



FROM EXTREME LEFT- PAT FORTINI, REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (BRAMPTON), PRABMEET SINGH SARKARIA, PRESIDENT OF THE TREASURY BOARD OF ONTARIO & MPP- BRAMPTON SOUTH, KINGA SURMA, MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AMARJOT SANDHU, MPP- BRAMPTON WEST & PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE, JEFF BOWMAN, BRAMPTON'S COUNCILLOR, CHARMINE WILLIAMS, BRAMPTON'S COUNCILLOR, MAYOR PATRICK BROWN, BRAMPTON MADE ANNOUNCEMENT OF INVESTING OVER \$25 MILLION TO EXPAND THE CHRIS GIBSON RECREATION CENTRE IN BRAMPTON.

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## Y MEDIA NRI REPORT CARD

### WHO SHOULD LEAD PUNJAB? RESULTS: MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR AAP; BHAGWANT MANN & NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU FAVOURITES FOR CHIEF MINISTER OF PUNJAB

POOJA LUTHRA

Y Media presented "NRI Report Card- Who Should Lead Punjab" on Saturday, July 10 on Channel Y that aired for four hours non-stop. The callers participated from almost every major city in the U.S. and Canada, including Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Brampton, Mississauga, New York, Washington, California, Texas and Los Angeles. During the survey on Channel Y, most callers supported Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) as their first choice for the ruling party in Punjab. After that, there was support for Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal. Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) retained minimal support. The callers voted for Bhagwant Mann and Navjot Singh Sidhu as their favourite choice for CM of Punjab. Some callers considered Pargat Singh, Former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, Balbir Singh Rajewal and Sukhbir Badal to be eligible for the Chief Minister of Punjab position. The results were quite interesting as there was not even a single call for Captain Amarinder Singh, the current Chief Minister of Punjab. Even though there were Congress supporters, all of them either voted for Navjot Singh Sidhu or Pargat Singh. Sukhpal Singh Khaira could not dominate the discussion at all and was entirely ignored by the NRIs. The central concept and aim of the show were to know whom Non-Indian Residents (NRIs) consider being the ideal face of Punjab CM. One of the fascinating things was how callers explained their reasons tactically to choose the CM representatives. NRIs told the panellist that Punjab should be made corruption-free and should have strong leadership.



Y Media's Group Editor and CEO, Yudhvir Jaswal, said instead of focusing on identity politics, Punjab should elect a competent CM who should bring the state out of the crisis. Among the panel members were Rupinder Hayer (Host), Sudarshan K Bhanot (Co-host), Jagdeep Sacha, Jagdev Randhawa, Amanjeet Virk, Narinder Saini, Arvind Khosla, and Vikram Singla. The panellists discussed the issues related to Punjab Congress factionalism, the debate over power cuts and the impact of farmers' protest in the elections. Y Media's Associate Editor, Viney Sharma, joined the discussion from India, and his focus was on how industries are moving out of Punjab, leading to job loss. Y Media's Correspondent from India, Inderjeet Bakshi, said that NRIs may not significantly support Captain Amarinder Singh. Still, on the ground level, the current CM of Punjab enjoys formidable support.

## Y MEDIA COVID & VACCINE REPORT

- **Ontario will enter Step 3 of 'Roadmap to Reopen' on Friday, July 16.**
- **Peel's 'Dusk Till Dawn' Overnight Vaccine Clinic A Success- Administered 10,603 Covid-19 Vaccine Doses.**
- **Peel Region providing limited walk-ins to receive Covid-19 vaccine on Wednesday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 5 to 9 p.m. at Save Max Sports Centre, Brampton & Paramount Fine Foods Centre, Mississauga.**
- **Canada received total of 55 million Covid-19 vaccine doses, delivered over 50 million to provinces and territories and administered over 42 million.**

## RCMP ARRESTED & CHARGED PARDEEP SINGH, 24, OF QUEBEC WITH IMPORTATION OF 112.5 KG OF SUSPECTED COCAINE ESTIMATED AT \$14 MILLION

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Southern Ontario Region, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) Border Integrity (BI) Team, are committed to safeguarding our country and keeping contraband goods, such as narcotics, from reaching our communities.

On June 15, 2021, a commercial truck driven by a Quebec resident entered Canada in Fort Erie, Ontario, and was referred for a secondary examination. The CBSA discovered and seized approximately 112.5 kg of suspected cocaine inside five duffel bags. The value of this seizure is estimated at \$14 million.

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## PM MODI CABINET GETS MAKEOVER WITH EMPHASIS ON EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATION

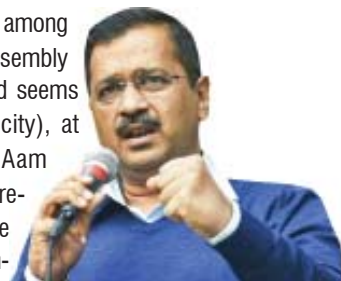
**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** As the Modi government gets a makeover, the new Council of Ministers is being shaped in terms of experience and qualification. In the new Council of Ministers, there are four former Chief Ministers, 18 former state ministers, 39 former MLAs and 23 MPs who have been elected for three or more terms.



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## AFTER PUNJAB, AAP PROMISES 300 UNITS OF FREE POWER IN UTTARAKHAND

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** The fight for power among major political outfits in upcoming Assembly elections due next year in Uttarakhand seems to be surrounded by - power (electricity), at least until the polls are over. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which has been presenting itself as a political alternative in the State, on Sunday, made four promises, all related to electricity.



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## FREE ELECTRICITY BECOMING A WINNING FORMULA FOR ELECTIONS: C-VOTER LIVE TRACKER

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** Free electricity is becoming a winning formula for elections, as per the IANS-CVoter Live Tracker. Ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections in different states, while AAP leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced to give free electricity in Uttarakhand, Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav has promised free electricity in Uttar Pradesh.

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## KILLER PRICES: HIGH INFLATION DENTS SAVINGS, THREATENS RECOVERY (FORECAST)

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** High rate of retail inflation has not only dented household savings, but is now threatening the viability of a sustainable economic recovery post-lockdown 2.0. Prices of petrol, diesel, edible oils, and a whole lot of other essentials have sky-rocketed in the recent past due to high domestic taxation and global factors such as rising demand from China. This has led to a sharper than expected inflation rate that has stubbornly stood at over 6 per cent in June and May. Besides, denting the economy, the trend impacts the pent-up demand and cancels out the positive impact of low interest rates which are brought down to boost the economy.

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Y MEDIA TEAM COVERS PEEL REGION'S 'DUSK TILL DAWN' OVERNIGHT VACCINE CLINIC AT SAVE MAX CENTRE IN BRAMPTON, WATCH FULL COVERAGE ON CHANNEL Y. (FROM LEFT- BRAMPTON'S MAYOR PATRICK BROWN, PAUL SHARMA - MASS VACCINATION PROGRAM STRATEGY CO-LEAD, REGION OF PEEL, & LISA DHILLON - PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS OUTREACH LIAISON).



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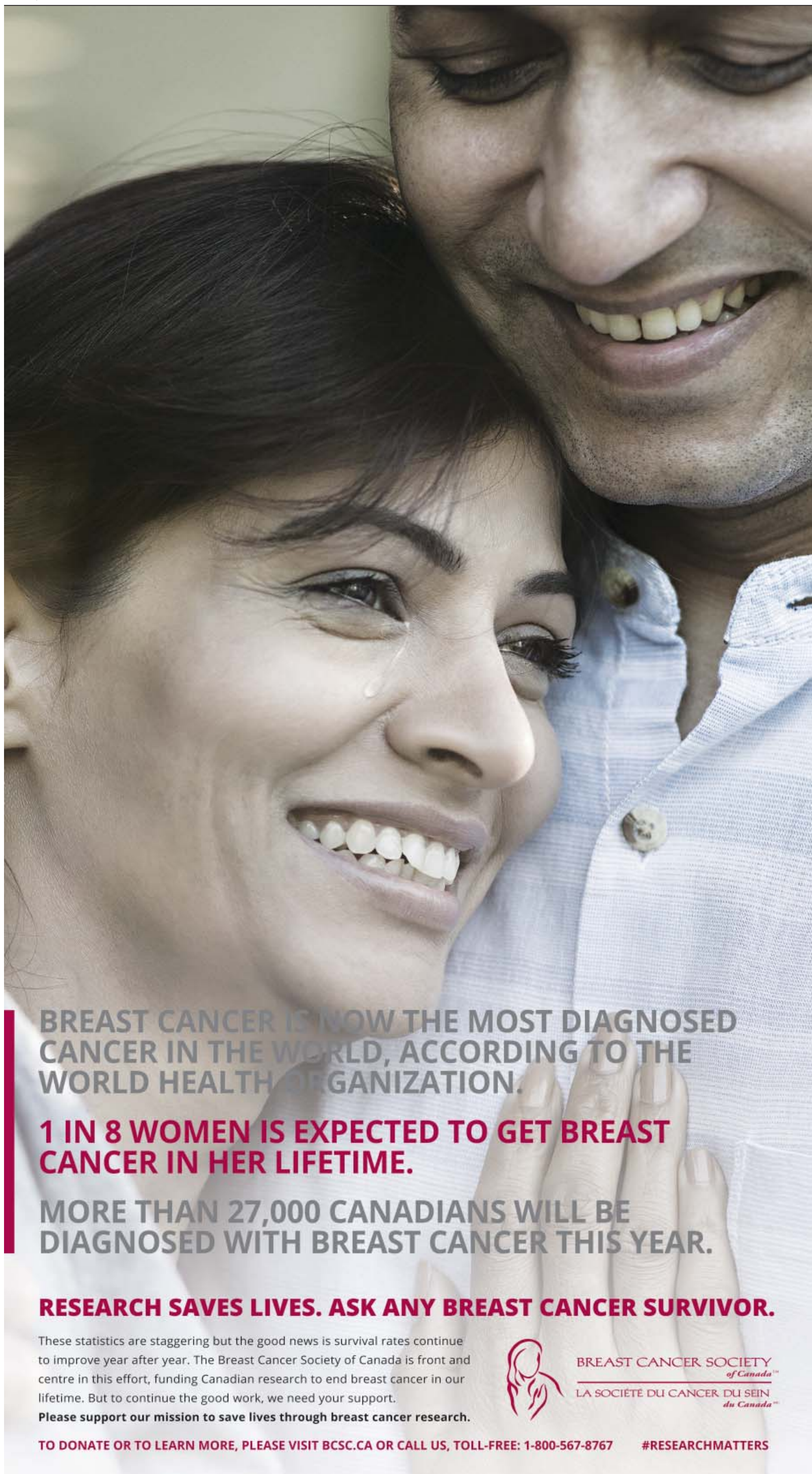
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# AAP RECOGNISED MY 'VISION, WORK': SIDHU



**CHANDIGARH, (IANS)** Believing that he commands respect in the opposition too, Congress' 'defiant' leader and former Cabinet minister Navjot Sidhu on Tuesday said Punjab's opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has always recognised his "vision and work" for Punjab, raising speculation that he may join Arvind Kejriwal's party.

"Our opposition AAP has always recognised my vision and work for Punjab. Be it before 2017 -- 'Beadbi' (sacrilege), drugs, farmers' issues, corruption and power crisis faced by people of Punjab raised by me or today as I present 'Punjab Model' it is clear they know who is really fighting for Punjab," Sidhu said in a tweet.

Tagging an old video clip of AAP leader Sanjay Singh praising him for 'taking the bold step' of quitting the BJP in 2017 and for raising his voice against the Akali Dal and the Badal family that leads it, Sidhu in another tweet said: "If the opposition dares to question me, yet they can't escape my pro-people agenda...This means they have resigned

to their fate."

Sidhu's tweets come amid his feud with Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. However, Sidhu had earlier clarified that he has no plans to join AAP. Earlier toeing AAP's national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's 'mantra' to woo people in Punjab by announcing pre-poll sops of free and subsidised electricity to all, Sidhu had favoured 24-hour supply with no power cuts in the state and free power up to 300 units.

Speculation in political circles is rife that Sidhu may join the AAP ahead of the 2022 Assembly election.

Ahead of the 2017 Punjab Assembly elections, Sidhu had resigned from the Rajya Sabha and said, "At the behest of the Prime Minister, I had accepted RS nomination for the welfare of Punjab. With the closure of every window leading to Punjab, the purpose stands defeated, now a mere burden. I prefer not to carry it."

# FUGITIVE MEHUL CHOKSI GRANTED BAIL BY DOMINICAN COURT ON MEDICAL GROUNDS



Absconding businessman Mehul Choksi has been granted bail and allowed to travel back to Antigua for medical treatment. He has been jailed in the Dominican Republic since May 23 for illegal entry.

The interim bail granted to Choksi is strictly for medical treatment in Antigua till he's certified fit to travel, after while he has to return to Dominica. Choksi had gone missing from Antigua on May 23 and was caught on charges of illegal entry into Dominica by police after he allegedly fled Antigua and Barbuda in a possible attempt to avoid extradition to India. His team has been claiming that he belongs to Antigua as he acquired citizenship of that island in 2018.

Meanwhile, Indian authorities told the Dominica High Court in their affidavit that Choksi is an Indian citizen and noted that he is erroneously claiming renunciation of citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955. The 62-year-old is wanted in India in connection with the Rs 13,500 crore fraud in the Punjab National Bank case.

## PRASHANT KISHOR MEETS RAHUL GANDHI, PUNJAB POLLS ON AGENDA?

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** Poll strategist Prashant Kishor met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi here on Tuesday.

There is no official word regarding the meeting, at which Congress General Secretary K.C. Venugopal was also present, but sources say Punjab elections were discussed and a possible equation was on the table as Kishor has been advising Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on key political issues. When the Punjab Chief Minister was in Delhi to meet interim party chief Sonia Gandhi, he had also met Kishor. The Congress is likely to come with amicable formula for Punjab this week as infighting within the state unit has not de-escalated. Cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, who has taken up arms against Amarinder Singh, has met party General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the recent past.

## Punjab BJP ex-minister, Anil Joshi, expelled for supporting farmers' cause

**CHANDIGARH, (IANS)** The Punjab BJP unit on Saturday expelled its former minister Anil Joshi for anti-party assertions. For quite some time, he had been questioning the central government on its policies, particularly on three farm laws that farmers have been protesting and demanding to revoke them.

The action against him came two days after he gave his reply to a show-cause notice.

According to the notice, Joshi had been making statements against the BJP-led Central government and its leadership and policies.

Joshi was expelled on the order of state unit President Ashwani Sharma.

The former Amritsar (North) legislator, in a reply, said: "I neither spoke against the Centre's farm laws nor against central leadership."

He, in fact, asked state party chief Sharma whether it was an indiscipline to talk about the farmers.



## ‘EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 231,000 (+1.2%) IN JUNE’: STATISTICS CANADA

Compared with the May reference week, public health restrictions had been significantly eased in several jurisdictions by the end of the June reference week. Most indoor and outdoor dining, recreation and cultural activities, retail shopping, and personal care services had resumed or continued in eight provinces, with varying degrees of capacity restrictions. Ontario's stay-at-home order was lifted on June 2, and outdoor dining and some in-person non-essential shopping resumed on June 11. However, indoor dining and gyms, as well as personal care services, remained closed during the reference week. Remote schooling continued across the province. Manitoba remained under tight public health restrictions, including the closure of restaurants and bars, personal care services, and recreation and cultural facilities. Remote schooling continued for large parts of the province.

**Highlights**

**EMPLOYMENT REBOUNDS IN JUNE**

Employment rose by 231,000 (+1.2%) in June, following a cumulative decline of 275,000 over the previous two months.

Employment growth was entirely in part-time work and concentrated among youth aged 15 to 24.

After falling by 143,000 over the previous two months, full-time work was little changed.

The number of employed people working less than half their usual hours fell by 276,000 (-19.3%).

The number of self-employed workers fell by 63,000 (-2.3%); down 7.2% compared with February 2020.

In the three months ending in June, the employment rate for Indigenous people was 55.8%, little changed from February 2020 (56.2%) (not seasonally adjusted).

Total hours worked were little changed and were 4.0% below their pre-

pandemic level.

The number of Canadians working from home fell by nearly 400,000 to 4.7 million.

Employment increased in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS WHILE THE LABOUR FORCE EXPANDS**

The unemployment rate was 7.8%, as the total number of unemployed Canadians fell by 61,000 (-3.7%).

The number of people in the labour force—either employed or unemployed—increased by 170,000 (+0.8%).

The labour force participation rate increased 0.6 percentage points to 65.2%. The unemployment rate among visible minority Canadians aged 15 to 69 fell 1.3 percentage points to 10.1% (not seasonally adjusted).

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GROWS AS PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED**

Employment among youth aged 15 to 24 rose by 164,000 (+7.1%), the largest single-month increase for this age group since July 2020.

The number of unemployed youth aged 15 to 24 fell by 50,000, with declines among both young women and young men.

In June, the employment rate for returning students aged 20 to 24 was 67.5%, up from 51.0% in May.

**EMPLOYMENT RISES IN SEVERAL INDUSTRIES PROVIDING IN-PERSON SERVICES**

The number of people working in accommodation and food services rose by 101,000 (+11.8%).

In the accommodation and food services industry, workers earned an average of \$17.35 per hour; the all-industry average was \$29.70.

With restrictions on non-essential stores eased in many provinces, employment in retail trade rose by 75,000 (+3.4%).

## PM MODI RECEIVES FIRST COPY OF BOOK ON GURU GOBIND SINGH JI



**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday received the first copy of the book 'The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, penned by late Baljit Kaur Tulsi, the mother of noted lawyer K.T.S. Tulsi.

In a series of tweets, the Prime Minister said, "Received the first copy of the book 'The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji' penned by late Mrs. Baljit Kaur Tulsi Ji, who is the mother of noted lawyer Shri KTS Tulsi Ji. The book has been published by IGNCA."

"During our interaction, the learned KTS Tulsi Ji spoke about the noble tenets of Sikhism and also recited Gurbani Shabad. I was touched by his gesture," Modi said.

Tulsi is a Rajya Sabha member from Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh.

## NUMBER OF MINISTERS INCREASED, BUT NOT OF VACCINES: RAHUL



**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has once again targeted the government over its vaccine policy. He questioned the non-availability of vaccines and linked the issue with the latest cabinet expansion, saying that while the number of ministers has increased, but vaccines have not increased.

Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "The number of ministers has increased, but not of vaccines" and questioned, "Where Are Vaccines".

He also tagged a gif along with his tweet which said India needs to go at vaccination rate of about 80 lakh per day to target 60 per cent of population with both doses by December 2021.

Earlier Rahul Gandhi had appealed to people of India to not let the guard down. He said, "Please keep the guard up- follow all precautionary protocols. Covid not over yet."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 7 expanded his cabinet and council of ministers, now having 77 ministers, the highest in this government's tenure.

While the government on Sunday said, India's cumulative vaccination coverage exceeded 37.60 crore, a total of 37,60,32,586 vaccine doses have been administered through 48,33,797 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 a.m. on Sunday. India administered 37,23,367 vaccine doses in the last 24 hours.

## SIRISHA BANDLA REACHES SPACE ON BOARD VIRGIN GALACTIC'S VSS UNITY 22

**NEW YORK, (IANS)** Sirisha Bandla vaulted into space on Sunday on board VSS Unity 22 becoming the fourth astronaut of Indian descent.

The Virgin Galactic's spacecraft reached the 100-km altitude that marks the entry into space after taking off from Spaceport America in New Mexico and returned to the base after a flight of about 90 minutes.

Astronaut 004 Bandla, accompanied by Virgin Galactic founder Richard Branson and two other crewmates and two pilots touched the space mark.

Before the flight Branson signed himself dramatically as Astronaut 001 and gave the Astronaut 004 rank to Bandla, 34.

During the space flight, Bandla was scheduled to conduct experiments designed by the US government's pioneer space agency, NASA involving plants in microgravity.

Bandla, the Virgin Galactic Vice President for Government Relations, is an astronautical engineer by training.

Before her flight, she said on an interview on a Virgin Galactic broadcast that her adventure was an "incredible opportunity to get people from different backgrounds, different geographies and different communities into space".

The others on the VSS Unity flight were Beth Moses, Virgin Galactic's chief astronaut instructor and Colin Bennett, the lead operations engineer which was piloted by former Royal Air Force test pilot Dave Mackay and former NASA Space Shuttle Commander Michael Masucci.

The spacecraft was carried by a twin-bodied carrier aircraft, VMS Eve, for the first 15.5 km on its way to space before being launched for the final leg.

The launch was delayed by about 90 minutes because stormy weather overnight delayed the flight preparations.

Bandla was be the third Indian American in space after Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Pandya Williams and the fourth person of Indian descent -- the first being Rakesh Sharma, who flew on a Soviet spacecraft.

But unlike them, Bandla did not go into orbit and her flight was a short one to demonstrate the capability of Branson's space programme, a breakthrough in the commercialisation of space travel by private entrepreneurs.

Branson beat his business rival, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, who is set to take off on July 20 on board his space company Blue Origin's spacecraft.

It was a space race between the maverick British billionaire, the global American entrepreneur Bezos and Elon Musk, the developer of the Tesla electric vehicle, vying for domination of the multi-billion-dollar private space business that would range from tourism and research to commercial and government satellite deployment. Characteristic of a Branson enterprise, the spaceflight had the pizzaz of show business and advertising for companies involved in the project. Grammy-winning musician Khaled performed for the flight. The host of a light TV show, Stephen Colbert emceed the start of the broadcast by Virgin Galactic.





# MODI'S NEW TEAM

As 43 new ministers were sworn-in on Wednesday evening, the focus was on performance, experience and education. Seven ministers were promoted to cabinet rank.

## CABINET MINISTERS

 <p>Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises</p>	 <p>Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Minister of AYUSH</p>	 <p>Minister of Civil Aviation</p>	 <p>Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Minister of Labour and Employment</p>
 <p>Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment</p>	 <p>Minister of Steel</p>	 <p>Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; Minister of Electronics and Information Technology</p>	 <p>Minister of Food Processing Industries</p>

## PROMOTED TO CABINET RANK

 <p>Minister of Information and Broadcasting; Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports</p>	 <p>Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs</p>	 <p>Minister of Law and Justice</p>	 <p>Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; Minister of Development of North Eastern Region</p>
 <p>Minister of Power; Minister of New and Renewable Energy</p>	 <p>Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers</p>	 <p>Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying</p>	

## MINISTERS OF STATE

 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</p>
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology</p>	
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles; Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs</p>
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence; Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications</p>
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education</p>
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of Education</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti</p>
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting</p>	
 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs; Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports</p>	 <p>Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development; Minister of State in the Ministry of AYUSH</p>		

PM MODI CABINET GETS MAKEOVER WITH EMPHASIS ON EXPERIENCE, QUALIFICATION

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This demonstrates the wealth of experience in the new Cabinet as the government has been criticised for lack of bench strength and not having enough heft in administrative experience. The new Council of Ministers will also be an eclectic mix of distinguished qualifications, including 13 lawyers, six doctors, five engineers, seven former civil servants, and 46 ministers with experience in Central government. This is also a young looking Cabinet with an average age of 58, with 14 ministers below the age of 50 years. In terms of gender, 11 women will be part of the Council of Ministers, including two with Cabinet rank. There will be five ministers — 1 Muslim, 1 Sikh, 2 Buddhists and 1 Christian. In addition, there is a strong OBC representation with 27 OBC minister, including five with Cabinet rank, eight ST ministers including three with Cabinet rank, and 12 SC ministers with two with Cabinet rank. In total, 43 ministers will take oath on Wednesday evening in the first reshuffle of the second term of the Narendra Modi government. The induction of the new faces was preceded by the resignations of as

many as 11 ministers. Rajasthan's Bhupendra Yadav gets Ministry of Labour and Environment. Anurag Thakur allotted plum portfolio of Information & Broadcasting. No Muslim face in Modi cabinet revamp, Naqvi remains lone face. Former Assam CM Sonowal is new Shipping, Ayush Minister. Former Maharashtra CM Narayan Rane gets MSME Ministry. Rajeev Chandrasekhar new Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Electronics and Information Technology. Ex-IAS, IIT alumnus Ashwini Vaishnaw to take charge of IT, Communications. Mansukh Mandaviya new Health Minister after Harsh Vardhan's exit. Vaishnaw, Pradhan, Anurag Thakur big gainers in Cabinet revamp. Two new faces from Odisha in Modi's team. 6-time MP Pankaj Chaudhary secures berth in new-look Modi Cabinet. Anupriya Patel gets a place in Modi Cabinet. Kishan Reddy, Modi gov't's sole face from Telugu states, gets promotion. BJP's organisation man & Shah confidant, Bhupendra Yadav, gets Cabinet berth. 2 ex-Congress leaders – Rane & Scindia – take oath as Cabinet ministers. Seven Cabinet heavyweights axed in one fell swoop. Anurag Thakur, Kishan Reddy others elevated as Cabinet ministers.

DO YOU DRIVE FOR YOUR JOB? PEEL IS HOSTING A VACCINE CLINIC THIS WEEKEND FOR YOU

The Region of Peel is hosting a "Transportation Weekend" vaccine clinic on July 17 and July 18 to provide first and second dose vaccines to those that work in the transportation sector. This includes truck drivers, taxi and bus drivers, as well as couriers and those that work for rideshare companies as well as other company employees. The clinic is being held at the International Centre and will operate from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, on both days. The location was chosen due to its proximity to Highway 401 and its ability to allow truck drivers to park their vehicles. Due to the mobile nature of their work, individuals in the transport industry have increased exposure to COVID-19. They spend long hours on the road, often doing shift work, or in the case of truck drivers, are away from home for long periods of time. These factors present barriers to these essential workers getting vaccinated. According to Peel Public Health, between March 2020 and May 2021, there have been over 100,000 reported COVID-19 cases

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in the Region of Peel, and 2,000 of these cases were identified as truck drivers. The clinic will help Peel increase second dose coverage in Peel and provide increased

access to vaccine appointments for those that work in this sector. For those wishing to schedule an appointment visit: Date: Saturday, July 17th to Sun-

day, July 18th Time: 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: International Centre (map) 6900 Airport Rd. Mississauga

RCMP ARRESTED & CHARGED PARDEEP SINGH, 24, OF QUEBEC WITH IMPORTATION OF 112.5 KG OF SUSPECTED COCAINE ESTIMATED AT \$14 MILLION





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The CBSA arrested Pardeep Singh and transferred him and the suspected cocaine under the custody of RCMP officers from NOTL BI unit. The RCMP have charged 24-year-old Singh of LaSalle, Quebec with: Importation of a controlled substance, contrary to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. Singh will appear at the St. Catharines Courthouse, Ontario, on July 9, 2021. "The Canada Border Services Agency plays an integral role in keeping our communities safe. Our officers have interrupted the smuggling attempt of a massive amount of narcotics, and have put a full stop to the ripple effect these narcotics would have in neighbourhoods across our country. The CBSA is extremely proud of its officers and their ongoing role in safeguarding our borders," said Kim Upper, District Director, Fort Erie District Operations, Canada Border Services Agency. Despite border restrictions in place due to COVID-19, commercial traffic continues. Cross-border supply chains are vital to the continued flow of goods, including food and medical supplies for all Canadians. CBSA continues to fulfill its mandate of stopping smuggling attempts of illegal narcotics. Superintendent Shawn Boudreau, Officer in Charge, RCMP Border Integrity Program, O Division said, "The Border Integrity Program is responsible for protecting our border by preventing, detecting, and disrupting cross border criminality. Securing the border contributes to the national security of Canada and protects Canadians from terrorism, organized crime and other border-related criminality. This large drug seizure and the investigation that ensued resulting in an individual being charged, is another example of the RCMP and the CBSA working together to protect our communities by preventing illegal drugs from reaching our streets."

ONE 10TH OF GLOBAL POPULATION WERE UNDERNOURISHED LAST YEAR: UN

UNITED NATIONS, (IANS) Around one-tenth of the global population, between 720 million people and 811 million, were undernourished last year, according to a UN report. Global hunger levels have skyrocketed because of conflict, climate change and the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and one in five children around the world is stunted, said the report titled, 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021' released on Monday. New data that represents the first comprehensive global assessment of food insecurity carried out since the pandemic began, indicates that the number of people affected by chronic hunger in 2020, rose by more than in the previous five years combined, Xinhua news agency reported. Reversing this situation will likely take years if not decades, according to the World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, World Health Organization and Unicef. "The pandemic continues to expose weaknesses in our food systems, which threaten the lives and livelihoods of people around the world," the heads of those agencies wrote in this year's report. Some 418 million of the undernourished people last year were in Asia and 282 million were in Africa, according to the report. Globally, 2.4 billion people did not have access to sufficiently nutritious food in 2020 – an increase of nearly 320 million people in one year. The report also highlights how climate change has left communities in developing countries most exposed to hunger – despite the fact that they contribute little to global CO2 emissions. These poorer nations are also the least prepared to withstand or respond to climate change, said WFP's Gernot Laganda, who added that weather-related shocks and stresses were "driving hunger like never before". This suggests that "it will take a tremendous effort for the world to honour its pledge to end hunger by 2030", the agencies said in a statement, in a call for food production to be more inclusive, efficient, resilient and sustainable.



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Ontario enters Step 3 on July 16

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70% - 80% of adults have one dose

Over 25% are fully vaccinated

✓ 78% of adults have received one dose and 52% are fully vaccinated (as of July 9)

✓ Declining hospitalizations

✓ Declining ICU admissions

✓ Declining weekly cases rate

✓ Declining per cent positivity

Continuing improvements in key public health and health care indicators

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Expanding outdoor activities

• Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 100 people

• Museums, zoos and amusement parks with capacity limits

• Fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals and cultural attractions with capacity limits

• Cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits

• And more...

Larger outdoor gatherings, events and attractions, with restrictions in place

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Expanding indoor gatherings and services

• Indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people

• Indoor dining with no limits to the number of patrons per table

• Retail with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing

• Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities with capacity limits

• Personal care services with capacity limited to ensure physical distancing

• Indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings with physical distancing

• Museums, casinos and bingo halls with capacity limits

• Cinemas, concert, theatres, and other performing arts venues with capacity limits

• And more...

Additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place

ONTARIO TO ENTER STEP-3 OF REOPENING ON FRIDAY, JULY 16 (CHRISTINE ELLIOT/ TWITTER).

# ONTARIO MOVING TO STEP THREE OF ROADMAP TO REOPEN ON JULY 16

**TORONTO** — With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve and the province-wide vaccination rate surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health the Ontario government is moving the province into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021. In order to enter Step Three of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 to 80 per cent of individuals 18 years of age or older with one dose and 25 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a stronger level of protection against COVID-19. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ontario's health care partners, as of July 8, 2021, over 77 per cent of the population in Ontario ages 12 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 50 per cent have received their second dose. More than 16.6 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered province-wide. Step Three of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- \* Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 100 people with limited exceptions;
- \* Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- \* Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with physical distancing;
- \* Indoor dining permitted with no limits on the number of patrons per table with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect;
- \* Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open subject to a maximum 50 per cent capacity of the indoor space. The capacity for indoor spectators is 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Capacity for outdoor spectators is 75 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 15,000 people, whichever is less;
- \* Indoor meeting and event spaces permitted to operate with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect and capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, (whichever is less);
- \* Essential and non-essential retail with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- \* Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres;
- \* Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical

gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals, with capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors;

- \* Concert venues, cinemas, and theatres permitted to operate at:
- \* up to 50 per cent capacity indoors or a maximum limit of 1,000 people for seated events (whichever is less)
- \* up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum limit of 5,000 people for unseated events (whichever is less); and up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum of 15,000 people for events with fixed seating (whichever is less).
- \* Real estate open houses with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres; and
- \* Indoor food or drink establishments where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs and resto-bars, permitted up to 25 per cent capacity or up to a maximum limit of 250 people (whichever is less).

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three. This is in alignment with the advice on personal public health measures issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada, while also accounting for Ontario-specific information and requirements. Face coverings will also be required in some outdoor public settings as well.

The province will remain in Step Three of the Roadmap for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75 per cent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 per cent of their population fully vaccinated. Other key public health and health care indicators must also continue to remain stable. Upon meeting these thresholds, the vast majority of public health and workplace safety measures, including capacity limits for indoor and outdoor settings and limits for social gatherings, will be lifted. Only a small number of measures will remain in place, including the requirement for passive screening, such as posting a sign, and businesses requiring a safety plan.

Ontario's epidemiological situation is distinct from other jurisdictions and the Delta variant is the dominant strain in Ontario, which is not the case with some other provinces. As a result, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, face coverings will also continue to be required for indoor public settings. The Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to evaluate this need on an ongoing basis.

## ‘FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE IN UK WON’T HAVE TO SELF-ISOLATE FROM AUG 16’: HEALTH SECRETARY

**LONDON, (IANS)** The UK's Health Secretary Sajid Javid said that people who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will not have to self-isolate if they are in close contact with an infected person starting from August 16 onwards. Javid told lawmakers in Parliament on Tuesday that the same policy would also apply to anyone under the age of 18 from that date, reports Xinhua news agency. The government would give more details later this week on self-isolation rules for international travellers, he added. “We will have a more proportionate system of test, trace and isolate, and it is absolutely right that those that have been double jabbed, we can take a different approach than the one we take today,” he told the BBC. More than 45.4 million people in Britain have received the first



jab of the COVID-19 vaccine and over 33.8 million people have received two doses, the latest official figures showed.

## Peel Region using all avenues to reach vulnerable residents with vaccine

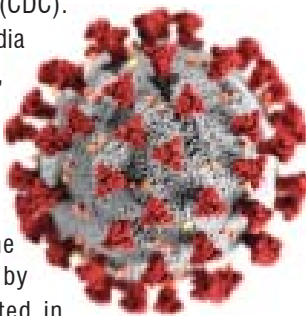
Peel Region has been one of the hardest-hit regions in the country with COVID-19. Many of our residents cannot work from home and have kept others safe at home by keeping the economy and the supply chain moving. And the unique demographics of our region have meant that many of our residents have been at greater risk of exposure to the disease during this pandemic. To see some compelling videos of how COVID-19 has impacted our residents, robbed them of loved ones and created a powerful desire to get vaccinated, please check out our Real Peel, Real Voices campaign videos. Since the beginning of the vaccine rollout, a robust plan has been in place in Peel Region to ensure all of our residents have access to the vaccine and ensure no person is left behind. We know that our hardest to reach residents face significant barriers and we have a dedicated outreach program that is working to vaccinate this population. The Region of Peel has been working with community agencies and community health ambassadors to reduce barriers to vaccination for people in the hardest-hit neighbourhoods. This critical work helped identify potential physical, cultural, language and other barriers and supporting the development of solutions.



Some of those solutions have driven us to meet our residents where they are, whether that be in their homes, workplaces, community centres, etc., rather than requiring all to attend a mass vaccination clinic. This important work requires the time and commitment of many dedicated employees, ensuring access to vaccination and the long-term safety of all of our residents.

## DELTA STRAIN BECOMES DOMINANT VARIANT IN US

**WASHINGTON, (IANS)** The highly transmissible Delta strain has overtaken the Alpha variant to become the dominant variant in the US, according to new estimates from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Delta, which was first found in India and is now in over 100 countries, represented 51.7 per cent of new infections in the US over the two weeks ending July 3, Xinhua news agency reported citing the CDC. Meanwhile, the proportion of new cases caused by Alpha, which was first detected in Britain, was just 28.7 per cent over the same time period, according to the CDC. Recently, health officials and experts have warned that the Delta variant was on track to become the dominant variant in the US, as its prevalence in the nation doubles about every two weeks. They are concerned the variant will cause a surge in new cases this fall, hitting the unvaccinated population the hardest. Increasing cases were reported in states with lower vaccination rates, including Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, according to the CDC. Although Delta is highly contagious, research shows that most vaccines still remain highly effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths caused by the variant. US President Joe Biden on Tuesday pushed for all eligible Americans to get Covid-19 vaccinations, stressing the importance of being protected against Delta. The country reached its highest vaccination rate in mid-April when the seven-day average of doses administered daily topped about 3.4 million. But the rate has dropped since then. About 47.6 per cent of the US population is fully vaccinated against Covid-19, and 55.1 per cent of the population has received at least one shot as of Wednesday, CDC data show. Biden set a goal in May of having 70 per cent of American adults receive at least one Covid-19 shot by the Fourth of July. But just 18 states and Washington, DC surpassed that goal by the date, according to a Forbes report.



## PFIZER DEVELOPING COVID BOOSTER SHOT TO TARGET DELTA VARIANT



**WASHINGTON, (IANS)** Pfizer and BioNTech have announced that they were developing a Covid-19 booster shot intended to target the highly transmissible Delta variant, according to US media reports. Concerns continue to rise as the Delta strain has already become the dominant variant in the US, causing increasing infections, Xinhua news agency quoted the reports as saying on Thursday. The two companies said they believe the third shot of their current two-dose vaccine has the potential to preserve the “highest levels” of protection against all currently known variants, including Delta, but they are “remaining vigilant” and developing an updated version of the vaccine, a CNBC News report said. “These findings are consistent with an ongoing analysis from the companies’ Phase 3 study,” the companies said in a statement issued on Thursday. “That is why we have said, and we continue to believe that it is likely, based on the totality of the data we have to date, that a third dose may be needed within six to 12 months after full vaccination.” Clinical studies could begin as early as August, subject to regulatory approvals, the companies said. Executives from Pfizer and BioNTech have said people will likely need a booster shot, or third dose, within 12 months of getting fully vaccinated because they expect vaccine-induced immunity to wane over time.

## OSLER TO WIND DOWN COVID-19 TESTING CENTRES AND VACCINE CLINICS TO HELP FOCUS ON RECOVERY EFFORTS

**BRAMPTON** – Throughout July and August 2021, William Osler Health System's (Osler) COVID-19 testing centres and COVID-19 vaccine clinics will close to support Osler's careful and gradual recovery efforts. The COVID-19 Testing Centre at Osler's Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness (Peel Memorial) will close effective July 11, 2021, and the COVID-19 Testing Centre at Etobicoke General Hospital will close effective July 25, 2021. Both will close at the end of clinic operations on the last day. The Urgent Care Centre at Peel Memorial, temporarily closed in April 2020 to ensure that Osler's resources and highly-skilled health care teams are working to best meet the needs of the community, will continue to be temporarily closed. Osler will continue to monitor Emergency Department volumes at Brampton Civic Hospital and Etobicoke General Hospital. The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Brampton Civic Hospital and the Osler-Humber COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic will close effective Friday, August 6, 2021, at the end of clinic operations that day. The COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Century Garden Recreation Centre will close effective Sunday, August 8, 2021, at the end of clinic operations that day. No first or second dose appointments will be cancelled as a result of the closure. Throughout the pandemic, COVID-19 testing and vaccination have been key strategies in Ontario's COVID-19 response. Since opening one of the first COVID-19 testing centres in Ontario in March 2020 and one of the first COVID-19 vaccine clinics in December 2020, Osler has been dedicated to assessing, testing and vaccinating as many eligible individuals as possible in our communities, to help stop the spread of COVID-19. From March 2020 to June 2021, almost 430,000 tests were completed at Osler's COVID-19 Testing Centres. From December 2020 to July 2021, more than 245,000 COVID-19 vaccines were administered at Osler's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics.



suggest that Sonia Gandhi should continue as party president and Priyanka be made vice-president in-charge of north India.

When the leadership crisis wracked the Congress, there was a collegium to assist Sonia Gandhi. In September last year, a committee was constituted with A.K. Antony, the late Ahmad Patel, Ambika Soni, K.C. Venugopal, Mukul Wasnik and Randeep Singh Surjewala as members. After the death of Ahmed Patel, however, the committee has been meeting occasionally. The Congress may enhance the role of this committee or appoint four vice-presidents, one for each region in the country, to decentralise power and focus on particular regions.

The Congress constitution has no provision for a vice-president, but in the past Rahul Gandhi, Arjun Singh and Jitendra Prasada had held this position. Some Congress leaders believe that Priyanka's style of functioning is smoother. She's an attentive listener and has been active in defusing crises in Rajasthan and Punjab. The Congress is mired in fighting in a number of states, even as Uttarakhand, Punjab, UP, Goa, Manipur and Gujarat are preparing to go to vote, so a bigger role for her in

the party could bring more traction. A section of the Congress leadership points out that Rahul Gandhi can lead the party without holding any post. These leaders say he has been targeting the government on various issues. Even his critics accept his credentials for mounting attacks on the Prime Minister consistently on the pandemic and economic crisis. The party is facing crises in Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, and now the supporters of T.S. Singhdeo in Chhattisgarh are demanding that he be made the chief minister. Singhdeo insists he has not said anything against the party, and that Sonia and Rahul will take a call on the matter. His supporters, though, insist that the party must fulfil its assurance to the leader who was instrumental in winning seats in the tribal belt of the state, which was with the BJP at that time. Similarly, Sachin Pilot is pushing for change in Rajasthan and the party cannot afford to lose him after Jyotiraditya Scindia walked out and was rewarded with a berth in the Union Cabinet.

rise as a world power.

For more than four decades, the leadership of the two countries had a secretive pact, which worked well to each other's benefit. The US helped power China's economic growth in the hope that Beijing would turn a new political leaf and adopt Western practices (e.g. democracy). China grew economically and militarily, used its financial prowess to spread its influence across continents, as four generations of Chinese leaders built their nation at the expense of the US.

Half a century after Kissinger's historic visit, the US and China are today engaged in a trade war bordering on a new Cold War. Washington is not openly talking about "de-coupling" from China, which has begun to challenge its global dominance, but it might very well be. China has already established itself as a dominant power across Eurasia.

More worryingly, China is militarily and economically threatening its neighbours, including India, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Australia, the Philippines and Indonesia.

"A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China" (HarperCollins), edited by Sanjaya Baru and Rahul Sharma, a collection of critical essays examines the impact, consequences and legacy of Kissinger's first, door-opening visit to China and how it has shaped world order.

It has contributions from Kanti Bajpai, HooTieng Boon, SujanChinoy, Bill Emmott, Friðrik Græ, Suhasini Haidar, Quah Say Jye, Tsutomu Kikuchi, Chung Min Lee, Tanvi Madan, Kishore Mahbubani, Kalpit A. Mankikar, Rana Mitter, C. Raja Mohan, Samir Saran, Teresita Schaffer, Ayesha Siddiq, Peter Varghese and Igor Yurgens

"Marking the 50th anniversary of the Nixon-Kissinger outreach to China, this unique collection of essays by eminent scholars and diplomats from around the world offers critical perspectives on America's contribution to China's rise and the origins of the New Cold War," says Sanjaya Baru.

Rahul Sharma says: "Kissinger's was a path-breaking visit, which changed the world forever. China's rise is a reality that the world will continue to

grapple with for a long time to come. The essays in this book attempt to analyse what prompted the Americans to open the doors to China, as well as the challenges that it has created for just about every nation today." Swati Chopra, Executive Editor, HarperCollins India, says: "There is no doubt today of the impact that one man has had on the geopolitics of the past few decades - Henry Kissinger. His contribution to the rise of China is perhaps a lesser known aspect of this, which is what "A New Cold War" is about."

"With incisive essays from credible voices from around the globe, this is exactly the book that we need in order to understand the evolution of the US-China relationship, its contribution to China's rise, the consequences for China's neighbourhood (including India), and why we might be on the verge of a new Cold War," Chopra adds. Sanjaya Baru is a political commentator, author, former newspaper editor and policy analyst. He was the media advisor to former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh; Director for Geo-Economics and Strategy at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, and visiting professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore. He was member of India's National Security Advisory Board in 1998-2001. His publications include "Strategic Consequences of India's Economic Performance (2006)". Rahul Sharma is a former newspaper editor who now advises corporates on public affairs, policy issues, business and communication strategy. He is a keen China watcher since his days as a wire agency correspondent and editor in Asia, and has sustained his deep interest in international affairs, global diplomacy and economy. A co-founder and former President of the Public Affairs Forum of India, he also curates a foreign policy blog in his free time.

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## Ontario Government Building New Child Care Spaces in Brampton

As part of the province's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, the Ontario government has given Conseil scolaire Viamonde and Peel District School Board approval to tender a child care centre addition and retrofit to École élémentaire publique Carrefour des Jeunes and Massey Street Public School, respectively.

École élémentaire publique Carrefour des Jeunes will receive nearly \$3.3 million in funding, including more than \$1.6 million in federal funding, for the child care centre and EarlyON Child and Family Centre addition. Massey Street Public School will receive almost \$2 million in funding for the child care centre retrofit.

Both projects will provide new, quality early learning environments for the children of Brampton.

These projects are part of the province's capital investment program to build more child care spaces for Ontario's families. "Child care is critically important to work parents, and it will be key to driving Ontario's economic recovery," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "By funding the construction of additional child care spaces at École élémentaire publique Carrefour des Jeunes and Massey Street Public School, our government is delivering access to more choice and real support to Brampton families, while continuing to focus on affordability by enhancing the Ontario Child Care Tax Credit for every child up to \$1500."

Ontario's investment in new and updated schools will create the foundation for a modern learning environment for thousands of students across the province.

"I am beyond thrilled at the announcement of another large investment for

families right here in Brampton," said Amarjot Sandhu, MPP for Brampton West. "Bramptonians work hard, and they deserve access to quality child care now more than ever as our economy recovers from the financial difficulties wrought upon our communities by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"With these critical child care investments, our government is supporting Brampton families and ensuring our children reach their full potential," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP for Brampton South and President of the Treasury Board. "These projects will support our community's economic recovery, helping parents get back to work and strengthening their children's educational development."

Highlights of the child care centre addition at École élémentaire publique Carrefour des Jeunes include:

49 new licensed child care spaces.

3 new child care rooms.

1 new EarlyON Child and Family Centre room.

Highlights of the child care retrofit at Massey Street Public School include:

49 new licensed child care spaces.

3 new child care rooms.

"With the support of the Ontario government, we will continue to offer more services to families in our territory who want their children to learn, grow and play in a francophone environment. These services are essential to our community and we are very grateful to the Minister of Education, the Honourable Stephen Lecce, for helping us continue our mission as a leader in education."

Mme Sylvie A. Landry, Chair, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde

## CANADA'S PAY EQUITY ACT WILL COME INTO FORCE ON AUGUST 31, 2021

The implementation of the Pay Equity Act is an important part of the Government of Canada's commitment to close the gender wage gap and ensure that workers receive equal pay for work of equal value. It will put into place long-term, sustainable changes that will ensure that women's work is valued and compensated fairly, now and into the future. This is especially significant as the Government of Canada works to ensure an inclusive economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the Minister of Labour, Filomena Tassi, announced that the Government will bring the Pay Equity Act into force on August 31, 2021, and that the final Pay Equity Regulations are now available in Part II of the Canada Gazette. The announcement was made in the context of a virtual discussion about the future of pay equity in Canada with the Minister of Labour and the Pay Equity Commissioner, Karen Jensen, on Facebook Live. "Everyone deserves an equal opportunity to succeed and that means paying women equally for work of equal value. Today's announcement that the Pay Equity Act will be coming into force at the end of this summer is a significant step forward towards reducing the gender wage gap

and creating the kinds of long-term, sustainable change that will enable all workers to succeed in our workplaces for generations to come. It is not just the right thing to do; it is the smart thing to do," said Minister of Labour, Filomena Tassi. The Pay Equity Regulations will support the implementation of the Pay Equity Act, together ensuring that workers in federally regulated workplaces receive equal pay for work of equal value.

Once in force, employers with 10 or more employees will have three years to develop and implement their proactive pay equity plans. The Pay Equity Commissioner will be responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Act and its Regulations and she will continue to work closely with federally regulated private- and public-sector workplace parties to provide support and guidance on the implementation of this proactive pay equity regime. Jean-Yves Duclos, President of the Treasury Board said, "The Government of Canada is committed to pay equity and to setting the standard for gender equality in the workplace as we continue to work toward economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic."

## 'HEATWAVE IN US, CANADA VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CLIMATE CHANGE': REPORTS



**NEW YORK, (IANS)** The recent deadly heatwave that scorched Canada and parts of the western US would have been "virtually impossible" without the influence of climate change, local media reported. Global warming made the extreme temperatures at least 150 times more likely to occur, Xinhua news agency quoted a USA Today report published on Thursday as saying citing a study conducted by leading scientists.

"In the US, heat-related mortality is the No. 1 weather-related killer," said the study's co-author Kristie L. Ebi of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington. In their study, the team of researchers said that the deadly heatwave was a one-in-a-1,000-year event.

While hundreds of people were reported to have died because of the heat, the two countries witnessed record-breaking high temperatures, said the USA Today reported.

The study has found that every heatwave occurring today is made more likely and more intense by climate change, it added. The study, according to the media report, was prepared by World Weather Attribution, an international collaboration that analyses and communicates the possible influence of climate change on extreme weather events, such as storms, extreme rainfall, heat waves, cold spells and droughts.

Canada's previous national record for high temperature was 45 degrees, but the recent heatwave in the village of Lytton in British Columbia saw a figure of 49.6 degrees recorded at the height of the event. The village was largely destroyed by a wildfire soon after. Meanwhile, in the US states of Oregon and Washington, multiple cities witnessed record high temperatures of more than 40 degrees.

## FIRST NATION SAYS OVER 160 GRAVES FOUND AT FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN B.C. ISLAND

**OTTAWA (IANS)** More than 160 unmarked graves have been found near a former indigenous residential school in Canada's British Columbia province, according to a media report. "The Penelakut Tribe found the "undocumented and unmarked" graves around the Kuper Island Industrial School operated from 1890 until 1975 on the Penelakut Island, formerly known as the Kuper Island, where many horrors have already been documented, Xinhua news agency quoted the CTV report as saying on Monday night. "The report however, did not specify how the graves were found. "It is the fourth discovery of unmarked graves near indigenous residential schools in the country. "On June 30, the indigenous community Aq'am announced the discovery of the remains of 182 people in unmarked graves around a former indigenous residential school near the town of Cranbrook in British Columbia. "On June 24, the Cowessess First Nation, an indigenous group in Saskatchewan province, announced a preliminary discovery of 751 unmarked graves near a former indigenous residential school. "On May 28, the remains of 215 indigenous children were discovered in unmarked graves near the Kamloops Indian Residential School, also in British Columbia. "Survivors of Canada's indigenous residential schools said the findings were just the tip of the iceberg, renewing their feelings of grief and trauma."

## 27 Fast and Easy Fix Ups to Get the Best Price for Your GTA Home

**TORONTO** - Because your home may well be your largest asset, selling it is probably one of the most important decisions you will make in your life. And once you have made that decision, you'll want to sell your home for the highest price in the shortest time possible without compromising your sanity. Before you place your home on the market, here's a way to help you to be as prepared as possible.

To assist homesellers, a new industry report has just been released called "27 Valuable Tips That You Should Know to Get Your Home Sold Fast and for Top Dollar." It tackles the important issues you need to know to make your home competitive in today's tough, aggressive marketplace.

Through these 27 tips you will discover how to protect and capitalize on your most important investment, reduce stress, be in control of your situation, and make the best profit possible.

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## Credit River Recognized with New Permanent Sign in Mississauga



PROVINCE CELEBRATES THE IMPORTANCE OF EXISTING URBAN RIVER VALLEYS IN THE GREENBELT.

**MISSISSAUGA, ON** — Nina Tangri, MPP for Mississauga-Streetsville joined Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Tom Adams, Vice-Chair of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Norm Sterling, Chair of the Greenbelt Council, and Edward McDonnell, CEO of the Greenbelt Foundation to unveil a new sign recognizing the Credit River as a protected urban river valley within the Greenbelt. The Credit River is one of 21 urban river valleys that connect the Greenbelt to the Great Lakes, inland lakes and areas beyond. These are the valleys of rivers that pass through cities or towns and act as urban gateways to the Greenbelt. “We are incredibly lucky to be surrounded by such a beautiful environment that provides numerous opportunities for us to explore nature and engage with our important ecosystems,” said MPP Tangri. “Today’s unveiling is an occasion for us to celebrate the Greenbelt

and look forward to ways in which we can further conserve these types of natural spaces.” The government of Ontario is in the process of undertaking what could be the largest expansion of the Greenbelt since its creation in 2005. The Greenbelt protects environmental, groundwater, and agricultural resources. “The Ford government understands that there needs to be a balanced approach to managing growth while protecting the natural environment for future generations,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “That is why we are adding urban river valleys to the Greenbelt and also enhancing and protecting two acres of land for every single acre where a Minister’s Zoning Order has or will be issued.” The consultation process, which received over 5,500 submissions, saw overwhelming support for adding urban river valleys and the Paris Galt Moraine to the Greenbelt.

## ONTARIO INVESTING OVER \$18 MILLION TO EXPAND CHRIS GIBSON RECREATION CENTRE IN BRAMPTON

This investment will support the renovation of existing spaces inside the centre to help make it fully accessible, while also creating a full-sized gymnasium, and helping to upkeep the facility’s amenities including an ice rink, pool and racquetball courts. The Ontario government is investing in this multi-purpose infrastructure project that will help to strengthen and protect communities, like Brampton, create jobs, and contribute to the province’s long-term economic recovery. “In the face of COVID-19, the Ontario government continues to move forward with infrastructure projects to strengthen communities,” said the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “Supporting meaningful projects like this one in Brampton will make a positive difference to the families who live in the community, while also protecting their health and well-being today, and for many years to come.” “A growing city like Brampton needs spaces for families and friends to gather together, build community, and support development,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and Member of Provincial Parliament for Brampton South. “The vision for the expanded Chris Gibson Recreation Centre will help more Bramptonians enjoy all our great city has to offer. By investing to improve facilities and access to community spaces today, we’re helping build a better Brampton for hardworking families tomorrow.” “COVID-19 has created challenges for everyone, including our municipal partners,” said Amarjot Sandhu, Member of Provincial Parliament for Brampton West. “By making this investment of over \$25.5 million in the expansion of Chris Gibson Recreation Centre with a provincial contribution of around \$18.8 million, our government is not only improving critical infrastructure and accessibility, but we are also strengthening local economies, creating jobs and laying the foundation for our long-term recovery in Brampton.” “We welcome today’s infrastructure announcement by the Govern-

ment of Ontario at the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre. These renovations will give residents access to a more modern recreational facility where they can come together to maintain healthy and active lifestyles. Our recreation centres continue to play an important role in our community,” said Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton. Healthy people are essential for a healthy economy. With vaccines being distributed, hope is on the horizon. Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy provides the resources necessary to finish the battle with COVID-19, building on the government’s record investments to protect health and jobs during the global pandemic. **QUICK FACTS** The total expansion of the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre in Brampton will cost approximately \$25 million. Over the next decade, we are investing over \$145 billion in Ontario’s infrastructure, including strategic investments in transit and highways, schools and hospitals. Ontario is investing over \$10.2 billion under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to support public transit; community, culture and recreation; green; rural and northern and other priority infrastructure projects. Across the province and over the next 10 years, Ontario is investing approximately \$320 million and Canada is investing approximately \$407 million under the Community, Culture and Recreation infrastructure stream of the ICIP. This stream supports the construction of new facilities and upgrades to existing facilities that improve community infrastructure (community centres, libraries), recreational venues (arenas, recreational spaces) and cultural spaces (theatres, museums). Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy brings total investments to \$16.3 billion to protect people’s health and \$23.3 billion to protect our economy. Ontario’s COVID-19 action plan support now totals \$51 billion.

## TIME HAS COME TO BRING POPULATION CONTROL LAW FOR INDIA: C-VOTER LIVE TRACKER



BY SANJEEV SHARMA

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** The majority of respondents in the IANS-CVoter Live Tracker say the time has come to bring a population control law for the entire country. The Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh is preparing to bring a population control law in the state. To a question in the survey on do you think the time has come to bring the population control law for the entire country, 52.14 per cent said the time has come to bring population control law for the entire country. On the other hand, 38.03 per cent said there is no need to bring population control laws for the entire country, and such laws should be introduced only in the states with more population. The sample size of the survey is 1,225. CVoterNewsTracker Surveys in India are based on a national representative random probability sample as used in the globally standardised RDD CATI methodology, covering all geographic and demographic segments across all states. This daily live tracker survey is based on interviews of adult (18+) respondents across all socio-economic segments. The data is weighted to the known census profile. The standard margin of error: +/- 3 per cent at National trends and +/- 5 per cent at Regional/ Zonal trends with 95 per cent confidence level. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that the surging petrol prices are 'agitating' people, and given a formula to bring down the fuel price to Rs 60-65/ litre. Gadkari said more use of ethanol would bring respite from increasing petrol price. Following this, 49.6 per cent respondents said Gadkari should be given charge of Petroleum Ministry as well while 34.5 per cent said the new Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh will handle the affairs of the ministry efficiently and effectively. Ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections in different states, while AAP leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced to give free electricity in Uttarakhand, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav has promised free electricity in Uttar Pradesh. To this, 50.29 per cent respondents in the survey said promise of free electricity is becoming a winning formula for elections while 35.28 per cent said no, that a party can't win elections just by the promise of free electricity. As many as 50.92 per cent said providing free electricity affects the revenue of the states, which affects other essential services that are provided to the public. With Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Gurnam Singh Chadhuni's proposal to contest the upcoming Punjab Assembly elections, rejected by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, 54.3 per cent respondents said farmers should launch a political platform and contest the Punjab Assembly elections to carry forward the fight for the rights of the farming community while 35.4 per cent said farmers issues will not be solved by contesting Punjab Assembly elections. The Haryana government has decided to open schools for students of classes 9 to 12 from July 16 even as the threat of the third wave of Corona is not over yet. To a question on do you think in such a situation, schools should be opened now, 47.1 per cent said no, schools should not be opened now while 44.02 per cent said schools should be reopened. After Punjab and Haryana unit of Congress, now infighting is being witnessed in party's Chhattisgarh unit as well, and 48.33 per cent said the Congress leadership is consistently failing to resolve the infighting in state units of the party.



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# SUSPENDED OVER 22,500 ACCOUNTS TWITTER IN 1ST COMPLIANCE REPORT

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** Micro-blogging platform Twitter filed its first grievance redressal report as required under India's new IT norms, wherein the company said that it has suspended 22,564 accounts for "child sexual exploitation and non-consensual nudity" and "promotion of terrorism".

It also said that it has acted against 133 posts over several reasons including harassment and privacy infringement.

The data pertains to the period of May 26, 2021 to June 25, 2021 that included content on Twitter. This includes complaints received from individual users with accompanying court orders, it said.

"We receive complaints in our Grievance Officer - India channel that relate to account verification, account access, or seeking assistance or information regarding an account or Twitter's enforcement actions that are not included in the data below. The majority of complaints received in this channel during this reporting period fell into these categories," the report said. "In addition to the above data, we pro-

cessed 56 grievances which were appealing Twitter account suspensions. These were all resolved and the appropriate responses were sent. We overturned 7 of the account suspensions based on the specifics of the situation, but the other accounts remain suspended."

Further, Twitter has also appointed Vinay Prakash as its Resident Grievance Officer (RGO) for the country.

The micro-blogging site had informed the Delhi High Court last week that it will take eight weeks to appoint a resident grievance officer in compliance with the new IT rules.

Prakash comes with a public policy background and will work towards easing off the ongoing tensions between Twitter and the IT ministry, which now has a new minister in Ashwini Vaishnaw who made it clear on day one that Twitter has to follow the law of the land. On its portal, Twitter has updated the grievance officer contact information for users in India, naming Prakash as its RGO and providing an email contact ID.

## Big decision in RSS: Arun Kumar to be pointman for BJP

**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** The liaison and coordination between the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the BJP will now be headed by Sah Sarkaryavah (Joint General Secretary) Arun Kumar.

Till now this responsibility was being looked after by Sah Sarkaryavah Krishna Gopal. Another important change has taken place in the RSS as Pradeep Joshi, the regional pracharak of Odisha and Bengal, has been given the responsibility of All India Co-Sampark Pramukh. This decision was taken in the ongoing All India Pracharak meeting of RSS in Chitrakoot. A senior RSS functionary gave information about these appointments in a conversation with IANS. Actually, there has been a change of leadership in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak last March. In the meeting of All India Pratidinhi Sabha held in March, Dattatreya Hosabale was elected as the new Assistant Secretary General after Suresh Baiyyaji Joshi was relieved. At that time Hosabale also announced his new team. Since then it was believed that the new face might get a chance in



place of Sah Sarkaryavah (Joint General Secretary) Krishna Gopal, who is looking after the responsibility of coordination between the Sangh and the BJP. There was speculation that Hosabale would hand over this responsibility to a co-sarkaryavah in the new team. Meanwhile, in the ongoing Chitrakoot meeting in the presence of Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat, Arun Kumar was elected on Sunday for the responsibility of liaising with the BJP from the Sangh. Significantly, Arun Kumar was elected as Sah Sarkaryavah in March itself. Now he will also have the responsibility of coordination between the Sangh and the BJP. The responsibility of coordination between the BJP and the Sangh is considered very crucial. The opinion of the liaison officer of the Sangh gets a lot of importance on every issue related to the BJP. This was the reason that many decisions of Krishna Gopal were also important in the BJP's politics. Sources say that the Sangh communicates its intention to the BJP leadership only through the liaison officer.

## Free electricity becoming a winning formula for elections: C-Voter Live Tracker

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## KILLER PRICES: HIGH INFLATION DENTS SAVINGS, THREATENS RECOVERY (FORECAST)

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In terms of households, the 6 per cent plus inflation rate has dented the household savings rate which was already eroded due to wage cuts and job losses. The latest data from the Reserve Bank of India indicates that there has been a sequential decline in household savings as a percentage of GDP in Q3FY21 from the highs of Q1 or Q2. The preliminary estimate of household financial savings is placed at 8.2 per cent of GDP in Q3 2020-21. The moderation was driven by a significant weakening in the flow of household financial assets, which more than offset the moderation in the flow of household financial liabilities. The moderation of household savings is also a direct result of falling bank interest rates, even with inflation remaining high. This

Kejriwal in a visit to Dehradun, the capital of Uttarakhand on Sunday, made three promises – free electricity up to 300 units for every household, old electricity bills will be waived off completely, free electricity for agriculture purposes and the fourth and the last – zero power cut in Uttarakhand, if his party (AAP) forms the government in the state. AAP's announcement came around a week after the state's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) promised to provide free electricity up to 100 units per day and for above the people have to pay only 50 per cent of their total electricity. Having an experimented formula to provide subsidized power for the last six years in Delhi, Kejriwal explained how 300 units of electricity can be given for free to the people of Uttarakhand. Replying to queries of reporters in Dehradun, the AAP head said: "We have not made these announcements just out of the air, we have made a calculated estimate for this. Uttarakhand's annual budget is around Rs 50,000 crore, of which only Rs 1,200 crore will be the cost for subsidised electricity."

actually means that an individual savings in bank is not yielding any positive value but is only covering for inflation meaning you are actually dissaving by putting money in banks. Similarly, economic activity has been largely hampered due to the fact that Reserve Bank's ability to loosen the monetary policy further gets curtailed in the face of such high inflation numbers. One of the worst hit of high inflation has also been the MSME sector as higher inflation has pushed up war material prices increasing the overall price of products and making it uncompetitive in the global markets. The increase in costs of raw materials is affecting the MSMEs which are already struggling because of pandemic impact and squeezed working capital, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Sanjay Aggarwal said earlier.

## AFTER PUNJAB, AAP PROMISES 300 UNITS OF FREE POWER IN UTTARAKHAND

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AAP's national convener and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, during his visit to Dehradun on Sunday, made four promises - free electricity up to 300 units for every household per month, old electricity bills to be waived completely, free electricity for agriculture purposes and the fourth and the last - zero power cut in Uttarakhand, if his party (AAP) forms government in the State. AAP's announcement came a week after ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) promised to provide free electricity up to 100 units per month and 50 per cent subsidy on total electricity used above 100 units. Having an experimented formula to provide subsidised power for the last six years in Delhi, Kejriwal explained how 300 units of electricity can be given for free to the people of Uttarakhand. Replying to queries of press reporters in Dehradun, AAP head said, "We have not made these announcements just like that, we have made a calculated estimate for this. Uttarakhand's annual budget is around Rs 50,000 crore, of which only Rs 1,200 crore will cost for subsidised electricity." He continued to justify his claim, adding that Delhi's annual budget is around Rs 60,000, of which 2,200 crore is being spent to provide subsidised electricity to the people of the national capital. "Uttarakhand itself generates electricity and also sells it to other states. Then why is electricity so expensive for the people of Uttarakhand? Delhi does not generate its own electricity and buys it from other states. Still, electricity in Delhi is free. Shouldn't the people of Uttarakhand get free electricity?" Kejriwal said. Kejriwal-led AAP seems to be leaving no stone unturned to get a foothold in Uttarakhand, highlighting development works the party claims to have done in Delhi in the span of the last six years and promising the same in poll bound Uttarakhand, which so far has been ruled either by the BJP or the Congress. However, the AAP did not announce the name of chief ministerial candidate for Uttarakhand. "We will announce AAP's chief minister's face for Uttarakhand soon. I will come soon here with some more promises," Kejriwal added.

## REVIEW PROCESS BEGINS FOR WHO LISTING OF COVAXIN: BHARAT BIOTECH

**HYDERABAD, (IANS)** Bharat Biotech on Monday said that it has submitted all documents to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for Emergency Use Listing (EUL) of its Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin and the review process has commenced.

Bharat Biotech Chairman and Managing Director Krishna Ella said all documents required for EUL of Covaxin have been submitted to WHO as of July 9. "The review process has now commenced with the expectation that we will receive EUL from WHO at the earliest," he said. The Hyderabad-based company had said in May that that application for EUL was submitted to WHO-Geneva and regulatory approvals are expected by July-September 2021. On June 30, the vaccine maker announced that it is working closely with the WHO for inclusion of Covaxin in its EUL. "Approval from WHO is not expected to be a long-drawn process as the cell line and majority of our facilities have already been audited and approved by WHO for our other vaccines in the past," it had said. "We are a step closer to the final decision on Covaxin's global acceptance, as the rolling data is slated to begin in July 2021," it added. The company claims that with 10 scientific publications in 12 months, Covaxin is one of the very few vaccines to have extensive data published in globally-renowned peer-reviewed journals.

## WHATSAPP TOES GOVT'S LINE, TELLS DELHI HIGH COURT WON'T ENFORCE PRIVACY POLICY



**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** WhatsApp on Friday accepted that "the government is the administrator" in its case and informed the Delhi High Court that it will put its privacy policy update "on hold" until the Data Protection Bill came into force.

This is a significant development after the new Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made it crystal clear within minutes of taking charge that the "law of the land is supreme" and no one can afford to disrespect it.

WhatsApp's counsel also accepted that its commitment is "we need to fit in the law".

Senior advocate Harish Salve, representing WhatsApp, submitted before a bench comprising Chief Justice D.N. Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh, "We will not enforce it until the Data Protection Bill will come out. In our case the government is the administrator of the rules...we said okay, we will wait till the Bill."

Salve also informed that the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has communicated to WhatsApp that it feels that its privacy policy is against the Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures and Sensitive Personal Data or Information), Rules 2011.

## TREATMENT FOR NON-COVID PATIENTS HIT AMIDST FOCUS ON COVID IN INDIA: STUDY



**NEW DELHI, (IANS)** The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant effect on most spheres of clinical practice, including the outpatient attendance and elective surgeries, revealed a study by a team at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital here on Friday.

The team conducted an observational study on 6,77,237 cases (599,281 outpatient and 77,956 hospital admissions) and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on various medical and surgical specialties for the entire duration, since the onset of the pandemic, and compared it with the preceding pre-pandemic period (June 1, 2019-March 31, 2020). The findings, published in the Indian Journal of Medical Sciences, showed that attendance of both new and follow-up cases dropped by 57.65 per cent. The outpatient cases attendance saw a significant reduction of 89.2 per cent, followed by a reduction of 80.75 per cent in surgical work.

## 6-TIME FORMER HIMACHAL CM VIRBHADRA SINGH PASSES AWAY, LEAVES BEHIND RICH POLITICAL LEGACY



**SHIMLA, (IANS)** Congress veteran and six-time Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh passed away on early Thursday at the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMCH) here after a three-month-long battle with post-Covid complications, doctors said. He was 87. IGMCH Senior Medical Superintendent Janak Raj said that Virbhadra Singh died at 3.40 a.m., was the sitting legislator from Arki in Solan district, once the pocket borough of the BJP. He had twice recovered from Covid-19. He had suffered from a heart attack on July 5 and was in the critical care unit of the IGMCH. Later, he was put on a ventilator after he had a breathing problem. His cremation is likely to take place at his native place Rampur. Popularly known as 'Raja Saab' as he was born here into the erstwhile princely state of Bushahr, Virbhadra Singh was in active politics for over 50 years. In the last decade of his political career, he was a regular target of the top BJP leadership, who pointed to his being out on bail and facing corruption charges during the time he was the Union Steel Minister 2009-11.





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# EMBLEM’S ARTE RESIDENCES ARE COMING... VERY SOON



**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 add 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 14 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. 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 Jiwni, Director of Real Estate at EMBLEM.



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