



ON PFIZER'S COVID VACCINE ANNOUNCEMENT, RAHUL GANDHI ASKS GOVT KEY QUESTIONS | P12



PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN PLEDGES TO UNITE AMERICA IN VICTORY SPEECH | P13

MUMBAI INDIANS CRUSH DELHI CAPITALS, SEAL RECORD FIFTH TITLE | P21



SOUTH ASIAN

# Midweek

NEWS WEEKLY



Tuesday, November 10, 2020

www.southasiandaily.com

Vol 20 Issue 45, Phone 647-272-8182, 905-670-3687

## Eid, Vaisakhi and Diwali in Dartmouth bank with us

Earn up to

**\$1,000\***

when you switch to us

hsbc.ca/1000bonus

1-877-829-HSBC (4722)



**HSBC**  
Bank

Together we thrive

Issued by HSBC Bank (Canada) and HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. \*Terms and Conditions apply. Offer ends November 30, 2020.

THE FORD  
**TRADE & UPGRADE  
EVENT**

**ENDS  
NOV 30**

**0%<sup>^</sup> APR** PURCHASE FINANCING | UP TO **60** MO.

ON SELECT NEW 2020 FORD SUVs



ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS GET A

**\$1,500** TRADE-IN BONUS\*

ON ALL NEW 2020 EDGE MODELS



Toronto Area Ford Dealers

FIND OUT MORE AT [FORDTO.CA](http://FORDTO.CA)

VEHICLE(S) MAY BE SHOWN WITH OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT. DEALER MAY SELL OR LEASE FOR LESS. LIMITED TIME OFFERS. OFFERS ONLY VALID AT PARTICIPATING DEALERS. RETAIL OFFERS MAY BE CANCELLED OR CHANGED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT NOTICE. SEE YOUR FORD DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS OR CALL THE FORD CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP CENTRE AT 1-800-565-3673. FOR FACTORY ORDERS, A CUSTOMER MAY EITHER TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ELIGIBLE RAIN-CHECKABLE FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER PROMOTIONAL INCENTIVES/OFFERS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF VEHICLE FACTORY ORDER OR TIME OF VEHICLE DELIVERY, BUT NOT BOTH OR COMBINATIONS THEREOF. RETAIL OFFERS NOT COMBINABLE WITH ANY CPA/GPC OR DAILY RENTAL INCENTIVES, THE COMMERCIAL UPFIT PROGRAM OR THE COMMERCIAL FLEET INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CFIP). \* UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2020. RECEIVE 0% APR PURCHASE FINANCING ON NEW 2020: EDGE TITANIUM, EXPLORER PLATINUM, AND F-350 SUPER DUTY LARIAT WITH GAS ENGINE FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS, OR 2020: ECOSPORT SE, ESCAPE TITANIUM, RANGER LARIAT, AND F-150 SUPERCAB OR SUPERCREW LARIAT 502A WITH 2.7L GAS ENGINE FOR UP TO 72 MONTHS TO QUALIFIED RETAIL CUSTOMERS. ON APPROVED CREDIT (OAC) FROM FORD CREDIT CANADA COMPANY. NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE LOWEST INTEREST RATE. EXAMPLE: \$57,939 PURCHASE FINANCED AT 0% APR FOR 60/72 MONTHS. MONTHLY PAYMENT IS \$965.65/\$804.71. COST OF BORROWING IS \$0 (RDPRM REGISTRATION AND RELATED FEES UP TO \$52 IN QUEBEC) AND TOTAL TO BE REPAYED IS \$57,939 (UP TO \$57,991 IN QUEBEC). NO DOWN PAYMENT REQUIRED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF CREDIT BY FORD CREDIT. NOTE THE AMOUNT USED HEREIN IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE AND NOT THE ACTUAL SALE PRICE OF A VEHICLE. TAXES PAYABLE ON FULL AMOUNT OF PURCHASE PRICE. ALL PURCHASE FINANCE OFFERS INCLUDE FREIGHT AND AIR TAX CHARGES BUT EXCLUDE OPTIONS, GREEN LEVY (IF APPLICABLE, AND EXCEPT IN QUEBEC), LICENSE, FUEL FILL CHARGE, INSURANCE, DEALER PDI (EXCEPT IN QUEBEC), PPSA (NOT APPLICABLE IN QUEBEC), RDPRM REGISTRATION AND RELATED FEES UP TO \$52 (ONLY IN QUEBEC), ADMINISTRATION FEES (EXCEPT IN QUEBEC), AND TAXES. ALL PRICES ARE BASED ON MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE. \* PROGRAM IN EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2020 (THE "PROGRAM PERIOD"). TO QUALIFY, CUSTOMER MUST, DURING THE PROGRAM PERIOD, TRADE IN THEIR VEHICLE THROUGH A FORD DEALERSHIP BY TURNING IN A 2016 MODEL YEAR OR OLDER VEHICLE, WHICH HAS BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED/PLATED OR INSURED FOR THE LAST 3 MONTHS (THE "CRITERIA"). ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS WILL RECEIVE \$1,000 TOWARDS A NEW 2020: ESCAPE (EXCLUDING S), FUSION OR ECOSPORT; \$1,500 TOWARDS A NEW 2020: MUSTANG (EXCLUDING SHELBY™ GT350/500 MUSTANG), EDGE, EXPLORER, RANGER, TRANSIT (EXCLUDING STRIPPED CHASSIS AND CUTAWAYS), OR TRANSIT CONNECT; \$2,500 TOWARDS A NEW 2020: EXPEDITION, F-150 (EXCLUDING F-150 RAPTOR, F-150 SUPERCAB OR SUPERCREW XL WITH DIESEL ENGINE), OR F-250 TO F-550 (EACH AN "ELIGIBLE VEHICLE"). BRONCO, BRONCO SPORT, E-SERIES, FORD GT, ALL STRIPPED CHASSIS AND CUTAWAYS, AND F-650 TO F-750 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OFFER. TAXES PAYABLE AFTER INCENTIVE AMOUNT IS DEDUCTED. TO QUALIFY: (I) CUSTOMER MUST, AT THE TIME OF THE ELIGIBLE VEHICLE SALE, DEMONSTRATE TO THE DEALER / PROVIDE THE DEALER WITH SUFFICIENT PROOF OF CRITERIA AND A SIGNED ORIGINAL OWNERSHIP TRANSFERRING HIS/HER VEHICLE TO THE AUTHORIZED DEALER; AND (II) THE ELIGIBLE VEHICLE MUST BE PURCHASED, LEASED, OR FACTORY ORDERED DURING THE PROGRAM PERIOD. LIMIT ONE (1) INCENTIVE PER ELIGIBLE VEHICLE SALE. RETAIL OFFERS NOT COMBINABLE WITH OTHER PRIVATE/TARGETED OFFERS. ©2020 FORD MOTOR COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



**ON PFIZER'S COVID VACCINE ANNOUNCEMENT, RAHUL GANDHI ASKS GOVT KEY QUESTIONS | P12**



**PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN PLEDGES TO UNITE AMERICA IN VICTORY SPEECH | P13**

**MUMBAI INDIANS CRUSH DELHI CAPITALS, SEAL RECORD FIFTH TITLE | P21**



**SOUTH ASIAN**

# Midweek NEWS WEEKLY



Tuesday, November 10, 2020

www.southasiandaily.com

Vol 20 Issue 45, Phone 647-272-8182, 905-670-3687

## PM TRUDEAU WISHES HAPPY DIWALI TO EVERYONE



**DIWALI REMINDS US THAT TRUTH, LIGHT, AND GOODNESS WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL. TO CELEBRATE THAT HOPEFUL MESSAGE AND MARK THIS IMPORTANT FESTIVAL, I JOINED A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION EARLIER THIS EVENING. HAPPY DIWALI TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING!**  
- FROM PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU

## VACCINE COULD BE AVAILABLE IN CANADA BY EARLY 2021: PM TRUDEAU

PM Justin Trudeau said he was encouraged by Pfizer and BioNTech's announcement that their Covid-19 vaccine in trials proved 90 percent effective, adding it could be available in Canada in early 2021.

The news of a vaccine that is 90% effective against Covid 19 has sparked widespread hope across the world. This historical news broke on November 9th in New York, where Pfizer is based. The vaccine has been developed in partnership with German company BioNTech. At a news conference, Trudeau called the results "promising." "We see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

The prime minister said he expects the vaccine to be distributed to Canadians "most likely in the first three months of 2021." "But," he added, "there is a lot of uncertainty involved in these processes."

Canada signed a deal with US giant Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech in August for a minimum of 20 million doses of their vaccine. It was at the time the most advanced vaccine candidate in development among several of which Canada secured access.

Other agreements were signed with AstraZeneca, Sanofi and GSK, Novavax, Johnson & Johnson, Medicago and Moderna for a total of more than 300 million doses for its population of 38 million.

Trudeau noted that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine poses some "logistical distribution" challenges, including that it must be stored at very cold temperatures and therefore getting it to Canadians will be "more complex and slightly more limiting."

*It was at the time the most advanced vaccine candidate in development among several of which Canada secured access.*

*Other agreements were signed with AstraZeneca, Sanofi and GSK, Novavax, Johnson & Johnson, Medicago and Moderna for a total of more than 300 million doses for its population of 38 million.*

"We are already working on those necessary logistical supports," he said. Trudeau also said that testing of several other vaccine candidates was "progressing well" and some of those could be rolled out in early 2021 too.

Until then, he encouraged Canadians to continue to take precautions to limit the spread of the Covid-19 illness, including social distancing and wearing masks.

As of Monday, Canada has reported more than 260,000 Covid-19 infections, including 10,500 deaths.

"To be very clear: If you catch Covid in the coming days and weeks, a vaccine won't help you or your family," Trudeau concluded.

## \$2000/MONTH & OTHER BENEFITS MAY NOT LAST POST COVID

Speaking at a virtual event hosted by the Financial Times, PM Trudeau said just because aid programs are helping during the pandemic doesn't mean they'll be useful once the crisis passes.

He also said the extra benefits likely won't stick around.

"Let's not pretend that something that works right now ... gives us stability," Trudeau said in the pre-recorded interview.

"That's not a measure that we can automatically continue in a post-pandemic world. I think there are really important reflections to have on how we provide income supports and how we make sure that everyone is given opportunities." **| CONTD. ON PAGE 7**

## INDIAN PRIME MINISTER MODI GREETES BIDEN, LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday [Indian Standard Time] greeted US President-elect Joe Biden and said that as Vice President his contribution to strengthening Indo-US relations was critical and invaluable and India will look forward to work closely together. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 7**

## TRUMP STILL HAS 70 MORE DAYS IN OFFICE

Of the countless challenges President-elect Joe Biden will face when he assumes office, few will be as daunting as reversing President Trump's legacy. Some Trump-induced changes will easily be reversed, but many will be challenging to unwind, and some are likely to be indelible. Mr. Trump, who has already undermined the international order and isolated the United States, now appears determined to use his final 10 weeks in office to pursue a scorched-earth foreign policy that will only make Mr. Biden's job harder.



**| CONTD. ON PAGE 7**

## MODI & NITISH-LED NDA RETAINS POWER IN BIHAR, RJD SINGLE-LARGEST PARTY



Modi & Nitish-led NDA retains power in Bihar, RJD single-largest party In a dramatic close contest in the Bihar Assembly elections, it was the BJP that took Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led ruling NDA coalition to victory, surmounting anti-incumbency of 15 years in the state.

**| CONTD. ON PAGE 6**

## BRAMPTON, MISSISSAUGA MANDATES EVEN STRICTER RESTRICTIONS THAN RED ZONE CONTROL TO SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19

Because of a worsening pandemic picture, Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, today issued directives to the community that are stricter than those required for the Red - Control stage. These directives have been introduced because indicators that track the pandemic in Peel are trending in the wrong direction. Case counts and test positivity rates remain high, public health capacity is stretched thin, and hospitals are at capacity with some procedures cancelled.

**| CONTD. ON PAGE 7**



**Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE**

**MINISTER MARCO MENDICINO CONSIDERS IMMIGRATION AS THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**| DETAILS ON PAGE 8**



**CONNECTING ALL CANADIANS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**

**| DETAILS ON PAGE 7**



**Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE**

**IT'S YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND BRIDGE GENERATIONS,' MINISTER BARDISH CHAGGER SAYS**

**| DETAILS ON PAGE 8**

facebook.com/southasiandaily  
twitter.com/@ymediagroup  
instagram.com/southasiandaily

**416.475.5000**

ymedia@southasiandaily.com  
www.southasiandaily.com

**PUNJAB NEWS**

**NEWS 360**

**SOUTH ASIAN 360 (EVENING LIVE)**

**Live!**

**ENTERTAINMENT Y**

7am, 9:30am, 2:30pm, 4pm, 5:30pm, 9pm, 11:30pm

5pm, 7pm, 10pm and 12 midnight

Monday - Sunday 7:30pm

Monday: Health Show

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sat and Sunday: Current affairs

Wed: Economic updates

3pm, 6pm, 9:30 pm



**ROGERS**  
857  
**Fibe Bell**  
828  
**TELUS**  
2418

# LEST WE FORGET

*On behalf of the City of Mississauga, I join our City's South Asian communities as we celebrate Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas!*

I urge everyone this year to celebrate with only those you live with or bring your celebrations online. COVID-19 is spreading fast through Mississauga and Brampton and everyone needs to play their part. Please be responsible as you enjoy your celebrations.

- Bonnie Crombie, Mayor of Mississauga.



75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War marks ceremony at National War Memorial.

## YOUR MISSISSAUGA MPPS WISH YOU A HAPPY DIWALI AND BANDI CHHOR DIVAS



**Nina Tangri, MPP**  
Mississauga-Streetsville  
ninatangri.ca



**Deepak Anand, MPP**  
Mississauga-Malton  
deepakanand.ca



**Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP**  
Mississauga-Lakeshore  
cuzzetto.com



**Natalia Kusendova, MPP**  
Mississauga-Centre  
nataliakusendovamp.ca



**Kaleed Rasheed, MPP**  
Mississauga East-Cooksville  
kaleedrasheed.com



**Sheref Sabawy, MPP**  
Mississauga-Erin Mills  
sabawy.ca

## 145TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SARDAR VALLABHAI PATEL

The 145th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel was celebrated with enthusiasm throughout Canada. Diaspora organizations Gujarat Public Affairs Council, Federation of Gujarati Association along with Chovis Gam Patidar Samaj, organized various events to commemorate the occasion.

Mayor of Brampton, His Worship Patrick Brown, issued a proclamation naming 31st October as "Unity Day", recognizing the invaluable contribution of Sadar Vallabhai Patel.



## HINDU HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS BY PEEL AND TORONTO SCHOOL BOARD

### Message from the Prime Minister

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wishes the Hindu community in Canada for Hindu Heritage Month.



### Message from Premier Doug Ford



The Hon'ble Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford in his video message wishes the Hindu Community in Ontario for Hindu Heritage month.

## RUN FOR UNITY



Gujarat Public Affairs Council organized a 5 km 'Run for Unity' in which more than 100 people participated from different parts of Canada. A virtual tour of Statue of Unity was also organized.

## ILLUMINATION OF BRAMPTON CLOCK TOWER



The City of Brampton on occasion of 'Unity Day', illuminated the Clock Tower in Indian tri-color.

## 100 FLIGHTS OF VANDE BHARAT MISSION



100 special flights as on 10 November, 2020 under Vande Bharat Mission from Toronto to different destinations in India have facilitated the return of more than 16,500 Indians and Indian origin foreigners. We would like to thank Air India, GTAA staff and Team Toronto for their consistent efforts since May 2020.

## PEEL AND TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS CELEBRATE NOVEMBER AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH.

THE TWO SCHOOL BOARDS INCLUDE ABOUT 850 SCHOOLS & 4 LAKH STUDENTS TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ALSO ANNOUNCED A POSTER COMPETITION WITH THEME "OM SHANTI: LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE".



## TRACK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS ONLINE

Passport and Police Clearance Certificate application status can be tracked online on this link with ARN number and Date of Birth. Please note that once police verification is done in India, it takes about 8-10 days for Authorities to update report in the system, after which PCC can be issued.

From Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and your Liberal MPs

# Happy Diwali

 Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau Papineau	 Omar Alghabra Mississauga Centre	 Hon. Anita Anand Oakville	 Gary Anandasangaree Scarborough—Rouge Park	 Hon. Navdeep Bains Mississauga—Malton	 Hon. Bill Blair Scarborough—Southwest	 Hon. Bardish Chagger Waterloo		
 Shaun Chen Scarborough North	 Han Deng Don Valley North	 Hon. Kirsty Duncan Etobicoke North	 Peter Fonseca Mississauga East—Cooksville	 Helena Jazcek Markham—Stouffville	 Kamal Khara Brampton West	 Hon. John McKay Scarborough—Guildwood	 Hon. Mary Ng Markham—Thornhill	
 Yasmin Ratansi Don Valley East	 Ruby Sahota Brampton North	 Raj Saini Kitchener Centre	 Hon. Deb Schulte King—Vaughan	 Hon. Judy Sgro Humber River—Black Creek	 Sonia Sidhu Brampton South	 Gagan Sikand Mississauga—Streetsville	 Francesco Sorbara Vaughan—Woodbridge	 Salma Zahid Scarborough Centre

## GERRARD INDIA BAZAAR - DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



CONSUL GENERAL APOORVA SRIVASTAVA ATTENDED THE INAUGURATION OF DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT GERRARD INDIA BAZAAR ON 6 NOVEMBER. SHE ALSO TOURED THE BAZAAR AND INTERACTED WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON GERRARD STREET.

## Consular Camps for attestation of Life Certificates – 2020

In continuation of earlier notification dated 03.11.2020 regarding Consular camps for issuance of Life Certificates to pensioners during November 2020 being organized by the Consulate General of India, Toronto, a revised schedule with a few changes is given below. It may be noted that the camp scheduled to be held at Gurdwara Nanaksar Sahib from November 9th to November 13th has been shifted and now will be held at BLS Brampton from 10th -13th November 2020 due to administrative problems. **No camp will be held on November 9, 2020.** Pensioners who had registered for November 9th, 2020 have been intimated of the cancellation via email. Revised appointment for these pensioners will be conveyed to them in near future. Pensioners who had registered earlier for Gurdwara Nanaksar, Brampton for dated between November 10 to 13 (venue cancelled due to administrative reasons) are requested to visit BLS Centre in Brampton as per date and time

allotted. The schedule for other venues remain unchanged. The summarized revised schedule is as below: Applicants are required to register on the link (click here) for this purpose, which is also available on Consulate's website. Applicants will be informed by email of a particular time to visit these venues to avoid unnecessary rush given the COVID-19 situation. All are requested to register on the given link and also check their emails one or two days before the scheduled dates. The Life Certificates will also be issued at the Consulate premises on all working days from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM. However, prior appointment should be taken by the applicant from the Consulate as there restrictions imposed by the building management due to COVID19 situation. For in-person attestation, documents required are – duly filled in updated application form (click here) in duplicate; original passport for verification purpose (which will be returned immediately after attestation on the spot). In order to serve the pensioners seek-

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Area/Region	Venue
1.	Weekdays 10, 11, 12, 13 Nov. 2020 10:00AM- 4:00PM (Excluding 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov.)	Brampton	BLS Brampton 20 Gillingham Dr #701, Brampton, ON L6X 0G6
2.	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 9:30AM- 5:00PM	Burlington	Guru Ravidass Sabha 2284, Queensway Drive, Burlington (Sh. Joginder Singh Cnatha- 2899368333/ 9053331924)
3.	Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2020 9:30AM- 5:00PM	Kitchener	Gurudwara Sahib 2070 Snyder's Rd E, Petersburg, Kitchener, ON N0B 2H0 (Sh. Kuldeep/Becher- 15195006265)
4.	Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2020 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Cambridge	Gurudwara Singh Sabha Cambridge 1070 Townline Rd, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0 (Ms. Pammi/Somal -226-201- 0038)
5.	Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 9:30AM- 4:00PM	Scarborough	Lakshmi Narayan Mandir1 Morning View Trail, Scarborough, ON- M1B 5A8 Ph: 416 284 6282 / (284 MATA)

**NO repeat NO fee is charged by the Consulate for issuing Life Certificate.**

ing life certificates in a better and efficient manner, Consulate seeks greater cooperation from applicants and their relatives to follow the above guidelines and while visiting these venues for Life Certificate to maintain social distancing and wear face mask at all times as is prescribed by the local Government. Hence, it is our appeal to the public to ensure that the documents are complete and Life Certificate applica-

tion form is signed in advance by the applicant while visiting the respective centers and the time slot prescribed may also be adhered to. For seeking appointment for attestation of Life Certificate at the Consulate, either register on the given link for registration or write to – reception.toronto@mea.gov.in For any further assistance or clarification, applicants may contact the Consulate at consec.toronto@mea.gov.in

## Community Stations Open in Brampton and Malton

More Community Stations Opened in Peel Region: Downtown Brampton's is now virtual to effectively serve Brampton and Mississauga's communities. Peel Regional Police have opened two community sub-stations. The Malton community station has reopened, and in response to the unique needs of the citizens of downtown Brampton, the new sub-station is a virtual one.

"Downtown Brampton and its' concerns differ greatly from those of the Malton community PRP's response has been designed to meet the needs of the unique environment presented by Downtown Brampton. Officer visibility and presence in the downtown core was identified as the pressing community issue upon my arrival in early 2019. Following meetings with stakeholders during the first few months of my tenure here, it became apparent that a greater footprint by Peel Regional Police was required to instill confidence in the public and improve the overall atmosphere in the downtown core. It is about people, not buildings in downtown Brampton," Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraipappah. The Virtual Community Sub Station has been designed to allow the public to contact and interact virtually with officers during regular business hours without attending a station. It will also provide direct access to the communication centre 24/7. It has also been designed to give the officers assigned to Foot Patrol and any officer dealing with calls in the area to attend, complete paperwork, follow-ups and take breaks while remaining present in the downtown.

## MODI & NITISH-LED NDA RETAINS POWER IN BIHAR, RJD SINGLE-LARGEST PARTY

CONTD. FROM PAGE 3

In a dramatic close contest in the Bihar Assembly elections, it was the BJP that took Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led ruling NDA coalition to victory, surmounting anti-incumbency of 15 years in the state. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured 125 seats and crossed magic mark of 122 seats in the 243-member house, surging ahead of the key opposition Grand Alliance known as Mahagathbandhan that could manage 110 seats even after the Tejashwi Yadav-led Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) emerged as the single largest party with 75 seats.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became the second single largest party by getting 74 seats- a face changer in the polls - with five-time Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal-United (JDU) securing 43 seats and other NDA partners Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) and former Bihar Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) winning four seats each. Of the Grand Alliance 110 seats, RJD's allies Congress won 19 seats and the Left parties secured 16 seats - the Communist Party of India-Marxist-Leninist (Liberation) winning 12, Communist Party of India and the Communist Party of India-Marxist won two seats each. The remaining seats were divided among Asaduddin Owaisi's All India Majlis-E-Itehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) which won five followed by one seat each by Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). One Independent was also elected.

# Happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas



**Kevin Yarde**  
MPP Brampton North



**Gurratan Singh**  
MPP Brampton East



**Sara Singh**  
MPP Brampton Centre

## SCHREINER OUTLINES ROADMAP FOR GREEN RECOVERY AT GPO CONVENTION



**TORONTO, ON --** At the Green Party of Ontario's first virtual election, Mike Schreiner delivered an impassioned plea to Build Back Smarter from COVID-19. Schreiner asked Ontarians to harness the resilience that has seen the province through the pandemic thus far to build a greener and more caring Ontario.

"The path we were on was not doing justice to workers, elders or the

planet." Schreiner blasted Doug Ford for using the pandemic as a cover while selling off prime farmland and wetlands to deep-pocketed supporters. "His solution to get the economy moving is to rip up protections for our air, our water, our land and our climate, which he calls red tape," said Schreiner. The Green leader urged the Premier to adopt bold ideas in the COVID recovery like a universal school lunch program sourced from Ontario farms and a job-creating, Made-in-Ontario supply chain for electric vehicles. "The only thing holding us back from leaping into the green economy is political will," said Schreiner. The Green leader pledged to hold Ford accountable on his promise to fix long-term care by hiring more staff and guaranteeing more hours of direct care. "How we treat elders in their final years should be a source of pride - not shame," said Schreiner. He pointed to safe and decent housing as being the most important lesson from the pandemic and pledged to be a champion for affordable, community-focused neighbourhoods. "It's very difficult to stay home during a pandemic when you have no place to call home." Schreiner reflected on his many accomplishments since being elected, including legislation to ban sick notes and help EV drivers, as well as his advocacy for small businesses, community gardens and mental health during the pandemic. "I am proud to say that the Ontario Greens have made their mark, even during these unprecedented times when all eyes are on those in power," said Schreiner.

## Connecting all Canadians to high-speed Internet

As we continue to deal with the global COVID-19 pandemic, Canadians have needed to rely on the Internet to help connect them to work, school, government resources, and loved ones. It's how grandparents visit with their grandchildren, students communicate with their teachers and classmates, and businesses continue to sell their products. However, many communities across Canada still don't have the infrastructure needed to connect us to one another. That's why the Government of Canada is working to ensure all Canadians have access to fast and reliable Internet, no matter where they live.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced an investment of \$1.75 billion to help connect Canadians to high-speed Internet across the country, grow businesses, and create jobs. This investment will connect 98 per cent of Canadians across the country to high-speed Internet by 2026, with the goal of connecting all Canadians by 2030. Announced originally in Budget 2019 as \$1 billion, today's additional funding of \$750 million for the Universal Broadband Fund will help advance projects with partners, like the Canada Infrastructure Bank, to connect Canadian households and businesses in underserved communities over the next six years. This includes a \$150 million Rapid Response Stream with an accelerated application process to allow shovel-ready projects to get started right away. With today's announcement, our government has made \$6.2 billion available for universal broadband since 2015.

The Prime Minister also announced an agreement of \$600 million with Canadian satellite company Telesat to improve connectivity and expand high-speed Internet coverage to the far north, rural, and remote regions across Canada, through low-earth-orbit satellite capacity.

Today's announcement is the largest one-time federal investment in broadband and will make a real difference in the lives of Canadians and businesses across the country. It will support Canadians living in rural, remote, and northern communities and move forward the Government's commitment to create over one million jobs. As we work to rebuild from the pandemic, the Government of Canada will continue to make investments in infrastructure to build strong communities and a more competitive and resilient Canada for everyone.

### QUOTES

"Now more than ever, Canadians need reliable access to high-speed Internet as we work, learn, and communicate with our family and friends from home. With today's announcement, we are continuing to bring faster Internet access to every part of our country, helping busi-

nesses grow, creating new jobs, and building a better Canada for everyone."

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada "Our connections have been our biggest strength in response to the pandemic and it's our connections that will drive our economic recovery in the post-pandemic world. Our government introduced the first national plan to connect all Canadians to high-speed internet and we are delivering. Our investments will connect 1.7 million households to better internet and the Universal Broadband Fund will build on progress to date, placing Canada at the head of the pack globally for countries that are rapidly investing in their high-speed networks."

The Hon. Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development

"We know that access to high-speed Internet is a top priority for rural and remote Canadians and we are leveraging the latest technologies in order to ensure that all Canadians have access. High-speed Internet is more than just a convenience - it means opportunity. It enables physicians to see patients from a distance. It allows businesses to reach customers around the world and it allows students in one classroom to connect with their peers in other parts of the country. The agreement with Telesat will help unlock economic and social opportunities in Canada's most rural and remote communities."

The Hon. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry

"The pandemic has made the Government's commitment to connect all Canadians to high-speed internet more important than ever. The Canada Infrastructure Bank's \$2 billion broadband initiative will help accelerate connectivity in Canada by developing and delivering large-scale, high-impact projects, including through a collaboration with the Universal Broadband Fund. The CIB's investments in broadband will connect more than three quarters of a million households and businesses in underserved communities, improving lives and creating good jobs."

The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities "Whether you live in Quebec City, the Eastern Townships, or Abitibi-Témiscamingue, you need to be connected to high-speed Internet. We will not stop our efforts until we have connected all Quebecers. This is the message we are sending today by investing massively to connect Quebec households even faster."

The Hon. Pablo Rodriguez, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Quebec Lieutenant

construction, deliveries and one-on-one tutoring. Proper precautions must always be used in these situations, including mask wearing, distancing, hand hygiene, and isolating if sick. All additional measures have been put in place under the authority of Ontario Regulation 263/20, Rules for Areas in Stage 2, s.2(2) (or as current). "It is time to shrink our lives to stop COVID-19 from growing completely out of control. These directives are strict, but they are what is needed to keep people in Peel working and learning, and able to access food, medical care and the basics of everyday life. Together, the actions and sacrifices of Peel residents and businesses will stop the spread of COVID-19, help avoid a lockdown and ultimately save lives. We must take aggressive action now to get the pandemic under control in Peel." - Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel - Public Health

### Indian Prime Minister Modi greets Biden, looks forward to working closely together

**CONTD. FROM PAGE 3**  
The Prime Minister also congratulated Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, saying her success is pathbreaking and a matter of immense pride not just for your "chittis," but also for all Indian-Americans. (Chitti is a colloquial word widely used in Tamil Nadu state of India for mother's younger sister or paternal uncle's wife.) In a series of tweets, Modi said, "Congratulations Joe Biden on your spectacular victory! As the VP, your contribution to strengthening Indo-US relations was critical and invaluable. I look forward to working closely together once again to take India-US relations to greater heights." Congratulating Kamala Harris, who is set to become first woman Vice President of the US, he said, "Heartiest congratulations Kamala Harris! Your success is pathbreaking, and a matter of immense pride not just for your chittis, but also for all Indian-Americans. I am confident that the vibrant India-US ties will get even stronger with your support and leadership." Modi's remarks came soon after Biden, the former two-term vice president and a Senate veteran, won the US Presidential elections to be the 46th President of the US.

## Ontario Providing Additional Public Health Support for Peel Region

**TORONTO —** The Ontario government is taking immediate action to enhance the local public health response to COVID-19 in Peel Region by expanding access to testing as well as increasing case and contact management and hospital capacity. These additional supports are part of the 2020 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover, which includes an additional investment of \$572 million in Ontario's hospitals to help offset the costs of COVID-19, including testing, assessment centres, laboratory and medical equipment, and personal protective equipment. Details were provided today by Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development and Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction and MPP for Brampton South. "We are working across government and alongside our partners in health care and public health to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Peel Region," said Minister Elliott. "Our government is focusing public health resources where they are needed the most to protect the individuals, families and workers in Peel Region."

The seven-day indicators of public health trends in several communities in Peel Region, such as Brampton, support the decision to move the region to the Red - Control level. The Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel issued additional public health measures on Saturday, November 7. Local medical officers of health have the ability to tailor restrictions in their communities based on regional circumstances and needs.

In response to the increased need for local COVID-19 testing, Ontario is providing more sites and innovative options such as:

Establishing three new community-based testing centres in Brampton by Tuesday, November 10 at Snelgrove Community Centre, Gore Meadows Community Centre and Greenbriar Community Centre;

Implementing mobile testing sites, including at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin Mobile Health Clinic in Brampton, to respond to an increase in localized demand for tests within the community and to provide access to testing in communities where travel is a barrier to getting tested;

Opening limited walk-in availability at assessment centres for those who can't book an appointment online or by phone; and implementing up to 7 pharmacies or specimen collection centres in partnership with LifeLabs, Dynacare and Alpha over the next two weeks.

Ontario is also exploring opportunities to engage with community leaders to help promote awareness of the importance of COVID-19 testing and to develop culturally and linguistically sensitive targeted communications to encourage testing in the region.

Additional case and contact management support will be allocated to Peel Regional Health Unit. This includes:

Up to 70 case and contact management staff have started onboarding to support Peel Region directly.

Ten public health units across the province with lower case counts are now assisting Peel Region with case investigation.

To support hospital capacity pressures and the continuation of surgeries and procedures, Ontario is investing \$42 million for up to 234 new beds at three hospitals and their alternate health facilities in Peel Region. This includes:

William Osler Health System receiving up to 87 total patient beds with 41 beds at Osler's Brampton Civic Hospital and 46 beds at Osler's Etobicoke General Hospital.

Trillium Health Partners receiving up to 141 total patient beds with 99 beds at Mississauga Hospital, 36 acute beds at Queensway Health Centre and 6 beds at Credit Valley Hospital.

## \$2000/MONTH & OTHER BENEFITS MAY NOT LAST POST COVID

**CONTD. FROM PAGE 3**  
CERB paid out \$81.6 billion to about 8.9 million people during its run from March to October

Since then, the three benefit programs that replaced it have paid out nearly \$2.3 billion, with the majority going to the more than one million people who have used the Canada Recovery Benefit for those out of work. The number of recipients has steadily risen, and has now exceeded federal estimates for demand.

The three "recovery" benefits will be in place until next summer. At the same time, a slowdown in the number of employment insurance claims suggests demand for those benefits may fall short of the 2.8 million officials previously estimated.

All that could change, depending on the path of the pandemic.

Trudeau said in the Financial Times interview that the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 is why the Liberals revamped the aid program over the summer so benefits would rise if the economy turned south, or drop in cost if circumstances improved.

He said the benefits, as well as an extension to the wage subsidy program, a new commercial rent relief program, and extra help for companies closed by local lockdowns are all automatic stabilizers to ease conditions through the second wave of COVID-19. The extension of the wage subsidy program to next summer won't be official until the Senate approves the necessary legislation.

## TRUMP STILL HAS 70 MORE DAYS IN OFFICE

**CONTD. FROM PAGE 3**  
Take Iran, where Mr. Biden has made clear his intent to rejoin the 2015 nuclear deal so long as Tehran returns to full compliance. The deal's revival is precisely what the Trump administration has sought to prevent. It has worked resolutely to build a so-called sanctions wall that would deter businesses from trading with Iran even if the United States rejoined the deal, repackaging nuclear-related sanctions as terrorism-related penalties to make it politically costlier for a Democratic administration to remove them. Mr. Trump also shifted the terms of the China debate. He has equated his unilateral tariffs with toughness on China and suggested anything less would be surrender - politically complicating Mr. Biden's task of ending a trade war.

## Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks with the President-elect of the United States of America, Joe Biden

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spoke with the President-elect of the United States of America, Joe Biden, to congratulate him, as well as Vice-President-elect, Kamala Harris, on their election win. The Prime Minister was the first international leader to speak with the President-elect.

The Prime Minister and the President-elect agreed on the importance of the unique Canada-U.S. partnership, and committed to work together to fight the global COVID-19 pandemic and to support a sustainable economic recovery in both countries and the hemisphere. The two leaders looked forward to cooperating on the fight against climate change, on migration, and on global security, and to working closely together within NATO and the G7.

# Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: MINISTER MARCO MENDICINO CONSIDERS IMMIGRATION AS THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

POOJA LUTHRA

Marco E. L. Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, in an exclusive interview with Y Media's Group Editor, YudhvirJaswal, discussed the immigration plan and new pilot projects. He is a firm believer that immigrants build the economy and can easily integrate into the country. Read on.

**YudhvirJaswal:** Could you please elaborate on your immigration plan of bringing approximately 1.2 million immigrants to Canada in the next three years?

**Marco Mendicino:** This immigration plan is squarely focused on jobs, growth, and economic recovery. And what we know about immigration because when we grow our population, our economy grows, which has been equally valid throughout the pandemic. When we look at the parts of the economy where we have significant labour shortages, particularly in the healthcare sector, we need assistance and reinforcements. Immigration can help to provide that additional support. So, a big part of this plan is on meeting the needs of our economy not only today in the context of COVID-19 but also in addressing the long term demographic challenges that we face as a country. And when it comes to our population, which is ageing, and many people who are retiring, or those who've worked all their lives to protect retirement security, universal health care, public education; we need immigration, which is our primary focus.

**YudhvirJaswal:** People are complaining about being unemployed due to this pandemic, yet the government focuses on bringing more immigrants. How would you address this concern?

**Marco Mendicino:** Immigration creates jobs. One in three business owners in Canada is an immigrant, and they employ over a quarter of a million other people in Canada. So, by bringing people here, we want to create tomorrow's economy, whether it is in the tech sector or the innovation sector. All of this creates jobs and growth, and our plan focuses on this.

**YudhvirJaswal:** How can we make sure that these economic immigrants are connected despite labour shortages?

**Marco Mendicino:** My take is that Canada has the best immigration system globally, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has recognized that. We are a welcoming and diverse country. We should be proud that we can come to Canada and take full advantage of the opportunities that are here. But how we go forward with integration will be especially important to meet those urgent economic needs. There are shortages in health, in the tech sector, in the buildings and trades and, in agriculture. These are the critical areas where immigration can support and welcome new immigrants in a safe and orderly fashion and look at the people who are already within our borders. And we are going to put a lot of focus on that. We're going to look at workers, we're going to look at international students who are coming out of their school, and right at the prime point of their life, when they're going to be able to forge ahead into their careers, and we should welcome them. And I think one thing that I have come to appreciate is that Canadians recognize that. While those people who are already here on temporary status, their contributions are lasting. And that is why I think it behooves us to look at ways to welcome them to broaden the road towards permanent residency, and hopefully, towards becoming Canadian.

**YudhvirJaswal:** Any new programmes you are planning right now or shortly that you want to discuss with us?

**Marco Mendicino:** We have several pilot projects that help distribute immigration because not only do we need immigration in big cities or suburban Canada, but we also need it in rural Canada and the regions. So, we have many pilot projects, for example, the Atlantic immigration pilot for our provinces east of Quebec, and then we have the rural

and northern immigration pilot. And this allows us to work very closely with our provincial partners, as well as with local mayors, local businesses to identify those needs in the economy, and then to take those gaps and to fill them with the skills and the experience and the talent that both new and current immigrants can bring.

**YudhvirJaswal:** How do you make sure that we integrate the existing Canadians and bring in more immigrants who integrate well into the Canadian system?

**Marco Mendicino:** I am immensely proud of the diversity in Canada. But I also would say that Canada is not immune to racism. We are not immune to the divisions that we see elsewhere. And it is essential that as a society we confront those issues head-on - that we are not afraid to utter the words that systemic racism exists. Our government believes in having every voice at the table that needs to be heard. When Canadians look at their government, they need to see a government that reflects the country's diversity. And I am proud when I look at my colleagues in caucus, right across the country, that there are those diverse perspectives and those diverse lived experiences reflected in our policies. And that is so true in the portfolio of representing immigration, which is about building a country. It is about strengthening Canada. And when we look at our history, we see that it is replete with examples of immigrants coming across many general generations, through war through conflict, or pandemics. I am an optimist, and I believe that through immigration, we are building a stronger country. I think that we are going to overcome this pandemic. And how we are going to do that is by staying united, being together in solidarity, and that is one of the true hallmarks of the Canadian spirit. We are resilient people. And I think in large part, that is because we understand that it's essential to be together, and immigration can play a fundamental role in all that.



# Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: 'IT'S YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND BRIDGE GENERATIONS,' MINISTER BARDISH CHAGGER SAYS

POOJA LUTHRA

BardishChagger, Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth, in an exclusive interview with Y Media's Group Editor, YudhvirJaswal, discussed the government's approaches to integrate different communities into the country. Read on.

**YudhvirJaswal:** Could you please explain the recent announcements regarding the funding?

**BardishChagger:** We were recently able to announce the anti-racism action program. It is a \$15 million program in which we could invest in 85 projects across the country. And these projects ranged from a diversity of organizations of ethnic and religious backgrounds, as

well as a variety of work that they will be doing in communities, settlement services, inclusive services, and online. It ensures that we build back even better and consciously inclusive so that every Canadian can realize their potential.

**YudhvirJaswal:** What is the government doing to tackle systematic racism that exists in Canada?

**BardishChagger:** Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, has acknowledged that systemic racism exists in Canada and overseas. A genuinely multicultural society allows every individual to succeed and contribute towards a continuous work in progress. And it requires our attention, our effort, and our care. So, our government is committed to doing this work. We have acknowledged the return of the rise of anti-Asian racism with COVID-19. We know that anti-black racism, anti-indigenous rooted racism, and Islamophobia are all real. Our government is going to continue having tough conversations. And that is why we have focused on ensuring that the decision-making table is more representative of our country. And so we've made changes to the appointment process. We've been more conscious about how we appoint senators, and by taking partisanship out of it and bringing the best of our country, which is our people.

**YudhvirJaswal:** How do you make sure that we integrate people from different backgrounds into this country despite ideological differences?

**BardishChagger:** I think it is essential that we are conscious of our decisions and the services we're providing. And that's why we must consult with Canadians, and they have the answers. And we need to know your lived realities. So, we will continue working with Canadians for Canadians. So, our government recognizes and acknowledges that there are systemic issues within our country, and we want to ensure that every individual that chooses Canada can succeed. And that's why our relationship with indigenous peoples, the first peoples of the land, is our most important relationship. And so we need to acknowledge our history; we need to know our real account so that we can be more honest as we have these conversations and be more conscious in the decisions that we make.

**YudhvirJaswal:** How is the government dealing with increasing mental health issues during the pandemic?

**BardishChagger:** Mental health supports are essential because the stigma attached to it is very real. Every individual has mental health challenges, and taking care of one's mental health is vital. We have

been having regular conversations on mental health because we want to ensure that Canadians' health and safety remain our priority. And we also acknowledge that it is a priority for all governments and all people. So, we want to work better together, and we have been doing that in the response. COVID-19 has also shown us that as much as it has impacted all Canadians and back to the world, it has disproportionately impacted society's specific segments. And that is not fair.

That is why we are collecting disaggregated data so that we can target our supports. And you've noticed that the immunity Task Force is doing that work to ensure that we have a phased approach to ensure that no one is left behind.

**YudhvirJaswal:** Are there any programs that you are going to introduce to the youth soon?

**BardishChagger:** I would say youth could continue talking and engaging with us. We had come out with a \$9 billion suite of programs for young people because when they spoke to us, they allowed us to know that it's not going to be a one size fits all situation. Young people are at different phases and stages of their lives. So, there were young people who were concerned about their student loans. Hence, we put a moratorium on not only student loan payment but also the interest. We knew

that young people want Canadian work experience to continue planning for the future. We provided Canada summer jobs, and we also increased the period in which these programs could be offered. Young people who want to start a business could benefit from the increased funding. We also had an emergency student benefit. We want to ensure that there's a suite of programs created because young people communicate with our government. Please reach out to know that I keep an open-door policy.

I am your voice at the cabinet table, and we have a full representation as the Prime Minister takes the voice of young people very seriously. And that's why we brought forward the Prime Minister's Youth Council. So let's keep working together. We're all in this together. And young people were instrumental in response to COVID-19. It's young people who rolled up their sleeves and bridge generations. Youth are the ones who dropped off tablets and said, we have to be physically distant, but socially can be connected through technology. When young older people were isolated. They've been doing phone calls and video calls and all that kind of good stuff. So we'll continue working together. We will get through this together.



## MidWeek

FOR INQUIRIES, CALL : 416-475-5000

E-MAIL : FOR ADVERTISING  
'YMEDIA@SOUTHASIANDAILY.COM'

**YUDH VIR JASWAL**  
CHIEF EDITOR & CEO  
yudhvir@southasiandaily.com  
647-272-8182

**GURPREET SINGH LOONA**  
CONTENT EDITOR

**DR. PUSHPINDER BRAR**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**SIA LAKHANPAL**  
**REBECCA TANDON**  
**POOJA LUTHRA**  
REPORTERS

**SUNIL VERMA**  
GRAPHICS DEPARTMENT

**IMRAN MAHMOUD**  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

**BASHIR NASIR**  
PHOTOGRAPHERS

Newspaper

**MIDWEEK NEWS WEEKLY**

Published in English every Tuesday

Radio

**SOUTHASIAN PULSE**

Prime Time Mon to Fri - 10:00 AM to 12 Noon  
on 770AM

Drive Time Mon to Fri - 3:00 PM to 6 PM  
on 91.9 FM

LISTEN TO SOUTH ASIAN PULSE RADIO ON  
YOUR MOBILE

GTA - (647) 910 5000, US - 518-801-1313

Television

**CHANNEL Y**

Rogers 857  
Bell 828  
Yupp TV

Online

**WWW.SOUTHASIANDAILY.COM**

ONLY News Portal for Southasian-Canadians

Cricket

**CANADIAN PROFESSIONAL  
CRICKET (CPC)**

6th Annual

CPC Inter-City Cricket Cup Starting June 2013

6 Months of Non-stop cricket action

Events

**Annual**

**Midweek Southasian Awards**

## Ontario Supports Businesses, Workers and Families during COVID-19

**TORONTO** - Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued the following statement regarding today's monthly employment release by Statistics Canada:

"Employment in Ontario has increased by 30,600 in October, marking the fifth straight month of overall employment gains. The total number of jobs created since June is 868,600, indicating that the provincial economy is gradually continuing to stabilize.

However, we know there is much more work to do, and maintaining a healthy workforce is critical to our economic recovery. That's why in the 2020 Budget tabled yesterday, Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover, our government committed \$15.2 billion as part of our COVID-19 health response. That includes a \$572 million investment in Ontario's hospitals to support additional costs of COVID-19, including testing, assessment centres, laboratory and medical equipment, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Our government is planning to invest \$4.8 billion in initiatives that will support jobs now, while removing barriers that hold Ontario back from a strong recovery. We are making electricity costs more competitive for commercial and industrial consumers, saving customers an average of 14 to 16 per cent. We are providing tax relief including a proposal to provide municipalities with the ability to cut property taxes for small businesses, reducing business education taxes and permanently increasing the Employer Health Tax payroll exemption to \$1 million, which would mean 90 per cent of employers would pay no EHT. In addition, we are providing \$300 million available to assist eligible businesses in areas categorized as Control or Lockdown with costs associated with municipal and education property taxes, electricity and natural gas bills. We are also supporting business during the pandemic by making investments through the Ontario Together Fund, supporting the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters' Ontario Made program and creating the new Invest Ontario agency. Our government is working each and every day to ensure a strong economic recovery for the business owners, workers, and communities who have been incredible in demonstrating the best of the Ontario Spirit. By working together, we will maintain our place as the economic engine of Canada and emerge from this pandemic as a more united and resilient province than ever before."

## Mississauga Provincial Offences Court Office In-person Screening Appointments Resume

The Mississauga Provincial Offences Court Office has begun scheduling in-person screening appointments.

If you receive a letter or email from the court office to attend in-person, please attend the Provincial Offences Court Office on the scheduled date and time indicated for your in-person screening appointment.

The Provincial Offences Court in Mississauga is located at 950 Burnhamthorpe Road West.

Find out what to do if you get a parking ticket or tickets for provincial offences such as speeding or running a red light, tickets related to animal, pet or business licensing offences: Tickets, fines and penalties

When attending in-person please practice physical distancing and observe the Mandatory Face Covering By-law.

To stay informed on COVID-19 impacts on City services, please visit: [mississauga.ca/recovery](https://mississauga.ca/recovery).



RAJASTHAN CHIEF MINISTER ASHOK GEHLOT ON MONDAY SAID THAT HE HAS ISSUED DIRECTIONS TO BAN THE SALE OF FIRE-CRACKERS AND RESTRICT THEIR USE FOR THE UPCOMING DIWALI FESTIVAL IN WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

## PM Modi: Bihar taught the world first lesson of democracy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the people of Bihar have made a "decisive move" to give development a chance, as results of the assembly election continue to trickle in, showing the ruling NDA leading in or winning 124 seats and the opposition alliance in 111 seats. PM Modi's tweets came minutes after Union home minister Amit Shah declared victory in Bihar for the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). "Bihar has taught the world the first lesson of democracy. Today Bihar has told the world again how democracy is strengthened. A record number of poor, deprived and women of Bihar also voted and today have also given their decisive decision for development," PM Modi tweeted in Hindi. "The poor in villages, farmers, labourers, merchants, shopkeepers and every section of Bihar have relied on the NDA's mantra of sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas. I again assure every citizen of Bihar that for the balanced development of every person, every region, we will continue to work with full dedication," PM Modi tweeted.

Senior party leader and Union home minister Amit Shah termed the victory in the elections as a reflection of people's faith in the Modi government's battle against Covid-19 and said it was a lesson to those who were trying to misguide the people. In a series of tweets in Hindi, Shah also said that the victory of the NDA was the win of the "double engine" development of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. "Every section of Bihar has once again chosen the development of NDA by denying hollow politics, casteism and appeasement politics. I thank all the brothers and sisters of the state from the core of my heart for re-choosing development, progress and good governance. I especially thank the youth and women who formed the NDA government with absolute majority by choosing security and a bright future in Bihar." Another senior party leader and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the victory in Bihar is a win of the NDA's commitment to good governance and development and expressed his gratitude to the people of the state.

## TEJASHWI YADAV GETS LARGEST PARTY, BUT NOT CROWN



In a small village in Vaishali, during his first election in 2015, Tejashwi Yadav, now 31, was campaigning, going door-to-door, and asking for the blessings of elders. That election was centred largely on caste, with the then alliance of Lalu Prasad's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United), questioning the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s commitment to reservations.

When asked if caste would remain the defining element of Bihar's politics, Yadav replied: "It is everywhere. In the United States, isn't it about whites and blacks? Caste has been the way our society has been organised for centuries, and it will be the key for a very long time to come. It matters."

Five years later, Yadav attempted to break his party's traditional, almost exclusive, reliance on the politics of caste and exclusive focus on stitching a Muslim-Yadav alliance — by emphasising "economic justice" in terms of rhetoric. This was accompanied by a more inclusive ticket distribution strategy; an appeal to an entire generation of young people across caste lines by promising jobs; and an energetic, interactive and dynamic campaign. It was this campaign that led Yadav — and many other observers — to believe that this election would mark the moment of political transformation in Bihar, with not just a regime change but also a shift in the way political choices have traditionally been made in the state. He came close, but fell short of a majority that would have made him the surprise chief minister of one of India's largest and most politically aware states. Still, the RJD's performance suggests that Yadav's campaign helped the party secure its base. It has also marked Yadav's own political ascendance — in the absence of his father, Lalu Prasad, he held his own in the campaign and has quashed any succession battles within the family — and marked himself as the next leader of the RJD.

## ABETMENT TO SUICIDE CASE: SUPREME COURT GRANTS REPUBLIC TV EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ARNAB GOSWAMI INTERIM BAIL

Just days after the Bombay High Court refused to grant Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami interim relief in the 2018 Anvay Naik abetment to suicide case, Goswami and other co-accused were released today.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday, November 11 heard the bail plea of Goswami and granted him interim bail on a bond of Rs 50,000.

Arnab Goswami's lawyer Harish Salve argued in the court that Anvay Naik's decoration firm was not doing well and therefore was under debt which might have forced him to kill his mother and commit suicide. Salve also said that his client Arnab Goswami has made complete payments to his vendors and the decision of the Raigad police to reopen the case was not legal. Citing several cases filed against Goswami and Republic TV by Maharashtra police in the recent past, Salve added the abetment to suicide case against Arnab was reopened on the direction of Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh. Salve also urged the SC to transfer the case to CBI and said that heavens will not fall if Arnab is released on bail. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal appearing for Maharashtra government however argued that the hearing in the matter is already going on in the lower court. Justice DY Chandrachud asked Sibal that if the case really requires the police to question Arnab in custody and is there a direct case of abetment to suicide against him. "Is this really a case of IPC 306? Assuming the FIR is the gospel truth and that's a matter of investigation but is not paying up money Abetment to suicide? It will be a Travesty of justice if bail is not granted while FIR is pending Sibal. I too don't want to watch his channel but if a citizen has approached the SC for justice then we will protect the rights of the citizen," said Justice Chandrachud.

On November 4, the Alibaug police had arrested Goswami and two others in connection with the suicide of architect-interior designer Anvay Naik and his mother in 2018. After his arrest, Goswami had requested for police custody which the Alibaug chief judicial magistrate Sunayna Pingale denied in a late-night order and sent him to 14 days of judicial custody.



### MATRIMONIAL

SUITABLE MATCH FOR DIVORCED "RAKHRA" BOY  
D.O.B. 12.12.1985. "5'9" B.TECH., "MASTERS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FROM UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY, AU" RECENTLY SHIFTED TO CANADA, "WORKING AS SOFTWARE ENGINEER/DEVELOPER" IN CALGARY, CANADA "CITIZEN OF AUSTRALIA. FATHER: ADVOCATE" MOTHER: RETD. LECTURER. "BROTHER: DENTIST, DDS, IN CANADA.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL AT:  
JASSAL.DARSHAN@GMAIL.COM

### MATRIMONIAL

#### PROFESSIONAL PROPOSALS ONLY

Young lawyer in Brampton, "Law office in Brampton "looking for groom. Girl is 5'6 tall, slim and very beautiful. Belongs to Sikh family, caste no bar, age is 36 years old. Born and brought up in Canada." Those interested

Contact Satnam Singh at 647-294-0751

# Nasir Studios

Capture your Precious Memories

*Bashir Nasir*  
Award Winning Photographer

603 - 3001 Finch Ave. W  
North York, ON  
M9N 3A9  
CANADA

Tel: 416-742-5020  
Cell: 416-414-4213  
Fax: 416-742-6069  
Email: bnasir88@hotmail.com

Parties and all Occasions

## ACCOUNTANT

**SERVICES PROVIDED:**

- General Accounting & Bookkeeping
- Business Plans & Cash Flow Statements
- HST, WSIB, EHT & Payroll Tax Returns
- Compilation of Financial Statements
- Business & Personal Tax Returns

**www.surajgupta.ca**

**SURAJ GUPTA, CPA, CGA**  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT  
**905-677-1334**

2355 Derry Road East, Suite 33(2nd Floor),  
Mississauga, ON L5S 1V6 (Derry/Torbram) E: suraj@surajgupta.ca

**PMGI**  
FINANCIAL

4255 Sherwoodtown Blvd.  
Suite #109 Mississauga, ON L4Z 1Y5

## Pankaj Monga, CFP, CLU, CHS

Certified Financial Planner

Life, Critical illness, Disability &  
Travel Insurance, RRSP, RESP & TFSA

# 416-907-4420

Email: pankaj@pmgifinancial.com  
www.pmgifinancial.com



# Great for Indian Cooking!

## SAKURA TURBO HOOD

Kitchen Range Hood  
**NO MORE SMOKE, GREASE OR ODOURS**



### U2f, U2 M II and U2 II

Dimension :29-3/4" W x 25" D x 6"/7" H  
Voltage :120V 60Hz  
Horizontal Ducting:3-1/8" x 10"  
Vertical Ducting : 6" Diameter  
Revolutions : 1700 RPM  
Wind Exhaust : 520-680 CFM  
**White, Black & Stainless Steel**

#### STANDARD FEATURES

- Teflon-coated non-stick fan blades
- Rear oil collectors Grease-free inner parts Patented twin oil trapping cones with filters Ultra quiet operation (58 dBA)
- Front steam baffle Each blower is controlled independently Smoke and grease baffler Six vents
- One year labour warranty Lifetime warranty on motors Available in:

### R8168M (Micro)



Model: R-8168M  
DIMENSION: 29 3/4" x 21" X 6" H  
Wind Exhaust: 250-680 CFM  
White or Stainless Steel

#### STANDARD FEATURES

- Teflon-coated non-stick fan blades
- Patented twin oil trapping cones with filters
- Front steam baffle
- Maximum power with intelligent sensor
- Five year warranty on motor
- One year warranty on electronic switch
- Double bright Halogen lighting
- Two mode lighting (R8168M model only)
- **ODOR FREE - Twin motor with high CFM**

**ODOUR FREE**

**TWIN MOTOR, HIGH CFM**

**SMOKE FREE**

**DISSIPATE THROUGH DUCT**

**GREASE FREE**

**PATENTED FILTRATION SYSTEM**

TOLL FREE: 1-800-475-5473

[www.sakura-canada.com](http://www.sakura-canada.com)

### R747 II Generation



- Dimension:29-3/4" W x 23-1/4" D x 6-1/2" H Voltage:120V
- Ducting:3-1/8" x 10" Vertical Ducting:6"
- Diameter Revolutions:1700 RPM Wind
- Exhaust:520-680 CFM Weight (lbs): 29.70 - 31.90 Illum.: 60W Max Power

**White, Black & Stainless Steel**

#### STANDARD FEATURES

- Twin centrifugal turbo fans
- Teflon-coated non-stick fan blades
- Rear oil collectors
- Grease-free inner parts
- Patented twin oil trapping cones with filters
- Smoke and grease baffler

## SAKURA PRODUCTS CO.

4490 Sheppard Ave., E. Unit 2, Scarborough (416) 291-5218 TOLL-FREE 1-800-475-05473

**SCARBOROUGH**  
4490 Sheppard Ave., E  
Unit 2, Scarborough  
416) 291-5218

**GOLDEN**  
328 Hwy 7E, Unit 2B,  
Richmond Hill  
905-881-3338

**TIMES SQUARE**  
550 Hwy 7E, Unit 91  
Richmond Hill  
(905) 889-3339

**MISSISSAUGA DIXIE PARK**  
1550 South Gateway, Unit 113, Mississauga  
(905) 238-3198  
South Eglinton-East Side Dixie



RANGOLI ARTISTS ARE SEEN GIVING THEIR FINAL TOUCH ON RANGOLI OF PM NARENDRA MODI AND HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH AT THANE. THE BJP AND THE JD(U) HAVE WON 73 AND 43 SEATS IN THE NEW ASSEMBLY.

## Did Modi push propel NDA in tight poll race?

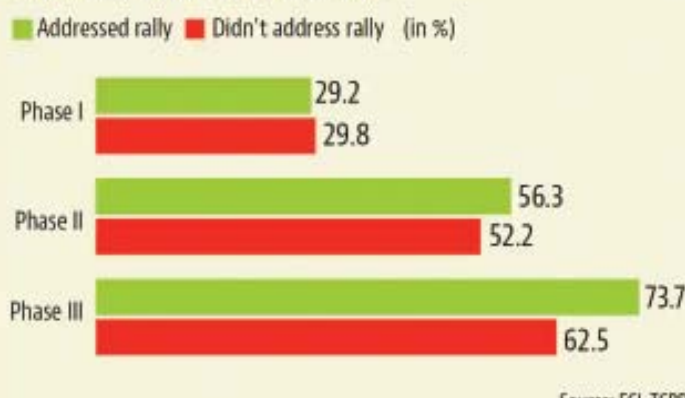
The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has managed a simple majority in what was a very closely contested election in Bihar. However, the difference in the performance of the two major alliance partners, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Janata Dal (United) will mean that the balance of power changes significantly within the NDA. The BJP and the JD(U) have won 73 and 43 seats in the new assembly.

The difference is in keeping with their strike rates; seats won as a share of seats contested. This number is 66% for the BJP and just 33% for the JD(U). Did the BJP save the elections for the NDA? One way to look at this question is the performance of the NDA in assembly constituencies (ACs) where Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed election rallies. Modi addressed 12 rallies during the campaign. HT has looked at the performance of the NDA in 110 ACs which are in the 12 districts where these rallies took place. A simple analysis suggests that the NDA's performance is much better in these regions. The NDA's strike rate in these 110 ACs is 56.4%.

This is significantly higher than the strike rate of 48.9% in the remaining 133 ACs. However, a more nuanced analysis suggests otherwise. As has been pointed out, the NDA has performed significantly better in the second and third phases of the polls compared to the first phase. Its strike rate is just 29.6% in the 71 ACs that went to the polls in the first phase. This increases to 53.2% and 66.7% in the 94 and 78 ACs that went to the polls in the second and third phase.

### Mapping the Modi factor

NDA's strike rate in districts where PM Modi addressed rallies and didn't



A phase-wise break-up of the NDA's performance in the 110 ACs in districts where Modi addressed rallies for the NDA follows a similar pattern. A comparison of NDA performance in ACs in each phase where the Prime Minister addressed and did not address rallies shows that these rallies generated relatively greater tailwinds for the NDA in the third phase compared to the first and second phases.

### CONGRESS'S POOR SHOW HURTS ALLIES, PARTY SAYS FOUGHT TOUGH SEATS

A poor performance by the Congress appeared to prove costly for the Grand Alliance (GA) in Bihar as the party was leading or winning in just 19 of the 70 seats it contested in the assembly elections. Considered a "weak link" in the GA and despite piggybacking on the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the Congress could not match its performance of the 2015 assembly elections. It had then contested 41 seats and won 27. The Congress also lost the crucial bypolls in Madhya Pradesh, where the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was ahead in 19 out of the 28 seats and was set to retain power with a comfortable majority. The Congress was leading on 9. It failed to win any seat in the bypolls in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha and Telangana.

### 8 SEATS WHERE VICTORY MARGIN WAS LESS THAN 1,000

Bihar may have decided to give the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) another chance, but the victory margin in some of the seats was very narrow - of less than 1,000. The NDA, riding on the back of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) best ever performance in Bihar, itself won the election after a close fight, scraping past the majority mark with 124 seats as against the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) led grand alliance's 111 seats. The majority mark in the 243-seat Assembly was 122.

But in some of the constituencies, the victory margin was wafer thin. In Barbigaha, Janata Dal (United) candidate Sudarshan Kumar defeated Congress' Gajanan Shahi by just 113 votes. In Bhoire, victory margin was a mere 462.

The RJD's Fatehabadur trumped the BJP's Satya Narayan in Dehri by a mere 464 votes. It was among any seats like Bakhri, Ramgarh, Chakai, Matihani and Kurhani Assembly seats where victory came after a really close fight.

In Hilsa, the JD(U) candidate won just by 12 votes, according to the Election Commission website, a result contested by the RJD.

According to the results updated on the Election Commission website late Tuesday night, JD(U)'s Krishnamurari Sharan alias Prem Mukhiya has polled 61,848 votes, while the RJD's Atri Muni alias Shakti Singh Yadav has got 61,836 votes. "Results declared," the poll panel wrote in the 'status' column for Hilsa seat late Tuesday night. And in the margin column it wrote "12".

### SHIV SENA FETCHES FEWER VOTES THAN NOTA



Maharashtra's ruling Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) did not manage to even win a single seat in the Bihar assembly elections with the former fetching fewer votes than the voters who exercised the None of the Above (NOTA) option. The Shiv Sena polled 0.05% of the total votes while NOTA fetched 1.68% votes. All Sena candidates lost their deposits, a Sena functionary said. According to the Election Commission website, the NCP got 0.23% votes. In 2015 too, the party contested 40 seats without any success. The Shiv Sena, which quit the Bharatiya Janata Party-led alliance to form the government in Maharashtra with NCP and Congress's help in 2019, does not much sway outside the state. But it has been contesting assembly and national elections in states such as Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan to increase its base. It has been unsuccessful so far.



WISH YOU ALL A PROSPEROUS AND SPARKLING

*Happy Diwali*



**VINCENT KE**  
MPP - Don Valley North

Constituency Office

2175 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 103  
North York, Ontario M2J 1W8

Tel: 416-494-8778

Fax: 416-494-0110

Email: [vincent.keco@pc.ola.org](mailto:vincent.keco@pc.ola.org)

Web: [www.vincentkemp.com](http://www.vincentkemp.com)

[Twitter@Vincentkemp](https://twitter.com/Vincentkemp)

[Facebook@Vincentkemp](https://facebook.com/Vincentkemp)

[Instagram@Vincentkemp](https://instagram.com/Vincentkemp)



Wish you all a very  
**Happy Diwali &**  
Bandi Chhor Divas



**SWC**

**SOMAL WATCHES & CLOCKS**

YOUR SINGLE SOURCE FOR WATCH MOVEMENTS,  
WATCH TOOLS, BATTERIES ETC.

# 48-30 INTERMODAL DRIVE, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO- L6T 5K1

**(905) 790 2188**

WATCHPARTS@SOMALCANADA.COM

# Happy Diwali

*Please Stay Safe and Healthy*

Member of Parliament  
Scarborough North

## SHAUN CHEN

4386 Sheppard Avenue East, Unit C  
Scarborough, Ontario M1S 1T8

416-321-CHEN (2436)  
info@shaunchen.com

ShaunChenMP   
 shaunchenmp   
 Shaun\_Chen   
 www.shaunchen.com

### On Pfizer's Covid vaccine announcement, Rahul Gandhi asks govt key questions



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said the logistics for making Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine available to Indian citizens need to be worked out adding that the central government has to define a vaccine distribution strategy. "Even though Pfizer has created a promising vaccine, the logistics for making it available to every Indian need to be worked out. GOI has to define a vaccine distribution strategy and how it will reach every Indian," Gandhi tweeted. The Congress leader has been vocal about the Covid-19 crisis and has criticised the Centre over testing, imposition of lockdowns, migrant exodus etc. On being asked when India would start discussions with Pfizer, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said Tuesday that the national expert group on coronavirus vaccine administration was in dialogue with all vaccine manufacturers - including domestic and foreign. Pfizer, a US-based pharmaceutical company, developed a vaccine to combat coronavirus in collaboration with German firm BioNTech. The data released from the late-stage human trials of the vaccine showed that it was found to be over 90 per cent effective, Pfizer said.

### BJP GETS 19 SEATS IN MADHYA PRADESH, SEALS ASSEMBLY MAJORITY

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) achieved a major victory in bypolls held to 28 legislative assembly constituencies, winning and leading in 19; the Opposition Congress, which won 27 of these seats in the 2018 state assembly elections, could win or lead in just nine. The bypolls were necessitated by 25 Congress MLAs resigning from the state assembly — 22 (all loyalists of Jyotiraditya Scindia, who quit the Congress in March to join the BJP) and three in July — and due to death of three more (two from the Congress and one from the BJP). Of the constituencies that saw by polls, 16 fall in the Gwalior-Chambal region. Analysts said the results are significant for several reasons: one, the BJP has got a clear majority in the 230-member state assembly by increasing its strength from 107 to 126 MLAs; two, it is a victory for Scindia, who campaigned for many of the candidates; and three, the BJP's margin of victory on many of the seats was high. Of the lawmakers who quit the Congress in March and subsequently joined the BJP, 12 were made ministers in the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government. The win allows them to remain ministers.

# Happy Deepawali AND HAPPY BANDI CHHOR DIVAS TO ALL COMMUNITY!

## MPP Amarjot Sandhu

BRAMPTON WEST

10 Gillingham Drive, Suite-309  
Brampton, ON, L6X 0G6  
Telephone: 905-595-1532  
Fax: 905-451-8496



JOE BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS GAVE THEIR VICTORY SPEECHES AMID A SEA OF HONKING CAR HORNS AND CHEERING SUPPORTERS WAVING AMERICAN FLAGS IN AN OUTDOOR EVENT. BIDEN SAID HE WAS HUMBLLED BY THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE THAT AMERICA HAS PLACED IN HIM.

## 'TIME TO HEAL': PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN PLEDGES TO UNITE AMERICA IN VICTORY SPEECH

Democrat Joe Biden won the presidency on Saturday after a bitter election campaign and promised he would work to unify a deeply divided country, even as President Donald Trump refused to accept defeat.

"The people of this nation have spoken. They have delivered us a clear victory, a convincing victory," Biden told cheering supporters in a parking lot during his victory speech in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris gave their victory speeches amid a sea of honking car horns and cheering supporters waving American flags in an outdoor event. Biden said he was humbled by the trust and confidence that America has placed in him. "I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide but to unify, who doesn't see red states and blue states, but only sees the United States," he said, then addressed Trump's supporters directly.

"Now, let's give each other a chance. It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, see each other again, listen to each other again," he said. "This is the time to heal in America."

In his acceptance speech, President-elect Joe Biden was quick to identify himself not as the 46th president but as the husband to Jill Biden.

"I'm Jill's husband," he declared. "Teaching isn't just what she does, it's who she is." President-elect Joe Biden also thanked Black voters for his victory. "The African American community stood up for me. They always have my back, and I'll have yours," he said as he pounded the podium.

He was introduced by his running mate, US Senator Kamala Harris, who will be the first woman, the first Black American and the first American of Asian descent to serve as vice president, the country's No. 2 office.

She said voters had chosen hope, science and truth by selecting Biden as the next president, calling him a "healer and a uniter."

Kamala also credited Biden for taking the risk of choosing a woman as his running mate. "While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last, because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities." Biden's victory in the battleground state of Pennsylvania put him over the threshold of 270 Electoral College votes he needed to clinch the

presidency, ending four days of nail-biting suspense and sending his supporters into the streets of major cities in celebration.

Congratulations poured in from abroad, including from conservative British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, making it hard for Trump to push his repeated claims, without evidence, that the election was rigged against him. Trump, who was golfing when the major television networks projected his rival had won, immediately accused Biden of "rushing to falsely pose as the winner." "This election is far from over," he said in a statement. Trump has filed a raft of lawsuits to challenge the results but elections officials in states across the country say there has been no evidence of significant fraud, and legal experts say Trump's efforts are unlikely to succeed.

### TRUMP MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR CHINA BEFORE HE LEAVES PRESIDENCY, SAY EXPERTS

With US President Donald Trump showing no signs that he will leave office gracefully after his defeat to President-elect Joe Biden in the US Presidential elections, experts and former officials say they fear a growing risk that he could make disruptive moves to double down on priorities and tie his successor's hands in his final months in the White House. Experts added that China could be a particular target, given Trump's repeated efforts to blame Beijing for the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic conditions of the United States, says Mark Magnier in the South China Morning Post. "Trump has promised to punish China for Covid-19, so the question is, what does that mean," said Jeff Moon, principal at China Moon Strategies and former National Security Council official. Mangier writes that one way to worsen the already fragile US-China relations and to undermine the Biden administration move to improve bilateral cooperation on global environmental and health issues could possibly involve Taiwan.

### Football pitch turns into execution ground: Islamist militants behead over 50 people in village in Mozambique

A football pitch in the African country of Northern Mozambique became a theatre of killing as Islamist militants affiliated with terror group Islamic State (IS) beheaded over 50 people. According to international reports, the terrorists chanted 'Allahu Akbar' as they raided Nanjaba village on Friday night, and set homes alight, BBC reported. The villagers who tried to flee were taken to a football pitch and were beheaded and chopped into pieces. About 2,000 people are killed and over 400,000 people were rendered homeless after a conflict broke out in the mainly-Muslim province. The terrorists are linked to Islamic State (IS) and are steadily gaining a foothold in Southern Africa. The killings are the latest in a series of attacks the militants carried out in Cabo Delgado province since 2017. The aim of the attack was to establish Islamic rule in the region and has exploited poverty and unemployment to recruit youth in the region. Many locals complain that they have not benefitted from the province's ruby and gas industries. Another group of militants carried out another attack in Muatide village.

### Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi wins parliamentary seat in general elections

Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairperson of Myanmar's ruling National League for Democracy (NLD), has won a seat in the House of Representatives (Lower House) for the next parliament in the recently-held general elections, the Union Election Commission (UEC) said on Tuesday.

Suu Kyi, the current State Counsellor of Myanmar, competed in Yangon's Kawmhu constituency against rival candidates from the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), the Union Betterment Party, United Nationalities League for Democracy, Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party and one independent runner, reports Xinhua news agency.

A total of 5,639 candidates including 1,106 candidates from the ruling NLD party and 1,089 from the USDP vied for the 1,117 parliamentary seats in Sunday's election.

As of Tuesday morning, 47 representatives have been elected to Parliament at three levels and the NLD secured 44 parliamentary seats including 12 in the Lower House, eight in the House of Nationalities (Upper House) and 24 in the regional or state parliaments so far, according to the UEC's result announcement. The USDP won three seats -- one in the Lower House and two in the regional or state parliaments so far.

WISH YOU ALL A VERY  
**HAPPY DIWALI**

**David Green**  
Vice Chair PDSB Brampton, Ward 1&5  
905-495-4579, david.green@peelsb.com

Wish you all a prosperous &  
**Happy Diwali**  
& Bandi Chhor Divas

**Kamal Khera**  
Member of Parliament - Brampton West  
Parliamentary Secretary - Minister of International Development

35 Van Kirk Drive, Suite 10, Brampton, ON, L7A 1A5  
(905)454-4758  
kamal.khera@parl.gc.ca  
kamalkhera.libparl.ca

**HAPPY Diwali**

If you live in Vaughan-Woodbridge, please contact our office for any provincially related matters

**Michael Tibollo**  
MPP for Vaughan Woodbridge

Constituency Office  
5100 Rutherford Road, Unit 3  
Vaughan L4H 2J2  
Michael.Tibolloco@pc.ola.org

**Happy Diwali**

Councillor  
**Sue McFadden**  
Mississauga **WARD 10**

www.MississaugaWard10.ca



THE DEVELOPMENT CAME AFTER ITS FLAG CARRIER PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA) HAS ALREADY BEEN BANNED FROM TAKING FLIGHTS TO THE UK AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AFTER THE LICENSING SCAM CAME TO LIGHT.

## PAKISTANI AIRLINES COULD BE BANNED FROM FLYING TO 188 COUNTRIES, KNOW WHY

Airlines in Pakistan could be banned from flying to 188 countries over failure to keep up with the international standards as needed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), according to media reports. There could also be an issue of pilot licensing which could lead to the ban. This development follows Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) already been banned from taking flights to the UK and the European Union after the licensing scam came to light which revealed that country's 262 pilots held fake credentials. In its 12th meeting, the ICAO approved a mechanism for addressing Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs) facing its member states and in light of this issued a

serious warning to the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA). A November 3 letter said that PCAA had failed to meet the international standards of pilots' licensing and training. As a result of this letter, Pakistan's aircraft and pilots are likely to be barred from flying to 188 countries in the world, a report by Pakistan's The Express Tribune said. "This will have serious consequences and could be a total disaster for Pakistan's aviation industry," a spokesperson of Pakistan Airlines Pilots Association (Palpa) said. "Palpa had been raising this issue since June 2020 but unfortunately it was neglected by the authorities concerned."

## US TRADE POLICY IS READY FOR ITS JOE BIDEN MAKEOVER

If he winds up facing a hostile Senate, President-elect Joe Biden will struggle to make sweeping policy changes. But for better or worse, executive power has expanded to the point where Biden will be able to make progress on a number of fronts without the say-so of the Republican opposition. One such area of opportunity is trade. Biden will have the power to reverse many of the Trump administration's bad policies to strengthen trade with allies and potential allies, while keeping up the technological competition with China.

The first order of business is to remove all tariffs on developed countries such as Canada, Japan, and in Europe. Currently, Trump's tariffs on these nations are sparking a dangerous and completely counterproductive tit-for-tat:

Trade with places like the European Union, Japan, and Canada is no threat to American workers, because they also have high wages and strong labour and environmental protections. Nor is it a threat to US technological supremacy, because these countries all respect intellectual property rights. Finally, these countries are US allies, and will be essential in the geopolitical contest with China. There's absolutely no reason to keep any of these tariffs, and Biden should immediately eliminate as many as the law allows.

A more contentious move will be to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). Canceling this multilateral trade deal, which Democratic Senator Bernie Sanders also opposed, was one of Trump's first moves upon taking office in 2017. But thanks to the efforts of leaders in the Asia-Pacific region, the TPP has been preserved and improved since then, and is ready and waiting for the US to come back. Biden can't ratify TPP without Congress, but he can rejoin the negotiations.

Beyond a general backlash against the idea of free trade, the TPP encountered bipartisan opposition for two reasons. First, it contained onerous intellectual property provisions, which have now been removed. Second, the treaty includes Vietnam, which is a poor, rapidly industrializing nation attempting to attract manufacturing investment with low labour costs. The US experience with China in the 2000s has made many gun-shy about opening up trade with such countries; and in fact, it's possible that liberalizing trade with Vietnam would put a slight amount of downward pressure on American wages.

## WHO IN TALKS WITH RUSSIAN INSTITUTE ON SPUTNIK V COVID-19 VACCINE

The World Health Organization (WHO) is in discussions with the Russian institute that developed the Sputnik V candidate vaccine against COVID-19 over its potential application for emergency use listing, the UN agency said on Thursday. Russia's Sputnik V vaccine is 92 per cent effective at protecting people from COVID-19 according to interim trial results, the country's sovereign wealth fund said on Wednesday. The WHO, in a statement to Reuters, said: "WHO has been in touch with the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, who expressed interest in applying for WHO emergency use listing."

"We look forward to receiving the data for their Sputnik V candidate vaccine. If a product submitted for assessment is found to meet the criteria for listing, WHO will publish the results widely," it said.

By granting the vaccine emergency use listing, the WHO would effectively be recommending its use to member states. The procedure streamlines the process by which new and unlicensed vaccines and other products can be used during emergencies. The WHO, which is backing accelerated development of vaccines to stem the pandemic, has not yet prequalified any experimental vaccine nor issued an emergency use listing. Russia's results are only the second from a late-stage human trial, following on swiftly from data released on Monday by Pfizer Inc and BioNTech which said their shot was also more than 90 per cent effective.

*Happy Diwali  
& Bandi Chhor Divas  
to all of you!*

**Matt Mahoney**  
Councillor, Ward 8  
City of Mississauga

[www.mattmahoney.ca](http://www.mattmahoney.ca)

*Wishing all  
Vaughan-Woodbridge  
Residents a Happy  
Diwali glowing with peace  
and good health*

**Francesco SORBARA**  
MP, Vaughan-Woodbridge

CONSTITUENCY OFFICE  
8633 Weston Road,  
Suite 6A, Woodbridge  
T | 905.264.6446  
E | francesco.sorbara@parl.gc.ca

@fsorbara @sorbaraf  
FrancescoSorbaraMP

**HAPPY Diwali**  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

**Ramesh Sangha**  
Member Parliament Brampton Centre  
Constituency Office address:  
100 Kennedy Road S  
Brampton, On L6W 3E7  
Tel # 905-790-9211  
Email: ramesh.sangha@parl.gc.ca

**RAMESH SANGHA, M.P.**  
Brampton Centre



THAPLIYAL & RAI  
—• LAW FIRM •—

THAPLIYAL  
FOUNDATION  
CANADA 

WISHES YOU A  
**HAPPY  
DIWALI**

2565 Steeles Ave. E.  
Unit 18, Brampton  
ON, L6T 4L6

(905) 463-2088 | [info@pmlawyers.ca](mailto:info@pmlawyers.ca) | [www.pmlawyers.ca](http://www.pmlawyers.ca)



**PRASHANT RAI**  
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR



**MURARILAL  
THAPLIYAL**  
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR

Your Dedicated Legal Firm Serving Across Ontario



**HAPPY DIWALI**



# RICHMOND HILL'S INVENTORY

# SALE



# SAVE UP TO \$75,000

**FREEHOLD TOWNS UP TO 2909 SQ. FT.\* FROM THE \$900s**

**\$10,000 INITIAL DEPOSIT**

**MARCH 2021 CLOSINGS**

**EXPLORE OUR VIRTUAL HOME TOUR**

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE OR BY PHONE  
437.995.8509 | RICHMONDGREEN@CONSERVATORYGROUP.COM  
10956 LESLIE ST.**



Artist's concept



## CONVENIENT WORK FROM HOME LAYOUTS

**MAXIMIZE YOUR WORK SPACE WITH  
PROFESSIONAL HOME OFFICE DESIGNS IN RICHMOND HILL**



**COVID PROTOCOL IN PLACE  
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**CONSERVATORYGROUP.CA**

\*Includes finished basement area. See sales representative for details.  
Prices, Terms and specifications subject to change without notice. E. & O. E.



**BUILDING A GREATER GTA**  
Building Industry and Land  
Developers Association