, nothing heals the body better than water...I'm a living example of the same!"

Akshay Kumar’s Bachchan Pandey to release on January 26, 2022



After surprising fans in Laxmii, Akshay Kumar is all set to don another never-seen-before avatar in his next film Bachchan Pandey. The actor took to social media on Saturday and shared his look from the film. He also revealed the release date of the film. The movie is set to release in one year from now – on January 26, 2022.

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## 'Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hain' Promo: Nehha Pendse shares first look as 'Anita Bhabhi' following Saumya Tandon's exit



Actor Nehha Pendse who replaced Saumya Tandon as 'Anita Bhabhi' on 'Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hain' has shared the first promo of the show shot with her. Nehha was brought in to replace Saumya Tandon who quit the show in August 2020. Taking to her Instagram account, Nehha shared a sneak peek into her look as Anita Bhabhi for the popular comedy show. Nehha captioned the post saying, "Kyunki bhabhiji ab ghar par hai Thank u @binaferkohlhi for considering me @hashpot1 and @janabshankyali and manoj ji for being my constant support and @andtvofficial for the warmest welcome ever ..Am all set to have fun on this roller coaster ride." Earlier, during an exclusive interview with DNA, Nehha had spoken about the pressure of playing the iconic role which Saumya Tandon made a household name.

She had said "With great opportunity also comes great responsibility and I have two ways so to say. One, it's an iconic show and second, Saumya was an iconic actor to give the character the kind of height that it has achieved. So, it's double the pressure but I think I am kind of ready to take care of this pressure and deliver what is expected out of me. Later, only time will tell whether I have truly delivered or not." Meanwhile, Saumya Tandon had also spoken to Hindustan Times about her decision to quit the show in August. She had said, "I haven't signed anything, and honestly I'm going to be picking and choosing carefully. I don't have the incessant need to be seen on television every day. I have the desire to now really do something good and worthwhile, and I hope I get it. That's going to be the quest now. There's a lot of work around, but I'll be choosy."

## John Abraham's Satyameva Jayate 2 gets a release date



John Abraham and Divya Khosla Kumar-starrer Satyameva Jayate 2 will hit screens on May 14. The makers had earlier announced that the film will release on May 12. On the occasion of Republic Day, John shared a still from Satyameva Jayate 2 on social media to announce the new release date. He tweeted, "Tann Mann Dhann, se Badhkar Jann Gann Mann! The team of #SatyamevaJayate2 wishes everyone a Happy Republic Day! See you in cinemas this Eid on 14th May 2021."

Directed by Milap Zaveri and produced by T-Series in collaboration with Emmay Entertainment, Satyameva Jayate 2 is a sequel of Satyameva Jayate (2018). Here, John Abraham will be reprising his role of Virendra Rathod with Divya Khosla Kumar portraying the female lead. With the change in release date, the John Abraham-starrer will clash with Salman Khan's Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai directed by Prabhu Deva, which is also releasing in theatres on Eid.

## NICK IS A LOT NEATER THAN I AM: PRIYANKA



Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas has revealed that among the many things that she learnt about husband Nick Jonas during the lockdown in US last year was that he was way more organised than her. On the latest episode of The Ellen Show, Priyanka shared that she has become more disciplined than before about maintaining the house after realising that she was the messy one between her and Nick. When Ellen DeGeneres asked The White Tiger star what she learnt about her husband while spending time with him during lockdown, Priyanka Chopra said, "That my husband is a lot neater than I am. Because I don't want to be the messy one in the house, I have started keeping my shoes back, making the bed in the morning." Besides, Priyanka said that Nick and she also have a different preference for where they like to eat. "He loves eating on the dining table. He can't eat on the couch which I love doing. I have learnt that at times we have to pivot towards each other. He prefers a dining table for dinner. He is very formal that way. He is super fancy." Ellen DeGeneres also asked Priyanka Chopra about the progress on her piano lessons that the actor had earlier said she was taking during lockdown. Priyanka sheepishly replied that her training stopped after two days because she couldn't get it right. Sharing that her teacher was Nick himself, Priyanka said, "I did for a good two days, and then I was like I can't. I wasn't coordinated to do it. It was too hard. He was the one who was trying to teach me and then gave up because I gave up."

## Jacqueline to make her Hollywood debut with Women's Stories



Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez has bagged her first Hollywood project. She will be seen in an anthology film titled Women's Stories. Consisting of six segments, the movie will be directed by female directors from across the world and will also have an all-female cast. According to a Deadline report, Jacqueline, along with transgender model Anjali Lama, will star in filmmaker Leena Yadav's (Parched, Shabd, Teen Patti) segment in Women's Stories titled Sharing a Ride. Co-produced by Iervolino Entertainment and non-profit production company We Do It Together, Women's Stories will see filmmakers Maria Sole Tognazzi, Lucia Puenzo and Catherine Hardwicke joining hands to direct the anthology film which aims at showcasing the stories of women from different walks of life. It also stars Cara Delevingne, Eva Longoria, Margherita Buy, Marcia Gay Harden and Leonor Varela. In a statement to Deadline, Chiara Tilesi, founder and President of We Do It Together, said, "At We Do It Together, our mission is to enhance and change the image of women in films and media, from object to subject. We are dedicated to telling stories of women, both in front of and behind the camera. That's why Women Stories is so important to us – we have brought together female directors, from all over the world, who collaborate and share personal stories from their own point of view. We are telling the stories of these heroines and their aspirations: from health workers to mothers, artists and businesswomen, to name a few." Women's Stories will be shot in Italy, India and the US.

## RANI MUKERJI: FORTUNATE TO GET PROJECTS THAT HAD STRONG FEMALE PROTAGONISTS

On the occasion of National Girl Child Day on Sunday, Rani Mukerji opened up on the power of cinema to drive changes that could benefit women. The actress, who has been around in Bollywood for 24 years now, feels fortunate that she has by and large worked in films that offered her strong protagonists. "By projecting girls well, cinema definitely tries to contribute towards showing how girls can be so much more than what society wanted them to be," she said. "Cinema has the power to impact societal change and actors do have the power to talk to people and seed the thought of positive change through their choice of films. I have been fortunate as an artiste to get projects that had strong female protagonists and, to be honest, I have also consciously tried to seek out such projects," she added. The actress reveals that she always has a specific plan in mind while choosing roles and films. "I want my body of work to loudly tell the world what my intent was, with my brand of cinema and my roles, and today, I'm happy that I chose well. I say this because I wanted to do my bit towards shifting society's stereotyped gaze towards women," she added. Rani hopes she been instrumental in projecting women as strong and independent through her roles.

## PRIYANKA CELEBRATES THE WOMEN WHO HELPED DRAFT THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION ON REPUBLIC DAY



On the 72nd Republic Day, actor-film producer Priyanka Chopra Jonas took to Instagram to celebrate the 15 women who were a part of the first Constituent Assembly of India and helped draft the Indian Constitution. The White Tiger actor shared the photos of Annie Mascarene, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Kamla Chaudhry, Hansa Jivraj Mehta, Sarojini Naidu, Sucheta Kriplani, Begum Aizaz Rasul, Renuka Ray, Ammu Swaminathan, Malati Chaudhary and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur along with a caption that talked about women in governance. Priyanka wrote, "I've been researching and reading a lot about women in governance across the world and how their skills have impacted communities and countries. It's been enlightening, fascinating and so insightful to understand the importance of women in leadership." Priyanka Chopra then shared a trivia with her followers. The actor wrote, "Did you know that there were 15 women in the first Constituent Assembly of India and that they helped draft the Constitution of India? So inspiring and also an apt day to celebrate the effort of all those who helped build the fundamental principles of India. Happy Republic Day." Priyanka recently spoke about Kamala Harris and women in governance on Stephen Colbert's show. She also talked about India's history of having women leaders and welcomed the US to the club of women leaders. She said, "It was such an emotional moment for a lot of my friends and family but coming from a country like India which has seen several women in governance, from Prime Minister to Presidents...I would say, welcome to the club America. This is what governance should look like, and leadership looks amazing especially when it is diverse and is reflective of what the world really looks like." On the work front, Priyanka Chopra was last seen in Ramin Bahrani's The White Tiger. The actor is looking forward to the release of her memoir Unfinished in February.



# SONY TV'S THE KAPIL SHARMA SHOW TO GO OFF AIR TEMPORARILY



The Kapil Sharma Show is set to go off air temporarily. The comedy show on Sony TV will undergo a few creative changes and will be back in a revamped avatar after a short break. A source shared with indianexpress.com that contrary to the buzz that the show will go off air, it will just be a break for a few weeks. The actors and creative team have been considering some changes to the show for a long time. They had a discussion with the channel recently, and decided to take a break. With no audience currently on the set, the team felt that they needed to included newer elements to add more fun. "Also Kapil Sharma's wife Ginni Chatrath is pregnant, and their second baby is due next month. Kapil decided to take the break now

so that he could spend time with his family and the newborn," the source added. Since the team is shooting the previously planned episodes, the show will continue to air for a few weeks. As for the break, it would be at least for a couple of months. The Kapil Sharma Show launched in 2016 on Sony TV. Post Kapil Sharma's fallout with Sunil Grover and Ali Asgar, the show had taken a break in 2017, only to return the following year. While Kapil continues to be the show's face, other artists currently on the show include Krushna Abhishek, Bharti Singh, Sumona Chakravarti, Kiku Sharda, Chandan Prabhakar and Archana Puran Singh.

## 'People don't ever let me forget': Sharmila Tagore opens up on being first mainstream actor to wear bikini in 1966



Sharmila Tagore is one of the most loved actors we have in Bollywood. Often she has been lauded for her unconventional choices. Be it working after marriage, after having children or even donning a bikini onscreen, Sharmila has done it all! Now, during an online session, Tagore opened up about posing in a bikini for a magazine shoot back in 1966 and becoming the first mainstream actor to do so. During a Film Companion session, Sharmila stated, "My life choices, looking back, have been unconventional. Like the bikini shot for Filmfare, that people don't ever let me forget." It was reported that Sharmila herself suggested posing in a bikini for the shoot. The veteran actor further said, "Oh! God, how conservative

our society was back then! I've no idea why I did that shoot. It was just before I got married. I remember when I showed the two-piece bikini to the photographer, he asked me, 'Are you sure about this?' In some of the shots, he even asked me to cover my body. He was more worried than I was but I had no qualms doing that shoot." The Aradhana actor added, "Only when people started reacting strongly to the cover, was I taken aback. I was puzzled as to why they didn't like the picture. I thought I looked nice. Some called it a deliberate move to grab eyeballs; others termed me as 'astutely uncanny'. I hated that. Maybe, there was an exhibitionist in me, as I was young and excited to do something different."

## VARUN DHAWAN KISSES HIS BRIDE NATASHA DALAL IN NEW PHOTOS FROM MEHENDI CEREMONY

More photos from Varun Dhawan and Natasha Dalal's three-day wedding festivities were shared by the groom himself on his Instagram account. On Monday, evening, Varun took to his social media account and shared three photos from his Mehendi function that took place during the weekend. In the first photo, Varun can be seen planting a kiss on Natasha's cheek. In the second photo, the newlyweds could be seen staring lovingly into each other's eyes, while the third photo is a solo shot of Natasha while applying Mehendi. Varun and Natasha, who met in school, tied the knot in Alibaug on Sunday with their family and close friends in attendance. Another photo was also shared by a user named Deeya Chopra, who wrote in her caption, "They say marriages are made in heaven... but this one was made in high school. Congrats @natashadalal88 @varundvn thankyou for a fab weekend." After the wedding rituals on Sunday, the young couple stepped out to greet the paparazzi and pose for them. During this interaction, the paps addressed Natasha as 'Bhabhi' that left her blushing. The video of the same has been going viral on the internet. Varun was constantly there at Natasha's side, guiding her how to pose but soon the 'Coolie No 1' actor's protective instinct took over as he told papa, "Araam se, darr jayegi, bechari (Calm down, you will scare her)." One photographer replied to Varun saying, "Abhi ko aadat daalna padega (She will have to get used to the attention now)."

During an interview, in 2018, Varun said that Natasha was uncomfortable with being in the spotlight. "Yeah, she is a normal girl. She is a normal kid and she wants to just live a normal life and it's my job to protect her," Varun had told CNN-News18.



## SHRADDHA MOCKINGLY ASKS IF NATASHA WILL ACCEPT VARUN ROMANCING OTHERS ON SCREEN



South actor Shraddha Srinath made a strong comment on the misogyny faced by female actors after getting married with her tongue-in-cheek congratulatory message for Varun Dhawan on tying the knot with Natasha Dalal. Shraddha sarcastically remarked that Varun's career will be limited now, as Natasha and his in-laws would not approve of him romancing other heroines on screen. "Another good actor bites the dust. Sad that we will not see him on screen again. Obviously his wife and in laws will not be okay with him acting with other heroines. Maybe he will switch to doing male oriented films? But how to balance personal life and work life ya. Tough. Will miss him. Congratulations though, Varun," she wrote.

Varun and Natasha exchanged marital vows in a low-key ceremony at The Mansion House in Alibaug on Sunday. The wedding was attended by just 40-50 of their closest friends and family members, keeping in mind the Covid-19 restrictions. Karan Johar, Shashank Khaitan, Manish Malhotra and Kunal Kohli were among the few from the film industry who made it to the wedding. Several of Varun's industry colleagues congratulated him on Instagram, including Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor, Katrina Kaif, Anushka Sharma, Shraddha Kapoor, Sidharth Malhotra and Alia Bhatt. Karan, who launched Varun in Bollywood with Student of the Year, penned an emotional note on Instagram. Reminiscing about their first meeting in Goa, Karan talked about directing Varun years later and feeling paternal towards him. "When he faced the camera for me for the first time I developed an immediately protective feeling of love and care for him... almost assuming the role of a parent... that feeling today came alive in abundance as I saw him walk with his loved one around the holy fire of trust and commitment... my boy is all grown up and ready for this beautiful phase in his life... congratulations my darling Natasha and Varun! My blessings and love forever ....love you," Karan wrote.

## AKSHAY LAUNCHES MOBILE ACTION GAME FAU-G

On the 72nd Republic Day, Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar took to social media to announce the launch of mobile action game Fearless and United Guards (FAU-G). Akshay took to Twitter and wrote, "Face the enemy. Fight for your country. Protect Our Flag. India's most anticipated action game, Fearless and United Guards: FAU-G takes you to the frontlines and beyond! Start your mission today." The Sooryavanshi actor shared a trailer of the game along with the announcement. The first episode of the game will be based on the Galwan Valley in Ladakh. Further episodes will be set amid Indian battle backdrops. nCore games' FAU-G has crossed 5 million registrations on the Google Play Store. Vishal Gondal, nCore Games CEO and co-founder, told indianexpress.com, "FAU-G is trying to portray the life of an Indian Soldier and how faujis are fighting for us on the border." While the game is free to play, the in-app purchases will allow users to get different skins for their avatars. 20 per cent of the game's revenue will be donated to Bharat Ke Veer foundation. "We are also donating 20 percent of the game's revenue to the 'Bharat ke Veer' foundation, which will also allow Indians to also contribute positively to the army," said Gondal. FAU-G was first announced after PUBG was banned in India in September 2020. Akshay had then shared on Twitter, "Supporting PM @narendramodi's AtmaNirbhar movement, proud to present an action game, Fearless And United-Guards FAU-G. Besides entertainment, players will also learn about the sacrifices of our soldiers. 20% of the net revenue generated will be donated to @BharatKeVeer Trust #FAUG.

## Sanak first look: Vidyut Jammwal is set to shed blood for love



Actor Vidyut Jammwal on Tuesday shared the first look of his next film Sanak, which is produced by Vipul Shah. Jammwal took to Twitter to share the posters of the action-drama. Sanak marks the fifth collaboration between Vipul Shah and Vidyut Jammwal after action movie series like Force and Commando. The film will be directed by Kanishk Varma, who recently helmed Gulshan Devaiah-starrer Foot Fairy. Apart from Vidyut Jammwal, Sanak also stars Neha Dhupia and Chandan Roy Sanyal. The film will mark Bengali actor Rukmini Maitra's Bollywood debut.



# PAPARAZZI ADDRESS VARUN DHAWAN'S WIFE NATASHA DALAL AS 'BHABHI', HERE'S HOW SHE REACTED



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normal kid and she wants to just live a normal life and it's my job to protect her," Varun had told CNN-News18.

In other news, Varun's friend and director Shashank Khaitan took to his Instagram on Monday to wish Natasha and Varun a happy married life. He wrote, "Nats and VD... wish you the absolute best... as you begin this new journey as man and wife, I pray you continue to remain the best friends you were and are. Continue to create value in each others lives and stand by each other in thick and thin."

He further said, "Nats, dealing with VD requires immense patience and you have shown enough and more till now and I know you will continue to be his rock. VD, Nats completes you and you know that, so love her more, express more and continue to be your loving self. Loads and loads of love to the two of you."

## SONALI PHOGAT LASHES OUT AT TROLLS SAYING SHE SHOULD SEE ALY GONI AS HER 'SON'



Sonali Phogat, who was evicted from Bigg Boss 14 earlier this week, has opened up about having feelings for co-contestant Aly Goni. She also lashed out at trolls for bringing up their age difference and cited the examples of Priyanka Chopra-Nick Jonas and Sushmita Sen-Rohman Shawl. Earlier this month, Sonali admitted in an episode of Bigg Boss 14 that she could not control her feelings for Aly, despite knowing that he has Jasmin Bhasin in his life. "Jab se yeh baat hui tab se duniya alag hi nazar aa rahi hai (Ever since I developed these feelings, I see the world in a different light)," she told him.

In an interview with Zoom, Sonali said, "Aur log mujhe troll kar rahe hai iss baarein mei - arre maa bete ka rishta hona chahiye, kyu hona chahiye tha bhai (People are trolling me, saying that I should have maternal instincts for him and think of him as my son. But why)? I am 40 and he's 30, there's only a 10-year age gap between us. Kya farak padta ha usse (How does it matter)?"

"Zaroori hai wo mujhe maa banaayega aur mai usko beta banaugi? Priyanka Chopra ne shaadi ki Nick Jonas se, kitna chota hai wo, wo toh ma bete nahi hai na, wo toh nahi bane. Sushmita Sen ka boyfriend umar mei bahut chota hai usse, unko toh nahi bola (Is it necessary that he will have to see me as a mother and I will have to see him as a son just because I am older? Priyanka married a much younger Nick, they did not become mother and son, did they? Even Sushmita's boyfriend is much younger but no one said such things about them)," she added.

Earlier, Jasmin defended Sonali when a Twitter user accused her of having 'fake feelings' for Aly. Jasmin said Sonali's confession was 'very cute' and reiterated that 'love is love'. Former Bigg Boss contestant Kamya Panjabi, however, felt that Sonali's feelings for Aly could be a game strategy to survive nominations.

## KAJOL SHARES MOST IMPORTANT PARENTING ADVICE SHE GOT FROM HER MOTHER TANUJA

Actor Kajol revealed the most important parenting advice given to her by her mother, veteran actor Tanuja. Kajol has two children with her husband, actor Ajay Devgn - daughter Nysa and son Yug.

Kajol said that Tanuja taught her the importance of letting children think for themselves and make their own decisions. She added that kids need to find out whether they can be comfortable about facing the consequences of their decisions.

In an interview with Pinkvilla, Kajol said, "My mother has passed down too many things to me. The most important thing that she passed down to me was, 'You have to make your children think for themselves.' I think that was the biggest learning that I took back and that led to everything." "They have to learn how to think for themselves, make their own decisions and find out whether they can live with their consequences or not. That is the only way they will learn whether this decision is the correct thing for them," she added.

Earlier this month, Kajol made her digital debut with Tribhanga - Tedhi Medhi Crazy, which marked Renuka Shahane's maiden directorial venture. The film, an emotional drama about three generations of women, deals with dysfunctional relationships. While Kajol's character has a dysfunctional relationship with her mother and a lot of pent-up anger towards her in Tribhanga, the actor's equation with her mother Tanuja is anything but strained. In a recent interview with Hindustan Times, Kajol said, "I never had a rebellion as such with my mother.

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## IND VS ENG: BEN STOKES LEAVES FOR INDIA, RORY BURNS PACKS 'ESSENTIALS' BEFORE FLYING OUT



WHILE BEN STOKES AND JOFRA ARCHER WERE RESTED FOR THE SRI LANKA SERIES, RORY BURNS STAYED FOR THE BIRTH OF HIS CHILD, WHO ALL RETURN FOR INDIA SERIES.

While most of the England Test side are playing a hard-fought second Test at Galle against Sri Lanka, a few of the players, who were rested for the tour are on their way to India for the full series against the hosts across all three formats. Star all-rounder Ben Stokes and fast bowler Jofra Archer were rested for the Sri Lanka series, as part of their workload management during COVID times and keeping in mind the bubble fatigue, while left-handed opener Rory Burns, too will fly to India after staying at home for the birth of his child. Batsman Ollie Pope, who has been recovering from his shoulder injury, too will travel to India for the Test series. Ben Stokes before flying, took to

social media and informed everyone about him travelling. "See you soo India," he wrote, while dressed in England's travelling uniform. Rory Burns, too took to his Instagram to put a video of his packing. While, his clothes, diaries and a few more things were seen, his baby in a pram was included in his essentials as he wrote, "Packing the essentials." England will play four Tests against India starting February 5, with first two matches to be played in Chennai and the remaining two will be played at the newly renovated Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad, with the third one being the day-night one.

## People who are writing against Virat Kohli, his percentage of win record is over 70%: India's bowling coach Bharat Arun



While Team India's historic victory at the Gabba under Ajinkya Rahane's captaincy is still celebrated, there were a few that criticised captain Virat Kohli. The right-handed batsman, who had taken paternity leave after the first Test had given Rahane the charge to lead the team Down Under in the remaining Tests. However, while Rahane is being praised for his quiet leadership, many pointed out that the Mumbai cricketer should replace Kohli at the helm in the longest format. With all these critics going around, India bowling coach Bharat Arun responded saying that people tend to forget what Kohli has done for the team. "First thing, I would like to congratulate Ajinkya Rahane for the magnificent job he did in Australia. But to the people who are writing against Virat Kohli, I would just like to put up one stat for them. Out of the 20 series that he has captained, he has won 14 series for India. Which means the percentage of win record is over 70%," Arun told Sports Today. "If you look at captains across all formats, Virat Kohli's record has to be one of the best ever. All Blacks (New Zealand Rugby team) has

about an 80 per cent success rate, so after them, Virat Kohli's record is 2nd across all sports. People who tend to write about him have forgotten what he has done over the years. What has Virat not done? The fitness culture he has brought into the team. Fast bowlers, fielding have all gone up under him," he added. "Yes, Rahane has done a magnificent job, he's an outstanding team man. When Virat Kohli is there, he does a pretty good job as vice-captain, he goes and suggests things to Virat and Virat is also very open to suggestions," he further said. Arun also described India's brand of cricket as "fearless" and credited Kohli and head coach Ravi Shastri for it. "Absolutely, I would like to sum it up this way. This Indian team is absolutely fearless and brutally honest. These are the qualities that are necessary for a team to do well. And there are two men who have gone and brought about this change. It is Ravi Shastri and Virat Kohli," he added. As for India, they retained the Border Gavaskar Trophy with a 2-1 series win over Australia and will now look to continue the same form against England at home.

## COUNTERING INDIA WILL BE BIG CHALLENGE FOR ENGLAND SPINNERS: MAHELA JAYAWARDENE



England spinners Dom Bess and Jack Leach must have gained a lot by bowling in Sri Lanka in a just-concluded series but a bigger challenge awaits them against India in the four-Test rubber starting February 5, feels former Lankan skipper Mahela Jayawardene. Left-arm spinner Leach claimed 10 wickets in the two-match series while off-spinner Bess took 12 in England's 2-0 victory. "I think that's going to be a very exciting series and a very good challenge for this group of players. That's what cricket is all about. You need to go away and win the Test series," Jayawardene told 'Sky Sports'. "The two spinners (Bess and Leach) will have learned a lot here but it will be a bigger challenge in India," Jayawardene though believes that England are "well prepared" for the India series, especially when they will have services of star all-rounder Ben Stokes and impressive paceman Jofra Archer. Both Stokes and Archer were rested for the Sri Lanka series.

## WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO SHARE LIFT WITH AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS IN SYDNEY: R ASHWIN



Ravichandran Ashwin has revealed that the Indian players were not allowed to share the lift with their Australian counterparts during the Sydney Test, something the visitors found "too difficult to digest". The third Test of the recently-concluded four-match series was played at the Sydney Cricket Ground and throughout the tour, players and support staffs of both the teams stayed in a bio bubble due to threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. "We reached Sydney, they locked us with severe restrictions. There was a unique thing that happened in Sydney. It was strange, to be honest. Both India and Australia were in the same bubble. But when Australian players were in the lift, they won't allow Indian players inside it," Ashwin said. The seasoned spinner made the revelation during a YouTube video chat with India's fielding coach R Sridhar. Ashwin added, "Seriously guys? We felt so bad at that time. We are in the same bubble. But you get into the lift and you can't share the space with another person staying in the same bubble. It was too difficult for us to digest. "We are all in the same bubble, but you get into the lift and share the lift space!" The Test was also marked by allegations of racial abuse against Indian pacers Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah. In the matches that he had played before missing the series-deciding fourth Test due to a back injury, Ashwin contributed significantly and helped India stage an incredible turnaround that saw the visitors claim the rubber 2-1. Ashwin and Hanuma Vihari — both fighting injuries — batted for more than five hours on the final day of the Sydney Test to help India achieve an improbable draw and keep the series locked at 1-1. In the final Test at Brisbane's Gabba, India chased down a record target of 328 to beat Australia by three wickets and break the home team's unbeaten run of 32 years at the venue.

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## HOW AJINKYA RAHANE FELT AFTER THAT MIX-UP WITH VIRAT KOHLI ON THE FIRST DAY OF ADELAIDE TEST



TEAM INDIA STAGED A MASSIVE COME-FROM-BEHIND FIGHTBACK AS THEY BEAT THE AUSTRALIAN SIDE 2-1 AFTER FACING A HUMILIATING DEFEAT IN THE FIRST MATCH.

Not just for India, there was one man, who also witnessed resurgence personally as the four match Border-Gavaskar series against Australia went on. Down in the series 1-0, without the regular skipper, pressure of getting him run-out and he had to lead that Indian side on the Boxing Day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), how do you put aside all of this? Smash a century lead you side to victory at the MCG! That's Ajinkya Rahane for you.

But it wasn't easy for the man, who played a huge role in India's historic series win against the Aussies on their home soil. The stand-in captain emerged as a leader of a depleted group, who just wanted to perform for their country at the highest level.

Rahane, before seeing all this was involved in a horrible mix-up with Virat Kohli on the first day of the Adelaide Test, that resulted in Kohli getting run-out when he was batting on 74. Rahane was visibly distraught and it affected his mindset as well.

Talking to the Hindustan Times about how he felt after the mix-up, Rahane said, "Was really blank when that run out happened. I knew we were both going really well, and if we had continued...they were on the back-foot. I felt bad. Once I went in, I told sorry to Virat and he was fine. He was like "it's ok, lets focus on how we could get better from here"."

India were in a strong position, however, that run-out triggered a collapse as India got all out on 244 after they were at 188-4 at one point. After which, it was just one hour of madness which cost them the game, according to him. But, Rahane admitted that they had to come back from that and had to do it without Kohli.

Since, this time he knew he was going to lead the side in three out of four games, he had his plans in mind from the practice games and he knew what he wanted to do, how to use certain players, field settings, etc. According to him, he is an instinctive captain and he was clear in his head about what he had to do. The mindset showed in his first innings after the Adelaide debacle at the MCG. According to him, the MCG century was his best ever, considering the circumstances and the situation the team was in. Rahane said that he was in that zone, after India lost three early wickets, there was pressure on him, so he just wanted to feel that pressure, take it upon him to score and just keep going. Rahane's 112 helped India get a 131-run lead and won the game by 8 wickets after bowling out Australia for 200 in their second innings. India not just answered their critics but also levelled the series 1-1 going into the last two Tests. India played a fighting draw at the SCG and won the final game at the Gabba, to complete an odd-defying victory, beating Aussies in their own backyard.

## 'GIVE IT TO SIBLEY AND CRAWLEY', KEVIN PIETERSEN SHARES NOTES GIVEN BY RAHUL DRAVID ON HOW TO PLAY SPIN



England, owing to their skipper Joe Root's tremendous form, won the first Test against Sri Lanka in the two-match series and are giving a tough fight in the second due to the same reason. However, one aspect which would worry the English side, given they have a spirited Indian side to face in a week's time, is the form of their openers, Dominic Sibley and Zak Crawley.

Both Sibley and Crawley have been struggling to score runs against the left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya, who has dismissed the duo thrice now in the three innings. While Crawley has returned with scores of 9, 8 and 5 in the three innings, Sibley on the other hand, has been worse with scores of 4, 2 and 0.

While, Root with a double century in the first and 186 in the second Test has shepherd the England batting against Sri Lanka, the openers' form is a cause of concern with a stern Test waiting for them in form of India, who are on a high coming from a 2-1 heist against Australia on their home soil. Former England batsman, Kevin Pietersen, however, suggested that an email from Rahul Dravid, which he received in his playing says on how to play spin bowling in India. Initiall, he took to Twitter to write that he needed to find that email, expressing his frustration over the form of the duo. Later, when he found the

same, which was published in the South Africa-born cricketer's autobiography, he shared the same in form of pictures, while saying, "Hey @englandcricket, print this and give it to Sibley & Crawley. They can call me to discuss it at length if they want...!" In the email, while saying that Pietersen could ignore if what he is going to say doesn't make sense or he doesn't find relevant, Dravid wrote, "Against guys who bowled a bit quicker (and I grew up playing against Anil) I would look to go forward without committing or planting the front foot. Dravid suggested that but the focus shouldn't be on planting the front foot too early, as if that is done, the automatic signal from the braian will be to bring the bat down early too, which will mean the batsman forcing himself on the ball, rather than it comig to them. Dravid also had suggested to Pietersen to play against the likes of Graeme Swann and Monty Panesar, without his pads on. He elaborated the reason, saying, "When you have no pads it will force you, sometimes painfully, to get the bat forward of the pads and will force you to watch the ball. Also the leg will be less keen to push out without any protection." Pietersen said that this email changed his game, given he had played a match-winning 186 against India in Mumbai in 2012 series, the effect of the advise clearly showed.

### Prolific Joe Root has potential to surpass Sachin Tendulkar's Test record, says Boycott

The legendary Geoffrey Boycott believes prolific England captain Joe Root has the potential and talent to surpass Indian great Sachin Tendulkar as the all-time run scorer in Test cricket.

Root, 30, amassed 426 runs in four innings at an average of 106.50 including two centuries with a high score of 228 in the just-concluded 2-0 series sweep over Sri Lanka.

Root, whose next assignment is the four-Test series India starting February 5, also became the fourth-highest run-getter in Test cricket for England and the first ever captain to hit two double-hundreds.

"Forget just scoring more Test runs for England than David Gower, Kevin Pietersen and myself. Joe Root has the potential to play 200 Tests and score more runs than even Sachin Tendulkar," Boycott wrote in a column for 'The Telegraph'.

"Root is only 30. He has played 99 Tests and scored 8249 runs already. As long as he does not suffer serious injury there is no reason why he cannot beat Tendulkar's all-time record of 15,921."

Boycott, however, doesn't want people to compare Root with stars of bygone eras, saying he should be judged only with his contemporaries. "His contemporaries, such as Virat Kohli, Steve Smith and Kane Williamson, are wonderful players as well who could also score that many runs. We should enjoy Root and only judge him alongside those guys, not great names of the past because every player is a product of their environment," he said.

The 80-year-old England batting great observed that Root has worked on his batting during the COVID-enforced break but said the right-hander will face his biggest test on Australia soil. "Until this tour Joe had not been making the big scores that influence matches. Perhaps the COVID-19 lockdowns allowed him time to take stock of his batting. For too long he appeared to be influenced by Twenty20 cricket. He was trying to force his way back into England's T20 side, but that frenetic type of batting is not for him," Boycott said.

## What did Rishabh Pant tell Washington Sundar in epic Gabba chase? Details emerge now



India was placed in a precarious situation at 265/5 on the final day of the fourth Test against Australia in Brisbane. Washington Sundar, who was making his debut, joined Rishabh Pant under pressure. Earlier in the Test, Washington Sundar had shared a partnership of 123 with Shardul Thakur as the duo smashed fifties to ensure Australia's lead would not be so great. The duo stitched a 53-run stand and Rishabh Pant hit the winning runs with a boundary to long-off of Josh Hazlewood as India created history by ending Australia's 32-year dominance at The Gabba. However, during the course of the partnership, there was apparently a tense argument between Rishabh Pant and Washington Sundar about the approach to the target.

Speaking to Times of India after his arrival back in India following his series-winning exploits, Rishabh Pant revealed that Washington Sundar wanted to play shots while the wicketkeeper told him to play the anchor role. After a tense argument, Rishabh Pant said that he will go for the shots and Washington Sundar would play the anchor role. Washington Sundar hit a six and a four off Pat Cummins to ease the pressure and although he fell to an audacious sweep shot with 10 runs needed, Rishabh Pant held his nerve and gave India one of their most famous wins.

## SL vs ENG: James Anderson achieves his best bowling figures in Asia



England pacer James Anderson on Saturday recorded his best bowling figures in Asia. The bowler recorded the feat on day two of the ongoing second Test against Sri Lanka here at Galle. Anderson finished with figures of 6-40 from 29 overs as the hosts were bundled out for 381 in the first innings. The 38-year-old took the wickets of Lahiru Thirimanne (43), Kusal Perera (6), Oshando Fernando (0), Angelo Mathews (110), Niroshan Dickwella (92) and Suranga Lakmal (0) in the first innings. This is Anderson's 30th fifer in Test cricket. During the course of this innings, Anderson also became the oldest bowler to take a five-wicket haul in Asia. He also went past Glenn McGrath (29) in the list of most five-wicket hauls in Test cricket.

Anderson now has 606 wickets in the longest format of the game and he is the fourth-highest wicket-taker in Tests. He is only behind Muttiah Muralitharan (800), Shane Warne (708), and Anil Kumble (619).



The pacer has played 157 Test matches for England and this is the most number of games that a pacer has ever played in the history of Test cricket. Resuming day two on 229/4, hosts Sri Lanka got off to a bad start as overnight centurion Angelo Mathews (110) was sent back to the pavilion by Anderson. Soon after, Ramesh Mendis was dismissed for a duck by Mark Wood, reducing Sri Lanka to 243/6.

## SHAKIB AL HASAN CONTINUES DREAM COMEBACK, BANGLADESH MOVE TO THIRD IN ICC ODI SUPER LEAGUE



Shakib Al Hasan continued his dream comeback in international cricket as he dazzled with a superb all-round show in the second ODI against the West Indies in Mirpur. After having taken magnificent figures of 4/8 in 7.2 overs, Shakib Al Hasan repeated his magic in the second ODI in the same venue as he took 2/30 and smashed an unbeaten 43 to help Bangladesh win the match and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. Shakib Al Hasan was aided by Mehidy Hasan's 4/25 as Bangladesh moved to third in the ICC ODI Super League standings which is the qualification cycle for the 2023 ICC Cricket World Cup which will be held in India. West Indies won the toss and chose to bat and they started off in a solid manner despite Sunil Ambris falling cheaply. However, the inexperience of the Windies side came though yet again as they lost four wickets for five runs from which they recovered. Mehidy Hasan was in fine form while Shakib Al Hasan got the wicket of Andre McCarthy and captain Jason Mohammed. Mustafizur Rahman continued his fine show with 2/15 as West Indies were bowled out for 148 for the second consecutive time without batting fifty overs.






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