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FARHAN AKHTAR-STARRER 'TOOFAAN' TO RELEASE DIGITALLY ON JULY 16



THE FARHAN AKHTAR-STARRER "TOOFAAN" IS ALL SET FOR A DIGITAL RELEASE ON JULY 16, THE ACTOR TWEETED ON WEDNESDAY.

He wrote: "With humility, love and in dedication to the fighting spirit of the beautiful people of our nation, our film 'Toofoan' will be releasing on July 16th. #ToofoanOnPrime" Directed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, the film also features Paresh Rawal, Mrunal Thakur, Supriya Pathak Kapur, Hussain Dalal, Dr. Mohan Agashe, Darshan Kumar and Vijay Raaz. The film marks the second collaboration between Farhan and Mehra. The two had earlier worked together in the 2013 release "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag". "Toofoan" revolves around the life of Aju, an orphan born in Mumbai's Dongri who grows up to be a local goon. His life changes when he meets a bright and compassionate young woman Ananya, whose belief in him motivates him to find his passion as he embarks on his journey to becoming Aziz Ali, a boxing champion. "Toofoan" will release on Amazon Prime Video.

THE VOLVO C40 RECHARGE DESIGN STORY COMBINING THE SERENITY OF SCANDINAVIAN NATURE WITH THE CONFIDENCE OF ELECTRIC AMBITION



In many ways, the Volvo C40 Recharge represents the future of Volvo Cars: it is the first Volvo model in history designed as pure electric-only and will be offered online with a convenient Care offer. Its SUV elements and benefits combined with a lower profile means that Volvo Cars also enters a new segment – and it does so with cutting-edge design and features not previously seen on Volvo cars.

"The C40 is a car that symbolizes electrification and delivers on it," says Robin Page, head of design at Volvo Cars. "It has the personality of the XC40, which proved to be attractive to many, but it's dialled up even more through its dynamic expression and sleek profile. It's a really attractive product for people who are looking for the easy-to-live-with aspects of an SUV with more of a modern statement."

Built upon the fundamental building blocks of the XC40, the C40 gives the same sense of power and strong character as its sibling while adding athleticism and lightness. This idea of breaking new ground with something familiar is mirrored in individual details: the signature Thor's Hammer headlights are augmented with new pixel LEDs, which automatically adjust to light conditions and switch on and off independently to optimize the light pattern. The equally emblematic vertical rear lights are now segmented, providing a testament to the engineering challenge of extending one big lamp along the roofline, while also creating a modern take on a classic design. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 14**

AKSHAY KUMAR STARRER 'RAKSHA BANDHAN' GOES ON FLOORS, ACTOR INTRODUCES HIS ONSCREEN SISTERS



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AKSHAY KUMAR'S FORTHCOMING FILM 'RAKSHA BANDHAN' HAS FINALLY GONE ON FLOORS. THIS FILM MARKS THE ACTOR'S SECOND OUTING WITH FILMMAKER ANAND L RAI AFTER 'ATRANGI RE'.

BELL BOTTOM RELEASE DATE ANNOUNCED, AKSHAY KUMAR AND VAANI KAPOOR STARRER TO RELEASE IN CINEMAS IN JULY



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BOLLYWOOD SUPERSTAR AKSHAY KUMAR'S MUCH-AWAITED FILM BELL BOTTOM IS ALL SET FOR A THEATRICAL RELEASE.

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IN APRIL, THE MAKERS OF 'SATYAMEVA JAYATE 2' HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE RELEASE OF THE FILM WILL BE POSTPONED DUE TO COVID CONCERNS.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA REVEALS THE 'ONLY APPROPRIATE WAY' TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL SELFIE DAY IN LATEST POST



NEW DELHI: Global icon Priyanka Chopra stepped up her selfie game and showed her fans the 'appropriate way' to celebrate National Selfie Day by sharing a stunning selfie of her. The actor took to her Instagram account to share a picture of herself to mark the occasion, which is celebrated in the US. The snap features Bollywood's desi girl dressed in a blue and white patterned top with a pair of sunglasses to complete her look. She kept her makeup subtle and opted for a light pinkish nude shade for her lips. "The only appropriate way to celebrate #NationalSelfieDay," she wrote alongside the image.

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THE VOLVO C40 RECHARGE DESIGN STORY

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Carrying on the DNA
Similar to the birth of the XC40, the C40 started as a spontaneous sketch by one of the designers in the team. And Yuri Zamkavenka's sketch "hit the ground running from the initial idea", according to T. Jon Mayer, head of exterior design.
"That doesn't happen very frequently. When it does, it's always some of the more characterful ideas that flourish, because it's such a pure statement from that first sketch," T. Jon continues, adding that the uniqueness of the car – its commanding seating position combined with a streamlined form – becomes very clear when it's on the road next to other cars.
"One of my favourite views of the car is the rear seven-eighths, which gives you a view of the side and the coupé line profile," T. Jon says. "You see the SUV elements as it sits on these really big wheels, and it's this tough little character but with a very sleek approach to the roof. It's built upon the solidity of the XC40, but in a more dynamic way. These combinations give it a totally different expression, while still carrying on our DNA."
That DNA is distinguished by a Scandinavian approach in the form language: sections are shaved and carved out of the solid form, creating a sense of purity and refinement; understated confidence.
"It communicates a solidity, which can also link to a feeling of safety," T. Jon says. "Subconsciously, this is a powerful beast that's protective, yet we sculpt it in a way to make it as lightweight and efficient as possible."
Nature and light
Using these design principles – as well as inspiration from the Scandinavian landscapes with their quiet atmospheres, light and freedom of space – the confidence of the exterior design is tied together with an interior design characterized by the calming effects of nature. There's the large, panoramic glass roof that enhances the airiness of the cabin, making the most out of short winter days, while blurring the line between outside and inside during bright summer nights.
"In Sweden, it's dark and grey most of the year – but when the sun shines, the colours come to life much more vibrantly than anywhere else," says Lisa Reeves, head of interior design. "The grass looks greener, the sea looks bluer. You see this reflected in the architecture here: houses have a lot of glass, designed to really let in the light and the open floor plans spread the light within the house. Light and nature are strong parts of the culture and are important themes for the C40 interior."
The Fjord Blue colour, inspired by the deep inlets on the Scandinavian west coast, flows from the exterior and creates a continuation inside by colouring the large swathes of carpet that extend up from the floor to the sides of the tunnel console and the front doors. This provides a foundation for the backlit translucent graphics on the dashboard and front door panels, which are a nod to the dramatic, yet serene mountain sceneries in Sweden's Abisko national park.
"We traced the topography of the park and used the contours to create an abstract digitalized design with a layered pattern," says Rekha Meena, senior design manager, in colour and material. "When the light from LED lamps comes through across the surface it creates this really nice, atmospheric three-dimensional effect."
Hand-in-hand with nature as a source of inspiration is the high amount of sustainable materials used for the interior. The topography trim panels are



partly made of recycled plastic, while the carpet is made of 100 per cent recycled PET plastic bottles. The C40 offers Volvo Cars' first leather-free interior, with one upholstery option containing naturally renewable wool fibres, and a second option using a combination of suede textile (also made of recycled plastic) and micro-tech material.
"The colour and material team has strived to use smart, innovative and lightweight materials that are sustainable, matching both the design and driveline of the C40," says Rekha. "With all these new technologies that are developing around us, the colour and material designers have more freedom to play around. Bio-based materials are more attractive and innovative than leather, and they make the car more sustainable."
The layout of the interior gives a sense of organization and thoughtfulness, where functionality is key. The C40 repeats the XC40's 'uncluttering' approach, providing smart and thoughtful ways to store all important belongings within arm's length. Minimalism is an overarching theme, which becomes even more evident when looking at the instrument panel.
A symbol of the next generation
Using renewable and recycled material is one part of the sustainability equation, and the car being fully electric is another. But to really get the message of electrification across, the C40 needs to look at the part as well, and it does so with features that blend symbolism and function together.
The new wheel design, influenced by the Volvo 360c concept car from 2018, helps with aerodynamics while creating a dynamic look fitting the driveline; the rear spoiler both characterizes and supports downforce on the car; and the roofline boosts aerodynamic efficiency, giving it a functional as well as a visual relationship to the range. And then there are the elements where messaging slightly takes the upper hand, like the closed grill and the contrast roof.
"To symbolize the electric car, the face is really important," says Robin Page. "Part of our design language is about honesty, and the reality is that we don't need a large air intake for an electric car. This car originates from the XC40, which did have a grill, so it's not a case where we can just ignore that and do a super low, fully moulded front. And we wouldn't want to do that on this car anyway, because the C40 has a characterful face. We achieved a good solution, with strong, pure graphical lines. Together with the contrast roof, which we'll use to distinguish our 40 cluster electric cars, it's one of the ingredients that communicates our journey towards full electrification.
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SHOOTING FOR JOHN ABRAHAM'S 'SATYAMEVA JAYATE 2' COMPLETED, POST-PRODUCTION IN PROGRESS



Bollywood actor John Abraham's 'Satyameva Jayate 2', in which the star will be playing a double role for the first time, has completed its shooting schedule and now post-production work for the film is in progress. Indian film critic and trade analyst Taran Adarsh, on Saturday, confirmed the news on his Twitter handle by writing, "#FactCheck... #SatyamevaJayate2 - starring #JohnAbraham in his first-ever double role - was initially supposed to release on #Eid2021."
Updating about the current status of the film, he added, "Current status: Filming complete... Post-production in progress... Eyeing *theatrical release* when cinemas reopen. #SJ2." In April, the makers of 'Satyameva Jayate 2' had announced that the release of the film will be postponed due to COVID concerns. The movie was earlier slated to lock horns with 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai' on May 13. Announcing the news, the makers had shared a statement that read, "In these unprecedented times, nothing matters more than the safety and health of our countrymen and patrons. Our film 'Satyameva Jayate 2' will now release at a later date. Till then let's keep our masks on and do our best to keep our loved ones and ourselves out of harm's way. Jai Hind."
Directed by Milap Zaveri, the upcoming movie also features actors Manoj Bajpayee, Divya Khosla Kumar, and Amyra Dastur. The action drama will be bankrolled by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani, and Nikkhil Advani. The film that will feature John in a dual avatar -as a police officer and as a common man, went on floors on September 20, 2019.
Like the first installment, 'Satyameva Jayate 2', a standalone sequel, will also focus on the fight against injustice and misuse of power. 'Satyameva Jayate', which released in 2018, became a major hit, making it Milap and John's second-biggest box office success. The 2018 cop drama also featured Manoj Bajpayee in a pivotal role.
The first film narrated the story of a cop (Bajpayee), who has been given the task to catch a person named Vir (John), who is on a spree of killing corrupt police officers. Both Bajpayee and John fight for the same reason but they are divided by the law. The first installment directed by Milap, released on August 15, alongside Akshay Kumar's 'Gold'.

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In the world of 'man vs wild', Vidya Balan leaves a mark without having to roar once

In 'Newton' (2017), Amit Masurkar brought the rights of people to vote on-screen even in the remotest areas of the country. While 'Sherni', showed the importance of man and wild co-existing in the same eco-system. There's always one person who fights for the rights of the conservation of the wild by even being a silent warrior. That's Vidya Balan in 'Sherni' who doesn't lose her calm or metaphorically roar in this film. Her character is named Vidya Vincent who is a Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) who just transferred to this area where a man-eater tigress is on the prowl. Every other day she hears the news of humans and cattle being attack by this tigress named T12. Vidya along with her team of trackers leaves no stone unturned in hunting the man-eater to release it at a nearby national park. But she is shackled by men who think it's man vs wild and also man vs woman. Vincent deals with sexist remarks by her colleagues for doing her job and she just maintains her composed nature throughout. Although she is done with her job and vents it out to her husband who stays away in Mumbai, she never shows frustration during her working hours. In a hunt to catch the tigress, out of nowhere politics get involved and manipulate the villagers to make sure the wild animals is as bigger an enemy as the opposition party. However, there's one person who supports Vidya played by Vijay Raaz, a zoologist. While her boss played by Brijendra Kala hires a hunter Sharat Saxena who is hell-bent on killing the tigress (well that's what he knows). To protect the tigress, Vidya and Vijay create their team to help it



make it to the national park. While others are finding their ways to meet her fate. 'Sherni' has a thrilling undertone with add-ons of satire. Amit, in a way, showed the film as a follow-up to 'Newton' and it gels well. Going by the title it will seem like 'Kaal' rushing at a quick pace, but no this 'Sherni' walks comfortably around the screenplay and leaves her pugmarks in our minds. Both films have similar themes where the rights of living things are concerned. Be it voting rights or co-exist. If humans can adjust with fellow human beings despite looking down upon each other (sexism, racism and more issues), why not with wild animals? We rejoice on hearing the population of tigers are increasing in the country and there are people like Vidya who are trying their level best for it to happen. But we have people like Pintu (Sharat Saxena) too who claim to know if a tiger is a man-eater by looking into its eyes. Vidya's casting can never be questioned and kudos to Amit for writing a film thinking her on the mind. There are several sequences where we feel she will burst out in anger or throw a fit, but Vidya kept those surprise elements intact with her performance throughout the film. 'Sherni' is smart filmmaking that has not been seen in mainstream commercial Hindi films for a very long time. Backed by a kickass ensemble cast, the film once again proved that the 'content is the king' era is what will make 'Bollywood' witness more success than ever. 'Sherni' walks without a roar in this commercial film not to be mistaken as a documentary.

Bell Bottom release date announced, Akshay Kumar and Vaani Kapoor starrer to release in cinemas in July



Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar's much-awaited film Bell Bottom is all set for a theatrical release. The film, which was supposed to release on May 28th but was postponed due to the Covid19 pandemic, will now hit the cinema halls on July 27. With things getting back to normal post COVID lockdown, the makers have decided to take the film to the theatres for a thrilling movie-watching experience. Directed by Ranjit M Tewari, the film also stars Vaani Kapoor. Sharing a quirky video to announce the release date of Bell Bottom, Akshay Kumar tweeted, "I know you have patiently waited for #Bellbottom! Couldn't be happier to finally announce the release of our film. Arriving across big screens worldwide #BellBottomOn27July."

For the fans who have been waiting to see Akshay in a vintage action avatar, in a film that promises grand international locations, 80's nostalgia and breath-taking sequences, this announcement is a dream

come true and a silver lining that will light up the gloomy entertainment space in 2021. This Akshay Kumar-starrer is inspired by true events. Set in the 1980s, Bell Bottom was one of the earliest Bollywood films to go on floors after the Covid-induced lockdown last year. The star cast finished the shoot of the film during the lockdown. Leaked photos from the sets went viral on social media during its shoot in Glasgow, Scotland, in September and fans were gushing about Akshay's dapper retro look. Pooja Entertainment presents in association with Emmay Entertainment 'Bellbottom' Produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani, Deepshikha Deshmukh, Monisha Advani, Madhu Bhojwani and Nikkhil Advani. On the films' front, actor Akshay Kumar has an exciting line-up of movies. He has films like Atrangi Re', 'Raksha Bandhan', 'Bachchan Pandey', 'Sooryavanshi', 'Ram Setu', and 'Prithviraj' and 'Mission Lion' in his kitty.

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MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES)	HIT
COOLIE NO 1	SUCCESS
WONDER WOMAN 1984	SUPER HIT
LAXMII	SUCCESS
DIL BECHARA	SUCCESS

AJAY DEVGN'S 'MAIDAAAN' NOT CURRENTLY IN TALKS FOR PAY-PER-VIEW RELEASE: MAKERS

RELEASING DUSSEHRA

The makers of the Ajay Devgn-starrer sports drama "Maidaan" on Thursday quashed rumours that they were considering putting the film up for pay-per-view digital release. A statement issued on behalf of the film's producers Boney Kapoor, Akash Chawla and Arunava Joy Sengupta denied any such possibility, at least for now.

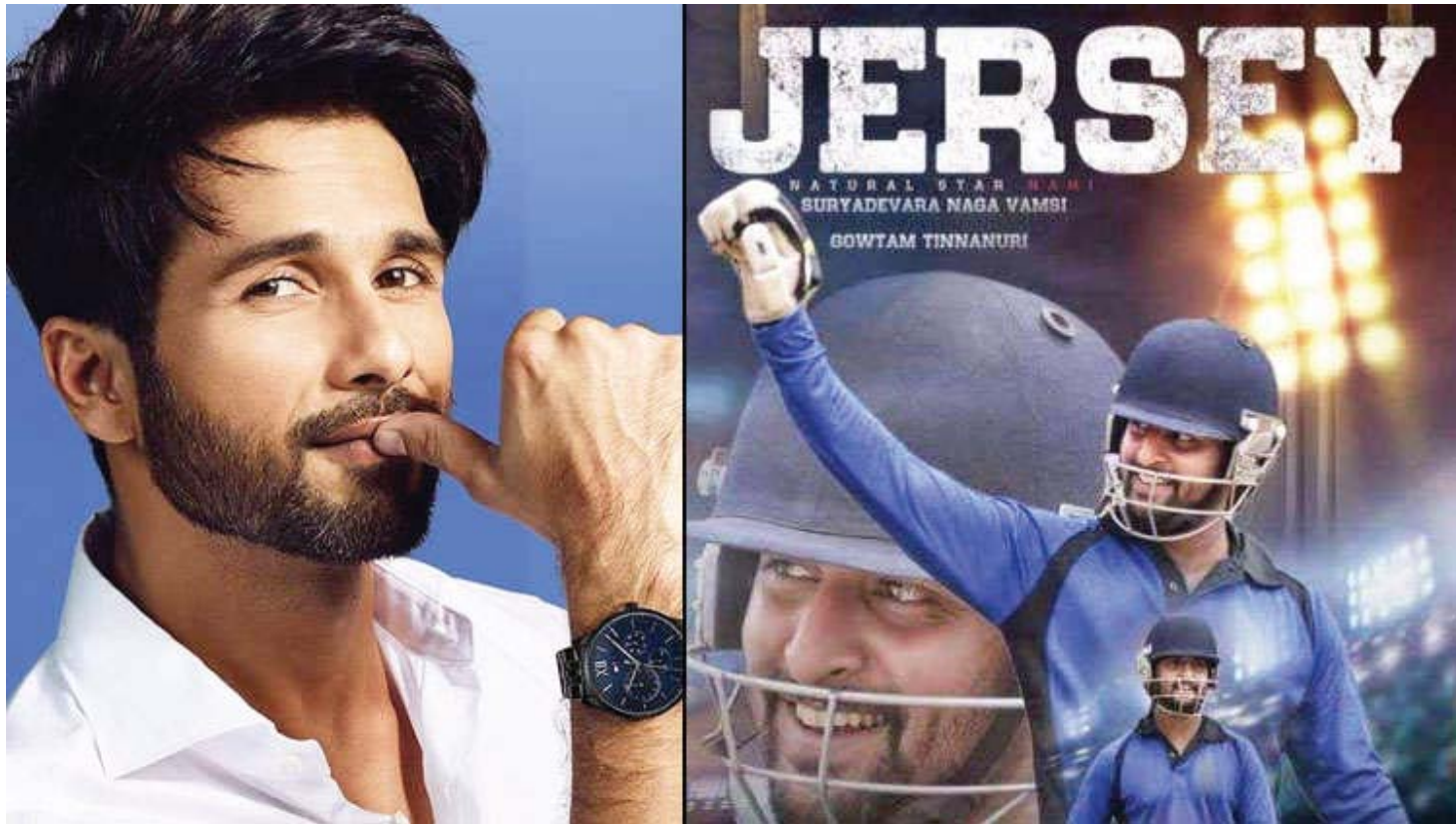
The statement reads: "We would like to share that there is currently no conversation with any streaming platform for pay-per-view release of the film 'Maidaan'. Our focus at present is to complete the film keeping everyone's safety in mind and in full compliance of protocols laid down by the government. We request you to please reach out to us regarding any news about Maidaan." The film is inspired by the true story of Indian football coach Syed Abdul Rahim, who coached and managed the national team from 1950 till his death in 1963, and is considered by many as the man who changed the face of modern Indian football. Directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma, the film is slated for a Dussehra release this year. Also starring Priyamani, Gajraj Rao and Rudranil Ghosh, "Maidaan" is expected to release in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

Shahid Kapoor says he wants to be a part of great stories: 'I feel that's best part of being an actor'

Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor's current focus is completely on telling great stories to the audience. On Monday, Shahid went live on Instagram to celebrate two years of his hit movie, 'Kabir Singh'. From the making of the movie to revealing details about his upcoming projects and his focus on being a part of great stories, Shahid touched up several topics during the virtual session with his fans.

"I just want to tell great stories to people and I feel that's the best part of being an actor. In my career, I have done many movies which did not have any story but I have now understood the importance of storytelling. Kaafi time laga mujhe samjhne ke liye par ab main samjh gaya hun," he said. "So I would now try my best to be a part of those projects which have good story irrespective of whether the role is thin or fat, big or small...my aim is to tell great stories," he added. Apart from this, Shahid also became nostalgic while speaking about 'Kabir Singh'. He praised his wife Mira for supporting him throughout the movie.

SHAHID KAPOOR ON REMAKING NANI'S JERSEY 'I RELATED TO ITS STORY ABOUT LATE SUCCESS'



Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor on Tuesday said that Jersey's story, about a man who finds fame late in life, resonated with him as he has also gone through his share of lows in his career. Shahid steps into the shoes of Nani for the Hindi remake of 2019 Telugu hit Jersey. During an Instagram live, Shahid Kapoor said that before he saw success with Kabir Singh in 2019, he was "unhappy" with the way his career was shaping up. "I watched Jersey before Kabir Singh. The time when I saw it, I was unhappy. I used to think where my career would go, what I will do next. So, I could relate to the story of Jersey, which is about late success. It's about a man who finds glory at a time when people retire," Shahid said. The actor heaped praise on Nani, saying that the Telugu actor was so good in the role that he made him "cry four-five times". Shahid also revealed that many dissuaded him from doing the Jersey re-

make, saying that he should avoid playing his age after featuring as a college boy in Kabir Singh.

"I was like everybody knows my age through IMDb and Google. I am 40 and everybody knows that. So, I will do the film if I like the story. I really want to tell good stories. In my career, I have done many films without stories and hence I realised late the importance of a good story. So, now I want to do films which have good stories. Jersey is a family film and is very close to my heart," the Kabir Singh actor added. Jersey also stars Shahid Kapoor's father Pankaj Kapur and Mrunal Thakur. It's expected to arrive in theatres on Diwali. Shahid is hopeful that theatres will resume operations by then. "We wanted to be as late as we could, given the pandemic. Diwali is a great time to release Jersey. Hopefully, theatres will reopen by then. If they don't, we will update the fans about the release."

AFTER SUHANA KHAN, KHUSHI KAPOOR CHANNELS HER INNER ARIANA GRANDE AFTER 'LISTENING' TO POP STAR FOR A DAY

Janhvi Kapoor's younger sister Khushi Kapoor has been showing her stylish side on Instagram. The star kid made her page public a few months back and since then her posts go viral in no time. Recently, Khushi took to her Instagram page and shared a photo channelling her inner Ariana Grande. She posted a close-up photo in which she styled her hair in a high ponytail just like the pop star.

In the photo, Khushi is seen wearing a pink scrunchie around her hair and opted for pink smokey eyes too. She even had golden-brown lenses on and completed her look with red nails and glossy lips. Khushi donned a backless dress in the photo. She captioned it as "Me after listening to Ariana Grande for a day."

Meanwhile, Khushi is currently completing her schooling in New York and plans to follow the footsteps of her mom Sridevi and sister Janhvi of becoming an actor. A year back, the star kid had addressed the trolls who teased for her not 'looking' like her mother Sridevi.

She wrote on her Instagram page, "People still s**t on me. I'm kind of shy and awkward. Obviously, sometimes, the hate gets to you, especially being so young. I just want people to know I am a real person."



I didn't really know how to handle it, so my self-esteem issues and insecurities stem from that. As a child, it affected the way I saw my parents. I didn't look like my mom and I didn't look like my sister, so sometimes, people would point that out and make fun of me. I wasn't the healthiest about it at some point and it affected the way I would eat and the way I would dress."

GRAHAN WEB SERIES: SGPC DEMANDS BAN, CLAIMS 'IT PORTRAYS SIKH CHARACTER IN OBJECTIONABLE MANNER'



Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Bibi Jagir Kaur has demanded that 'Graham' web series based on the incidents of the 1984 riots be banned immediately as it portrays a Sikh character in an "objectionable manner". She demanded that the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry should ban the series, which is scheduled to be released on Disney+Hotstar platform on June 24. Addressing the press conference here on Monday, Kaur said, "A Sikh character has been portrayed in an objectionable manner in a web series called 'Graham' based on the 1984 Sikh genocide. In the web series, the charge of Sikh genocide is being levelled against a Sikh character which is highly condemnable and fabricated." "A legal notice has been sent by a witness of the genocide Nirpreet Kaur to Ajay G Rai, producer of 'Graham' web series and Sunil Ryan, head and president of Disney+Hotstar. The SGPC also supports this notice," she said.

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JASON MOMOA'S AQUAMAN 2 GETS ITS TITLE, IT'S CALLED AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM



After much wait, the makers of Jason Momoa starrer Aquaman have revealed the title of the much anticipated sequel to Warner Bros' 2018 superhero hit. Aquaman 2 has been titled "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom". The sequel will also mark the return of Amber Heard as Mera and Patrick Wilson back as Orm. Filmmaker James Wan, who directed the Jason Momoa-led first part, shared the news in a post on Instagram on Thursday.

Wan took to the photo-sharing app, Instagram and posted an image from a production meeting in what looks to be a potential logo for the film. The post featured the title of the upcoming film as "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom". "The tide is rising," he captioned the photo.

BRAD PITT, SANDRA BULLOCK, & LADY GAGA STARRER 'BULLET TRAIN' TO RELEASE IN APRIL 2022



Hollywood star Brad Pitt's upcoming movie 'Bullet Train' has finally got a release date. The film, helmed by David Leitch, will release on April 8, 2022. Apart from Pitt, the forthcoming film also stars Joey King, Andrew Koji, Brian Tyree Henry, Michael Shannon, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Hiroyuki Sanada, Benito A Martinez Ocasio and Sandra Bullock, reported Variety. The film's screenplay has been written by Zak Olkewicz. Based on the book 'Maria Beetle' by Kotaro Isaka, the movie follows five assassins who find themselves on a bullet train in Japan and realise that their assignments are related. Kelly McCormick, Leitch and Antoine Fuqua serve as producers on the project. Ryosuke Saegusa, Yuma Terada, Brent O'Connor and Kat Samick are executive producers. It was reported by Variety back in December that the film's set was shut down due to a COVID scare.

BLAKE LIVELY'S FATHER, ACTOR ERNIE LIVELY, PASSES AWAY



Hollywood actress Blake Lively's father and actor Ernie Lively, who worked in films such as "The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants" and "Turner & Hooch", passed away aged 74. A representative for Ernie Lively confirmed his death to variety.com. In the two instalments of "The Sisterhood Of The Traveling Pants", released in 2005 and 2008, Ernie played the father of Bridget, a character essayed by his daughter Blake. Besides Blake, Ernie's other children including Jason, Eric, Robyn and Lori Lively have pursued careers in film and television, too.

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AKSHAY KUMAR STARRER 'RAKSHA BANDHAN' GOES ON FLOORS, ACTOR INTRODUCES HIS ONSCREEN SISTERS



Akshay Kumar's forthcoming film 'Raksha Bandhan' has finally gone on floors. This film marks the actor's second outing with filmmaker Anand L Rai after 'Atrangi Re'. Akshay took to his social media pages and shared a candid click with the director from the sets of 'Raksha Bandhan'. In the photo, Akshay is seen wearing a yellow kurta and grey jeans with a thin moustache. He completed his look with a red tikka on his forehead. Akshay captioned his photo as "Growing up my sister, Alka was my first friend. It was the most effortless friendship. @aanandlrai's #RakshaBandhan is a dedication to her and a celebration of that special bond. Day one of the shoot today, need your love and best

wishes. We also came across a BTS still featuring Akshay with his onscreen sisters played by Sahejmeen Kaur, Deepika Khanna, Sadia Khateeb and Smriti Srikanth. The film was announced during the festival of Raksha Bandhan in 2020. Akshay wrote, "Hardly ever in life does one come across a story that touches your heart so deeply and so instantly...it's the quickest I've signed a film in my career. A story that will make you laugh and it will make you cry. And it will make us realise how blessed are those who have sisters. Dedicating this film, #Rakshabandhan to my dear sister, Alka and to the most special bond in the world...that of a brother and sister."

ON FATHER'S DAY, KAPIL SHARMA SHARES FIRST PHOTO OF SON TRISHAAN TWINNING WITH SISTER ANAYRA

Comedian and actor Kapil Sharma for the first time ever shared a photo of his son, Trishaan Sharma on his social media. On the occasion of Father's Day 2021, Kapil introduced his fans to Trishaan on 'public demand'. In the photo, Kapil can be seen holding Trishaan and daughter Anayra in his lap as he cuts a huge cake. Anayra looked adorable in a black bow hairband while Trishaan looked charming in a black cap. Both the siblings were twinning in white t-shirts. While captioning the post, Kapil wrote in Hindi, "Anayra and Trishaan together for the first time on public demand." He added, "Happy Father's Day #FathersDay #gratitude." Fans and followers of Kapil have been demanding to see baby Trishaan's face since he was born. Kapil and his wife, Ginni Chathrath were blessed with baby boy, Trishaan on February 1 this year. They became parents to their firstborn Anayra in December 2019. It was at the request of singer Neeti Mohan that Kapil revealed the name of Ginni and his baby boy.



JACKIE SHROFF OPENS UP ON BANKRUPTCY, REVEALS TIGER SHROFF BOUGHT BACK HOUSE HE LOST DUE TO FINANCIAL TROUBLES



Jackie Shroff apart from being a terrific actor is also a proud father of his two children - actor Tiger Shroff and entrepreneur Krishna Shroff. During a recent interaction, the 'Parinda' actor opened up about bankruptcy and how Tiger bought back the house he lost due to it. Jackie was praising his son and revealed how he lost his house due to financial troubles. Senior Shroff told Bollywood Bubble, "I knew that we tried something and we lost something. If I had to pay for it, I'd pay. I had worked as much as I could and we repaid everybody so that my family's name gets clear. Business mein up down hota hi hai, yeh zaroori nahi hai ki hum hamesha upar hi rahenge. Kabhi upar niche hota hai, but you need to know how to keep your sanity and ethics." Jackie further spoke about Tiger stating, "I'm just proud of both my children. They are strong enough to get the house back; my wife didn't want it back. She said, 'Let it be, what's gone is gone'. But his thought was nice, his thought was beautiful that he wants to make a house for his mother and his family. I think that runs in the genes. I am lucky to have both these children who have given me happiness always without asking for anything. They are sincere and straightforward and have no malice for anybody. They are decent people."

Sara Ali Khan finally breaks silence on reports of upsetting Saif Ali Khan for choosing 'Kedarnath' as her debut film

Sara Ali Khan in her debut year 2018 had two back to back releases - 'Kedarnath' and 'Simmba'. In her debut flick directed by Abhishek Kapoor, the actor starred opposite Sushant Singh Rajput. Now, during a recent interaction, Sara was asked about the speculations regarding her dad and actor Saif Ali Khan being unhappy with her for choosing 'Kedarnath' as her debut release. She replied saying that her father has encouraged her to make her own decisions. Sara stated to India.com, "My father knows better than to make statements about what I should do best because he himself as my father has encouraged me to make my own decisions. He is also an actor so he understands better than most people that ultimately you cannot be a part of any film that you don't feel convinced about and therefore, it's very important for you to trust your own gut." The 'Love Aaj Kal' actor added, "Long story short, I don't think he ever had a problem with anything that I did as long as my heart and soul were in it."



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ANTOINE GRIEZMANN SAVES FRANCE FROM BIG UPSET AT EURO 2020



BUDAPEST: Antoine Griezmann scored a second-half equalizer to give France a 1-1 draw with Hungary at the European Championship. Hungary, playing in front of a raucous crowd yet again, nearly pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament at the Puskas Arena. After Kylian Mbappe and Karim Benzema wasted chances, Griezmann scored in the 66th minute to dampen the spirit of a crowd which gave Hungary unwavering support throughout the Group F match. It was Griezmann's 38th goal for France, moving him three behind third-place Michel Platini on the national team's scoring list, and he did a little celebratory dance in front of the blue-shirted fans. The 67,215-capacity Puskas Arena in Budapest is the only sta-

dium at Euro 2020 to allow full crowds, and it produced an atmosphere to remember. Hungary's fans went wild when Attila Fiola gave the home team the lead. Latching onto the ball after Roland Sallai won a header down the left flank, Fiola burst into the penalty area and held off defender Raphael Varane before clipping the ball into the bottom corner. Some flares were lit and Hungary goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi had to remove paper thrown from the stands which landed in his penalty area. The Hungarian players lined up in front of their home fans behind one goal after the match and stood with their hands on their hearts as the crowd sang. (AP)

GERMANY CLICKS AT EURO 2020 WITH 4-2 WIN OVER PORTUGAL

MUNICH: Germany finally clicked into gear at the European Championship, with a little help from defending champion Portugal. The Portuguese became the first team to score two own-goals in one game at the continental tournament, giving the Germans a 4-2 victory on Saturday and ending fears of another group-stage exit. "Altogether it was a class performance. Great attitude, great morale. We deserved to win by this amount," said Germany coach Joachim Löw, whose team lost its opening game to France. "I expected that we would do the things that we didn't do so well against France better." Cristiano Ronaldo put Portugal in the lead in the 15th minute against the run of play. It was his first goal against Germany and his third at Euro 2020. It also extended his all-time tournament record to 12 goals. But defenders Rúben Dias and Raphaël Guerreiro gave Germany the lead before halftime by scoring into their own net. Kai Havertz and Robin Gosens then got two more for Germany early in the second half — becoming the first players within the squad to score at a European Championship. "It's magic," said Gosens, who was playing



in his ninth game for Germany. Diogo Jota got one back for Portugal in the 67th after Ronaldo acrobatically saved a free kick from going out. The German supporters sang "Oh wie ist das schön" (Oh how lovely this is) as they watched their team dominate the game from start to finish — something they hadn't seen in years of underachievement.

BCCI TO BID FOR 2025 CT, 2028 WORLD T20 AND 2031 ODI WC DURING NEXT CYCLE



NEW DELHI: Confident that it can easily host big-ticket tournaments every two years, the BCCI on Sunday decided to bid for three global events—including two World Cups in shorter formats—during the next eight-year tournament cycle that starts from 2024. The decision was taken at BCCI's Emergent Apex Council meeting, held virtually. It has been learnt that BCCI will bid for one Champions Trophy, a T20 World Cup and a 50-over World Cup in the cycle of ICC events. "Yes, we would be bidding for the 2025 Champions Trophy along with 2028 T20 World Cup and the 2031 50-over World Cup. The Apex Council has agreed on this, in principle," a senior office bearer told PTI on conditions of anonymity. Recently the ICC had announced that the Champions Trophy, which hasn't been held after 2017 in England, will be revived during the next FTP cycle and accordingly India has decided to bid for it. "The Champions Trophy is a short tournament but is an immensely popular one. It was only fair that after the 2023 World Cup in India, we bid for the 2025 Champions Trophy. India should be in a position to host a global event every two to three years and hence we are bidding for three events," the official said. The ICC has decided that from the next cycle, the 50-over World Cup will be a 14-team event while the T20 World Cup's teams will be increased from 16 to 20.

MITHALI RAJ PITCHES FOR MORE TESTS AFTER DRAW AGAINST ENGLAND

BRISTOL: On a day when India put up a gritty display to steal a draw in the one-off women's Test against England here, skipper Mithali Raj pitched for more Test matches to help her team get used to the rigours of the longest format of the game. Powered by a gritty unbeaten 80 (154 balls) by debutant Sneha Rana and her unfinished 104-run partnership for the ninth wicket with Taniya Bhatia (44 not out, 88 balls), India frustrated the hosts to snatch a draw on Saturday. India, who had looked down and out at one point in time when they were at 199 for seven wickets while following on before tea on Saturday, saw gritty batting from the lower order against an England bowling attack that seemed to be tiring. "It's a good idea to have a five-day Test but (first) we actually have to start (having) Test matches regularly," said Mithali, when asked if the number of days in women's Test matches should be increased from the current four to five.







Saturday, June 26 (Round of 16)

Match	Time
Rd16 #1: Wales vs. 2B	12 pm
RD16 #2: Italy vs. Austria	3 pm

Tuesday, June 29 (Round of 16)

Match	Time
Rd16 #7: 1D vs. 2F	12 pm
RD16 #8: 1E vs. 3A/B/C/D	3 pm

Sunday, June 27 (Round of 16)

Match	Time
Rd16 #3: Netherlands vs. 3D/E/F	12 pm
RD16 #4: 1B vs. 3A/D/E/F	3 pm

Friday, July 2 (Quarterfinals)

Match	Time
Qf1: RD16 #5 vs. RD16 #6	12 pm
QF2: RD16 #4 vs. RD16 #2	3 pm

Monday, June 28 (Round of 16)

Match	Time
Rd16 #5: 2D vs. 2E	12 pm
RD16 #6: 1F vs. 3A/B/C	3 pm

Saturday, July 3 (Quarterfinals)

Match	Time
Qf3: RD16 #3 vs. RD16 #1	12 pm
QF4: RD16 #8 vs. RD16 #7	3 pm



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YOUNIS KHAN STEPS DOWN AS PAKISTAN'S BATTING COACH



Former captain Younis Khan on Tuesday stepped down as Pakistan's batting coach in a surprise decision which the cricket board said was agreed upon "reluctantly but amicably" even though no reasons were specified for it. The Pakistan team is due to start a tour of the UK from June 25 to July 20 for three ODIs and three T20Is. The team will next go to the West Indies from July 21 to August 24 to feature in five T20Is and two Tests. "Pakistan men's national cricket team will travel to the United Kingdom without a batting coach, while the decision to appoint Younis Khan's replacement for the

West Indies tour will be made in due course," a Pakistan Cricket Board statement said two days before the team's departure. The announcement was followed by speculation that Younis himself had decided to quit the position as he was not happy with his role and wanted greater say in selection matters. According to a source, he was not satisfied with the way the national team is being prepared for the future. Younis was appointed last year in November on a two-year contract until the 2022 ICC T20 World Cup.

BEN STOKES' RETURN TO GIVE HUGE BOOST AHEAD OF INDIA SERIES: ALASTAIR COOK

Former England Test and one-day captain Alastair Cook feels the return of all-rounder Ben Stokes from an injury would give the team a huge boost ahead of the five-match Test series against India in August-September this year. Stokes marked his return to cricket after a surgery to his left index finger on Sunday, striking an 18-ball 29 and taking one wicket, as his county side Durham defeated Birmingham Bears by 22 runs in the Vitality Blast T20 tournament here. The 30-year-old Stokes had to pull out of the Indian Premier League (IPL) before its suspension due to the injury. Before the Tests against India, Stokes is set to return for a one-day international series against Pakistan, which begins in Cardiff on July 8.

"It will be a better side with the players (Stokes) coming back against India. They'll (England) clearly be better balanced which, I think, is a massive issue for them and forced some strange selections against New Zealand, like no spinner on a dry wicket," Cook told ESPNcricinfo.

BOUCHER EAGER TO SEE HOW PROTEAS PERFORMS UNDER PRESSURE TO ASSESS PROGRESS

Delighted with South Africa's Test series victory over West Indies, Proteas coach Mark Boucher said he is now eager to see his side perform under more challenging situations to assess their progress. South Africa defeated West Indies by 158 runs in the second Test on the back of spinner Keshav Maharaj's 5/36, which included a hat trick, to clinch the series 2-0 on Monday. It is South Africa's first away Tests series win since March 2017. "It's not a relief. There's been a lot of hard work that's been done behind the scenes," Boucher was quoted as saying by 'ESPNcricinfo'. "We were working on quite a few technical things and upskilling our players. We understood the necessity of us performing for the Proteas badge and the guys pulled through and played as a strong team." Regarded as one of the best wicket-keeper batsmen of all time, Boucher said the team needs to perform under pressure situation. "I am looking forward to the time where we get put under pressure and to see how we respond as a unit. That's where we can judge where we really are." Once a formidable force, South Africa had slipped to the seventh spot in the ICC Test rankings. After series defeats against England and Pakistan, opener Dean Elgar took over the Test captaincy from Quinton de Kock.



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