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CIF HOSTS RECEPTION FOR NASSCOM DELEGATION TO CANADA



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BJP TO RETAIN POWER IN UP, UTTARAKHAND, MANIPUR, GOA

The BJP is still the favourite to win the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh next year but it is now losing 108 seats as the Samajwadi Party rises rapidly, while in Uttarakhand and Punjab, Congress is making a strong comeback, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll.

While the BJP led by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is still the favourite to win the Assembly polls in 2022, Samajwadi Party (SP) is gathering steam and the difference between the two parties is narrowing, as per the snap poll.

The five-state snap poll was conducted with a sample size of 1,07,193 across 690 seats with a margin of error of +/- 3% to +/- 5%.

In the 403-member Uttar Pradesh Assembly, the BJP and its alliance partners are projected to get 217 seats, 108 seats down from 325 it won in the 2017 elections. The SP led by former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav is rising rapidly in popularity and is now expected to get 156 seats. The battle in UP is now clearly between the BJP and the SP and the gap between the two is only around 60 seats. In Uttarakhand, the BJP is still leading the race with 38 seats down from 57 it won in the previous elections, losing 19 seats. It is the Congress that is giving a strong fight to the BJP with a gain of 21 seats, touching a tally of 32 seats in the 70-member Assembly. In Punjab also, the gap is narrowing between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress.

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AAP LEADS IN PUNJAB, SIDHU LEAST "PREFERRED FACE FOR CM"

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has become the most popular Chief Ministerial face of the state. Thirty-one per cent of the respondents prefer him as the first choice for the Chief Minister's post, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS Five States Snap Poll.

The survey of 15,000 plus respondents also predicts a hung assembly with the following tally: AAP 51 seats, Congress 46 seats and Akali Dal 20 seats. Punjab is currently split along demographic lines, vote bases of different parties have differing takes on the relevance of issues in 2022. The leadership tussle in Congress is queering the pitch for the party, it is still a competitive unit otherwise.

AAP is currently yearning for an official leader of Punjab unit. The legacy voters of AAP want someone named; similar sentiment may be there in floating voters from other parties. BJP's prospects are so poor that even a Captain-BJP alliance in future may be of marginal help only. A prospective Captain Amarinder Singh-BJP alliance does not seem to tickle the fancy of Punjabis. The highest support for it was among BJP voters, 50 per cent voters considered the alliance as beneficial to BJP while the other 50 per cent didn't. Thirty-two per cent Congress voters considered such an alliance beneficial to BJP's prospects. Thirty-eight per cent Akalis rated the same as beneficial to BJP, while only 22 per cent AAP voters considered it beneficial to BJP.

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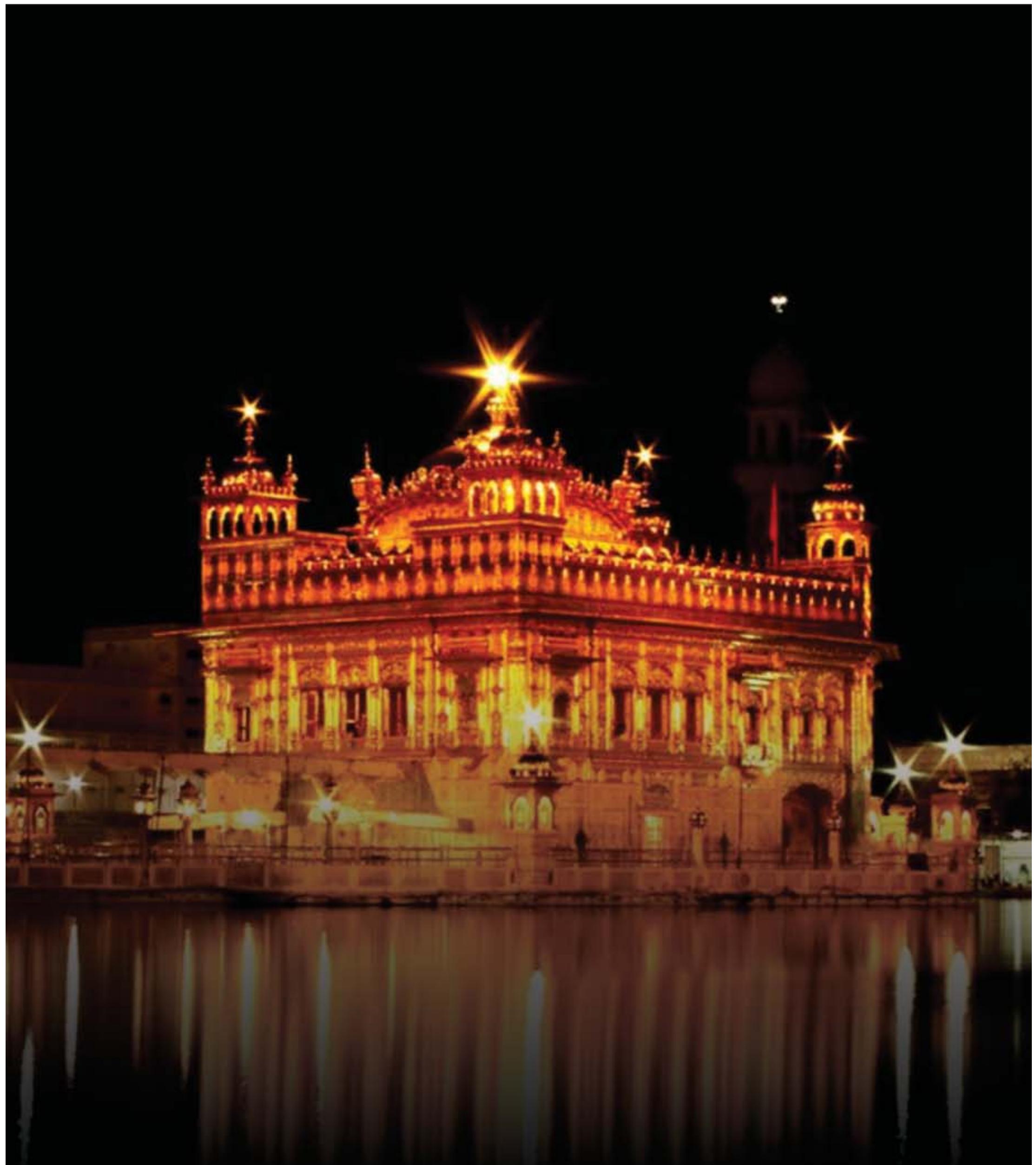
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TORONTO: Canada India Foundation hosted a reception for the NASSCOM delegation, consisting of over 40 India's talented IT leaders, who are on an 11-day tour of Canada. NASSCOM is India's premier IT industry association with over 3000 members. The 40+ strong delegation to Canada represented among them a wide gamut of IT and BPM services, across Software Development, Technology Outsourcing and Consultancy, AI-enabled automation, CRM, data science, cloud migration, data analytics, cyber security and game and app development.

Welcoming the delegation to Canada, Chair of CIF, Satish Thakkar, said: "We consider this a privilege to be able to host you – you represent an

industry that clearly has earned the respect and admiration of the world." He outlined the journey of India's IT sector in the past two decades to reach the heights it has achieved. He noted, "As you continue on your tour of rest of Canada, you will find that our industry and governments provide a very welcoming environment for businesses that want to set up operations in Canada. This is also an ideal launch pad to expand your sphere of activity to other jurisdictions in both the North American and South American continents."

Thakkar also made a strong pitch for joint efforts between like-minded organizations like CIF and NASSCOM to pursue goals that would benefit the

businesses and people in both countries. He stated: "This is an opportunity for all of us to get on board to realize each other's goals. CIF is a trusted name familiar to a large number of business and political leaders here in Canada. We can act as a strong bridge that connects and helps create synergies between NASSCOM members and their Canadian partners. Beyond this evening, I would like to see a mutually advantageous relationship develop between NASSCOM and CIF, making use of our core strengths to facilitate even greater opportunities for India's IT sector."

Lauding the efforts of CIF in the Canada India bilateral, India's Consul General in Canada, Ms. Apoorva Srivastava, explained the great advances that India is making toward a fully digital economy. "And it is enabled by three factors – a billion plus phone connections, a billion plus bank accounts and a billion plus UI (Aadhar cards) that ensures financial inclusivity as well as integrity of the government systems."

She noted that any business begins first with a relationship and urged the delegates to take advantage of the expertise and knowledge in-built in organizations like the CIF to learn, not just about the markets, but even "questions you may have of a more personal nature, like your children's education."

Hon. Nina Tangri, Ontario's Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, while welcoming the delegation to the province, recalled an earlier trip to India with Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Hon. Vic Fedeli, which resulted in "a lot of investment for us in Ontario."

"The Covid-19 pandemic has presented the world with challenges that know no boundaries. In good times, we know how important are trade and cooperation. But it is during the bad times, in our greatest moments of need, we truly appreciate how critical and impactful our international relations can be." Noting the efforts made by individuals, organizations like CIF and the government to reach out to India with much needed supplies during its brutal third wave, Tangri stated: "International cooperation is the path to beat the Covid-19 pandemic and to secure our economic recovery. Ontario will always be there standing shoulder to shoulder with our international partners. As the world recovers, our government urges you to leverage our highly skilled workforce, competitive business environment and access to markets."

Mr. Shivendra Singh, Vice President & Head – Global Trade Development, NASSCOM and head of the delegation, accepted that Canada has always been a good destination for NASSCOM members, and assured the gathering that they remain passionate about the relationship despite the weather!

"The tech industry in India was only around \$50 million beginning of the '90s and today it is a \$200 billion industry, 8% of India's total GDP. I believe the India Canada technology partnership is at a tipping point. Over the past two years, since we signed an MoU with Ontario, there has been a huge spike in interest. So, it shouldn't surprise anyone that in the past two years, our first in person meeting is being held right here in Canada. This is a testimony to the strength of our partnership." He also stressed that the delegation is here to explore possible business opportunities and partnerships with Canadian entities alone.

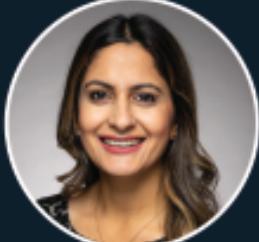
The CIF reception for the NASSCOM delegation was sponsored by Colliers International, a Canada-based diversified professional services and investment management company with more than 400 offices in 68 countries including a strong presence in India. Peter Garrigan, Managing Director, Colliers, invited the delegates to take advantage of their expertise that goes beyond just real estate to encompass critical areas like construction management, asset management, capital. "We have all these in house, we are not just a real estate brokerage house. We really try to understand the challenges of our developers, clients, landlords, tenants and our investors. We offer a full place of services." His colleague at Colliers, Dhrumil Mehta, added, "including market intelligence and competition mapping."

CIF Treasurer, Girish Kekre thanked the delegates and the sponsor, volunteers, the Holiday Day Inn staff and management in making it a productive event to advance the Canada India relationship. He also thanked the media outlets that have continuously supported the efforts of CIF. Ms. Vase Sarmah played the role of Master of Ceremony.

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HINDU HERITAGE MONTH FLAG RAISING EVENT HELD AT BRAMPTON CITY HALL



Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community, and since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the early 20th century, Hindu Canadians have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, media, judiciary, business, culture and sports amongst others.

The Province of Ontario, City of Brampton, City of Ottawa and many other municipalities across the province have proclaimed the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month recognizing the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario society. Hindu Heritage Month was celebrated across Brampton through many community events. An impressive flag-raising ceremony to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians was held at the Brampton City Hall on November 12th. Many local elected

officials and dignitaries were in attendance to mark the occasion. These included Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown, Councillor Jeff Bowman, Councillor Mike Palleschi, Councillor Charmaine Williams, Councillor Rowena Santos, Councillor Harkirat Singh, Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, Ruby Sahota MP Brampton North, Sonia Sidhu MP Brampton South, Rechie Valdez MP Mississauga Streetsville, Ontario Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria, Amarjeet Sandhu MPP Brampton West, Kevin Yarde MPP Brampton North, Deepak Anand MPP Mississauga-Malton, School Board Trustees Kathy McDonald, Will Davies and Hardeep Grewal (PC Party Candidate). MPP Gururrat Singh from Brampton East was represented by his constituency staff. Various community organisations like Canadian Hindu Association, World Brahman Federation of Canada, Akhand Bharti Club, Hindu Sabha

Temple, Sai Dham Food Bank, New Hope Seniors Club, Toronto Kalibari Temple, Aggarwal Sabha Canada, New Brampton, My Indians in Canada Association, Care4Cause, New Brampton, Multicultural Events & Festivals Alliance of Canada, UPICA, South Asians in Ontario, Brampton First Foundation amongst others supported the event.

The event was put together under the patronage of the Hindu Heritage Celebration Foundation - a non-profit organisation whose aim is to promote multiculturalism, inclusiveness, tolerance and diversity. The Foundation members include Dave Kapil, Peeyush Gupta, Rakesh Joshi, Manan Gupta, Madhusudan Lama, Nik Mengi, Virender Rath, Subhash Chand, Don Patel, Jake Dheer, Pathik Shukla, Anand Iyer, Ashwani Aggarwal, Anil Sharma, Madhu Sharda and Amit Bhatt.

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AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT ORGANIZED MUSLIMS' REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENT IN BRAMPTON & MISSISSAUGA



Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Brampton organized a Joint Ceremony Commemorating National Indigenous Veterans Day and Muslims For Remembrance at Mubarak Mosque Brampton. Over 200 guests and members attended the ceremony. The Program started with recitation of the Holy Qur'aan and smudge ceremony was arranged to recognize the First Nation people and services of National Indigenous Veterans. Elder Kim Wheatley, Anishinnabbe Cultural Consultant -Indigenous Sport & Wellness Ontario performed the smudge ceremony. The veterans from Legion 15 & 609 participated in the event and helped organizing the event and wreath ceremony. The event was presided by Abdul Hamid Warraich Sahib (President Elders Association) Sadr Majlis Ansarullah Canada, and he presented the cheque of \$5000 to Brampton Royal Canadian Legion 15 & 609. He also presented the cheque of \$25000 to Robert Borre - Zone B Commander Royal Canadian Legion to share with participating legions across Canada. Mayor Patrick Brown, Minister for Seniors Hon. Kamal Khera, all the MPs, MPPs, Regional councillors, councillors, YudhvirJaswal CEO of Y Media, Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President and CEO, William Osler Health System, Staff Superintendent Sean McKenna of Peel Regional Police, Robert Borre - Zone B Commander Royal Canadian Legion, veterans from Legion 15 & 609 were also among the guests. Exhibition of Muslim Veterans was set up exhibiting their services and sacrifices in the line of duty during World War I & World War II. Invited guest were amazed and impressed to know and learn about the contribution of Muslims during these wars. The event was very successful.

List of Guest Presenters:

1. Elder Kim Wheatley (Smudge Ceremony)
2. (Anishinnabbe Cultural Consultant -Indigenous Sport & Wellness Ontario)
3. Elder Garry Sault - First Nations Mississauga (Prayer song)

4. Robert Borre - Zone B Commander Royal Canadian Legion (Act of Remembrance)
5. Sargent (Retired) Christopher Banks (In the Flanders Fields)
6. Erasmus Hilland (Bugle Performer)

List of Guests:

1. Mrs. Diana Abel, Recipient of Silver Cross Mother Award for year 2017
2. MP & Minister for Seniors, Honorable Kamal Khera
3. MP Ruby Sahota
4. MP Sonia Sidhu,
5. MP Maninder Sidhu
6. MP Shafqat Ali
7. MPP & President of the Treasury Board - Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
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9. MPP & Deputy Opposition House Leader of NDP, Gurkaran Singh
10. MPP & Deputy Leader, Official Opposition Leader of NDP - Sara Singh
11. MPP Kevin Yarde
12. Mayor of Brampton, His Worship Patrick Brown
13. Regional Councillor, Michael Palleschi
14. Regional Councillor, Rowena Santos
15. Regional Councillor, Paul Vicente
16. Regional Councillor, Martin Medeiros
17. Regional Councillor, Gurpreet Singh Dhillon
18. Councillor Harkirat Singh
19. Councillor Charmaine Williams
20. UrzHeer, Senior Advisor, Stakeholder Relations & Governmental Affairs
21. Staff Superintendent Sean McKenna on Behalf of Chief of Peel Regional Police

22. Taufic Saliba Assistant Superintendent Peel Regional Police
23. Henry Verschuren, Sgt-at-Arms, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15
24. Paul R. Ackermann, Sgt-at-Arms, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 609

25. Muhammad Wali President Royal Canadian Legion Branch 414
26. YudhvirJaswal, CEO of Y Media
27. Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President and CEO, William Osler Health System
28. Gurwinder Gill, Director, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination
29. Ken Mayhew, President and CEO, William Osler Health System Foundation
30. Shelagh Barry Director, Community Giving
31. President and Vice Chancellor, Sheridan College, Janet Morrison
32. Amolak Dhindsa, President of Rotary Club Brampton
33. Uche Okugo President Elect of Rotary Club Brampton
34. Badar Shamim Vice President of Rotary Club Brampton

Guests to be recognized:

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| 1. NokhaDakroub Trustee Peel District School Board | 2. Kathy McDonald Peel District School Board |
| 3. King Carolyn First Nation Mississauga | 4. Cyndie Clotier Volunteer Ministers In Charge Church of Scientology Canada |
| 5. Bernard Homier Volunteer Ministers In Charge Church of Scientology Canada | 6. Barry Hobbs Outreach Coordinator Church of Scientology Cambridge |
| 7. HarbyRakhra Community Friend | |



Muslims for Remembrance Day was organized by Ansarullah, Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at, Mississauga on 05 November 2021 after Friday Prayers at Bait Ul Hamd Mosque. The event was well attended by Jama'at members, guests and dignitaries.

Following dignitaries attended the event and expressed their views:-

1. MP Mississauga Streetsville, Rechie Valdez.
2. MPP Mississauga Malton, Deepak Anand. He also read the message of Premier of Ontario, Honourable Doug Ford.



3. MPP Mississauga Lakeshore, Rudy Cuzzetto.
 4. MPP Mississauga Centre, Natalia Kusendova.
 5. CEO and Group Editor Y Media Group. YudhvirJaswal.
- All dignitaries appreciated the efforts of Jama'at in various fields and praised the motto 'Love for All Hatred for None'. Mississauga Legion Officials were also in attendance. National Secretary External Affairs Mr Asif Khan also attended and spoke briefly. Col Muhammad Yahya performed as Master of the Ceremony.

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Old foes poised against each other again

BY ASAD MIRZA

India and Pakistan are poised against each other, to play a more proactive and constructive role in Afghanistan's redevelopment, trying to negate each other's initiatives. The ascendancy of Taliban to power in Afghanistan almost two-and-a-half months ago, after the hasty and chaotic withdrawal of the US forces from the country had raised hopes that Afghanistan may see the dawn of a peaceful era and the Taliban 2.0 might be able to establish a stable and secure government in the country. Since August, a lot of regional and multilateral meetings and conferences have been hosted to find a roadmap to lead Afghanistan to peace and stability, besides various country's representatives meeting Taliban representatives in Doha. Countries that have a lot of stake in Kabul and are affected by the Afghanistan affairs both internally and externally have taken most of these initiatives.

Meetings on Afghanistan

Russia hosted the first regional conference titled Moscow Format Consultations on Afghanistan in which all the Central Asian republics, China, Iran, Pakistan and India and a high-level Taliban delegation also participated.

Its objective was to find "a regional consensus" amongst the participants regarding the Taliban 2.0. But the primary objective was to get the Taliban to form a broad-based government in Kabul, reflecting the country's ethnic and religious diversity, ensure basic human rights of all Afghans, particularly the women and children, and get an assurance from the Taliban that Afghan territory will not be allowed to be used as a launchpad for terrorist attacks on other countries.

Soon after, Tehran hosted a similar conference of regional and neighbouring states to discuss how to deal with the Taliban. Once again, the de facto objective was to find a regional consensus and to pressurise the Taliban to adhere to its commitments. Its additional aim was to ensure the welfare and safety of the Hazara community and other Shias of Afghanistan.

DRSD and T+ Meetings

However, the most curious meetings were hosted by India and Pakistan on 10 and 11 November in New Delhi- called Delhi Regional Security Dialogue and Islamabad-called Troika Plus, respectively. It seems as if the two regional foes wanted to establish their supremacy over each other, in order to play a crucial role in the redevelopment of Afghanistan.

But more curious play out during these meetings was that no Taliban representative was present at either of the two, though the acting foreign minister of the Taliban government, Amir Khan Muttaqi was present in Islamabad from 10 to 12 November. He had to contend with meeting the participating special representatives of Pakistan, US, Russia and China and Pakistan prime minister and



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foreign minister separately.

In yet another twist Russia, issued a statement of its own after the release of the Delhi Declaration, based on a twist of words and technicalities, but this is uncalled for in diplomatic circles.

Pakistan and China didn't attend the DRSD, Pakistan's NSA Moeed Yusuf said he would not attend the New Delhi meeting saying "spoiler can't be a peacemaker". India called Pakistan's decision unfortunate and said it reflects its mind-set of viewing Afghanistan as its protectorate. Its comments against India are an unsuccessful attempt to deflect attention from its pernicious role in Afghanistan.

On China skipping the dialogue, sources said that though it is not attending the conclave because of the scheduling difficulties, it has conveyed its readiness to maintain contacts with India on Afghanistan through bilateral and multilateral channels.

Why so much worry about Afghanistan?

Now the question that arises is why are different regional and international players so interested in Afghanistan? The US which entered Afghanistan twenty years back, following the traces of its one time prodigy in the name of War on Terror, is also seen kowtowing to the same Taliban with which it fought for twenty long years.

The underlying reason seems to be based on reports, which originated at different times during the last twenty years, but were described as controversy theories and were brushed under the carpet. But now the turn of events shows that they indeed were true.

According to reports published by Afghanistan's Ministry of Mines and Petroleum, the country possesses at least \$1 trillion of untapped mineral resources. A country of 38 million people is estimated to hold more than 2.2 billion tonnes of iron ore, 1.3 billion tonnes of marble and 1.4 million tonnes of rare earth minerals like Lithium, Chromite, Aluminium etc. besides Gold and Silver.

According to geologist Scott Montgomery, a minimum of seven to 10 years is required to develop large-scale mining in Af-

ghanistan, to become a major source of revenue for the poor country. On September 2, the Taliban said that the group would rely primarily on financing from China, which already holds several long-term mining leases around the country.

So one can deduce that this newfound love for Afghanistan and Afghanistan is based on the hunger for these minerals. During the last twenty years the American geologists might have identified the key areas and processes to be adopted to mine these resources, yet the US based on experience understands very well that to commercially exploit this natural wealth of Afghanistan, a peaceful and business conducive atmosphere is needed, otherwise in a war ravaged country the cost of mineral commercialisation may shoot up very high. That's why it seems to have propped up Taliban 2.0, ensuring that they are able to establish their government and promising them to give a small percentage of the revenues back to it as Developmental Aid and pocket the big chunk of revenue and utilising the rare minerals for its industries. The rest of the international community too seems to be following on this blueprint. A classic case of present day economic imperialism.

As far as India is concerned, it wants to play a constructive role in Afghanistan, so as to ensure that the still present rogue terrorist elements in Afghanistan do not find their way to Indian Kashmir. Though it established contacts with Taliban last, but was seen as lagging behind to pursue them proactively, perhaps because of internal political dynamics. But it will have to take a calculated risk to engage with Taliban with foresight, so as to manage Pakistan's rude attitude on the issue, which considers Afghanistan as its protectorate and can't tolerate any Indian play. Only then India could claim to be a regional power.

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PEEL POLICE SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING GURPREET GREWAL, 34, MISSING FROM BRAMPTON

Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau seek the public's assistance in locating a missing 34-year-old man from Brampton. Gurpreet Grewal was last seen on Friday, November 5, 2021, at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the area of James Potter Road and Richmead Road in Brampton. Gurpreet is believed to be on foot. Gurpreet is described as male, South Asian, medium complexion, 5'11, 170 lbs, medium build with long black hair and a black beard and mustache. Gurpreet was last seen wearing a white sweater, white sweat pants, white Adidas shoes and a brown & red jacket. Police and family are concerned for his well-being. To view a photo of Gurpreet, please visit our website. Anyone with information is asked to call investigators with the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2233. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.



ACCESSING COMMUNITY AND INFORMATION: REDUCING VACCINE HESITANCY IN LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS

TORONTO- The key word to battling COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in low-income populations is access: to communities, information and vaccine supply, says Dr. Latif Murji, Scarborough Health Network health equity co-ordinator and physician lead for its first-of-a-kind VaxFacts Clinic.

"What I'm talking about with access, it's having the vaccine available and meeting people where they're at," Dr. Murji said. "It's going to neighbourhoods in communities where vaccine uptake is low and having popups in local apartment complexes, schools, factories and places of front-line work."

The Public Health Agency of Canada has reported that among Canadians with annual incomes of \$25,000 or less, 24 per cent were considered COVID-vaccine hesitant, compared to 11 per cent of those with incomes between \$50,000 and \$75,000 and six-to-10 per cent of those with incomes over \$75,000. There was also a higher level of hesitancy among Canadians with less education. For Scarborough specifically, 64 per cent of households would qualify for the province's Low-Income Workers Tax Credit.

Dr. Murji noted that low-income Canadians are less likely to have a family doctor or primary care physician and are often part of other marginalized groups, meaning many miss out on direct health-care access, including health information from a trusted professional. But another access gap is

information.

"Physicians are often appearing on mainstream media, but these may not be the same platforms that are being accessed by marginalized groups," Dr. Murji said.

Proven public health interventions have included community and business-led mobile vaccine operations, targeted communications strategies to local ethnic media, door-to-door outreach and financial supports such as paid sick leave.

A local success story has been Dr. Murji's VaxFacts Clinic in Scarborough, where residents are connected directly with doctors of multiple languages and ethnic backgrounds, with extended hours for those who work multiple jobs and no OHIP coverage.

Dr. Murji said they've seen more than 800 patients, with more than 80 per cent deciding to get vaccinated for COVID-19 after conversations assuring them about vaccines, their safety and evidence.

He said that while these interventions work, communities, governments and health officials must continue to be creative to reach the 11 per cent of eligible Ontarians who have still not gotten vaccinated as of Nov. 2. "The majority of unvaccinated people are not antivaxxers," Dr. Murji said. "Many still don't quite feel comfortable making the choice to get vaccinated and we need to get creative with our approach to help them get there."

ONTARIO COMBATING GUN AND GANG VIOLENCE

ETOBICOKE— The Ontario government is investing \$75.1 million to reinforce the fight against gun and gang violence in communities across the province. The funding will support initiatives that will dismantle criminal activity, enhance investigative supports, increase collaboration throughout the justice sector and stop the flow of illegal guns across the border.

"Gun and gang violence will not be allowed to thrive in Ontario" said Premier Doug Ford. "We will do everything in our power to support our frontline policing personnel and justice sector so they have the resources and supports needed to tackle illegal activity. We will spare no expense to keep our communities and kids safe today, tomorrow and for years to come."

Building on Ontario's Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy, this three-year investment will include:

TWO MEN CHARGED IN BRAMPTON CARJACKING

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The victim exited the store and attended her vehicle. Shortly after, two suspects approached the victim's vehicle and a struggle ensued. As this was occurring, numerous citizens intervened and removed the victim's young child from the rear of the vehicle at which time the suspects fled the area in her vehicle.

The victim was transported to a local hospital to be assessed for her injuries which were considered non-life threatening. The child was not physically injured.

The Central Robbery Bureau, with the assistance from the Strategic Tactical Enforcement Policing team and the Peel K9 Unit, located and arrested the two suspects with the stolen vehicle near Derry Road East and Rexwood Road in Mississauga.

Hamza Sajid, an 18-year-old man from Brampton was charged with:

- * Robbery
- * Wear A Disguise
- * Assault Causing Bodily Harm

Establishing the Office of Illicit Drug Intelligence to disrupt the drug supply chain coming into Ontario and provide enhanced investigative support to identify and prevent cross-border drugs, guns, and human trafficking

Enhancing support for gun and gang specialized investigations to assist with firearms analysis and tracing enforcement, allowing for the timely identification of gun traffickers, their networks, and their smuggling routes

Creating a new Gun and Gang Mobile Prosecution Unit to prosecute major gun and gang cases from the moment charges are laid in priority regions across the province

Creating a provincewide joint analytics working group to enhance the ability among police services to collect and share information on gun and gang activity and trends

* Breach of Recognizance x 4

* Possession of a Controlled Substance x 2

Mehkash Sohal, a 19-year-old man from Brampton was charged with:

- * Robbery
 - * Wear A Disguise
 - * Assault Causing Bodily Harm
 - * Breach of Probation
 - * Possession of a Controlled Substance x 2
- Mehkash Sohal was also charged by the Central Robbery Bureau for a carjacking that took place in Brampton on Friday, April 30, 2021. (Media Release: 21-111). Both men were held pending and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on November 13, 2021. Investigators continue to ask anyone with a cellphone, dashcam video, other video footage, or anyone with information to contact them at 905-453-2121 ext. 3410. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://peelcrimestoppers.ca).

PEEL PUBLIC HEALTH ADDS 12-WEEK GRACE PERIOD TO LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FOR 12-YEAR-OLDS PARTICIPATING IN INDOOR ORGANIZED SPORTS

Peel Public Health is issuing an amendment to the Letter of Instruction issued October 15, 2021, that requires all people aged 12 and older who participate in indoor organized sports and recreational activities, including players, coaches, and officials, to provide proof of vaccination. This amendment is being issued in coordination with public health units in both Toronto and York Region.

Effective January 1, 2022, the amendment provides children who turn 12 years old in 2022 a grace period of 12 weeks from their birthdate, during which they will not need to show proof of vaccination at indoor sports facilities. Children who were born in 2009 are currently eligible for vaccination and can receive two doses of vaccine to meet the requirements outlined in the Letter of Instruction.

"For children turning 12 in 2022, we recognize that parents need time to be able to get their children vaccinated. Effective January 1, the letter of instruction will provide for a grace period of 12 weeks following their birthday to allow them time to meet proof of vaccination requirements at indoor sports facilities" says Dr. Loh, Medical Officer of Health, Peel Region. "We know how important recreation activities are for the physical and mental health of youth and want to ensure that they can continue to participate while they access the protection that vaccines provide."

The vaccine is the best form of protection against COVID-19 so residents who are eligible are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Peel Public Health continues to expand its vaccine system to provide accessible options for residents and to accommodate eligible third dose and booster doses as well as pediatric vaccinations once approved by Health Canada and the Ontario government. Details on getting vaccinated are available on our website.

NEW SHERIDAN CENTRE CLINIC KEY TO PEEL'S VACCINE READINESS THIS FALL/WINTER

Brampton, ON. (November 11, 2021) - Peel Region, in partnership with the Ministry of Health (MOH), is pleased to announce the opening of a new vaccination clinic at Sheridan Centre on Wednesday November 17.

The centrally located clinic will help residents who are eligible and ready to receive:

- * First or second dose of the vaccine. Walk-ins available for anyone born in 2009 or earlier.
- * Third or booster doses, including immune-compromised residents, eligible seniors (70+), health care workers (16+), individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine and First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members (16+), by appointment only.
- * Vaccines for 5-11 year old pending approval and supply from provincial and federal partners.

The Sheridan Centre clinic is in an easy-to-find location in central Mississauga and will be a key centre for residents to get the vaccine as Peel continues to push as close as possible towards a 100% coverage rate. Staffing to run the clinic has been made possible with the help of our partners at MOH.

Sheridan Centre Clinic address and hours of operation

Location: 2225 Erin Mills Parkway, Mississauga

Opening date: November 17

Days and hours of operation: Tuesday to Saturday, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.

"The opening of the Sheridan Centre Clinic is vital in our push towards 100 percent vaccine coverage across Peel, to help keep our residents and their families safe. This central location is focused on ensuring that every resident who is ready can get their vaccine. Whether a first, second or third dose, if you are eligible, we are ready to help you. I am particularly excited that this clinic will also be key in the administration of vaccines for children aged 5-11 in the coming weeks - our children are the foundation of our communities and keeping them safe and healthy is at the core of our efforts," said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health, Peel Region. Residents looking to get vaccinated before the opening of this clinic can do so at any Peel clinic. New locations are added regularly as community needs are identified. To find a location near you, check peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine.

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Ontario Pushing Ahead With Highway 413 Despite Opposition



ONTARIO PUSHING AHEAD WITH HIGHWAY 413 DESPITE OPPOSITION.

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"With Halton, Peel and York regions all set to grow at incredible speed, our government is saying yes to building the roads and highways that will keep these communities moving," said Premier Doug Ford. "Highway 413 will create thousands of jobs while saving commuters hours of gridlock every day. This project is a key part of our plan that's building Ontario."

Highway 413 will be a key factor in unlocking the potential of people and businesses in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH), which is an economic driver for the province. In addition to reducing time on the road for drivers, including those taking goods to market, the highway will link growing regions, provide better connections to housing and jobs, and attract increased investment in auto manufacturing and other industries.

"Highway 413 will save drivers up to 30 minutes each way on their commute, adding up to one hour per day and five hours per week in people's schedules. This relief will be the difference between sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic and having dinner with your family at home," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "As the population of the GGH surges, the new Highway 413 is an opportunity we cannot pass up. As part of our plan to build Ontario, our government is making historic investments in both public transit and highway infrastructure to get people, goods, and businesses moving." The corridor will extend from Highway 400 in the east to the Highway 401/407 express toll route (ETR) interchange area in the west and will include a four-to-six-lane 400 series highway, separate infrastructure dedicated for transit and passenger stations, and intelligent transportation and truck parking. Preliminary design of the preferred route has commenced for this essential project. During construction, Highway 413 is expected to support up to 3,500 jobs each year and generate up to \$350 million in annual real gross domestic product (GDP).

"Investing in transportation infrastructure, like Highway 413, will not only improve our productivity and encourage economic growth by allowing goods to get to market faster, it will also have a measurable impact on the quality of life for Ontario drivers so they can spend more time with friends and family," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "That is why we are building the highways that will get Ontario drivers out of gridlock. Ontario is growing — and the province's transportation network needs to

grow with it." On November 4, the government released the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario. The plan lays out how the government will build the foundation for Ontario's recovery and prosperity by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure, attracting increased investment, restoring leadership in auto manufacturing and other industries, and supporting Ontario workers. The plan also protects Ontario's progress against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Highway 413 represents a crucial, long-term investment for the Province of Ontario, which will attract future investment and jobs. Highway 413 will fill infrastructure gaps in Ontario's roadway links to the benefit of the province's transportation and logistics hubs in the Northwestern GTA that serve as the epicentre of Canada's supply chain. The highway will also provide congestion relief for Highway 401 and add redundancy to the GTA's 400-series network, significantly improving transit times for goods movement by truck and access to Central and Northern Ontario while strengthening the connection for Canada's busiest truck-rail intermodal facilities. Highway 413 is not only a fundamental piece of infrastructure, it's a key part of Ontario's success in the future," said Stephen Laskowski, President, Ontario Trucking Association.

Bryan Hocking, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Road Builders' Association, said, "ORBA supports the construction of Highway 413, building infrastructure is a critical part of Ontario's long-term economic plan, and even more important to our economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The population of the GTA is expected to hit 9.9 million by 2045. We must begin to build the necessary infrastructure today so we can be ready to meet this challenge in the future." "For manufacturers, an efficient transportation network that facilitates the efficient movement of goods and employees to and from their operations, is critical to success. Congested highways around GTA continue to put manufacturing in the region at a disadvantage by increasing costs of shipments, creating uncertainty in delivery times, lengthening commute times for employees, and negatively impacting our environment. CME strongly support investments, such as the 413, that will improve the movement of goods and people throughout the region and reduce waste and inefficiencies," said Mathew Wilson, Senior Vice President, Policy, Government Relations & Ontario Division Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters.

Amid Surge In Covid-19 Cases, Ontario Pausing Lifting Of Capacity Limits In Remaining Settings Where Proof Of Vaccination Is Required



TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is pausing the lifting of capacity limits in remaining higher-risk settings as outlined in A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term. This is being done out of an abundance of caution as the province monitors public health trends.

The phased and cautious approach to Ontario's safe reopening includes ongoing monitoring and assessment of key public health and health care indicators. While Ontario's hospital and intensive care capacity remains stable and the province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active cases in the country, certain public health trends, including the effective reproduction number and percent positivity have increased slightly over the past week.

An increase in cases was always expected as more people move indoors due to the colder weather and as the province eased measures. However, out of an abundance of caution, existing capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required will remain in place to ensure the province has the required time to better understand any potential impact on hospitalizations and ICU admissions. These higher-risk settings include:

food or drink establishments with dance facilities such as night clubs and wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing; strip clubs; and sex clubs and bathhouses.

The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to monitor the data for the next 28 days to determine when it is safe to lift capacity limits in these settings.

"Throughout the pandemic our government has taken a cautious approach to reopen, ensuring our hospital capacity remains stable and the province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active

cases in the country," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "To protect our hard-fought progress and ensure we can continue to manage COVID-19 for the long-term, more time is needed before we can take the next step forward in our reopening plan."

Ontario's cautious approach is working, with weekly cases incidence rates still well below the national average and the province tracking below the lower range scenario for ICU projections outlined by the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table on October 22, 2021. However, the province has continued to be guided by the evidence, ensuring that key indicators continue to be assessed through each milestone of its plan to gradually lift public health and workplace safety measures.

"While Ontario has continued to make progress as a result of its safe and cautious approach to reopening, it is necessary to make this deliberate pause as we approach the winter holidays where more people will begin gathering indoors and where students will be returning to in-class learning in January after celebrating with friends and family," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "Over the coming weeks and months, we need to stay the course on reaching those who have not yet been vaccinated, follow public health and workplace safety measures, and continue to remain vigilant in order to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe."

Ontarians are urged to remain vigilant and continue following public health and workplace safety measures in place and to get vaccinated if they have not done so already. Achieving the highest vaccination rates possible is key to reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission and significant surges in cases. Responses will continue to be tailored to local context, with the ultimate goal of limiting disruption to people and businesses across the province.

PM TRUDEAU TO ATTEND NORTH AMERICAN LEADERS' SUMMIT TAKING PLACE ON NOVEMBER 18



The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced he will travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the North American Leaders' Summit taking place on November 18, 2021. The North American Leaders' Summit is a trilateral meeting between the Prime Minister of Canada, the President of Mexico, and the President of the United States to discuss shared priorities and find North American solutions to the challenges of today and tomorrow. This year, priorities include finishing the fight against COVID-19, getting the job done on vaccines, tackling the climate crisis, creating new middle class jobs, building an economic recovery that works for everyone, and migration. At the meeting, the Prime Minister will build on the important work accomplished at the Group of 20 Summit and the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to strengthen supply chains, help keep our economy growing and competitive, and protect our environment. PM Trudeau said, "Our countries are committed to providing a better future for our people, including creating more middle class jobs, building a cleaner economy and tackling climate change, and finishing the fight against COVID-19. I look forward to meeting with my counterparts to discuss a new path for our partnerships at a time when the world is facing complex global challenges."

CANADA COMMEMORATES THE DISCOVERY OF INSULIN ON 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS LIFE-SAVING MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH



Canadians truly appreciate the power of medical research and discovery to improve the health and welfare of humankind. The Government of Canada is committed to honouring and celebrating such ground-breaking Canadian accomplishments.

Today, Sonia Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Brampton South, on behalf of the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, participated in a ceremony to unveil a plaque recognizing the importance of the discovery of insulin as an event of national historic significance. The ceremony was held in collaboration with the University of Toronto at their Myhal Centre for Engineering Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin, an extraordinary development in medical science, saving millions of lives worldwide. Up until the early 20th century, diabetes was a fatal disease. Thanks to a Canadian team of researchers – Frederick Banting, Charles Herbert Best, John J.R. Macleod, and James Bertram Collip – a treatment was discovered in 1921 when they succeeded in isolating and purifying insulin. Following this discovery, they successfully treated diabetic patients at the Toronto General Hospital, making headlines around the world. In 1923, Banting and Macleod received a Nobel Prize in medicine for their work on the discovery of insulin, stimulating further medical research in Canada. Today, we recognize all four Canadian researchers – Banting, Macleod, Best and Collip – for contributing to one of Canada's greatest accomplishments in medical research. Under the National Program of Historical Commemoration, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada advises the Government of Canada on significant persons, places, and events that have shaped our country. National historic designations are one way of helping Canadians connect with their past. By sharing these stories with Canadians, we hope to foster understanding and reflection on the diverse histories, cultures, legacies, and realities of Canada's past and present. Sonia Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Brampton-South, said, "Today, we recognize and honour one of Canada's most ground-breaking medical discoveries, and the role of Canadian researchers who helped save millions of lives around the world over the last 100 years. The plaque commemorating the discovery of insulin as a national historic event reflects the rich and varied history of Canada and provides an opportunity for Canadians to discover and connect with our diverse heritage."

Key Findings

- COVID-19 cases are rising in most Public Health Units. Testing is flat, but positivity is rising in several Public Health Units. This indicates a real rise in cases.
- Hospitalizations and ICU occupancy are stable right now but overall occupancy of ICUs is likely to increase.
- The impact of COVID-19 remains highly inequitable. Those with lower income, essential workers, and minority groups are at highest risk.
- Vaccination remains the most effective protection against COVID-19 infection, hospitalization and long COVID-19, but there are critical gaps in coverage across communities.
- Experience in Europe and across Canada show that cases can rise quickly, with subsequent increases in hospital admissions, ICU occupancy, and deaths.
- A deliberate pause on re-opening is the right decision at this time. Policies that support wearing masks properly indoors and getting fully vaccinated will be helpful.

Ontario ScienceTable Projects ICU Occupancy Could Hit 200 In January As Covid-19 Cases Rise; Says Immediate Future Of Case Counts Is Unclear Due To Recent Surge Of Infections.



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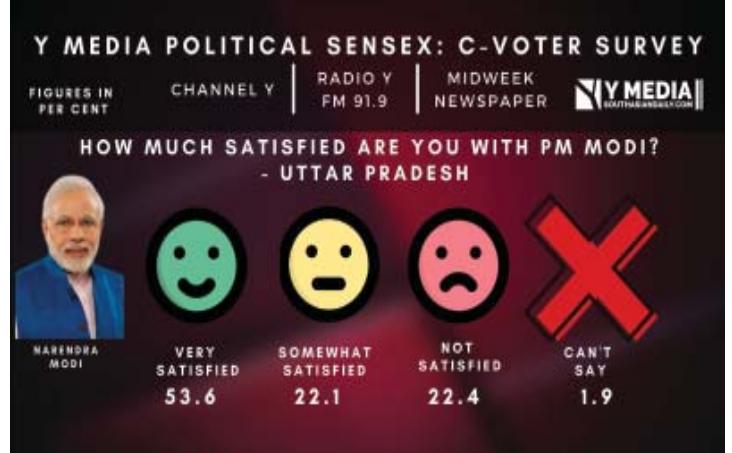
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LAKHIMPUR KHERI INCIDENT TO HARM BJP IN ASSEMBLY POLLS



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Lakhimpur Kheri violence that claimed the lives of nine persons in Uttar Pradesh on October 3 will harm the poll prospects of the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Assembly elections scheduled in the state next year, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll. According to the survey, 62 per cent of the voters feel that this issue will harm the saffron party in Assembly elections, while only 21.5 per cent feel that it would help the BJP. A total of 16 per cent respondents feel that it will not have any impact on the elections. According to the 2019 cross tabulation, 48.4 per cent of BJP voters, 64 per cent of Congress voters, 80.6 per cent of Samajwadi Party (SP) voters, 77.1 per cent of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) voters and 68.6 per cent of other political parties feel that the incident will harm the saffron party in the coming elections. Only 28.2 per cent of BJP voters, 20 per cent of Congress voters, 12.9 per cent each of SP and BSP, and 14 per cent others feel that it would help the BJP. A total of 22.2 per cent of BJP voters, 16 per cent Congress voters, 6.5 per cent SP voters, 10 per cent BSP voters and 17.4 per cent others said that this would not have any impact on the Assembly polls. The survey also highlighted that the Yogi government will be benefitted from the inauguration of nine medical colleges in UP recently, as 58.8 per cent voters agreed with this, while 48.2 per cent said that it will not give any benefit to the present government. Similarly, as per the survey, over 56 per cent respondents are not influenced by the record Covid vaccinations in the state, while 44.3 per cent think that it will have an impact on the voters. On whether the Congress will benefit from Priyanka Gandhi's active role in Uttar Pradesh elections, the snap poll indicated that 52.8 per cent voters feel that the Congress will not benefit, while 47.2 per cent said in the affirmative. The survey was conducted across all the 403 Assembly constituencies in the state with a sample size of 3,571 in each.

41.4% IN POLL-BOUND STATES 'VERY MUCH SATISFIED' WITH PM MODI



NEW DELHI, (IANS) A total of 41.4 per cent of the respondents in the five poll-bound states of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Uttarakhand and Manipur are 'very much satisfied' with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll.

As per the survey, overall 26.9 per cent opted for 'satisfied to some extent' category, while 29.1 per cent were not satisfied at all with the Prime Minister. However, 2.6 per cent opted for 'can't say', as per the snap poll. The five-state snap poll was conducted with a sample size of 107193 across 690 seats with a margin of error of +/- 3% to +/- 5%. On the question of satisfaction with the Central government led by the BJP, a total of 36.3 per cent were 'very much satisfied' in the five poll-bound states. Overall, 28.4 per cent expressed 'satisfaction to some extent' and 31.8 per cent said 'not satisfied at all'. A total of 3.5

per cent of the respondents opted for 'can't say'. In the 'very much satisfied' with the Central government category, 50.1 per cent respondents are from Uttar Pradesh, followed by 36.1 per cent from Uttarakhand, 35.4 per cent from Goa, 19.2 per cent from Manipur, and 14 per cent from Punjab. As many as 54.7 per cent respondents from Manipur said they were 'very much satisfied' with Modi, followed by 53.6 per cent from UP, 48.1 per cent from Uttarakhand, 39.6 per cent from Goa and 15.4 per cent from Punjab.

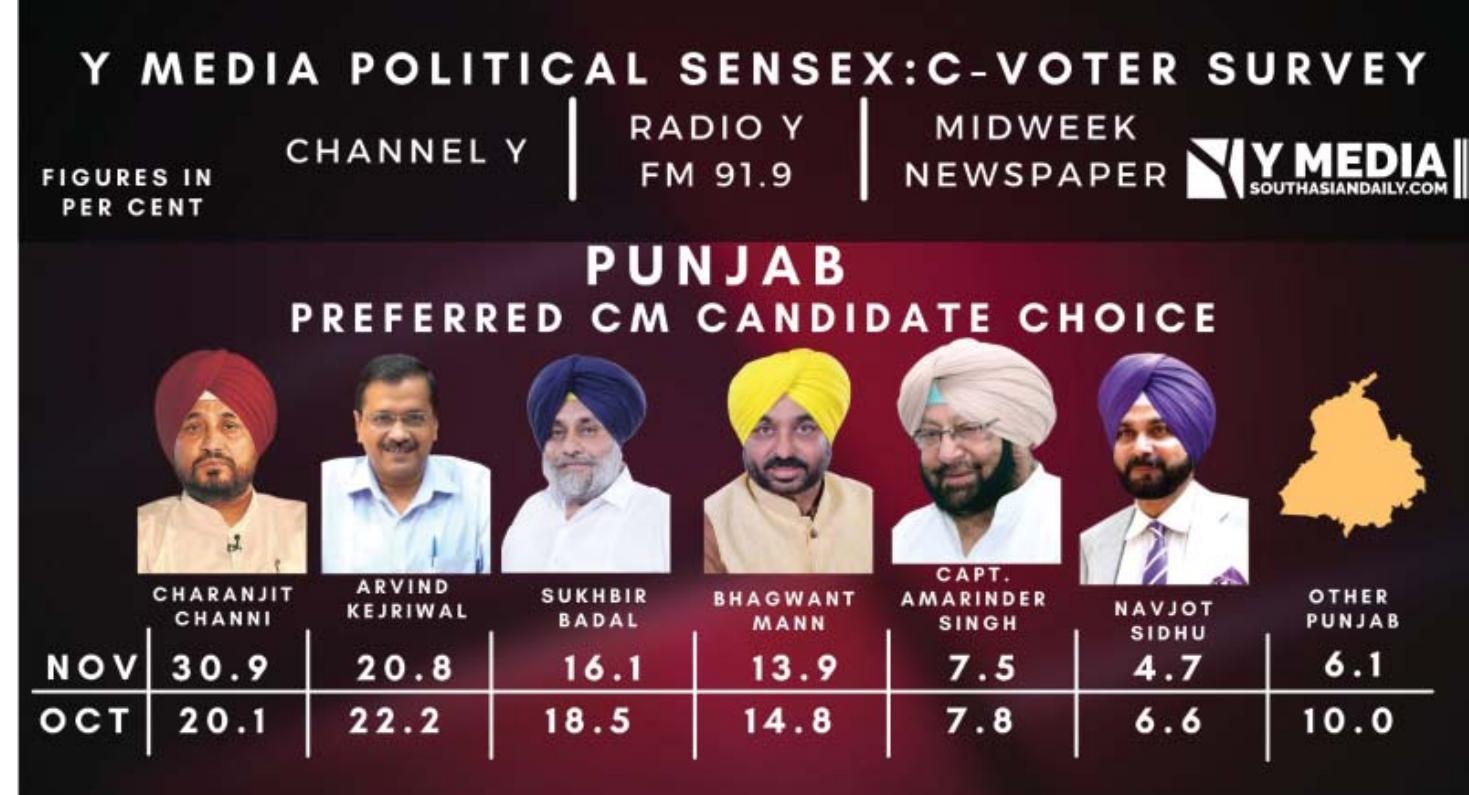
In the category 'satisfied to some extent' with the Central government led by the BJP, 43.6 per cent respondents are from Goa, followed by 26.5 per cent from Uttarakhand, 25.1 per cent from Manipur, 20.9 per cent from UP and 19.3 per cent from Punjab.

However, Goa has 36.6 per cent respondents who said 'satisfied to some extent' with Modi, followed by 25.1 per cent from Uttarakhand, 22.1 per cent from Uttar Pradesh, 19.8 per cent from Manipur, and 18.6 per cent from Punjab.

In the category 'not satisfied at all' with the Central government, Punjab tops with 55.5 per cent respondents, followed by Uttarakhand at 34.9 per cent, UP at 26.2 per cent, Manipur at 25.6 per cent and Goa at 19.6 per cent.

Punjab has 57.8 per cent respondents who said 'not satisfied at all' with Modi, followed by Uttarakhand at 26.7 per cent, Manipur at 25.6 per cent, UP at 22.4 per cent and Goa at 18.3 per cent. A total of 11.3 per cent respondents opted 'don't know' on the question of satisfaction with the Central government, with Punjab on top at 8.2 per cent.

Punjab's voters least satisfied with their govt's performance



NEW DELHI, (IANS) Of the five states going to the polls in 2022, Punjab has the least satisfied voters at 56.4 per cent in terms of their state governments performance, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll.

Punjab is followed by the BJP-ruled states of Uttarakhand (41.2 per cent), Manipur (39.3 per cent), Uttar Pradesh (29.7 per cent) and Goa (17.4 per cent).

On the other hand, voters in Uttar Pradesh are the most satisfied with their current government of the five states at 44.8 per cent.

Both Manipur and Goa have most satisfied voters at 34.1 per cent, followed by Uttarakhand and Punjab at 33 and 12.7 per cent, respec-

tively. A total of 42.5 per cent of the surveyed voters in Goa have gone with the 'satisfied to some extent' category, followed by 26.6 per cent voters in Manipur, 24.5 per cent in Uttarakhand, 22.1 per cent in Uttar Pradesh and 20 per cent in Punjab.

As many as 10.9 per cent of the voters in Punjab have gone with the option of 'can't say'. Similarly, 5.7 per cent in Goa, 3.3 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 1.3 per cent in Uttarakhand have followed Punjab's suit.

Zero per cent of the surveyed masses in Manipur have gone with the neutral option.

The five-state snap poll was conducted with a sample size of 107193 across 690 seats with a margin of error of +/- 3% to +/- 5%

52.1% in Punjab feel Amarinder's new party will hurt Congress

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Out of the total surveyed people in Punjab, 52.1 per cent think that the new party of ex-Chief Minister Amarinder Singh will hurt the Congress, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll. The survey found that 52.1 per cent think the new party will hurt the Congress, while 47.9 per cent said it will not damage the grand old party in Punjab. On the question of declaring a CM candidate by the Aam Admi Party in poll-bound Punjab, 77.3 per cent said that AAP should declare the candidate, while 22.7 per cent said 'no'.

A total of 34.6 per cent of the respondents said that an alliance between the BJP and Amarinder Singh will benefit the saffron party, while 65.4 felt otherwise. On the rift between Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Navjot Singh Sidhu, 62.2 per cent of the respondents said it will hurt the Congress, while 37.8 per cent said 'no'.

The survey found unemployment to be the biggest issue in the upcoming elections in Punjab. A total of 38.3 per cent people found unemployment as the biggest issue, followed by the ongoing farmers' protest at 38.1 per cent. The drug menace is the biggest issue for 12.7 per cent respondents, while 3.4 per cent chose terrorism as the vital issue in the upcoming elections. The five-state snap poll was conducted with a sample size of 1,07,193 across 690 seats with a margin of error of +/- 3 per cent to +/- 5 per cent.

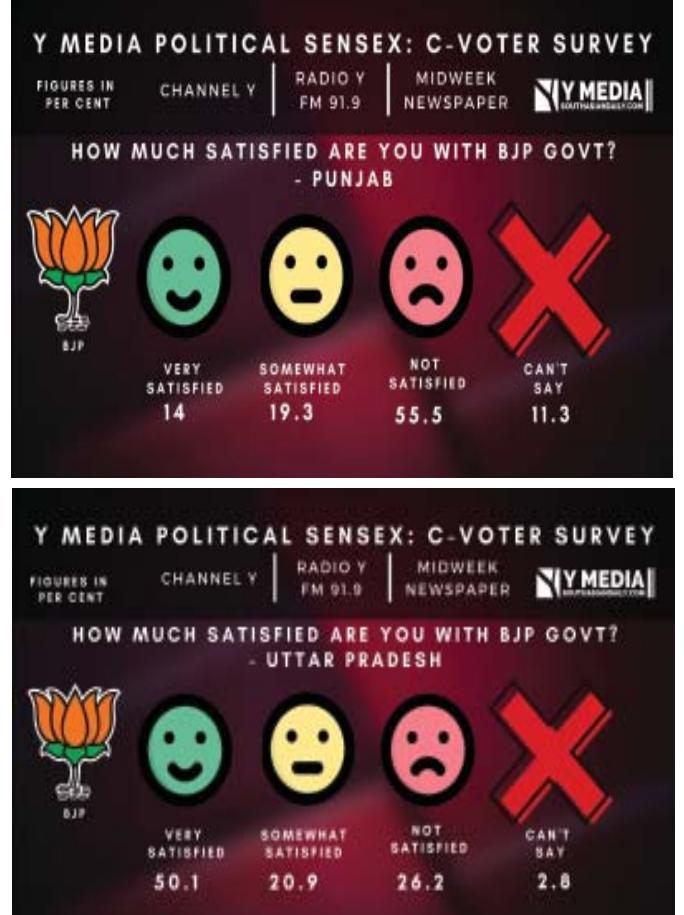
As many as 42.5 per cent of the surveyed voters in Goa have gone with the 'satisfied to some extent' category, followed by 26.6 per cent voters in Manipur, 24.5 per cent in Uttarakhand, 22.1 per cent in Uttar Pradesh and 20 per cent in Punjab.

As many as 10.9 per cent of the voters in Punjab have gone with the option of 'can't say'. Similarly, 5.7 per cent in Goa, 3.3 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 1.3 per cent in Uttarakhand have followed Punjab's suit.

Zero per cent of the surveyed masses in Manipur have gone with the neutral option.

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43.7% voters in 5 poll-bound states see Modi as best PM candidate

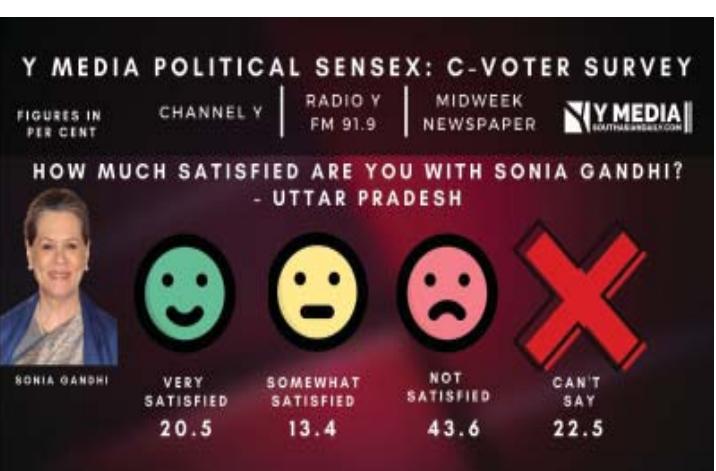
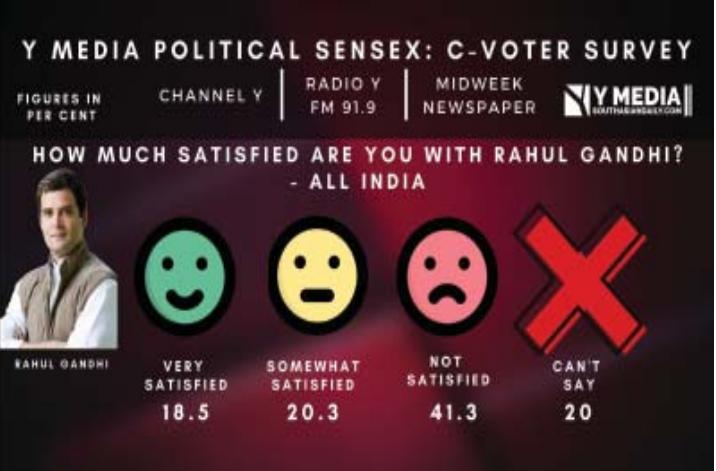
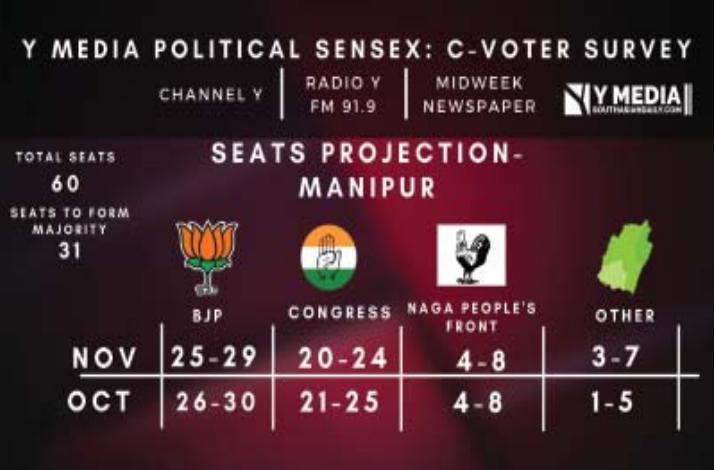
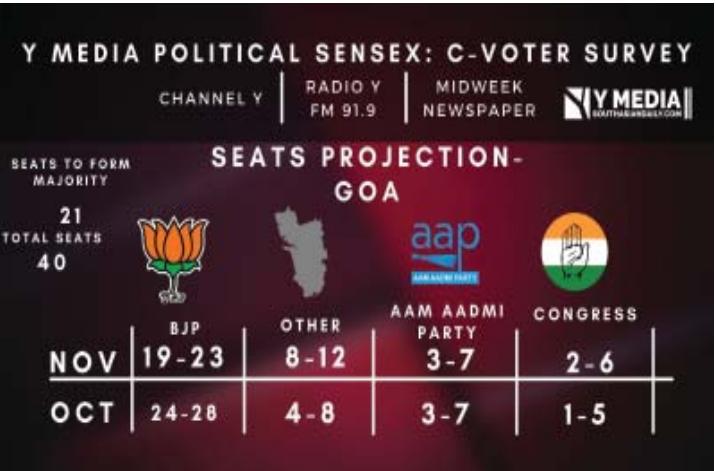
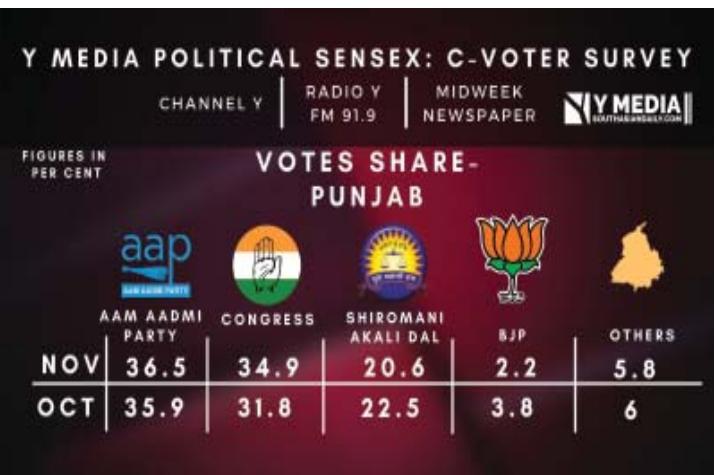
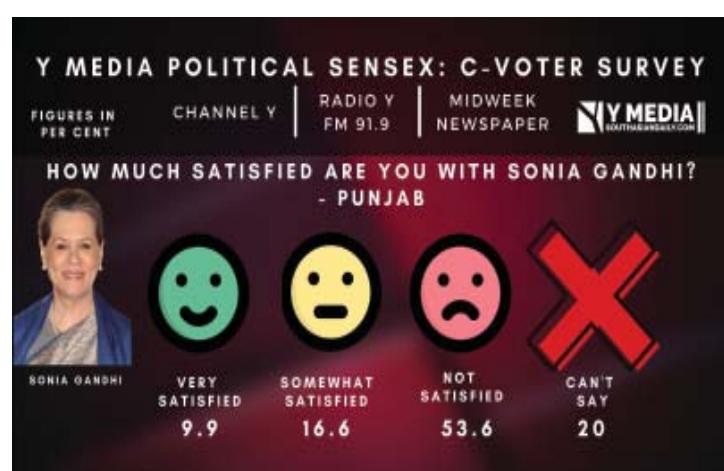
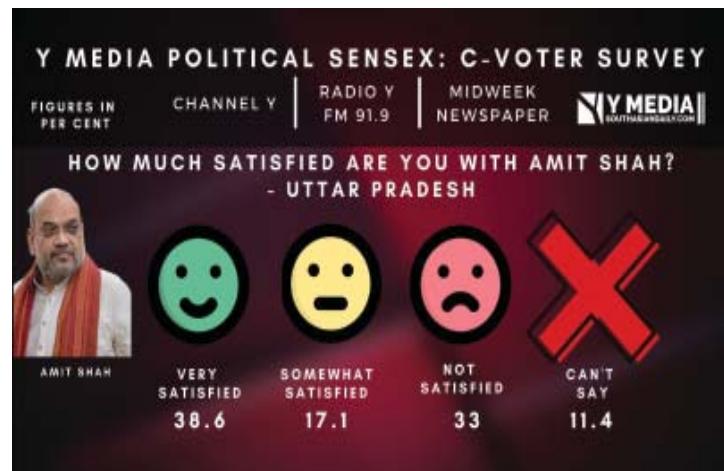
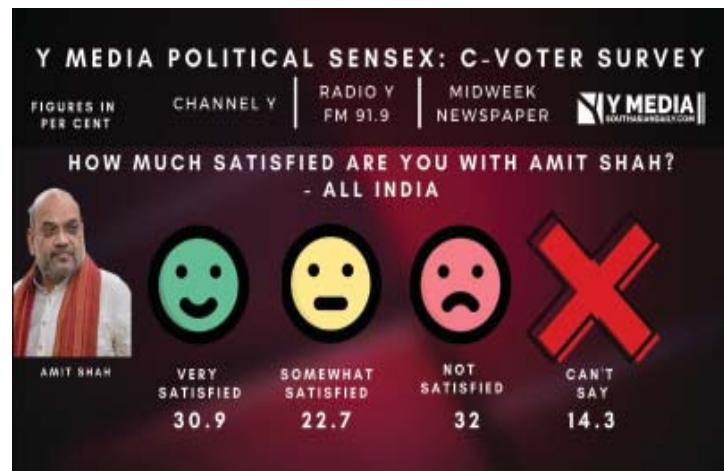
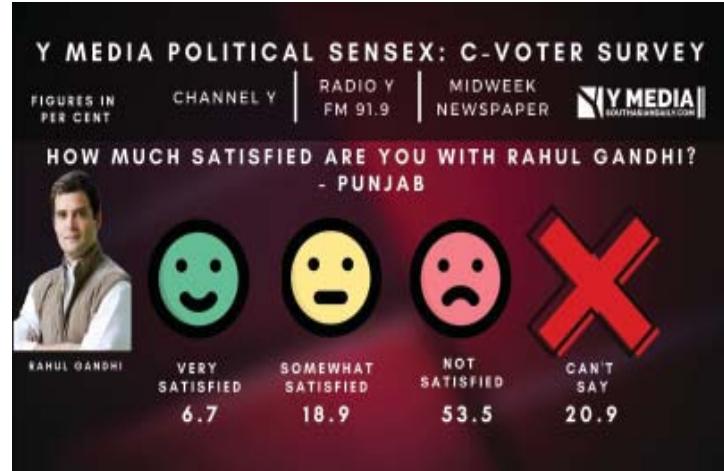
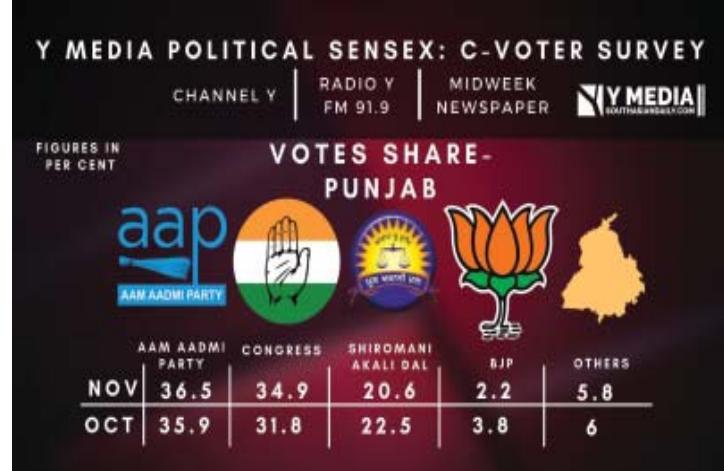
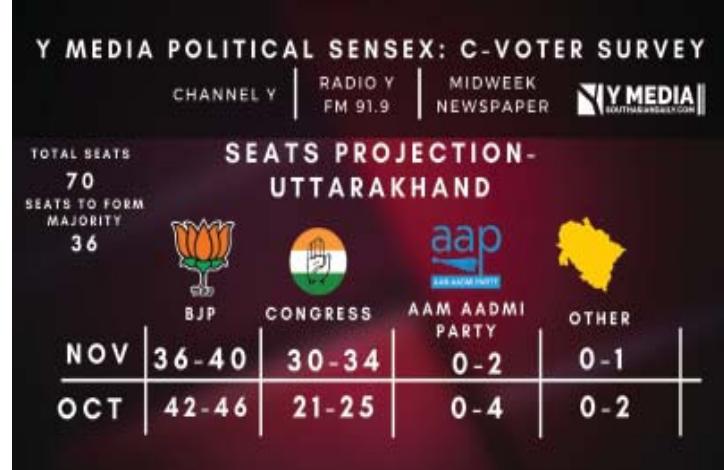
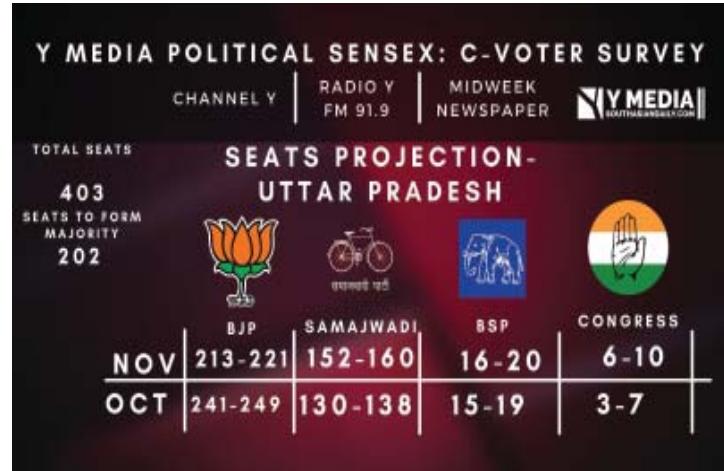
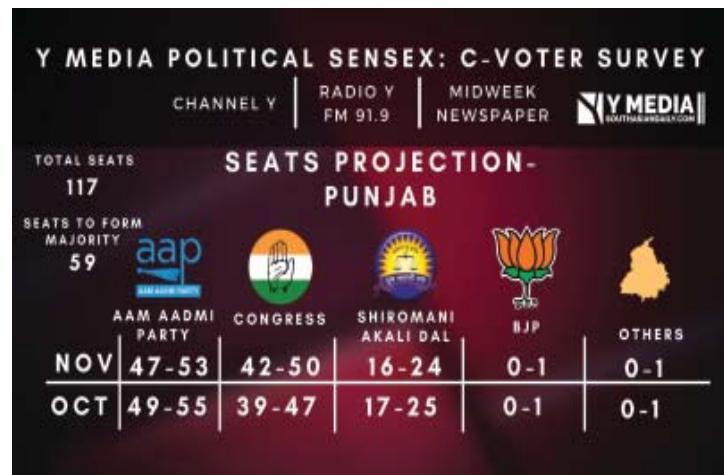


NEW DELHI, (IANS) As many as 43.7 per cent voters in the five poll-bound states of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand see current Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the best candidate for the post, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap poll.

Of the surveyed states, Manipur constitutes the highest number of voters at 57.5 per cent who have chosen Narendra Modi as the best candidate for the post of Prime Minister, followed by 50.1 per cent in Uttarakhand, 44.4 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 36.1 per cent in Goa and 14.3 per cent in Punjab. The other candidates in the fray are Congress' Rahul Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, BJP's Yogi Adityanath and Aam Aadmi Party's Arvind Kejriwal. After Narendra Modi, 9.6 per cent of the voters in all the five states have gone for Rahul Gandhi, 5.2 per cent with Arvind Kejriwal, 3.1 per cent with Manmohan Singh and 2.6 per cent with Yogi Adityanath. A total of 19.3 per cent of the voters in Goa, 15.3 per cent in Manipur, 9.4 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 6.3 per cent in Uttarakhand and 2.1 per cent in Punjab see Rahul Gandhi as the best PM candidate. Meanwhile, 10.5 per cent voters in Punjab, 9.1 per cent in Manipur, 5.2 per cent in Uttarakhand, 3.1 per cent in Goa and none in Uttar Pradesh have gone with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been backed by 26.3 per cent respondents in Punjab, 15.1 per cent in Uttarakhand, 5.7 per cent in Goa, 3.3 per cent in Manipur, and 2.3 per cent in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been chosen by only 7.2 per cent voters in Uttarakhand, 5.2 per cent in Uttar Pradesh, 2.4 per cent in Manipur, 0.7 per cent in Punjab and none in Goa. The five-state snap poll was conducted with a sample size of 1,07,193 across 690 seats with a margin of error of +/- 3 per cent to +/- 5 per cent.



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**AAP LEADS IN PUNJAB, SIDHU LEAST "PREFERRED FACE FOR CM"****CONT'D. FROM PAGE 1**

The reason for an adverse rating this alliance is the narrow electoral base of the BJP in Punjab. Under Advani-Badal formula of 1990s BJP limited itself to few urban pockets (less than 25 seats). Beyond that the BJP is severely unpopular in rural areas due to farmer agitation. Therefore, according to voters of all major parties in Punjab, BJP prospects are so bad that Captain's alliance will only have a marginal impact.

It is high time that AAP declares its Chief Minister candidate for the state. Eighty-nine per cent of AAP voters support a decisive declaration of a candidate, while only 11 per cent don't want the same. More than 3/4th of Congress and Akali Dal voters also back a declaration of Chief Minister candidate for AAP. The reason behind so is unclear but there may be some floating vote inherent to these numbers. A declaration of Chief Minister candidate may help such floating voters make a choice one way or the other. Chief Minister Channi and PPCC President Sidhu are daggers drawn over various issues. The power struggle between the two is being uniformly assessed by voters of all parties as detrimental to Congress prospects. Sixty per cent Congress voters admitted to this tussle as a negative. A similar sentiment was observed in BJP (68 per cent), Akali Dal (65 per cent) and AAP (65 per cent). The subtext to this tussle is the wider struggle for leadership in Congress in post-Captain era. A divided cadre is unable to focus fully on political opponents.

Thirty-eight per cent voters of Punjab named farmer agitation as the most important issue for 2022 assembly election.

Equally, another 38 per cent named unemployment as the most important issue. Drugs as a social menace came a distant third at 13 per cent. The key to understanding the topline numbers is demographic landscape of Punjab. BJP voters consider unemployment (49%) as primary issue due their urban origins. Only 21 per cent of Punjab BJP voters considered farm agitation as key issue. There is a similar but finer split in Congress.

BJP TO RETAIN POWER IN UP, UTTARAKHAND, MANIPUR, GOA**CONT'D. FROM PAGE 1**

AAP is still ahead with 51 seats in the 117-member Assembly, but the Congress has narrowed the gap with a tally of 46 seats, still down 31 seats from its tally of 77 in the previous elections, but new Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi is making a difference. Akali Dal is third with 20 seats.

In Goa, the BJP is leading with 21 seats in the 40-member Assembly, followed by others at 10, AAP at 5 and Congress with only 4 seats.

In Manipur, the BJP is leading with 27 seats in the 60-member Assembly, followed by Congress with 22 seats. In Uttar Pradesh, while the BJP is holding on to its vote share, with just a minor drop of 0.7 per cent at 40.7 per cent, it is losing 108 seats as the SP is gaining vote share by 7.1 per cent to 31.1 per cent.

INDIA'S GROWTH IS BACK, BOTH IN NUMBERS AND SPIRIT: JAISHANKAR**CONT'D. FROM PAGE 1**

"There are two parallel processes going on at the moment," he said while referring to India's Covid as well as economic recoveries. "Both are showing resilience in different forms. In terms of lives and livelihoods, the next few months and years will really show who has been more resilient and who has perhaps not been that much," he added, highlighting that India recently crossed 1.1 billion vaccination shots. "The pace is continuing and there has been confidence that in the next few weeks, all the eligible people will get two shots (of Covid vaccine). It will leave us in a good shape to tackle any future mis-happenings that may take place," Jaishankar said before shifting his focus on economy.

"I would say we are well poised and part of the reason is that a lot of effort went into creating the capacities to handle Covid -- hospitals, ventilators and even the vaccination drive. Part of it is also because of the resilience and foresight with which we responded," he said. "We husbanded our resources well and reacted in a balanced and right manner. We recovered and at the same time we recovered in a very responsible manner. So, that creates a fair degree of confidence and optimism in India as we look into 2022. I would certainly hope that in a country like the UAE, which is a great friend, it will certainly get reflected."

"And this is already getting reflected in our trade figures. This year may actually be one of our best years in trade. Trade recovery has been very strong and we don't think that it is just because of pent-up demand. The recovery remains very strong," said Jaishankar, indicating at India's significant drop in recent Covid cases as the country registered 11,850 new cases on Saturday, just a 0.03 per cent rise in week-on-week numbers.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAM MANDIR TO HELP BJP IN UPCOMING UP POLLS

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will help the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, as per the ABP-CVoter-IANS 5-State Snap Poll.

According to the snap poll, 63.3 per cent voters feel that the construction of Ram Mandir will help the BJP, while 39.7 per cent said that this will not help the saffron party.

The 76.1 per cent voters who voted for the BJP in the 2019 Parliamentary elections in Uttar Pradesh, 61 per cent who voted for the Congress, 39.3 per cent who voted for the Samajwadi Party (SP), and 38.2 per cent who voted for the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) feel that construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will help the BJP in the Assembly elections scheduled in early 2022. According to the survey, 71.1 per cent voters who voted for the BJP in the 2019 Parliamentary elections want Yogi Adityanath to return as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.



CM KEJRIWAL INDULGES IN BLAME GAME ON POLLUTION: PUNJAB MINISTER

NEW DELHI, (IANS) Slamming the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for wrongly blaming the Punjab farmers for Delhi pollution, Punjab Industries Minister Gurkirat Singh on Monday said that the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government has indulged in the blame game to save its own skin as it has completely failed to control pollution in the national capital. Gurkirat Singh, who was the chief guest at Punjab Day Function held during the ongoing India International Trade Fair 2021 at Pragati Maidan, also urged the Central government for reopening of Kartarpur Corridor, which has been closed since March 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Talking on industrial growth in Punjab, the Cabinet minister said the state government had taken several steps for creating ease of doing business and ensuring stable growth of the industrial sector in Punjab. He said that the Congress-led Punjab government has brought investment of over Rs 1 lakh crore in the state, which has not only

given the much needed boost to the economy but also generated employment. The minister said that the government has recently organised a two-day Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit during which renowned industrialists reiterated to further invest in the Punjab to expand their businesses. He said the state government has set up Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion as the single point of contact to facilitate investors. The new industrial policy with detailed schemes and operational guidelines was implemented with a sole motive of becoming the number one destination for investors and business in the country. The new policy covers extensive reforms focusing on eight key strategic pillars of change -- infrastructure, power, skill, MSMEs, startup and entrepreneurship, ease-of-doing business, fiscal and non-fiscal incentives and policy.

Examine work from home for employees: SC to Centre, states on air pollution

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Supreme Court on Monday told the Centre and state governments to examine the feasibility of work from home for employees and also asked the states to ensure that stubble burning does not happen for 1-2 weeks. A bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana and also comprising Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Surya Kant said: "At present, there is a good amount of stubble burning taking place. We tell the states that stubble burning does not happen for 1-2 weeks..". It further directed the Centre and states, "to examine for work from home for employees," in the meanwhile. Mehta submitted that the Haryana government took some steps to implement work from home and they have also stopped trash burning. The top court asked the chief secretaries of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana to be present for Tuesday's emergency meeting scheduled by the Centre. The bench noted that the construction, stubble burning, work from home, transport, etc., are the issues. "Let the committees meet and let them discuss these issues...need an action plan by tomorrow evening," said the bench. The top court pointed out that there is no basis for hue and cry about stubble burning, as it merely contributes to only 4 per cent of air pollution in winters, and pointed out that, as per Centre's affidavit, major culprits of air pollution are transport, industries, and vehicular pollution. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, while detailing on initiatives taken by the Delhi government to curb air pollution, submitted, "We are fighting together, no politics in the fight against air pollution..." The bench noted that "in fact now the cat is out of the bag, the farmers' stubble burning contributes to 4 per cent of the pollution as per the chart (in the Centre's affidavit)...so, we are targeting something which is totally insignificant...". The top court also sought an action plan from the Centre, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi by Tuesday regarding measures to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR. The Chief Justice emphasized that since stubble burning is not reason, the authorities must focus on issues which majorly contribute towards air pollution.

EX-MAHA HM DESHMUKH SENT TO 14 DAYS JUDICIAL CUSTODY



MUMBAI, (IANS) A Special PMLA Court on Monday sent Maharashtra ex-home minister Anil Deshmukh to 14 days' judicial custody, two weeks after his remand with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) ended. Special PMLA Court Judge H.S. Satbhai also permitted a bed and prescribed medicines to Deshmukh, 72, given his advanced age and health conditions, though the ED's Special Public Prosecutor Hiten Venegaonkar opposed the demand.

The senior Nationalist Congress Party leader was arrested early on November 2 in connection with a money-laundering case filed by the ED and has since been in the agency's custody.

The ED's case followed a corruption FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh - currently 'missing' - wrote a letter in March accusing Deshmukh of allegedly asking a sacked cop Sachin Vaze to collect Rs 100 crore from Mumbai hoteliers between December 2020 and February 2021.

The Special Judge Satbhai heard Special Public Prosecutor Hiten Venegaonkar and Deshmukh lawyers Inderpal Singh and Aniket Nikam, and after the ED did not seek further remand,

ordered judicial custody for the NCP leader.

INDIA ALLOWS FOREIGN TOURISTS AS COVID CASES DECLINE



NEW DELHI, (IANS) India on Monday decided to reopen the entry of all foreign tourists following a sharp and sustained decline in Covid-19 cases.

According to the officials, now the foreign travelers will be allowed to visit India without a mandatory quarantine. The government's move came 20 months after the pandemic situation improved in the country.

India has now allowed entry to fully inoculated tourists from 99 countries including the UK, USA, Israel, Brazil, Canada, Greece, Kuwait, Colombia, Russia and Germany, who have already recognized the Indian vaccination certificates or WHO-recognised vaccinated Indian travelers in their countries.

The government only requires that such tourists monitor their health for 14 days after their arrival in India.

In case of a foreigner who has taken only one shot, will have to go for RT-PCR test at the airports or any entry points in India and will have to go for seven days self home quarantine stay in case of a positive report and on the 8th day, the RT-PCR test will be done again and then they can walk free in the country. In case a person is found positive in the second RT-PCR test, he will have to stay in home quarantine for another eight days.

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PAKISTAN POWER PLAY: IMRAN INNINGS COMING TO A CLOSE BUT NAWAZ WILL NOT GET TO BAT

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that was exercising self-censorship under government intimidation now finding its voice; sections of the judiciary and other institutions like Election Commission standing up against some of the steps being taken by the government; a restive public reeling under the impact of a collapsing economy; and most of all, the 'selectors'—the Pakistan Army—are believed to be distancing themselves from the 'selected'.

Everyone now seems to be waiting with bated breath for the denouement. It could come as early as today during the Joint Session of Parliament called by Imran Khan to ram through controversial bills aimed at rigging the next elections; or it could get postponed for a few days, weeks, perhaps even a month or two.

The finale of every season of Pakistan's Game of Thrones is like one of those unending Balaji Telefilms soap operas with all the crazy twists and turns in a plot full of intrigue, deception and betrayal, and the usual last-minute surprise. Sometimes, the surprise lies in the protagonist pulling off a Houdini act; other times, the protagonist goes under. That Imran Khan is up a gum tree is quite clear. If he survives the current crisis it will not be because of anything he does at this stage, but more because of what his bête noire Nawaz Sharif doesn't do—play ball with Imran's principal backers sitting in the GHQ in Rawalpindi.

Simply put, 'regime change' in Islamabad is now in Nawaz Sharif's hands. If Nawaz behaves pragmatically and reaches an understanding with the military establishment on the various steps leading up to the future political set-up, then Imran's fate is sealed; if however, Nawaz Sharif remains obstinately 'ideological' about civilian supremacy, then he will end up giving Imran Khan another lease of life. The joint session today is going to be the Army's way of telling Imran who his daddy is, and disabusing Nawaz of any fancy notions he might have of side-lining the military in the decision-making process and imagining that he is their only option.

A GAME OF CHICKEN

But in this game of Chicken, every side has some cards to play. The Pakistan Army needs a deal with the opposition to undo the disaster that Imran has visited upon Pakistan. It is unthinkable to see him run, nay ruin, Pakistan for another two years when his term ends. Nawaz Sharif is pushing the envelope because he thinks the Army is at its wits end over Imran and needs a deal with the opposition to fix the country. Imran thinks he has cards that will make things extremely messy for the Army if it tries to pull him down. He can sack the Army chief, he could dissolve the National Assembly, or take some other precipitate action that makes a pig's breakfast of Pakistan's politics. Even if none of that happens, Imran will be entitled to think that he is the only option that the Army has and that the occasional spat—like the one over the ISI chief appointment—will not change the dynamics of the military's dependence on him, which will make him more obdurate.

It isn't a big deal for the Pakistan Army to get rid of Imran Khan. The numbers aren't stacked in his favour. But the Army would like to avoid a messy operation in which they aren't sure of what will happen later. There are two broad matters that need to be settled. The first is an understanding of the next steps to get rid of Imran Khan, including what follows after he is ousted. The second is the future political road map, and the deal on who plays what part in the medium term i.e. post-elections.

According to the grapevine, neither of these matters have been settled and therefore the chances are that today's Joint Session will be used by the military to send a signal to the opposition to get real. It will also be a signal to Imran that he survives on the military's support.

THE GOOGLES

While there is a broad understanding between the military and the opposition on an early election—first half of 2022 instead of last quarter of 2023—there

are a number of loose ends to be tied up. If Imran Khan is voted out of office, will there be an in-house change in Islamabad or will the National Assembly be dissolved, a caretaker set-up put in office and fresh elections held by March 2022? If it is an in-house change, who will lead the next government? Will it be someone from the ruling PTI (Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf), will it be someone from PPP (Pakistan Peoples Party) or will it be some dark horse on which everyone agrees? Will this in-house change stay in office until the term of the National Assembly ends in August 2023 or will it just mind the shop, agree on a caretaker government and elections by March/April 2022? What happens to the provincial assemblies? Will they also be dissolved and go for elections along with the National Assembly? Pakistanis have some bug abut holding simultaneous elections to the national and provincial assemblies. Will they agree to having elections for the national and Punjab assemblies in 2022 and let the other provincial assemblies complete their term in 2023? Will the PPP, which has now been reduced to a provincial-level party, agree to an early election in Sindh? What about Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan? None of these questions have been settled so far.

The other outstanding question is what happens after the elections in which Nawaz Sharif's PML-N (Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz) is expected to come out on top and form the next government? What role will Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam play in that government? Nawaz Sharif is disqualified for life. Even if the corruption cases in which he and Maryam have been convicted are overturned because of a miscarriage of justice—there is enough evidence that these were Kangaroo courts—it will not end his disqualification which was on entirely different grounds. The Army is not prepared to accept Maryam as Prime Minister. There is also no assurance as yet that Nawaz Sharif's disqualification will be overturned by the Supreme Court. Chances are that a deal could be reached on Nawaz's brother Shahbaz becoming the Prime Minister. He is someone who is a reasonably good administrator. More importantly, he is someone who never ever rubs the military the wrong way. But politically, Shahbaz just doesn't have the kind of public support that Nawaz or Maryam enjoy. Will Nawaz allow Shahbaz a free hand in running the government or will he play back-seat driver and try to influence government policy, particularly on issues which the Army considers to be its domain? Will he insist on the Army stepping back from the political sphere before he agrees to a deal? Surely, even he knows that if the Army agrees to withdraw from political interference, it will only be a tactical retreat.

WILL NAWAZ PLAY SAFE?

Even as the backroom deals are being worked out, there is speculation of Nawaz Sharif returning back to Pakistan to lead his party into action. But will he return while Imran is still in office? Seems unlikely, especially since Nawaz will go straight to jail after he lands in Pakistan. He was serving a jail sentence when he was sent abroad for medical treatment. The courts have now declared him a proclaimed absconder. Anyone who thinks that he will return and galvanise his supporters to do a Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP) kind of march that makes Imran Khan cower in fear and throw in the towel doesn't know that the DNA of Nawaz Sharif's party is not agitational. In any case, change in Islamabad will not come from the street but through palace intrigues, for which London is far more conducive than Lahore. Nawaz Sharif will return but probably only after he sees the back of Imran. Then, even if he has to go to jail, it will probably be a luxurious prison where he will stay a few months before the corruption cases under which he was convicted are declared a mistrial and he is released. For now, just hang on to your seats and enjoy what seems to be the finale of Pakistani political soap opera's latest season. But who knows if like a Balaji Telefilms show, the script writers will prolong the agony of the viewers by ending this episode in an anti-climax and the finale will come in the next episode.

AFGHAN TERRITORY MUST NOT BE USED FOR TERROR ACTIVITIES, DELHI DIALOGUE ADOPTS DECLARATION

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"Afghanistan's territory should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist acts," the joint declaration stated after the crucial meeting.

The five Central Asian countries — Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan — along with Russia, Iran and India participated in the meeting, while China and Pakistan did not join the dialogue.

At the meeting chaired by India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, all the participants discussed the evolving situation in Afghanistan, especially the security situation and its regional and global ramifications. They also paid special attention to the current political situation in Afghanistan and the threats arising from terrorism, radicalization and drug trafficking as well as the need for humanitarian assistance.

Without naming Pakistan, all the participating nations reiterated strong support for a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan while emphasizing respect for sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and non-interference in its internal affairs.

Expressing deep concern over the sufferings of people in Afghanistan arising out of the security situation in the war-torn country, the member countries condemned in the strongest possible terms all the terrorist activities and reaffirmed their firm commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including its financing, the

US POSTAL SERVICE RAISES CONCERN OVER NEW VAX RULES



WASHINGTON, (IANS) The US Postal Service (USPS) has recently raised concerns over new vaccination rules announced by the federal government. Compliance "could result in labour challenges and high levels of absenteeism", the 644,000-employee USPS wrote in a financial filing. Some employees could opt to leave, which "could cause significant business disruptions, and could adversely impact service performance and result in lower mail volume and revenue", Xinhua news agency quoted the filing as saying.

The federal government earlier this month asked companies with 100 or more employees to mandate weekly testing or vaccines by January 4, while it required healthcare workers at facilities participating in Medicare and Medicaid to be fully vaccinated. The new rules cover 84 million employees in the US, according to government officials. According to a Gallup poll released in September, 56 percent of Americans favour vaccine mandates at their office or work site. At the same time, however, many US workers strongly oppose vaccine mandates.



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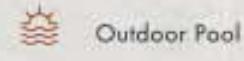
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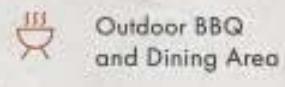
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