

CHIEF NISHAN DURAIAPPAH BRINGS MAJOR CHANGES IN PEEL POLICE




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PEEL REGIONAL POLICE CHIEF NISHAN DURAIAPPAH WITH YUDHVIR JASWAL (GROUP EDITOR - Y MEDIA GROUP) - FILE PHOTO

PUNJAB ASSEMBLY PASSES 3 BILLS AGAINST CENTRE'S FARM LAWS

BY - POOJA LUTHRA

The Punjab Legislative Assembly has negated the Central govt. farm laws by passing seven amendment Bills unanimously on Tuesday and Wednesday. Punjab's Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh addressed the House in a three-day assembly session with a resolution to reject the three farm laws. "We reject the three agriculture laws as well as the Electricity Amendment Bill 2020. These laws are against the interests of the farmers of Punjab, Haryana, and western UP. The House unanimously rejects these three laws and the proposed amendment," he said.

The Bills, passed after an over five-hour discussion, aim to amend the Farmers Agreement and Farm Services Act, Farmers Produce Facilitation Act, the Civil Procedure Code, and the Essential Commodities Act.

"The Bills (Farm Bills) have become an Act at the Parliament but Vidhan Sabha unanimously rejected those Acts. We have adopted a resolution and have come here together. We gave copies of the resolution to the Governor and requested him to approve it," Singh said.

"It first goes to Governor, then to President. If it does not happen then we have legal methods too. I hope the Governor approves it because it is unanimous," he said. The Assembly also requested an ordinance to protect the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and set up a vigilance commission in the state on the lines of Central Vigilance Commission.

The resolution backed by the opposition parties, including the Aam Admi Party, MLAs of Lok Insaaf Party, and Shiromani Akali Dal, excluded the BJP. Singh said the coming together of all the parties is a good thing for the state as "Punjab's future and national security are both at stake."

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the govt. would plan in the interest



of the farmers and would carefully consider the resolution. Singh appealed to the farmers to call off their Rail Roko agitation and carry out their protests through dharnas, which was their democratic right, as mentioned in the press release. Mr Tomar said, "BJP led Central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to the benefit of farmers and that's why they have brought the Farm Acts." "I came to know that Punjab Assembly has passed a resolution in relation with Agriculture Acts. The Central government under the leadership of PM Modi will deliberate on the resolution when it will come to the government even though I believe what reforms we have bought in the interest of farmers cannot be compared," he added.

CITY OF BRAMPTON MAINTAINS STRONG AAA CREDIT RATING FOR 2020

BRAMPTON: Yesterday, S&P Global Ratings (S&P) affirmed the City of Brampton's Triple 'A' rating for 2020, the highest credit rating a municipality can receive, with a stable outlook. According to S&P, the rating reflects the City's robust economy and financial management practices, which will support its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE ONTARIO INVESTS \$176 MILLION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

Ontario government has announced to invest \$176 million to generate awareness and build a modern and comprehensive mental health and addiction system on Oct. 7, 2020. "Today's ongoing investment not only delivers on our government's historic commitment to invest billions in mental health over 10 years, but it will also provide care for thousands of people, including frontline health workers and first responders, who need such critical supports during these challenging times," Ontario Premier Doug Ford said in a press conference.



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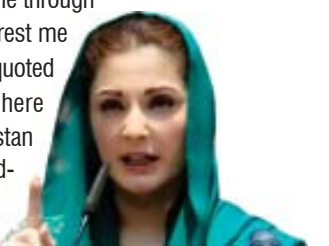
PUNJAB VIDHAN SABHA SESSION'S LIVE TELECAST STOPS THE MOMENT NAVJOT SIDHU BEGINS HIS SPEECH

CHANDIGARH: In an interesting observation, only the Live telecast of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was aired on the Day Two of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha special session. The moment Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu, who spoke after the Chief Minister, stood up to speak, the Live telecast ended abruptly on the Facebook page and other social media platforms of the Punjab government.



PAKISTAN: MARYAM NAWAZ CLAIMS HUSBAND'S ARREST WAS TO DIVIDE ANTI-GOVT ALLIANCE

PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz has claimed that the arrest of her husband and former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's son-in-law retired Captain Mohammad Safdar, was aimed at dividing the opposition's anti-government alliance. "Don't blackmail me through my family and people around me. Come arrest me if you have courage," The Express Tribune quoted Maryam Nawaz as saying at a presser here where she was flanked by other the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) alliance's leaders, including Maulana Fazlur Rehman of JUI-F and Raja Pervaiz Ashraf of PPP.



FAKE TRP SCAM: NAMES OF 2 MORE TV CHANNELS CROP UP DURING PROBE



The names of two more TV channels have surfaced during the investigation of alleged fake Television Rating Points (TRP) scam, police said on Wednesday. While one is a news channel, the other one is an entertainment channel, the official said. "During the investigation, it came to light that these two channels were also involved in fixing the TRP by paying money to households for watching them," he said. "While investigating the fake TRP racket, the police have added fresh sections of IPC, including 174, 179, 201, 204," he said.

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AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT DONATES 20K LBS FOOD TO MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK



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Life with Autism: From diagnosis to treatment to planning for a brighter future



You never forget the date your child is diagnosed with a lifelong condition. My daughter Heera was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) on November 22, 2017, a date that forever changed our life. A few months before her second birthday, we noticed she wasn't reaching several milestones expected at her age. Our family visited our pediatrician to discuss and inquire about the signs we noticed. Heera was having a difficult time hearing us, she was often distracted, and there was a lack of eye contact and name recognition. As a parent, there are certain gut feelings you can't shake off. We knew there was something different in her behaviour that we needed to address. After several assessments with our pediatrician, we were referred to ErinoakKids, a centre for child development. We had spent almost a year lost, with a lack of answers and more than our fair share of confusion and frustration. We were at a loss in what next steps to take to give Heera the right opportunities to help her live her best life as a kid. This all changed when we met with the staff at ErinoakKids. Talking to the staff lifted a weight off our shoulders. They walked us through a personalized plan made for Heera. Our family has been involved every step of the way and in all major decisions to support Heera's development. ErinoakKids provided Heera with speech therapy sessions where she developed eye contact, learned language through scripting, improved her communication skills, and became more socially interactive with other children, which has been so rewarding to watch. We have received services through the Essential Foundations program that gave us access to a clinician who visited our home twice a week and worked with Heera to strengthen her skills in the environment she was most comfortable in - our home. Even now, she continues to receive support as she is currently enrolled in the ABA classroom where she is able to learn group readiness skills and build on the skills she previously learned. The group setting promotes socialization and her ability to generalize her skills to her peers. Personalized visits from our clinician and supportive conversations with the staff have given us, as parents, the critical and developmental skills we need to support Heera in our everyday routines at home and outside. Throughout our journey, ErinoakKids has felt like our extended family, there with us every step of the way. With the COVID-19 pandemic, they've offered us contactless Virtual Care support online or safe and distanced on-site support at their centre. We recently chose to resume services in centre, and Heera has loved being back on site to see her clinician and her friends, in a safe manner. Heera's communication skills have excelled due to her early diagnosis, her enrollment at ErinoakKids and getting her the right support. We are grateful for the passionate clinicians and therapists, who have provided a safe haven for Heera and thousands of other children who need the support and resources to help them succeed in life. Because of ErinoakKids, Heera's future is so much brighter.



BOOKING A COVID-19 TEST AT AN OSLER TESTING CENTRE

William Osler Health System is now offering **online** and **phone** booking to anyone who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 test.



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Osler's COVID-19, Cold and Flu Clinic at Peel Memorial (20 Lynch St., Brampton) is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., to patients who meet the COVID-19 testing criteria and those who have symptoms and want to see a doctor.

If you have severe symptoms or require emergency care, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1 or go to your nearest EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



ALI IBRAHIMOV WORKS ON THE RUINS OF HIS HOME, WHICH WAS HIT BY A ROCKET, IN THE CITY OF GANJA IN AZERBAIJAN. (REUTERS)

Armenia-Azerbaijan ceasefire fails again, thanks to Pakistan, Turkey

With Pakistan and Turkey's meddling in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, the second ceasefire between Azerbaijan and Armenia also collapsed within hours after coming into effect on Sunday. Over 700 Armenians and an unknown number of Azerbaijani people have been killed since September 27 when the worst fight in decades broke out between the Christian-dominated Armenia and the Shia Muslim-dominated Azerbaijan. The Russia-brokered ceasefire has failed twice in the last three weeks.

Sources told IANS that the truce is unable to sustain because of the support extended to Azerbaijan's despotic ruler Ilham Aliyev by Turkey and Pakistan. Amid the disintegration of the USSR, Armenians who inhabited Nagorno-Karabakh in a war took control of the region and seven surrounding districts of Azerbaijan. Though Russia managed to bring both sides to a truce in 1994, the dispute has remained unresolved. Turkey and Pakistan have come out in support of Azerbaijan in a significant way in the dispute, sources said.

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Highlights

S&P states factors contributing to the City's strong credit rating, include:

- * Exceptional liquidity position, with debt service coverage stronger than that of peers.
- * Good socioeconomic and demographic characteristics, with a younger-than-national average population and healthy population growth, proximity to major markets, and competitive tax rates that attract new businesses and employment opportunities to the area.
- * Easy-to-access disclosure to pertinent information, and detailed operating and capital budgets.

The stable outlook rating reflects S&P's expectation that Brampton's economy will regain momentum in the next two years as COVID-19 restrictions ease, supporting the City's strong budgetary performance and healthy liquidity position.

Quotes

*Over the last two years, our Council has taken action to uphold the City's sound financial management practices. The first in nearly 20 years, we delivered a tax freeze and managed to maintain it for two consecutive years, while making record contributions to reserves. We

also conducted a value for money audit that found \$9.3 million in savings, and identified \$10.5 million for further review. We will continue to take efforts that support Brampton being a Well-Run City, and help drive our recovery from the pandemic."

- Patrick Brown, Mayor, City of Brampton

"Our efforts prior to the onset of the pandemic strengthened the City's reserves and helped solidify our financial standing, even in the face of the unprecedented challenges we see today. As one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, located on the Innovation Corridor, Brampton remains a key growth hub that nurtures talent and diversity."

- Harkirat Singh, City Councillor, Wards 9 & 10; Chair, Corporate Services, City of Brampton

"We have strived to keep the City running efficiently through carefully balancing costs while modernizing our operations. To continue moving Brampton forward and better support our residents, businesses and investors, especially as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19 we remain committed to prioritizing service and financial excellence."

- David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton

TAIWAN'S \$2.3 BILLION INVESTMENT CREATED NEARLY 65,000 JOBS IN INDIA: FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH WU TELLS WION

Joseph Wu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of China (Taiwan), has said that the country's investment in India stands around \$2.3 billion and around 65,000 Indians have been given employment through it, adding that it will continue to do so. Talking to WION's Executive Editor Palki Sharma Upadhyay, the minister spoke about the growing friendship between the two countries. "The total amount of Taiwanese investment in India now stands around USD2.3 billion and our investment in India has employed roughly 65,000 Indian people; these are good quality jobs and we will continue to do that," he continued. Speaking about the relationship, he said the Taiwan government, since 2016, is looking forward to improving the friendship between the two countries — be it people-to-people relations or trade policies. In the area of healthcare, agriculture, technical and education exchanges with each other, he has seen "tremendous progress". He also talked about the increasing Taiwanese investment in India since 2016. "In 2018, we sealed an agreement with India — a bilateral investment — and that is very important for the bilateral economic relations. And we have seen, Taiwan's investment in India has been increasing."

Detailing on how can the relationship between the two countries be further improved, he said, "If the Indian government is interested in improving the economic and trade relations with Taiwan even further, an FTA or similar to FTA type of arrangement between Taiwan and India will certainly improve our economic relations", hinting towards the world's economic distancing from China. He also added that many of the Taiwanese investors are now shifting from China to India.

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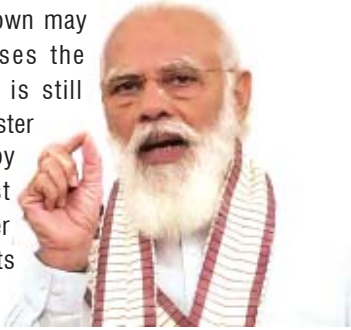
According to the official, the police had earlier registered an offence under section 409 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 120(B), 34 of IPC in the case, he said adding the crime branch submitted the letter to the court about adding new sections. Earlier three channels, including Republic TV, was found allegedly involved in the TRP racket. Meanwhile the probe team on Wednesday once again recorded statements of Republic TV CFO S Sundaram and executive editor Niranjan Narayanswami, he said. The alleged fake TRP scam came to light when ratings agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) filed a complaint with the police through Hansa Research Group, alleging that certain channels were rigging TRP numbers to lure advertisers. It was alleged that some families at whose houses meters for collecting data of viewership were installed were being bribed to tune into a particular channel.

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM JAMA'AT DONATES 20K LBS FOOD TO MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Mississauga has always been at the forefront of supporting Mississauga Food Bank. Since the election of our present Mayor of Mississauga, Her Worship Mayor Bonnie Crombie, AMJ Mississauga has been supporting Mississauga Food Bank each year by donating food as well as funds for this noble cause. During the visit of His Holiness, Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Worldwide head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to Canada in 2016, the Mayor of Mississauga visited His Holiness and met him at our headquarters in Vaughan. The then Local President of Mississauga Jama'at and myself were also present. During their meeting, the Mayor informed His Holiness about the support she had received from Mississauga Jama'at for the food bank. On hearing this, His Holiness told the Mayor that the Jama'at will double the funds and food from next year. The Jama'at has therefore, been providing funds and food to Mississauga Food Bank each year as per the directions of our beloved Imam. This year, we provided \$15,000/- and 20,000 lbs of food. The Mayor has always appreciated the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at. As done in previous years, the Mayor also visited our Baitul Hamd Mosque in Mississauga on the morning of Monday October 19, 2020 to thank the Jama'at personally for this noble cause. A number of members from the Jama'at also participated in the event. The Mayor made some remarks and thanked the community for the much needed help this year and spoke about the affect of Covid-19 and the positive impact the food Bank will have. Overall collection of Food came up to around 22,000 pounds and the cheque in the amount of \$15,000 will be presented in the next couple of days.

'LOCKDOWN MAY BE OVER BUT COVID-19 IS STILL AROUND': PM MODI IN ADDRESS TO NATION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the countrymen should not forget that the lockdown may be over but the virus that causes the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) is still around as he addressed the nation. "It has been a long journey from Janta Curfew to now. Economic activities are also increasing. Many people have started going out of their houses. The festival season is around and markets too have been full of buzz," said PM Modi. "But we must not forget that the lockdown may be over but the virus that causes the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) is still around," he added. The prime minister then highlighted the strides made by the country in the battle against Covid-19, but said that the number of cases are increasing in other parts of the world. He asked the people of the country to be careful.



HOW TRUMP PLOWED THROUGH USD 1 BILLION, LOSING CASH ADVANTAGE

President Donald Trump's sprawling political operation has raised well over USD 1 billion since he took the White House in 2017 — and set a lot of it on fire. Trump bought a USD 10 million Super Bowl ad when he didn't yet have a challenger. He tapped his political organisation to cover exorbitant legal fees related to his impeachment. Aides made flashy displays of their newfound wealth — including a fleet of luxury vehicles purchased by Brad Parscale, his former campaign manager. Meanwhile, a web of limited liability companies hid more than USD 310 million in spending from disclosure, records show. Now, just two weeks out from the election, some campaign aides privately acknowledge they are facing difficult spending decisions at a time when Democratic nominee Joe Biden has flooded the airwaves with advertising.



RAHUL GANDHI CALLS KAMAL NATH'S "ITEM" REMARK INAPPROPRIATE, FORMER CM REFUSES TO APOLOGISE

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has refused to apologise for his controversial "item" jibe at BJP leader Imarti Devi. The senior Congress leader said that he has already explained in what context the remarks were made. The defiance from Kamal Nath comes despite former party president Rahul Gandhi calling the statement 'inappropriate'. While speaking to the media Kamal Nath said, "It is Rahul Gandhi's opinion. I have already clarified the context in which I made that statement... Why should I apologise when I did not intend to insult anyone? If anyone felt insulted, I have already expressed regret," Kamal Nath said.



CHINA WARNS INDIA ON TRADING WITH TAIWAN, SLAMS US-TIBET GOVT-IN-EXILE MEETING



India should remain committed to the one-China principle and deal with Taiwan prudently, Beijing warned on Tuesday following a media report that New Delhi could open trade talks with Taiwan, which the mainland considers a breakaway region. The Chinese foreign ministry also slammed a meeting of the newly appointed US officer for Tibetan affairs with the head of Tibet's government-in-exile. "There is only 'One-China' in the world and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China. One-China principle is a universal consensus of the international community, including India," ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said at a regular briefing. Zhao was reacting to a Bloomberg report which indicated that India could begin trade talks with Taiwan.

CHINA PASSES NEW EXPORT-CONTROL LAW RESTRICTING SENSITIVE EXPORTS

China passed a law restricting exports of controlled items, allowing the government to act against countries that abuse export controls in a way that harm's China's interests, state media said. The Xinhua news report late on Saturday did not name any target countries, but the United States last month angered Beijing with curbs on exports to Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp, China's biggest chipmaker, and it has taken various steps against Huawei Technologies Co and other companies. China and the United States have clashed over issues including trade, human rights, technology and the new coronavirus, which was first detected in China. The new Chinese law, passed on Saturday by the National People's Congress Standing Committee, the country's top legislative body, will take effect on Dec 1, Xinhua said. Controlled items include military and nuclear products, as well as other goods, technologies and services and relevant data, according to a statement on the National People's Congress website.





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ONTARIO MAKING GOVERNMENT SERVICES MORE CONVENIENT, RELIABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE

TORONTO — The Ontario government released an action plan to make government services simpler, easier to use, and more convenient and accessible during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government includes more than 30 projects that will improve the way people and businesses interact with government, saving them both time and money.

Details were provided today by Premier Doug Ford and Peter Bethlenfalvy, President of the Treasury Board and Chair of the Future State Modernization Committee, a newly established Cabinet committee working to bring major changes to the functions of government in response to COVID-19.

"From the big banks down to family-owned restaurants, Ontario's business owners have had to adapt to meet the needs of customers during COVID-19, and government is no exception," said Premier Ford. "The fight against COVID-19 has accelerated our progress to bring more government services online, reduce the amount of paperwork and red tape for individuals and businesses, and ensure we can procure supplies more efficiently, whether it's personal protective equipment or online learning tools for students."

The Action Plan is a roadmap to make public sector services more customer-focused and digital- and data-driven, while increasing the speed of government operations and decision-making. Through it the government is focusing on:

Making government services more digitally accessible, such as providing new and improved digital health solutions to frontline care personnel, so they can rapidly and securely access a patient's health records from anywhere and from any device.

Reducing red tape and simplifying policies while protecting public health and safety, such as reducing barriers to development and construction approval by allowing a digital application process to get shovels in the ground faster on transit and housing projects.

Improving government purchasing by leveraging the combined bulk-buying power of the province, while taking advantage of the world-class capabilities of local Ontario businesses, to transform how the government purchases goods and services, so the province can have the supplies it needs.

Creating more responsible and flexible public services, such as re-designing core internal processes or permit applications, so citizens can get what they need faster and easier, such as driver's licences and health cards.

"The world has changed, and government must change with it. Building on what we've learned, we are undertaking an across-the-board modernization of the entire government," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "This includes major efforts to expand the range of programs and services available online and simplify the government's role in people's lives and their businesses. Our aim is to put the people at the center of everything we do."

One of the projects identified in the Action Plan is developing a digital identity, based on digital wallet technology. Starting in January 2021, the government will consult with industry on how the province could introduce a secure digital identity for Ontarians by the end of 2021, allowing citizens to safely verify their identity, online or in person. A digital identity will make life easier and more convenient, while protecting people's data and helping to combat identity fraud. For example, using a digital identity:

A senior could check in to a doctor's appointment online. This touchless registration would support COVID-19 safety protocols;

A small business owner could cut through red tape by registering for licences and permits and opening accounts online; or

A student could skip a trip to the bank to open their first account by verifying their ID online.

More details about each of the projects are included in the Action Plan and will be announced in the coming weeks and months.

POLICE AND HEALTH CARE PARTNERS LAUNCH NEW PROTOCOL TO HELP PEOPLE IN CRISIS

BRAMPTON/ETOBICOKE – A new protocol developed by local police and health care partners will launch today to benefit patients and positively impact the delivery of services by the partner organizations.

The Peel Region Police-Hospital Transfer Protocol is an agreement between William Osler Health System (Osler), Peel Regional Police, Peel Regional Paramedic Services, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin Branch, and Ontario Provincial Police Caledon Detachment. The agreement outlines the steps each organization will take to support persons who are experiencing a mental health or addictions-related crisis when accompanied to Osler's Emergency Departments by police under the Mental Health Act.

This new Protocol enhances collaboration and coordination among the partners to improve the overall experience of patients, hospital, police and paramedic staff. It supports the health and safety of those involved when patients are transferred from police care to hospital workers, while also promoting public safety. The procedures and practices implemented through the Protocol also aim to reduce police wait times in Osler's Emergency Departments by enabling a faster transfer of patients when appropriate, leading to more effective use of police and hospital resources. "This Protocol will allow us all to work together to better assist persons in crisis while using our resources more effectively," says Chief Nishan Duraipapp, Peel Regional Police. "Peel Regional Police is proud to implement a Protocol that is based on best practices associated with mental health, human rights, policing and privacy."

The Protocol will also better connect people experiencing a crisis with the appropriate community mental health and addictions services to meet needs, as well as support improved outcomes after they transition out of the hospital. "Osler provides care to a growing number of patients who are experiencing mental health and addictions-related crisis, and by developing a more collaborative approach to care delivery we can better serve these patients and enable easier access to the supports they may need after they leave our hospitals," says Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President & CEO, William Osler Health System. "Through our collective efforts, we are proud to develop a protocol that will help address stigma and misperceptions about people living with mental illness and addiction."

Through creation of the Protocol, the partners are building upon the substantial work that has already been undertaken to enhance the delivery of mental health and addictions services in the Region – at both the hospital and community level. Earlier this year, Peel Regional Police and CMHA Peel Dufferin Branch partnered to launch the Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (MCRRT) program, which pairs police officers and crisis workers to respond to mental health emergencies reported through 911 calls. Through this initiative, crisis workers are able to provide an on-site assessment of the client, referring that person when appropriate to community-based services rather than transporting them to an Emergency Department. "This new Protocol is a positive step in reducing the role of police in providing a health care response and improves the experience of people needing mental health support. It complements the work of our Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team program, which has led to a decrease in police apprehension rates from 70% to 24% when a crisis worker is present," said David Smith, CEO, Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin. "We are very proud to be involved in this partnership to improve mental health care."

STAY SAFE AND FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE THIS HALLOWEEN

TORONTO — Today, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued the following statement detailing public health advice for Halloween this year:

"As Ontarians begin to prepare for Halloween this year, I'd like to remind everyone to take extra precautions to ensure you are keeping yourself and your families safe.

Given the high transmission of COVID-19 in the modified Stage 2 public health unit regions of Ottawa, Peel, Toronto and York Region, traditional door-to-door trick or treating is not recommended and people should consider alternative ways to celebrate. This can include, but is not limited to:

Encouraging kids to dress up and participate in virtual activities and parties;

Organizing a Halloween candy hunt with people living in their own household;

Carving pumpkins;

Having a movie night or sharing scary stories; and

Decorating front lawns.

It is recommended that you also check with your local municipality or public health unit for any additional advice or restrictions that may be in place. It is also critical that families not travel outside of their neighbourhood to celebrate Halloween.

To have a safe and happy Halloween, Ontarians should follow some simple steps:

Avoid gatherings with people outside of your household;

Stay home if you are feeling ill, even if you have mild symptoms, or if you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19;

If you live outside the modified Stage 2 public health unit regions and are going to go out to trick or treat:

Only go out with members of your household;

Only trick or treat outside;

Both trick or treaters and people handing out candy should wear a face covering. A costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering and should not be worn over a face covering as it may make it difficult to breathe;

Do not congregate or linger at doorsteps and remember to line up two metres apart if waiting. Avoid high-touch surfaces and objects; Whether collecting or handing out treats, wash your hands often and thoroughly, or use hand sanitizer; and

Do not leave treats in a bucket or bowl for children to grab and consider using tongs or other similar tools to hand out treats.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are in a second wave of COVID-19. There have been increases in cases in many areas across the province, and the percentage of people tested who get a positive result is going up.

The severity of this second wave is in our hands. Through our collective efforts, we can change the outcome of this new outbreak. That is why it remains critical to continue following these important actions everyday in order to protect your health and stop the spread of COVID-19, including:

Limit trips outside of home, except for essential purposes such as work where it is not possible to work from home, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and outdoor healthy physical activity;

Stay home if you feel ill or have symptoms even if they are mild;

Maintain physical distancing of at least two metres with those outside your household;

Wear a face covering indoors in workplaces, businesses and facilities, and wear one outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained or if wearing one is required;

Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly;

Follow social gathering and organized public event limits;

Download the COVID Alert mobile app;

If you are concerned you were exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms, take the online COVID-19 self-assessment; and

Get tested if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or if you have been advised of exposure by your local public health unit or through COVID Alert. Visit Ontario.ca/covidtest to find the nearest testing location."



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Chief Nishan Duraiappah brings major changes in Peel Police

BY - POOJA LUTHRA

Peel Regional Police Chief, Nishan Duraiappah, who sworn in on Oct. 2, 2020, has completed a year of providing his remarkable service to the community. Peel Police has also signed a historic agreement to create legally binding policies to end racial discrimination. Y Media’s Group Editor, Yudhvir Jaswal, spoke to him on what accomplishments he has achieved till now, his stance on the increasing rate of crimes and what the future looks like. Read on.

Yudhvir Jaswal: We did hear from you that these are your plans when you took over as the chief in the first year. Can you highlight any of those things that you have accomplished?

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah: The first thing we recognize is there is an opportunity to improve how we look after my own people. And I say, if you are good on the inside, we're good on the outside. The second is we wanted to make sure we remain a modern community policing move to new strategies. And the third is innovation technology. So, I went to the police services board and we told them that this is it. We hired new deputy chiefs. We also completely took the organizational structure, and we turned it upside down and changed it. We put the emphasis back on our front line people in the community and on some big crime issues, traffic safety issues, youth issues, intimate partner violence and guns and gangs. And then we committed to it. We did a service delivery review, got a consultant to come in and look at it from top to bottom, what we need to do for facilities, strategy, resources. We also created a dedicated 50 person intimate partner violence unit. This year, our officers started a mental health crisis response, Guns and Gangs initiative. Then, we are beginning a body-worn camera and digital evidence management strategy, CCTV business intelligence. And then we are also daily making sure our frontline officers have the resources and tools they need so that they can better serve the public. So, all this in one year is more change in this place has had in a long time.

Yudhvir Jaswal: There are many things that you just mentioned, and it is a historic change, especially after whatever happened in the US. There was a lot of outrage after that. You have signed an agreement with Ontario Human Rights Commission.What do you feel about this?

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah:So we know a lot has happened in the community and we know that many systems have gaps that we can close, and barriers that we can remove so that we can serve the public and our members better. And that happens in the health system, the school system, the judicial system, and policing. And with all those activities that I just told you we are doing over this last year, we also need to show the public that I also am thoughtful and

want to make a change. I must look at my policies, my procedures, and my framework to make sure that there are no gaps. And if I do not do that, I want the public to know that they can hold me accountable. We went one step further and engaged on behalf of the Police Services Board, and this is a real commitment. It is the same way we are committing to get rid of gang violence, gun violence, human trafficking, you know, cyber crimes, the carjacking, and the youth-based offenses.

Yudhvir Jaswal: There is a perception in the residents that rate of crimes has increased in Peel. What is your take on that?

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah: People's perception is their reality, and we can never discount how people feel. What we can do is to make sure that we know, and we hear this. We had so many homicides last year in gang violence, we made it a focus this year. Last year, we had over 30 homicides. This year, thankfully, we are only 14 and the shootings are high because our officers have gone and seized one hundred and seventy-five guns off the street. We have some big projects. We hear people are concerned about drag racing street racing, and therefore we have done some big projects. Despite that, things do happen. We do see the tragic loss of lives in accidents by violent crime, but we want the public to know they have the best investigative teams and officers that are working 24/7. But during the pandemic, we have seen lots of things reduce. We have not seen the bank robberies as much and, the violent the shootings have not been as bad as it was. And we have plans and some big news coming this year. But we want people to know that we will do our best and we are doing our best. We realize we cannot do it alone. We must bring community members to it. We all are going to come together to make sure we have the strongest resilient community. Tomorrow, I am presenting at the regional council and we're going to unveil for the regional council to approve the new Regions Community Safety Wellbeing Plan that is going to tighten all the gaps. And over the years, we are going to see the changes here. And so, we can rest assured and tell people that we're making some fundamental changes that are going to improve Peel region and the community to its best.

Yudhvir Jaswal: What is your expectation from the community on how it can make the Peel region a safer place?

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah: We want to tell the community that we have a place to provide solutions and not by ourselves, but really to come together. I want to tell the community, if we all do that and not expect somebody else to do it, we can strengthen this community. And this is not me saying that we are not responsible. We are always responsible for emergencies, policing, and crime, but we can use the strength of the community also. We say this year, out of all



years, we need to bring the gaps and the funding, but the funding not only for-profit but for social service agencies, health, housing, and mental health. We need to be vocal and say these are the pressures that the community is having. And if we all point in the same direction, we can fix it instead of what is happening in the States as they want to burn down the systems to rebuild. And that is not constructive. We need to be thoughtful and have meaningful activities. So instead of doing what our counterparts are doing in the US and criticizing, we all should come together, and we can put all our resources in the same direction.

Yudhvir Jaswal: What are the top two or three things that people will see changes in the next 12 months?

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah: You are going to see police move from their amazing status into leaders on several initiatives, and these are going to come to fruition. We have put this team together in June, a new organisation chart. We have got all these plans and, we are ready to go. And this strategy is digital technology, innovation, information on the front line, leaders in technology, and solutions for big issues like intimate partner violence, mental health and addictions, and crime and violence. We are going to see the impact of that in the next 12 months and our organization will better serve the public. Peel Police Chief thanked Group Editor Y media Yudhvir jaswal for their good work in the community and in supporting peel police. Yudhvir jaswal is also on the advisory board of Peel Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah

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Hoffmann-La Roche Limited (Roche Canada) has announced a major jobs investment into Ontario’s life sciences industry that will bring up to 500 highly skilled and specialized full-time positions to the City of Mississauga. Roche Canada’s \$500 million dollar investment over five years will establish a Global Pharma Technical (PT) Operations site at its Mississauga pharmaceutical headquarters.

“At a time when Canada and the world are looking to the life sciences sector to lead in testing, treatment and post-pandemic economic recovery, I am proud that Roche Canada has decided to grow and expand their business here in Mississauga,” said Mayor Bonnie Crombie. “Roche is a global pioneer in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics. Not only will this investment support jobs and attract talent, it also reinforces Mississauga’s position as a global, internationally recognized leader in life sciences. Our local economy has greatly benefitted from our thriving life sciences sector, a place where researchers can not only make medical breakthroughs but where products can be commercialized and brought to market.” Roche is the world's largest biotech company, with truly differentiated medicines in oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology and diseases of the central nervous system.

“Mississauga was selected for this investment based on a strong competitive business environment, exceptional talent pool, and a government committed to fostering growth in the sector,” says Ronnie Miller, President and CEO of Roche Pharmaceuticals, Canada. “We applaud the hard work done by the Government of Ontario and the Premier’s Office to foster a business environment that can compete internationally to attract investment opportunities, and Roche’s commitment to add up to 500 specialized positions is a direct result of these positive changes. Without the support of all three levels of government, the Mississauga Board of Trade, Life Sciences Ontario, and Invest in Canada, who are all active advocates for a thriving sector, this investment would not have been possible.”

Mississauga is the second largest Life Sciences Sector in Canada by employment, with more than 470 companies employing over 25,000 people. “Mississauga is the first Canadian municipality to have a five year Life Sciences Cluster Strategy and Action Plan that focuses on establishing Mississauga as the premier Canadian destination for the commercialization of life sciences products, technologies and services,” said Bonnie Brown, Director of Economic Development. “Our commitment to growing Mississauga’s Life Sciences cluster has been instrumental in helping us achieve our economic goals and attracting new investment.”

Roche Canada states the investment will create new and exciting employment opportunities, in particular for recent graduates of Ontario’s strong science, technology, engineering and math academic institutions who will have the opportunity to impact the development of Roche’s medicines from early stages through to patient use around the world.

ONTARIO DEVELOPING A STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE BLUE BOX PROGRAM

TORONTO — Ontario is kicking off Waste Reduction Week by unveiling regulations to improve the blue box program. The enhancements include expanding the items that can be recycled and making producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the waste they create. “We’re creating a stronger and more effective Blue Box program that actually works,” said Minister Yurek. “By harnessing the innovation and ingenuity of industry and expanding recycling opportunities for people and businesses across the province, we can divert more waste away from landfills by finding new purposes for products and reinserting them back into the economy.”

The proposed new Blue Box regulation will:

- Standardize and increase the list of materials accepted in the blue box including paper and plastic cups, wraps, foils, trays, and bags and other single use items such as stir sticks, straws, cutlery and plates.
- Transition the costs of the program away from municipal taxpayers by making the producers of products and packaging fully responsible for costs, resulting in an estimated savings of \$135 million annually for municipalities.
- Expand blue box services to more communities, such as smaller, rural and remote communities, including those under 5,000 people.
- Set the highest diversion targets in North America for the various categories of waste producers are expected to recycle such as paper, glass, beverage containers and rigid and flexible plastic, encouraging innovation such as better product design and the use of new technologies for better environmental outcomes.

The province will also expand blue box services to facilities such as apartment buildings, long-term care homes, schools and municipal parks in 2026 to provide the people of Ontario with more opportunities to recycle and keep their communities clean. The draft Blue Box regulation will be posted for 45 days for public feedback, ending December 2, 2020.

Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for managing the full life-cycle of their products is a key part of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan commitment to balance a healthy economy, a healthy environment and keep Ontario clean and beautiful.

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The proposed framework ensures that programs already having a positive impact on the environment, like the Beer Store’s deposit return program, can continue under the new producer responsibility model. Waste Reduction Week runs from October 19-25 to promote environmental stewardship and increase opportunities for Ontarians to participate in efforts to reduce waste.

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ONTARIO INVESTS \$176 MILLION TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

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Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, in an exclusive interview with Y Media, said the authorities consulted with stakeholders around the province and developed a mental health plan called "A Roadmap to Wellness."

"The plan that has been put in place was started as a result of a study in 2010, that showed that we have a system that's broken. There are problems with respect to accessing mental health and addiction supports," he said.

Tibollo said the plan was developed by looking at the lifespan of individuals and the investments are targeted according to that.

The increased funding helps to create new supports, enhance access to mental health and addiction services, and address urgent gaps in care, as mentioned in the news release.

The news release also stated the province plans to invest \$4 million for nurse practitioners for detox services.

"The first investment that was made was for additional nurses to work in withdrawal management. In addition to that, investment has been made to expand outpatient treatment services so that individuals have those services available to them when they complete the detox," Tibollo said.

BOLD AND MEANINGFUL CHANGES FOR POLICING IN PEEL REGION

REGION OF PEEL – Peel Regional Police are proud of its 3200 members, who are amongst Canadian officers and civilians that are equipped, supported, trained, and governed at a standard that makes them the best policing model, and best individuals in policing globally.

PRP continues to undertake significant, unprecedented organizational change. This year has also seen unprecedented attention around systemic racism both globally and locally. The leadership of Peel Regional Police recognizes that systemic racism exists, and has been entrenched across systems and public institutions. Systemic racism affects service delivery to the communities we serve as well as the daily experience of police members, when they are on the job and when they are at home. Peel Regional Police is committed to the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code; the need for co-operation between the providers of police services and the communities they serve. This includes, and is not limited to, a focus on anti-Black racism, anti-Immigrant, and anti-Indigenous racism, within policing and promotes transparency and improves racialized communities' trust in policing.

The importance of respect for victims of crime and understanding of their needs; the need for sensitivity to the pluralistic, multiracial, and multicultural character of Ontario's society; and the need to ensure that

He said the government started with ICBT (Internet-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), and there will be structured psychotherapy available soon, all paid by OHIP that are going to help people dealing with issues of anxiety and depression.

"We formed the command table for mental health when the whole COVID-19 struck the province. We've seen all the trends increasing, and we call this the fourth wave of COVID-19," Tibollo said.

He said the government is trying to give supports to people in the best therapeutic environment possible and that includes being culturally sensitive during the pandemic.

Tibollo also said the increased fundings would help children and youth, senior people, and justice services.

"By making these investments, our government is making it easier for people to find and access high-quality mental health and addictions services when and where they need them," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health in a press conference.

"So different phases within a person's age and development look at a step care model with the Ontario health teams to make sure that the services are provided on a continuum. And by doing that, we've also looked at culturally sensitive and appropriate services," Tibollo said.

police services and police service boards are representative of the communities they serve.

Chief Duraipapp has advocated for thoughtful and meaningful opportunities to better serve the citizens of Peel Region. Given Peel Region's engaged and diverse community, PRP and Peel Police Services Board (PRPSB) are committed to taking a leadership role amongst police agencies to address and overcome systemic racism in policing. "As police leaders, we must go beyond verbal affirmations. I, along with a consortium of the willing, are making bold and meaningful changes. We understand that the willingness to step out, implement changes, to drive out systemic racism without fear of failure is required and expected", said Chief Nishan Duraipapp.

PRP has committed to shifting to a pro-public health emphasis, rooted in a human rights focus. In September 2019, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) supported the seven key principles identified by the OHRC to affect meaningful change.

PRP and the Peel Police Service Board have committed operationalizing and implementing these principles under a systemic change framework with the OHRC.

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PRP'S UNPRECEDENTED FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES: 1 YEAR

Since the arrival of Chief Duraipapp to Peel Regional Police (PRP) one year ago, the police service has experienced unprecedented fundamental change. The 3200 women and men of Peel Regional Police have kick-started significant projects and initiatives to improve public safety and adapt to the community's changing needs. This all amidst a global pandemic, and faced with the many challenges locally, nationally, and internationally which have changed our communities.

During this time, Peel Regional Police and its Police Services Board conducted a wholesale review. This included the appointment of new Deputy Chiefs, the promotion of 61 officers, and the hiring of 161 new uniform officers. Along with the addition of 141 temporary/part-time and full-time civilians, Peel Police addressed both attrition and growth and are positioned to commence key initiatives to propel Peel Regional Police forward.

"As leaders in community policing, we will go beyond verbal statements. We will continue to step out of the pack and implement new and exciting changes to challenge the status quo. Policing is not an exclusive service built without input and support from our community," said Chief Nishan Duraipapp. "This is a critical piece to our trajectory, and it ensures we are delivering policing services that exceed the needs and expectations of our members, community, and partners."

Highlights from the past 12 months include:

- Re-emphasis on front line policing, adoption of community safety well being model
- Service Delivery Review & Organizational Review Project
- Road Safety Strategy
- Mental Health & Addictions Strategy
- Creation of a 50 officer Intimate Partner & Domestic Violence Unit
- Comprehensive Violent Crime Strategy
- Equity Diversity and Inclusion multi-year strategy
- Investigative Resource Deployment
- Body cameras & Digital Evidence Management
- Business Intelligence & Police Analytics
- Facilities Infrastructure

Dance classes with conditions allowed in areas under modified Stage 2 regulations

TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is extending most orders currently in force under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA). This extension will be in effect until November 21, 2020 to ensure the government continues to have the necessary tools to contain the spread of COVID-19.

"With the cold and flu season upon us and the continuing high number of COVID-19 cases in certain parts of the province, it's critical we continue to take the necessary steps to protect the health and safety of Ontarians," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "We have renewed the majority of orders to ensure we have the tools in place to address any urgent public health situations and support the continued delivery of critical services." Orders in effect under the ROA have been extended by 30 days with the following exceptions:

Electricity Price for Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Consumers has only been extended until October 31, 2020. Beginning November 1, 2020, time of use customers will have the option of choosing between time of use electricity rates or tiered pricing.

Access to Personal Health Information by Means of the Electronic Health Record will expire on October 22, 2020 as changes to the Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004, that recently came into force, make the order unnecessary.

Ontario is also amending emergency orders for regions under modified Stage 2 regulations (Toronto, Ottawa, York and Peel Regions) to clarify that classes delivered for the purpose of teaching or training amateur or professional dancers in dance techniques are permitted to operate provided specified conditions are met. This change to the regulation recognizes that dance styles such as ballet, hip hop, and ballroom, can still be taught and practised safely when certain public health measures are followed, similar to other permitted activities, such as cheerleading and gymnastics. Dance classes that do not meet the specified criteria (e. g. a Zumba class) would not be permitted.



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INDIA'S COVID-19 RECOVERY RATE ONE OF THE HIGHEST DUE TO FLEXIBLE LOCKDOWN: PM MODI



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI SAID THAT INDIA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RECOVERY RATES--88%--BECAUSE IT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE LOCKDOWN.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that India has one of the highest recovery rates--88%--because it was one of the first countries to adopt a flexible lockdown. He was addressing the function of Grand Challenges Annual Meeting 2020 via video conferencing. The Prime Minister said, "India's size, scale and diversity have always made the global community curious. Our population is almost four times that of the USA. Many of our states are as populated as other nations in Europe and Asia. Thanks to people power and people-driven approach, India kept its COVID-19 death rate very low." "Today we are seeing a decline in the number of cases per day and in the growth rate of cases. India has one of the highest recovery rates--88%. This happened because India was one of the first countries to adopt a flexible lockdown when the total cases were just a few hundred," Modi said. The Prime Minister said India was one of the first to encourage the use of masks. India actively began to work on effective contact tracing. India was one of the earliest to deploy the Rapid Antigen test. India is now at the forefront of vaccine development for COVID. Some of them are in advanced stages. "We are not stopping here. India is already working on putting a well-established vaccine delivery mechanism in place. This digitized network along with digital health ID will be used to ensure immunisation of our citizens," he said. Speaking about the meeting, he said, this meeting was to be held physically in India, but in changed circumstances, it is being held virtually. "Such is the power of technology that the global pandemic did not keep us apart. This programme has continued as per schedule. This shows the commitment of the grand challenges community. This shows our commitment to adapt and innovate," he said. "The future will be shaped by a society that invests in science and innovation. But this cannot be done in a short-sighted manner. One has to invest in science and innovation well in advance. That is when we can reap benefits at the right time. Similarly, the journey to these innovations must be shaped by collaboration and public participation," he said. The Prime Minister said that the scale of this programme is commendable. "In 15 years you have engaged several nations. The nature of the issues addressed is diverse. You have addressed problems such as antimicrobial resistance, maternal and child health, agriculture, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene." He further said, "It has taken a global pandemic to make us realise yet again the importance of teamwork. Diseases do not have geographical boundaries. They do not discriminate on grounds of faith, race, gender, or colour. And by disease, I am not only talking about the pandemic situation. There are several communicable and non-communicable diseases that are impacting people, especially youngsters." "In India, we have a strong and vibrant scientific community. We also have good scientific institutions. They have been India's greatest assets, especially during the last several months while fighting COVID-19. From containment to capacity building they have achieved wonders," he added.

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Bihar Assembly polls: PM Modi to address 12 rallies



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address 12 rallies in the Bihar elections meanwhile Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is scheduled to address 18 rallies in Bihar from Tuesday, October 20. Yogi Adityanath will be addressing, on an average, three rallies in a day. "There is a great demand for the Chief Minister in Bihar, particularly in constituencies along the Uttar Pradesh-Bihar border. The Gorakhnath Peeth is held in high esteem and Yogi Adityanath is a much-revered saint too," said a BJP functionary. He will campaign in the Ramgarh, Arwal and Karakat constituencies on Tuesday and on Wednesday, he will address rallies in Jamui, Tarari and Paliaganj, according to party sources. Of these six seats, Tarari was won by CPI(ML) and Arwal, Karakat, Jamui and Paliganj were held by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). The lone BJP seat where the Chief Minister will be campaigning in the first phase is Ramgarh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to address 12 rallies in the Bihar elections and the party has named 30 star campaigners for the Assembly elections in Bihar. However, in an effort to reach out to the maximum possible people amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, BJP will telecast PM Modi's election rallies digitally in Bihar. Devendra Fadnavis, former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Bihar Assembly election in-charge leading a strategy meet in Bodh Gaya on Sunday, said that PM Modi's rally will be telecast through a digital medium in the view of COVID-19 pandemic. "We will hold meetings in every five villages of a constituency through LEDs parallelly. This way we will hold 100 meetings at a time. This will be our effort towards ensuring social distancing in view of COVID-19," Fadnavis said. The Prime Minister will hold 12 election rallies in Bihar for NDA (National Democratic Alliance) candidates.

CAA will be implemented soon, got delayed due to COVID-19: BJP chief JP Nadda

BJP national president JP Nadda on Monday said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be implemented soon. The execution got delayed due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, Nadda explained. "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, implementation of CAA got delayed. But as the situation is slowly improving, work has started and rules are now being framed. It (CAA) will be implemented very soon," PTI quoted Nadda as saying. "All of you will get the benefits of the CAA. It has been passed in Parliament. We are committed to it," added Nadda. The BJP national president was speaking at a meeting of social groups of north Bengal, where he accused the Mamata Banerjee government in West Bengal of indulging in "divide and rule politics" to serve the political interests of her party - the TMC. Nadda said that only Prime Minister Narendra Modi has the ability to take everyone and grow together. "Modi Ji's policy is inclusive and for everyone's development. On the other hand is Mamata di led government that is working on the idea of divide and rule. The current TMC government in West Bengal has employed a policy of divide-and-rule and only PM Narendra Modi has the ability to take everyone grow together." Various social groups of the region had requested Nadda to ensure early implementation of CAA as there is a vast population of refugees from erstwhile East Pakistan in north Bengal. Cornering the West Bengal Chief Minister, Nadda said that she did not allow PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana in the state, the scheme which he said has benefitted 8.60 crore farmers. "The Centre government arranged PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana for 10 crore farmers of which 8.60 crore farmers have already been benefited through it but unfortunately, the Mamata government has not allowed the application of PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Yojana in West Bengal," Nadda said. JP Nadda said that the people of West Bengal are fed up with the violence and cut-money culture of the TMC government and therefore, the BJP will form the next government in the 2021 state assembly polls. "We assure you that if we come to power in Bengal, we will provide the scheme for all farmers in the state," added Nadda. Earlier today, Nadda offered prayers at Anandamoyee Kalibari Temple in West Bengal's Siliguri. He is on a day-long visit to the state. JP Nadda was accompanied by BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya on this occasion.

FIGHT TO RESTORE ARTICLE 370 WILL NOT CHANGE EVEN IF I'M HANGED: FAROOQ ABDULLAH



Former J&K Chief Minister and National Conference (JKNC) president Farooq Abdullah was summoned by Enforcement Directorate in Srinagar on October 19. He was questioned for 7 long hours at the ED office in Rajbagh area of Srinagar. He reached the ED office around 11 am and was inside the directorate till 5 pm. "They have their job to do, I have mine, there is nothing to be worried about, I am not worried, we have to move ahead," he told journalists outside the ED office. "We have a long political battle. Our struggle for Article 370 will go on whether Farooq Abdullah is alive or Farooq Abdullah is dead. Our resolve has not changed and our resolve will not change even if I were to be hanged," he asserted. Sources say that Abdullah was questioned in the case connected to the embezzlement of more than Rs 40 crore of JKCA funds during his tenure as president of the association. The CBI has already filed a charge sheet against him and the ED is probing the money laundering angle in the case. The National Conference said in a statement, "The Enforcement Department summons to Farooq Abdullah is clearly a result of the unity that he has been able to forge among mainstream political parties in Jammu and Kashmir. This is the price one pays when opposed to the BJP's ideology and divisive politics. Recent history is witness to how the BJP has been employing coercive and intimidating measures through various departments to target opposition leaders across the country. The recent ED summons to Farooq Abdullah is a case in point." The statement added, "The timing of the recent summons is very clear. His previous summons were just before August 5 last year. Today's summons come within days of the formation of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, for which Farooq Abdullah has taken a lead." Meanwhile, People's Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti also condemned the questioning of Farooq Abdullah. "ED's sudden summons to Farooq Sahab displays the extent of GOI's nervousness about mainstream parties in J&K fighting as one unit," Mehbooba Mufti said. "Also reeks of political vendetta & won't in the least blunt our collective resolve to fight for our rights," she added.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina sends Durga Puja gifts to West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sent some gifts to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the occasion of Durga Puja. The gifts were sent to West Bengal through the Benapole checkpoint in Jashore early on Sunday, and Bangladesh's Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata delivered them to the West Bengal Chief Minister's office at secretariat 'Nabanna' in the evening. Benapole checkpoint agent Mostafizur Rahman Rubel told IANS the gifts sent by the Prime Minister to the West Bengal Chief Minister were handed over to waiting Bangladeshi officials at Petrapole checkpoint on the Indian side. Benapole immigration checkpoint officer-in-charge Ahsan Habib said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's gifts were sent by Ataur Rahman, Chief Protocol Officer at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka, and Alam Hossain, assistant to the First Secretary of the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata, came to collect them.

Pakistan Army hatching new conspiracy to spread terror in Kashmir?

The Pakistan Army is hatching a plan to push large groups of terrorists into Kashmir and create trouble. According to security agencies, Pakistan's Border Action Team is active at some of the launch pads near Line of Control (LoC) to help terrorists cross the border. A group of 80 terrorists have been spotted by intelligence agencies at launch pads Athmuqam, Dudhniyal and Tahandapani, opposite Karen Sector Pakistan Army Special Service Group (SSG) has also been spotted by the agencies, which clearly demonstrates a plan for BAT action near LoC. According to reports, a group of ten Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists are currently stationed near Neelam Valley looking for an opportunity to cross the border and enter India. Pakistani villages in Sujian area have become a camping ground for 40 terrorists of the Jaish-e-Mohammad and Al Badr said security agencies. Another 20 terrorists are currently present opposite Krishna Ghati at Madarpur and Nattar areas, while a group of 35 terrorists camping opposite Bhimber Gali at Lanjot are looking for an opportunity to infiltrate the border.



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Amarinder introduces 3 Bills to counter Centre's farm laws; proposes fine, jail for violators



AAP OBJECTS TO BILLS BEING INTRODUCED WITHOUT MLAS BEING GIVEN TIME TO STUDY THEM.

CHANDIGARH: The two-day Punjab Vidhan Sabha special session resumed on Tuesday with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh addressing the House and moving a resolution rejecting the three farm laws passed by Parliament. Punjab Vidhan Sabha session's Live telecast stops the moment Navjot Sidhu begins his speech. The resolution mentioned that the three laws were "anti-farmer". The Vidhan Sabha had earlier passed a resolution rejecting these laws. "We reject the three agriculture laws as well as the Electricity Amendment Bill 2020. These laws are against the interests of the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and western UP. The House unanimously rejects these three laws and the proposed amendment," he says. **The CM then tabled three Bills in the House.** The three Bills are The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020 and The Essential Commodities (Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2020. As per The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce Special Provisions and Punjab Amendment Bill no sale of paddy and wheat in Punjab will be valid unless it is paid equal to or over MSP. Imprisonment of three years and a fine in case anybody compels a farmer to sell his agricultural produce below MSP. The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price

Assurance (special provisions and Punjab amendment) Act, makes it mandatory for those entering into contract farming with farmers too will have to pay the MSP or over the MSP. Punishment of three years if the Act is violated. Essential Commodities (Spl Provisions and Pb Amendment) Bill keeps all powers to fix stock limits of food grains with state. Rejects Centre's powers to fix stock limits. Imprisonment of three years and a fine in case anybody compels a farmer to sell his agricultural produce below MSP. The Aam Aadmi Party, however, objected to the Bills being introduced without the MLAs being given time to go through them. The MLAs staged a protest in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha since Monday noon till 5.30 am on Tuesday over the issue. Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu spoke on the Bills. He said that Punjab made the country food surplus and fed 80 crore people. He also spoke of discrepancies in the rise of incomes of other sections of society and farmers, saying that that, "Our Constitution is being violated by the Centre-Punjab naal dhakka ho riha hai, he thunders." "It is a conspiracy to make Punjab helpless, when corporates enter trade of agriculture products," he said. Sidhu alleged: "You (referring to the BJP) want to hand over the agriculture to Ambani and Adani." Parliamentary Affairs minister Brahm Mohindra, meanwhile, proposed to extend the session by one-more day, to which Speaker Rana KP Singh said: "Will consider later."

Punjab Vidhan Sabha session's live telecast stops the moment Navjot Sidhu begins his speech

CHANDIGARH: In an interesting observation, only the Live telecast of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh was aired on the Day Two of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha special session. The moment Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu, who spoke after the Chief Minister, stood up to speak, the Live telecast ended abruptly on the Facebook page and other social media platforms of the Punjab government. As per sources, the Live telecast was restricted to the Chief Minister's speech only. Sidhu's admirers said they wanted to hear the speech of the Congress MLA on the subject and the government should have aired his Live proceedings of the entire day as it was historic for the state. People wanted to know the views of other MLAs as well, including the Opposition benches, they added.



UP gets most applications under PM's street vendors' scheme: Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Adityanath on Monday directed all district magistrates (DMs) to cover the maximum number of beneficiaries under the PM SVANidhi Scheme (Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi Yojana) by implementing it in a mission mode. He also asked the chief secretary to regularly monitor the progress of the scheme under which street vendors can get working capital up to Rs 10,000 at a subsidised rate of interest. At a video conference with DMs and other officials here, he said 5.57 lakh applications had been received so far, which was the highest number in the country. He said 2.83 lakh applications had already been approved and loan disbursed to 99,000 beneficiaries. "Ensure to get more than five lakh applications and distribute loans to at least three lakh beneficiaries within the next one week," he directed the officials. He said the PM would hold a dialogue with the beneficiaries in all the cities and towns on October 27 and asked officials to make arrangements accordingly. The CM also asked officials to saturate all villages with the Ayushman Bharat Yojana by November 1 by distributing golden cards to all the beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat and the CM Jan Arogya schemes. Reviewing the paddy purchase progress, he said all arrangements should be made at the purchase centres to save farmers from any inconvenience. He asked officials to increase the number of centres according to requirements and see to it farmers did not have to sell their produce below the MSP under any condition.

Mumbai court acquits 20 foreign Tablighi Jamaat members, says prosecution had no evidence

A magistrate's court on Monday acquitted 20 foreigners including 10 Indonesians and 10 from Kyrgyzstan who were booked for not disclosing that they had attended a religious gathering of Tablighi Jamaat at Nizamuddin in New Delhi. The group of foreigners was booked by the DN Nagar police on April 5 in two separate cases for not following the advisory issued in the wake of Covid-19. The Mumbai police had earlier issued an advisory and warning asking people who had attended the meet at Delhi to come forward, failing which a criminal case would be registered against them. The group failed to come forward but was traced in the first week of April following which a case was registered with the DN Nagar police station. The group was booked for attempt to murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder. They were also booked under Epidemic Diseases Act, the National Disaster Act, Foreign Act and Bombay Police Act. The sessions court had discharged the accused from the charges of attempt to murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Earlier this month the court further dropped other charges against the accused and they were put to trial only under section 135 of Bombay Police Act for defying the rules of national lockdown and order issued by the Commissioner of police. The prosecution had examined only two witnesses, the complainant - a police sub-inspector from DN Nagar police and investigating officer from the police station. The court after considering their evidence, observed, "The said witnesses were also not found in position to tell where and how the accused person were residing at the time of alleged offence. Thus there is no iota of evidence with prosecution to show any contravention of order by accused persons beyond all shadow of doubt. During the imposition of lockdown and their ultimate shelter in a mosque or nearby will not render them responsible for such contravention. There is no legal evidence adduced by prosecution to show that accused persons infringed the notification lawfully made under section 37 of Bombay Police Act."

DEMANDING DRAFT OF NEW FARM LAW, PUNJAB AAP MLAS SPEND NIGHT IN ASSEMBLY BUILDING



CHANDIGARH: Unhappy over the Capt Amarinder Singh government not sharing details of the new legislation it plans to introduce to counter the Centre's three farm laws, members of the Opposition Aam Aadmi Party spent Monday night in the state Assembly building in protest. The visuals released by the protesting MLAs show them lying down on sofas and mattresses inside the Assembly building. The Congress government plans to introduce the new law in the Assembly on Tuesday. Demanding copies of the draft Bill, several AAP MLAs had staged a sit-in in the well of the House till late on Monday. The Punjab Government is looking to negate the effects of the new farm laws passed by Parliament in the state through its own laws.

Arnab Goswami, Republic TV to sue Mumbai Police chief for Rs 200 crore for 'damage to reputation' in TRP case



CHANDIGARH: Republic TV on Monday said, that it will sue Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh for Rs 200 crore for allegedly damaging its reputation by linking it to the Television Rating Points scam. The channel added, that it will file a contempt petition against Special Executive Magistrate and the Assistance Police Commissioner Sudhir Jambwadekar "on account of the fact that he initiated chapter proceedings with respect to the FIRs [first information reports] that have been suspended by the Bombay High Court," it said in a statement. Meanwhile, Republic TV's announcement came hours after the Bombay High Court said if the Mumbai police crime branch proposes to arraign Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami in the television rating points (TRP) case, it should first issue summons to him as was done for eight others in the case. A division bench of justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik said if such a summons is issued then Goswami shall appear before the police and cooperate with the investigation. The court also directed police to submit for its perusal investigation papers pertaining to the case in a sealed cover by November 5 when it would hear the matter. "The FIR is not an encyclopedia. We would like to peruse the investigation papers and see what probe has been done from today till the next date of hearing," the court said. The court was hearing a petition filed by ARG Outlier Media Pvt Ltd, which owns Republic TV, and Goswami seeking to quash the FIR lodged on October 6. The petition has also sought a direction to transfer the case to CBI to ensure a fair and transparent probe and also on the ground that the case will have pan-India repercussions. The plea said the HC should stay the investigation and restrain police from taking any coercive action against the petitioners pending hearing of their petition. Appearing for the petitioners, senior counsel Harish Salve sought the court to grant Goswami protection from arrest. "The police have been targeting him (Goswami) and there is apprehension that he may be arrested," Salve said. Senior counsel Kapil Sibal, appearing for Maharashtra government and police, said since Goswami has not been named as accused in the case as of now, there cannot be any order granting him protection. Sibal told the court that till now police have issued summons to eight persons in connection with the TRP case and questioned them. "None of these persons has been arrested," he said. In a media release, Republic TV claimed Maharashtra government and Mumbai police have admitted in court that the channel is not named in the FIR in the TRP case. The court noted that since Goswami has not been named as an accused in the case, it cannot pass an order granting him protection or directing the police to not take any coercive action against him. "In case the Investigating Officer proposes to name petitioner No 2 (Goswami) as accused in the case, then, as done with the eight persons, summons shall be issued to him (Goswami). The petitioner No 2 shall then cooperate with the police," the court said. The court also raised questions on whether it was correct on the part of the Mumbai police and its commissioner Param Bir Singh to hold press conferences in such matters. "We don't know if it is the correct method or procedure to give interviews to the media. We are not talking about just this matter but many sensitive cases...we find police giving information to the media even when investigation is in progress."



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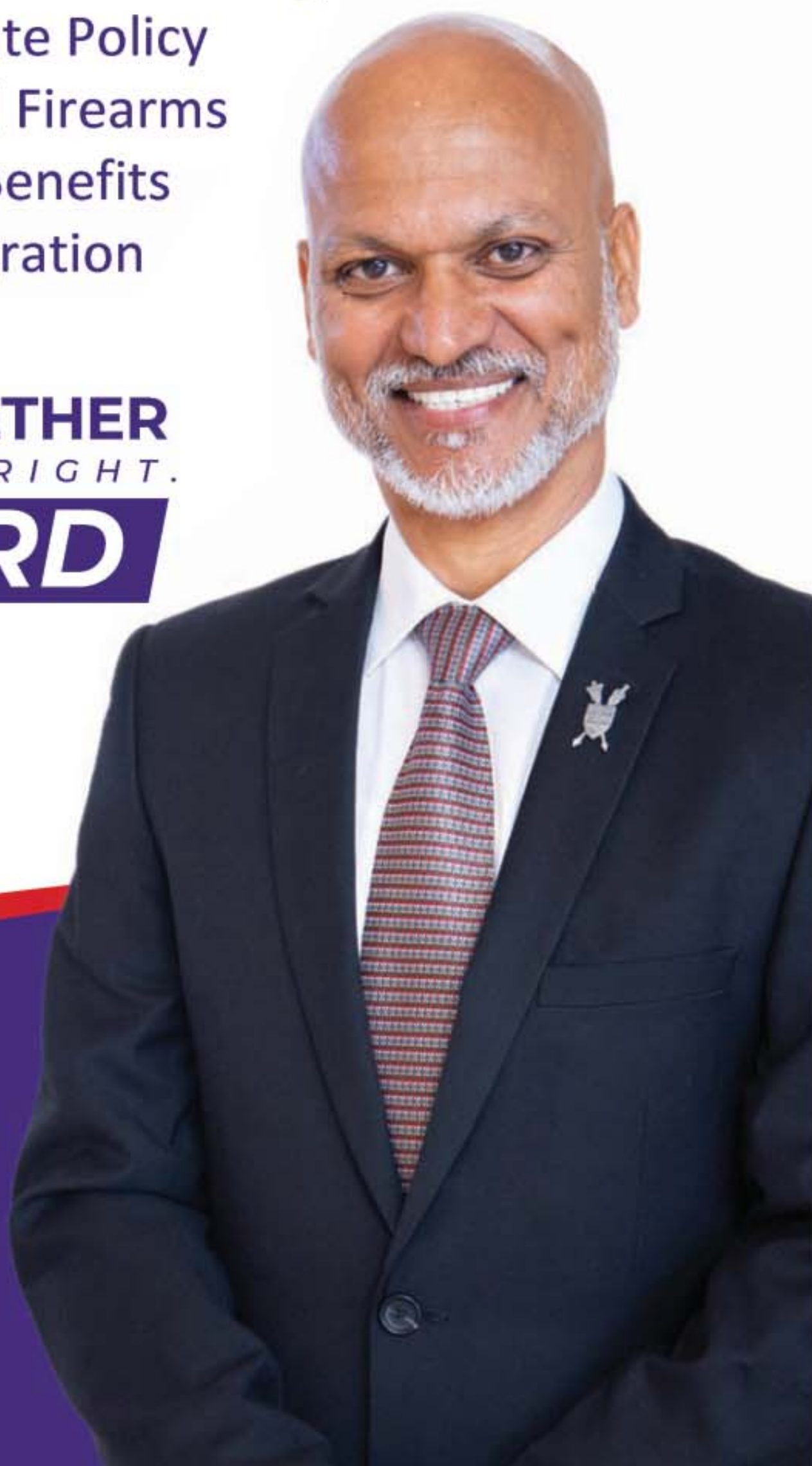
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