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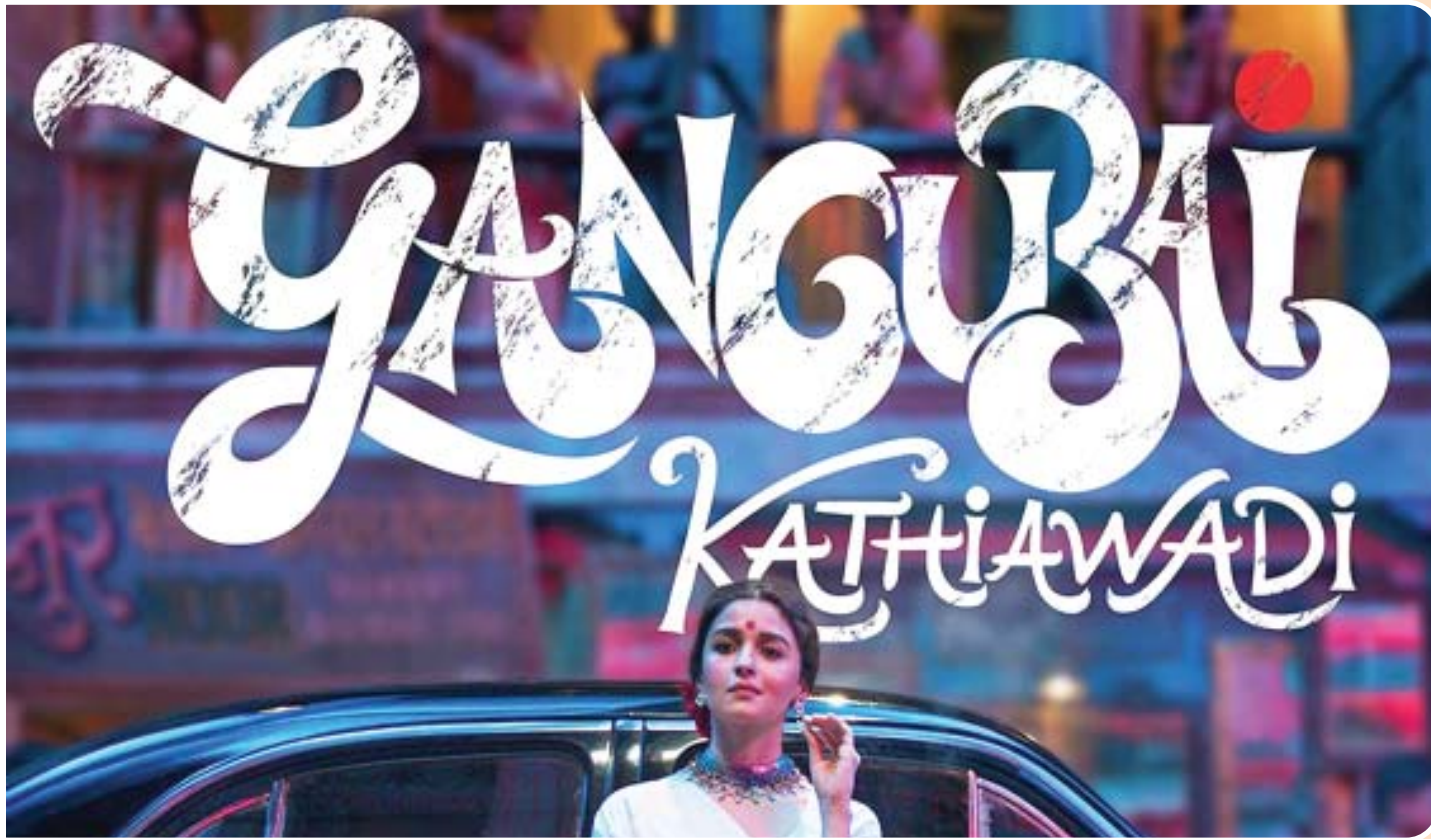


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## CHANGE TITLE OF ALIA BHATT'S GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI, DEMANDS MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS MLA



**GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI FEATURES ALIA BHATT AS GANGUBAI, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MADAMS FROM KAMATHIPURA, MUMBAI'S RED-LIGHT AREA, DURING THE 1960S.**

Maharashtra Congress MLA Amin Patel on Monday demanded that the title of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming movie Gangubai Kathiawadi be changed, claiming it maligns the name of Kathiawad city. The film features Alia Bhatt as Gangubai, one of the most powerful, loved and respected madams from Kamathipura, Mumbai's red-light area, during the 1960s. Speaking in the state Assembly, Patel, who represents the Mumbadevi constituency in south Mumbai, said the Kamathipura area has undergone changes. "It is not the same like it was in 1950s. Women there are excelling in different professions. The film's title also maligns the name of Kathiawad city. The name of the film should be changed," said the MLA, whose party is an ally of the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government.

## AAMIR KHAN, ELLI AVRRAM RAISE THE HEAT IN HAR FUNN MAULA TEASER



Elli AvrRam on Monday released a teaser of her upcoming music video titled "Har Funn Maula," which also stars Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan. Sharing the teaser of the song, Elli wrote, "Ouchhhh???? March is gonna be Hot this year....?? Get ready to have Funn on 10th of March!!!" "Har Funn Maula" will feature in the upcoming Kunal Kapoor film Koi Jaane Na, the makers had earlier announced. The shared sneak-peek sees 'Mr Perfectionist' grooving to what is seemingly a peppy number. Aamir is dressed in semi-formals as he matches steps with the glamorous Elli. The full song will release on March 10. Apparently, this new look of Aamir Khan was suggested by the actor himself. "Aamir is known for adding his element in every project he takes up. When he understood the plot point and purpose of the song, he himself suggested this chill-casual, hipster look which will standout," a source close to the actor said in a statement. "He went into refining the same and had discussions with his friend- director Amin Hajee. Amin Hajee completely trusted the actor and his perfectionist vision for it and gave him a go ahead without a second thought," a source had said.

## PANNU HITS BACK AT SITHARAMAN- KANGANA, SAYS 'NOT SO SASTI' NOW



**MUMBAI, (IANS)** Bollywood actor Taapsee Pannu, whose premises was searched earlier this week by the Income Tax (IT) department among several others, on Saturday took a jibe at Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying 'not so sasti' (not so cheap) anymore. The I-T on Wednesday carried out massive operations against several Bollywood personalities, including Pannu, filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, Vikas Bahl, Madhu Mantena and Phantom Films. The IT department searches were conducted at 28 locations in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi and Hyderabad in connection with tax evasion running into crores. Reacting to the IT department searches at her premises for the first time in three days, Pannu took to Twitter and in a series of tweets said, "Three days of intense search of three things primarily.

### VIRAT KOHLI SHARES ANUSHKA SHARMA, DAUGHTER VAMIKA'S PIC ON WOMEN'S DAY: 'WAY STRONGER THAN US MEN'



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: CRICKETER VIRAT KOHLI SHARED AN ADORABLE CLICK OF HIS WIFE AND ACTOR ANUSHKA SHARMA HOLDING THEIR NEWBORN DAUGHTER VAMIKA WITH AN EMPOWERING MESSAGE.**

### KAREENA KAPOOR HUGS NEWBORN SON IN FIRST PHOTO, DELIVERS EMPOWERING WOMEN'S DAY MESSAGE



**KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN CHOSE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TO SHARE THE FIRST PHOTO OF HER NEWBORN SON ON MONDAY. THE ACTOR AND HER HUSBAND SAIF ALI KHAN WELCOMED THEIR SECOND CHILD ON FEBRUARY 21.**

### SAINA TRAILER: PARINEETI CHOPRA PROMISES TO BREAK THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA IN HER QUEST FOR NO 1 TITLE



**SAINA TRAILER: FROM SANIA NEHWAL'S STANCE AND BODY LANGUAGE ON THE BADMINTON COURT TO HER BOND WITH HER PARENTS, PARINEETI CHOPRA GETS INTO THE SKIN OF THE ACE SHUTTLE TO NEAR PERFECTION.**

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VIRAT KOHLI POSES WITH THE TROPHY, INDIA VS ENGLAND, 4TH TEST, AHMEDABAD, 3RD DAY.

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| Mar 14, Sun   | 2nd T20I, Ahmedabad | 9:30 AM  |
| Mar 16, Tue   | 3rd T20I, Ahmedabad | 9:30 AM  |
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# LISA HAYDON FLAUNTS BABY BUMP IN NEW PHOTO: ‘WITH MY VERY LITTLE WOMAN’



Lisa Haydon, who is set to welcome her third child, a girl, wished Women’s Day to her Insta fam, flaunting her pregnant belly in style. The model-actor had announced her pregnancy last month on Instagram. In her latest post, the expecting mother looks gorgeous dressed in an orange bikini top and pair of denims. Seen cuddling her baby bump in the photo, Haydon captioned the post, “With my very little woman ??.” The supermodel also shared another photo, giving a zoom up image of her big belly. Lisa’s fans and followers complimented her in the post replying to her with heart and fire emojis. Model Isabelle Daza wrote, “Gorgeous????” while Vogue India’s Priyanka Kapadia Badani seemed excited to see her new photos. In February, Lisa Haydon shared a video featuring son Zack while

making the big announcement about her baby girl. In the video, the top model is seen telling her fans that she had been wanting to share something with them for some time but procrastinated out of laziness. And then, her four-year-old son Zack entered the frame. “Oh, Zack is right in time here,” she said before asking him, “‘What is inside mummy’s tummy, Zack?’” “Baby sister!” exclaimed Zack. The Queen actor signed off by saying she and the family are excited about the upcoming addition. Through the caption, Haydon informed that the baby is due in June. Lisa Haydon and Dino Lalvani, who tied the knot in 2016 after a year of dating, are parents to sons Zack and Leo. Lisa was last seen as a judge on MTV Indian’s Next Top Model.

## 'HATED MY BODY, THOUGHT IT BETRAYED ME': VIDYA BALAN OPENS UP ABOUT HER WEIGHT BECOMING 'NATIONAL ISSUE'

Vidya Balan is one of the few actresses in Bollywood who never shoes away from speaking her mind about a variety of topics. During a recent interaction, Vidya revealed how there was a time when she used to 'hate' her body, and her weight had become a 'national issue'. Vidya also opened up about how she overcame these insecurities over time. In an interview with The Times of India, Vidya emphasised that she is no longer bothered by what people say about "the length of your hair, the thickness of your arms, curves, height" because it doesn't matter. Vidya told the publication, "It was important for me to have gone through what I did. It was very public and at that time it was so insurmountable. I come from a non-film family. There was no one to tell me that these phases don't last. My weight issue had become a national issue. I have always been a fat girl; I wouldn't say that I am at a stage where my fluctuating weight doesn't bother me anymore at all. But I have come a long way." She further added, "I have had hormonal issues all my life. For the longest time, I hated my body. I thought it had betrayed me. On the days I was under the pressure of looking my best, I would bloat up and I would be so angry and frustrated." Vidya continued that she accepted her body as she is alive because "its blood and bones".

| MIDWEEK HIT OR FLOP    |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES) | HIT       |
| COOLIE NO 1            | SUCCESS   |
| WONDER WOMAN 1984      | SUPER HIT |
| LAXMII                 | SUCCESS   |
| DIL BECHARA            | SUCCESS   |

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| WAADA HAI                | ARJUN KANUNGO                  |
| HONTHON PE BAS           | MIKA SINGH, SHEFALI JARIWALA   |
| FIRST KISS (FT. IPSITAA) | YO YO HONEY SINGH              |
| SUKOON                   | TAARUK                         |
| AABAAD BARBAAD           | ARIJIT SINGH, PRITAM           |
| LOVE CAN SAVE IT ALL     | ANDRA                          |
| RONA LIKHA THA           | RAMJI GULATI                   |
| MUJHE PEENE DO           | DARSHAN RAVAL                  |
| TAARON KE SHEHAR         | NEHA KAKKAR, SUNNY KAUSHAL     |

| MIDWEEK BOX OFFICE     |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| MASTER (ALL LANGUAGES) | 154 CRORE         |
| COOLIE NO 1            | 30 LAKH (AMAZON)  |
| WONDER WOMAN 1984      | 10.5 CRORE        |
| LAXMII                 | 37 LAKH (HOTSTAR) |
| DIL BECHARA            | 22 LAKH (HOTSTAR) |
| TENET INDIA            | 10 CRORE          |

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## Virat Kohli shares Anushka Sharma, daughter Vamika’s pic on Women’s Day: ‘Way stronger than us men’



Virat Kohli on Monday shared an adorable picture of wife Anushka Sharma and their daughter Vamika on Instagram, to mark the International Women’s Day. While he called Anushka “the most fiercely, compassionate and strong woman” of his life, he added that the little one is “going to grow up to be like her mother.”

Sharing the picture on Instagram, Virat wrote, “Seeing the birth of a child is the most spine chilling, unbelievable and amazing experience a human being can have. After witnessing that, you understand the true strength and divinity of women and why God created life inside them. It’s because they are way stronger than us men. Happy Women’s Day to the most fiercely, compassionate and strong woman of my life and to the one who’s going to grow up to be like her mother ?? . And also a Happy Women’s Day to all the amazing women of the world.”

## KAREENA KAPOOR HUGS NEWBORN SON IN FIRST PHOTO, DELIVERS EMPOWERING WOMEN’S DAY MESSAGE: ‘THERE’S NOTHING WOMEN CAN’T DO’



Kareena Kapoor Khan chose International Women’s Day to share the first photo of her newborn son on Monday. The actor, who gave birth to her second child with husband Saif Ali Khan, also wrote a message with the photo in which she is seen clasping her baby to her chest.

While the child’s face is not completely showing, it still gave her fans much to cheer about. “There’s nothing women can’t do ????? . Happy Women’s Day my loves ?? . #InternationalWomensDay,” the actor wrote. The actor’s sister Karisma Kapoor also shared a thoughtful video post thanking the strong women of her life — her sister Kareena and mother Babita. “Happy women’s day to all you incredible women! Shine on..not just today but everyday,” read the post caption.

Kareena and Saif welcomed their second child, a baby boy on February 21. The couple has a 4-year-old son, Taimur. Kareena delivered the baby at Breach Candy Hospital. Extending thanks to their well-wishers, the couple had released a joint statement at the time, which read, “We are very pleased

Later in the day, Anushka also shared a post also featuring her mother, “Let’s celebrate the strong ones, the silently resilient ones, the ones who break themselves down to become better, more aware nurturers. The ones through whom we have all come to be. The mothers! ?? #HappyWomensDay.” The throwback photo shows Anushka cutting the cake with her mother. The picture post comes after Anushka announced their daughter’s name on Instagram recently. In February, Anushka shared a perfect family picture with a caption that read, “We have lived together with love , presence and gratitude as a way of life but this little one , Vamika has taken it to a whole new level ! Tears , laughter , worry , bliss – emotions that have been experienced in a span of minutes sometimes ! Sleep is elusive ?? but our hearts are SO full. Thanking you all for your wishes , prayers and good energy.”

to announce that we are expecting an addition to our family. Thank you to all our well-wishers for all their love and support.” Kareena and Saif have been tightlipped about the baby and have stayed away from sharing a glimpse or revealing the name till now. However, they are often visited by their friends and family, including Kareena’s parents Babita and Randhir Kapoor, sister Karisma Kapoor and Saif’s family. Kareena returned to Instagram days after giving birth to her second child. The actor shared a picture of herself on the microblogging site with a caption that read, “Oh hello there... Missed you all.”

Saif and Kareena also hosted a birthday party for his son Ibrahim Ali Khan last week as he turned 20. Ibrahim and Sara Ali Khan are Saif’s children with his first wife Amrita Singh. Kareena Kapoor finished the shoot for Laal Singh Chaddha during pregnancy. She was also seen shooting for various brands she represents. Her Instagram handle stayed active as it gave insights into her work and personal life.

## BIGG BOSS 14 WINNER RUBINA DILAIK AND PARAS CHHABRA TO FEATURE IN ASEES KAUR’S NEXT

Actor Rubina Dilaik, who is soaking in the love from her fans after she won Bigg Boss 14, is all set to treat her admirers with a single. The song, produced by Vyrl Originals, will mark her first on-screen project post her stint on the Salman Khan-hosted show. The song will also feature former Bigg Boss contestant Paras Chhabra. The makers of the song released the first look of the track in which Rubina and Paras are seem to be portraying a newly-wed. Going by the look, it seems that the song, which will be sung by Asees Kaur, will be a romantic number.

Sharing the post on her Twitter handle, Asees wrote, “Next song with SHERNI of Bigg Boss, Rubina Dilaik. Can’t wait for all of you to hear it.” Before the song releases, Rubina treated her fans to an advertisement in which she features with husband and her Bigg Boss 14 companion Abhinav Shukla. Earlier in an interview with indianexpress.com, Rubina spoke about her journey in Bigg Boss house. She said, “It’s been a long journey of 143 days, and it was worth every effort, struggle and failure that I faced in the house.” She had credited her win to her fans and added, “I have always said, an artist’s existence and identity are only because of the audience. I have this trophy in my hand because I have these mil-



lion people who have immense faith and love in me. And this win is only because of them.”

### HARRY, MEGHAN ACCUSE UK ROYALS OF RACISM IN OPRAH INTERVIEW



**LOS ANGELES, (IANS)** Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle claimed she felt alone fighting constant media speculation and “falsehoods perpetuated” by “the firm”, her description for the British royal family, ever since her marriage to the Prince Harry in 2018, in an explosive interview with Oprah Winfrey. In the hotly-anticipated interview which aired on CBS on Sunday at 8 p.m., Meghan also accused the Royal family of being cold and racist, especially towards her and their son Archie, which pushed the couple away.

Meghan said the fear for their child, for whom no security was offered by the Royal family, and the growing scrutiny also had a damaging effect on her mental health, and she claimed going through suicidal thoughts while she was pregnant.

"I was ashamed to say it at the time I just didn't want to be alive any more. And that was a very real and clear, and frightening and constant thought," she said in the two-hour pre-recorded interview, adding that the Palace refused to protect her.

"My regret is believing them when they said I would be protected," a teary-eyed Meghan said at the end of the interview she gave along with Harry.

Meghan spoke at length about the issue of Archie's skin colour. "In those months when I was pregnant, we have in tandem the conversation of, 'He won't be given security. He's not going to be given a title', and also concerns and conversations about how dark his skin might be when he's born," she said, revealing that while the couple didn't refuse for the official photo when Archie was born, Markle was scared for his safety.

"There was a lot of fear surrounding it. I was very scared of having to offer up our baby, knowing they weren't going to be kept safe," she said, adding that the information was relayed to her by Harry, who later in the interview, refused to share the details of the conversation, or with whom he had the conversation, since he felt it would be "very damaging to them".

"I went to human resources and asked for help and the person told me this. eMy heart goes out to you because we see how bad it is. But we can't help you because you're not a paid employee of the institution'," recalled Meghan.

Harry later in the interview expressed how helpless and ashamed he felt around at that time, and later realised how he had been "trapped" all along just like the "rest of his family".

Harry revealed that while he loves his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, and his brother, Prince William, despite the "space" between their relationship, he hopes "time will heal" it.

Yet, he is not sure about his relationship with his father, Prince Charles, and feels "let down" by him, since Harry felt that the family had the opportunities to be there for them.

Harry referenced how his father stopped taking calls after the couple informed the Palace of stepping back as active members of the Royal family, before they had made the formal announcement. The media, too, then had accused the couple of blindsiding the Queen, with their decision.

Harry refuted the rumours and claimed that he spoke with the Queen and his father, before making the formal announcement on January 7, 2020.

He also claimed that the family cut him off financially, and took away the security, which is what forced them to make deals with platforms such as Netflix and Spotify, to pay for the security for his family, including their upcoming baby, a girl.

Harry added that the couple survived on the money left to them by his late mother, Princess Diana. Talking about Diana, Harry revealed that while she would have been "angry" at their decision to step back as Royals, she would have understood their decision, since it made them "happy".

## From Madhuri to Raveena to Sanya, Netflix's new titles present a galaxy of stars

**NEW DELHI:** The insatiable appetite for films in India, has spurred Netflix to continue to invest in content for its streaming platform here. It announced release of 41 show, films and documentaries this year.

With its 1.3 billion people, India is a vast and valuable market for Netflix, the US streaming service and its rivals Amazon's Prime Video and Walt Disney Co's Disney+ Hotstar. The reach of digital platforms is immense. While Disney Hotstar has over 30 million paying subscribers, Netflix which had five million is growing as it signed a deal with the country's largest telecom operator Jio. YouTube reaches out to more than 400 million users.

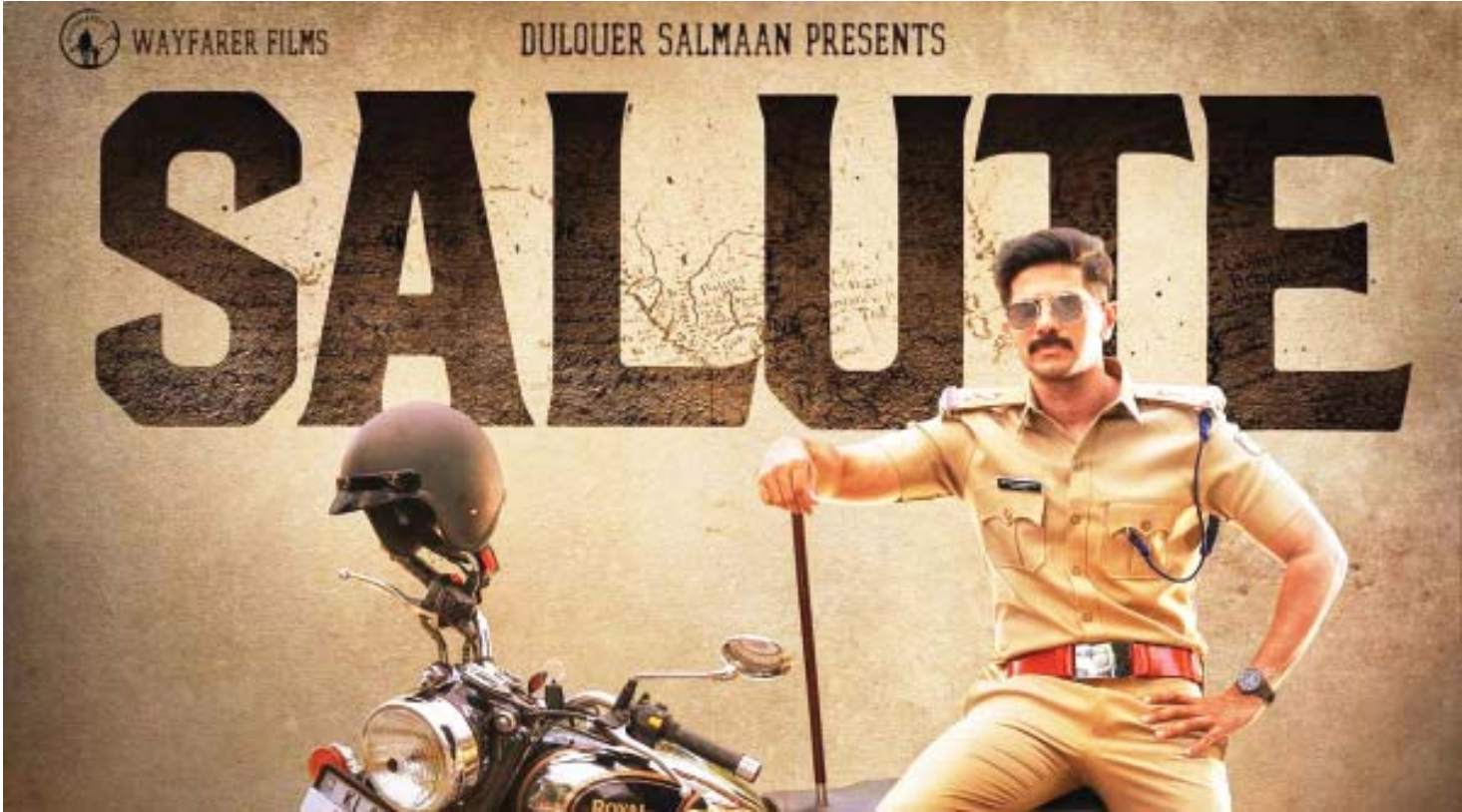
The Netflix line-up includes films with top Bollywood actors, stand-up comedy shows and original series, said the company's blog post with most of them being in Hindi. Among those popular directors and actors who will feature in these titles are Madhuri Dixit, Karan Johar, Manoj Bajpayee, Sonakshi Sinha, TaapseePannu, Arjun Rampal, Kartik Aaryan, Sanya Malhotra, Arjun Kapoor, R. Madhavan, Raveena Tandon, Neena Gupta, Dhanush and others.

Karan Johar has announced his five upcoming projects that will be released on the streaming platform while Anushka Sharma's Mai is also a part of the new projects. Mother and daughter, Neena Gupta and Masaba will be back with the second season of MasabaMasaba.

Other titles scheduled for release include Bombay Begums, stories of five women grappling with desire, ethics and personal crises and a comedy penned by Manu Joseph, Decoupled, on India and marriage. Kota Factory earlier shown on YouTube will stream its second season on Netflix and so will the fourth season of Little Things.



SALUTE FIRST LOOK: DULQUER SALMAAN SAYS IT’S ‘EMBARRASSING’ AS HE REVEALS HIS DASHING COP AVATAR



Actor-producer Dulquer Salmaan on Monday revealed his look from his upcoming film, which has been titled Salute. He is playing a cop in the movie, which is helmed by Rosshan Andrews. “End Game ! (sic),” he wrote on his Facebook page while sharing the first look. “As embarrassing as it is, here’s me presenting myself in our newest film titled “Salute” ! Saluting our wonderful cast and crew !” In addition to acting in Salute, Dulquer is also bankrolling the film. Salute is written by scriptwriter duo Bobby-Sanjay, who are regular collaborators of Rosshan Andrews. And the film also marks Diana

Penty’s debut in the Malayalam film industry. It also stars Manoj K. Jayan in a pivotal role. Dulquer Salmaan on Monday also announced that his new production venture, Puzhu. It is a special project in his career as it marks his first collaboration with his father Mammooty, who is playing the lead role in Puzhu. The just-announced film also stars Parvathy Thiruvothu. Dulquer Salmaan is currently waiting for the release of his ambitious film, Kurup. The movie is inspired by the life of Kerala’s most wanted criminal Sukumara Kurup.

RHEA CHAKRABORTY’S FIRST POST IN 7 MONTHS IS A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ON WOMEN’S DAY: ‘MY STRENGTH, MY FAITH’

Rhea Chakraborty has broken her social media silence on Women’s Day. The actor posted a picture on Instagram to wish her fans and her mother on the International Women’s Day. In the picture, Rhea is holding onto the hand of her mother. She tagged her mother as her “strength, faith and fortitude.” She shared the picture with a caption that read, “Happy Women’s Day to us .. Maa and me .. together forever ... my strength, my faith, my fortitude – my Maa.” This is actor’s first tweet since August. Her last post on Instagram was a video of her father being harassed by some mediapersons. The actor was recently spotted at Mumbai airport. She was seen in a shirt that had “Man Up” written over it. The Jalebi actor has been in the news since Sushant Singh Rajput passed away on June 14, 2020. She was taken into custody on September 8, 2020 by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in a drugs case related to the actor’s death. The actor was granted bail after nearly a month in jail. Rhea’s brother Showik was also one of the accused. He was jailed on September 4 and was granted bail on December 2. As per the recent development, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) filed a chargesheet on Friday against 33 people including actor Rhea Chakraborty, her brother Showik, Agisilaos Demetriades who is the brother of actor Arjun Rampal’s partner, and Kshitij Prasad, executive producer of Dharmatic Entertainment, a sister concern of Karan Johar’s Dharma Productions, in an alleged drug case filed after the death of Sushant Singh Rajput last year.



Tony Kakkar’s Tera Suit: Jasmin Bhasin-Aly Goni party their way through the music video



Jasmin Bhasin and Aly Goni’s first music video together, “Tera Suit” is finally here. Produced by Desi Music Factory, the Tony Kakkar song is fun and visually appealing. However, like most of the recent music videos, it lacks a storyline not does it have memorable lyrics. The music video starts with Jasmin Bhasin playing a police officer on the rounds, while Aly Goni is one of the prisoners in the jail. However, the setting soon changes to a road, swimming pool and even a Holi party. The best friends-turned-lovers are dressed stylishly and amp up the glamour quotient in the video. The two also seem to have had a lot of fun shooting it. While Goni definitely rocks the Hip Hop avatar, Bhasin, in some places looks a tad uncomfortable. Having the Bigg Boss 14 sweethearts will definitely get this music video some eyeballs.

‘6 YEARS OF DUM LAGA KE HAISHA’: BHUMI PEDNEKAR REVISITS FILM AS SHE SHOOT AT SAME LOCATION FOR ‘BADHAI DO’



Bollywood star Bhumi Pednekar was catapulted to stardom by her debut film, 'Dum Laga Ke Haisha' (DLKH), in which she plays the role of an overweight girl who stands up for her rights. Bhumi credits her debut, directed by Sharat Katariya, to be a milestone moment that paved her path to glory. She was recently shooting in Rishikesh for her next 'Badhaai Do' and was extremely overwhelmed as she was shooting in the same house that was used for her debut film. The versatile actress said, "Dum Laga Ke Haisha is truly a milestone moment of my life and I can't imagine how my career would have shaped up without it. I was extremely fortunate to get this film and everyone knows how hard I worked to deliver this role. It was such a coincidence that I shot at the same location again for Badhaai Do.





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# SAINA TRAILER: PARINEETI CHOPRA PROMISES TO BREAK THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA IN HER QUEST FOR NO 1 TITLE



It took several stepping stones for actor Parineeti Chopra to get into playing the titular role in Saina Nehwal’s upcoming biopic, titled Saina. But, seeing the film’s trailer, we are just glad that she came onboard. Parineeti seems to have nailed the look in the trailer. After days of teasing fans with the first look video, the makers of Saina dropped its trailer on Monday. And in the 2.3-minute Saina trailer, we are shown glimpses of everything the sportsperson faced to emerge numero uno. The movie also traces Saina’s bond with her two pillars of strength – her mother and father, without who she wouldn’t have achieved all that she did. The trailer has heartwarming shots of Saina with her parents, that might remind you of your own relationship with them back home. Saina not just rides on the journey of the badminton player, but also touches upon gender relates taboos in our society. Actor Manav Kaul plays her coach (on the lines of Pullela Gopichand), and his connec-

tion with Parineeti onscreen looks inevitable. Saina Nehwal is the first Indian badminton player to win an Olympic medal. She also became the only Indian woman shuttler to become world number one. The long-in-the-making biopic is directed by Amole Gupte, who has previously helmed movies such as Stanley Ka Dabba and Hawa Hawaai. For the biopic, Parineeti has been religiously learning the game. She had shared that she was playing badminton for two hours every day and training for an hour at least to sport an athlete’s physique and attitude. Talking about preparing for the role, Parineeti had earlier said in a statement, “I was dying to do a sports-based film. It is a part of my personality as an actor that I have never explored, and I am so happy that I get to portray a strong and powerful girl like Saina. She has put our country on the world map, and I excited to put in all the training and hard work that comes with learning the game of Badminton and portraying Saina on screen.”

# Rakhi Sawant upset with Rubina Dilaik for not visiting her ailing mother: ‘I called her many times, she didn’t even message’



Bigg Boss 14 might have been long over but the drama between contestants refuses to cease. Rakhi Sawant and winner of the season Rubina Dilaik’s not-so-warm equation is once again making headlines. The former is quite upset with Rubina for not visiting her mother or even calling her, and recently showed her disappointment in front of the media. As readers would know, Rakhi’s mother Jaya Sawant is battling cancer. Rakhi Sawant interacted with the media after attending a friend’s birthday celebration recently. She informed that her mother will soon be admitted to the hospital again for her next chemotherapy session. The actor added that she wouldn’t like to name who all will come visiting her mother, as she feels it doesn’t ‘sound good’. However, she made no bones about mentioning that she is upset that Rubina and Aly Goni not sparing some time to visit her ailing mother. As quoted by Spotboyee, Rakhi told the press, “Rubina ko maine baar baar bulaya but uska koi message nahi aa raha hai (I called her several times but she has not responded, even on a message). I saw in one of the news that Rubina said we will help Rakhi in every way and all. But I want to tell her that I don’t need any help. Rubina mujhe koi help nahi chahiye. Meri maa hosh mein aane ke baad baar baar bas aapka hi naam le rahi hai. (Rubina I don’t need any kind of help. Ever since my mother regained consciousness, she has been asking about Rubina.) She is constantly asking about you and Aly as she is fond of you guys. Please take some time out of your busy schedule and come to see her or connect with her on video call. Mummy ka koi

matlab nahi hai vo sirf aapko ek baar dekhna chahti hai (There is no vested interest, my mother just wants to see you), she loves you.” A lot of celebrities and former Bigg Boss contestants had been by Rakhi Sawant’s side during her mother’s hospitalisation last month. The actor had even thanked her ‘god brother’ Salman Khan for all his help. His brother Sohail Khan later shared a video on Instagram stating that they will always be around, and she shouldn’t worry about her mother. Rubina Dilaik and husband Abhinav Shukla were the few housemates who had a strong bond with Rakhi Sawant initially. The couple supported her, and Rakhi, too, time and again saved them from nomination to show her love. However, things between them soured after Rakhi claimed to be in love with Abhinav. What started as flirting soon turned into harassment when Rakhi, in jest, pulled the strings of Abhinav’s shorts. She even called him names that led to Rubina reacting, and splashing a bucket of water on Rakhi. Post the incident, the couple kept a distance from Rakhi as they did not want to be part of her gimmicks. Discussing about her actions and claims that she crossed the line, Rakhi Sawant earlier told indianexpress.com that she doesn’t regret anything that happened. “I don’t think there’s any line when it comes to love. I just wanted to have some good moments with him. Also, I did not cross any lines. I know my boundaries. I was given the task to be around him, and in a reflex moment, I did pull the strings, but his shorts didn’t fall off. So why make a hue and cry about it,” she said.

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‘Superman’ Henry Cavill dedicates heartwarming post to his mother on Women’s Day: ‘Learned an awful lot about being a good man from her’



Even Superman cannot save the world if he does not have a strong woman to support him in his endeavours. So is the case with the beloved Hollywood star who plays him on screen. Yes, we are talking about Henry Cavill. The actor on Monday evening shared a heartwarming post on the occasion of International Women’s Day. Sharing a photo with his mother, the actor wrote in his Instagram post, “Today is International Women’s Day and I’m dedicating this post to the most magnificent woman I know. My mum. An extraordinary, powerful, tough, intelligent, resilient, kind, thoughtful and caring person. That little boy on her lap learned an awful lot about what it is to be a good man from her. #InternationalWomensDay” On the work front, the Superman star will soon be seen donning the iconic blue suit and red cape for Zack Snyder’s version of Justice League. The Snyder Cut, as it is alternatively being called, is the vision the director had for the DC movie which he later had to walk out of. Snyder had to drop the project due to a family tragedy. The film’s reign was then overtaken by Joss Whedon. The movie failed to impress critics and the general audience, and ended up tanking at the box office. Zack Snyder’s Justice League features an array of stars, including the likes of Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ray Fisher, Jason Momoa among others. Zack Snyder’s Justice League will premiere on March 18 on HBO Max. Henry Cavill, who was last seen in Netflix’s movie Enola Holmes, will also be reprising his role in the streaming giant’s hit show The Witcher Season 2.

ROBERT DOWNEY JR TEASES IRON MAN’S POTENTIAL RETURN TO MCU AGAIN: ‘NEVER SAY NEVER’



Robert Downey Jr.’s Tony Stark or Iron Man sacrificed himself at the end of Avengers: Endgame, but fans still have been demanding the actor’s return to the Marvel Cinematic Universe. It is understandable, but when you are an actor in MCU, you can scarcely do anything else. Modern superhero movies take a long time to film, especially if multiple actors are involved and directors have to work with their individual schedules. Since MCU now has time-travel and soon there is going to be a multiverse, the dead do not necessarily stay dead. Downey Jr was speaking to GQ in a profile for Tom Holland regarding his latest film Cherry. In an answer to a question, he said, “It’s funny, I bumped into Keanu [Reeves] the other day, somewhere in Malibu, I think, and he told me he’d just been filming The Matrix again; he’d stepped back into that world that he once occupied. I asked him what it felt like: ‘Like being in Australia.’ What I am saying is there was a Spider-Man before Tom Holland and there will be a Spider-Man after Tom Holland. That’s facts, Tommo. Sorry.” While Downey Jr may or may not come back in the role of Tony Stark in live-action, he will be reprising the role through his voice at least.

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# MidWeekSports



## INDIA CRUSH ENGLAND IN 4TH TEST, WIN SERIES; ENTER WTC FINAL



RISHABH PANT AND AXAR PATEL POSE WITH THE TROPHY, INDIA VS ENGLAND, 4TH TEST, AHMEDABAD.

**AHMEDABAD, (IANS)** England's ineptness at playing spin ensured that India booked their ticket to the World Test Championship (WTC) final a bit early, sealing the fourth and final Test win by innings and 25 runs on just the third day of the fourth and final Test on Saturday. The result ensured India won the series 3-1, coming back remarkably after losing the first Test. After Rishabh Pant had tilted the scales in favour of the hosts with an awe-some century on Friday, Washington Sundar (96 not out) and Axar Patel (43) rubbed it in further, staying at the crease for one-and-a-half hour that blew away whatever hopes England had of making a comeback on Friday evening. The two batted for 91 minutes on Saturday morning and frustrated England for 20.4 overs to take the game further away as India finished on 365, which was 160 runs ahead of the visiting side. The lead was too much for England, who had to face 67 overs on the third day. And they succumbed under pressure even though the surface didn't play as many tricks as the ones during the previous two Test matches. Between lunch and tea, India picked six wickets - three each by R. Ashwin and Axar Patel as England, starting the post-lunch session at six without loss, went to tea at 91 for six. Their captain and batting mainstay Joe Root, who has failed to get even one fifty after his double century in the first Test, was also dismissed in the

second session for 30 and with his dismissal, England's hopes of making a match dissipated into thin air. To the Indian bowlers' credit, they maintained a tight line, not giving any room as England tried their best to get away but just couldn't find any shot or area to score runs consistently. Patel took a couple more wickets soon after tea to complete his fourth five-wicket haul in three Test matches. This was his third five-wicket haul in the two Tests at his home venue in Motera. His series haul stood at 27 in three Tests while Ashwin's haul was 32 scalps in four Tests. Ashwin took his third fiver in the series on Saturday. "I thought on this pitch - unlike the previous two pitches - you had to vary your pace a bit to get wickets," said Patel after the match. By the time the day meandered to an end and the shadows lengthened it was only the little-known Daniel Lawrence who was giving a tutorial to the other England players on how to play spin. After his 46 in the first innings, he made 50 -- his half-century coming off 93 balls, in the second, trying to give England some consolation of making India bat again. With no support he failed. England: 205 and 135 (Daniel Lawrence 50, Joe Root 30, R. Ashwin 5/47, Axar Patel 5/48); India: 365 (Rishabh Pant 101, Washington Sundar 96 not out, Rohit Sharma 49, Axar Patel 43, Ben Stokes 4/89, James Anderson 3/44) Result: India won by an innings and 25 runs

## BAJRANG PUNIA TAKES GOLD AND NUMBER ONE RANK IN ROME, BRONZE FOR KALIRAMANA



Tokyo-bound Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia pulled off a two-pointer in the last 30 seconds of the gold medal bout to defend his title at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event, a result that pushed him back to world number one rank. Up against Mongolia's Tulga Tumor Ochir, Bajrang was trailing 0-2 till the final moments of the 65kg final but managed to level the scores, 30 seconds from the whistle. Since the last scoring point came from the Indian he was declared the winner on criteria on Sunday night. Bajrang seemed to have improved upon his leg defence in the one-year break, forced by the coronavirus pandemic.

## RAVI SHASTRI HITS OUT AT ICC FOR CHANGING WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS CRITERION



India head coach Ravi Shastri took a dig at the International Cricket Council on Sunday for changing the criterion for qualifying for the World Test Championship final midway during the cycle. India were sitting pretty at the top of the table with 360 points when the Covid-forced suspension in cricket prompted the world body to make the matches not played null and void, making percentage of points contested the basis of qualification instead of the actual points won.

| 2021 SEASON SCHEDULE |           |     |           |          |           |                             |                             |
|----------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MATCH DAY            | MATCH NO. | DAY | DATE      | TIME     | VENUE     | HOME                        | AWAY                        |
| 1                    | 1         | FRI | 9-APR-21  | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | MUMBAI INDIANS              | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 2                    | 2         | SAT | 10-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 3                    | 3         | SUN | 11-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 4                    | 4         | MON | 12-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 5                    | 5         | TUE | 13-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 6                    | 6         | WED | 14-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 7                    | 7         | THU | 15-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 8                    | 8         | FRI | 16-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | PUNJAB KINGS                | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 9                    | 9         | SAT | 17-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | MUMBAI INDIANS              | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 10                   | 10        | SUN | 18-APR-21 | 03:30 PM | CHENNAI   | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 11                   | 11        | SUN | 18-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | DELHI CAPITALS              | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 12                   | 12        | MON | 19-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 13                   | 13        | TUE | 20-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | DELHI CAPITALS              | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 14                   | 14        | WED | 21-APR-21 | 03:30 PM | CHENNAI   | PUNJAB KINGS                | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 15                   | 15        | WED | 21-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 16                   | 16        | THU | 22-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 17                   | 17        | FRI | 23-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | PUNJAB KINGS                | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 18                   | 18        | SAT | 24-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | MUMBAI    | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 19                   | 19        | SUN | 25-APR-21 | 03:30 PM | MUMBAI    | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 20                   | 20        | SUN | 25-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | CHENNAI   | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 21                   | 21        | MON | 26-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | PUNJAB KINGS                | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 22                   | 22        | TUE | 27-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | DELHI CAPITALS              | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 23                   | 23        | WED | 28-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 24                   | 24        | THU | 29-APR-21 | 03:30 PM | DELHI     | MUMBAI INDIANS              | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 25                   | 25        | THU | 29-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | DELHI CAPITALS              | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 26                   | 26        | FRI | 30-APR-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | PUNJAB KINGS                | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 27                   | 27        | SAT | 1-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | MUMBAI INDIANS              | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 28                   | 28        | SUN | 2-MAY-21  | 03:30 PM | DELHI     | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 29                   | 29        | SUN | 2-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | PUNJAB KINGS                | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 30                   | 30        | MON | 3-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 31                   | 31        | TUE | 4-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | MUMBAI INDIANS              |

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| 27 | 32 | WED | 5-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 28 | 33 | THU | 6-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 29 | 34 | FRI | 7-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 30 | 35 | SAT | 8-MAY-21  | 03:30 PM | AHMEDABAD | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 31 | 36 | SAT | 8-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | DELHI     | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 32 | 37 | SUN | 9-MAY-21  | 03:30 PM | BANGALORE | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 33 | 38 | SUN | 9-MAY-21  | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 34 | 39 | MON | 10-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | MUMBAI INDIANS              | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 35 | 40 | TUE | 11-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | DELHI CAPITALS              | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 36 | 41 | WED | 12-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       |
| 37 | 42 | THU | 13-MAY-21 | 03:30 PM | BANGALORE | MUMBAI INDIANS              | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 38 | 43 | THU | 13-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 39 | 44 | FRI | 14-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 40 | 45 | SAT | 15-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 41 | 46 | SUN | 16-MAY-21 | 03:30 PM | KOLKATA   | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE |
| 42 | 47 | SUN | 16-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 43 | 48 | MON | 17-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | DELHI CAPITALS              | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 44 | 49 | TUE | 18-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 45 | 50 | WED | 19-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         | PUNJAB KINGS                |
| 46 | 51 | THU | 20-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | MUMBAI INDIANS              |
| 47 | 52 | FRI | 21-MAY-21 | 03:30 PM | BANGALORE | KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS       | SUNRISERS HYDERABAD         |
| 48 | 53 | FRI | 21-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | DELHI CAPITALS              | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 49 | 54 | SAT | 22-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | BANGALORE | PUNJAB KINGS                | RAJASTHAN ROYALS            |
| 50 | 55 | SUN | 23-MAY-21 | 03:30 PM | KOLKATA   | MUMBAI INDIANS              | DELHI CAPITALS              |
| 51 | 56 | SUN | 23-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | KOLKATA   | ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS         |
| 52 | 57 | TUE | 25-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD |                             | QUALIFIER 1                 |
| 53 | 58 | WED | 26-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD |                             | ELIMINATOR                  |
| 54 | 59 | FRI | 28-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD |                             | QUALIFIER 2                 |
| 55 | 60 | SUN | 30-MAY-21 | 07:30 PM | AHMEDABAD |                             | FINAL                       |





RISHABH PANT AND AXAR PATEL POSE WITH THE TROPHY, INDIA VS ENGLAND, 4TH TEST, AHMEDABAD.

## India finish atop World Test Championship table, enter final

**AHMEDABAD, (IANS)** India are through to the final of the International Cricket Council (ICC) World Test Championship (WTC) after completing a 3-1 series victory over England here on Saturday, and finishing atop the points table. India will play New Zealand in June to decide the first champion side of the longest format. It is gathered that the International Cricket Council would announced the venue for the final next week. India finished as the number one team with 72.2 percentage points on the WTC points table, the factor that determined the final placings rather than total points won, following a change to the points system owing to the Covid-19 disruption. New Zealand were the first team to ensure a place in the final with 70 percentage points. With India's innings and 25-run win over England in the fourth and final Test in Ahmedabad, Virat Kohli's team displaced New Zealand from the perch. Australia finished third with 69.2 percentage points while England ended with 61.4 percentage points and in fourth position. As of Saturday, Pakistan were at the fifth spot with 43.3 percentage points and the West Indies at the sixth position with 33.3. South Africa were seventh with 30.0, and Sri Lanka eighth with 16.7 points. Bangladesh were the only one of the nine teams that failed to open their account despite playing -- and losing -- all five matches since 2019, from when matches for the WTC were considered. The time span was 2019-2021.

### WHY SOURAV SAID NO TO POLITICAL INNINGS

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Ganguly suffered a mild heart attack in December last year and blockages were found in four of his arteries, necessitating implant of stents. He was in and out of hospital for a while. "Though he has recovered, he is in no condition to go for extensive campaigning," sources close to Ganguly said. "His family is totally against him taking the risk." Ganguly has been courted by the BJP top brass for a while now to be their 'Bengal face'. Speculation mounted over his meeting with Governor Jagdeep Dhankar and his several meetings with Home Minister Amit Shah, whose son Jay Shah is BCCI secretary. Ganguly became the BCCI president owing to strong support from boards of BJP-run states and shares a pleasant working relationship with Jay Shah. Sources say the BJP top brass has been courting Ganguly ever since the last parliament elections when the party set its sights on West Bengal. Backing him for BCCI's top job was part of the plan to woo Ganguly, whose leadership skills as India's cricket captain, especially his no-holds barred aggression, have impressed many in the saffron party. The BJP top brass need 'a real Bengali hero' to turn the tables on Mamata Banerjee -- and Ganguly, some in the party thought, was their answer. But Ganguly's health, and possibly his doubt about the timing to join politics, seem to have foreclosed the possibility of a dramatic 'Dada versus Didi' battle in politically charged West Bengal.

### Sri Lanka beat West Indies in 2nd T20

**ST JOHN'S (ANTIGUA), (IANS)** West Indies lost to Sri Lanka by 43 runs in the second CG Insurance T20 International on Friday night, to set up a series-decider. The visitors batted first and made 160/6 wickets off their 20 overs. The home side lost wickets steadily and were bowled out for 117 off 18.4 overs at Coolidge Cricket Ground. West Indies won the opening match on Wednesday night by four wickets -- a memorable contest that included six sixes in an over from West Indies captain Kieron Pollard and a hat-trick by Sri Lankan spinner Akila Dananjaya. The stage is now set for the third and final CG Insurance T20I on Sunday night and the winners will take the series. For West Indies, tailender Obed McCoy top scored with 23 from just seven balls. He hit two straight sixes and two fours. Opener Lendl Simmons made 21 off 19 balls, with two fours and a six and added 36 for the second wicket with Chris Gayle who hit a run-a-ball 16 with two fours and a six. Left-arm spinner Lakshan Sandakan (3-10) and leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga (3-17) were the leading bowlers, backed up by fast bowler Dushmantha Chameera took 2-26. Hasaranga was named CG Insurance Man-of-the-Match for his good bowling and his unbeaten 19 in Sri Lanka's innings, which was given the ideal start by Danushka Gunathilaka top-scored with 56 off 42 balls. He shared an opening stand of 95 with Pathum Nissanka who made 37 from 23 balls. Dwayne Bravo was the stand-out bowler with 2-25 from his four overs - a mixture of change of pace and accurate yorkers. He broke the opening stand, with a sharp piece of fielding and a direct hit which accounted for Nissanka. Three balls later he had Gunathilaka caught at extra-cover from a well disguised slower ball.

### 'WTC Final qualification is result of work put in by Team India in last 10 years,' says R Ashwin

India's star off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin hailed the team's work put in the last ten years in the longest format of the game and said that the side was reaping the rewards for the same by qualifying for the World Test Championship Final (WTC) final to be held in June this year. Answering a DNA query in the post-match press conference on what does this qualification mean, the 'Man of the Series', Ashwin said, "I think it (WTC final qualification) is a result of the kind of work we've put over the last 10 years' span of time. The World Test Championship was announced and obviously, we have really fought hard. We've played 6-7 series and we've literally got most of the points, we've lost about three Tests in the entire cycle. Surprisingly enough, we had to still go into this series and garner points to get to the final and that's how it was positioned because of a lot of last-minute changes due to COVID-19."



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