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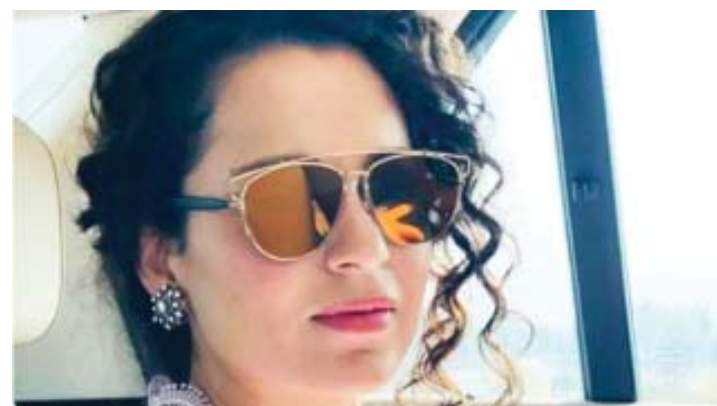
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KANGANA RANAUT ALLEGES GETTING RAPE, DEATH THREATS; TAKES JIBE AT DILJIT DOSANJH, PRIYANKA CHOPRA



On Saturday, Kangana Ranaut posted a video on her verified Twitter handle alleging that she has been subjected to 'emotional and mental lynching online' and getting rape and death threats ever since she expressed her opinion on the ongoing farmers' protest. In the video, the 'Panga' actress also took a jibe at actors Diljit Dosanjh and Priyanka Chopra and said that people must question these stars and ask them what kind of 'niti' are they doing after she stated that her intentions are every time questioned when she speaks on a national issue and in the interest of the country. Kangana posted a video on her verified Twitter account where, speaking in Hindi, she claimed, "I have been subjected to emotional and mental lynching online over the past 10 to 12 days. I have even faced rape and death threats. So I am here to ask a few questions to the country." Talking about the farmers' protest, the actress claimed, "There is no doubt that the entire movement is politically motivated. Terrorists have also started taking part in it. I have done my schooling in Punjab and have been brought up in the state. I know very well that 99 per cent people of Punjab does not want Khalistan. They don't want to divide the country. They love the country," she added.

'EVERY DAY, I WOULD CLIMB THE 45 FLOORS IN MY BUILDING': TAAPSEE PANNU ON TRAINING FOR 'RASHMI ROCKET'



Taapsee Pannu has left an impressive mark on people with her training sessions for the forthcoming film, Rashmi Rocket. The actor has been sharing photos and videos from the sets as well as the ones taken during her workout sessions. Now, during a recent interaction, Taapsee dished out details on undergoing physical training and how 'no pain no gain' is apt here. She also revealed that she claimed 45 floors of her building. Taapsee told ETimes, "I had spent two-and-half months prepping up for Rashmi Rocket when the lockdown happened. It was a big blow to me. Going to gyms was ruled out as they were closed. And what I wondered how I would do after acquiring the pre-requisites required in a sports person's body. I had put in so much effort. I was just stumped on what to do."

ROHIT SHARMA TRAPPED IN SYDNEY CORONAVIRUS CLUSTER, BCCI OFFICIAL ASSURES 'HE IS SAFE'



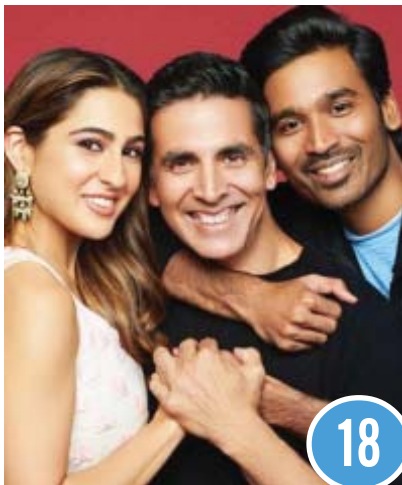
Rohit Sharma, who is currently in Sydney and undergoing his mandatory 14-day quarantine, is currently trapped in the coronavirus cluster that has engulfed Sydney in the last 24 hours. Sydney and New South Wales have reported a surge of coronavirus cases since Monday and there are fears that the Sydney New Year Test might either be swapped with the Brisbane Test or there is a possibility that Melbourne might host the New Year Test as well as the Boxing Day Test. While concerns grow over the safety of Rohit Sharma, a BCCI official has assured that Rohit Sharma is safe. "He doesn't need to move from Sydney. He is safe and is in a bio-secure environment undergoing quarantine. While he is alone in his room, the Indian board as well as the team management is constantly in touch with him. If there was any emergency or if we felt that he needed to get out of Sydney, we would. But for now, he is completely safe there," the official told ANI.

'DHAMAKA' FIRST LOOK: KARTIK AARYAN LOOKS FIERCE AS 'ARJUN PATHAK' IN RAM MADHAVANI'S NEXT



KARTIK AARYAN'S 'DHAMAKA' WILL TELL THE STORY OF THE INNER WORKINGS OF A TV CHANNEL, PARTICULARLY DURING COVERAGE OF A LIVE EVENT.

AKSHAY KUMAR, DHANUSH, SARA ALI KHAN TOUCHDOWN IN AGRA FOR 'ATRANGI RE'



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'DHAMAKA' FIRST LOOK: KARTIK AARYAN LOOKS FIERCE AS 'ARJUN PATHAK' IN RAM MADHVANI'S NEXT



Actor Kartik Aaryan treated his fans on Monday as he shared the first look of his character in Neerja director Ram Madhvani's new film Dhamaka. Kartik will essay the role of a journalist in the film. Sharing the picture of his look, wearing a western formal suit with his blue shirt with bloodstains on it, Kartik wrote, "Miliye #ArjunPathak se #Dhamaka." Kartik sports a beard in the film with thick stubble and a mustache. His hair too is long, quite unlike his looks in any of his previous films.

For the uninformed, Dhamaka will tell the story of the inner workings of a TV channel, particularly during coverage of a live event. On his birthday in November this year, Kartik had announced the film and shared a poster too.

Sharing the poster, he had written, "Aaj mera Birthday hai #DHAMAKA hona chahiye @madhvaniram @amitamadhvani #RonnieScrewvala @rsvpmovies @officialrmfilms @rheaazz @siabhuyan @pashanjai."

Talking about the role, a journalist who covers the live broadcast of a terror attack in Mumbai, Kartik had said in an interview, "This for me is a miracle script and had me on the edge of my seat all through the narration. I knew this is the script that would give me the opportunity to explore a different side of me as an actor. I can't wait to transport myself to Ram sir's world and see his vision translate on the big screen. This is also the first time I am collaborating with Ronnie and RSVP, and I am looking forward to this journey."

Kartik was last seen in Imtiaz Ali's Love Aaj Kal, a sequel of the 2009 film of the same name.

Akshay Kumar, Dhanush, Sara Ali Khan touchdown in Agra for 'Atrangi Re' final schedule



For the last schedule of Aanand L Rai directorial Atrangi Re, the team has headed to Noida earlier this month. Now, the leading cast including Akshay Kumar, Dhanush and Sara Ali Khan will be kickstarting the shoot of the film in Agra from Monday. Not only Atrangi Re, but there's one more film which is set to be shot in Agra. Titled The Daughters, the film stars Naseeruddin Shah and Ira Dubey in the lead roles. Meanwhile, talking about Atrangi Re, in the film, Sara will be seen playing the double role. The actor has been shooting for the film not only locations in South India but also in the North. A few days back, Akshay and Sara were clicked on the sets of the film in Greater Noida. Fans couldn't contain their excitement to see the actors shoot for the film in the busy streets.

Akshay took to his Instagram page and shared a slo-mo video in which he is seen wearing a Mughal attire and holding a red rose in his hand. The actor is twirling with Taj Mahal in the backdrop. Akshay captioned his video stating, "Wah Taj! #AtrangiRe @aanandrai @arahman @saraalikhan95 @dhanushkraj #HimanshuSharma @tseries.official @cypplofficial #CapeOfGoodFilms."

Atrangi Re went on floors earlier this year in Banaras. However, the shooting was stalled after the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. Soon while adopting the new normal, Sara resumed the shoot with Dhanush in Tamil Nadu. Whereas Akshay joined the sets in Greater Noida. Talking about the shoot, Rai had earlier said, "Yes, I'm really excited to start the next scheduled planned for October in Madurai. I have the full support of the cast and crew. We are hoping that things will improve by the time we are ready to shoot." He also said, "Rather, during the lockdown, I got a lot of time to prep for the upcoming schedule. We will be filming outdoors, but it's going to be a very organised shoot... We will try to wrap up in the minimum time possible." Atrangi Re was earlier slated to release during Valentine's Day weekend in 2021.

'COOLIE NO 1': VARUN DHAWAN AND SARA ALI KHAN'S 'TUJHKO MIRCHI LAGI' TO BE OUT ON THIS DATE

After 'Teri Bhabhi', 'Husn Hain Suhana' and 'Mummy Kasam' it is now time for yet another track from Coolie No 1 titled 'Tujhko Mirchi Lagi' that would release tomorrow i.e. December 21, to get people to shake their legs. With such a foot-tapping soundtrack it seems the upcoming comedy has taken care of the New Year Eve's playlist. Elated about the entire experience of Coolie No 1, lead actress Sara Ali Khan shared how was it working on such iconic songs, "Working on Coolie No. 1 has really been a dream come true. One has grown up listening to songs like Husn hai Suhana and Mirchi Lagi, and it's surreal that I now feature in the reprised versions of these songs." Originally composed by Anand - Milind and lyrics by Sameer, Lilo George, and Dj Chetas have added new beats to the iconic chartbuster and revamped it for the young audience. The song is sure to have everyone set the dance floor on fire. Coolie No. 1, is a remake of the 1995 hit of the same name starring Govinda and Karisma Kapoor. The film is directed by Varun's father and filmmaker David Dhawan and is set for premiere on Amazon Prime Video on Christmas that is, December 25, 2020. Earlier while talking about remaking Coolie No 1, David had said, "It's my film that I made 25 years ago and the thought of a re-make had never come. What happened is I had to do something with Varun, and I was thinking about what to do, what to do. When I asked Varun, if he liked this film, he saw it and didn't answer. He was later getting a little convinced, as it was a very difficult film for him because we have one of the best actor playing his role, and there's no comparison. At the same time, Vashu Ji said let's do this film, it's a damn good film. That was the first film that Vashu and I had done. So that's how the idea came."



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ZEE TVPROMOTES LOCAL TALENT WITH ITS HUNT FOR THE FIRST CANADIAN BHANGRA SUPERSTAR IN AN ONLINE CONTEST

As viewers remain confined indoors battling the COVID-19 pandemic, India's leading TV channel in Canada, Zee TV and their fastest growing digital arm, OTT ZEE5, take the initiative to cheer up the South Asian community with a lively, locally driven contest - ZEE5 Canada Bhangra Superstar.

The first-of-its-kind dance competition, the show offers delightful opportunity for Bhangra enthusiasts to showcase their moves from the comfort of their homes through video auditions on social media. Bhangra is a folk dance born in the farms of Punjab in celebration of harvest during the Vaisakhi festival. Over the years, it has skipped out of the province into the lives of all South Asians in and out of the country.

Bhangra celebrates the hard work and high spirits of farmers and their relentless pursuit to nourish the nation, come rain or shine. The dance form has now evolved over the years into modernized versions, blending tradition with hip-hop, reggae and Bollywood dance. From seniors to youngsters of all ages, the melodious beat of Bhangra drums and folklore brings everyone to their feet in rural villages, urban districts, weddings, parties and festive events across the world today.

In Canada, home of the largest diaspora of South Asians - the Punjabis, Bhangra plays a dominant role in keeping the community together, preserving the culture across generations.

Zee TV and ZEE5 now kick-off the ZEE5 Canada Bhangra Superstar show in an earnest attempt to thank the community for their loyal

viewership over the years and sets out for one of the biggest talent hunts from Brampton and Toronto to Vancouver.

To add to the thrill, ZEE Canada has signed two of the biggest and most popular Canadian Bhangra kings - Jaswinder Singh Bains aka Jazzy B and Hardeep Sahota.

Internationally acclaimed as the Crowned Prince of Bhangra, Jazzy B who was born in Punjab and raised in Vancouver, modernized Bhangra infusing it with hip-hop, creating a sensation across the globe. He is one of the most prominent mega stars of Punjabi music in the 21st century popular both for his string of worldwide hit songs and flamboyant style.

Hardeep Sahota is the first certified Bhangra instructor in Canada under the CTDA (Canadian Dance Teachers Association) and founder of Surrey's Royal Academy of Bhangra. He has participated, judged, coached and produced numerous Bhangra events and festivals all over the world since 2008, spawning ardent fans and followers.

Surrey-based TV presenter and radio celebrity Gaurav Shah brings his wit and humour to the show as the anchor along with the popular Canadian RJ, Gurpreet Grewal.

With this venture, Mukund Cairae, Chief Operating Officer - Zee International Business, wishes to revolutionize not just global television but also promote local talent.

"We are looking to engage local audiences in many more ways in the coming year with multiple such initiatives. The show must go

on. In keeping with our belief of consistently providing innovative content, we are bringing Canada its very first video Bhangra competition on television and OTT. Given the current social distancing norms, the show will be shot entirely from the participants' homes."

Participation involves two simple steps:

- * Contestants must upload their audition videos on their Facebook or Instagram page using the hashtag #ZEE5BalleBalle, and tag @ZEE5CAC.
- * The video then needs to be uploaded on www.zee5bhangrasuperstar.com, registering entry.

The winner takes home a 2020 Ford Mustang ECOBOOST Coupe, cash prize of \$5000 CAD and a chance to feature in a Zee show.

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Yash looks dashing and intense in new 'KGF Chapter 2' poster

As promised by the makers of KGF: Chapter 2, a new poster of the film is out. In the photo, tweeted by the director Prashanth Neel, the leading star Yash dons a dashing look while sitting on a gold throne with fireplace on the backdrop. He is giving an intense look while suiting up in style. With this poster, Neel also announced when the teaser for KGF: Chapter 2 will be out. The poster has the message, "A glance into the empire on January 8 at 10:18 am" printed on it. Prashanth tweeted the poster with a caption stating, "A glance into the Empire Collision symbol. It might have taken a year longer for this, but we are coming stronger, bigger & deadlier! #KGFChapter2TeaserOnJan8 at 10:18 AM on @hombalefilms youtube. @VKiragandur @TheNameIsYash @duttсанjay @TandonRaveena @SrinidhiShetty7 @BasrurRavi @bhuvangowda84."

Earlier while talking about the surprise for fans, Neel shared a statement which read as "So finally the day has come, where I can tell you all we are nearing the end of KGF Chapter 2. A ritual we always follow on December 21 for our wonderful audiences. You will have it this year too. A treat for you all from the team on December 21 at 10:08 am on all our official handles. Thank you for being patient as always and being our rock through this journey." Talking about the plot of the film, the first instalment of KGF franchise focussed on Rocky killing Garuda to free the Kolar gold mine from his control. The latter was a savage and dominating personality who exploited his slaves. Adheera (played by Sanjay Dutt in the sequel) who stayed away from the mine because of Garuda will be seen going head to head with Yash's Rocky in chapter two with Garuda now out of the way.

ARJUN RAMPAL REACHES NCB OFFICE FOR QUESTIONING IN DRUG CASE

Arjun Rampal reaches Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) office in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He has summoned by the agency to appear before it for questioning in a drug case. The actor had earlier sought time till December 21 to appear before NCB in connection with a drug-related case, an official from the agency said. "Actor Arjun Rampal seeks time till 21st December, to appear before NCB," an official told ANI. The NCB on Tuesday had summoned the actor to appear before it today in a drug-related case probe. Notably, Arjun Rampal was questioned by the NCB on November 13 in the matter. NCB officials had on November 9 conducted a raid at the residence of Arjun Rampal and seized some electronic gadgets. Rampal's girlfriend Gabriella Demetriades was later questioned for six hours on the same day. Meanwhile, the NCB has also arrested Paul Bartel, a friend of Arjun Rampal, in the case. Further investigation in the drug-related cases is underway. A special narcotics court in Mumbai on Tuesday had granted bail to Agisilaos Demetriades, the brother of Arjun's girlfriend Gabriella. Demetriades, who was arrested by the NCB in October this year after it raided a resort in Lonavala, where it also allegedly found drugs.

'GAZA' GAUAHAR KHAN AND ZAID DARBAR KICK OFF WEDDING FESTIVITIES WITH TRADITIONAL 'CHIKSA' CEREMONY



Gauahar Khan and Zaid Darbar are all set to tie the knot on December 25. On Monday, beginning with the wedding festivities, Gauahar shared two pictures with her hubby-to-be Zaid from their 'Chiksa' ceremony. 'Chiksa' is the Muslim marriage equivalent of the Haldi ceremony.

'Bigg Boss 14': Actor-politician Sonali Phogat to make a wildcard entry

Actor-politician Sonali Phogat will be the latest celebrity to enter Bigg Boss house. As a participant of the controversial show, she promises a lot of entertainment and positivity. "I have been a big fan of



Bigg Boss for long. The scale of the show is huge. I know so many people who watch it religiously. How can I refuse this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity?" said Sonali, on entering the ongoing season 14 of the show. "I have watched almost all the episodes of this season. Now that I am a participant, it feels surreal. I am excited and nervous at the same time. I don't know how my journey will unfold, but I promise the viewers a lot of entertainment and positivity," she added about the show hosted by Salman Khan. Sonali is the National Vice President of BJP's Mahila Morcha. In the world of showbiz, she has appeared in Punjabi and Haryanvi music videos and has acted in the TV show Amma: Ek Maa Jo Laakhon Ke Liye Bani Amma. Meanwhile, talking about Bigg Boss 14, Vikas Gupta who was ousted from the reality show made a comeback recently. He will be seen in the upcoming episode of the show. Currently, Salman replaced Aly Goni as the captain and declared Rubina Dilaik will rule the house.

The bride and groom wear yellow clothing in their respective homes and get smeared with a paste of turmeric and sandalwood in rosewater. Sharing the pictures, Gauahar wrote, "When half of me met half of you and together the better halves shaped our beautiful moments. #Alhamdulillah Day 1 of #GaZa celebrations - Chiksa." Gauahar Khan wore a Maayera Jaipur ensemble. She looked pretty in a yellow choli with a layered heavily printed Ghaghra and a matching sheer dupatta. Gauahar completed her look with flower jewelry. On the other hand, Zaid wore a white pyjama and teamed it up with a yellow kurta. He completed his look by donning a yellow pair of glasses. A few days back, the couple had taken to their social media handles to share the digital wedding invitation card and captioned it 'Jab We Met' #GAZAbKaHaiDin. The short and adorable animated video reveals everything about their 'lockdown love story', how they met, proposed until the time they decided to marry each other. From quarantine drives to parking garages, texting, and video-calling, Gauhar and Zaid's love story saw every aspect and then finally one day 'when words failed, he sealed the deal with a song'. Earlier, Gauahar and Zaid, who are prepping for their big day, were snapped together while making their way towards fashion designer Manish Malhotra's store in Mumbai.

Nora Fatehi was quite a revelation for me: Kareena Kapoor Khan


Kareena Kapoor Khan has been interviewing several leading celebrities for her radio show What Women Want. From Varun Dhawan, Ananya Panday to Neha Dhupia and Kiara Advani, the actor has spoken to many interesting people on the show. Kareena recently interviewed Nora Fatehi and is super impressed by her. On the show, the 'Dilbar' girl opened up about her journey and spoke about creating a niche for herself by breaking stereotypes. Showering her with praises, Kareena said in a statement, "I interviewed Nora Fatehi today and it was quite a revelation for me because you only see her through her songs, you tend to only know her through that. But for the fact, when she came on the show and she spoke about breaking stereotypes, she spoke so well that I was so taken in by her and she seems so sensible and right, the way she was speaking so sure, I got to know her, because we have never really met." Nora who is one of the most loved dancers in the movies had earlier spoken about the share of struggles she faced. During an interview with Pinkvilla, she had said, "I started learning Hindi but the auditions were very traumatic for me. I wasn't really mentally prepared and I made a fool of myself. People were really unforgiving. They wouldn't just be mean, they would laugh in front of my face as if I'm some circus. They would bully me. It was humiliating. I used to cry while travelling back to my home. There was this one casting agent who once told me, 'We don't need you here. Go back'. I'll never forget that."

Diljit Dosanjh reveals backup option if his music career had not panned out

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh says there was a time when all he ever wanted to do was make music, and nothing else. "I was always told that without a godfather in the industry it would be difficult for me to make a mark, but I always believed that if I made constant efforts, I would be successful. It would definitely take time, but I would be rewarded for my hard work," Diljit said while looking back at his journey. Diljit also recalled the kind of films that he used to watch during his childhood and said that 'he always had a strong connection to hill stations'. "During my childhood, I only watched movies starring Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra at home. I loved the fight scenes. The only movies apart from these two stars that I watched were of Rajinder Kumar. I've always had a strong connection to hill stations and that's the reason I chose movies by Rajinder Kumar," he recalled. Opening up about his long journey to where he is now, he added, "There was a point in my life when I didn't do anything except practice music. Working in a factory was my backup option." The actor-singer asserted that it took a while for him to understand the business aspect of showbiz. "Even after my first album was released, I didn't know how I would make money out of it. It was only when this one guy came up to me and asked me to do a show in return for about Rs 2,500. I understood the process," Diljit said in an episode of Audible Suno's show "Kissa Khwaabon Ka".

Hina Khan opens up on her journey of 'being first actor in her family, dating someone out of community'

Hina Khan is considered as one of the top actors on television. She made her debut back in 2009 with the series Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai. The actor played the role of Akshara until 2016. Soon after that, Hina became a contestant on Fear Factor: Khatron Ke Khiladi 8 and Bigg Boss 11. On both the reality shows, she became the first runner up but the winner of the people's hearts. She has starred in three movies namely Smartphone, Hacked and Unlock. Now while narrating her story to Humans of Bombay, Hina spoke at length about her journey from Srinagar to Mumbai. The actor stated, "I come from an orthodox Kashmiri family where becoming an actor was never an option. My parents were even hesitant to send me to Delhi for college but somehow, I convinced Papa. So, when a friend suggested auditioning for a serial, I said no. Upon insistence, I gave it a go and the casting directors loved me! The next day, I was selected for the lead role! I moved to Bombay without telling my parents; I was 20. The production people helped me find a place. It took me weeks to tell Papa. He was livid."



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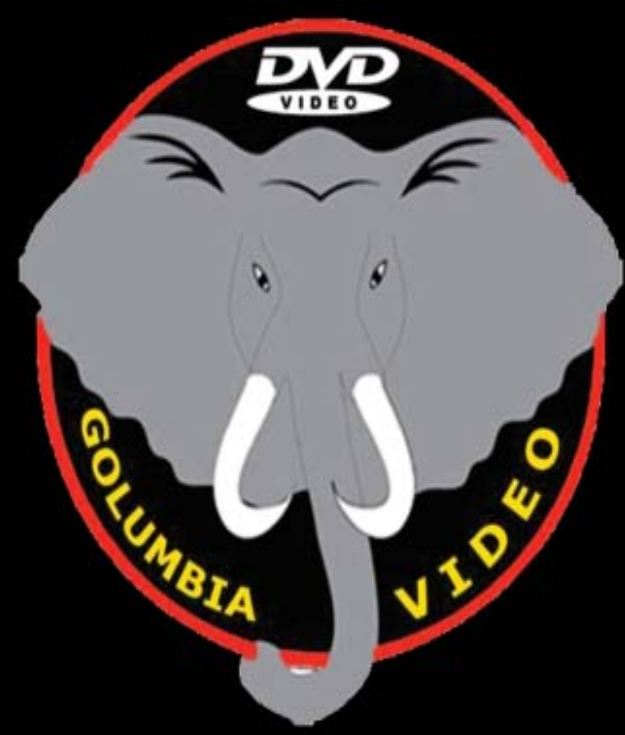
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'KL RAHUL SHOULD COME IN PLACE OF PRITHVI SHAW', SAYS SUNIL GAVASKAR



Former Indian batsman and commentator Sunil Gavaskar said that India has to come with a positive mindset and intent into the Boxing Day Test after the horrendous outing in Adelaide in the first Test. The whole team went down for a 36-all out monumental collapse and lost the first game by eight wickets. Gavaskar said that India should try to forget that and start afresh. Speaking to Sports Tak, India should start the Melbourne Test well, it's necessary for them to step onto the ground with a lot of positivity. Australia's weak point is their batting. "India have to believe that they can come back in the remainder of the Test series. If India don't find the positivity, then there 4-0 series loss can happen. But if they have positivity, why not? It can happen (comeback). It's natural that there is anger after such a performance. But in cricket, anything can happen. Look at how the scene was yesterday, and what

has happened today," Gavaskar added. With Virat Kohli not available and seeing Prithvi Shaw's woeful touch, Gavaskar also suggested a potential couple of changes. "India will look at making 2 changes. Firstly, maybe KL Rahul should replace Prithvi Shaw as an opener. At No. 5 or No. 6, Shubman Gill should come in. His form has been good. Things can change if we start well," Gavaskar said. The Legendary batsman also pointed out the sloppy fielding by the visitors and said that apart from the quality of fielding, Team India has to also improve upon the field placements. "Had we held on to our catches well and had good field placements, there might not have been any problem, Tim Paine and Marnus Labuschagne would have gotten out early. We could have got a lead of 120 runs. Australia got ahead in the Tests because of those dropped catches, they got the lead down to 50 runs," Gavaskar said.

MSK PRASAD BACKS DECISION OF PANT'S SELECTION OVER SAHA, ADVOCATES PROMOTION OF THIS PLAYER



Former BCCI Chairman of Selectors, MSK Prasad said that he would be in agreement with the Team management if they pick Rishabh Pant ahead of Wriddhiman Saha as wicket-keeper batsman for the remaining three Tests against Australia. While, Saha was preferred over Pant in the first Test due to his outstanding skills behind the stumps especially during the night with the pink ball at the Adelaide Oval. However, his failures with the bat might have worked against his favour. With Pant smashing a 73-ball century in the second practice game, he might get a nod for the rest of the series ahead of Saha unless he fails badly. Talking to the news agency PTI, Prasad said that their committee (when he was the chief selector) had decided that Pant would be their first choice wicket-keeper while playing in England and Australia and also has a century in his name in both those countries. "Look, our committee was clear that Rishabh Pant will be our first choice keeper in places like England and Australia. Only when we are looking at

matches in India where you don't need batting after number six most times, you can have a specialist keeper," said Prasad. Pant, who has been struggling with his fitness and form concerns, has a great record playing in Australia as during the 2018-19 tour, where he smashed 350 runs, averaging over 50, which also included a century. "I believe Rishabh has worked on his fitness issues during the past month and looked in good touch during the pink ball practice game. So I would agree with the team management if they give Rishabh a go for the next three Tests," he added. Vihari is 'Gutsy' batsman, should bat at No 4: MSK Prasad In absence of Virat Kohli, the batting line-up will see changes other than just the wicket-keeper as Team India now have a couple of options to go with at No 4. MSK Prasad believed that the 'gutsy' batsman Hanuma Vihari should be promoted to No 4 rather than Pant or any other batsman, given he batted at that position in both the practice games. "Vihari has a very sound technique and temperament and he can serve this Test team for a long time. In absence of Virat, it would be a great opportunity for him and KL (Rahul) to stand up and be counted," Prasad said in the interview to PTI. While he backed Vihari to bat in the middle-order, he also advocated inclusion of KL Rahul at No 6, with Pant at No 7. "I would prefer Vihari batting at No. 4 or 5 in the next few Tests and face the challenge. He is a gutsy boy and I have confidence that he will do well if given the challenge. KL can be a good No. 6 in this series," he said. Ajinkya Rahane will be leading the side against Australia in the remaining three games as Virat Kohli leaves Australia owing to the birth of his first child with wife and actor Anushka Sharma.

1ST TEST STATISTICS: A HORROR COLLAPSE

The third day of the first Test between India and Australia in Adelaide witnessed horror and ecstasy for both sides. The Indian cricket team were shot out for a miserable 36 while Australia continued their dominance of the Pink Ball Test. Heading into day 3, India had a lead of over 60 and with Australia batting last in conditions which would become difficult. However, in a shocking display of batting, India were bundled out for 36 and Australia won the match by eight wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the four-Test series. The third day of the Test match saw plenty of unbelievable records being broken. Here is a list of the numbers that were accumulated on the end of the Adelaide Test. 8 - This is the eighth win for Australia in Day Night Tests since 2015. Australia have won two Pink Ball Tests against Pakistan, two against New Zealand, one each against England, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India. They are the only team to have a 100 percent record in Pink Ball Tests. 36 - The lowest total for India in Tests in their 88-year history. Their previous lowest was 42 against England in Lord's in 1974. 88 - The score of 36 was the joint-lowest total in Tests in Australia after 88 years. Before India, the previous lowest was also 36 and it was by South Africa in the 1932 Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. 73 - Josh Hazlewood's figures of 5/8 are the most economical spell by a bowler for Australia in 73 years. In 1947, Ernie Toshack picked up 5/2 against India in Brisbane. 1 - This is the first time in Indian cricket history that none of the batsmen reached double figures in a Test innings. When India were bowled out for 42, Eknath Solkar had top-scored with 18. 2 - This is the second time in the history of Day Night Tests that a team that was trailing in the first innings has gone on to win the match. The first instance was in the match in 2018 between West Indies and Sri Lanka in Barbados. 1 - This is the first time in 26 Tests that India have lost the match after Virat Kohli won the toss. 35 - The number of times India have lost the first Test of the series outside Asia. Unfortunately, India have lost 31 series and only three times in the last 40 years that India have managed to avoid defeat. In the 1980/81 series in Australia, the 2002 series in England as well as the 2010/11 series against South Africa, India managed to draw the series after losing the first game. They have never won a series in SENA countries after losing the first match.



ANDY FLOWER SAYS HE ALWAYS FOUND THE CRICKETING ATMOSPHERE IN INDIA STIMULATING



Andy Flower emerged as one of the finest international batsman during his decade long career with Zimbabwe. To achieve that feat with a relatively weaker Test nation was even more phenomenal. The elder of the Flower brother, Andy, ended his Test career with a phenomenal average of 51.54 after 63 Test apart from 213 ODIs. The high point, of course, was the 2000-01 season, where Andy Flower scored a staggering 1466 runs at an average of 133.27. On a two-Test tour of India, Andy Flower ended with scores of 183 not out, 70, 55 and 232 not out. No wonder England cricket lapped him up once his international career got over and he spent the next 15 years as assistant coach, Head coach and then 'A' team coach of the English cricket team. Andy Flower will now take over as the Head Coach of the Delhi Bulls franchise in the Abu Dhabi T10 League this year. The former Zimbabwe captain and England coach spoke exclusively to DNA about his love of batting in India, his favourite batsmen in world cricket challenges of coaching a side in T10 cricket.

England name Jacques Kallis as batting consultant for Sri Lanka series



England Cricket Board (ECB) have announce former South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis as the new batting consultant for the two-match test series against Sri Lanka, next month. The ECB have also insisted in the normalcy in the plans of the tour despite the increase in travel restrictions or suspensions to and from UK by various governments, due to the latest wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the country. The ECB sped up their search for the full-time appointments to fill the voids in the support staff, which included vacancies of batting, pace and spin bowling coaches. While, the applications date close by January 10, Kallis' appointment comes as the biggest of the lot. The role of batting consultant for Kallis is the follow-up on England's appointment of Jonathon Trott for the Pakistan Tests last summer and Marcus Trescothick for the recently concluded shortened white-ball tour of South Africa. The current appointment of Kallis is only for the Sri Lanka series at this stage, and may or may not stretch to the India series. While England has also made several announcements in the support staff which includes that of Jon Lewis as fast-bowling coach, James Foster as wicket-keeping consultant and Jeetan Patel as spin consultant. Graham Thorpe, England's regular assistant coach to the head coach Chris Silverwood, has been rested for Sri Lanka series, but is expected to be back for the India tour, keeping in mind the bio-bubble fatigue.

Opener Prithvi Shaw slams critics after twin failure in Adelaide



Young Indian opener Prithvi Shaw has been under the hammer after his twin failures in the opening Test of the ongoing India-Australia series. Shaw score 0 and 4 in India's eight-wicket loss in the day-night Test in Adelaide last week which saw the visitors bundled out for just 36 in the second innings. The Mumbai opener's lack of foot movement have cost him dear with Mitchell Starc dismissing him second ball – bowled through the gate and Pat Cummins hitting the timber in the second essay. India's 2018 U-19 World Cup-winning skipper took to Instagram and posted a message that read – "If sometimes people demotivate you for something you try to do, that means you can do that but they can't". Shaw began with a century on debut against West Indies – scoring 134 at Rajkot and followed that up with a 70 in the next Test at Hyderabad against the same opposition. However, on his first overseas tour of New Zealand, the 21-year-old had scores of 16 and 14 and 54 and 14 in the two-Test series which India lost 2-0.



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