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ONTARIANS 12+ NOW ELIGIBLE TO BOOK SECOND DOSE OF COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT

More Than Five Million Ontarians Now Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19

As the province moves to Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen, Ontario is accelerating second dose eligibility to all children and youth aged 12 to 17 to provide them with a strong level of protection against COVID-19, including the Delta variant, and support a safe return to school in September.

Starting on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., youth aged 12 to 17 across the province will be eligible to book an accelerated second dose appointment to receive the Pfizer vaccine through the provincial booking system, directly through public health units that use their own booking system, and through participating pharmacies.

"As the province enters Step Two of our Roadmap, all eligible Ontarians have the opportunity for a two-dose summer," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Vaccines are the best defence against COVID-19 and variants, and I encourage everyone to get their first and second shots as soon as possible."

Ontario's vaccine rollout has been widely successful, surpassing targets and continuing to expand eligibility ahead of schedule. During the week of June 21, 2021, the province administered more than one million doses in four days. Notably, 26,771 doses were administered in a single day at Toronto's Scotiabank Arena Clinic, setting a North American record.

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- **Canada Lifts 14-Day Quarantine & Hotel Stay Restrictions For Fully Vaccinated Canadians, Permanent Residents, And Certain Foreign National Travellers.**
- **Ontarians Aged 12+ Now Eligible To Book Appointments for Second Dose of Covid-19 Vaccine.**
- **Canada To Receive 3.7 Million Covid-19 Doses This Week- 900K Pfizer Doses, 2.8 Million Moderna Doses.**
- **Over 50 Million Covid-19 Vaccines Arrived In Canada- 43 Million Distributed & 39 Million Doses Administered.**
- **In July, 20 Million Vaccine Doses Will Arrive In Canada- 9.1 Million Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccines, 11 Million Moderna Doses.**
- **Canada To Receive 68 Million Covid-19 Vaccines By July End: PM Trudeau.**
- **Ontario has administered more than 15.9 million vaccine doses, over 40% fully vaccinated.**
- **More than 78% Peel residents received first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, over 33% fully vaccinated.**

WHY DID AAMIR KHAN & KIRAN RAO ANNOUNCE DIVORCE?



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LIBERAL MP FOR BRAMPTON SOUTH, SONIA SIDHU'S PMB BILL C-237 RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT

Parliament commemorates the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin with a bill calling for a national framework to fight diabetes. Royal Assent was given to Bill C-237, An Act to Establish a National Framework for Diabetes, a private members bill introduced by Liberal MP for Brampton South, Sonia Sidhu. This bill requires the Minister of Health to create and report to Parliament on a national framework to defeat diabetes.

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7 PAKISTANI-CANADIANS DEAD IN HOUSE-FIRE

Seven people from two families were killed in an early-morning fire in Chestermere, Alberta on Friday. Five others - an adult and four children - managed to escape.

The fire broke out at about 2:30 a.m. in the city about 16 kilometres east of Calgary, the CTV reported.

Calgary Imam Syed Soharwardy with the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada said two families, who were both Muslim, were living in the home.

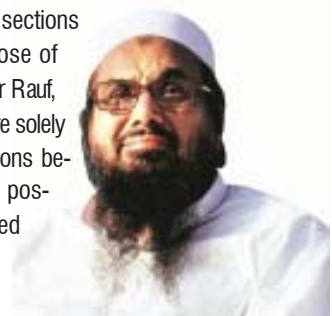
The brother-in-law of the homeowner, Amjad Kamal, tells CTV News that Asad Kamal and Rafiya Kamal, both 38, and Amjad's wife Batool Rashid, 35, all perished in the fire.

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POSSIBILITY OF PAKISTAN INTERNAL GROUPS TARGETING HAFIZ SAEED CAN'T BE RULED OUT

NEW DELHI/LAHORE, (IANS) There are sections in the Pakistani society who feel that those of the likes of Hafeez Saeed, Sajid Mir, Asghar Rauf, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi are elements who are solely responsible for the ever-deteriorating relations between New Delhi and Islamabad. Hence the possibility of internal groups targeting Saeed cannot be ruled out, sources said.

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PAKISTAN FINDING IT HARD TO CONCEAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL

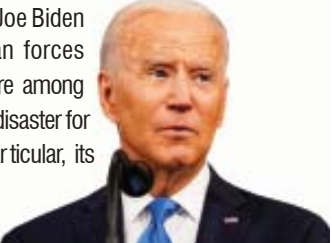
NEW DELHI, (IANS) As Pakistani officials work on keeping the Taliban away from India, Prime Minister Imran Khan and his advisors have to try and dodge political bullets with lousy denials of contact with Israel they are finding increasingly hard to conceal, as per an opinion piece in Israeli newspaper Haaretz. "DIDNOT [sic] go to Israel," tweeted Zulfi Bukhari, the Pakistani Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Overseas Pakistanis, on Monday in response to a report in Israel Hayom claiming that Bukhari had visited Tel Aviv in November 2020 to pass on messages from Khan and Pakistan Army chief, Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa to Mossad head Yossi Cohen.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN'S COLD RESPONSE TO AFGHANISTAN'S COLLAPSE TO HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES

NEW DELHI, (IANS) When US President Joe Biden chose in April to withdraw all American forces from Afghanistan by September, we were among those who judged that the result would be a disaster for the country's 38 million people, and in particular, its women, a Washington Post op-ed said.

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ON CHANNEL Y
SATURDAY, JULY 10 AT 7:30 PM

On July 10, 2021, Y Media Presents NRI Report Card in which panelists will have in-depth analysis of 'Who should lead Punjab?' The programme will air on Channel Y from 7.30 p.m.

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SIDHU VS AMARINDER

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Tuesday met interim Congress President Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi amid escalated tension in the state unit. After the meeting which lasted an hour, Amarinder Singh said: "Whatever we discuss in such meeting with the Congress President is confidential. We can't say it in public and it is not for public consumption." "But we have discussed about the developmental issues of the state, including politics... I will accept whatever decisions will be taken by the party high command." He, however, declined to comment on disgruntled Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu. Ahead of the Sonia Gandhi-Amarinder Singh meet, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi had met Sonia Gandhi. The Congress has constituted a committee under Mallikarjun Kharge to

resolve the issue pertaining to the state and it had submitted its report. Kharge was also present at the meeting, which comes against the backdrop of the suggestions made by the Congress high command to the Punjab government and changes in the state unit of the party, days after Sidhu met Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. After these meetings, there was speculation that Priyanka Gandhi has suggested Sidhu's name as the Punjab Congress chief. However, Amarinder Singh and some of the other faction leaders in the party were not accepting this formula. Sources said that Punjab leaders may accept Sidhu as the Working President, but not as the full-fledged state unit chief as the Chief Minister is keen on having a non-Sikh face in the role.

After Kejriwal, Sidhu too favours 300 units of free power in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, (IANS) Toeing Aam Aadmi Party national convenor and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's 'mantra' to woo the people in Punjab by announcing pre-poll sops of free and subsidised electricity, Congress leader and former state minister Navjot Sidhu on Sunday advocated for a 24-hour supply with no power cuts and free power up to 300 units. "Punjab already provides Rs 9,000 crore subsidy but we must do more for domestic and industrial consumer giving power at Rs 3-5 per unit instead of surcharge inflated Rs 10-12 per unit, along 24-hour supply with no power cuts and free power (up to 300 units)," Sidhu said in a tweet, adding, "It is definitely achievable." He further said: "Let us start with the Congress high command's pro-people 18-point agenda and get rid of the faulty un-negotiable Badal-signed Power Purchase Agreements through 'new legislation in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha' and fixing rates as per the national power exchange with no fixed charges!" Sidhu's assertions on power outages in Punjab came days after AAP national convenor Kejriwal kicked off a campaign in the state by announcing free and subsidised electricity, his tested formula in Delhi. Addressing a press conference in Chandigarh on June 29, Kejriwal offered free electricity up to 300 units and promised to waive off all the old electricity bills and arrears, if

AAP forms the government in Punjab. On Saturday, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said his government would be soon announcing its legal strategy to counter the "ill-conceived" power purchase agreements (PPAs) during the previous SAD-BJP regime. In a series of tweets two days back, Sidhu had blamed the PPAs that the previous government had signed with three private thermal power plants and said "till 2020 Punjab has paid Rs 5,400 crore due to faulty clauses in these agreements. It is expected to pay Rs 65,000 crore of people's money just as fixed charges". Favouring the need to set aside the PPAs, Sidhu had said the state can purchase power from the national grid at much cheaper rates. "But these Badal-signed PPAs are acting against Punjab's public interest. Punjab may not be able to re-negotiate these PPAs due to them having legal protection from honourable courts, But there is a way forward," he had said. Facing severe electricity crisis, the Punjab government last week curtailed timings of the government offices, and cut down power supply to high energy consuming industries to save crops and ease the domestic power situation. Sidhu had resigned from his post as a Punjab Cabinet Minister on July 14, 2019 after differences with Chief Minister Amarinder Singh over portfolio allocation. Sidhu was in-charge of local bodies but was shifted to the Power Department.



CHANDIGARH, (IANS) Taking his Delhi counterpart head-on for failing to provide free power to farmers in the national capital, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Monday slammed Arvind Kejriwal for making false promises on free power in Punjab with an eye on the 2022 Assembly polls. The Kejriwal government has completely failed the people of Delhi on all counts, with no free power to the farmers and excessively high tariffs for the industry, Singh said, adding that the people of Punjab have already rejected the "pathetic Delhi model of governance". The Punjab Chief Minister said the Delhi power tariff structure was a case of "organized loot" by the Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, which was openly allowing private power distribution companies in Delhi to "fill their pockets by collecting excessively high tariffs at the cost of the common man". Delhi is charging Rs 9.80 per unit for industrial power, even as the Congress government in Punjab is levying a subsidized rate of Rs 5 per unit to attract industry to Punjab. As a result, the state has seen more than Rs 85,000 crore worth of investment on the ground in the past four years. Subsidized power is at present being distributed to 143,812 industrial units in Punjab with an annual subsidy of Rs 2,226 crore, the Chief Minister pointed out. In sharp contrast to Punjab, where his government was giving free power worth Rs 6,735 crore to more than 13.79 lakh farmers, the AAP government in Delhi had made no effort whatsoever to extend similar support to the agricultural community, Singh said. Pointing out that the Kejriwal government was among the first to notify one of the anti-farmer farm laws of the Centre in Delhi, the Chief Minister slammed AAP for professing sympathy for the farmers of Punjab. Singh also questioned the "anti-people power tariff structure of Delhi", alleging that the Delhi government was "fooling the people" by putting a small amount into one pocket, by way of 200 units of free domestic power, and taking away a higher amount from the other pocket by way of the high tariffs being paid by shopkeepers, industry and farmers for commercial and agriculture power. The Delhi government is charging Rs 11.34 per unit from small shopkeepers and other commercial establishments, which is 50 per cent higher than what is being charged in Punjab, Singh pointed out. Comparing the subsidies of the two states, the Chief Minister said the Punjab government is paying an annual power subsidy bill of Rs 10,458 crore, whereas the Kejriwal government is paying Rs 2,820 crore when the population of Delhi is two crores compared with Punjab's three crores. This translates into an average power subsidy in Punjab of Rs 3,486 per person, against Rs 1,410 for a Delhi resident.



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Economy Contracted 0.3% In April After 11 Consecutive Monthly Increases: Statistics Canada



Real gross domestic product (GDP) contracted 0.3% in April after 11 consecutive monthly increases. With the first decline in 12 months, total economic activity remained at about 1% below its level before the COVID-19 pandemic in February 2020.

Overall, 12 of 20 industrial sectors were down as gains in goods-producing industries (+0.5%) were more than offset by contractions in services-producing industries (-0.6%).

Preliminary information indicates a decrease in real GDP of approximately 0.3% in May. The retail trade, construction and real estate rental and leasing sectors contributed the most to the declines, while the finance and insurance, and wholesale trade sectors posted gains. Because of its preliminary nature, this estimate will be revised on July 30 with the release of official GDP data for May.

Retail trade sector down following record March

Retail trade retreated 5.5% in April, dampening the previous two monthly expansions, as 10 of 12 subsectors were down.

Many provinces and territories reinstated tighter public health measures in April aimed at slowing down the third wave of COVID-19. These measures largely curtailed the strong “non-essential” shopping seen in March.

Clothing and clothing accessories (-21.0%), building material and garden equipment and supplies (-7.9%), sporting goods, hobby, book and music (-18.2%) stores and other traditional brick-and-mortar stores that rely more on in-store traffic recorded the largest declines.

Food and beverage stores (+0.5%) and miscellaneous store retailers (+0.5%) were up, offsetting some of the declines.

Strength in the construction sector continues

The construction sector rose 2.4% in April, up for a fifth consecutive month, as all components increased.

Residential building construction (+4.1%) led the expansion, with a fifth consecutive monthly increase. Continued growth in single-family homes and multi-unit dwellings construction more than offset lower activity in home improvements and renovations.

Repair construction increased 0.6%, while engineering and other construction activities grew 1.6%. Non-residential building construction rose 1.1%.

Real estate down as home resale activity slows

Real estate, rental and leasing contracted 0.7% in April, down for the first time since October 2020.

The output of offices of real estate agents and brokers dropped 10.6%, as home resale activity in the majority of Canadian urban centres, mainly in Ontario and British Columbia, slowed in April.

Legal services, which derive much of their activity from real estate transactions, declined 0.6% in April. Other professional, scientific and technical services, including scientific research and development, were down 0.3%, while computer systems design and related services (+0.7%) and architectural, engineering and related services (+0.5%) led growth in the broader professional, scientific and technical services sector.

Manufacturing sector retreats

The manufacturing sector contracted 1.0% in April, following 1.5% growth in March, as both durable and non-durable manufacturing declined in April.

Durable manufacturing decreased 1.8% in April, following a 2.1% increase in March, on declines largely concentrated in transportation equipment. The subsector was down 8.6% as the global semiconductor chip shortage contributed to production disruptions in a motor vehicle (-20.9%) and motor vehicle parts (-13.4%) manufacturing industries.

Non-durable manufacturing edged down 0.2% in April, as five of the nine subsectors were down. Contributing the most to the decline was plastics and rubber products manufacturing (-6.4%). Lower demand from motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts manufacturers partially contributed to this decrease. Petroleum and coal product manufacturing contracted 3.3%, as some refining facilities suspended activities for maintenance in April. Offsetting some of the decrease were gains in chemical manufacturing (+3.4%) and food

manufacturing (+1.5%), which recorded a notable increase in seafood product preparation associated with an early start to snow crab fishing in April.

Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction up

Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction grew 1.4% in April, as all three subsectors were up. The gain in April came on the heels of a 1.7% increase in March.

Mining and quarrying (except oil and gas) rose 1.5% in April, following a 2.4% gain in March. Metal ore mining (+3.0%) led the growth, as iron ore (+5.9%) and copper, nickel, lead and zinc mining (+4.8%) made the largest contribution to the growth. Coal mining increased 1.8% in April, while non-metallic mineral mining declined 2.4%, mainly as a result of lower potash and diamond mining.

Support activities for mining, and oil and gas extraction grew 7.9% in April, as all types of services were up.

Oil and gas extraction edged up 0.2% in April. A 1.9% decline in oil sands extraction, resulting from lower synthetic oil production in Alberta, was more than offset by a 2.7% increase in oil and gas extraction (except oil sands), as both crude petroleum extraction and natural gas extraction were up.

The public sector continues to grow

The public sector (educational services, health care and social assistance, and public administration) grew 0.3% in April, as most components were up. The health care and social assistance sector rose 1.3% in April, up for the 12th month in a row, with ambulatory health care services (+2.4%) leading the growth.

The public administration sector grew 0.4% in April, led by federal government public administration (excluding defence) (+1.0%), in part as a result of a ramping up of preparation activities prior to the 2021 Census of Population and 2021 Census of Agriculture.

The educational services sector declined 1.3% in April, driven by a 3.0% decrease in elementary and secondary schools. In 2021, the Government of Ontario moved the annual spring break from mid-March to mid-April to limit the spread of COVID-19. This decision led to an atypical decline in output, resulting from the one week less of class in April.

The accommodation and food services sector decline

Accommodation and food services declined 4.6% in April, following the reintroduction of lockdown measures across many parts of the country to combat the third wave of COVID-19.

Food services and drinking places contracted 6.5%, as activity across all forms of establishments decreased in April.

Despite continued domestic and international travel restrictions, accommodation services rose 0.5% in April. A decline in traveller accommodation was more than offset by an increase in activity at recreation vehicle parks and recreational camps and rooming and boarding houses, with camping continuing to be an alternative to international travel for Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other sectors

The finance and insurance sector declined 0.6%, as credit intermediation and monetary authorities (-0.5%), financial investment services, funds and other financial vehicles (-1.5%), and insurance carriers and related activities (-0.4%) were down.

The transportation and warehousing sector decreased 0.8% in April. Rail transportation (-2.9%), pipeline transportation (-2.4%) and support activities for transportation (-1.1%) were major contributors to the decline.

The utility sector was down 1.2%. Warm weather coupled with reduced industrial and commercial output contributed to declines in electric power generation, transmission and distribution (-1.3%) and natural gas distribution (-2.4%).

The wholesale sector edged down 0.2% in April as a 7.0% jump in building material and supplies wholesaling and a 0.9% increase in personal and household goods wholesaling were more than offset by declines in the remaining seven subsectors.

‘Pakistan respects Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace process’: PM Imran

ISLAMABAD, (IANS) Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said that his country will “respect the Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process”.

Addressing a session of the National Assembly or the lower house of the country’s parliament, Khan said on Wednesday that “we do not want any kind of strategic depth in Afghanistan. We do not want any favourites or choose any party in Afghanistan. Afghans are our brothers, and what they like for themselves, we shall support it”, reports Xinhua news agency.

Khan, in his policy statement, told the house that he already had meetings with the Afghan leadership, including President Ashraf Ghani, and told them that Islamabad has great interests if there is peace because “Pakistan wants betterment of Afghan economy for bilateral trade, and want to enhance trade relations with Central Asian nations via Afghanistan by new roads and railway links”.

The US abruptly announced the exit date and then asked Pakistan to bring the Taliban to talks, said Khan, adding “we have no leverage over them (Taliban) other than that we suggest them that conflict or prolonged civil war is not a solution of Afghan issues”.

Khan expressed his fear that if there is a civil war, it would bring a disaster for Afghanistan, which would also have effects on Pakistan in the aftermath.

Explaining his recent response to the US media over a question about Washington’s demand of an airbase in Pakistan to overlook the situation in Afghanistan, the Prime Minister said: “Pakistan would never compromise over its sovereignty and Pakistan can always be a partner with the US in peace but not in any conflict.”



US ADDS PAKISTAN, TURKEY TO CHILD SOLDIERS PREVENTION ACT LIST

ISLAMABAD, (IANS) In a move that could attract serious sanctions on Pakistan and Turkey and would certainly impact bilateral relations, the US has added both countries to its Child Soldiers Prevention Act (CSPA) list. The designation is included in the US State Department’s annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report. Inclusion in the list could lead to sanction on military assistance and participation in peacekeeping programmes. The US CSPA is a list of foreign governments, added in the annual TIP report for being found guilty of recruiting child soldiers during the previous year. Police, armed forces, security forces and government-supported armed groups are major entities reviewed before any country is added to the list.

As per details in the TIP report and the 2021 CSPA list, the countries includes:

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Libya, South Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali, Nigeria, Venezuela, and Yemen.

The 2021 list includes Pakistan and Turkey as the new additions while others have been listed for over 10 years.

A child soldier, as defined by the State Department, is “any person under 18 years of age who takes a direct part in hostilities as a member of governmental armed forces, police or other security forces”. Pakistan’s inclusion into the list is a serious matter of concern for Islamabad as relations with the Biden administration and the Imran Khan-led government have not kicked off on a positive path for the moment. President Joe Biden and Khan are yet to speak to each other, even though Pakistan holds a key position in the ongoing Afghan peace process. The US forces are withdrawing from Afghanistan and have asked Pakistan to provide it access to airspace and airbases to operate from, after exiting Afghanistan.

Pakistan on the other hand has rejected the US demand, stating that it will not indulge in the US’s proxy war.

Top military and intelligence officials from the US have been visiting Islamabad recently and have had detailed meetings with the Pakistani military establishment. Experts say that Pakistan’s relations with the US are not at the level, where they used to be previously. Pakistan’s influence on the Taliban, as per experts, is also not like it used to be. However, Pakistan still has connections with the Taliban, which makes its value even more important. It is known that there were recruitment camps established and operating from Pakistan, where young soldiers were recruited to either fight in Afghanistan or become suicide bombers. Pakistan maintains that no terror group holds any organized presence on its soil, nor it would allow any group to operate from its soil.

PM MODI GOVT CREATES NEW MINISTRY OF CO-OPERATION, DAY BEFORE RESHUFFLE



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Modi government on Tuesday created a new ‘Ministry of Co-operation’, a day before the impending Cabinet reshuffle. This ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country. In a statement, the Cabinet Secretariat said, “In a historic move, a separate ‘Ministry of Co-operation’ has been created by the Modi government for realizing the vision of ‘Sahkar se Samridhi’.” It will help deepen co-operatives as a true people-based movement reaching up to the grassroots.

“In our country, a co-operative-based economic development model is very relevant where each member works with a spirit of responsibility,” the statement said. The ministry will work to streamline processes for ‘Ease of doing business’ for co-operatives and enable the development of Multi-State Cooperatives (MSCS). “The central government has signalled its deep commitment to community-based developmental partnership. Creation of a separate Ministry for Co-operation also fulfils the Budget announcement made by the Finance Minister,” the statement said. Reports suggest that the first reshuffle of the second term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government will be announced on Wednesday at 6 p.m. The new Cabinet will be the youngest ever in India’s history, reports say. As a result, the average age will be the lowest ever after the revamp, there will be more women ministers and representation will be given to those who have administrative experience and good educational qualifications. It is being speculated that around two dozen OBCs will be ministers in the central government. Underlining the stress on education and competence, the average education level will also be higher, with “PhDs, MBAs, post-graduates and professionals”, as per reports. The changes are likely to factor in polls in five states next year and the 2024 national election.

DELTA VARIANT ACCOUNTS FOR OVER 70% IRELAND'S COVID CASES

DUBLIN, (IANS) The Delta coronavirus variant now accounts for over 70 per cent of the confirmed cases in Ireland, said a senior public health official here.

Tony Holohan, chief medical officer of the Irish Department of Health, made the remarks in a statement released on Monday evening, reports Xinhua news agency.

The statement said that 365 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 were reported in Ireland on Monday, bringing the total number to 274,306.

“While this variant continues to present a threat, those of us who are fully vaccinated can have confidence in their vaccine,” said Holohan, adding that the Delta variant continues to present a risk to those who are unvaccinated or waiting for a second dose of vaccine.

He called on the public to follow public health advice and get vaccinated against Covid-19 when they are offered the vaccine. Latest available official figures showed that as of June 27, over 4 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine had been administered in Ireland, accounting for about 80 per cent of its total population.

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To date, the province’s public health units, mass vaccination clinics, hospital sites, pharmacies and primary care providers have administered over 15 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with more than 77 per cent of adult Ontarians having received their first dose and more than 42 per cent fully immunized.

To continue to protect against the Delta variant the province continues to provide targeted supports to Delta hot spots. Since last week, provincially supported mobile teams have begun returning to community and workplace sites to support second dose clinics in Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Toronto, Peel and York region hot spots. Two pop-up

Over 99% Covid-related deaths in US were preventable by vaccine: DR. Fauci

WASHINGTON, (IANS) As many as 99.2 per cent of Covid-related deaths in the US were avoidable and preventable with vaccinations, the country's top infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci has said. In an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, Fauci said that vaccine response among people can be varied and some who are vaccinated may still get into trouble, get hospitalised and die, but the overwhelming proportion of people who get into trouble are the unvaccinated. "If you look at the number of deaths, about 99.2 per cent of them are unvaccinated. About 0.8 per cent are vaccinated," Facui was quoted as saying. "No vaccine is perfect. But when you talk about the avoidability of hospitalisation and death, it's really sad and tragic that most of these are avoidable and preventable," he lamented. The US continues to be the worst-hit country with the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 33,716,933 and 605,526, respectively, according to the latest update by Johns Hopkins University on Monday. The "disparity in the willingness to be vaccinated" has created "almost two types of America", Fauci said. While there will not be a nationwide surge in cases, "it's going to be regional", he noted.

The country has about 50 per cent of the adult population that is fully vaccinated, while about 66-67 per cent of the adult population have at least one dose. More than 80 per cent of the elderly have been vaccinated. But there are some states where the level of vaccination of individuals is 35 per cent or less. "As a nation as a whole, we are doing very well. Those regions of America, which are highly vaccinated and we have a low level of dynamics of infection. And in some places, some states, some cities, some areas, where the level of vaccination is low and the level of virus dissemination is high. That's

teams and additional vaccination staff are also helping to accelerate first and second doses in priority communities in Waterloo Region. A total of 230,000 additional doses were provided to Delta hot spots over the past weeks to accelerate vaccinations and further protect these communities.

"Expanding the eligibility for accelerated second doses to include youth aged 12 to 17 is another positive step in the rollout of vaccines across Ontario," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "With the continued support of our public health partners, we are on track to significantly increase the number of Ontarians who will be fully immunized this summer, helping to protect themselves and their community."

where you're going to see the spikes," Fauci said. Urging people to get vaccinated, Fauci said that the Delta variant, first identified from India, is clearly more transmissible. It is also more effective and efficient in its ability to transmit from person to person. Studies have shown it to be more lethal in the sense of more serious -- "allow you to get more serious disease leading to hospitalization, and in some cases leading to deaths", Fauci said.

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NEW VACCINE POP-UP CLINIC OPENING FROM JULY 7 TILL JULY 14 AT MAC ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTRE OF ONTARIO IN MISSISSAUGA INDIVIDUALS 18+ CAN BOOK APPOINTMENTS TO RECEIVE FIRST OR SECOND DOSES.

CANADA'S COVID-19 DEATHS LIKELY DOUBLE OFFICIAL DATA: REPORT

OTTAWA, (IANS) The number of Canadians who died from the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to double that shown in the official numbers, according to an investigative report published by the Royal Society of Canada on Tuesday. Up to date, Canada has reported a cumulative total of 1,414,158 Covid-19 cases, including 26,238 deaths, the Xinhua news agency reported. The report, titled Excess All-Cause Mortality During the Covid-19 Epidemic in Canada, suggests that largely racialized communities and essential workers were the ones who died at home and going unreported as Covid-19 deaths. This contradicts current reporting of Covid-19 fatalities in Canada as being overwhelmingly concentrated in long-term care homes, a focus that may have distracted people from other communities. The investigation reviewed death reports in 2020 and compared them to the expected number of deaths in a normal year, finding some 6,000 extra deaths among those aged 45 and older between February and November 2020. Assuming this pattern of missing deaths continued after last November, it's possible that as many as 50 per cent of deaths missed being counted as Covid-19 deaths and included in that official number, the report suggests.

PEEL AND CALGARY FACE OFF IN SECOND DOSE COAST TO COAST CHALLENGE FROM TODAY TILL JULY 11

Region of Peel faces off with Calgary in the Second Dose, Coast to Coast challenge to increase second dose coverage across Canada. Second Dose Coast to Coast encourages Canadians to take back summer by getting their second dose as quickly as possible. This is a way to bring us across the finish line and act as a light at the end of a very long tunnel. Dr. Loh has challenged Dr. Hu and his team from Calgary to see who can get their residents more excited about taking summer back and increasing second dose coverage in their community.

Second dose coverage is needed to help everyone get back to normal. The challenge will help to encourage Canadians to book their second dose appointment as soon as possible to protect themselves, their loved ones and their community. Health units across Canada have been invited to participate by challenging another unit to a friendly competition. Find out how to participate. An all-night clinic will wrap up the challenge on July 10 to 11?at the Save Max Sports Centre in Brampton. This clinic will support many in our community who are only available to get vaccinated during late-night hours. Residents can book their second dose appointment today and are encouraged to share a picture of their second dose and tag @regionofpeel and use #2dosechallenge. "We're challenging health units across the country to help take back our summer by getting their second dose as soon as possible. We need Canadians to step up and get their second dose so we can increase broad coverage across the country and protect each other," said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Peel's Medical Officer of Health. "We all want to put the pandemic behind us. The sooner we all get our second dose, the sooner we can get back to doing what we love. A little friendly competition to get us to our vaccination goal will help us take back our summer!," said Dr. Hu, Chair of 19 to Zero and Calgary-based public health physician.

VITAMIN D SHOWS PROMISING RESULTS IN COVID-19 TREATMENT: PGI DOCTORS

CHANDIGARH, (IANS) Vitamin D, which is primarily related to bone and mineral metabolism, has shown promising results in COVID-19 treatment, said doctors of the PGI Hospital here on Monday. But they warned against the use of its high doses, especially injectable preparations, to prevent the virus. Summarising the available clinical evidence, the doctors at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research have published a study in the Journal of Endocrinological Investigation entitled "Vitamin D supplementation and clinical outcomes in COVID-19: A systematic review and meta-analysis". The study was conducted by Rimesh Pal, Mainak Banerjee, Sanjay K. Bhadada, Anirudh J. Shetty, Birgurman Singh and Abhinav Vyas. "Pooled data from 13 studies showed that vitamin D supplemented after the diagnosis of COVID-19 leads to improved clinical outcomes in terms of reduced mortality and/or intensive care unit admission," Prof Sanjay K. Bhadada, PGI's Head of Endocrinology Department, told the media. The study lends ample support to the fact that vitamin D can be used as an effective adjuvant treatment modality in patients hospitalised with COVID-19. The anti-viral and the immunomodulatory role of vitamin D are perhaps helpful in this regard. Nevertheless, the irrational and rampant use of vitamin D to prevent COVID-19 should not be a norm. "The use of vitamin D in high doses, especially injectable preparations, to prevent COVID-19 should be strongly discouraged. Vitamin D, supplemented prior to the diagnosis of COVID-19, was not found to improve clinical outcomes in our meta-analysis. Instead, overuse can lead to vitamin D toxicity," added Bhadada and Rimesh Pal.

DELTA VARIANT SHOWS 8-FOLD REDUCED SENSITIVITY TO VACCINE ELICITED ANTIBODIES: STUDY

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Delta variant of Covid-19 virus shows eight-fold approximately reduced sensitivity to vaccine elicited antibodies compared to the Wuhan strain, revealed a recent study on the B.1.617.2 Delta variant on over 100 healthcare workers (HCWs) across three centres in Delhi, including Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. As per the study, the variant is less sensitive to neutralising antibodies from recovered individuals, with higher replication efficiency as compared to the Alpha variant. The study is available online as a non-peer reviewed preprint version in Research Square, an expanded set of services and tools for expert research assistance. It is a collaborative study involving scientists from the Cambridge Institute of Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Disease. In an analysis of vaccine breakthrough in over 100 HCWs, a statement issued by Sir Ganga Ram Hospital based on the outcome of the study said that across three centers in India, the B.1.617.2 Delta variant not only dominates vaccine-breakthrough infections with higher respiratory viral loads compared to non-Delta infections (Ct value of 16.5 versus19), but also generates greater transmission between fully vaccinated HCWs as compared to the other variants B.1.1.7 or B.1.617.1

LIBERAL MP FOR BRAMPTON SOUTH, SONIA SIDHU'S PMB BILL C-237 RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT



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Liberal MP Sonia Sidhu said, "I am thrilled that my fellow parliamentarians have unanimously supported this bill. Millions of Canadians are living with Canadians, and almost all of us have a loved one who does. It costs the healthcare system billions of dollars to treat and puts undue pressure on the healthcare system. Now that this bill has passed, it is time for the government and stakeholders to come together to create a strategy that will lead us in the fight against diabetes and ultimately to a cure. 100 years ago, Canada gave insulin to the world. We can lead the way again."

The passage of this bill comes at the same time that Canada is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin by Sir Frederick Banting and his colleagues at the University of Toronto. This discovery remained one of the most important medical achievements of the 20th century, saved countless lives, and won Canada its first Nobel prize. The framework will be created in consultation with provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders with the goal of improving access to diabetes prevention and treatment to ensure better health outcomes for Canadians.

Dr. Marie-Françoise Mégie, Senate co-sponsor said, "Through my medical practice and my expertise with diabetic foot, I have seen first-hand the health complications of diabetes. This bill will be very useful as it will ensure the development of a national diabetes framework no matter the government in power. A strategy can help people with Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 diabetes and gestational diabetes prevent potentially life-threatening emergency situations, reduce the risk of long-term complications and enjoy a good quality of life."

The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Dr. Marie-Françoise Mégie of Quebec, who successfully moved it through the red chamber in under three weeks after it passed the House of Commons on June 2, where it also achieved unanimous support. The legislation requires that the framework include identify the training and education needs of health care professionals related to diabetes; promote research and improve data collection on diabe-

tes prevention and treatment; promote information and knowledge sharing; and take into consideration any existing diabetes prevention and treatment strategies and best practices, including those that focus on addressing health inequalities.

"As a hospital CEO and physician, I have witnessed first hand the serious impacts of diabetes and its complications on the health and well-being of patients and the community. William Osler Health System provides care to a diverse population that experiences the highest prevalence of diabetes in Ontario – and this rate continues to grow each year. Earlier in my career, I practised medicine in northern Ontario where I also saw the effects of diabetes on the quality of life for Canadians, including Indigenous communities. I fully support Bill C-237, an Act to Establish a National Framework for Diabetes. A national approach to this major health issue will promote improved access to diabetes prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research, and will lead to better health outcomes for Canadians. A coordinated National Framework informed by best practices will help to ensure that diabetes care delivered at the local level in Brampton, Peel Region, and the surrounding areas is actively supported by the Government of Canada," Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President and CEO, William Osler Health System said.

Today, 11 million Canadians live with diabetes or prediabetes. It is a contributing factor in strokes, heart attacks, and kidney failure requiring dialysis, as well as the leading cause of non-traumatic limb amputation and blindness. It also disproportionately affects some minority communities, including Indigenous, Black, and South Asian Canadians.

"Diabetes and its complications place a significant burden on the daily living, productivity and health of individuals, as well as on the economy and healthcare system. Among the leading causes of death and disability in our Region, diabetes mellitus presents the highest-burden in Peel when considering mortality, potential years of life lost, and health care usage (e.g., hospitalizations). We also know that individuals with diabetes have worse outcomes associated with COVID-19 infection. An Act to Establish a National Framework for Diabetes is important legislation for advancing the study, prevention and treatment for diabetes, and will support existing local public health efforts," Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel said.

As Canadians celebrate the centennial of one of our most important medical breakthroughs, it is time to honour this discovery by coming together as a country and recommitting to helping everyone battling this chronic disease – whether they are patients, doctors, researchers, or loved ones.

Laura Newman, Advocate and Type 1 Diabetes Patient, Ottawa said, "Bill C-237 is a step in the right direction for diabetic Canadians. Diabetes rates have been rising in recent years, and the time is now to make real progress on technology and a potential cure, in the same place that insulin was discovered 100 years ago, which has saved countless diabetic lives, including my own."

QUICK FACTS

- * This year, Canada is commemorating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin.
- * 11 million Canadians are living with diabetes and prediabetes, with a new diagnosis every three minutes.
- * This disease occurs when a person's body is unable to produce or use insulin, the hormone that controls blood glucose levels. If left untreated, serious complications can occur.
- * This terrible disease is a major cause of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure, and lower limb amputation.
- * With the growth and ageing of the Canadian population, the number of Canadians living with diabetes is expected to continue to increase in the coming years.
- * Some groups are at a notably increased risk, racialized Canadians including Black, South Asian Canadians and indigenous people.
- * Diabetes rates are three to four times higher among First Nations than among the general Canadian population and all Indigenous peoples are at increased risk of developing diabetes.

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ONTARIO ENTERS STEP-2 OF 'ROADMAP TO REOPEN' (DOUG FORD/TWITTER).

* Bill C-237 requires the Minister of Health, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, and provincial and territorial partners, to develop a national framework designed to support improved access to diabetes prevention and treatment to ensure better health outcomes for Canadians.

* A national framework for diabetes will better identify resources, promote research and data collection, information and knowledge sharing, and build on previous strategies.

* This national framework will include measures to increase awareness, and identify the training and guidance needs of healthcare professionals related to the prevention and treatment of diabetes.

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PM TRUDEAU APPOINTS MARY SIMON AS FIRST INDIGENOUS & 30TH GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA



The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced that on his recommendation, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has approved the appointment of Mary Simon as the next Governor-General of Canada.

As Governor-General, Ms. Simon will be the representative of Her Majesty The Queen in Canada. She will be Canada's 30th Governor General since Confederation, and the 13th Governor-General appointed by Her Majesty during her 69 years on the throne.

Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Simon has been a tireless advocate for Inuit rights and culture, and the rights of all Indigenous peoples. Over four decades, she has held various senior leadership positions, including President of Makivik Corporation, where she helped to protect and promote Inuit rights through the implementation of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. She also served two terms as President of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, now known as the Inuit Circumpolar Council, and as President of Inuit TapiriitKanatani.

As the first Canadian Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, Ms. Simon played a leading role in strengthening the ties between the people of the Arctic regions nationally and internationally, including through the creation of the Arctic Council. She is also the founder of the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation and has served as the Ambassador of Canada to Denmark.

The selection was informed through the advice of the Advisory Group on the Selection of the Next Governor-General. The group was mandated to deliberate and submit a shortlist of outstanding Canadians for the Prime Minister's consideration to fill the office.

"I am very pleased to announce that Her Majesty The Queen has graciously approved the appointment of Mary Simon as the next Governor-General of Canada. Ms. Simon has dedicated her life to advancing social, economic, and human rights issues for Canadian Inuit and Indigenous peoples, and I am confident that she will serve Canadians and promote our shared values with dedication and integrity. Through this appointment, we are ensuring that Canada is represented by someone who exemplifies the very best of our country. I also join Canadians in thanking His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Richard Wagner, for serving as the Administrator of the Government of Canada the past few months," said PM Justin Trudeau.

CIF WELCOMES CANADA'S FIRST EVER INDIGENOUS GOVERNOR GENERAL

Canada India Foundation is thrilled to receive the news of the appointment of Her Excellency Ms. Mary Simon as the 30th Governor General of Canada, the

first Indigenous woman to hold the position in Canada's history.

"We along with the whole of Canada are happy to hear of this history-making event," noted Satish Thakkar, Chair, CIF. He added, "The announcement by Prime Minister Right Hon. Justin Trudeau on July 6 further strengthens the core value of diversity and inclusion as it is practiced in Canada. Ms. Simon has been a symbol of the inclusive nature of Canadian society, having risen to hold some of the most sensitive positions, serving not only the critical needs of her people, but all of Canada with excellence and dedication."

"As an organization, dedicated to the welfare of the Indo Canadian community and the Canada India bilateral ties in all its aspects, we are further convinced that Canada is the best country in the world, where everyone is valued equally," said Thakkar.

While accepting the position, Ms. Simon stated: "I can confidently say that my appointment is a historic and inspirational moment for Canada and an important step forward on the long path towards reconciliation."

Early on in her career, she was a producer and announcer for CBC North. Her career as a public servant started with the Northern Quebec Inuit Association. In the intervening years, Ms. Simon has played several crucial roles in advancing the interests of the indigenous people, and of Canada.

In 1994, Simon was appointed by Prime Minister Jean Chr tien to be the first Canadian Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, a position she held until early 2004. During her Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, and later as the Canadian Government Senior Arctic Official, she worked closely with the Indigenous Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council, and the seven other Arctic Countries it comprises.

She is also the recipient of several awards including the Order of Canada, National Order of Quebec and National Aboriginal Achievement Award.

Ms. Simon is a fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America and of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society. She has received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from McGill University, Queen's University, Trent University, the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta.

Reacting to the news, Ritesh Malik, National Convenor, CIF, said, "This is further proof that Canada values its diversity and that we view our cultural and ethnic differences as a source of strength and harmony. In Ms. Mary Simon, we have one of the finest leaders from the indigenous communities of Canada. Her deep commitment to the welfare of the indigenous people of Canada is an example that other young leaders in multicultural communities can emulate."

FIRST NATION SAYS 182 UNMARKED GRAVES FOUND NEAR FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL OUTSIDE CRANBROOK, B.C.

OTTAWA, (IANS) The remains of 182 people have been found in unmarked graves around another former indigenous residential school in Canada's British Columbia province, it was announced.

The Aq'am community, a member of the Ktunaxa Nation located near the city of Cranbrook, used ground-penetrating radar to find the remains close to the former St. Eugene's Mission School, the Lower Kootenay Band said in a statement on Wednesday.

The indigenous school was operated by the Catholic Church from 1912 until the early 1970s, reports Xinhua news agency.

The building has since been converted into a resort and casino, with an adjacent golf course.

"It is believed that the remains of these 182 souls are from the member Bands of the Ktunaxa Nation, neighbouring First Nations communities and the community of Aq'am," the band said in the statement.

The band said up to 100 of its members were forced to attend the school. The finding followed the discovery of the estimated remains of 215 people at the site of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia



and an estimated 751 unmarked graves near a site of the Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan.

The community's leadership met with residential school survivors in the community before announcing the discovery and referred them to support. The band said it is in the early stages of learning about the report's findings and will provide more updates.

TORONTO'S CONST. JEFFREY NORTHRUP OF 52 DIVISION DIED AFTER BEING INTENTIONALLY STRUCK BY A VEHICLE NEAR CITY HALL OVERNIGHT

Constable Jeffrey Northrup, of 52 Division was killed while responding to a call downtown in the very early hours of July 2 morning.

Chief James Ramer released the following statement- "Our preliminary information is that he and his partner were conducting an investigation in response to a priority call in an underground parking lot here at Queen and Bay. During the course of this dynamic event, Constable Northrup was struck by a vehicle. We believe this was an intentional, deliberate act. He was attended to by other police officers and Toronto Fire Services before he was rushed by the emergency run to the hospital and was pronounced shortly after. His partner was taken to the hospital where she was treated and released. I, along with his Unit Commander Superintendent Greg Cole and the Toronto Police Association, attended Constable Northrup's family home overnight to deliver this devastating news. Constable Northrup proudly served the Toronto Police Service for 31 and a half years. He started his career with Court Services and was assigned to the 11 Division when he became a police officer in 1999. He has been a member of the 52 Division since 2008. He was also a proud member of the Chief's Ceremonial Unit. He is survived by his wife, his three children and his mother.

One man is in custody and Homicide is leading the investigation into this tragic event. An update will be provided when the appropriate charges have been laid.

This event will have a profound impact on our Service, on our city, and on all members of the policing community.

It goes without saying that it will be most devastating to the family, colleagues and friends of Constable Northrup. We are doing everything we can to support them at this time.

I wish to thank the community for its support. The strength, character, and resilience of our members, and the entire policing family, will be needed and I have every confidence this will be the case as we navigate our way through this senseless and devastating tragedy together."

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE OF \$15 PER HOUR TO COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 29, 2021

Quality, dependable jobs are a driver of a strong economy. Canada's prosperity and stability depend on every Canadian having a fair chance to succeed. Yet, some Canadians find themselves working part-time, temporary or low-wage jobs—sometimes more than one—in order to support themselves and their families. In Budget 2021, the Government of Canada proposed to establish a federal minimum wage of \$15 per hour, rising with inflation. Today, the Government is announcing that this important change will come into effect on December 29, 2021, following Royal Assent to Budget Implementation Act, 2021, No. 1. The changes will affect workers in the federally regulated private sector and represent an important step towards reducing poverty and inequality. The COVID-19 pandemic has shone a light on the essential work done by low-wage workers. Airline agents helped stranded Canadians get back to the country, bank tellers helped us handle the financial impacts of business closures, and workers in the trucking industry got to produce and essential goods into our neighbourhood stores. Without them, the last year would have looked very different. A freestanding federal minimum wage was recommended by the Expert Panel on Modern Federal Labour Standards in 2019. It also aligns with recent changes that ensure employees in the federally regulated private sector have a robust and modern set of labour standards that reflect the realities of 21st-century workplaces. Unions and labour groups have also played an important part in raising awareness about the importance of such measures, which will help improve the lives of low-wage workers and their families.

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‘JUNE HOME SALES WERE UP 28.5% COMPARED TO LAST YEAR:’ TORONTO REGIONAL REAL ESTATE BOARD

June home sales were up compared to last year, but remained below the March 2021 peak and were lower than the number of transactions reported for May 2021, consistent with the regular seasonal trend. The average selling price in June increased by double digits compared to last year as well, but the annual rate of increase moderated compared to the previous three months. Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 11,106 sales through TRREB’s MLS® System in June 2021 – up by 28.5 per cent compared to June 2020. Looking at the GTA as a whole, year-over-year sales growth was strongest in the condominium apartment segment, both in the City of Toronto and some of the surrounding suburbs. On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted sales continued to trend lower in June. “We have seen market activity transition from a record pace to a robust pace over the last three months. While this could provide some relief for homebuyers in the near term, a resumption of population growth based on immigration is only months away. While the primary focus of policymakers has been artificially curbing demand, the only long-term solution to affordability is increasing supply to accommodate perpetual housing needs in a growing region,” said TRREB President Kevin Crigger. In all major market segments, year-over-year growth in sales well outpaced growth in new listings over the same period, pointing to the continuation of tight market conditions characterized by competition between buyers and strong price growth. On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted average prices edged lower in June. The June 2021 MLS® Home Price Index composite benchmark was up by 19.9 per cent year over year. The average selling price for all home types combined was up by 17 per cent over the same time period to \$1,089,536. While price growth continued to be driven by the low-rise segments of the market, it is important to note that the average condominium apart-

ment price was up by more than eight per cent compared to June 2020, well-outstripping inflation. **TRREB Forecast Update** TRREB released its initial forecast for 2021 at the beginning of February in conjunction with its annual Market Year in Review and Outlook report. The outlook for 2021 called for 105,000 transactions reported through TRREB’s MLS® System with an average selling price of \$1,025,000. The reasoning underlying the sales forecast was that an improving regional economy and very low borrowing costs would continue to fuel strong demand, but this demand would ebb somewhat in 2021 because of stalled population growth due to pandemic-related border closures. While sales do appear to have peaked this year and TRREB is no longer reporting record months in terms of home sales, first-quarter activity was higher than expected. March home sales, at over 15,000, represented an all-time monthly record. Taking into account the record Q1 2021 sales result, but still accounting for sales trending below record levels for the remainder of this year, TRREB is revising its 2021 sales forecast upward to 115,000 transactions. With year-over-year sales growth continuing to outpace new listings growth, the forecast average selling price has also been revised upward to \$1,070,000. “Home sales soared at the start of the year, with a huge sales record in the first quarter. However, the record pace of sales has run its course as pent-up demand has increasingly been satisfied in the absence of normal population growth. With this said, a persistent lack of inventory across most segments of the market will keep competition between buyers strong, resulting in an average selling price well above \$1 million through the end of 2021,” said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S COLD RESPONSE TO AFGHANISTAN'S COLLAPSE TO HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES

CONTD. FROM PAGE 1 “Now, that tragedy appears to be unfolding more quickly than even many of the pessimists imagined. In recent weeks, Taliban forces have captured dozens of districts in a nationwide offensive, surrounding several provincial capitals and blocking key roads into Kabul. On Tuesday, the top US military commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Austin S. Miller, met reporters and warned with remarkable bluntness that ‘civil war is certainly a path that can be visualized’, adding ‘that should be a concern for the world,’ the op-ed piece said. The Washington Post further said that it ought, at least, to be a concern for Biden, who inherited a difficult situation from his predecessor Donald Trump but chose to pull the plug on the US mission rather than fix it. The President ought to be reconsidering the swift withdrawal he ordered in light of the incipient crumbling of an Afghan government and army that the US spent two decades helping to build. Instead, he has been cold to the country’s plight. Last month, according to the Wall Street Journal, Biden decided against slowing the withdrawal from the main US air base in the country, Bagram, which some American officials favoured; the pullout was completed this week. Last week, he met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani at the White House in what was cast as a show of support, only to declare that Afghans would have to “decide their future”. That future is likely to be bleak, if current trends continue. As US advisers and air support melt away, Afghan Army units are being wiped out by the Taliban, or are surrendering without a fight. In desperation, the government has invited ethnic militias to remobilise, risking a return to the anarchic conflict and banditry that plagued the country in the 1990s. Even with that support, the government may not be able to hold on; a US intelligence community assessment that surfaced last week said it could fall within six to 12 months of the US departure, the Washington Post said. If that happens, not only Afghans will be at risk. According to the intelligence community and a study commissioned by Congress, Al Qaeda could re-establish bases in the country. Waves of refugees are likely to pour out,



destabilising neighbours such as Pakistan and massing at the borders of Europe. US rivals such as Iran, China and Russia could draw the conclusion that Biden lacks the stomach to stand up for embattled allies such as Iraq, Taiwan and Ukraine. Biden rightly ordered up plans last week for an evacuation of Afghans who worked for the US. But he ought to be doing more for those still fighting to save the country. He should allow US air power to be used to support Afghan army units even after the withdrawal. Ways must be found to keep the Afghan air force aloft even after the withdrawal of foreign maintenance contractors. And agreement must be reached with Turkey on using its troops to keep the Kabul airport open; without that, the US Embassy could be forced to close, the Washington Post said. Biden has long been a skeptic of the US mission in Afghanistan, and he has stuck to that position even as the number of troops and expenditure dedicated to it have drastically shrunk, it added. “His view has been that the war against the Taliban is unnecessary and unwinnable. But the descent from stalemate to defeat could be steep and grim. We wonder whether he has fully considered the consequences,” the Washington Post added.

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ONTARIO INVESTS \$327K TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing in a plan to counter rising antisemitism in Canadian schools and communities. As part of this plan, the government announced new training initiatives and resources for educators and supports for students to combat antisemitism with an investment of \$327,000. According to Statistics Canada, the number of police-reported incidents in Canada targeting the Jewish population in 2019 was 296, the largest number of any religious group. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, joined by Robin Martin, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence, and Gila Martow, MPP for Thornhill, made the announcement with the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies. “Antisemitism is a scourge and historic evil that must be eradicated from our schools and from our communities,” said Minister Lecce. As part of the Safe Return to Class fund, the Ontario government is providing the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies with \$327,000 to support two summer learning programs: The ‘Unpacking Intolerance: Equity and Diversity Training for Educators’ program, which will provide professional development sessions to help educators learn about dismantling systems of oppression and antisemitism in homes, schools and communities. The ‘Tour for Humanity Virtual Summer Camp,’ will help students learn about human rights, dealing with injustice, and encourage ideas for creating positive change.

UMAR ZAMEER, 31, CHARGED WITH FIRST-DEGREE MURDER FOLLOWING DEATH OF TORONTO'S CONSTABLE JEFFREY NORTHRUP

The Toronto Police Service has charged a man in connection with the death of a serving officer. Umar Zameer, 31, has been charged with: 1) First-Degree Murder He appeared at Old City Hall on Tuesday, July 2, 2021. He was remanded in custody until his next court appearance at Old City Hall on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 2 p.m., room 112. Homicide is leading the investigation and are urging anyone who had a vehicle parked in the underground at 100 Queen Street West, below Nathan Phillips Square, to check their dash-cams and contact investigators at 416-808-7400. There are no outstanding suspects.

SEVEN INCLUDING 3 ADULTS, 4 CHILDREN FROM TWO MUSLIM FAMILIES DEAD IN EARLY-MORNING FIRE IN CHESTERMERE, ALBERTA

CONTD. FROM PAGE 1 The names of the children killed in the fire, which include a 12-year-old boy, a 12-year-old girl, an eight-year-old girl and a five-year-old boy. Amjad, along with four children, managed to escape the burning home. Special prayers were held at Calgary's Green Dome mosque and at the Chestermere Islamic Centre east of the city in honour of the victims. One family had been in Calgary for what he described as “a long time” and the other had recently moved to Alberta from Ontario. Friends of the family say they’ve spoken with the homeowner, who managed to help his two children and two of his brother’s children out of the burning home. “We have no words how much sadness we are feeling right now and how devastated we all are,” said Khaleel Bhatti, a family friend. Nareem Essa, a neighbour, says it is a “very sad incident” for everyone in the town. “It’s very shocking news. Chestermere is a small community and a very caring community.” Chestermere Mayor Marshall Chalmers says the entire community is reeling from the news of the fatal fire and will join together to help the affected family grieve. “Words cannot effectively express the devastation on our community. Our minds cannot fully comprehend the overwhelming loss,” he said in a statement Friday afternoon. “Our hearts ache for this family, this neighbourhood, and the community at large. While many will feel helpless in the face of such heartbreak, all we can do is to join together to grieve, to listen, and to support those impacted.” Chalmers also thanked the efforts of first responders as well as the many people across the province for their thoughts and prayers. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN DEADLY MISSISSAUGA SHOOTING OF 22-YEAR-OLD WOMAN

Investigators from the Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau have charged two men in relation to the murder of a 22-year-old woman in the City of Mississauga. On Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at approximately 11:40 p.m., emergency services received a call for a shooting in the area of Ninth Line and Burnhamthorpe Road West, Mississauga. Upon arrival, 22-year-old Marissa Radstake from the Town of Walkerton was located suffering from gunshot wounds in the parking lot of a business. Despite the efforts of first responders, Marissa Radstake succumbed to her injuries at the scene. Investigators identified two suspects responsible for this incident and as a result, on Monday, July 5, 2021, 24-year-old Richard Wuol of Kitchener and 21-year-old Kadir Aidarus of Mississauga were charged with First Degree Murder. Both men appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on July 5, 2021, in answer to the charges. Both of the suspects are known to the police.

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FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA PRANAB MUKHERJEE’S SON ABIJIT MUKHERJEE JOINS TRINAMOOLO CONGRESS

KOLKATA, (IANS) In a major blow to the Congress party, former President of India Pranab Mukherjee’s son Abijit Mukherjee joined the Trinamool Congress on Monday afternoon. A two-time MP from Jangipur in Murshidabad and one-time MLA from Nanhati in Birbhum, Mukherjee said he would work as the party wants. Taking the party flag from two Trinamool veterans Partha Chatterjee and Sudip Bandopadhyay, Mukherjee said. “It was in 2011 when I left a government job and joined politics because I wanted to work for the people. Though I contested on Congress ticket it was because of Mamata Banerjee’s fight against the Left Front, I could easily win”. “Now when BJP aggression is felt all over the country, it was only Mamata Banerjee who could fight against them and single-handedly defeat them. I believe that she is the only leader in the country who can answer all the aggression of the BJP. I feel proud that she has allowed me to join the party,” Mukherjee said. When asked about the timing of joining the party, the former MLA of Nalhati said, “If I would have joined before the election, everybody

would have said that I want to become an MLA. I wanted to become a part of the Trinamool Congress. I didn’t join the party for any post. I have joined as a primary member of the party and I shall work as the party wants me to work,” Mukherjee added. Speaking to media Trinamool’s secretary-general, Partha Chatterjee said, “Abhijit Mukherjee comes from a political family and his father Pranab Mukherjee was not only our mentor but he was one of the most honoured politicians all over the world. He had always helped us with his valuable suggestions and advice. Now the Trinamool Congress wants to use that experience of Abhijit Mukherjee and get enriched”. When asked about Mukherjee leaving Congress, State Congress President Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, “He is a big politician and son of Pranab Mukherjee. I have nothing to say about him. Why he left Congress you should ask him and not me. He gave a letter to Congress and resigned from all the posts. He never had any word with me, so I can’t tell why he left Congress”.

Possibility of Pakistan internal groups targeting Hafiz Saeed can’t be ruled out

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There have also been serious differences among the various militant group leaders in Pakistan in the past. For instance, serious differences had emerged between Lakhvi, the Kashmir operations head of the LeT, and Saeed some time ago, which led to Lakhvi relocating his boys to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The blast to target Saeed being a result of such rivalries cannot be ruled out. Eventually, Pakistan needs to realize that Saeed is a designated terrorist and has blood on his hands over the years, they added. The sources said Pakistan is in a desperate situation to cleanse its own image and be accepted by the civilized world. The clean image exercise will be extremely crucial for Pakistan to be accepted by the west especially at a time when Pakistan will be dependent on the west in order to sustain the security situation in the region post US withdrawal. In trying to cleanse its image Pakistan would also try to project India as involved in playing spoilsport and disturbing the apparent peace and security in the region. Pakistan would thus try and portray any likely attack on targets “not in the good books of India”, as an act carried out by India, they added. In the past, Pakistan has been able to generate forged alibi supporting its contention of the Indian hand in such acts and would most likely do so in this case too. Pakistan has been able to create narratives based on false flag operations through a well-coordinated action plan involving the media as well. The investigation into the recently planted bomb blast in a vehicle parked close to the residence of Mumbai terror attack mastermind and chief of proscribed organization Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) in Lahore has concluded and has claimed to have found concrete evidence that the attack was orchestrated by the Indian intelligence agency, RAW (Research and Analysis Wing). Pakistan’s National Security Advisor (NSA) Moeed Yousaf said that the Lahore blast, aimed at a “high-value target” was planned and directed through Indian sponsorship. “I want to make sure that our message is heard very clearly that this particular incident on June 23 in Lahore. We have concrete evidence and intelligence including financial and telephone records that point to direct Indian sponsorship of these terrorists. “We have identified the main mastermind and the handlers of this terrorist attack and we have absolutely no doubt or reservation in informing you that the main mastermind belongs to RAW, the Indian intelligence agency, is an Indian national and is based in India,” he added. Yousaf claimed that the main mastermind has been identified through forensic analysis and electronic equipment recovered from the terrorists. Sharing more information on the investigation, he highlighted that thousand of cyber attacks targeted at investigative infrastructure were also witnessed

after the Lahore terror attack. “I would also like to say that very unusually we have evidence of thousands of attempts of cyber attacks against our critical investigative infrastructure right after this attack on June 23 in Lahore. “These attacks and the number and sophistication in some cases leave no doubt the state sponsorship and state linkage in this case. Our cybersecurity is strong enough that we were able to thwart these attempts,” he added. Explaining the reason for these attacks, Yousaf said that these attacks were being carried out by India as it “wanted to buy time to deflect attention and to avoid the attention and capture of these terrorists we managed to do”. The NSA also claimed that investigations revealed that terror financing, made to execute the Lahore Blast, links were directly originating from India where the money was transferred through a third country to Pakistan. The main suspect behind the attack, who parked the explosives-laden vehicle near the house of Saeed in Johar Town Lahore, the NSA said the man was of Afghan origin and had been raised in Pakistan. “Eid Gul possessed a local national identity card being issued to Afghan refugees. Let me also say the main executor Eid Gul has an Afghan origin, was here lived in Pakistan, executed this attack and we as a state of Pakistan has been constantly telling this the world that millions of law-abiding Afghan refugees are given a bad name and Pakistan is blamed when these actors go and hide in these refugee settlements. And then, Pakistan is questioned why 1 or 2 people who are terrorists who are miscreants could not be apprehended,” Yousaf insisted. “I think it is high time that the international community stop turning a blind eye and play a constructive and legally binding role for the safety of innocent Pakistanis if they are really serious about peace and stability in this region,” the NSA concluded. On June 23, a powerful bomb blast, conducted through an improvised explosive device, planted in a vehicle parked close to Saeed’s resident in Johar town Lahore, claimed at least three lives, while at least 24 others were injured. It was said that the explosive-laden vehicle had at least 30 kg of explosives in it and its aim was to target the residence of the JuD chief. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan appreciated the quick and prompt investigation done by the law enforcement agencies, calling on the international community to take note of what he called “India’s rogue behaviour”. “I appreciate the diligence and speed of Punjab Police’s Counter-Terrorism Department in unearthing the evidence and commend the excellent coordination of all our civil and military intelligence agencies,” he wrote in a tweet. “Planning and financing of this heinous terror attack have links to Indian sponsorship of terrorism against Pakistan. The global community must mobilize international institutions against this rogue behaviour.”

PAKISTAN FINDING IT HARD TO CONCEAL CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL

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In December, the same newspaper reported that a “senior adviser to the leader of a large Muslim majority country” has recently visited Israel.” UK-based counter-terror analyst Noor Dahri tweeted the same day that the November 20 visit was undertaken by an unnamed close aide of Imran Khan, setting off a storm of intrigue in the region and outrage in Pakistan. Opposition leader Bilawal Bhutto called for an investigation into the Pakistani government contact with Israel “done in the darkness of the night,” and asked about persistent reports that a Pakistan army jet had flown to Amman at the time: “If an airplane did not pick up Zulfi Bukhari then whom did it pick up?” The report said despite the bluff, it was and is easy to deduce that the November 2020 visitor was Bukhari. He has a British passport and, unusually, is close to both of Pakistan’s centres of power: the civilian head, Imran Khan (tasked with campaigning for critical elections in the Gilgit-Baltistan region in Pakistan-administered Kashmir) and the military leadership (nominated to coordinate with Chinese officials on the strategic China-Pakistan Economic Corridor). Last year’s report about the Pakistani delegation to Tel Aviv came days after reports resurfaced that Saudi Arabia was putting pressure on Pakistan to formalise relations with Israel. “Senior military and diplomatic officials who told me at the time that Saudi Arabia was arm-twisting over Israel, also confirmed then that Pakistani officials had indeed visited Israel,” the report said. The report said they have further confirmed that diplomatic engagements have continued into 2021, including a meeting involving no less a personage than Pakistan’s National Security Advisor Moeed Yusuf, which he inevitably and categorically denied. The fact is, diplomatic and military engagements between Pakistan and Israel have been a regular occurrence, even in past decades when formalizing ties between the two countries was inconceivable, it added. Both states being US allies has historically meant intelligence cooperation, mediated or not, between Pakistan and Israel, with even the latest reports of Bukhari’s Tel Aviv visit emerging on the eve of the US hosted ‘Sea Breeze 2021’ naval exercise in which both countries are participating. The two countries’ air forces have also jointly taken part in US-led Red Flag training exercises. However, today Pakistan is inching towards establishing formal diplomatic relations with Israel not at the behest of the US, but propelled by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the report said.

PROVIDE AFFORDABLE, DEPENDABLE ROUND-THE-CLOCK POWER: SUKHBIR BADAL



CHANDIGARH, (IANS) Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday asked the Congress government in Punjab to provide affordable and dependable round-the-clock power to people as was being done by his government instead of politicizing the issue of fixed power paid to all thermal plants to cover up its mismanagement on the power front. The SAD chief told the media here that the issue of fixed charges was being politicized both by Congress and AAP even though they knew the truth that this charge was applicable on private and government thermal plants as well as power purchased from outside the state. “Punjab has paid a fixed charge of Rs 7,000 crore to government thermal plants during the last five years as per State Electricity Regulatory Commission figures.”

Asserting that Punjabis wanted cheap power, Badal said if this was possible by cancelling the private purchase agreements (PPAs) done with three private thermal plant companies then the same should be annulled. “However Chief Minister Amarinder Singh should take the responsibility of covering the shortfall of 4,500 MW of power at cheaper rates so that Punjabis do not suffer due to this step.” Stating that the Congress government was playing politics on the issue of establishment of private thermal plants, Badal said the plants were established after much thought due to a huge shortfall in 2007. He said this shortfall occurred because the Congress government led by Amarinder Singh from 2002 to 2007 did not add a single megawatt of power to the state’s kitty, leading to overloaded sub-stations and massive power cuts of 10 hours daily. He said the SAD-led government took the decision to make Punjab power surplus and followed a standard PPA document created by the UPA government to establish captive thermal plants in the private sector. He said PPAs were signed to purchase power between Rs 2.86 to Rs 2.89 per unit, the cheapest at the time. “Even recently Madhya Pradesh has executed a PPA for Rs 4.75 per unit which speaks volumes of the low rates negotiated with private players by the SAD-led government.” Badal said simultaneously the previous SAD-led government spent Rs 5,000 crore in upgrading the transmission and distribution network so that it could take the additional load when required. “Transmission and distribution losses were reduced from 32 per cent during Congress tenure to 14 per cent and the PSPCL was even awarded the best electricity utility award during UPA rule in 2015.” The SAD president said instead of building on these achievements, the present Congress government again did not add a single megawatt of power despite knowing that demand was increasing by 500 MW every year. “This is why from a surplus status in 2017 with demand being 12,500 MW against supply of 13,000 MW, today we have a demand of 14,500 MW against a supply of less than 13,000 MW with the Bathinda thermal plant as well as two units of the Ropar plant being shut down.”

TWITTER LOSING IMMUNITY DUE TO NON-COMPLIANCE OF IT RULES: CENTRE TO DELHI HC



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Centre has informed the Delhi High Court that Twitter has failed to comply with the IT Rules, 2021 as on July 1, on four counts: Chief compliance officer not being appointed; the position of the resident grievance officer is vacant; the position of the nodal contact person (even on an interim basis) is vacant; and the physical contact address, which was shown to be there on May 29, is not available on Twitter’s website.

In a short affidavit, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said: “IT Rules, 2021 are the law of the land and Respondent No. 2 (Twitter) is mandatorily required to comply with the same. Any non-compliance amounts to breach of the provisions of the IT Rules, thereby leading to Respondent No. 2 losing its immunity conferred under Section 79(1) of the IT Act, 2000.” The affidavit filed through N. Samaya Balan, a scientist in the Cyber Law Group with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, said that the immunity conferred on intermediaries under Section 79(1) is a conditional immunity subject to the intermediary satisfying the conditions under Sections 79(2) and 79(3).

“As provided in Rule 7, failure to observe the IT Rules, 2021 results in provisions of Section 79(1) of the IT Act, 2000 not being applicable to such an intermediary,” added the affidavit. Balan said as per the details gleaned from Twitter’s website/mobile application, in the interim the grievances from India are being handled by personnel situated in the US, which amounts to non-compliance with the IT Rules 2021.

“I state that the Respondent No. 2 (Twitter) is admittedly ‘intermediary’ within the meaning of Section 2(1)(w) of IT Act, 2000 and an SSML under the IT Rules, 2021. In spite of the three months’ time granted to all SSMLs to comply with the IT Rules, 2021 having expired on May 26, Respondent No. 2 has failed to fully comply with the same,” added the affidavit. Last week, the US microblogging and social networking service had informed the Delhi High Court that it is in the final stages of appointing a resident grievance officer in India. In a reply submitted to the Delhi High Court, Twitter had said that even before steps were taken to formalise the appointment of a grievance officer in India, the interim grievance officer had withdrawn his candidature on June 21. “The answering respondent is in the final stages of appointing a replacement while in the meanwhile the grievances of the Indian users are being addressed by the grievance officer,” the microblogging platform had said in its reply.



INDIA NEEDS TO SHED OLD MINDSETS,
MAKE PROCEDURES FLEXIBLE: ARMY CHIEF



NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Chief of Army Staff, General M.M. Naravane, said on Thursday that the transition to a digital age is contrary to the existing concept of Defence Procurement Procedure (DDP) and Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP), and India needs to shed old mindsets and make the procedures flexible and adaptive. “All this would require simplified procedures that facilitate the transition. Unfortunately, this has been one of our biggest stumbling blocks,” said General Naravane in an address to a think-tank on Artificial Intelligence. He said that to harness niche technologies like Artificial Intelligence, exploit depth in IT and realize the vision of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’, India needs to shed old mindsets and make procedures more flexible and adaptive.

“We desperately need a revolution in bureaucratic affairs,” said General Naravane. These emerging military technologies have also raised an array of ethical considerations that could produce unintended consequences if they fail to perform as anticipated, he noted. “These consequences could range from system failure to violations of the Law of Armed Conflict. Human rights groups warn of a robotic arms race without regard for international law,” he said. The Army Chief said the developments along the northern borders during the past year are a stark reminder that in order to preserve territorial integrity, the armed forces need to continuously prepare and adapt to the exigencies of modern warfare. He said that there have been few instances when the inventions powered by novel technologies have not only altered the rules of the game but also changed the very game itself.

“Whether it was the invention of gun powder in the 9th century or the appearance of the machine gun in the 19th century, war fighting underwent radical changes. Then of course there have been technologies that have provided decisive edge to those who possessed them,” he said. During World War II, the emergence of the radar had a dramatic impact on the defence of the UK during the Battle of Britain and Sonar in the conduct of anti-submarine warfare in the North Atlantic, he noted. During the Cold War, emerging computer technology, electronic component technology and propulsion technology, each had a significant impact on the evolution of the Cold War military capabilities, he added. The impact of technologies on strategic-military affairs in recent times has been profoundly disruptive. There was a time when doctrines spawned technologies; today technologies are driving doctrinal and operational cycles like never before, the Army Chief said.

MONTHS AFTER TURNING APPROVER, NIRAV
MODI’S SISTER TRANSFERS RS 17.25 CR TO ED

NEW DELHI, (IANS) The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Thursday that months after Purvi Modi, the sister of fugitive businessman Nirav Modi who is wanted in the Rs 13,500 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case, turned approver, she has transferred Rs 17.25 crore into the government bank account. An ED official said that Purvi Modi, a Belgian national, and her husband Mainak Mehta, were named in the ED charge sheets as accused in the case. However, on January 4 this year, the court allowed for grant of tender of pardon under Sections 306 and 307 of the CrPC to her, on condition of making full and true disclosure, and further allowed that the accused be marked as an approver in this case. The official said that on June 24, Purvi Modi intimated to the ED that she had received the knowledge of one bank account in London in her

name, which was opened at the behest of her brother, Nirav Modi, and that the funds did not belong to her. “As Purvi Modi was allowed tender of pardon on condition of making full and true disclosure, she remitted an amount of \$23,16,889.03 from her UK bank account to the bank account of the ED,” the official said. “With the cooperation of Purvi Modi, the ED was able to recover approximately Rs 17.25 crore from the proceeds of crime,” he added. Nirav Modi is currently lodged in a prison in London since his arrest in March 2019. His extradition to India was ordered on April 16 this year by UK Home Secretary Priti Patel. He lost the first stage of his extradition appeal in the UK High Court on June 23. On February 25 this year, a UK court had allowed the extradition of Nirav Modi to India. Nirav Modi’s uncle, Mehul Choksi of the Geetanjali group, is also being probed in connection with the case.

AFTER BEDLAM IN MAHARASHTRA ASSEMBLY, 12 BJP MLAS SUSPENDED

MUMBAI, (IANS) After a huge ruckus in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, 12 opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) legislators were suspended for allegedly using ‘abusive language’ and ‘misbehaving’ with the Presiding Officer Bhaskar Jadhav, here on Monday. The suspended MLAs are: Girish Mahajan, Jaykumar Rawal, Ashish Shelar, Atul Bhatkalkar, Yogesh Sagar, Parag Alvani, Ram Satpute, Sanjay Kute, Abhimanyu Pawar, Narayan Kuche, Shirish Pimple and Kirtikumar Bagadia. Among the legislators suspended for one year include at least three former ministers, and after the suspension, Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis led a noisy walkout. “This is a murder of democracy. This is ‘Mughlai Sarkar’,” thundered Fadnavis while Shelar labelled the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi as a “Talibani government”, and the opposition BJP threatened to boycott the legislature proceedings. The motion to suspend them was moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anil Parab and passed by a voice vote even as the house witnessed turbulence on the first day of the two-day Monsoon Session which opened here. The uproarious scenes started as Food & Civil Supplies Minister Chhagan Bhujbal sought to bring in a resolution seeking empirical data on the OBCs from the Centre. However, Fadnavis raised objections saying the government did not follow the Supreme Court’s directions for 15 months which led to the scrapping of the political reservations for the OBCs. After his reasonings and Fadnavis’ statement, Presiding Officer Jadhav asked Bhujbal to table the resolution when BJP MLAs rushed to the podium and tried to snatch his mike, demanding more time for Fadnavis to speak.



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EMBLEM Developments’ last project, 1 Jarvis, sold out in 48 hours. Yes, 354 units sold in 48 hours. The developer that has established a reputation as being obsessed with great design and “forever buildings” is once again making news, unveiling their collaboration with globally renowned artist Daniel Mazzone in the creation of Arte Residences. Located in Mississauga at 89 Dundas St. W., Arte is a few blocks south of Square One and 300 meters from the Hurontario LRT, currently under construction. Another distinctive and standout project from the design-forward Canadian residential developer, this stunning new building cements EMBLEM as a key player in the future vision of downtown Mississauga.

“We identify development sites which are opportunistic and poised for meaningful price appreciation, then combine it with exceptional design that is unmatched by anything around it,” says Kash Pashootan, EMBLEM’s Chief Executive Officer. “This formula is what we are building our reputation on.”

EMBLEM has a disciplined investment process for acquiring land in strategic locations, as seen with past projects. This process comes from the firm’s founder, who has a rich history of over 20 years in investing. This experience and expertise from the leadership team adds yet another dimension of benefit to EMBLEM homeowners.



Pashootan elaborates: “Everyone knows what that ‘it feeling’ is when they walk into a special space – the right space. The feeling cannot always be explained, but it is clear and very powerful when you experience it.” The company knows that this feeling happens when they have obsessed over the details and carefully considered the relationship and interactions between various building materials. “The ‘it feeling’ is what we are pursuing with each and every project,” says Pashootan.

EMBLEM has made Arte Residences further distinct from other offerings in the area through their collaboration with globally renowned artist Daniel Mazzone. Mazzone, referred to as the next Andy Warhol, travelled to 18 countries last year, collecting materials for his upcoming art installations and is a key artist in the annual Art Basel art show in Miami, Florida. He is featured in both 1 Hotel and W Hotel, and his pieces have been collected by heavy hitters such as François-Henry Bennahmias, CEO of Audemars Piguet, and Randy Frankel, owner of the Tampa Bay Rays. Mazzone’s relationship with Pashootan presented the CEO with an opportunity to connect with the artist and convince him to collaborate on the layouts, lobby, amenity spaces and design of Arte.

“Daniel is not only well respected on the global stage, but he also embodies EMBLEM’s approach to design,” says Pashootan. “Creative and modern, yet having depth and expressing a classic aura which achieves ‘Timeless.’ That is our thinking at EMBLEM, and you see that with Daniel’s work. His art features an icon, a classic, and creates something new that is beautiful and creative but preserves the classic nature. When the design is old and new at the same time, and it feels natural, THAT is the definition of Timeless.”

Looking at Arte, it already evokes that feeling. Future residents will live surrounded by beauty for every part of their experience in this community. They will be swept up in a warm, welcoming community with a wealth of stunning luxury suites, a modern, extensive amenities package and transit opportunities that foster a balanced lifestyle.

“With over 22,725 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, Arte will feature amenities that surpass conventional norms such as an outdoor fitness studio, outdoor rooftop bar and lounge, as well as an outdoor dining room with beautiful views and green walls for privacy. This and other amenities are all adorned with exceptional design to remind our homeowners that they have a piece of something rare and special,” says Pashootan.

Uniquely, this new community goes beyond the norm and focuses on outdoor amenities as much as those found indoors. The indoor and outdoor co-working lounges, fitness areas and dining rooms are just some of the amenities that will offer places to recharge and socialize. The tower’s 18 storeys of creative architecture and thoughtful design transcend the ordinary and will forever change the standard in Mississauga.

As part of its growth plan, the Dundas corridor is poised to welcome 52,000 new residents and 9,600 new jobs in the future. Anchoring its rapid growth are the amenities that make a city truly livable: more parks, green spaces and public art to enjoy as well as dedicated cycling and bus lanes.

“Whether one is buying for their future home or buying as an investment, the combination of location, steps to transit, collaboration with Mazzone, building design and suite layouts make this a highly desirable project,” says Shamil Jiواني, Director of Real Estate at EMBLEM.



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