

# Herald Cafe



## Teen sensation stuns cricket world with incredible debut

Vaibhav Suryavanshi is yet another prodigy who has caught the attention of everyone thanks to his brilliant performance in the IPL in his debut

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Another edition of the IPL is on and there is another young star who has caught the imagination of the public. Fourteen year old Vaibhav Suryavanshi was picked up by Rajasthan Royals at 13 years for Rs 1.1 crore. Over the weekend the country saw the reason for that decision. In his very first match

over the weekend against Lucknow Super Giants he smashed a fearless 34 off a mere 20 balls. The southpaw from Bihar's Samastipur made his intentions clear in his debut on Saturday in Jaipur, hitting the first ball he faced in the tournament for a big six. He later hit more sixes at will leaving the audience in awe. He had walked in with his team in a spot of bother but it did not disturb him one bit.

### THE JOURNEY

At just 12 years and 284 days, he made his first-class debut for Bihar in the Ranji Trophy, becoming one of the youngest players in the tournament's history. He continued to impress by becoming the youngest Indian to debut in List A cricket at 13 during the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Internationally, Suryavanshi showcased his talent with a blistering 58-ball century against Australia in an Under-19 Test match, marking the fastest century by an Indian in that format.



### HIS LIFE

Suryavanshi was born on March 27, 2011 in Tajpur, in the Samastipur district of Bihar, India. He started playing cricket at nine years old, and was initially coached by his father. Suryavanshi played as a 12-year-old the Vinoo Mankad Trophy for Bihar's under-19 side. He made his first-class debut for Bihar against Mumbai at the reported age of 12 years and 284 days in January 2024. In doing so, he became the second youngest cricketer to play in the Ranji Trophy for Bihar, and the fourth youngest

overall. He became the youngest player in the modern era, beating the record of Yuvraj Singh (15 years and 57 days), with Alimuddin holding the overall record for the youngest Indian first-class debutant at just 12 years and 73 days old in



the 1942-43 season for Rajputana. In November 2024, he became the youngest player to debut in T20 cricket at the age of 13 years and 241 days, during his debut for Bihar against Rajasthan. In December 2024, he became the youngest Indian player to play List A cricket, appearing for Bihar in the 2024-25 Vijay Hazare Trophy against Madhya Pradesh at the age of 13 years and 269 days.

### WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY?

He is 14 but has the mind of a 30-year-old. Vaibhav Suryavanshi looked confident against bowlers who have been bowling for years.



— Sanjay Manjrekar, former India batsman

He will rule cricket in the future.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi will show what he is capable of.



— Suresh Raina, former India batsman

### OTHER YOUNG PLAYERS WHO CAUGHT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION:

#### SACHIN TENDULKAR

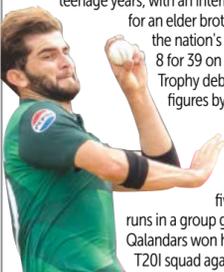
He came into the national consciousness at a very young age while still playing for his school. Sachin Tendulkar was the most complete batter of his time, the most prolific run-maker of all time, and arguably the biggest cricket icon the game has ever known. He was only 16 when he made his Test debut, and was



hit in the face by Waqar Younis in that game, but continued to bat. His first Test hundred, a match-saving one at Old Trafford, came when he was 17, and he had 16 Test hundreds before he turned 25. In 2000 he became the first batter to have scored 50 international hundreds, in 2008 he passed Brian Lara as the leading Test run-scorer, and in the years after, he went past 13,000 Test runs, 30,000 international runs, and 50 Test hundreds.

#### SHAHEEN AFRIDI

A baby face perched on a two-metre body, Shaheen Afridi's story is trademark Pakistani. An 18-year old already comfortable in the green shirt of the national side, he's been on the radar of the national selectors for almost three years. In a more intimate circle, he was destined for great achievements well before his teenage years, with an international cricketer for an elder brother. He burst into the nation's consciousness with 8 for 39 on Quaid-e-Azam Trophy debut, the best-ever figures by a debutant in the competition. Later, he was picked for the PSL, where figures of five wickets for four runs in a group game for Lahore Qalandars won him a place in the T20I squad against the West Indies.



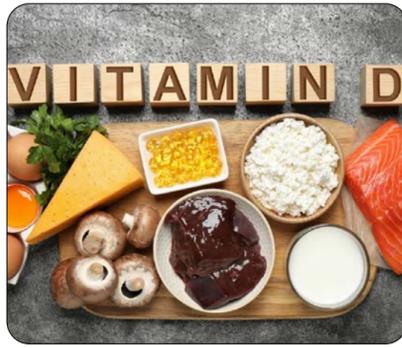
#### L SIVARAMAKRISHNAN

A superb spell of 7 for 28 on his Ranji Trophy debut against Delhi in 1981-82 brought the slim, wiry leg spinner into national prominence. Not yet 17, he was a member of the Indian team that went to Pakistan in 1982-83. At 17 years, 118 days he became the youngest Indian Test player against West Indies in Antigua later that season. He was not yet 19 when he won a Test match for India with 12 for 181 runs against England at Bombay in 1984-85 - by the end of the series he had 23 wickets and was adjudged man of the series. The icing on the cake came when he was in the Indian one-day squad that won the World Championship of Cricket in Australia in 1985 - he played a leading part in that triumph.



#### HARBHAJAN SINGH

A player of passion with the talent to match, Harbhajan Singh kept the flag flying for finger spin in an era of prolific wrist spinners, flat pitches and big bats. Bowling with a windmilling, whirlpash action, he varied his length and pace, and turned it the other way too. His deadliest ball was the one that climbed wickedly from a length, forcing a hurried jab. In March 2001, it proved too much for the all-conquering Australians, and Harbhajan collected 32 wickets in three Tests - including the first Test hat-trick by an Indian - while none of his teammates managed more than three.



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### SWIPE RIGHT

Kristen Stewart and Dylan Meyer get married



Kristen Stewart has officially exchanged vows with fiancé Dylan Meyer. The 'Twilight' star and the screenwriter obtained their marriage license in Los Angeles County and tied the knot in an intimate ceremony at Kristen's Los Angeles home. Ashley Benson and her hubby, Brandon Davis, were also reportedly in attendance. For the unversed, the actress revealed the exciting news about her engagement in 2021 on Howard Stern's show and that it was Meyer who got down on one knee. The 'Spencer' star said, "I wanted to be proposed to, so I think I very distinctly carved out what I wanted. And, you know, she nailed it. It was really cute. She did very well."

Billy Ray Cyrus and Elizabeth Hurley spark romance rumors

Elizabeth Hurley is teasing a potential new relationship - with none other than Billy Ray Cyrus. In an Instagram post, the actress, 59, and the country singer, 63, posed for a photo together as they celebrated Easter during a visit to a farm. Billy Ray can be seen kissing Hurley on the side of her face as they both leaned against a picket fence. "Happy Easter," Hurley captioned the photo. The pair dressed in a casual, farm-ready style for the outing. Hurley wore a blue-and-white plaid flannel shirt, jeans and a straw hat. Billy Ray sported a denim shirt and black-and-red striped pants, along with a pair of green bunny ears in a playful nod to the holiday.



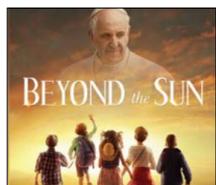
Aishwarya Rai Bachchan dropped this heartwarming snap on Instagram with Abhishek and Aaradhya after their 18th wedding anniversary.

## POPE FROM REAL TO REEL: FILMS INSPIRED BY POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis, who passed away at 88, left a lasting impact on the Catholic Church. He was the first Jesuit priest to become a Pope as well to star in a film. He has been an inspiration of many films and even have documentaries that were based on his life and his teachings.

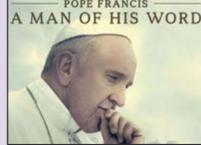
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### Beyond the Sun



Pope Francis became the first pope to star in a film. He played himself in 'Beyond the Sun', a film based on the gospels. In his six-minute scene, Francis was seen narrating Jesus' teachings with a group of children. Graciela Rodriguez Gilio, director of 'Beyond the Sun', makes Pope Francis take the viewers on a journey to find God. It is a modern day tale of hope, faith and courage based on stories from the Bible.

### POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD



Vatican sent Wim Wenders a letter in 2014, asking him to lead a project about Pope Francis.

### Pope Francis: A Man of His Word

Directed by Wim Wenders, 'Pope Francis: A Man of His Word' is a 2018 documentary film that focuses on the life and goals of Pope Francis. It provides an intimate look at Pope Francis's teachings and philosophies and addressing various global issues, aiming to connect directly with viewers. The project originated when the

### The Two Popes

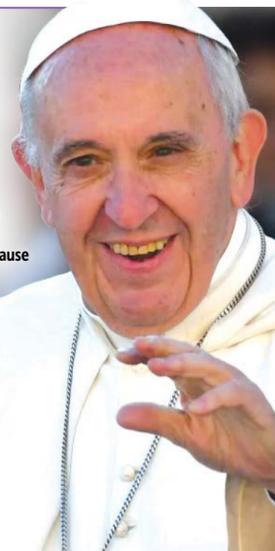
Starring Jonathan Pryce as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis) and Anthony Hopkins as Pope Benedict XV, this dramatised film explores the relationship between the two, their ideological differences and mutual respect. The film received high praise from



Please pray for me: for, not against! When you manage to bring intelligent smiles to the lips of even a single spectator, you also make God smile."

### Pope with comedians

In June 2024, Pope Francis welcomed more than 100 comedians from 15 nations including US celebrities Whoopi Goldberg, Jimmy Fallon, Chris Rock, Stephen Colbert, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Conan O'Brien to celebrate the importance of laughter and humour. He said, "You unite people, because laughter is contagious."



critics, and all three received nominations for their work at the Academy Awards, Golden Globes and British Academy Film Awards. To create a realistic look, the producers hired a company, Cinecittà Studios in Rome that produced a "stick-on tattoo" of the walls and ceiling for a full-size reproduction of the Sistine Chapel interiors.