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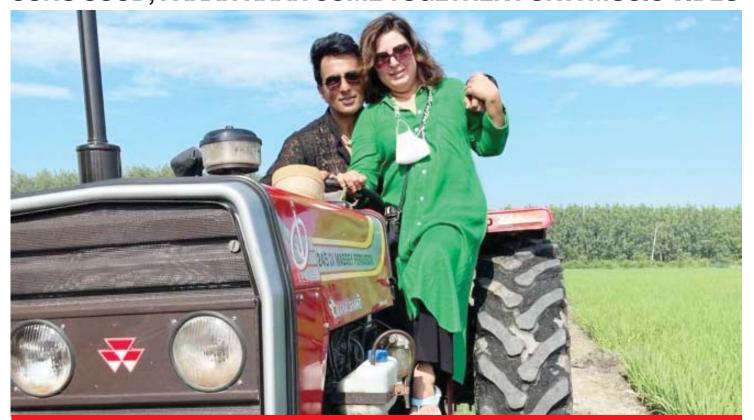
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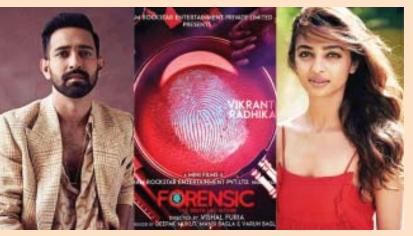
SONU SOOD, FARAH KHAN COME TOGETHER FOR A MUSIC VIDEO



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actor Sonu Sood and filmmaker Farah Khan have joined hands for a music video project. While details of the songs are under wraps, it is confirmed that Sonu features in the song and Farah directs it. The shooting for the track has already started in Punjab. Confirming the news to IANS, Sonu who was earlier directed by Farah in the film "Happy New Year", says: "This song will be something very different from anything that I've ever shot before. It's always wonderful to work with Farah." The story of the track will show Sonu's character as a farmer-turned-cop. The song will release at the end of the month.

VIKRANT MASSEY-RADHIKA APTE UNVEIL FIRST LOOK OF THEIR FILM 'FORENSIC', MOTION POSTER PROMISES A GRITTY CRIME THRILLER

There's a new Forensic officer in B-town. Vikrant Massey and Radhika Apte on Tuesday (July 27) unveiled the first look and teaser motion poster of their film 'Forensic' which is the Hindi remake of the 2020 super hit Malayam film of the same name. It was earlier announced that Vikrant Massey has been cast as the male lead in the Vishal Furia directorial and now Radhika Apte has joined the team as the female lead. The motion poster of 'Forensic' is all things sleuth. It emanates a mesh of mystery with fingerprints, bloodstains, magnifying glass, a lifeless body and a microscope. What sticks out is the fluorescence of the fingerprint which comes with the promise of a gritty thriller. While sharing the first look on his Instagram, Vikrant wrote, ""Ab naa bachega koi bhi



unsolved case, #Forensic karega reveal har criminal ka face..." Thrilled to announce my next project #Forensic with a super talented team. Another association with @furia vishal and powerhouse performer @radhikaofficial." He further wrote, "It's amazing how seamlessly @immansibagla you have made this union possible! Thank You for this opportunity. Really looking forward to collaborating with you. Let's take this to the next level!" Speaking about the film, Vikrant Massey said, "Mansi and Vishal make a fabulous Producer-Director duo. I have worked with Vishal earlier, and there is a comfort level and with Mansi everything fell in place seamlessly. The entire team is brimming with positive energy and I'm really excited. What I like about Mansi is that she is passionate about films, very professional and to the point. I was astonished to see the level of detailing with which my character has been sketched. The producers and the director are very professional, organised and their preparations for the film have impressed me."

SONAM KAPOOR PUTS A FULL STOP TO PREGNANCY RUMOURS



MUMBAI, (IANS) Actress Sonam Kapoor Ahuja has put an end to rumours about her being pregnant, with a post on social media. Sonam posted a clip on Instagram story where she talked about her first day of getting her periods. In the clip, the actress is seen sipping on ginger tea and holding a hot water bottle. "Hot water bottle and ginger tea for first day of my period," she wrote as caption on the post that she shared on Wednesday. Rumours about Sonam's pregnancy started as soon as she arrived in India from London.

The actress will soon be seen in the film "Blind".

SONU SOOD: SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BASIC BACKBONE OF OUR COUNTRY

MUMBAI, (IANS) For the past few weeks, actor and social worker Sonu Sood has been actively campaigning on social media with the hashtag #supportsmallbusiness.

Sharing videos where he can be seen playing a bread and eggs seller on bicycle, a milkman or a 'dhaba' owner making 'rotis', the actor has been urging people to support local businesses as he feels they are the basic backbone of our country.

Talking about the same, Sonu told IANS: "Small businesses are the basic backbone of our country. I have always tried to promote small businesses as they need support. Many small businesses are unable to sustain their daily livelihood. I try and help them out whenever I get to see someone put in their hard work and trying to make an honest day's living out of it." "I come from a very small town and I know how hard these people work in order to make their small businesses successful. By pushing them forward, we can help the nation's economy, as these small businesses are grassroots-level companies and work out of the rural heartlands of the country. So it always feels good to help them out," he added.

On the work front, the actor will feature in upcoming projects like the Hindi historical drama film "Prithviraj" and the Telugu action-drama "Acharva".

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Porn case: No relief for Kundra from HC on 'illegal arrest' plea





MUMBAI, (IANS) The Bombay High Court on Tuesday declined to grant any interim relief to businessman Raj Kundra, challenging his "illegal" arrest by Mumbai Police in connection with the sensational porn case on July 19. A bench of Justice A.S. Gadkari refused to pass any order without hearing the prosecution, and after Public Prosecutor Arun Pai assured the court that the police will file its reply on Wednesday, posted the matter for further hearing on Thursday.

Soon after his arrest, Kundra, through his lawyer Abad Ponda, moved the Bombay HC challenging his arrest and seeking to quash the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's July 20 order and all subsequent orders remanding him to police custody.

Earlier on Tuesday, the lower court sent him to 14 days judicial custody till August 10 and he has now filed a bail plea which is likely to come up for hearing on Wednesday. In his petition before the high court, Kundra - husband of Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty - contended that the alleged content does

not depict any explicit sexual acts or intercourse but show only material in the form of short films. Ponda also argued that Kundra's arrested was "illegal" since he was not served with a proper advance notice of appearance under Section 41A of the CrPC and instead arrested under the garb of recording his statement. However, Pai argued that the Mumbai Police had served the relevant notice which Ponda termed as a mere formality given post-arrest. Kundra has been charged with offences under various provisions of Indian Penal Code, the IT Act, and the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act. Ponda pointed out that Kundra has been charged with only two offences which are bailable and carry a maximum jail term of 7 years for which a notice under Section 41A was required. The police said that raids on Kundra's office on July 19 led to recovery of pornographic videos related to the HotShot app, developed by his brother-in-law and UK national Pradeep Bakshi after which he was asked to appear before the Crime Branch vide the notice under Section 41A, but Kundra refused to sign it.

Sherlyn Chopra, Poonam Pandey get big relief in Raj Kundra porn films case

Several names attached to Shilpa Shetty's husband, Raj Kundra's porn racket case have been under the radar of the Mumbai Police. The Bombay High Court has granted a big relief to Poonam Pandey and Sherlyn Chopra in a pornography case. The Bombay High Court on Tuesday (July 27) ordered that no stern action will be taken against Poonam and Sherlyn till September 20. Both the actresses had filed a petition for anticipatory bail.

Sherlyn was also summoned by Mumbai Crime Branch's property cell on Monday (July 26) to record her statement in the case. On Sunday (July 25), three persons including 'Gandii Baat' actress Gehana Vasisth were summoned by the Crime Branch for questioning. Last week, in a video, Sherlyn had revealed that she was the first person to give a neutral statement to the Maharashtra Cyber Cell, earlier this year. She also added that she was the one who had informed the cyber cell about Armsprime, the company linked to Raj Kundra in the porn case. On July 21, Poonam Pandey claimed Raj Kundra, upon a contractual disagreement in 2019, leaked her number along with a message that said "I will strip for you". Poonam had also made a statement that following the disagreement, her number and some images were leaked. This resulted in her getting calls that were derogatory in nature.



Poonam also said that she had to go into hiding. The Crime Branch on July 24 also raided Shilpa Shetty's Juhu residence. Police sources told ANI that the the 'Hungama 2' actress and Raj had a huge argument when the Crime Branch raided their home, following which the actress broke down in tears saying she was unaware of her husband's actions. Raj Kundra and his associate Ryan Thorpe on Tuesday (July 27) were sent to judicial custody of 14 days. Kundra was arrested by the police on July 19 along with 11 other people on charges related to the alleged creation of pornographic films.

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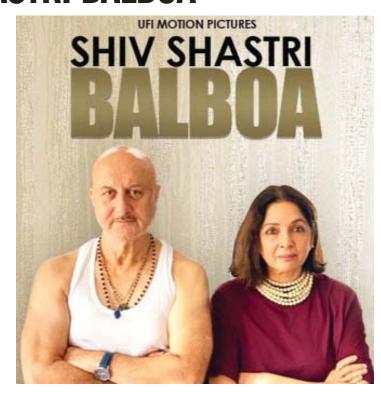


ANUPAM KHER, NEENA GUPTA SHARE FIRST LOOK OF 'SHIV SHASTRI BALBOA'

MUMBAI, (IANS) Actors Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta took to social media on Thursday to share the first look of their new film "Shiv Shastri Balboa", directed by Ajayan Venugopalan. "Presenting the first look of my new film#ShivShastriBalboa. A fascinating tale of survival of an Indian in a small town in America!! Delighted to be working with the gorgeous and brilliant@neena_gupta and a very interesting and talented international cast and crew!! More details and surprises to follow!," wrote Anupam Kher on his Instagram page, mentioning in the hashtag that this is his 519th film.

Neena Gupta also posted on her Instagram account: "Very excited to be working with @anupampkher after so many years, on our new film#ShivShastriBalboa #RockyBalboa #519thFilm#AnIndianInAmerica #Humour#Drama #family." Neena Gupta and Anupam Kher will be back on the screen after many years. In the first look, Anupam Kher is seen dressed in a white ganji and blue jeans and some beaded neckpieces whereas Neena Gupta is dressed in a maroon dress with pearl necklaces. Anupam Kher was last seen in 2019 in the film "The Accidental Prime Minister".

Neena Gupta's last film was "Sardar ka Grandson". Her upcoming films are "83", "Dial 100", "Gwalior", and "Goodbye".



'SHERSHAAH' TRAILER LAUNCHES AT KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS GALA



DRAS (LADAKH), (IANS) Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat made a remarkable observation at the "Shershaah" trailer launch here on the eve of Kargil Vijay Diwas, observed every year on July 26. Param Vir Chakra recipient and Kargil war hero Captain Vikram Batra, whose life story "Shershaah" narrates on the Bollywood screen, was 22 when he joined the forces, and this year marks 22 years of the Kargil war, noted General Rawat on Sunday night. "We are happy that a film has been made on Captain Vikram Batra's life at this point of time. We hope many more such films will be made on the bravehearts of India," added General Rawat, who was chief guest at the event. The night at Dras saw real and reel heroes in attendance as the lead cast, producers and director of the film shared the stage with General attempt to bring alive. Rawat, Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command General Y.K. Joshi and Captain Batra's brother Vishal Batra.

The star cast, Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani, talked of being honourable life story. Director Vishnuvardhan was present, too, along forces," Vishal Batra said.

with producers Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta and Shabbir Boxwala, and Vijay Subramaniam of Amazon Prime, the OTT channel that will stream the film on August 12. Each of them thanked the Army and the Batra family for making this film possible.

As the Ladakh Scouts Military Band played with gusto, and school children and a local orchestra group set the tone with patriotic rhythms and tunes, the mood was set to celebrate the most important event in India's contemporary military history.

The 527 brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the Kargil War were saluted, and families of the brave bereaved felicitated.

The trailer launch was the highlight of the evening, preceded by a short "Kargil Tribute" featurette, remembering the valour of Captain Batra, and also acknowledging General Joshi and the Indian Army. The late evening function saw Karan Johar host a chunk of the proceedings, with the "Shershaah" launch occupying most of the proceedings. One by one, he invited on stage and introduced his film's cast and crew, as well as the military top brass present.

Sidharth, who essays Captain Vikram Batra, spoke of how the experience of working on the project was more than shooting a film. "This is a story of a true hero, like all of you," said Sidharth, addressing the army personnel gathered among the select audience. "I consider myself lucky to be able to bring alive the story of a real-life hero like all of you on screen. This is my first picture based on a true story and the experience has been more than a film to me," added the actor, speaking in Hindi.

His co-star Kiara Advani had a confession to make. "I stand before the Indian Army for the first time and I am nervous," she said, thanking the Batra family and also Dimple Cheema, Captain Batra's fiancee. It was a charged evening, high on the patriotic emotion, accentuated perhaps by the pristine open-air valley venue, ensconced in the midst of looming peaks. This was the serenity the Indian Army had fought to protected in 1999, and it was the fervour "Shershaah" the film will

For the film, Vishal Batra's line surely summed it up: "It was a dream that took birth in 2015," he said, recalling how the Indian Army had readily helped, and adding that Johar's Dharma Production had done fortunate to get a chance to work in a film that narrated such an "a fantastic job". "My hope is this film inspires the youth to join the

'PEOPLE HAD WRITTEN ME OFF': AYUSHMANN KHURRANA REVEALS HE WANTED TO QUIT FILMS AFTER SERIES OF FLOPS

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana has become the face of entertainment, his films come with assurance and are based on social messages, but little did you know that the actor once decided to move on from films after delivering 3 back to back flop films.

On Quickheal 'Pinch By Arbaaz Khan Season 2', Ayushmann graced the show with his presence and he along with the host Arbaaz had a blast. Avushmann answered back all his trollers with a

smile and it was the funniest possible way. Ayushmann agreed that social media has become important in today's time, but he also feels that artists have minimised their surprise element, the mysterious value of them with the emergence of the digital world. Arbaaz applauded the 'Article 15' actor's achievement of being named among the 100 most influential people of 2020. He further appreciated the fact that Ayushmann has changed the dynamics of 'Heroism'. Apart from being an actor, Ayushmann is also an excellent singer, composer, and book writer. Arbaaz brought few user comments about the actor's book, 'Cracking the Code: My Journey in Bollywood'.

Ayushmann owned the moment by slamming trollers and further shared that after giving three consecutive flops, the actor had decided to go back to Chandigarh, and during that time, he penned down his journey. He further added that it was during that period, "nothing was working for him", he had decided that if not for films he would work on his music band Ayushmann Bhava, he would sing on birthdays, write books, or entertain people in any other way. But he would continue being an artist.



BLACKPINK BECOMES FIRST K-POP STARS TO LAUNCH CREDIT CARDS, FANS FEEL OVERWHELMED



With their incredible music, BLACKPINK is taking the world by storm. The girl group has been enjoying a massive fan following for five years now. They have become the first K-Pop stars to launch their own range of credit cards. According to reports, the girls have teamed up with a credit card business to create their new BLACKPINK card collection. On their Instagram account, the girls made the formal announcement and showed out the wonderful cards. The news comes as a nice surprise to BLINKS (BLACKPINK fans) since it is one of the band's major announcements leading up to their massive fifth-anniversary celebrations in August. Credit card collaborations, which are usually exclusively established with well-known celebrities, have teamed with the girl band BLACKPINK, owing to their global fame and large fan base. In addition, the members of the band, primarily Jennie, Lisa, Rose, and Jisoo, are said to have helped design the credit card. The band's agency YG Entertainment on the upcoming project said, "We expect to create great synergy through the credit card launched together with BC Card. With the fifth debut anniversary of BLACKPINK approaching, we hope this partnership is an opportunity to provide greater satisfaction to fans. "

BRITNEY SPEARS SAYS 'YOU'RE ALLOWING MY DAD TO RUIN MY LIFE', WINS RIGHT TO **CHOOSE HER OWN LAWYER**



Singer Britney Spears on Wednesday won the right to choose her own lawyer to help her end a 13-year-long conservatorship and tearfully pleaded for the court to oust her father immediately from the role of controlling her business affairs. Her father, Jamie Spears, has been a major figure in the conservatorship since he set it up in 2008 when his daughter had a mental health breakdown. He is currently the sole person in charge of her \$60 million estate.

"You're allowing my dad to ruin my life," Spears told the Los Angeles judge by phone. "I have to get rid of my dad and charge him with conservatorship abuse," she added. Speaking for about 10 minutes on Wednesday, Spears, 39, said she had always been "extremely scared of my dad." She said she was fed up with multiple psychological evaluations in the last 13 years and wanted the conservatorship brought to an end without another one. "I'm not a perfect person .. but their goal is to make me feel like I'm crazy," Spears said. Details of Spears' mental health issues have never publicly been disclosed.Last month she called the legal arrangement abusive and stupid in a 20-minute public address.Los Angeles Superior Court judge Brenda Penny on Wednesday approved former federal prosecutor Mathew Rosengart to represent Spears going forward. The singer's court-appointed attorney stepped down last week.

Rosengart, who has previously represented Hollywood stars Sean Penn and Steven Spielberg, said his goal was to end the conservatorship. "Does anybody really believe Mr. Spears' continued involvement is in the best interest of Britney Spears?," Rosengart said. "If he loves his daughter, it is time to step aside."Rosengart`s first job is likely to be filing a formal document asking for the conservatorship to be terminated.







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Saikhom Mirabai Chanu's road to Olympic glory

- Diminutive Manipur lifter Mirabai Chanu opens India's account at the Tokyo Games in style, winning silver in the women's 49 kg category.
- Chanu lifts 202kg (87kg+115kg) to better Karnam Malleswari's bronze performance in Sydney (2000).
- China's Zhihui Hou takes the gold with 210 kg; Windy Cantika of Indonesia finishes 3rd (194 kg).

Nationals, 2016

nmonwealth Games,

d Coast, 2018

■ Chanu had qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics, but couldn't finish the event as she failed to lift the weight in any of her three attempts in the Clean & Jerk section.

World Weightlifting

HER TRACK RECORD

SILVER Games, Glasgow, 2014

enior Nationals, 2018

WORLD RECORD in Clean & Jerk -- 119 kg, Asian Championship, Tashkent, April 2021

AWARDS: Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, 2018; Padma Shrl, 2018

■ Chanu's entry into weightlifting was accidental. At the age of 12, she had gone to enroll for training in archery.

■ As the archery pavilion was closed, she went into the weightlifting hall nearby to inquire about it and got hooked.

■ She has had to travel 20-odd km daily from her home in Mongkok Kakching village to Imphal to train.

SUSPENDED IPL 2021 TO RESUME WITH CSK-MI CLASH ON SEPTEMBER 19



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The remaining 31 matches of the suspended Indian Premier League (IPL) will be played over a period of 27 days in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from September 19 to October 15 with Dubai hosting 13 matches, Sharjah 10 and Abu Dhabi eight, the Indian cricket board announced on Sunday.

The final on October 15 and Qualifier 1 on October 10 will be played in Dubai while the Eliminator on October 11 and Qualifier 2 on October 13 will both be played in Sharjah.

"The 14th season, which was postponed in May this year in the wake of the pandemic, will resume on 19th September in Dubai with a blockbuster clash between Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians," said a statement from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"The action will then shift to Abu Dhabi where the Kolkata Knight Riders will square off against Royal Challengers Bangalore. Sharjah will host its first game on 24th September when Royal Challengers Bangalore take on Chennai Super Kings," the statement added. The UAE leg of IPL will include seven double headers.

"There will be 7 double-headers (5 matches already played in India total of 12 matches) with the first match starting at 3:30 PM IST (2 PM Gulf Standard Time). All evening matches will start at 7:30 PM IST (6 PM Gulf Standard Time)," added the statement.

"Final game of the league stage will be played between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Capitals on 8th October."

AN EPITOME OF LONGEVITY NAMED MARY KOM

NEW DELHI, (IANS) "Being a girl, fighting for 20 years is not an easy job." Mary Kom's words to Olympic Channel from a qualifying event in Jordan last year convey a lot, especially in terms of longevity. It has been 21 years since Mary appeared first at the national boxing

championships in 2000. In all these years, the world has changed big time, thanks to the internet boom, social media overdose and phones becoming smart. But Mary, now a veteran, is showing no signs of hanging up her gloves.

In her first match at the Tokyo Olympics, where she defeated Dominican Republic's Miguelina Hernandez Garcia. Mary showed again why she is still a force to reckon with at 38. The Indian unleashed a flurry of counter-attacking punches in the first round, catching her opponent, 15 years younger, off-guard.

In the last round, she pulled off punches so quick it threw Miguelina off track and unable to strike back cleanly.

For more than two decades, Mary has been at the top of her game, overcoming several challenges, such as injuries, giving birth to three children and seeing a steady stream of ambitious young boxers waiting to take her place. She hasn't thrown in the towel though. Simply put, if longevity is an art, Mary is the artist.

born and brought up in an impoverished tenant farmer's family in Kangathei village in Churachandpur district of Manipur, Mary has fought every hurdle in her way -- poverty, lack of infrastructure, and societal stereotypes about boxing -- on the path to glory in the ring.

She dabbled in volleyball, football, and athletics during her school days. But Mary settled on boxing in 1998, inspired by the success of Dingko Singh, who bagged an Asian Games gold for India after 16 years and created a culture of boxing in Manipur.

Mary made swift progress, moving from the state to national level within a few years. In 2002, she bagged her first World Championship gold in 2002, becoming the first Indian woman boxer to do so.

She went on to win five more gold medals in the World Championships, the latest of them coming in 2018 in New Delhi before a bronze in Russia next year. What has made her success and longevity more believable is the fact that she has made use of her steely grit, adaptability in different situations and when to use her boxing intelligence in the game.

The round-of-32 match at Tokyo showed Mary's tremendous ability to adapt her game to what the situation demands. It has allowed her to stay competitive at an elite level alongside the faster, fresher and younger crop of boxers.

From being non-stop aggressive, Mary has evolved with time. She now takes her time to read the opponent, adapts to what combinations of punches, jabs, cross and hook need to be efficiently pulled for a result in her favour.

Having achieved every honour that the sport has to offer, Mary can go for gold at Tokyo to add to her bronze at the 2012 London Olympics. She can bank upon her longevity and experience to go the distance.

INDIA WIN THE FIRST T201 AGAINST SRI LANKA

Team India defended a par score on a sluggish Colombo surface as their pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Deepak Chahar came back in their later spells to bowl out Sri Lanka for just 126 runs. The visitors won the game by 38 runs and thus took a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. 165 was never going to be a challenging score to chase for Sri Lanka unless the visitors took regular wickets. The second innings ebbed and flowed as for a few overs the hosts were in command and then India came back with a couple of wickets, the run-rate slowed down and Sri Lanka fought back, then India dented them with a couple of more wickets.

AUSTRALIA BEAT WEST INDIES BY 6 WICKETS TO WIN ODI SERIES

Mitchell Starc took 3-43 and Ashton Agar and Adam Zampa two wickets each on Monday. Ashton Turner was 1-23 in eight overs as Australia bowled out the home side with 29 balls remaining. Matthew Wade notched his 11th one-day international half-century to pace Australia to a six-wicket win over the West Indies in the deciding match of the three-game series.

Wade's 51 from 52 balls enabled Australia to score 153-4 and surpass West Indies' total of 152 in the 31st over.

Stand-in captain and wicketkeeper Alex Carey added 35 for Australia after West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard won the toss and elected to bat first. Australia won the first ODI by 133 runs and West Indies came back to take the rescheduled second match by four wickets. The second match was postponed by two days due to COVID-19 protocols but proceeded last Saturday after all team members and staff tested negative to the coronavirus. Mitchell Starc took 3-43 and Ashton Agar and Adam Zampa two wickets each on Monday. Ashton Turner was 1-23 in eight overs as Australia bowled out the home side with 29 balls remaining.

HARDIK PANDYA TRIES TO LIP-SYNC SRI LANKA'S **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Team India star all-rounder Hardik Pandya was seen trying to lip-sync Sri Lanka's national anthem before the start of the first T20I between the two teams at R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo. While the whole Sri Lankan team and the backroom staff were singing the anthem, the cameraman panned his lens onto Pandya, where he was seen humming the anthem. Pandya's attempt to lip-sync the opposition's national anthem resulted in him gathering a widespread appreciation for the same. While Sri Lankan fans felt pride seeing an opponent singing their anthem, one of the users suggested that the hosts' anthem is so good that Hardik Pandya couldn't stop himself from humming it.

Tokyo Insights: Mary, Sindhu & Manika shine, but why are the shooters failing?

TOKYO, (IANS) Three women athletes -- the ageless wonder MC Mary Kom, world badminton champion PV Sindhu, and pioneer paddler Manika Batra -- kept the Indian hopes alive on what was otherwise a bad day for the Indians at the Tokyo Olympics, made worse by the men's hockey team getting hammered 7-1 by world No. 1 Australia.

All three of them won their matches comfortably, putting it across lower-ranked opponents to reach the next round in their quest for Olympic glory -- Mary Kom and Sindhu hoping to add to the medals they won in the earlier editions, while Manika keeping alive her chances of a first triumph.

The only positive news for Indian men came from the Sea Forest Waterway where India's lightweight double scull pair of Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh came third in their repechage race and qualified for the semifinals.

But it was otherwise a Ladies Day for India at the Olympics. In the boxing ring, Mary Kom was as magnificent as ever as she convincingly defeated an opponent 15 years her junior, out-punching Miguelina Hernandez Garcia of the Dominican Republic in all three rounds in the 51kg category. Sindhu was up against an opponent ranked much lower than her but did not allow complacency to creep in as she beat Ksenia Polikarpova of Israel 21-7, 21-10. In table tennis, Manika Batra came back from two games down to earn a sensational win over Ukraine's MargarytaPesotska in the second round of the women's singles.

INDIA AT TOKYO OLYMPICS: HUGE EXPECTATIONS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS

MUMBAI, (IANS) The 127-member Indian contingent will enter the Tokyo Olympic Games with soaring expectations of returning with their best medal haul ever even as the pandemic plays havoc with their preparations and mental health.

The Games are being held in an environment of fear with athletes having to constantly monitor their health and also focus on the task at hand as Covid-19 cases continue to rise in the Games Village. Amid the negativity of a majority of the Japanese citizens giving the thumbs down to the Games and no spectators being allowed at the venues, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Japanese government are going ahead with the quadrennial showpiece, knowing their decision is not being respected by the country.

But for the athletes, who have trained hard for five years, the thoughts of the pandemic would be set aside as they concentrate on the task at hand, which is to give it their best show and win medals for their respective countries.

With India sending a record number of athletes to the Games, the expectations are huge this time around.

Over the years, the country has had a dismal record at the quadrennial showpiece, as proved by a haul of 28 medals — nine gold, seven silver, and 12 bronze medals in over 100 years of participation in the mega event.

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OLYMPICS-SWIMMING-MAGGIEMAC NEIL WINS FIRST GOLD FOR CANADA (TEAM CANADA/ TWITTER).



OLYMPICS -JUDO-JESSICA KLIMKAIT WINS BRONZE FOR CANADA (TEAM CANADA/ TWITTER).



TOKYO2020: CANADA WINS SILVER IN WOMEN'S 4X100 FREESTYLESWIMMING RELAY (TEAM CANADA/ TWITTER).



CANADIAN DIVERS MELISSACITRINIBEAULIEU AND JENNIFERABEL WIN SILVER IN THE WOMEN'S SYNCHRONIZED 3M SPRINGBOARD AT TOKYO2020 (TEAM CANADA/ TWITTER).

INDIAN SHOOTERS CRASH OUT IN 10M AIR RIFLE MIXED QUALIFICATIONS



The two Indian pairs participating in the 10m air rifle mixed team event crashed out in the first qualifications stage, missing out on yet another final after an outing that left a lot to be desired in the Tokyo Olympics here on Tuesday.

The duo of Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar finished 12th with a total of 626.5 across three series each, while Anjum Moudgil and Deepak Kumar ended 18th out of 29 pairs with an aggregate score of 623.8 at the Asaka Range.

The mixed events are making their Olympic debut. It wasn't an ideal start for the more fancied Elavenil and Divyansh while Anjum and Deepak found themselves languishing at the bottom of the pile.

OLYMPIC CHAMP MOMIJI NISHIYA, 13, SHOWS IN SKATEBOARDING, THE YOUNGER THE BETTER



The inaugural women's street skateboarding event ended with a teen sweep. The gold and silver went to 13-year-olds Momiji Nishiya of Japan and Rayssa Leal of Brazil, while 16-year-old Japanese Funa Nakayuma took bronze — the youngest Olympic podium ever.

Is it because all skateboarders are young? Not really. Alexis Sablone, the American trailblazer who turns 35 in two weeks, finished fourth. The average age of participants overall was 21.75, 19.12 in the eightwoman final and 14 on the podium.

INDIA BEAT SPAIN IN HOCKEY, LOVLINA MAKES IT TO BOXING QUARTERS

Team India will be hoping to increase their medal tally on Day 4. Starting on a bright note, Indian shooters Manu Bhaker, Saurabh Chaudhary topped their mixed team air pistol qualification Stage 1 but finished 7th in Stage 2 to miss medal events. The bad day for Indian shooting continued as Divyansh/Elavenil and Anjum/Deepak failed to make it to rifle final. In a morale-boosting news for hockey fans, the men in blue gave a superb performance on Tuesday as they beat Spain 3-0. Meanwhile, boxer Lovlina Borgohain advanced to quarterfinals and is a step away from winning a medal. Even though shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won on Tuesday, they finished third in Group A, failing to make it to guarters. The 39year-old Achanta Sharath Kamal ended India's table tennis campaign, going down in the third round to reigning champion Ma Long.

SCHEDULE OF REMAINING IPL MATCHES

TIMINGS

| TORONTO | |
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| September 19: | CSK vs MI |
| September 20: | KKR vs RCB |
| September 21: | PBKS vs RR |
| September 22: | DC vs SRH |
| September 23: | MI vs KKR |
| September 24: | RCB vs CSK |
| September 25: | DC vs RR |
| September 25: | SRH vs PBKS |
| September 26: | CSK vs KKR |
| September 26: | RCB vs MI |
| September 27: | SRH vs RR |
| September 28: | KKR vs DC |
| September 28: | MI vs PBKS |
| September 29: | RR vs RCB |
| September 30: | SRH vs CSK |
| October 1 : | KKR vs PBKS |
| October 2: | MI vs DC |
| October 2: | RR vs CSK |
| October 3: | RCB vs PBKS |
| October 3: | KKR vs SRH |
| October 4: | DC vs CSK |
| October 5: | RR vs MI |
| October 6: | RCB vs SRH |
| October 7: | CSK vs PBKS |
| October 7: | KKR vs RR |
| October 8: | SRH vs MI |
| October 8: | RCB vs DC |
| October 10: | Qualifier 1 |
| October 11: | Eliminator |
| October 13: | Qualifier 2 |
| October 15: | Final |

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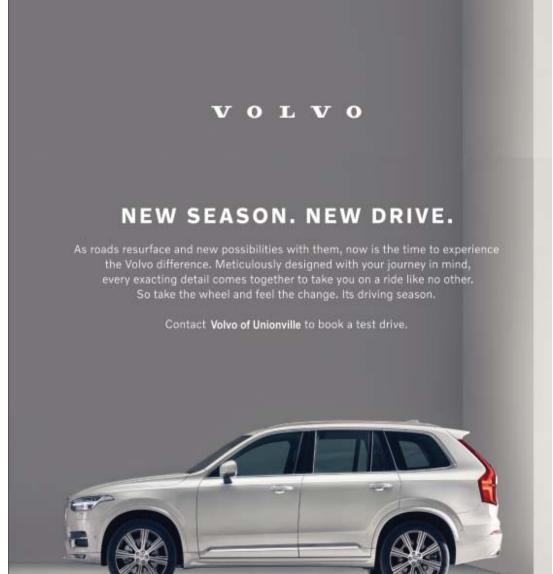
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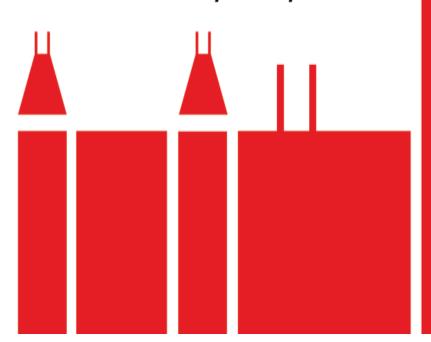
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