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(Crowd Cheering) Dhoni, Dhoni, Dhoni!

Anchor: Okay, we are also having Mr. Dhoni here on stage for the theatrical trailer launch along with Mr. Rajamouli sir. It's indeed a great pleasure and privilege to see both of you altogether here for MS Dhoni, the Untold Story. And with our fans permission and Dhoni sir's permission, can we ask you a few questions, please. What do you love about Hyderabad?

MS Dhoni: There are a lot of things that I love about Hyderabad. But before I say anything, thanks for coming here. It's a real pleasure sharing the stage with you. We are big fans of your work. So, thanks for coming. The moment you talk about Hyderabad, you know, biryani is the first thing that people talk about. And, when I started playing cricket, when I was playing first class cricket, I think it was 2000 and we had a game over here. So, that was my first introduction to the Hyderabad biryani. And after that, whenever we have come here, biryani is something that's, we can't really miss. Of course, we come here for cricket, but Biryani is something that we can't miss along with the food. I feel the cuisine over here is great. Uh, another thing that I like is the biscuits, the bakery biscuits from here, they are fantastic. And along with it, it has its own specialties, the bangles for the ladies. So, I picked a few for my wife. But, also we have got very good support over here. As an Indian cricket team, whenever we come here, the people, they come out, they support us, and we have got a very good record in Hyderabad. You know, we have done very well as a cricket team, so it feels good to be here. It's a pleasure being here. Thanks to all of you, you know, for coming over here and giving me a very warm reception.

Anchor: So, having such a busy schedule, Tamil release and today Telugu, did you get your load of biryani? Did you get your load of biryani?

MS Dhoni: Well, yes I did. You know, of course I didn't eat a lot because this was just before we were coming here. So, I did get a bit of it and, you know, hopefully I'll come here back soon, and I can literally hog the biryani.

Anchor: There are so many people here just to see you. Your fans look upon you as their hero. So, what's the message that you want to give to them?

MS Dhoni: Well, personally, if you ask me, I feel, you know, you have to be honest in life. You have to be honest to yourself. You have to be practical. You have to take risks in life, but at the same time, you have

to be calculated. You can't just say, okay, I took a risky option at some point of time, you have to be ready with, ready for the kind of talent that's really needed to achieve what you want to achieve. But at the same, you know, you have to take risks in life. So, for me, being honest in life is very important, hard work that you have to put in, irrespective of what your profession is. The hard work, the honesty, respecting the elders which I feel is the key. You know, if you don't respect the elders, be it your parents or be it anyone, you know, it becomes very difficult to be successful in life. Being humble, you know, try to be, when you enter let's say any big building, you know, right from the first man you meet to maybe the managing director, you have to be the same to each and every one. So, that's what life is all about. Go through the difficult periods, fight it out. But if you can do it with a smile, you know, you will become part of maybe the 5% *persons*, you know, who can actually do it. Because at times we crib about life, about the tough period, but what's important is to go through the tough period that actually make you a better human being.

Anchor: Now, we understand that you're not only handsome from outside, but from inside too, Mr. Dhoni.

MS Dhoni: Sorry?

Anchor: You are handsome from inside too.

MS Dhoni: Thanks a lot.

Anchor: Thank you Mr. Cool Captain. So, have you watched any Telugu movies?

MS Dhoni: Me? Okay, if I say the wrong name, you know, don't really scold me. But a few years back, I watched Aparichit. I believe it was in Telugu if I'm not wrong. I saw the whole subtitles. And last year Bahubali I saw, you know, and I just loved it. It was a fantastic movie. We are waiting for the sequel, of course. But yes, the last one that I watched was Bahubali. Of course, it was dubbed in Hindi also so, you know, it was slightly easier. But, you know, I feel in South, there are a lot of very good actors and there are a lot of very good movies that are made in South. And we can actually see a lot of remake getting done in the Bollywood. So, you know, the people over here, they have got some nice stories. They act well, they direct well, and you know, the fans are fantastic, which is very important because you need the fan base to make a movie of that scale. And then when it gets appreciated, you know, you push to make better ones.

Anchor: And talking about Sushant Singh Rajput, he has put his heart and soul into the movie. He looks exactly like you, he behaves like you, and we can see the helicopter shot here. So, how was it watching for the first time, the trailer? How did you feel?

MS Dhoni: Yes, he looks exactly like me. He has played close to nine months of cricket. He has practiced two, two and a half hours every day. So, the most difficult part was to enact the cricketing shots. And I feel he's a very good actor. So, when it comes to doing all the stuff that I do, I knew he would easily achieve that. The only thing was he asked me too many questions as to what goes in my mind, to really get into the character. So, that part was difficult. But other than that, I feel he has done a brilliant work and it's all his hard work that's actually showing on the screen.

Anchor: One last question, Mr. Dhoni. It's been nine years since India won the T20 world cup. So, how does it feel?

MS Dhoni: It was a very special day. The reason being the 2007, 50 over world cup, we had not done well. So, immediately more often than not, you don't get a chance to some extent to redeem yourself. You know, we were all very disappointed with the performance. So, we wanted to make this world cup special, which was the T20 world cup. And I'm glad the team performed to the potential. You know, we went there, we expressed ourselves and, it took everything in our stride. And that I feel is very important because it's not literally a script that you have to follow, you know, when it comes to the tournament. So, you have to be adaptive, you have to be responsive. And I just feel it was a big turning point for us, you know, as cricketers, because from there on, we definitely saw a lot more ups and downs in cricket. But more often than not, we were on the winning side. And that I feel was definitely the changing point.

Anchor: You are a great influence on the youth. You're a great inspiration to the youth. Thank you so much, Mr. Dhoni for answering our questions.

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