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# Rhea set to return to silver screen



A poster of the upcoming movie, *Chehre*

Moupiya Maity

We are going to see Rhea Chakrabarty, the main accused in Sushant Singh Rajput's death case, in the same picture with Amitabh Bachchan and Emraan Hashmi in *Chehre*. Rhea will be seen playing an important role in this movie which will release on August 27. The film was supposed to be released on April 9.

But the second wave of Covid-19 did not make it possible. The trailer was released earlier. The trailer was wrapped in suspense. But Rhea's presence is only a few seconds. Director Rumi Jaffery and producer Anand Pandit explained why Rhea's presence is minimal. Pandit said, "I have full support for Rhea. I am by her side. Rhea is a very important part of *Chehre*. I

am glad that Rhea was not left out for the promotion of the film." On the other hand, Jaffery said that Rhea should have been included in the last part of the promotion from the very beginning. "We can't prolong the screen presence of Rhea to prove anything," she added. It's good to know that even though she got a place in the trailer for few sec-

onds, she was not seen in the teaser and film poster. Pandit had earlier said in this context that they have decided not to comment on Rhea at the moment. "We will answer questions related to her at the right time. At the moment I can't say anything more. After all the criticism, Rhea Chakrabarty is finally coming back. A new chapter of life is about to begin".

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চুইটারে পোস্ট করা সেই চানুর ছবি, তাইজানের সঙ্গে

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অলিম্পিকে রূপোজয়ী হয়ে এক সাক্ষাৎ এ তিনি জানান, তিনি সানমান ধানের স্বাক্ষর পত্রের পরেই অলিম্পিকের সঙ্গে সাক্ষাৎ এর আবেগ ভরা খবরও এক বর পূরণ হল। মনিপুরের উত্তরীয় পরিচয় তাইজানকে সাক্ষর জানাচ্ছেন চানু। চানুর স্বপ্নপূরণের সেই মুহূর্তের ছবি পোস্ট করে তাইজান জানান, "তোমার

অন্য কীংক বুলি হলেই রূপোজয়ী কীর্তিবাহু চানু। নোহা করে বেশ খানো লাগল। অবিভক্তের জন্য গভেজা রইল।"

ছবিটিকে নোহা পেয়ে তাইজান তার স্বাক্ষর আনন্দ করে আছেন। মুক্তনের মুখেই ছুঁশির হালি।

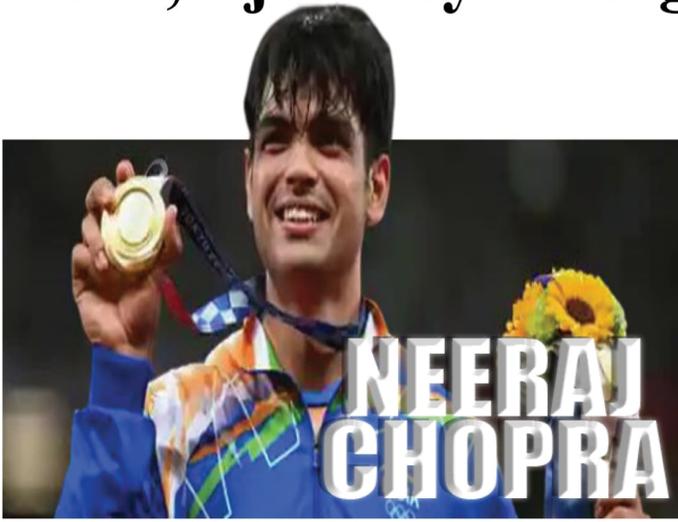
সানমানের পোস্টটি তিপোনী করে জানু জানান। "অসংখ্য ধনবান সানমান সহঃ। অদি আপনার বড় স্বাক্ষর। এটি আমার জীবনের অতো একটি বর পূরণ করে দিল।"



Happy for u silver medalist @mirabai\_chanu .. lovely meeting with u ... best wishes always!

Thank you so much @BeingSalmanKhan sir. I am a big fan of you and it was like a dream come true for me.

# 2021, a journey unforgettable: Neeraj Chopra



Kaustav Deb

On 5 March 2021, Neeraj Chopra broke his own national record with a throw of 88.07 m, which ranked him third-best internationally which marked the beginning of an exciting year ahead for the 23 years old athlete.

Owing to the pandemic, Chopra's visa application to travel to Sweden for training was rejected. After weeks of attempting to secure a visa, which Chopra described as frustrating, he was cleared to travel to Europe with his coach following the intervention of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Ministry of External Affairs. He flew to Paris on 5 June 2021 for a mandatory quarantine period before travelling to Portugal for the Meeting Cidade de Lisboa. He opened his international season of 2021 there with a throw of 83.18 meters, which earned him a gold medal. Chopra remained

in Lisbon until 19 June before travelling to Uppsala, Sweden with his coach for further training. He went on to compete in the Karlstad Meet in Sweden on 22 June, where he achieved a gold with a sub-par throw of 80.96 m. Before winning a bronze in the Kuortane Games in Finland despite achieving a throw of 86.79 m. He attributed his reduced performance in Finland to a tendency to throw higher than he wanted, along with having to use a different javelin as his own was unavailable. Following the Kuortane Games, Chopra travelled to Lucerne to compete in the Spitzen Leichtathletik Luzern, but decided to withdraw due to fatigue. He attempted to secure a visa for the United Kingdom to enter the Diamond League at Gateshead on 13 July, but faced difficulties due to the pandemic and instead continued training and honing his technique in Uppsala.

For the preparation for Tokyo Olympic, Neeraj Chopra was training under his German coach Uwe Hohn, biomechanics expert Doctor Klaus Bartonietz and physiotherapist Ishaan Marwaha. During 2018-2019 Hohn improved Neeraj's throwing technique, which earlier was "wild" according to Hohn.

On 4 August 2021, Neeraj made his debut at the Olympics, representing India at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Japan National Stadium. He was placed in Group A. Despite the effects of jet lag since flying to Tokyo from Sweden on 26 July and a disrupted sleep schedule due to regular dope-control testing, Chopra topped his group and qualified for the final with a throw of 86.65 meters.

As a result, Chopra won the gold medal in the final on 7 August with a throw of 87.58 m in his second attempt, becoming the first Indian Olympian to win

a gold medal in athletics, and the first post-independence Indian Olympic medalist in athletics.

Chopra's medal gave the Indian Olympics contingent a final total of seven medals, surpassing India's previous best performance of six medals earned at the 2012 London Olympics. As a result of his performance in Tokyo, Chopra became the second-ranked athlete internationally in the men's javelin throw, per the World Athletics rankings for the discipline.

Chopra also became the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal after Abhinav Bindra, who won the gold medal in men's 10 m air rifle in the 2008 Summer Olympics. He dedicated his win to sprinters Milka Singh and P. T. Usha, both former Olympians from India. According to some historians Neeraj Chopra is the first Olympic medalist in track and field for India.

## Time to support the Paralympians

Tokyo Paralympics 2020: Largest team will participate from India's side

Papai Nandi

After the end of the Olympic Games, the Paralympics Games are going to be held in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. A 54-member Indian contingent for the Tokyo Paralympic Games was given a virtual send-off last week by Union Minister for youth affairs and sports Anurag Thakur. There are 21 venues set for the Paralympic Games, which will host 539 events across 22 disciplines.

Para athletes from India, like Devendra Jhajharia, Mariyappan Thangavelu and Manish Narwal will be contenders for medals in this event of the Games. Like in the Tokyo Olympics, India's largest contingent will participate in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. This time 54 para-athletes from India will present their challenge in nine disciplines. At the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, India sent 19 athletes for five events. India won two gold, a silver, and one bronze at the 2016 Rio Paralympics. Devendra Jhajharia of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the javelin throw and Mariyappan Thangavelu in the men's high jump. The athletes were addressed and sent best wishes by Thakur via a video message. "India is sending its largest-ever contingent to the Paralympic Games in Tokyo, 54 para-sportspersons across nine



sports disciplines.

The passion of our para-athletes shows their phenomenal human spirit. Remember that when you play for India you will have a 130 crore Indians cheering for you! I am extremely confident that our para-athletes will give their optimum best! Prime Minister Narendra Modi had met our Rio 2016 Paralympic Games ath-

letes and has always had a keen interest for the welfare of our athletes and focused the government's approach on nurturing talent along with development of sports Infrastructure across the country. Here's wishing them the very best," said Thakur.

Minister for tourism, G.K. Reddy said, "Blessings of the whole nation are with the athletes and the National Flag

should fly high again in Tokyo. It is dream of every player to do good at international level and make the country proud and we firmly believes that Paralympic athletes will fulfil this dream." The Union minister also added that the government has always supported sportspersons and India is once again hoping for a gold medal from both these athletes.

## India defeat England at Lord's, all credit to the bowlers

Arghyadeep Roy, with media inputs

The fifth day of the 2nd LV Insurance Test was one of the most intense of 207-year history of Lord's cricket ground. Over 25,800 spectators were present on the day last week. Team India celebrates after the win

Having set England a challenging target of 272 runs on the board with Mohammad Shami (56 not out) and Jasprit Bumrah (34 not out) adding the huge unbeaten partnership of 89 runs for the ninth wicket, India bowled out the hosts for 120 runs to seal a great victory and take a 1-0 lead on five match test series.

Bumrah was great, Shami and Siraj bowled exceptionally well for India. England skipper Joe Root was out after tea for a top score of 33 runs. Siraj tore through the lower middle order to claim four for 32 runs, while Ishant Sharma took two vital wickets.

K.L. Rahul was named the player of the match for his first innings century with 129 runs. This is the third test victory for India at Lord's. For England, both home openers were out for a duck in

the same innings and Haseeb Hameed was dropped in the slips on four and played till he was LBW to Ishant Sharma. The new batsman Jonny Bairstow was out on just two runs (also LBW to Ishant). Root fell for just 33 and England, who were 67 for 4 at tea, became 67 for 5 when Bumrah angled the ball and Kohli made no mistake this time at first slip.

Virat Kohli's catch sent back Joe Root at Lord's. Jos Buttler was dropped on 20 runs by Kohli off Bumrah. But at the other end, Siraj struck twice, the vital wickets in successive balls to beat Moeen Ali and Sam Curran on duck.

The new batsman, Ollie Robinson, had been taking a break from all forms of cricket due to mental health issues and all-rounder Chris Woakes nursed a heel injury. He played 35 balls, and was LBW in a review to Bumrah, who finished with magnificent figures of 3 for 33 in 15 overs.

Robinson's exit started the collapse that saw England lose their last three wickets in quick succession, with Buttler caught behind

before Anderson fell. Robinson struck on the

pitch, and Indian bowlers doing many variations on the ball.

The last batsman, Anderson, lost his off-stump and the Indian celebrations started at Lord's after this great victory ever.



Jasprit Bumrah

## Robert strikes as Bayern Munich draw at Bundesliga season opener



Robert Lewandowski

Anowar Hussain

Robert Lewandowski equalised as defending champions Bayern Munich were held to a 1-1 draw at Borussia Moenchengladbach in a hard-fought opening game of the new Bundesliga season on Friday at Brentford community stadium.

Gladbach deservedly took the lead when French striker

er Lassane Plea fired past Bayern goal keeper Manuel Neuer with just 10 minutes gone. Lewandowski levelled just before the break from a corner, but both sides wasted second-half chances to grab the winner.

Only super saves from home goal-keeper Yan Sommer repeatedly denied Lewandowski and the Bayern attack. At the other end,

Gladbach substitute forward Marcus Thuram failed to connect and later saw his appeals for his clear penalty waved away by the referee.

"It wasn't a perfect football from us," Lewandowski later said. "We made a lot of mistakes but the first game is over, now we can look ahead." There were fireworks from us in the first half of the game," Gladbach captain

Lars Stindl said. He also hailed Sommer's world-class performance.

Bayern's new head coach Julian Nagelsmann is still waiting for his first victory after three defeats and a draw in pre-season friendlies. The 34-year-old is still under pressure to deliver a 10th straight Bundesliga title for Bayern in his first season.

## PSG in talks to bring in the best 2



Messi and Ramos

Soumik Dey

Paris Saint-Germain probably did the best business in the current transfer season, signing up the top five football stars, out of which four of them were free agents. Just days after securing the historic signing

of Lionel Messi, Paris Saint-Germain is already eyeing its next big target.

According to the Spanish sports newspaper Diario AS, officials at the French megaclub are now looking to bring Messi's great adversary, Cristiano Ronaldo, to

Paris next year.

AS' Tomás Roncero reported that PSG wants Ronaldo to replace the forward Kylian Mbappe, who is expected to join Real Madrid next summer when his contract at Le Parc des Princes comes to an end. With the con-

tract running out, Ronaldo will also be free to leave Juventus next summer. Messi, Ronaldo, and Neymar in Paris has long been the dream of PSG chairman Nasser Al-Khelaifi - one that is now closer than ever to coming true after the signing of Messi.