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AFTER HER FATHER'S MURDER, DR. SHRADDHA BINDROO CHALLENGES TERRORISTS TO FIGHT WITH HER WITH EDUCATION & NOT GUNS.



US MAKES IT CLEAR TO PAKISTAN THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED

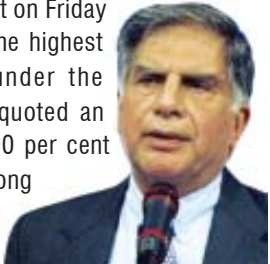
NEW DELHI, (IANS) A senior US official visiting Islamabad has made clear to Pakistan that the Joe Biden administration has downgraded the bilateral relationship, The Guardian reported. On the eve of her arrival, the deputy secretary of state, Wendy Sherman, used a public event in Mumbai to lay out in blunt terms the new parameters of US-Pakistan relations, stressing there would be no equivalence with Washington's deepening ties to India.



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WELCOME BACK: TATA SONS EMERGE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR AIR INDIA

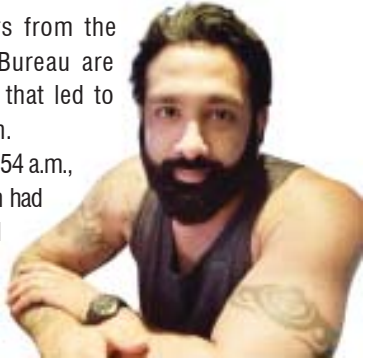
NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Central government on Friday declared Tata Sons' subsidiary Talace as the highest bidder for national carrier Air India under the divestment process. Accordingly, Talace quoted an enterprise value of Rs 18,000 crore for 100 per cent equity shareholding of Centre in Air India along with that of Air India Express and AISATS.



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36-YEAR-OLD AMANJOT BAINS SHOT DEAD IN BRAMPTON

REGION OF PEEL – Investigators from the Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau are currently investigating a shooting that led to the death of a man from Brampton. On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 12:54 a.m., police received a call reporting a person had been shot at a plaza at Dixie Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard in the City of Brampton.



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3 PUNJABI MEN FROM BRAMPTON ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Region of Peel - Investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau have laid charges against three men, after a victim had his vehicle and property stolen in Brampton. On October 9, 2021, at approximately 8 p.m., the victims were driving in a vehicle in the area of Williams Parkway and Elbern Markell Drive in the City of Brampton, when their vehicle was intentionally struck from behind by an SUV, which was later discovered to be stolen.

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ARREST MADE IN MURDER OF PAKISTANI CANADIAN HASNAIN (NANO) ALI & ATTEMPTED MURDER, KIDNAPPING OF FAQIR ALI

Hamilton Police have arrested a 25-year-old male in connection with the fatal home invasion in Mount Hope last month. On September 16, 2021, at approximately 2:55 a.m., Hamilton Police were called to a Mount Hope residence for reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, police found two males in their 20s suffering from gunshot wounds. The males were transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries.



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Y MEDIA COVID & VACCINE REPORT

- Public Health Agency of Canada says new Covid-19 cases on downward trend for first time in months.
- Canada announces Covid vaccination mandate for federal employees, most travellers by Oct. 29.
- Ontario Covid-19 science advisory table estimates vaccination reduces relative risk of infection by 85% hospital admission by 95%, ICU admission by 98%.
- Over 87.5% Ontarians inoculated with first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, 82.8% are fully vaccinated.
- Over 88% Canadians received first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, 82% are fully vaccinated.
- Covaxin gets emergency use approval for kids aged 2-18 years in India.

C-VOTER SURVEY PREDICTS BJP WIN IN UP, UTTARAKHAND, MANIPUR, GOA

AAP MAY EMERGE AS THE SINGLE LARGEST PARTY IN PUNJAB

Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhand, and Punjab will go for the surveys in March 2022. As per the C-Voter overview, the BJP will probably arise as the champ in no less than four of the five states booked to hold gathering decisions one year from now. As per the overview, Punjab is set out toward a balanced gathering with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) set to arise as the single biggest party in the northern state. As indicated by the most recent review, the Yogi Adityanath-drove BJP can get 41.3 percent of vote share, while Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party can get 32 per penny, the Bahujan Samaj Party can get 15%, Congress 6% and others can get 6% in the politically urgent territory of Uttar Pradesh. The ABP CVoter study has anticipated a draped gathering in Punjab with the Arvind Kejriwal-drove Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) arising as the single biggest party. The AAP can get a major benefit in the decisions to the 117-part gathering in Punjab. The AAP is probably going to get 36% of the vote share, Congress 32%, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) 22%, the BJP 4% and others 6%. As far as seats, the AAP can get 49 to 55, Congress 30 to 47, Akali Dal 17 to 25, the BJP 0-1 and others 0-1 seats. The BJP can indeed make a rebound in the Uttarakhand decisions one year from now. As indicated by the review, Congress might get 34%, BJP 45%, Aam Aadmi Party 15% and others 6% of the vote share.

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Y MEDIA POLITICAL SENSEX: C-VOTER SURVEY, 5 STATES ELECTION, INDIA

- PM MODI WAY AHEAD OF RAHUL AS PREFERRED PM CHOICE IN STATES GOING TO POLLS.
- PM MODI SCORES BIG IN LATEST SURVEY, GETS 66.4% SUPPORT.
- 27.7% 'NOT SATISFIED' WITH CM'S PERFORMANCE IN 5 STATES HEADING TO POLLS.
- OVER 40% 'NOT SATISFIED' WITH RAHUL GANDHI'S WORK.
- UP GOVT GARNERS 39.8% SUPPORT FOR PERFORMANCE.
- 35.3% 'VERY MUCH SATISFIED' WITH STATE GOVT'S WORK.
- CM CHANNI IS A SUPERHIT FORMULA FOR PUNJAB.



PUNJAB CM CHARANJIT CHANNI'S SON GETS MARRIED, NAVJOT SIDHU DOES NOT ATTEND.



NAVJOT SIDHU VISITS VAISHNO DEVI, JAMMU DURING NAVRATRAS (NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU/ TWITTER).



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PM IMRAN KHAN WANTS ISI CHIEF FAIZ HAMEED TO CONTINUE AMID DIFFERENCES WITH PAK ARMY



NEW DELHI, (IANS) Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan informed the federal cabinet that he had told Pakistan Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa that he wanted Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed to continue as Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) director general for some time due to the critical situation in neighbouring Afghanistan, Dawn reported.

Reports about lack of consensus between the civil and military leadership over the matter had been making rounds on social media for the last few days, but after it appeared on regular media on Tuesday, Information Minister Fawad

Chaudhry was compelled to clarify the government's point of view.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chief whip in the National Assembly Amir Dogar said Prime Minister Khan and Gen Bajwa held a detailed meeting late Monday night on the matter.

The meeting was also confirmed by Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry during his presser after the cabinet meeting, stating that the issue of appointment of new ISI DG Lt. Gen. Nadeem Ahmed Anjum had been resolved and that the PM enjoyed the authority to appoint the chief of the country's premier spy agency in accordance with law and Constitution. Also sharing details of the meeting, Pak PM's aide on political affairs Amir Dogar said the premier wanted Lt. Gen. Hameed to stay as DG ISI in view of the situation in Afghanistan, adding that Prime Minister Khan and Gen. Bajwa enjoyed relation of respect and dignity, the report said. Khan was of the opinion that the government wanted to take all institutions on board, Dogar said. "The body language of the prime minister was quite positive and he seemed confident," he added. The PTI's chief whip said the prime minister had told the cabinet that he was an elected prime minister and chief executive of the country. "The prime minister has the authority to appoint the DG ISI and he held a detailed meeting with Chief of the Army Staff Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa in this regard," Chaudhry told the press conference. "The federal government will follow a legal and constitutional procedure on the appointment of the Inter-Services Intelligence director general," he said.

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Upon arrival, emergency services located a man suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. He was transported to a trauma centre where he died as a result of his injuries. The victim has been identified as 36-year-old Amanjot Bains. Based on the investigation police are aware that several potential witnesses were in the area at the time of the shooting, but have not yet had the opportunity to speak with investigators.

Anyone with information on this incident, surveillance video or dashcam, is asked to call investigators from the Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau at 905-453-2121, extension 3205. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.



EMERGING FROM 'VERY TOUGH' 2ND WAVE, INDIA KEEPS TOP GLOBAL SPOT WITH 9.5% GDP GROWTH

UNITED NATIONS, (IANS) India has emerged from a "very tough second wave" of Covid-19, Gita Gopinath, the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Chief Economist, said on Tuesday at the release of the flagship report that showed India continuing to be the world's fastest growing major economy clocking a growth rate of 9.5 per cent this fiscal year and 8.5 per cent in the next. The IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) report kept the gross domestic product (GDP) growth projections it had made in July while India was in the grip of Covid-19's second wave and had cut by 3 per cent its forecast of 12.5 per cent made in April before the pandemic's resurgence.

Briefing reporters at the release of the report in Washington, Gopinath said: "India, came out of a very, very tough second wave and that led to a big downgrade in July but we have no change."

"India is doing well in terms of vaccination rates and that's certainly helpful," she said. India does, however, face many challenges, she noted.

"As of now, you know there are many challenges that the Indian economy always does face with regard to the financial market, with regard to the fact that the virus has not gone yet," Gopinath said.

Asked if the large fiscal deficit in India was a major concern, Malhar Nabar, the Deputy Division Chief in IMF Research Department, said that while a medium-term strategy was needed to bring it down, it was still possible to meet the pressures from any future pandemic upsurge.

"We think that there's still room to provide more support if needed, if the pandemic takes a turn for the worse, and to provide it in a targeted manner to



the worst affected households and firms," he said.

"But going forward over the medium term, it would be important to put in place, credible, medium term strategy to bring down the debt to GDP ratio and create space to meet the future development needs and infrastructure needs," he added. The WEO said that India's Covid-battered economy had shrunk by 7.3 per cent in the last fiscal year.

Its long-term forecast for India's GDP growth is 6.1 per cent in 2026. In the WEO tables, China followed India with eight per cent this year and 5.6 per cent the next -- a reduction of 0.1 per cent for both years from the forecast made in July. The UK came next with 6.8 per cent growth this year, followed by France at 6.5 per cent, and the US at six per cent.

MAVERICK FATHER OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR BOMB, TOP PROLIFERATOR ABDUL QADEER KHAN PASSES AWAY

ISLAMABAD, (IANS) Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan, who considered the father of his country's nuclear weapon programme, and a self-confessed proliferator, who passed nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea, died due to lung problems on Sunday, his family said. He was 85. Khan's health condition started deteriorating on Saturday night, after which he was rushed to the Khan Research Laboratories Hospital in Islamabad, according to his family members.

In August, he was admitted to the same hospital after testing positive for Covid-19 and was discharged after recovery.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed his condolences to Khan's family, saying on Twitter that he was loved by the nation because of "his critical contribution in making Pakistan a nuclear weapon state". "For the people of Pakistan he was a national icon," he said. Pakistani President ArifAlvi said in a tweet that the nuclear scientist has helped Pakistan "develop nation-saving nuclear deterrence, and a grateful nation will never forget his services in this regard". However, the most of the world saw him differently.

After training and working in metallurgical sciences in western Europe, Khan set up the Khan Research Laboratories in 1976 to pioneer his country's nuclear programme - set up to counter neighbouring India, which had tested a nuclear device in 1974. His work was mainly on centrifuges



required to purify the uranium. However, his maverick tendencies made him a bad team player, and his quest for publicity also worked against him.

Khan, who was already in the cross-hairs following the Dutch government's accusations of stealing centrifuge designs, began transferring information to both North Korea and Iran from the late 1980s. As Pakistan faced sanctions after testing a nuclear device in 1998, his role came under further scrutiny and in 2003, the US handed over a dossier of his proliferation activities to the then Pervez Musharraf government.

‘BUCK STOPS WITH MARK’: WHISTLEBLOWER BLASTS FACEBOOK ‘METRICS’ DRIVEN CULTURE

NEW YORK, (IANS) In more than three hours of riveting testimony, a former Facebook employee tore into the now embattled social networking giant, blaming its "metrics" driven culture for hurting children, fueling hate and walking away from ethical considerations because profits come first.

Frances Haugen, testifying to the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, accused Facebook of intentionally walking away from fixing its broken algorithms that fuel some of the worst effects of addictive social media apps.

Haugen claims Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg knew about internal research showing potential negative impacts of Instagram.

"The company intentionally hides vital information from the public, from the US government and from governments around the world," she said. In response, US lawmakers from across the aisle broadly united behind the idea that Facebook's role in society has become too big to ignore. Like others before her, Haugen is urging stricter government oversight of Facebook. In Haugen's telling, Facebook needs "help". "Congressional action is needed," she said. "They won't solve this crisis without your help," she told Congress.

"Facebook's products harm children, stoke division and weaken our democracy," Haugen said.

"The company's leadership knows how to make Facebook and Instagram safer but won't make the necessary changes because they have put their astronomical profits before people."



KIM JONG-UN CALLS FOR BOOSTING MILITARY CAPABILITIES



SEOUL, (IANS) North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has called for boosting the country's military capabilities to counter what he called "hostile forces" against Pyongyang but said the move is not aimed at war against South Korea or the US, state media reported on Tuesday.

Kim made the remarks on Monday in a speech at a defence development exhibition to mark the 76th founding anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party, criticizing Seoul and Washington over their combined military exercises and weapons development, reports Yonhap News Agency.

"The US has been frequently signalling that it's not hostile to our country, but there has been no behavioural ground to believe that it is not," Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) quoted Kim as saying. "For our descendants, we need to be strong. We need to first be strong." The remarks came less than two weeks after North Korea tested a new anti-aircraft missile in its fourth missile launch in September alone. At the rare expo, North Korea showcased its new weapons, including the recently developed "hypersonic" missile, and the Hwasong-16 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

NIA CARRIES OUT RAIDS ACROSS KASHMIR VALLEY, 70 DETAINED



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday carried out raids at 16 locations across Kashmir Valley in connection with two cases -- ISIS voice of Hind case and TRF case.

The raids are still going on at nine locations in Srinagar, Anantnag, Kulgam, and Baramulla as part of its probe, according to sources.

Several stone pelters and anti-India elements have been detained and are being questioned, they said.

As many as 70 youths have been detained in Srinagar and a total of 570 people have been detained across Kashmir in the past 2-3 days. The crackdown on anti-India elements by security forces took place just after the terror attacks on minorities three days ago.

A group of masked militants barged into a school in Kashmir demanding to know the religious identity of its teachers.

Then they separated two non-Muslim teachers and shot them at close range, according to the police. The killings on Thursday in Srinagar were the latest in a series of attacks largely targeting Hindu and Sikh civilians in the Valley. The incidents are alarming as the rise of militancy once drove out religious minority groups including Kashmiri Pandits three decades ago. According to the Voice of Hind magazine case, ISIS terror outfit has been releasing the online monthly India-centric magazine since February 2020, aiming to radicalise Muslim youths in the Valley. NIA's raids in relation with The Resistance Front (TRF) case is an ongoing probe into the terror outfits including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hizbul Mujahideen and Jaish-e-Mohammed. In Kashmir, house of 'TRF commander Sajjad Gul has also been raided.

AHEAD OF CWC MEET, SIDHU TO MEET PARTY LEADERSHIP IN DELHI ON THURSDAY, OCT 14



NEW DELHI, (IANS) After resigning from the state President of Punjab, Navjot Singh Sidhu will have his first official meeting with the Congress central leadership on Thursday.

"Navjot Singh Sidhu, President, Punjab Congress, will be meeting me and (K.C.) Venugopal ji for discussion on certain organisational matters pertaining to Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee at Venugopal ji's office on October 14 at 6 p.m.," AICC General Secretary and the party's Punjab in-charge, Harish Rawat, said in a tweet.

After Sidhu had quit over differences with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, the central leadership has called him to listen to his grievances. It's likely that Sidhu will put forth the list of demands in the Punjab government as he is upset with the appointments in the government. He has resigned from the post of state president, but it has not been accepted yet by Sonia Gandhi. The meeting gains significance as it comes ahead of the CWC meeting.

The Congress is likely to convey Sidhu to withdraw his resignation and work in tandem with the Chief Minister.

The Congress wants to put its house in order ahead of polls and despite removal of Amarinder Singh there has been no resolution of the issues. Sidhu is Unhappy over the first Cabinet expansion, allocation of portfolios and appointments on crucial posts, including the Advocate General and the DGP, by the Chief Minister. The Congress leadership has given a go ahead to a coordination committee after the Chief Minister tried to placate Sidhu and said that the decision will be taken collectively. Navjot Singh Sidhu after his resignation has said he will always stand by party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

RESEARCHERS FLAG LACK OF GENDER DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE NOBELS

LONDON, (IANS) The lack of gender equality in science at the Nobel Prize 2021 has set off frustration and disappointment in the scientific community, particularly among women researchers, Nature reported. The prestigious prize for different science fields, which this year were awarded to seven people -- all men, showcase "a disappointing lack of progress towards diversifying the awards", said researchers calling out on the lack of gender equality.

While in 2020, three out of the eight science laureates were women, in 2021, the science Nobel prizes were awarded exclusively to men.

However, it is not the first time where women have been underrepresented at the science Nobels. So far, more than 600 Nobels have been awarded in scientific disciplines, but just 23 have gone to women.

"Since the Nobels were first awarded in 1901, there have been just 4 female physics laureates, 12 female physiology or medicine laureates and seven female chemistry laureates," the report said.

The Nobel prize "represent so much that is wrong with our reward and recognition systems in science", Imogen Coe, a biologist at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada, was quoted as saying.

The prizes are "an annual reminder of all the work that still needs to be done" for women, she added.

According to Goran Hansson, Secretary General of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, which awards the science Nobels, the prize-selection committees are taking efforts to be more inclusive. They have taken some steps such as asking more women to nominate laureates, and emphasising the need to consider diversity in letters sent to potential nominators, the report said.

This notion of "a time lag, and that women will catch up once the increased participation trickles through, is false rhetoric", according to Amanda Moehring, a behavioural geneticist at Western University in London, Canada. She noted that the proportion of female physicists getting PhDs since the 1980s far outweighs their representation among winners of the physics Nobel, the report said. The steps taken by the Swedish academy are "like putting a Band-Aid on a gaping and infected wound",

Abdulrazak Gurnah conferred Nobel Prize for Literature 2021

LONDON, (IANS) Tanzania-born UK-based post-colonialist novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah, whose oeuvre mainly deals with the physical and mental disruptions faced by refugees, was on Thursday conferred the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2021.

Announcing the award - the first to a non-European writer since Japan-born Kazuo Ishiguro in 2017 - the Swedish Academy cited his "uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents". Born in the Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar in 1948, Gurnah reached the UK as a refugee at the end of the 1960s. After his PhD in 1982, he began his academic career with teaching at a Nigerian university and is currently a Professor and Director of Graduate studies at the UK's University of Kent. His focus is on postcolonial writing and in colonial discourse, with focus on Africa, the Caribbean and India.

Beginning with "Memory of Departure" (1987), his 10 novels include the

Nobel Prize in Physics awarded for discoveries in climate, complex physical systems

STOCKHOLM, (IANS) Three scientists from US, Germany, and Italy were on Tuesday awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics 2021 for their contributions in discovering climate and complex physical systems.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Physics Nobel to Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann, and Giorgio Parisi "for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex physical systems", said a statement.

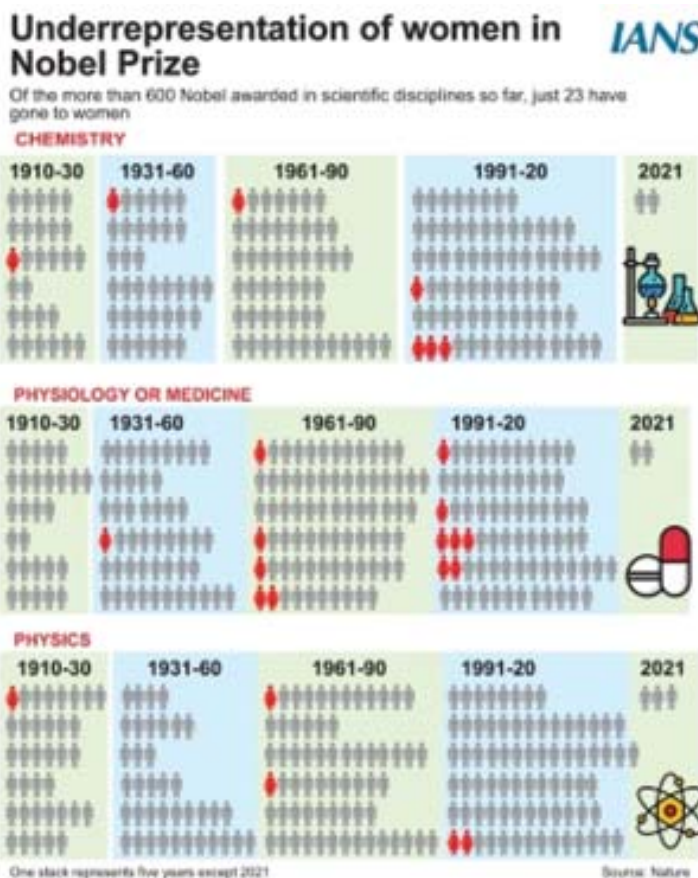
Manabe from Princeton University, US and Hasselmann from Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, Hamburg, Germany were jointly awarded "for the physical modelling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming".

Parisi from Sapienza University of Rome, was awarded the other half "for the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales".

Manabe and Hasselmann laid the foundation of our knowledge of the Earth's climate and how humanity influences it, while Parisi got rewarded for his revolutionary contributions to the theory of disordered materials and random processes. "Three Laureates share this year's Nobel Prize in Physics for their studies of chaotic and apparently random phenomena. Complex systems are characterised by randomness and disorder and are difficult to understand. This year's Prize recognises new methods for describing them and predicting their long-term behaviour," said the statement from the Academy.

Manabe demonstrated how increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere lead to increased temperatures at the surface of the Earth. In the 1960s, he led the development of physical models of the Earth's climate and was the first person to explore the interaction between radiation balance and the vertical transport of air masses. His work laid the foundation for the development of current climate models.

About ten years later, Hasselmann created a model that links together weather and climate, thus answering the question of why climate models



added Kelsey Johnson, an astronomer at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Among 138 major science awards, between 2016 and 2020, 19 per cent were won by women, compared to only 12 per cent of Nobels, said Lokman Meho, an information scientist at the American University of Beirut. "If we factor in that no woman scientist received a science Nobel in 2021, then women's share of the science Nobel prizes would drop further, to around 10 per cent in the past 6 years," Meho said.



Booker and Whitbread-nominated "Paradise" (1994), with the most recent being "Afterlives" (2020).

He has also a collection of short-stories titled "My Mother Lived on a Farm in Africa" (2006) to his credit.



can be reliable despite weather being changeable and chaotic. He also developed methods for identifying specific signals, or 'fingerprints', that both natural phenomena and human activities imprint in the climate. His methods have been used to prove that the increased temperature in the atmosphere is due to human emissions of carbon dioxide.

Around 1980, Parisi discovered hidden patterns in disordered complex materials. His discoveries are among the most important contributions to the theory of complex systems. They make it possible to understand and describe many different and apparently entirely random materials and phenomena, not only in physics but also in other, very different areas, such as mathematics, biology, neuroscience and machine learning.

"The discoveries being recognised this year demonstrate that our knowledge about the climate rests on a solid scientific foundation, based on a rigorous analysis of observations. This year's Laureates have all contributed to us gaining deeper insight into the properties and evolution of complex physical systems," said Thors Hans Hansson, chair of the Nobel Committee for Physics, in the statement.

ASTRAZENECA'S ANTIBODY COCKTAIL CAN PREVENT, TREAT COVID-19



LONDON, (IANS) AstraZeneca's long-acting antibody combination is both able to prevent and treat Covid-19, according to the phase three results released on Monday.

The drug, AZD7442, is a combination of two antibodies -- tixagevimab (AZD8895) and cilgavimab (AZD1061) -- which is derived from B-cells donated by convalescent patients after being infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the company said in a statement.

The phase III trial conducted in 96 sites in Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Ukraine, UK and US, included 903 participants who were administered a dose of 600mg of AZD7442 given by intramuscular (IM) injection.

CANADIAN-BORN DAVID CARD ALONG WITH JOSHUA D ANGRIST AND GUIDO W IMBENS WIN NOBEL PRIZE FOR ECONOMICS

Three US academicians from prestigious universities were on Monday conferred the Nobel Prize for Economics for their contribution in adopting the techniques of clinical trials to understand the impact of cause and effect in economic phenomenon, especially the labour market and its dynamics.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that the SverigesRiksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2021, or the Economics Nobel, goes to Economics Professors David Card, "for his empirical contributions to labour economics" and Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens "for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships". While Card, 65, Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, will get half of the 10 mn Swedish kronor (\$1.14 mn) prize amount, the other half will be shared between Angrist, 61, the Ford Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Imbens, 58, the Applied Econometrics Professor and Professor of Economics at Stanford University. According to the Society, the cause and effect relationship underlines key questions in social sciences, particularly economics, say effect on education on future earning capacity. However, finding answers is tricky due to lack of comparison - in this case, the effect of not continuing education, but the three laureates "have shown that it is possible to answer these and similar questions using natural experiments". "The key is to use situations in which chance events or policy changes result in groups of people being treated differently, in a way that resembles clinical trials in medicine," it said. The approach of the laureates has spread to other fields and revolutionised empirical research, the Academy said. Card has used natural experiments to analyse the labour market effects of minimum wages, immigration and education, and his "studies from the early 1990s challenged conventional wisdom, leading to new analyses and additional insights". "The results showed, among other things, that increasing the minimum wage does not necessarily lead to fewer jobs.

NOD TO EXPORT OF 40 LAKH INDIA-MADE SPUTNIK LIGHT DOSES TO RUSSIA

NEW DELHI, (IANS) India has allowed export of around 40 lakh doses of domestically-manufactured coronavirus vaccine 'Sputnik Light' to Russia, sources said on Sunday. Sputnik Light - the single-dose Covid-19 vaccine variant of Russia's Sputnik - has not yet been approved for emergency use in India. Hetero and Dr Reddy's Laboratories, the Indian partner of Russian sovereign wealth fund RDIF, markets the Sputnik range of vaccines globally. There were various view points among Indian experts about the single-dose vaccine's efficacy on Indians. In Septemeber, the Drugs Controller General of India had granted permission for the conducting Phase 3 bridging trials of Sputnik Light on the Indian population. The nod comes after a recent study published in the medical journal The Lancet said that Sputnik Light showed 78.6 to 83.7 per cent efficacy against Covid-19, significantly higher than most two-shot vaccines. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation's Subject Expert Committee had, in July, denied grant of emergency use authorisation to Sputnik Light, stressing need to Phase 3 trial of the Russian vaccine in the country.



WHY COVID VACCINES DID NOT WIN SCIENCE NOBEL THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, (IANS) Despite high hopes that one of the Nobel committees would recognise vaccination research that has saved countless lives by being delivered to billions of people, this year's science Nobels instead went to fundamental advances that had been tipped to win for years. The timing didn't work in favour of a Covid-19 Nobel this year. Nominations for this year's prize had to be submitted by February 1. This was more than two



months after the first mRNA vaccines, and some others, proved their mettle in clinical trials, but before their impact on the pandemic was fully clear, said Goran Hansson, secretary-general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, which selects the prize winners. "Follow-up is really still happening now," Hansson added.

According to Nature.com, some scientists expressed surprise and disappointment at the omission of Covid-19 vaccines, particularly those developed using messenger RNA technology, which has launched a new class of vaccines.

But Nobel prize insiders and watchers say that timing, technical details and politics meant that a nod this year was a long shot.

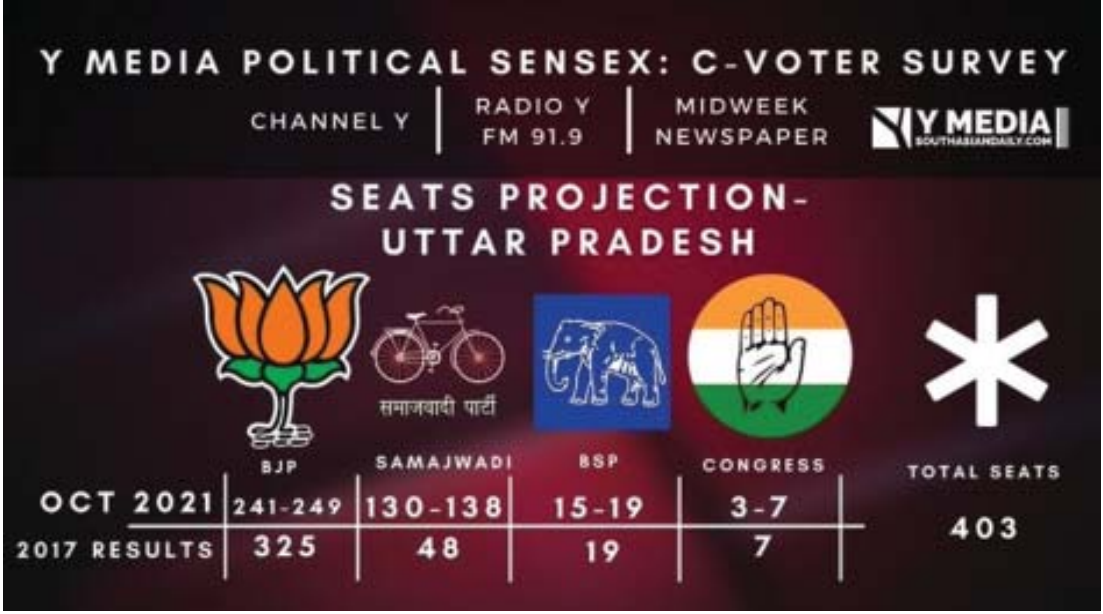
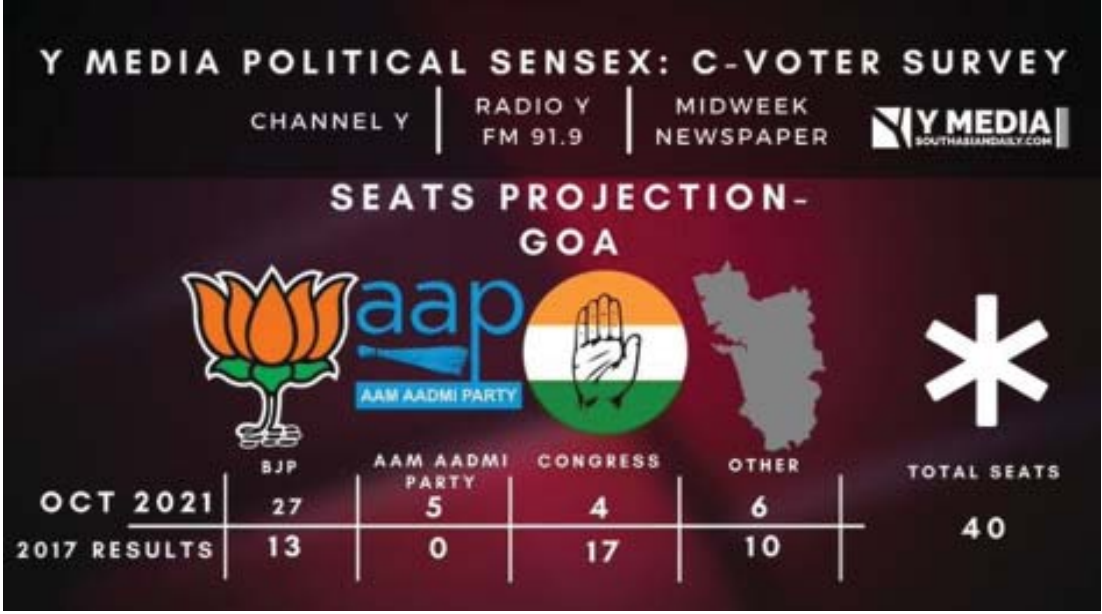
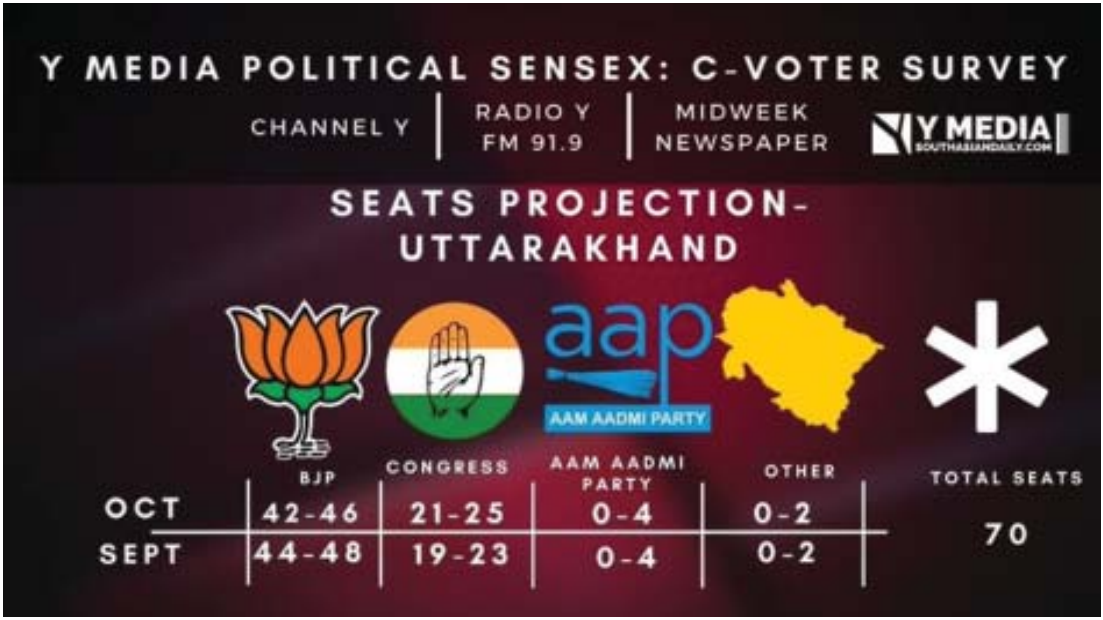
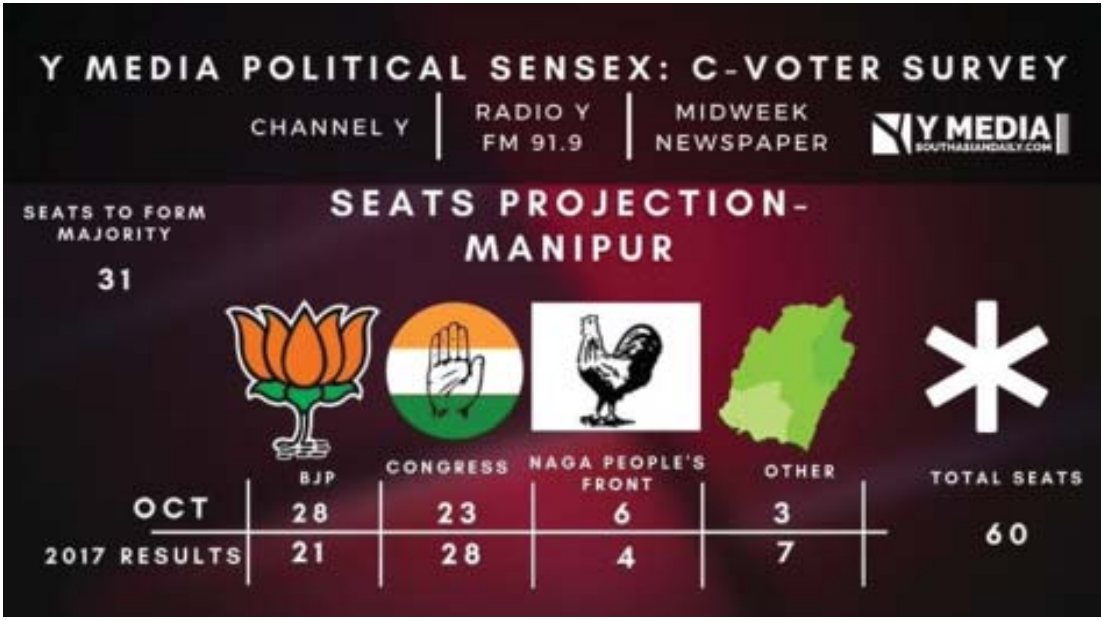
However, the impact of Covid-19 vaccines -- and the underlying advances -- indicate that it shouldn't be long before researchers behind the work get a call from Stockholm.

"The development of mRNA vaccines is a wonderful success story that has had enormous positive consequences for humankind. And we are all very grateful to the scientists," Hansson said.

DOGGED FILIPINO, RUSSIAN FREE PRESS ADHERENTS WIN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

LONDON, (IANS) Filipino journalist Maria Ressa, whose digital investigative media outfit has been chronicling abuses and excesses of power in the Philippines, especially in the present, and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov, who is heading a free paper taking a critical view of the government for nearly a quarter-century now in face of all challenges, were on Friday conferred the Nobel Peace Prize for 2021. Announcing the 2021 laureates, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said that it chose Ressa, the founder and chief of Rappler, and Muratov, the founder of Russian daily Novaya Gazeta, for "their courageous fight for freedom of expression", and as "representatives of all journalists who stand up for this ideal in a world in which democracy and freedom of the press face increasingly adverse conditions". Stressing that "free, independent and fact-based journalism serves to protect against abuse of power, lies, and war propaganda", it said it "is convinced that freedom of expression and freedom of information help ensure an informed public" and that these rights are "crucial prerequisites for democracy and protect against war and conflict". "The award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov is intended to underscore the importance of protecting and defending these fundamental rights," the Committee said. It noted that without freedom of expression and freedom of the press, it will be difficult to successfully promote fraternity between nations, disarmament and a better world order to succeed in our time, and thus, this year's Nobel Peace Prize award "is therefore firmly anchored in the provisions of Alfred Nobel's will". The Committee said Ressa has used freedom of expression to expose abuse of power, use of violence and growing authoritarianism in her native country, the Philippines. As a journalist and CEO of the Rapplers, which she co-founded in 2012, she has "shown herself to be a fearless defender of freedom of expression". Rappler has focused critical attention on the Rodrigo Duterte regime's "controversial, murderous anti-drug campaign", which has led to so many deaths that it "resembles a war waged against the country's own population". Ressa and Rappler have also documented how social media is being used to spread fake news, harass opponents and manipulate public discourse, it added. The Committee said that Muratov has, for decades, defended freedom of speech in Russia "under increasingly challenging conditions".





C-VOTER SURVEY PREDICTS BJP WIN IN UP, UTTARAKHAND, MANIPUR, GOA

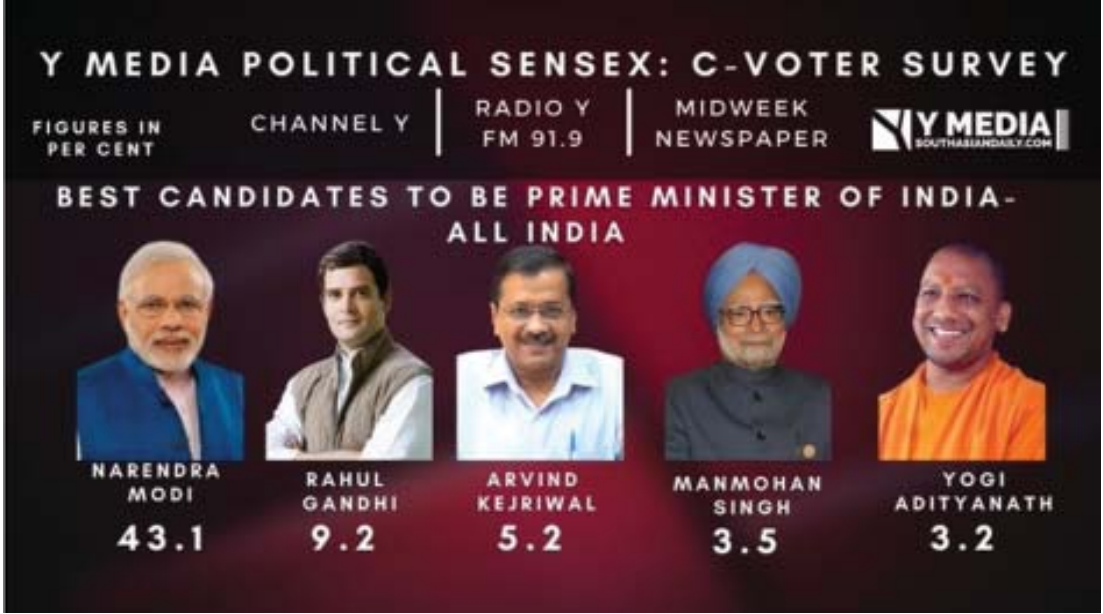
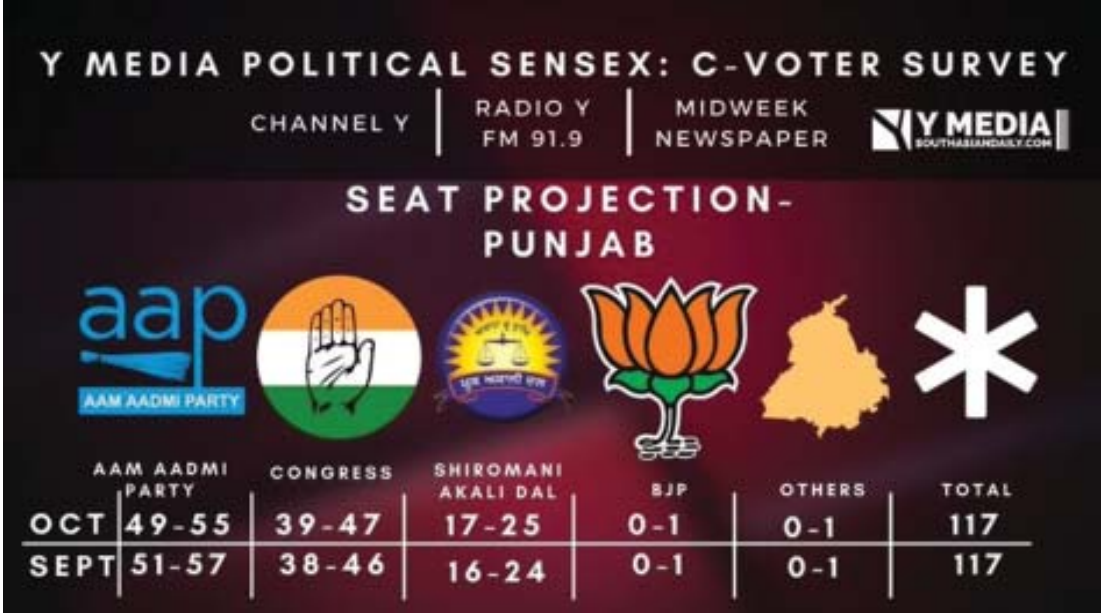
AAP MAY EMERGE AS THE SINGLE LARGEST PARTY IN PUNJAB

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The Congress party is probably going to get 21-25 seats, the BJP 42-46 seats, the Aam Aadmi Party 0-4 seats and others 0-2 seats in the slope express, the study shows. As per the study, the BJP can indeed shape its administration in Goa with the most extreme number of seats in the 40-part get together in the seaside state. As indicated by the study, the BJP can get 24 to 28 seats in Goa, the Congress can get simply 1 to 5 seats, the Aam Aadmi Party 3 to 7 and others 4 to 8 seats. The BJP can get 38% of the

vote share, the Congress might get 18%, AAP 23% and others 21%. The Congress arose as the single biggest party in the state in the last get together decisions, yet it couldn't shape the public authority in the state. The review additionally shows that the BJP can get 21 to 25 seats in Manipur. Aside from this, Congress might get 18 to 22 seats, the territorial Naga People's Front (NPF) 4 to 8 and others 1 to 5 seats. Nonetheless, something like 31 seats will be needed to shape the public authority in the northeastern state. The BJP can get 36% of the vote share in Manipur races, while Congress can get 34%, NPF 9% and others 21%.

Methodology
CVoter conducted the present opinion poll/ survey. The methodology used is CATI interviews of adult (18+) respondents with random numbers drawn from standard RDD and the sample size for the same is 81000+ across 5 cities (UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa, and Manipur) & the survey was carried out during the period 1st August 2021 to 10th September 2021. The same is also expected to have a margin of error of ±3 to ±5% and may not necessarily have factored in all criteria.



UP BECOMING BIPOLAR CONTEST BETWEEN BJP AND SP

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections are turning out to be a bipolar contest between the BJP and the Samajwadi Party (SP), as per the latest ABP-CVOTER-IANS State of States 2021 tracker.

Yashwant Deshmukh, Founder, CVoter, said the Lakhimpur Kheri incident has made the contest very partisan and polarised.

Deshmukh said the anti-BJP votes are consolidating behind the SP and the scope for growth of other parties like the BSP and the Congress in the run up to the elections is now limited.

Deshmukh said the SP can get a big boost if its leader Akhilesh Yadav can hit the ground and even be 1 per cent active of what his father, Mulayam Singh Yadav, used to be, otherwise the arithmetic gap of vote share will favour the BJP.

The ABP-CVoter-IANS tracker was conducted between September 4 and October 4 across 690 Assembly seats in five poll-bound states with a sample size of 98,121.

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As many as 59.6 per cent said the Lakhimpur incident will prove harmful for the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh. A total of 63.2 per cent said the image of the UP government has got tarnished because of the law and order situation in the state over the past few days. As per the tracker, the BJP led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is winning the state with 245 seats, followed by SP with 134 seats. The BJP is losing 80 seats compared to the previous elections, while the SP is gaining 86 seats.

CHANNI IS A SUPERHIT FORMULA FOR PUNJAB

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Congress' move to install Charanjit Singh Channi as the first Dalit Chief Minister of Punjab is a masterstroke and Channi is emerging as the Dalit face of Punjab, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS State of States 2021 tracker.

As per the tracker, 59.4 per cent said the Congress high command was right in its decision to change the Chief Minister in Punjab right before the elections while 40.6 per cent said it was not.

Also, 53.6 per cent said the Congress will benefit in Punjab by removing Amarinder Singh from the CM post while 46.4 per cent said no.

Yashwant Deshmukh, Founder, C Voter said: "In the 1990s, Mayawati became the power symbol of Dalits. Channi is the Mayawati moment of Punjab."

Deshmukh said Channi is a superhit among Dalits but the Jat Sikhs are now moving away from the Congress and are divided between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Akali Dal.

He added that AAP is slightly ahead in Punjab but without projecting a CM face it will find it difficult to turn the lead into a winning position. Deshmukh said the biggest loser in the Punjab events is Navjot Singh Sidhu.

As per the tracker, only 39.3 per cent said Congress will win in Punjab by contesting elections under Sidhu's leadership while 60.7 per cent said no.

The AAP will benefit most from the infighting in the Congress party in Punjab with 42.1 per cent saying so.

It is clear that Amarinder and Sidhu fight is damaging the Congress even as Channi is here to stay as the Congress face in Punjab.



Aryan Khan gets media high on dope!

Looks like we are in the news again! The film people, especially the stars and their families somehow always stir up the media, electronic as well as the print. But, most of all, their deeds, if they involve government agencies, dominate the social media, which is more vocal and hence powerful. The stars do crave for attention and the media needs them as much, too. They even spend big bucks to get attention but, at times, there comes a media glare that puts them in a spot. Unfortunately, at such times too they end up buying space. Know what I mean if you check the entertainment and info media pages of the last few days. Aryan Khan, the 23-year-old son of Shah Rukh Khan, along with his friends, has been accused of using banned drugs at a rave party while on a Goa-Mumbai cruise liner. Nobody or just a few would know or care to know the names of those others who have also been arrested. As far as the media, including the social media is concerned, the news would mean nothing if a star or a star son was not involved. As the story goes, there was a tip off to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) about a rave drug party slated to take place on a cruise liner. The NCB personnel traveled on the same cruise pretending to be fellow revelers and, in due time, raided the rave party. One of those involved in the party happened to be Aryan Khan, the son of actor Shah Rukh Khan. All hell broke loose as the news spread.

Shah Rukh always knew how to use media to his own advantage. There were three Khans in contention during his time and he got himself branded as King Khan, making sure it was picked up and duly amplified by the media. So far so good. All is fair in competition. But, making comments just to stand out from others to sound, kind of, hep, modern, open-minded and so on can have implications.

Shah Rukh Khan with wife Gauri Khan was being interviewed on the popular TV show, on Star TV. When asked by the anchor, Simi Garewal, if he will spoil his son, Shah Rukh had replied with something to the effect that he had told his son when he was barely three-years-old that he can go ahead and have sex, do drugs and enjoy life. Of course, the proud mother, Gauri, had intervened to say that the son was three-years-and-two-months!. Now that the son has decided to live up to the advice, so be it. To his credit, it must be told that, at least, Shah Rukh, is not seen in any media or TV channels, lamenting his son's arrest or defending him. Well, the son also needs to learn the implications of things he does.

Shah Rukh Khan may have hogged the headlines in the media hundreds of times, both paid and merited. His son Aryan made the headlines for the first time, well ahead of his time and all for a wrong reason. But, if he wishes, he can make headlines again all his life, and turn what is happening now into an experience while growing up.

Take the case of Sanjay Dutt, for example. Sanjay was convicted for his involvement in the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts and convicted for the possession of arms. He was found guilty and sentenced. He



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spent his time in jail. Anywhere else, any other profession or business, the man would have been branded, distanced socially as well as in business. But, Sanjay came back to films as a celebrity! The people, moviegoers as well as others did not only forgive him but, in fact, sympathized with him. He was 'Bichara Sanju!' Similar has been the case with Salman Khan, accused of causing deaths of footpath dwellers while driving under the influence of alcohol in Mumbai one late night. He is also an accused of being involved in another case of hunting black buck during a film shooting outing in Rajasthan. It has been years now, he has been in and out of jail. But, people have nothing but sympathy for him. In fact, he has given some of his biggest hits during this period of braving court visits and spending some days in jail. Earlier, late actor Raaj Kumar, enjoying a huge following for his stylized acting and dialogue delivery, while working for the police force, had caused the death of a person. He had to attend his shootings taking leave from custody. Thereafter, he went on to build a successful acting career.

Aryan Khan can be certain, such hiccups will never haunt him in life were he to choose a career in films! In film business, especially for a star, such things don't matter because, they don't matter to the masses.

As for people who try to justify what Aryan was indulging in, it is strange. Nobody says, Hey, kid, okay you made a mistake. Try to get over it or some such. Instead, the reactions are: Oh, he is only 23, a kid. Now, whoever defines a 23-year-old as a kid is a juvenile himself! In fact, when Shah Rukh Khan did his first few assignments like Wagle Ki Duniya, DilDaria and Fauji (which earned him popularity) on television, he was 23 himself! And, by the time he came up with his first super hit, Deewana, along with Rishi Kapoor and Divya Bharti, his 28th birthday was celebrated on the sets of the film.

The other aspect of the film industry is jumping to the defense of another star or kin. Any such case or a death in a filmy family, the condolences and funeral attendance depend on how successful is his or her survivor, not what the deceased's own merits were. There are numerous examples.

So, some like Suniel Shetty, Salman Khan, Hrithik Roshan (he has issued a sermon for Aryan) and others have jumped to either the

defense of Aryan or condoled him or his father! Missing logic and commonsense, is it not? In simple words, it defines hypocrisy. Who is awarding brownie points here!

Then there are those calling it 'singling out of Aryan' just because he is a star son! Is it? There are others who have been taken in by the law for the same case. But, your sympathies are limited to Aryan Khan and, they may be 23 or 21 or whatever more, but how do you care? You don't know them because they are not star kids and they don't matter, do they? In fact, those who say such things are singling out Aryan and drawing attention to him!

And, if it is any consolation, over the last few years, the biggest of film celebrities have hit the headlines for drugs issues. The investigations nets spread around biggest of names in the film industry. These matters have a tendency to evaporate soon. Has any celebrity ever been jailed in a drugs-related case?

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements for federally regulated transportation employees and travellers

The Canadian government has announced a Covid-19 vaccination mandate for federal employees and travellers aged 12 and older. All federal employees in the core public administration must be fully vaccinated by October 29, Xinhua news reported, citing an announcement. Those who are not fully vaccinated or do not disclose their vaccination status by that date will be placed on administrative leave without

pay, the announcement added. The government on Wednesday also said all travellers 12 or older must be fully vaccinated by the end of October to board planes, trains, or marine vessels in Canada. Some 88 per cent of eligible Canadians have received one Covid-19 vaccine dose and about 82 per cent of eligible Canadians are fully inoculated, according to senior officials.

ONTARIO CAUTIOUSLY LIFTING CAPACITY LIMITS IN SELECT SETTINGS

TORONTO - With public health and health care indicators remaining stable or improving, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is cautiously lifting capacity limits in select indoor and outdoor settings where proof of vaccination is required, as well as certain outdoor settings that have a capacity below 20,000. This gradual and incremental approach will continue to help protect people and ensure the province continues to cautiously lift public health measures safely.

"As we continue to see more Ontarians roll up their sleeves with over 22 million doses administered, our government is cautiously lifting capacity limits in select settings where we know proof of vaccination requirements are providing an added layer of protection to Ontarians," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "The fight against COVID-19 is not over and we must all remain vigilant by continuing to follow the public health measures we know work and keep us safe, and receiving your first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if you have not already done so."

In keeping with the government's cautious approach, effective Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 12:01 a.m., capacity limits will be lifted to allow 100 per cent capacity in the following settings:

- * Concert venues, theatres and cinemas;
- * Spectator areas of facilities for sports and recreational fitness (would not include gyms, personal training);
- * Meeting and event spaces (indoor meeting and event spaces will still need to limit capacity to the number that can maintain physical distancing);
- * Horseracing tracks, car racing tracks, and other similar venues; and
- * Commercial film and television productions with studio audiences.

To date there has been a limited number of outbreaks in these settings. Other public health and workplace safety measures continue to remain in effect for these settings. This can include wearing face coverings, screening and the collecting of patron information to support contact tracing. In settings where capacity limits have been lifted, the requirement for individuals to maintain two metres of physical distancing are being removed, with limited exceptions. In addition, proof of vaccination will continue to be required in outdoor settings where the normal maximum capacity is 20,000 people or more to help keep these venues safe for patrons. Since the proof of vaccination requirement went into effect, the province has reached two key milestones in its COVID-19 response, with more than 86.8 per cent of individuals aged 12 and over vaccinated with at least a first dose and more than 81.9 per cent with two doses. The majority of new cases continue to be among the unvaccinated.

CANADA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 6.9% IN SEPT, LOWEST RATE SINCE THE ONSET OF COVID-19: STATISTICS CANADA



OTTAWA, (IANS) Canada's unemployment rate continued downward trend, falling 0.2 percentage points to 6.9 per cent in September 2021, the lowest rate since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Statistics Canada said Friday. Canada's jobless rate declined for the fourth consecutive month in September, Xinhua news agency reported.

Employment returned to its February 2020 level in September, increasing by 157,000, or 0.8 per cent. The employment rate was 60.9 per cent, 0.9 percentage points lower than in February 2020. The labor force participation rate was 65.5 per cent in September, matching the rate observed in February 2020.

The numbers of public- and private-sector employees were at or above February 2020 levels, while self-employment remained 8.4 per cent below its pre-pandemic level. Employment in the services-producing sector surpassed its pre-Covid level in September, while employment in the goods-producing sector remained 3.2 per cent below its February 2020 level. Total hours worked were up 1.1 per cent but were 1.5 per cent below their pre-pandemic level. The number of people working from home was 4.1 million in September, down from 5.1 million in April 2020.

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INDIANS PRIORITISED WELLNESS & MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID: SURVEY

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Nearly 85 per cent Indians spent more on wellness items during Covid-19 pandemic compared to previous years, according to a survey. Titled 'Amex Trendex', the trend report from American Express, surveyed a sample of 2,000 general population travellers in the United States and 1,000 in Japan, Australia, Mexico, the UK, Canada and India. It showed that more than two-thirds (73 per cent) of Indian consumers feel their mental health has been impacted by the pandemic -- either by isolation restrictions or concerns for well-being. Therefore, to combat the toll Covid-19 pandemic has taken on their well-being, Indians are investing more time and money for their physical and mental health, the survey revealed. A whopping 93 per cent would rather choose to have a stronger mental health than a new car and 89 per cent agreed they would give up their favourite TV show for it. More than 80 per cent Indian consumers said they have taken advantage of new mental health resources during the pandemic.

They are also spending more on natural vitamins and supplements (59 per cent), in-home fitness equipment (56 per cent) and organic food (58 per cent) and exercise (43 per cent). Indian consumers also prioritised doing activities for mental well-being with family such as journaling or using meditation apps (32 per cent), and organising a wellness activity for family and friends and/or colleagues (32 per cent). Exercise (43 per cent), listening to music (34 per cent), taking mental breaks during the day (going on a walk or drive, coffee break, etc.) (32 per cent) and meditation (32 per cent) had the greatest positive impact on their mental health, the survey showed. Nearly 92 per cent of respondents said they want to spend more on travel to improve their well-being, while 66 per cent expect to spend much more on travel in the next 12 months than they did in 2020. While on vacation, Indians want to explore (34 per cent), practice yoga (29 per cent), meditate (27 per cent) and walk (23 per cent).

INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTENDED WEDDING EVENTS AT SRI GURU SINGH SABHA MALTON IN MISSISSAUGA ON OCTOBER 3 EXPOSED TO COVID-19

BRAMPTON: Peel Public Health is advising anyone who attended wedding events at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Malton, 7280 Airport Rd, Mississauga, on October 3 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., to seek immediate testing. All guests should get tested, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must self-isolate until they receive a negative test result. Fully vaccinated individuals, who do not have any symptoms, do not need to isolate; however, they should continue to follow precautions such as masking,

physical distancing and limiting contacts while waiting for test results. Everyone seeking testing because of the exposure should give testers the following outbreak number: 2253-2021-48380. Testing locations can be found by Googling "COVID testing near me" with location services enabled. Information on how to self-isolate can be found at [Coronavirus self-isolation page](#). Failure to comply with self-isolation can result in fines under the Section 22 Class Order.

Celebrate October with Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA)!

Culture Days, Doors Open Brampton, Women's History Month and Halloween

BRAMPTON - Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) continues to celebrate Culture Days and Doors Open Brampton throughout October with new downloadable activities, architecture videos and new virtual exhibits. PAMA is also excited to welcome Inuk photographer Katherine Takpannie for a virtual conversation on Oct. 20. Get in the Halloween spirit with spooktacular Halloween kits and a ghost tour! Kids and Family Programs
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3 PUNJABI MEN FROM BRAMPTON ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

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The victims, fearing for their safety, fled the area to a residence, but were followed by four suspects who then brandished a firearm and proceeded to steal the victims vehicle and a quantity of electronics located within. Investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau, 22 Division Criminal Investigations Bureau and the Strategic Tactical Enforcement Patrol (STEP) unit worked collaboratively, and were able to locate the victims vehicle and the stolen SUV at a location in the City of Toronto, and were able to arrest two men operating the cars. A third man was arrested at a location in the City of Brampton. "This was a very fluid investigation that required officers to cross jurisdictional boundaries, which ultimately led them to locate, arrest and bring the suspects before the courts," said Nick Milinovich, Deputy Chief of Investigative and Emergency Services. "Their coordinated efforts have without a doubt contributed to the safety and well-being of the communities we protect". Simranjeet Narang, a 29-year-old man from Brampton, was charged with:
* Robbery
Davinder Mann, a 36-year-old man from Brampton, was charged with:
* Robbery
* Possession of Stolen Property x2
* Fail to Comply With Release Order x2
Aadish Sharma, a 27-year-old man from Brampton, was charged with:
* Robbery
* Possession of Stolen Property x2
* Fail to Comply With Undertaking
The fourth suspect is still outstanding, however investigators are working diligently to locate him and urge him to contact a lawyer and make arrangements to turn himself in.

The stolen electronics have not been recovered at this time, and include items such as Apple computers and iPhones. These items have been disabled and will not be usable by potential purchasers. We'd like to remind the public to be cautious when purchasing items through online classified sites, as they could be stolen and inoperable. To learn more on how to stay safe when completing these types of purchases, visit [PeelPolice.ca](#). Anyone with information on this incident, is asked to contact investigators at 905-453-2121 extension 3515. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting [peelcrimestoppers.ca](#).

ARREST MADE IN MURDER OF PAKISTANI CANADIAN HASNAIN“(NANO) ALI & ATTEMPTED MURDER, KIDNAPPING OF FAQIR ALI

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Hasnain (Nano) Ali subsequently succumbed to his injuries, while his father, Faqir Ali, was forcibly--taken from the home in a dark SUV. Mr. Ali was violently assaulted before he was found near Beach Boulevard in Hamilton. Investigators have now charged 25-year-old Antoine Chambers with the first degree murder of Hasnain (Nano) Ali, attempted murder, kidnapping and aggravated assault in relation to this incident. Chambers has also been charged with numerous firearms related charges as a firearm has been recovered by police. Chambers is in custody and is expected to be back in court for a brief appearance on October 13, 2021. If you have any information that you believe could assist Police with the investigation into this crime, you are asked to contact Det. Lisa Chambers by calling 905-546-3843.

PEEL POLICE LOOKING FOR FEMALE WHITE WITH DARK HAIR IN RELATION TO SERIES OF BREAK AND ENTERS, AUTO AND PROPERTY THEFTS INCIDENTS



Region of Peel – Investigators from the 21 Division Break and Enter Unit are investigating a series of break and enters, auto and property thefts that have occurred within the Region of Peel and other areas across the province. Between September 7, 2021, and October 10, 2021, there have been over 20 property-related offences, with a total loss of approximately \$200,000. The offences have occurred throughout Peel Region, Durham Region, City of Toronto, Halton Region and Wellington County. A suspect in these incidents is described as female white with dark hair. To view a photo of the suspect, visit [PeelPolice.ca](#). Anyone with information on this incident, including surveillance video or information on the identity of the suspect, is asked to contact investigators at 905-453-2121 extension 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](#)

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AFTER M.L. BINDROO, THE OWNER OF 'BINDROO MEDICATE', WAS SHOT DEAD BY TERRORISTS IN SRINAGAR, HIS DAUGHTER, SHRADDHA BINDROO HIT OUT AT TERRORISTS

SRINAGAR, (IANS) A day after M.L. Bindroo, the owner of 'Bindroo Medicate', was shot dead by terrorists in Srinagar, his daughter, Shraddha Bindroo, on Wednesday hit out at terrorists. She said her father was a fighter who always said that he would die with his shoes on. "I don't have a single tear in my eyes because he was a fighter, he died like a fighter," she said. "He always said, 'I will die with my shoes on.'" Terrorists fired upon the owner of 'Bindroo Medicate', Makhan Lal Bindroo near Iqbal Park in Srinagar on Tuesday evening. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Speaking to reporters, Shraddha Bindroo asked the terrorists to

fight with education instead of stones and guns given to them by politicians. "Whoever is the person who shot my father dead, come before me, you have some education? My father gave me education, politicians gave you guns and stones, you want to fight with guns and stones, that is cowardice, all politicians are using you, come in front and fight with education," she said. "I am an associate professor, I started from zero level, my father started from a bicycle, my brother is a famous diabetologist, my mother sits in the shop, that's what Makhan Lal Bindroo made us. A Kashmiri Pandit, he will never die."

NO BREAKTHROUGH IN INDIA, CHINA MILITARY TALKS TO RESOLVE REMAINING BORDER DISPUTES



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The military talks between India and China to end border disputes have not resulted in any resolution with the Chinese not agreeing to "constructive suggestions" provided by the Indian delegation. The talks were held on Sunday. Further, Chinese could not provide any forward-looking proposals. "The meeting thus did not result in resolution of the remaining areas," Indian Army said in a statement. The 13th round of India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on October 10, 2021. During the meeting, the discussions between the two sides focussed on resolution of the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh. India had decided to resolve other remaining friction areas like Hot Springs and 900 square km Depsang plains during 13th round of military talks. The Indian side pointed out that the "situation along the Line of Actual Control had been caused by unilateral attempts of the Chinese side to alter the status quo and in violation of the bilateral agreements."

It was therefore necessary that the Chinese side take appropriate steps in the remaining areas so as to restore peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector. This would also be in accord with the guidance provided by the two Foreign Ministers in their recent meeting in Dushanbe where they had agreed that the two sides should resolve the remaining issues at the earliest. "The Indian side emphasised that such resolution of the remaining areas would facilitate progress in the bilateral relations," the Indian Army stated. During the meeting, the Indian side therefore made constructive suggestions for resolving the remaining areas, but the Chinese side was not agreeable and also could not provide any forward-looking proposals. The two sides have agreed to maintain communications and also to maintain stability on the ground "It is our expectation that the Chinese side will take into account the overall perspective of bilateral relations and will work towards early resolution of the remaining issues while fully abiding by bilateral agreements and protocols," the Indian Army stated.

WELCOME BACK: TATA SONS EMERGE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR AIR INDIA

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Out of Rs 18,000 crore, Talace will retain Rs 15,300 crore, while the rest will be paid to the Centre as the cash component. The bid was higher than the consortium led by industrialist Ajay Singh. The consortium had quoted an EV of Rs 15,100 crore. On its part, Centre had stipulated a reserve price of Rs 12,906 crore. There were only two bidders in the final stage of divestment. Based on the bid results, Centre will enter into a share purchase agreement (SPA) with Talace by December-end. The decision to enter into the sale purchase agreement with the Tatas was taken by -- empowered Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism -- it was announced here by Divestment Secretary TuhinKanta Pandey. "The next step will be to issue the Letter of Intent (LoI) and then sign the SPA following which, the conditions precedent would need to be satisfied by the successful bidder, the company and the government," an official communique said. "It is expected that the transaction will be completed by December 2021." Besides, under the SPA, jobs of Air India's employees will be safeguarded for one-year. Currently, Air India has a total strength of 12,085 employees, which includes 8,084 permanent ones. In addition, Air India Express has 1,434 employees. According to Civil Aviation Secretary Rajeev Bansal, no employee will be removed for one-year. In the second year, if an employee has to be removed, then a VRS option will be provided. Additionally, employees will be provided gratuity and provident fund benefits. The post-retirement medical benefits to employees will be provided. All in all, Tata Sons' subsidiary Talace will among other assets such as human resources get more 140 aircraft as well as 8 logos. Notably, after the transaction, Tata Sons will have two full service carriers -- Vistara and Air India -- along with two low cost airlines -- Air India Express and Air Asia India

-- and a ground and cargo handling company AISATS. In terms of fleet, Tatas will get Air India's 117 wide-body and narrow body aircrafts and Air India Express's 24. A significant number of these aircrafts are owned by Air India. It will also get to operate these aircraft on over 4,000 domestic and 1,800 international routes. Air India's frequent flyer programme has more than three million members. Furthermore, eight brand logos would be transferable to the Tatas which they have to retail for a period of five years. In terms of financials, Tatas will need to take care of the Rs 20 crore loss per day that the company suffers. There is also a three-year business continuity clause in the agreement. Tatas would also need to maintain 51 per cent stake in the airline for atleast one-year. Nonetheless, Tatas will be given full operational control of the divested entities. On the other hand, the transaction does not include non-core assets including land and building, valued at Rs 14,718 crore, which are to be transferred to Gol's Air India Asset Holding Limited (AIAHL). Post the announcement, Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, tweeted: "Welcome back, Air India!". "The Tata Group winning the bid for Air India is great news! While admittedly it will take considerable effort to rebuild Air India, it will hopefully provide a very strong market opportunity to the Tata Group's presence in the aviation industry," he said. Meanwhile, SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh said: "I congratulate the Tata Group on winning the bid for Air India and wish them all the success. It was my honour and privilege to be shortlisted for bidding for Air India. I am confident that the Tata Group will restore the glory of Air India and make all of India proud."

LAKHIMPUR KHERI VIOLENCE: ASHISH MISRA ARRESTED AFTER 12-HOUR GRILLING

LUCKNOW, (IANS) Ashish Misra, the son of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Misra, has been arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police after 12 hours of interrogation on Saturday for his alleged role in the October 3 violence in Lakhimpur Kheri that left nine persons dead, confirmed Upendra Agrawal, DIG, Saharanpur (Range). According to sources, Misra has been arrested for not cooperating with the ongoing investigation by the police. After being served a second notice, Ashish Misra, who has been accused of running over farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri, appeared before the police on Saturday to record his statement. Many of his supporters also reached the Crime Branch office in Lakhimpur Kheri where the interrogation took place. His lawyer Awadhesh Singh was also present along with Sadar MLA Yogesh Verma. The second notice sent by the police had asked Ashish Misra to appear before it on Saturday after he failed to do so on Friday.

AMIT SHAH MEETS POWER MINISTER RK SINGH, COAL MINISTER PRALHAD JOSHI



Amid reports of a power crisis in several states of the country, a key meeting was held under the chairmanship of Amit Shah of the Union Home Minister regarding the power crisis in many states of the country. Coal Minister Prahlad Joshi, Energy Minister RK Singh and senior NTPC officials were present in this meeting, which lasted for about one and a half hours. Apart from this, information about the situation has also been given by the secretaries of both ministries. The top officials from the Power Ministry, Coal Ministry and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) were also present in the meeting held at the Ministry of Home Affairs in the North Block. The Ministry of Coal on Sunday reassured the country that ample coal is available in the country to meet the demand for power plants. Many states, including Delhi, Maharashtra and Punjab, have appealed to the central government for help, raising the issue of power crisis due to shortage of coal. Along with this, an appeal has also been made to the citizens of the state to save electricity. However, the Center has clarified that the country has sufficient reserves of coal and the possibility of a power crisis is not true.

WE ARE MOVING TO SPACE AGE, INDIA CANNOT BE LEFT BEHIND: PM MODI LAUNCHES INDIAN SPACE ASSOCIATION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA) today, on Monday, and said that the world is moving away from the Information Technology age to the Space age and India cannot be left behind. PM Modi, while virtually addressing the launch of ISpA, said, "This is the time of exponential innovation, which can only be achieved when Govt doesn't play the role of handler but enabler. Today Govt is sharing its expertise & providing launch pads for the private sector. Today, the facility of ISRO is being opened for the private sector." Here are the top 5 quotes of PM Modi from his address during the launch of ISpA:

- India is seeing reforms on such a wide scale because its vision is clear about having 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'
- Women's participation in the space sector should be encouraged, PM Modi said, referring to the photo of ISRO's women engineers, who celebrated the success of India's Mars mission and said that we can never forget that picture.
- The space sector needs an open platform approach, PM Modi said, adding that startups and private enterprises need to find new avenues in the Space sector, he stresses.

CENTRE ALLOWS DOMESTIC AIRLINES TO FLY WITH 100% CAPACITY FROM OCTOBER 18



The Union Ministry of Civil Aviation on Tuesday allowed domestic flights to fly with 100% capacity from October 18 onwards. A circular was issued in this regard by the ministry, announcing the removal of restrictions of the capacity of domestic operations in flights. The airlines can now operate at 100% of their pre-COVID-19 capacity. Significantly, after being closed for two months due to the Covid-19 lockdown, domestic passenger flights were resumed from May 25. The government had earlier increased it from 33% to 45 per cent on June 26 and then to 60 per cent on September 2. At present, domestic flights are capped at 85% of their capacity. The development comes as a relief for both airlines and passengers as the festive season rush begins across the country.



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GUTERRES APPEALS FOR AFGHAN AID, SAYING NO 'COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT FOR PEOPLE'

UNITED NATIONS, (IANS) Asserting that the Afghan people should not "suffer collective punishment" for the actions of the Taliban, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres appealed on Monday to the international community to come to the aid of the nation.

He said that regardless of the questions like recognition of the Taliban regime, the country's frozen assets and ensuring the regime keeps its word on many issues, it was imperative to inject cash into the economy to keep the nation from collapsing.

"We need to find ways, respecting international law, respecting basic rules, as I said, we need to find ways to inject liquidity in the economy for the economy to collapse and the people not to suffer," he said. At the same time, Guterres emphasised that the Taliban should be made to keep its word on human rights and the international community should insist that the rights of women and girls, in particular, are respected. "Clearly, the main responsibility for finding a way back from the abyss lies with those that are now in charge in Afghanistan," he said.

"I strongly appeal to the Taliban to keep their promises to women and girls and fulfil their obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law," he added.

Cut off from most sources of international aid that had sustained Afghanistan for 20 years, the country is on the verge of economic collapse and faces the spectre of famine and a humanitarian crisis.

Guterres addressed the dilemma of helping the people in this scenario and not the Taliban that most donors, including India which had pumped in about \$3 billion in aid and last year sent 75,000 tonnes of wheat, face. "I am not saying that I must have international communities give money to the Taliban, for the present authorities. No. We need to inject cash into the economy, we need to make the economy breathe, we need to allow people to survive," he said.

US MAKES IT CLEAR TO PAKISTAN THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN DOWNGRADED

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The Islamabad trip was for "a very specific and narrow purpose", Sherman said, to talk about Afghanistan and the Taliban, the report said. "We don't see ourselves building a broad relationship with Pakistan, and we have no interest in returning to the days of hyphenated India-Pakistan," she added. "That's not where we are. That's not where we're going to be." Sherman's reception in Pakistan the next day was stilted. A planned meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan never materialised. Senior Pakistan government officials told the Guardian that there was diplomatic tension between the two countries that needed to be resolved and that Khan was angry that he had still not received a phone call from Joe Biden, the report added. The decision not to call is intended to be an unambiguous signal of Washington's displeasure with Khan's attitude to Afghanistan. The cold approach has come as a shock to Islamabad, which had been accustomed to Trump's informal and personal relationship with Khan. In a recent leaked memo, the foreign minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, urged the Pakistani embassy in Washington to get a call arranged between Biden and Khan, the report said. "In spite of the existing situation in Afghanistan, and the key role played by Pakistan, it is unfortunate that the White House remains indifferent to the Pakistani leadership," the letter said, blaming "the immature understanding of the White House staff". "You are thus expected to take adequate measures, ensuring that enough diplomatic steps are taken to guarantee the strategic relevance of Pakistan in all diplomatic forums." The foreign minister insisted the letter was a fake but official sources said it was authentic. Pakistan has been long accused of playing a double game in the fight against terrorism, on one hand being a supposed ally in the US "war on terror" while also supporting and sponsoring the Taliban, and allowing them to live and regroup on Pakistan soil. Cyril Almeida, a columnist and analyst, said: "Since 9/11, the US has seen Pakistan through an Afghan prism. Now that Pakistan is perceived to have won another proxy war against a superpower in Afghanistan, the superpower appears to be in no mood to forgive or forget." "Pakistan is desperate to move on from the past and let bygones be bygones and wants to broaden out its relationship and focus on geo-economics, but from Washington's standpoint, Afghanistan is going to continue to dominate its interests in the region for the foreseeable future," Elizabeth Threlkeld, the director of the South Asia programme at the Stimson Center, said, the report added. Since the Taliban came into power in mid-August, Pakistan has been publicly talking about the future recognition of the Taliban government, which has close ties to Pakistan's powerful military intelligence services, the ISI. Zahid Hussain, the author of No-Win War: the Paradox of US-Pakistan Relations in Afghanistan's Shadow, said that relations were at their lowest ebb. "There is lack of hope that the relations will get better, as the things are not moving towards rapprochement between both countries. Today, we don't see the strategic relations between the US-Pakistan -- it is only a transactional relation now," he said, the report added.

TALIBAN, US KICK OFF FIRST TALKS AFTER MILITARY WITHDRAWAL

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Senior Taliban officials and US representatives have discussed "opening a new page" in their countries relationship, as they kicked off talks in Qatar, according to Afghanistans acting Foreign Minister, Al Jazeera reported.

The in-person meetings that began in Doha on Saturday are the first since the US forces withdrew from Afghanistan in August, ending a 20-year military presence, and the Taliban's rise to power. Afghanistan's acting Foreign Minister Mullah Amir Khan Muttaqi said the focus of the Afghan delegation was humanitarian aid, as well as the implementation of the agreement the Taliban had signed with Washington last year, which paved the way for the final US withdrawal, the report said. The minister said the Afghan delegation had asked the US to lift its ban on the reserves of Afghanistan's central bank. He also said that the US would offer Afghan people vaccines against Covid-19, the report said. The Taliban delegation will later meet the representatives from the European Union. A spokesperson of the US State Department said on Friday evening that the talks are not about recognising or legitimising the Taliban as Afghanistan's leaders, but are a continuation of the pragmatic talks on issues of national interest for the US. He said the priority is the continued safe departure of Afghans, US citizens and other foreign nationals from Afghanistan, adding that another goal is to urge the Taliban to respect the rights of all Afghans, including women and girls, and form an inclusive government with broad support. Al Jazeera reported that expectations of a breakthrough in the talks should be "tempered" because there is still quite a "chasm" between what the US wants and what the transitional government in Afghanistan wants. "The Taliban are describing their delegation as high level, being led by its acting foreign minister," the report said, adding, "On the US side, there will be diplomats from the state department, members of USAID and from the intelligence department."



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