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**PUNJAB POLICE BOOKS FORMER AAP LEADER KUMAR VISHWAS OVER 'INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS' AGAINST KEJRIWAL.** | DETAILS ON PAGE 12

**BANK OF CANADA INCREASES KEY INTEREST RATE TO 1%**



The Bank of Canada today increased its target for the overnight rate to 1%, with the Bank Rate at 1¼% and the deposit rate at 1%. The Bank is also ending reinvestment and will begin quantitative tightening (QT), effective April 25. Maturing Government of Canada bonds on the Bank's balance sheet will no longer be replaced and, as a result, the size of the balance sheet will decline over time.

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**MANPREET SINGH, 33, FROM BRAMPTON, ARRESTED FROM MALTON GURDWARA FOR CARJACKING**

Officers from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau have arrested a Mississauga man responsible for an alleged assault with a weapon in the area of Woodward Avenue and Centre Street N, Brampton, and an alleged carjacking in the area of Bovaird Drive and Mountainash Road, Brampton.



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**PAKISTAN'S OLIVE BRANCH TO INDIA - LETTER FROM SHEHBAZ SHARIF TO PM MODI PROPOSES 'MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT'**

Pakistan's new prime minister Shehbaz Sharif has sought peaceful ties with India and wants to resolve all issues, including Kashmir, with New Delhi with "meaningful engagement". In a letter written to the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sharif said socio-economic development of the people of the two countries as well as the region can be achieved through meaningful India-Pakistan engagement and peaceful resolution of "all outstanding disputes" including that of Jammu and Kashmir. He further wrote that a "peaceful and cooperative" ties between Pakistan and India are imperative for the socio-economic development of the people of the two countries and the region. Sharif's letter was in response to a missive from Modi congratulating him on his election as the Pakistani prime minister. "India desires peace and stability in a region free of terror so that we can focus on our development challenges and ensure the well-being and prosperity of our people," Modi wrote in his Twitter post. Responding to the tweet, the new PM Sharif said: "Thank you Premier Narendra Modi for felicitations. Pakistan desires peaceful & cooperative ties with India. Peaceful settlement of outstanding disputes including Jammu & Kashmir is indispensable. Let's secure peace and focus on socio-economic development of our people," wrote Shehbaz Sharif. Earlier, Pakistan has granted an extension to India for the transportation of wheat and life-saving medicines to Afghanistan via Pakistan. "The time period granted for transportation of humanitarian assistance expired on



March 21, 2022. The Government of India recently requested for extension in time period to complete the transportation process," said the Pakistani foreign office on Sunday.

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**AMAZON CANADA DONATES \$250,000 TO PEEL REGION ORGANIZATIONS**



Today, Amazon Canada hosted the first Amazon Peel Community Day in partnership with Seva Food Bank and Indus Community Services. The events saw Amazon employees from across Peel Region come together with local dignitaries, including Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra and Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, to celebrate the community through donations of \$125,000 to each partner organization. The funds will support the Amazon Community Teaching Kitchen at Seva Food Bank and the Amazon Senior Wellness Space at Indus Community Services. "At Amazon, we are passionate about providing our team with opportunities to give back and support the local communities where we operate," said Amrita Dhillon, Senior Operations Manager at Amazon YYZ4. "Our goal is to not only have a positive, lasting effect on these communities, but to also inspire our employees to get involved in local charitable projects they care about." Amazon Peel Community Day began at Seva Food Bank, where six frontline Amazon employees gathered with Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra and Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, to unveil the new Amazon Community Teaching Kitchen.

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**POLICE CHARGE RIYASAT SINGH, 23 & ISSUE CANADA-WIDE WARRANT FOR HARSHDEEP BINNER, 23, OF BRAMPTON IN CONNECTION WITH VIOLENT ASSAULT IN RICHMOND HILL**

Investigators with the York Regional Police #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have identified the two suspects wanted in connection with the attack against victim Elnaz HAJTAMIRI that occurred in the City of Richmond Hill.



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**PEEL POLICE ISSUES WARRANTS IN ATTEMPT MURDER INVESTIGATION FOR MANJOT SINGH, 25, FROM BRAMPTON & GURKIRAT SINGH, 24 FROM MARKHAM**

Investigators from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau have obtained warrants for the arrest of two men, after a vicious attack on two men in the City of Brampton.



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Manjot Singh

Gurkirat Singh

**NAVJIT KAUR, ONTARIO NDP CANDIDATE IN BRAMPTON WEST, OPENS OFFICE**



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**SUMEETA KOHLI JOINS THE PEEL POLICE BOARD**

Mississauga resident Sumeeta Kohli is the newest member of the Peel Police Services Board. She was nominated to the Board by the Province of Ontario. "I'm very pleased to welcome Sumeeta Kohli to the Board," said Board Chair Ron Chatha.



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Humanity First Fundraising Iftar Dinner in support of Humanity First Food Bank held at the Mubarak Mosque on Sunday, April 17, 2022. The Program started with the recitation of Holy Qura'an. Humanity First's chairman, Syed Aslam Daud, presented an update on the work of Humanity First. The list of Guests speaking at HF Dinner were Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown; Member

of Parliament for Brampton North Ruby Sahota; Member of Parliament for Brampton South Sonia Sidhu; Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Brampton West & Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure; Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board of Ontario & MPP for Brampton South; Dr. Sara Singh, MPP Brampton Centre & Ontario NDP Deputy Leader; Gurratan

Singh, MPP for Brampton-East; Yudhvir Jaswal, Y Media's Group Editor and CEO; Janet Morrison, President & Vice-Chancellor Sheridan College and Badar Shamim, Vice President Rotary Club Brampton. The exhibition of Humanity First was also set up. The event was also streamed LIVE on YouTube for the members who could not attend in person.

## AMAZON CANADA DONATES \$250,000 TO PEEL REGION ORGANIZATIONS

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Following a brief cheque presentation, all attendees gathered in the kitchen with Celebrity Chef Devan Rajkumar to prepare a vegetarian bean salad for Seva Food Bank's Langar on Wheels program, which is designed to provide local, in-need community members with culturally-appropriate meals.

"Use of the Seva Food Bank has increased by more than 50 per cent throughout the pandemic—it is donations like Amazon's that help us continue to serve the local community," says Kulvir Singh Gill, Board Chair, Seva Food Bank. "The new Amazon Community Teaching Kitchen will be used as a skills factory, which will help our food bank users secure jobs in the foodservice industry and ultimately improve their quality of life."

Later in the afternoon, a separate group of Amazon employees from Peel Region gathered at Indus Community Services, along with Minister Alghabra and Mayor Crombie, to get a sneak peek of the new Amazon Senior Wellness Space and help paint a wall during the construction process. Once complete, the Amazon Senior Wellness Space will be used for a variety of wellness and development programs for local seniors, including art, dance, yoga, and more. "The new Amazon Senior Wellness Space is an exciting addition to Indus Community Services and will provide seniors in our community with a source of joy and belonging," says Gurpreet Malhotra, CEO, Indus Community Services. "We are grateful that Amazon chose to partner with us and we're thrilled to see members of their team take the time off to join us today." In 2020, Amazon donated more than \$10 million to charities and not-for-profit organizations across Canada, including charities that address our focus on "Right Now Needs" like food, shelter, and basic goods for children and their families.

"Amazon's donations to the Seva Food Bank and Indus Community Services will have an incredible impact on a very important segment of Peel Region," said Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra. "We are grateful the company has chosen to invest in organizations that support those living and working in Peel and recognize our community's diverse nature."

"I want to thank Amazon for donating to these two amazing Mississauga-based organizations. It truly shows their commitment to strengthening our community and supporting our residents," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie. "I'm proud that for more



AMAZON PEEL COMMUNITY DAY AT SEVA FOOD BANK.



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Indus Community Services (Indus) is an accredited, not-for-profit community benefit organization that has served local communities for 35 years. The agency is a registered charity supported by its donors and by all three levels of government. Indus, through its professional staff of 140+ personnel, are leaders in providing culturally appropriate services to newcomers, families, women and seniors. About Seva Food Bank The Seva Food Bank is the first major initiative of Sikhs Serving Canada, a registered non-for-profit organization that engages Sikhs in a variety of local community-focused initiatives that benefit all Canadians. Seva's work aims to address the challenges of food security, poverty reduction and economic renewal for low-income families living in seven postal codes across Mississauga.

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## 'VICTIMS DENIED FAIR HEARING': SC CANCELS ASHISH MISHRA BAIL IN LAKHIMPUR KHERI CASE

The Supreme Court on Monday said the victims, in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence incident, were denied a fair and effective hearing at the time of granting bail to accused Ashish Mishra, and observed that the Allahabad High Court exceeded its jurisdiction by dwelling on the merits of the case and showed "tearing hurry" in granting bail.

A bench headed by Chief Justice N.V. Ramana and comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli said: "In the present case, the victims have been denied a fair and effective hearing at the time of granting bail to the Respondent-Accused (Mishra)." It cancelled bail bonds of Mishra, son of Union Minister and BJP leader Ajay Mishra, and directed him to surrender within a week. Remitting the matter back to the high court for fresh consideration, the bench said: "We have not expressed any opinion either on facts or merits, and all questions of law are left open for the High Court to consider and decide. The High Court shall decide the bail application afresh expeditiously, and preferably within a period of three months."

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, representing the victims' families, submitted that during the course of the online proceedings, counsel for the victims were disconnected, and were not heard by the high court. He said that their application for re-hearing the bail application was also not considered by the high court. Justice Surya Kant, who authored the order on behalf of the bench,

said: "If the right to file an appeal against acquittal, is not accompanied with the right to be heard at the time of deciding a bail application, the same may result in grave miscarriage of justice."

The bench said that the victims certainly cannot be expected to be sitting on the fence and watching the proceedings from afar, especially when they may have legitimate grievances. "It is the solemn duty of a court to deliver justice before the memory of an injustice eclipses," it added. "Adverting to the case at hand, we are constrained to express our disappointment with the manner in which the High Court has failed to acknowledge the right of the victims." The bench observed that instead of looking into aspects such as the nature and gravity of the offence, and severity of the punishment in the event of conviction, the high court adopted a myopic view of the evidence on the record and proceeded to decide the case on merits. "The high court has taken into account several irrelevant considerations, whilst simultaneously ignoring judicial precedents and established parameters for grant of bail," it held. Justice Surya Kant noted that it has been ruled on numerous occasions that an FIR cannot be treated as an encyclopaedia of events. "While the allegations in the FIR, that the accused used his firearm and the subsequent post mortem and injury reports may have some limited bearing, there was no legal necessity to give undue weightage to the same," said the bench.

## SEVEN-IN-TEN SAY FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE MAKES CANADA BETTER; MANY WORRIED THAT FREEDOM IS WEAKENING: SURVEY

For the first time since 2019, Canadians across the religious spectrum are celebrating the opportunity to give thanks and pray in person without public health restrictions during the April "Holy Week". While this period generally refers to the period of time between Palm Sunday and Easter in the Christian tradition, for millions in Canada, the meaning is broadened by the observance of Passover for Jews, the middle of the period of Ramadan for Muslims, the celebration of Vaisakhi for Sikhs, and the recent conclusion of Navratri among Hindus.

Against this backdrop, the non-profit Angus Reid Institute, in partnership with Cardus, offers a comprehensive and first-of-its-kind look at the faith journeys of Canadians not just among majority religious communities, but across the religious spectrum. This data explores not only the connection and conviction of Canadians of faith among more traditionally prevalent demographics – Catholic, Mainline Protestant, and Evangelical communities – but also among Canadians who identify as Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, and Sikh. What do these communities of faith have in common? How are they different?

For those raised in the Evangelical Christian and Muslim faith, a more formal religious commitment defines religiosity. Three-quarters of Evangelicals (74%) and 46 per cent of Muslims are categorized by the Angus Reid Institute as Religiously Committed, which is based on a propensity toward attendance of worship, active prayer, and a deep belief in God. Those raised in the Sikh or Hindu faiths tend more toward the Privately Faithful – those who do not necessarily gather as formally and frequently, but nonetheless profess a strong personal connection to their religion.

Evangelicals and Muslims are also both most enthusiastic about the positive impact that faith-based communities have on Canadian society, with at least 55 per cent of each saying that this influence is "more good than bad". This, compared to three-in-ten Roman Catholics (29%), 33 per cent of Hindus and just 12 per cent of the non-religious



who agree. Faith groups in Canada face a varied landscape of perceptions from both the non-religious and from those observing other belief systems. For example, Atheists are overwhelmingly critical of the influence of Evangelical Christians on society but are largely positive about the perceived impacts of Sikhs and Hindus. Canada's largest religious group – Roman Catholics – are more likely to perceive Evangelical Christians, Muslims and Sikhs as doing more harm than benefit to the social fabric of the country but view other faiths positively. The cultural mosaic in Canada is ever-shifting, and the faith-based pieces of that broader whole are no different. These data find first generation Canadians much more likely to profess religiosity. This, as those born in Canada continue to shift further into areligious identities. Despite that shift, being raised in a religious tradition is common in Canada. Seven-in-ten (72%) say they grew up with religious teachings, including just over half (54%) of those who currently profess no religious affiliation.

## WILL INDIA-PAKISTAN TRADE RESUME ANYTIME SOON?

Amid rising chorus within Pakistan's business community that trade between New Delhi and Islamabad should resume at the earliest, the Narendra Modi government has adopted a wait and watch policy for now. Sources said that trade between the two countries may not resume immediately. "The new government has just come to power in Pakistan, there have been some positive moves but decisions on resumption of trade cannot be taken immediately.

New Delhi will wait and watch," an insider told India Narrative. Sources added that the final decision will be driven by Pakistan's all powerful Army. Earlier, Pakistan's Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa also said that outstanding issues and disputes between the two countries should be resolved through dialogue.

"Pakistan continues to believe in using dialogue and diplomacy to resolve all outstanding issues including the Kashmir dispute and is ready to move forward on this front if India agrees to do so," Bajwa said. Trade between the two countries has been suspended since 2019.

According to a World Bank study undertaken in 2018, trade between India and Pakistan could go as high as \$37 billion if the situation normalises.

"The two countries will have to resolve most of the outstanding issues including that of terrorism before trade is resumed," Sharad Kumar Saraf, former president, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said.

A section of policymakers in the cash-starved Pakistan is of the opinion that politics and economics should not be interlinked.

"Pakistan's diplomatic relationships should be based on shared interests with each country. There are several examples of countries whose economic links remain intact despite political or border conflicts," citing examples of booming trade between India-China and China-US, Karachi-based the News said in a recent report.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlining the need for "meaningful" engagements between the two countries. Amid the rapidly deteriorating economic situation in Pakistan, business tycoon Mian Muhammad Mansha has been making a strong pitch for resuming trade with India. Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan's adviser on commerce and investment Abdul Razak Dawood too batted for resumption of trade between New Delhi and Islamabad. Dawood said that trade with India was the need of the hour and that it would be beneficial to both countries.



## SUMEETA KOHLI JOINS THE PEEL POLICE BOARD

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"Sumeeta brings extensive experience in the community to her new role as a Police Services Board member. I am confident that she will be an effective and valuable Board member." Sumeeta Kohli has over 20+ years' experience in brand marketing, digital marketing, events management, marketing communications and tourism spanning across several industries. She is an entrepreneur, marketing, and events strategist and community leader. A lifelong resident of Peel, she is an active community leader and proud to serve on several community organizations. Sumeeta has a personal commitment to work and support the community and strives to see more initiatives that create further steps for Diversity and Inclusion. "Over the years, I have had the privilege of living, working, and being an active member of this vibrant community. I am honoured to have this opportunity to give back further and serve the residents of Peel," said Sumeeta Kohli. "I am looking forward to working with the Board and the Chief."



## PENTAGON SPOKESMAN SAYS US HAS SHARED INTERESTS WITH PAKISTAN



The US has said it has "shared interests with Pakistan in terms of security and stability" and enjoys a healthy military-to-military relationship with the Pakistan Army, Samaa TV reported.

The US Department of Defence Spokesman John Kirby said, "We recognise that we have shared interests with Pakistan with respect to security and stability... And we do have a healthy military-to-military relationship with (the) Pakistani armed forces."

When asked if the Pentagon is concerned with former Pak Prime Minister Imran Khan blaming the US and the US military for his removal from the office, Kirby replied he cannot comment on Pakistan's internal political situation. He added that the US recognises Pakistan's key role in the region and the sacrifices the country has made while fighting terrorism. The reporter asked if the US is prepared in case of a possible military intervention as Khan takes the crisis to the streets by holding large public rallies. Kirby said the US doesn't see any military role in Pakistan, while reiterating he will refrain from commenting on Pakistan's domestic politics. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said on Monday that a prosperous and democratic Pakistan is critical to the US' interests, before adding that both countries have a "long, strong and abiding relationship". "We value our long-standing cooperation with Pakistan and have always viewed a prosperous and democratic Pakistan critical to the US interests. That remains unchanged regardless of who the leadership is," said Psaki.

## FOUR IN 10 CANADIANS SAY RISING INTEREST RATES COULD DRIVE THEM CLOSER TO BANKRUPTCY: SURVEY

MNP Consumer Debt Index hits record low amid growing concern about debt and rising interest rates among Canadians

\* More than half say they're beginning to feel the effects of interest rate increases (52%, +5pts).

\* Nearly six in 10 say they're more concerned about their ability to pay their debts (57%, +3pts).

\* Four in 10 say rising interest rates could drive them closer to Bankruptcy (39%, +4pts).

\* Two in 10 say they're not financially prepared to deal with increasing interest rates (22%, +2pts).

\* Nearly half are concerned they won't be able to cover all living / family expenses in the coming year without going further into debt (46%, +2pts).

The enduring financial impacts of COVID-19 coupled with the pressures of rising interest rates and a higher cost of living are weighing down Canadians' confidence in their personal finances, according to the MNP Consumer Debt Index which is conducted quarterly by Ipsos on behalf of MNP LTD.

Now in its twentieth wave, the Index tracks Canadians' attitudes about their debt situation and their ability to meet their monthly payment obligations. It remains at an all-time low since its inception in June 2017, dropping one point in the first quarter of this year.

Interest rate hikes have more people worried than last quarter, with four in 10 (39%) Canadians saying rising rates could drive them closer to Bankruptcy - a notable four-point increase since December. Six in 10 (57%, +3pts) say they're more concerned about their ability to pay their debts.

"The affordability crisis is increasing the financial pressure on Canadian households," says Grant Bazian, President of MNP LTD, the country's largest insolvency firm.

"Many are likely to rack up more debt to keep up with the cost of living and rising interest rates - but as interest rates rise, so will the cost of servicing some of those debts, making it more difficult to pay them down. It's extremely hard to break free of that cycle once it begins."

More than half of Canadians say they're already feeling the effects of interest rate increases (52%, +5pts). Looking ahead, six in 10 (57%, +4pts) say they're concerned about the impact of rising interest rates on their financial situation, and two in 10 (22%, +2pts) say they're not financially prepared to deal with a rate increase of one percentage point.

"Those who own a home or who plan to renew their mortgage are at a higher risk when it comes to being unable to absorb higher interest rates. They'll be facing monthly payments that are potentially hundreds of dollars higher than they'd initially planned for. With the increasing costs of food, gas, and groceries, it's a perfect storm for some households that are already stretched to the max," says Bazian.

Five percent, or nearly two million Canadians, say they will be renewing their mortgage in the next 12 months. Concerned about how they could be affected by rising rates, this group is more likely to say they are being more careful with how they spend their money compared to the general population (91% vs. 81%). "While mortgage holders can be particularly vulnerable to interest rate changes, their acute awareness of this vulnerability will hopefully help them prepare for the potential impact of future rate hikes," says Bazian.



## CANADIAN NATIONAL HOME SALES FELL BACK BY 5.4%, PRICES UP 1% IN MARCH 2022

Statistics released today by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) show national home sales and newly available listings both retreated in March 2022 after having jumped briefly higher in February.

### Highlights:

National home sales fell back by 5.4% on a month-over-month basis in March. Actual (not seasonally adjusted) monthly activity came in 16.3% below the all-time sales record set in March 2021.

The number of newly listed properties was down 5.5% month-over-month. The MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) rose 1% month-over-month and was up 27.1% year-over-year.

The actual (not seasonally adjusted) national average sale price posted an 11.2% year-over-year gain in March.

Home sales recorded over Canadian MLS® Systems fell back 5.4% between February and March 2022. The decline puts activity back in line with where it had been since last fall.

Sales were down in about half of local markets in March, led by declines in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and Calgary.

The actual (not seasonally adjusted) number of transactions in March 2022 came in 16.3% below the all-time record set in March 2021. That said, as has been the case since last summer, it remains the second-highest level on record for that month.

"While the market remains historically very active, March definitely saw a slowdown compared to February in terms of both activity and price growth," said Jill Oudil, Chair of CREA. "One month does not make a trend, so we'll have to wait and see if this is the beginning of the long-awaited cooling off of this market. Your best bet is to contact your local REALTOR®, as they have the information, knowledge and guidance you'll need if you are planning on entering the market in 2022," continued Oudil.

"It was good to see a moderation in the housing markets in March, given so

many observers were dreading another year of price gains like we saw 2021," said Shaun Cathcart, CREA's Senior Economist. "There were a number of measures announced in the federal budget to help aspiring home buyers, the biggest being getting more housing built. That is the obvious long-term solution to this issue because we all need to live somewhere. In the near-term, the Bank of Canada will do the heavy lifting in the months ahead to slow things down on the price side. Unfortunately, that won't really do anything to help affordability. Quite the opposite in fact."

The number of newly listed homes fell back by 5.5% on a month-over-month basis in March following a jump in February. The monthly decline was led by Greater Vancouver, the Fraser Valley, Calgary and the GTA.

With sales and new listings falling in equal measure in March, the sales-to-new listings ratio stayed at 75.3% compared to 75.2% in February. The long-term average for the national sales-to-new listings ratio is 55.1%.

About two-thirds of local markets were seller's markets based on the sales-to-new listings ratio being more than one standard deviation above its long-term mean in March 2022. The other third of local markets were in balanced market territory. There were 1.8 months of inventory on a national basis at the end of March 2022 — up from a record-low of just 1.6 months in the previous three months. The long-term average for this measure is more than five months.

The Aggregate Composite MLS® HPI was up 1% on a month-over-month basis in March 2022 — a marked slowdown from the record 3.5% increase in February. The non-seasonally adjusted Aggregate Composite MLS® HPI was up by 27.1% on a year-over-year basis in March. The actual (not seasonally adjusted) national average home price was \$796,000 in March 2022, up 11.2% from the same month last year. The national average price is heavily influenced by sales in Greater Vancouver and the GTA, two of Canada's most active and expensive housing markets. Excluding these two markets from the calculation in March 2022 cuts \$163,000 from the national average price.

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## PAKISTAN'S OLIVE BRANCH TO INDIA - LETTER FROM SHEHBAZ SHARIF TO PM MODI PROPOSES 'MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT'

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According to Pakistani watchers, there is a possibility of thaw as both the leaders of India and Pakistan indicate in their communication. Though the rhetoric around Kashmir in Pakistan's politics also means that more often than not, bilateral ties end up taking two steps back for every step forward.

The ceasefire agreement -- the peace has largely been held since February 2021 -- made room for continuing discussion on "core concerns" while allowing cooperation wherever possible but former Prime Minister Imran Khan, seeking to forge an anti-India Islamic front with countries such as Turkey and Malaysia, made it clear that "there can be no normalisation of relations with India until reversal of changes made by India in J&K before resuming trade".

The all-powerful Pakistani army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, again signalled that Pakistan is ready to move forward if India agrees to do so in the first week of this month when it became certain that Imran Khan is out. India in any case, more than words, would be looking for meaningful action, including restraining terror groups inside Kashmir marshalled by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's spy agency.

In his keynote address on April 2 at the Islamabad Security Dialogue (ISD), Bajwa said that while modernising the Pakistani military, Pakistan's emphasis will be on geoeconomics: development and connectivity, and peace with neighbours, especially India.

"Pakistan will benefit if we improve ties with India. We have wasted 70 years; it is time to move on. Let us sit down and resolve our issues including Kashmir. We want development first. Pakistan is working on north to south (Pakistan to Afghanistan to central Asian republics and Russia) connectivity. We also want east to west (India to Iran) connectivity and trade which will benefit both Pakistan and India," Bajwa said.

India has been maintaining that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan while insisting that the onus is on Islamabad to create an environment free of terror and hostility for such an engagement.

## POLICE CHARGE RIYASAT SINGH, 23 & ISSUE CANADA-WIDE WARRANT FOR HARSHDEEP BINNER, 23, OF BRAMPTON IN CONNECTION WITH VIOLENT ASSAULT IN RICHMOND HILL

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A Canada-wide arrest warrant has been issued for one of the suspects and the other has been taken into custody.

On December 20, 2021, officers responded to an address on King William Crescent, which is in the area of Yonge Street and Bantry Avenue, for a call that a female victim was attacked and struck with a frying pan in an underground parking garage. The incident was interrupted by a concerned citizen and the suspects fled in a vehicle. The victim was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Through the investigation, officers determined that the suspect vehicle had been stolen from the area of Finch Avenue and Don Mills Road in Toronto. The vehicle was recovered.

Through the investigation and evidence obtained, officers were able to identify the suspects. On April 13, 2022, a warrant was executed at a residence in the City of Brampton and one of the suspects was arrested. The second suspect remains outstanding and a Canada-wide warrant has been issued for his arrest. Investigators are asking anyone with information on the location of the wanted suspect or any information on the investigation to come forward.

Our officers continue to work closely with the Ontario Provincial Police regarding its ongoing investigation into the abduction of Elnaz HAJTAMIRI.

Anyone with information on the Richmond Hill assault is asked to call the York Regional Police #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau designated tip line at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7250 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

## MANPREET SINGH, 33, FROM BRAMPTON, ARRESTED FROM MALTON GURDWARA FOR CARJACKING

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On April 18, 2022, at approximately 3:50 a.m., a male attended a residence in the area of Woodward Avenue and Centre Street N, Brampton. An argument ensued between the victims and the male, who allegedly assaulted the two victims with a hammer and then fled the area. Neither victim sustained any physical injury.

On April 18, 2022, just after 5:30 a.m., police attended a business in the area of Bovaird Drive and Mountainash Road, Brampton, regarding an alleged carjacking with a weapon. A man entered a running vehicle, and upon the victim's return to his car, the man pointed what was believed to be a firearm in the victim's direction, which was later confirmed to be a hammer. The man then fled the area in the stolen vehicle. The victim did not receive any physical injuries.

On April 18, 2022, shortly after 8:00 a.m., the victim's vehicle was located at the Sri Guru Singh Sabha, in the area of Derry Road and Airport Road, Mississauga. At this time, the male was seen entering the Gurdwara. Police searched the building and located and arrested a male matching the description. Manpreet Singh, a 33-year-old man from Brampton, is charged with the following offences:

Assault with a Weapon x2

Robbery

Breach of Probation

Fail to Comply with Court Order.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on April 18, 2022.

At this stage of the investigation, it is believed to be an isolated incident and does not appear to be a targeted. There is no concern for public safety.

"I would like to thank the Peel Regional Police for their quick action to bring this potentially dangerous situation to a safe conclusion this morning, with the safety of our community and our congregation in mind. The relationship we have established with the police allowed us to work together to apprehend the individual without incident," said President Daljit Singh Sekhon of the Sri Guru Singh Sabha Malton.

Peel Police will continue to offer reassurance and provide additional support to the community.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to call investigators at 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca).

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57% of Canadians who report that they have or have had COVID-19 rate their symptoms as mild. 20% indicate they had severe symptoms and had to stay in bed.

55% of Canadians think the worst of the COVID-19 crisis is behind us, an increase of 9 percentage points since February 7.

The proportion of Canadians who are personally afraid of contracting COVID-19 is trending downward again.

### METHODOLOGY

This web survey was conducted from April 8 to April 10, 2022, with 1,538 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.

A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey. For comparison, a probability sample of 1,538 respondents would have a margin of error of ±2.5%, 19 times out of 20.



## UKRAINE PRESIDENT ZELENSKY URGES PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD TO JOIN 'ARM UKRAINE NOW' CAMPAIGN

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called on to join the #ArmUkraineNow campaign on social networks.

"Today I want to thank the millions of people around the world who support Ukraine and ask their leaders #ArmUkraineNow. They understand that any weapon in the hands of our army is designed solely to protect against invaders. Heavy weapons are a tool we need now to protect the civilian population from air and artillery shelling, to preserve our infrastructure and our cities. Russia will not stop alone," he wrote in a telegram post.

"Arm us with enough heavy weapons, and we will end this war sooner rather than later - with fewer maimed and killed Ukrainian civilians and soldiers," the Ukrainian President was quoted by Interfax-Ukraine news agency. He called for joining the millions of votes in the global campaign on social networks: #ArmUkraineNow. "1. Post a photo with the caption #ArmUkraineNow 2. Call on your government to provide heavy weapons to Ukraine 3. Mark 3 friends and ask them to do the same," Zelenskyy suggested.

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# WHERE DOES KEJRIWAL STAND IN HIS LEGAL BATTLES AGAINST CENTRE?

PREET KIRAN

Controversies between the Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi and the Narendra Modi government at the Centre remains unabated with a latest round of conflict that has erupted between the two over the issue of integration of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

Both the governments have disputes over range of issues. Whether it is the appointment of the Chief Secretary, the matter of pollution levels and control, delivering ration at the beneficiary's doorstep or be it the matter of making "The Kashmir Files" tax-free, rift between the Centre and the Delhi government continue to prevail.

Here are some of the key flashpoints.

-- Municipal Corporation of Delhi:

Recently, Kejriwal announced that "there will be no coordination between the MCD and the Delhi government if the civic body will be brought under the Central government". Further, he said that there should be coordination between all the agencies of the city, and in absence of coordination, problems will arise.

Raising objections to the bill introduced in Parliament to amend the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, the Delhi Chief Minister had termed it as an attempt to postpone of the civic polls in the city. Kejriwal had argued that there is "no justification" for reducing the number of wards in MCD and "the decision has been taken to postpone the civic elections". He also claimed that as per the bill, "the MCD will be run by the Central government instead of the Delhi government, which is against the constitution".

-- Doorstep Ration Delivery:

The BJP had termed the Delhi government's 'doorstep' ration delivery scheme as a scam, while the Kejriwal government had argued that if the public can get pizza-burgers at home, why not ration.

The Centre had put a stay on the Delhi government's decision and the BJP had justified the Centre's move while claiming that "by doing so the Central government has prevented a big scam from happening".

The BJP had alleged the Delhi government's intention was to 'divert' the ration received in the name of the poor.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government had refused to go ahead with the Central government's 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme.

-- Controversy over removal of photos of the Prime Minister and President from Punjab Chief Minister's Office:

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**-- CONTROVERSY OVER REMOVAL OF PHOTOS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT FROM PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE:**

**AFTER WINNING THE PUNJAB ELECTIONS, THE AAP, CHALLENGING THE INDIAN POLITICAL TRADITION, REMOVED THE PICTURE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE.**

picture of Mahatma Gandhi was missing -- which is considered contrary to the established norms in the Indian political system. However, Mann carried a picture of Bhagat Singh and Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar to his office.

-- NCT Act:

The provisions in the NCT Act has also led to the dispute between the Delhi government and the Centre. According to the its provisions, the Lt Governor was provided more powers in comparison to the city government - though this was considered against the Supreme Court's 4 July 2018 decision, which had said that the files would not be sent to the LG, the elected government would take all the decisions and only a copy of the decision would be sent to the LG.

The court has also made it clear that except land, law and order and police, the Delhi government has the right to make and enforce laws on all other subjects. Article 239AA of the Constitution was repeatedly mentioned and both sides were reminded that Delhi is the National Capital Territory and not a state. According to the rules, if there is any difference of opinion between the government and the Lt Governor, then the Lt Governor can refer the matter to the President.

However, whether it is the appointment of Chief Secretary in

Delhi or the matter of controlling the pollution level in Delhi, both the Central and the state Government tried to serve their interests by citing different rules.

The tug of war between Delhi and the Central governments came openly in front of the public on multiple occasions.

Although earlier, the Delhi Municipality did not have legislative powers, the capital continued to be governed like this till 1990. Later the 69th Amendment Bill was passed, and then the National Capital Territory Act, 1991, the Legislative Assembly was formed in Delhi. Like other states, provision has been made in Delhi for the Chief Minister and the Cabinet, who are collectively responsible for running the Legislative Assembly.

However, if the Centre and the Delhi government make a law on same issue, then the law of the Centre will be applicable in the national capital. In such a situation, Kejriwal has often lost to the Centre in legal battles.

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## Ontario investing over \$1 billion in several major redevelopment & expansion projects for Scarborough Health Network



provide high-quality care to patients for generations to come. **Expanding emergency care services at Centenary Hospital** Building a stronger, more resilient health care system in Scarborough means creating space so that local emergency departments are not overcapacity. Scarborough Health Network provides care to more than 200,000 patients every year in its three emergency departments, which are often at double their intended capacity of visits. To ensure that families in Scarborough can access emergency care when they need it, Ontario previously invested \$500,000 to support the redevelopment of the emergency department and fracture clinic at Centenary Hospital. The redevelopment, which has now moved to Stage 2 of the planning process, will expand emergency services by replacing aging infrastructure with the latest in emergency medicine design and technology and creating more space for emergency care.

### Funding a new chronic kidney disease program at Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre

Scarborough Health Network has the largest nephrology program in Ontario and provides care for more than 6,000 patients every year. To help the network continue to provide high-quality care and meet the growing demand for dialysis treatment in Scarborough, the government is supporting the planning and construction of a new chronic kidney disease facility that will be located in the new Bridletowne Neighbourhood Centre community hub. The new facility will expand the network's hemodialysis and chronic kidney disease programs and bring services together under one roof to make it easier and more convenient for patients to access lifesaving treatment. Modernizing surgical services and expanding diagnostic imaging services at the General Hospital

The government is investing over \$20 million in renovations at Scarborough General Hospital that will expand diagnostic imaging services and modernize one of the operating rooms to meet the community's growing needs. This will improve access to care for patients by having one central location for diagnostic imaging and updating one of the oldest operating rooms in Ontario. Ontario continues to work with the hospital to advance the project.

"Our government is looking at every part of our health care system to improve access to care for patients and bolster the incredible work of our local hospitals," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Every project at Scarborough Health Network will help meet the health care needs of families in the growing Scarborough community and put an end to hallway health care."

Ontario is making investments in health infrastructure projects like these to help expand capacity across the health care system to treat more patients and improve access to integrated care. To further support the high-quality care provided by Ontario's hospitals, the government is providing an additional \$827 million to hospitals across the province, representing a four per cent increase from last year. This will ensure all publicly funded hospitals receive a minimum two per cent increase to their budgets to help them better meet patient needs, while building a stronger, more resilient health care system.

As part of its plan to stay open, Ontario is investing over \$1 billion in several major redevelopment and expansion projects for the Scarborough Health Network. This funding will build more capacity for Scarborough and surrounding communities as the province adds more hospital beds and health care workers to ensure the health system is better able to respond to crisis.

"Because of underfunding and neglect, the people of Scarborough have been forced to make do with aging hospital infrastructure with limited space to deliver the care they deserve," said Premier Doug Ford. "While previous governments were okay with forgetting Scarborough, we are investing over \$1 billion to give this community access to the world class health care they have been asking for. We're getting it done for the people of Scarborough." Scarborough Health Network currently provides care to more than 832,000 people in one of Canada's most diverse communities. As Scarborough and the surrounding communities continue to grow, so will the demand for health care services. To build the necessary capacity to meet this demand, the government is working with Scarborough Health Network on several projects that through a phased approach will redesign and reimagine aging hospital facilities for the people of Scarborough.

### Building a new Birchmount Hospital

The government is investing an additional \$3 million to plan a new Birchmount Hospital, which is a key part of Scarborough Health Network's broader plan to transform health care in the region. The network plans to build the new Birchmount Hospital by making major renovations to the existing facility and building new infrastructure over the course of this phased billion-dollar redevelopment.

As part of the first phase, planning is underway to build a new, state-of-the-art inpatient tower with more than 200 new beds, 14 new operating rooms and additional space to support future growth. Once completed, Birchmount Hospital is planned to have over 450 beds, nearly doubling the current capacity. Health care services at the hospital are also planned to be expanded as part of the redevelopment, including medicine, surgery, critical and emergency care, mental health and addictions care and stroke and rehabilitation care. With these enhanced services, Scarborough Health Network will be able to

## LEGER POLL REVEALS CANADIANS' OPINIONS SPLIT ON FEDERAL BUDGET

Opinions on the 2022 federal budget are split: 38% of Canadians think it is a step in the right direction, 32% think it is a step in the wrong direction and 30% don't know.

30% of Canadians think the budget will have a negative impact on them/their household, 26% think it will have a positive impact, 25% think it will have no impact and 19% are unsure.

57% of Canadians think the federal government should have spent more on initiatives to fight rising inflation in Canada in the federal budget.

49% of Canadians think the federal government is allocating the right amount to the national defence budget, 34% think it should be spending more, and 18% think it should be spending less.

47% of Canadians feel the size of the federal deficit is acceptable given what needs to be accomplished.

### METHODOLOGY

This web survey was conducted from April 8 to April 10, 2022, with 1,538 Canadians, 18 years of age or older, randomly recruited from LEO's online panel.

A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey. For comparison, a probability sample of 1,538 respondents would have a margin of error of ±2.5%, 19 times out of 20.

## PEEL POLICE ISSUES WARRANTS IN ATTEMPT MURDER INVESTIGATION FOR MANJOT SINGH, 25, FROM BRAMPTON & GURKIRAT SINGH, 24 FROM MARKHAM

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On Saturday, April 16, 2022, at approximately 12:45 a.m., the two victims were at a business in the area of Bramtree Court and Chrysler Drive, Brampton. Upon leaving the business, the two victims were attacked by a group of four men who were armed with weapons ranging from sticks to bats. After causing injury to the victims, all of the suspects fled the area in a white, 2015 Volkswagen Jetta with Ontario license plate CFEF 295. One of the victims was transported to a trauma centre, and has sustained life altering injuries. The second victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Two of the suspects have been identified by investigators, and a warrant for their arrest has been issued.

Manjot Singh, a 25-year-old man from Brampton, is currently wanted for the following offences:

- Attempt Murder
- Assault With a Weapon
- Assault Cause Bodily Harm

Gurkirat Singh, a 24-year-old man from Markham, is currently wanted for the following offences:

- Attempt Murder
- Assault With a Weapon
- Assault Cause Bodily Harm

The other two suspects remain unidentified at this time, however investigators are working diligently to obtain their identity and bring them before the courts. All of the involved suspects are encouraged to speak with legal counsel, and make arrangements to surrender to police.

To view photos of Manjot Singh and Gurkirat Singh, visit PRPnews.ca. Anyone with information on this investigation, or information on the whereabouts of the suspects, is asked to call investigators at the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121, extension 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## ONTARIO PASSES LANDMARK LEGISLATION TO KEEP ONTARIO OPEN

Today, the Ontario government passed the Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022, a critical component of the province's Plan to Stay Open. Among other measures, the legislation bolsters Ontario's health workforce by recognizing foreign-credentialed workers and giving publicly-funded personal support workers (PSWs) and direct support workers (DSWs) a permanent raise.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light the pressing need for an improved crisis plan in Ontario. Stockpiles of personal protective equipment (PPE) were depleted or expired, emergency protocols were under-developed and out-of-date and the province's health care system was chronically underfunded and understaffed.

At the outset of the pandemic, the government took immediate action by creating more than 3,100 new and additional hospital beds and investing an additional \$1.8 billion in hospitals. In addition, the government launched the \$50 million Ontario Together Fund to help businesses retool to manufacture critical supplies and PPE for families and frontline workers. Since the beginning of the pandemic, total investments in hospitals have grown to \$5.1 billion and investments in the Ontario Together fund have doubled to \$100 million.

A Plan To Stay Open, which includes the Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022, expands on policies and measures already in place to ensure the province is able to stay open by building a stronger, more resilient health care system that is better able to respond to crisis. It promises to attract and retain more doctors, nurses and personal support workers, shore-up the domestic production of critical supplies and continue building vital health care infrastructure. "The legislation passed today will provide the tools to equip Ontario to fight any future pandemic or threat to the lives and livelihoods of Ontarians," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board. "Never again will we allow Ontario to be in the precarious position it was in before the pandemic. The Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022, builds on our government's strong commitment to the health and safety of all Ontarians and our desire to give Ontarians the confidence and security of knowing that when a future pandemic emerges, Ontario will be ready." As part of A Plan to Stay Open, the government is fulfilling its commitment to make the wage increase for publicly-funded PSWs and DSWs permanent, including by investing \$893 million in 2022-23. This permanent wage enhancement includes an additional \$3 per hour for approximately 50,000 eligible workers in long-term care, and \$3 per hour for approximately 60,000 eligible workers in children, community and social services providing personal direct support services to those who need assistance with the activities of daily living.

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## BANK OF CANADA INCREASES KEY INTEREST RATE TO 1%

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Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine is causing unimaginable human suffering and new economic uncertainty. Price spikes in oil, natural gas and other commodities are adding to inflation around the world. Supply disruptions resulting from the war are also exacerbating ongoing supply constraints and weighing on activity. These factors are the primary drivers of a substantial upward revision to the Bank's outlook for inflation in Canada.

The war in Ukraine is disrupting the global recovery, just as most economies are emerging from the impact of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. European countries are more directly impacted by confidence effects and supply dislocations caused by the war. China's economy is facing new COVID outbreaks and an ongoing correction in its property market. In the United States, domestic demand remains very strong and the US Federal Reserve has clearly indicated its resolve to use its monetary policy tools to control inflation. As policy stimulus is withdrawn, US growth is expected to moderate to a pace more in line with potential growth. Global financial conditions have tightened and volatility has increased. The Bank now forecasts global growth of about 3½% this year, 2½% in 2023 and 3¼% in 2024.

In Canada, growth is strong and the economy is moving into excess demand. Labour markets are tight, and wage growth is back to its pre-pandemic pace and rising. Businesses increasingly report they are having difficulty meeting demand, and are able to pass on higher input costs by increasing prices. While the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate and circulate, high rates of vaccination have reduced its health and economic impacts. Growth looks to have been stronger in the first quarter than projected in January and is likely to pick up in the second quarter. Consumer spending is

strengthening with the lifting of pandemic containment measures. Exports and business investment will continue to recover, supported by strong foreign demand and high commodity prices. Housing market activity, which has been exceptionally high, is expected to moderate.

The Bank forecasts that Canada's economy will grow by 4¼% this year before slowing to 3¼% in 2023 and 2¼% in 2024. Robust business investment, labour productivity growth and higher immigration will add to the economy's productive capacity, while higher interest rates should moderate growth in domestic demand. CPI inflation in Canada is 5.7%, above the Bank's forecast in its January Monetary Policy Report (MPR). Inflation is being driven by rising energy and food prices and supply disruptions, in combination with strong global and domestic demand. Core measures of inflation have all moved higher as price pressures broaden. CPI inflation is now expected to average almost 6% in the first half of 2022 and remain well above the control range throughout this year. It is then expected to ease to about 2½% in the second half of 2022 and return to the 2% target in 2024. There is an increasing risk that expectations of elevated inflation could become entrenched. The Bank will use its monetary policy tools to return inflation to target and keep inflation expectations well-anchored. With the economy moving into excess demand and inflation persisting well above target, the Governing Council judges that interest rates will need to rise further. The policy interest rate is the Bank's primary monetary policy instrument, and quantitative tightening will complement increases in the policy rate. The timing and pace of further increases in the policy rate will be guided by the Bank's ongoing assessment of the economy and its commitment to achieving the 2% inflation target.

## DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO CALL 911?

Nearly 40 per cent of 911 calls last year were non-emergencies April 10 to 16 is 911 awareness week. During this week, the Region of Peel recognizes the crucial work 911 emergency communicators and emergency services perform. 911 connects residents to Paramedics, Police, and Fire when residents need immediate help.

Last year, almost 40 per cent of calls to 911 were not due to an emergency. This means that valuable time and resources were lost due to accidental calls and non-emergencies. To ensure 911 services are used for emergencies only, the Region reminds residents to avoid non-emergency calls to 911 by:

Only calling 911 when someone needs immediate help from Paramedics, Police or Fire – means someone's health or property is in immediate danger  
Calling 311, 211 or non-emergency phone numbers for access to non-emergency help

Remembering to dial 011 codes before calling internationally  
Locking your cell phone and not programming 911 into your phone  
Teaching your children how to recognize an emergency and how use 911 correctly

### Don't hang up

Stay on the phone with the 911 communicator to make sure they have the information they need to send emergency services to your location. Location is difficult to determine on a cell phone.

Don't panic if you call 911 accidentally. Stay on the phone so the communicator knows you're okay. If you hang up, the communicator will call you back and may send emergency services to your location.

### Did you know?

That 911 is available is available in 156 languages and available by text to members of the deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech impaired community who have pre-registered their cellphones with their wireless provider? Access to 911 and emergency services is available for free to all residents.

During 911 awareness week and all year, keep 911 for emergencies only so emergency services can reach you faster. To learn more about 911 services in the Region of Peel, please visit 911 Service – Region of Peel ([peelregion.ca](http://peelregion.ca)).

## ONTARIO SCIENCE TABLE SAYS PROVINCE 'IS WELL INTO WAVE 6 OF THE PANDEMIC'

• Ontario is well into wave 6 of the pandemic, driven by the new, more transmissible BA.2 subvariant, waning immunity, and lifting of public health measures.

• There is significant uncertainty around the impact of case growth on our health system and deaths.

Wastewater surveillance suggests that community transmission may have peaked. Regardless, modelling indicates that hospital occupancy is likely to continue to rise for some time, with uncertainty in the timing and height of the peak.

• COVID-19 infections in healthcare workers are as high as in the last Omicron wave. High infection rates combined with potentially high hospitalization rates will reduce Ontario's ability to provide care for non-COVID-19 patients.

• Infected individuals are at risk of developing Long COVID, which is associated with serious neurologic illness, heart attacks, stroke, and long-term impairment.

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## TORONTO POLICE RECOVER MORE THAN \$28.5 MILLION IN COCAINE & CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE SERVICE'S LARGEST SINGLE-DAY DRUG SEIZURE

The Toronto Police Service has seized 189 kilograms of cocaine and 97 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine in the largest single-day seizure of drugs in the organization's history.

At a news conference today (Thursday, April 14, 2022) Staff Superintendent Lauren Pogue, Superintendent Steve Watts and Inspector Mandep Mann updated the media, YouTube link, on the arrest of a 29-year-old man and the ensuing investigation.

On April 2, 2022, investigators arrested a man in the underground parking lot of a building, located in the area of Yonge Street and The Esplanade. It is alleged that he was in possession of 50 kilos of cocaine.

After further investigation, search warrants were executed in a unit located in the same building, the man's residence, and the man's vehicle.

It is further alleged that, during those search warrants, an additional 139 kilos of cocaine, 97 kilos of crystal methamphetamine and approximately \$50,000 in cash were seized.

Devante Moores, of Toronto, has been charged with:

1. Two counts of Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Trafficking
  2. Possession of Crystal Methamphetamine for the Purpose of Trafficking
- He is next scheduled to appear in court, at Old City Hall, Room 103, on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-6100, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com).



## Region of Peel Outlines Key Priorities for June Provincial Election

The Region of Peel is releasing its key election priorities, highlighting how Ontario's next government can contribute to the ongoing success of Peel by supporting its thriving communities and businesses.

Peel remains a destination of choice for those looking to raise a family or start a business. However, Peel is facing a number of challenges that will require ongoing collaboration between the Region and the provincial government. Some of these challenges include the escalating affordable housing crisis as well as the growing need for healthcare and mental health and addiction services.

The June 2 provincial election gives Peel residents a voice to share the issues that matter to them most with the candidates and the political parties they represent.

The Region has compiled the following 10 key policy priorities and recommendations for provincial political parties and their local candidates to consider and advance to meet the needs of the Peel community:

- Fair share for municipalities
- Support new hospital development
- Focus on affordable housing solutions
- Enhance the transportation network
- Safeguard quality of life for seniors
- Prioritize investment in mental health and addiction services



Continue support for pandemic response  
Support essential services for Peel residents and businesses  
Stimulate economy through infrastructure funding  
Collaborate to build a strong, stable child care sector  
The Region looks forward to working with the next provincial government on these and the many other issues critical to Peel residents and business owners. For more details about the Region's 2022 provincial election priorities and the Region's ongoing advocacy work, visit [peelregion.ca/advocacy](http://peelregion.ca/advocacy)

## PEEL REGION SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON POTENTIAL VACANT HOMES TAX TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY

Today, the Region of Peel launched an online survey for the public to provide input into the development of a potential Vacant Home Tax program in Peel to increase affordable housing supply.

Residents in Peel are encouraged to participate to help the Region make informed decisions related to the design of a Vacant Home Tax program. The survey will be open from April 13 to May 16. There are also two virtual public consultation sessions taking place. They are scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 and Tuesday, May 3. To access the survey, or register for a public consultation session, please visit [peelregion.ca/vacant-home-tax/](http://peelregion.ca/vacant-home-tax/). Why is Peel looking at the feasibility of a Vacant Home Tax?

A variety of metrics and studies indicate growing pressures on affordable housing supply and eroding housing affordability in Ontario including Peel. A Vacant Home Tax is expected to discourage speculative behaviour which is one of the factors that has caused the housing supply and affordability issues in Ontario.

The Region and local municipalities have long advocated for revenue tools to address the changing needs of local communities and to ensure municipal financial sustainability.

A Vacant Home Tax is a tool that is already available and is starting to be used by more municipalities.

More About Vacant Home Tax opportunities

A vacant Home Tax is a tool that can be used in rapidly growing urban centres which face challenges related to housing such as rapidly rising house prices (at a rate higher than the growth of income) or low availability of homes for sale or rent. The tax is generally applied to homes that are vacant for at least six months in a calendar year (certain exemptions may apply).

The objectives of this tax are two-fold

As a policy tool to improve housing affordability

By implementing this tax, the Region may be able to encourage owners of vacant properties to either sell or rent out their units. This increases supply of units on the market which should lower average property sale and rent prices, improving the affordability of housing in the Region.

As a revenue tool to support housing programs

While not mandated by legislation, all jurisdictions that have implemented



(or are considering implementing) the Vacant Home Tax have pledged to use revenues collected from this tax to help support rent relief programs, build and maintain affordable housing, and provide grants to non-profit organizations to assist the community.

Additional information:

Vacant Home Tax webpage

Report to Council January 2022 – "Vacant Home Tax Feasibility Study" Feasibility Assessment for Vacant Homes Tax – January 2022 – presentation to Council by Ernst and Young Housing in the Region of Peel

The Region of Peel's advocacy priorities

The Region of Peel works with residents and partners to create a healthy, safe and connected Community for Life for approximately 1.5 million people and over 175,000 businesses in the cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon. Peel's services touch the lives of residents every day. For more information about the Region of Peel, explore [peelregion.ca](http://peelregion.ca) and follow us on Twitter @regionofpeel and Instagram @peelregion.ca.

## TORONTO POLICE ARRESTED ANGEL TUN DAVALOS, 33, IN SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION

On Thursday, March 24, 2022, officers began an investigation into a sexual assault that occurred in Toronto and the Region of Peel.

It is alleged that:

– a 23-year-old man met another man on a Facebook page "Latinos en Toronto"

– he was offered a job by the other man cleaning commercial buildings

– he was taken to a number of addresses in Toronto and Peel region where they worked together

– he was sexually assaulted during these times

On Thursday, March 24, 2022, Angel Tun Davalos, 33, of Toronto, was arrested. He is charged with:

- 1) three counts of Sexual Assault
- 2) Fail to Comply with Probation

This is an on-going investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-1100, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com).

A sexual assault is any form of unwanted sexual contact. It includes, but is not limited to, kissing, grabbing, oral sex and penetration. To learn more about sexual assault, including how to report a sexual assault, please visit our Sex Crimes website.



## EDITH FRAYNE, 45, OF TORONTO CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT MURDER IN SUBWAY PUSHING INCIDENT

The Toronto Police Service is advising the public of an arrest made in an attempt murder investigation.

On Sunday, April 17, 2022, at 9:03 p.m., officers responded to a call for an unknown trouble at Yonge/Bloor Subway Station.

It is reported that:

– a 39-year-old woman was walking on the platform

– she was pushed onto the subway tracks by another woman

– she sustained a serious injury from the fall

– the suspect was last seen fleeing the area westbound on Bloor Street West  
On Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:18 p.m., a woman was arrested at Finch Go Station.

Edith Frayne, 45, of Toronto is charged with:

1. Attempt Murder

She will attend court on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at College Park, in room 507, at 10 a.m. Investigators would like to thank the public for the tips received and the Toronto Transit Commission for their assistance in this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-5300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com).



## COVID-19 STILL A GLOBAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DESPITE DROP IN CASES, DEATHS: WHO



As the number of new Covid-19 cases and deaths continues to decline, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said the pandemic remains a public health emergency, advising countries to be prepared to scale up Covid-19 response rapidly. "On Covid-19, there's good news. Last week, the lowest number of Covid-19 deaths was recorded since the early days of the pandemic," WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a press briefing in Geneva on Wednesday.

According to the WHO, the global number of new Covid-19 cases and deaths continued to decline during the week of April 4-10 for a third consecutive week, with more than 7 million cases and over 22,000 deaths reported, a decrease of 24 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively, as compared to the previous week, Xinhua news agency reported.

"However, some countries are still witnessing serious spike in cases, which is putting pressure on hospitals. And our ability to monitor trends is compromised as testing has significantly reduced," Tedros said.

The WHO's Covid-19 International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee released on Wednesday its recommendations from its latest meeting, which upheld that the Covid-19 pandemic continues to constitute a public health emergency of international concern. The committee said countries should continue to use evidence-informed and risk-based public health and social measures (PHSM) and be prepared to scale up PHSM rapidly in response to changes in the virus and the population immunity if Covid-19 hospitalisations, intensive care admissions and fatalities increase and compromise the health systems' capacity.

As the number of severe cases has dramatically declined in many countries — in Britain, Sweden and the United States, among others — widespread Covid-19 testing and surveillance programs have been widely scrapped there. This has led the WHO to call on all countries to sequence at least 5 per cent of their Covid-19 samples in order to keep track of the coronavirus mutations. According to WHO Director General, the UN health agency is currently following closely a number of Omicron sub-lineages, including BA.2, BA.4 and BA.5, and another recombinant detected, made up of BA.1 and BA.2. In an earlier statement, the WHO said scientists in Botswana and South Africa had detected new forms of the Omicron variant, labeled as BA.4 and BA.5. But due to the limited number of samples and sequencing, it is still not fully clear whether these might be more transmissible or dangerous. "The best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated and boosted when recommended. Continue wearing masks, especially in crowded indoor spaces. And for the indoors, keep the air fresh by opening windows and doors, and invest in good ventilation," the WHO chief advised.



## PUNJAB POLICE BOOKS FORMER AAP LEADER KUMAR VISHWAS OVER 'INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS' AGAINST KEJRIWAL

The Aam Aadmi Party, claim partymen, is a party with a difference. But since it swept the 2022 Punjab polls by winning over 90 seats in the 117-seat Assembly and for the first time expanded its political footprint beyond Delhi, Opposition members allege that they are being targeted by the Punjab Police on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal always demanded that Delhi be made into a state and not a Union Territory. One of the prime reasons for this has been that the police in the national capital does not come under the CM, rather it is answerable to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

Now since the party has won Punjab state with a brute majority, it is allegedly employing the age-old tactics to counter its rivals in Delhi, political pundits say. The Punjab Police which comes under Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, is these days, booking Kejriwal's rivals. The latest action was against Congress leader Alka Lamba, who was on Wednesday summoned by the Punjab Police's Special Investigation Team, Rupnagar, over a statement that she had made against Kejriwal before the Punjab Assembly polls, held earlier this year. In a tweet, Lamba said that the Punjab Police has pasted a notice on the wall of her house in Delhi and while the cops were leaving they allegedly threatened her with dire consequences if she does not appear before the police on April 26.

The notice read, "During the investigation it is revealed that there are reasonable grounds to question you to ascertain facts and circumstances from you. Hence you are summoned before the Special Investigation Team at 10.00 a.m. on or before April 26 at Police Station SadarRoonagar for the purpose of investigation."

Before Lamba, on the same day, a team of the Punjab Police visited

former AAP leader Kumar Vishwas' residence in Ghaziabad.

Punjab Police filed an FIR against former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Kumar Vishwas in Rupnagar town for 'inflammatory statements' against AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal in the run-up to the February 20 state assembly elections.

Vishwas, who was a founding member of the Aam Aadmi Party had alleged that Kejriwal had connections with separatists in Punjab, and those having sympathy with separatists used to come to his house for meetings during the last assembly polls."

A case FIR number 25 dated 12.04.22 has been registered u/s 153, 153A, 505, 505 (2) , 116 r/w 143, 147, 323, 341, 120-B IPC and 125 Representation of Peoples Act," read the FIR.

"The complainant said that when he was campaigning in a village along with AAP supporters, some masked men stopped them and called them Khalistani. Similar incidents have been regularly occurring. All this started after Kumar Vishwas gave inflammatory statements against AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on news channels/ social media platforms alleging AAP links with separatist elements," stated the FIR."As a result of these statements and videos, the peaceful atmosphere of the state of Punjab is likely to be disturbed," the FIR further read.

As part of the investigation, notice has been served upon Kumar Vishwas to produce whatever evidence he has to support his allegations. The matter is being investigated as per facts and law, said Punjab Police.

The Centre had also granted 'Y' category security cover to the poet-turned-politician Kumar Vishwas after he accused Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal of having links with separatist outfits.

## G-23 IGNORED AS CONGRESS DISCUSSES PRASHANT KISHOR'S PROPOSALS

The group of dissidents in the Congress — G-23 — seems to be upset after not being consulted for the ongoing discussions on the proposals given by political strategist Prashant Kishor as roadmap for the 2024 general elections. On Wednesday, two Congress CMs, Ashok Gehlot from Rajasthan and Bhupesh Baghel from Chhattisgarh, were called to Delhi to discuss the proposals.

While a host of Congress leaders were present for the discussions, ever since the formal consultations began on the proposals, G-23 leaders were not made party to them, including one of the senior most leaders of the Congress, Ghulam Nabi Azad.

However, one of the signatories of the letter written to Sonia Gandhi by the G-23 leaders, Veerappa Moily, has said that it is a welcome move to rope in Kishor. Meanwhile, Gehlot said that "Kishor is a brand now", hinting that the party is keen to induct the political strategist into its fold. According to Congress General Secretary Randeep Surjewala, the party will decide within 48 hours about the proposals and the possible induction of Kishor into the Congress.

The Congress is now more focused on Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, which will go to the polls later this year, as success in state polls will be crucial going to the general elections in 2024. In total, there are six big state elections ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

During the three meetings with Kishor held since Saturday, those present included Sonia Gandhi, Ambika Soni, A.K Antony, Jairam Ramesh, K.C Venugopal and Randeep Surjewala, among others. "Prashant Kishor has given a detailed presentation for the 2024 elections and the Congress President has deputed a small group to look into it and report to her within a week. A final decision will be taken after that," Venugopal had said.

According to sources, Kishor said during Saturday's meeting that the Congress must target 370-400 seats and work on alliances wherever the party is weak.

## SUKHBIR ASKS KEJRIWAL NOT TO PLAY POLITICS ON SATLUJ YAMUNA LINK CANAL

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal on Wednesday asked Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal not to play politics on the sensitive issue of the Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal even as he asked Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to urge him to withdraw the guarantee given on this issue to the people of Haryana.

Talking to the media at Gurdwara Rakabganj here, Badal said the AAP had again started befooling Punjabis in its age-old tradition. The Punjab Finance Minister had now announced that the state's river waters would not flow into Haryana, even as a Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament had given a guarantee on behalf of Kejriwal in Haryana that water from the SYL canal would irrigate each and every field in the state.

Asserting that this insidious conduct of AAP had the potential to inflame sentiments in the entire region, Badal said the continued silence of Mann on this issue was being read as a weakness by Punjabis.

"It seems Mann knows the real intentions of Kejriwal which the latter has made public earlier also by filing an affidavit in the Supreme Court demanding water be released to Haryana and Delhi through the SYL. If Mann does not step in and ask Kejriwal to withdraw the guarantee given by his party to the people of Haryana, he should be prepared to face the angst of Punjabis who will not allow one drop of water to flow into Haryana from the SYL canal."



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## BUMPY ROAD AHEAD FOR CONGRESS AS IT GEARS UP FOR MAKE-OR-BREAK STATE POLLS

The Congress is gearing up to hold a Chintan Shivir next month to deliberate on the future plan for the party which has been failing in election after election. The trigger for the brainstorming session is the electoral setback in the recent five state elections where the Congress scored a duck while the BJP managed to retain all its four states and the Congress was swept away in the AAP tsunami in Punjab. The Congress is trying to rope in political strategist Prashant Kishor and on Saturday he presented a detailed roadmap for the 2024 elections. Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi has set up a committee to look into the suggestions made by Kishor.

General Secretary, organization, KC Venugopal said, "Prashant Kishor has given a detailed presentation on the 2024 election and the Congress president has deputed a small group to look into it and report within a week and after that a final decision will be taken."

The Congress leaders have been meeting informally to discuss and finalise the agenda. The major test will be in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh this year, then states like Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh go to the polls in 2023. These are the major states where the Congress has to perform better and win elections to pose a challenge to the BJP in the 2024 general elections.

The Congress knows that the road ahead is not smooth but bumpy as the BJP is trying to play its cards carefully. The recent violence could affect the Congress's chances in the states where it is not capable of countering the polarising agenda.

Sonia Gandhi recently said that the road ahead is more challenging than ever before. The party is now looking to corner the government on economic issues and despite not getting traction in the public the

party has raised the issues of fuel and LPG price hike and soaring prices. Some Congress leaders admit privately that the public is least bothered about inflation and the BJP's polarizing agenda is on track and the Congress has to devise a new narrative to attract the peoples attention. The Congress has been attacking the Centre on the issue of inflation. Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said inflation was at its highest in the last 17 months and the Prime Minister should withdraw his "Achhe Din" statement. "At 7%, inflation is now the highest in 17 months." He said he would request the Prime Minister to immediately withdraw these 'Achhe Din'. The people of India have had enough of 'good times'. The Congress has been targeting the government on inflation and has squarely blamed it for the high prices. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "The government should bulldoze inflation and unemployment but instead of that the BJP's bulldozer is driven by hatred to instil fear."

"Inflation and unemployment choked the people in the country and the government should drive the bulldozer on these problems but the BJP's bulldozer is driven by hate to create fear."

Sonia Gandhi on April 5 while addressing the parliamentary party had said that the revival of the party was essential for democracy and the results of the elections were "shocking" and "painful". She had said that it was important to put forth a roadmap and for that a 'Shivir (meeting)' should be held.

"That is where the views of a larger number of colleagues and party representatives will be heard. They will contribute to put forward a clear roadmap on the urgent steps to be taken by our party on how best to meet the challenges we are confronted with," she said.

## 89% INDIANS BELIEVE GOVT INITIATIVES CAN ENHANCE CYBER DEFENCES: REPORT

Nearly 89 per cent of Indians who surveyed believe that the government-led initiatives can play a critical role in enhancing nations' cyber defences, a new report showed on Monday.

While 60 per cent of Indians identified lack of in-house implementation expertise as a barrier to implementation, only 35 per cent of Indians claim to have fully implemented appropriate software supply chain risk management policies and processes, according to the report by cybersecurity company Trellix.

"Global tensions and cyber-warfare incidents in Ukraine sharpen our focus on the cyber readiness of government and critical infrastructure," said Bryan Palma, CEO of Trellix.

"Our report assesses the progress of new technology implementation, like XDR (extended detection and response). It also identifies areas of opportunity for stronger public-private partnerships, where increased coordination will keep us ahead of our adversaries," he

added. Nearly 32 per cent of Indian respondents claim to have fully implemented cloud cybersecurity modernisation.

About 59 per cent of Indians support government mandates demanding cybersecurity standards for software.

"But respondents from all three countries are concerned there could be drawbacks to such mandates," the report added.

Nearly 51 per cent of Indian respondents believe such mandates could result in government requirements that are too complex and ultimately too expensive to implement.

About 60 per cent of Indian respondents identified a lack of implementation expertise as one of the biggest barriers to implementation.

While 59 per cent of Indians believe that their government could provide more funding to organisations such as theirs to improve cybersecurity, 53 per cent favour tighter cooperation on the investigation of attacks following their discovery, the report noted.

### ENSURE PUNJAB NOT SUBJECT TO REMOTE CONTROL RULE BY DELHI GOVT: OPPOSITION

The Opposition in Punjab -- the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and the Congress -- on Tuesday asked Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to safeguard the interests of the state and ensure that it is not subject to remote control rule by the AAP government in Delhi or be taken over by the Centre. The Opposition also asked the Chief Minister to address the pressing concerns of farmers, who are seeking compensation on account of low wheat yields.

Joining the issue, newly-appointed state Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring targeted Mann over the Centre's interfering in the state's law and order matters in the context of the Punjab Governor's visits to the border areas.

He also took a dig at the Chief Minister over Arvind Kejriwal summoning Punjab officials to Delhi, saying it has set a wrong precedent. Responding to the issue, senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema said that instead of tackling the real issues of Punjab, the AAP government is trying to obfuscate them by diverting the attention of the people by focusing on issues like songs and similar activities. Asserting that the recent developments are very 'dangerous' for the state, Cheema said Punjabis are shocked that Kejriwal is taking meetings of the Punjab chief secretary and the State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) Chairman.

"The apprehension in the minds of the people that the Punjab government would be run by remote control from Delhi under AAP rule is proving to be true," he said. Asking Mann to clarify the situation, Cheema said the manner in which the Delhi Chief Minister is riding roughshod over constitutional norms has made Punjabis insecure. "Punjabis rightfully fear that the officers of Punjab could be brow beaten to sign away the rights of the state on important issues like river-waters. Mann should understand that he has been elected to office in Punjab and he alone should hold the required meetings, and not give this right to the Delhi Chief Minister," he said.

### WHY CAN'T INDIA HAVE MORE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES LIKE SINGAPORE, SWITZERLAND?

The call for the usage of Hindi by the states by Union Home Minister Amit Shah has triggered a debate among the non-Hindi speaking states. Intellectuals and activists from Karnataka question that if Singapore with a population of 50 lakh people can have five official languages, why should India with a 130 crore population promote only Hindi?

It is opined that the central government being in the place of big brother should understand that Hindi is spoken by only 1/3rd of the population and the non-Hindi population comprises 2/3rd of the total population of India.

Arun Javagal, state organizational secretary of the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, explained to IANS that there is a constitutional preference for the promotion of the Hindi language in the country. Articles 351 and 344 provide this preference and if equality of languages has to be brought, an amendment to the constitution is needed.

Since 1950, Hindi has been imposed and no service of the Government of India is available in Kannada, which is an official language of India. "Switzerland has 70 to 80 lakh people and there are five official languages in the country. Why should there be one official language for 130 crore people in India?" he questions. Arun Javagal says that the one language policy has kept non-Hindi people out of policy making. It is not possible to challenge the absence of language options in exams. The Indian government considers only Hindi and English speaking consumers. The manuals of products are only available in these two languages. The right to be informed and the right to safety of consumers have been violated. Recently the union government brought an environmental bill. The objections were called only in Hindi and English. When challenged in the courts, the Karnataka and the Delhi High Courts directed the union government to translate the bill in all official languages. The Indian government went to the Supreme Court and claimed that according to Article 344, it is not required. Dr B.P. Maheshchandra Guru, former Professor, Dean and activist, stated that, "former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru while talking about the country said, plurality is the greatest beauty of India. South India, North East India, East India, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab and Haryana have their own languages. One thing has to be understood that non-Hindi speaking people are a majority in India." He said that about 60 to 70 per cent of the population in India do not depend on Hindi in their day to day life. It is going to be an onslaught on pluralism if Hindi is imposed. Union Minister Amit Shah's statement would hurt the minds and India does not stand to gain in any way by imposing Hindi, he added.

### LT GEN MANOJ PANDE BECOMES FIRST SAPPER TO BE INDIAN ARMY CHIEF



Indian Army's Vice Chief Lt Gen Manoj C. Pande was on Monday appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff - the first engineer to hold the top post. He succeed Gen M.M. Naravane on April 30, 2022.

Born on May 6, 1962, Lt General Pande was commissioned on December 24, 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers), and during his long and distinguished service spanning over 39 years, has served in a variety of command, staff, and instructional appointments. He has commanded an Engineer Brigade in the Western Theatre as part of Strike Corps, and an Infantry Brigade along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. His other important command appointments include a Mountain Division in the high-altitude area of western Ladakh and a Corps deployed along the LAC and in the counter-insurgency operations area of the Eastern Command.

He had been Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command and as the Eastern Army Commander at Kolkata before taking over as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. An alumnus of National Defence Academy, he has also studied at Staff College, Camberley (UK), Army War College, Mhow and National Defence College, New Delhi.

### AS THE FIRST RESPONDER IN SOUTH ASIA, HOW SHOULD INDIA RESPOND TO RISING INSTABILITY?

South Asia is in turmoil. In August 2021, Afghanistan went the Taliban way - now the country faces a humanitarian crisis with development indicators touching rock bottom and nearly five million people seeking shelter in Iran. The rest of the world worries that the country does not again turn into a nursery for global jihadis.

Next door, Pakistan's evergreen tussle between the political dispensation and its military continues even as the latter faces fatal attacks from Baloch nationalists, Taliban militants and Pashtun groups. This is not to mention Islamabad's soaring debt and attacks on Chinese nationals resulting in the grounding of the famed China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Sri Lanka leads with bad news since last year over its debt burden, rising inflation, fuel crisis and food shortage. People are camping on the streets, asking strongarm President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and his family members to quit. The country has accumulated foreign loans worth \$51 billion on which it officially defaulted on Tuesday. Reports over the past week suggest that Nepal is headed the Sri Lanka way as the government removed Central Bank Governor Maha Prasad Adhikari.

It also curbed imports of cars, cosmetics and gold after the government noticed foreign currency reserves going downhill. The previous Communist government by KP Sharma Oli left no stone unturned to drive governance downhill.

On India's eastern border, Myanmar has been in a state of military rule since February 2021 soon after it held successful elections, derailing a fledgling democracy. Now the country is rife with internal conflict.

Experts say India cannot remain immune to this political, economic and social instability in its closely-knit neighbourhood where people enjoy close cross-border ties. Dhananjay Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, tells India Narrative that India will have to act proactively. "It will have to provide humanitarian aid to countries that are facing a food crisis, which we are already doing in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka". He adds that any other support that India provides to its neighbours will have to be subtle and without political motives. Tripathi advises caution: "We can look at stabilising the situation in the neighbourhood but will have to tread cautiously as neighbouring communities are sensitive. They should not feel that we are interfering in their internal dynamics".

A watchful India will have to ensure that external influences do not get a foothold in the neighbourhood. Interventions by China to prop up governments or provide help will not just be detrimental to the countries seeking help but will also undermine India. Prolonged instability in the region can also be fertile ground for international terror groups. The 2019 Easter bombings in Sri Lanka is one such example where the ISIS militants killed 269 innocent people and harmed the country's tourism sector.

Last year, former Maldivian president Mohamed Nasheed was sought to be assassinated through a bomb attack in capital Male. The Indian Ocean archipelago country, located south-west of India has been battling strong Islamist influences. Besides unfriendly foreign influences, India will also have to protest its investments in these countries. Any anti-India feeling could lead to mob attacks on Indian projects in these countries. Besides investments, India is executing High Impact Community Development Projects related to education, health, tourism and others in friendly nations as part of its development assistance.

### JAHANGIRPURI VIOLENCE: IFSO ROPED IN TO UNEARTH LARGER CONSPIRACY

In a significant development in the case related to the April 16 communal clashes in north-west Delhi's Jahangirpuri area, the Delhi Police have now pressed its sophisticated wing, Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO), into service.

The team headed by DCP K.P.S. Malhotra will help gather scientific evidences in the case.

IFSO is the biggest cyber crime unit of the Delhi Police, which has cracked a number of important cases.

"The IFSO team will help us gather digital and scientific evidences. It will retrieve the chats and other data from the mobile phones of the accused persons, which in turn will provide a more clear picture of what exactly led to the clashes in Jahangirpuri," said a source.

The police need to know from where and how weapons were procured. They are also trying to ascertain if most of the accused in the Jahangirpuri violence were connected to each other, and who was leading them, said the source. The police have also claimed to have learnt during the investigation that around 20 gangsters were provoking the mob and efforts are on to gather evidences against them.

More than 20 teams of the Delhi Police are currently looking into the matter. The violence broke out in Jahangirpuri on April 16 after two groups clashed with each other over a procession being taken out through the area on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti.



## WILL PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF BITE THE BULLET AND GO FOR REFORMS TO REVIVE ECONOMY?

Will the newly inducted Shehbaz Sharif government in Pakistan be willing to expand the tax base, curtail exemptions and bring in structural reforms required to fix the economy? Though the new coalition government has little time in hand with general elections slated next year, it will have to take "some tough decisions" to ensure that the economy starts to recover and it continues to get multilateral lenders' assistance. The next few weeks will be critical to understand what the new government plans to do, analysts said.

According to Fitch Ratings, the change in the government has raised near-term policy uncertainty amid rising risks from rising commodity prices. China, too, is waiting for some political stability in the country before it rolls over a debt of \$2.5 billion.

For Islamabad, the immediate task at hand is to renew negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In February, the approved disbursement of \$1 billion under its \$6 billion loan programme. The IMF has indicated that it will continue with the programme under the new government but Sharif's team will have to take "those tough calls" and not embark on the path of populism.

Pakistan's total external debt in 2022-23 stands at \$20 billion, of which

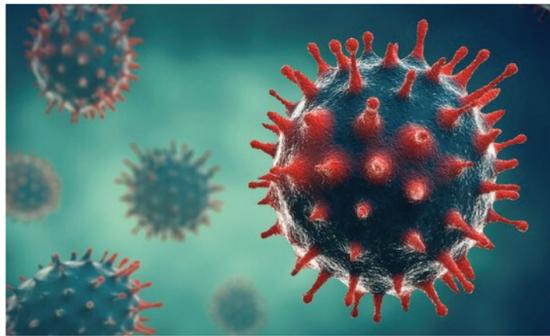
\$7 billion comprises Chinese and Saudi deposits, which are likely to be rolled over. "Even then the new government would have to expand the tax base and curtail exemptions by bringing in structural reforms, if it really wants the economy to perform," an analyst told India Narrative. As on April 8, Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves fell further to \$10.8 billion from \$11.3 billion recorded the previous week. This can support imports for just two months. Analysts also said that the new government is also expected to reach out to the Gulf nations. "The new government will definitely try to iron out differences with the Gulf countries... this will also help Pakistan get further assistance," an analyst told India Narrative. A lack of initiative in implementation of the reform process could jeopardise Pakistan's ability to get assistance from multilateral lenders such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. "The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government is leaving behind a mess that is bigger in size and murkier than the one created by the government of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in 2018. It took about one year to clear the landmines that the PML-N had left behind but the chaos created by the PTI may even take longer before order is restored," the Express Tribune said.

## COUNTRIES RENEWING EFFORTS FOR WASTEWATER ANALYSIS TO DETECT COVID SURGE

A slew of countries, including Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, the US and Canada, are increasingly turning towards analysing sewage water, which plays an increasingly critical role in monitoring transmission of Covid virus and its variants within communities.

Monitoring of wastewater for Covid virus began in late 2020, after several studies pointed out that sewer slime can accumulate SARS-CoV-2 RNA. It is because traces of SARS-CoV-2 can be isolated from what we flush down the toilet -- and sometimes survive up to several days after leaving an infected person's body.

According to New Zealand's Institute of Environmental Science and Research, RNA from the SARS-CoV-2 virus was detected at all but one of the 120 wastewater sites from the week to April 10, NZ Herald reported. The data showed that early in the year, just about 10 per cent of the sites reported quantifiable amounts of virus. By mid-February, it shot to more than a quarter, and around mid-March, it was present in about 90 per cent of them. The latest data shows how daily cases in the region have tumbled to around 14 per cent of the peak -- fewer than 100 daily cases per 100,000, the report said. Health authorities at Victoria in Australia detected the BA.4 or BA.5 sub-variant of the Omicron strain of Covid in wastewater samples taken from the Tullamarine catchment, ABC news reported. Wastewater testing in March revealed BA.2 had become the dominant strain in Victoria. A report from the South African Medical Research Council revealed that the analysis of wastewater samples in South Africa shows an increased incidence of Covid-19 in three provinces - Gauteng, eThekweni in KwaZulu-Natal and Bloemfontein in the Free State. Samples from wastewater plants in Johannesburg and around Pretoria also show that Covid-19 fragments are increasingly common. The Omicron variant dominates all samples so far sequenced with the delta variant found in isolated samples, the report revealed. "Wastewater is completely



independent of whether you get tested or not - everybody poops," Mark Servos, a professor at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, was quoted as saying to CTVNews.ca. "Wastewater is really one of our only reliable tools to determine what's going on in terms of community prevalence." As of April 2, the Canadian city of Waterloo's weekly average for the number of N-gene copies (well-preserved in wastewater) per millilitre was about 415, representing a steady increase in Covid-19 concentration levels since mid-March. A large driver of this growth has been the rapid spread of the Omicron BA.2 sub-variant within the province, Servos said. "We've now seen that BA.2 is almost 100 per cent in most of the wastewater [samples] that we've been studying," Servos added. Other provinces like Alberta and British Columbia are also seeing a rise in Covid in wastewater samples. About a third of wastewater sampling sites across the US have shown an uptick in Covid-19 cases across the country, according to latest data from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF'S INTERESTING PORTFOLIO

The newly elected Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif comes with a really interesting portfolio, filled with extraordinary credentials in all aspects of his life, political career and corruption references, making him a major talking point and reason for widespread criticism. As per details shared by Shehbaz Sharif with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), his value of assets abroad is more than what he owns in the country. The total value of his two properties in London is over Rs 153 million, while his assets in Pakistan are worth Rs 108.24 million. Other details of Shehbaz Sharif in Pakistan include a 553 kanal agricultural plot worth Rs 3.6 million, two properties in Murree worth Rs 16.60 million, investments in the industrial sector worth Rs 720,000, a gifted vehicle worth Rs 20.8 million and money in the bank and cash worth Rs 66.59 million. The total value of his assets in the UK and Pakistan is estimated to be at least Rs 262.29 million. However, with a liability of Rs 130.22 million, therefore, his net wealth amounts up to Rs 132.06 million. This detail is as per the record shared with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) submitted during the year 2015.

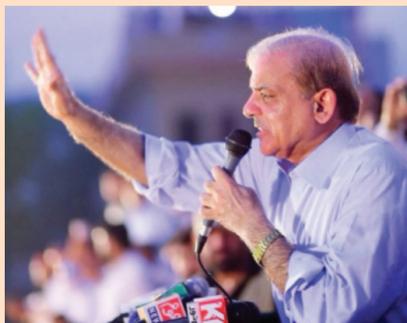
Shehbaz Sharif's first wife Nusrat Shahbaz happens to be wealthier than him as her net wealth is Rs 276.03 million with three houses and over 810 kanals of agricultural land. Nusrat Shahbaz has investments in spinning mills, a trading company, textile mills, poultry farms, sugar mills, dairy farms, an energy company and plastic industry. Moreover, her household furniture, jewellery and a car is valued at Rs 3.41 million. Shehbaz's Sharif's second wife's name is TehminaDurrani. Her assets are worth Rs 9.23 million. She has two cars and liabilities worth Rs 600,000. Therefore, the total wealth of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his two wives stands at Rs 417.32 million. Shehbaz Sharif has remained as the Chief Minister of Pakistan's largest province Punjab at least three times. He was elected as CM Punjab in 1997, 2008 and 2013 before becoming the 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan in 2022.

Shehbaz Sharif has two sons and three daughters namely, Hamza Shehbaz Sharif, Suleman Shehbaz Sharif, Rabia Imran, Khadija Shehbaz and Javeria Shehbaz Sharif. Shehbaz Sharif has two brothers named Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Abbas Sharif.

The 71-year-old leader of political party Pakistan Muslim League -- Nawaz (PML-N) has had his share of corruption cases and allegations of illegal assets beyond means, references of which were put forward during the Pakistan People Party (PPP) government and brought forward at fast pace during the Imran Khan government. Shehbaz Sharif is surrounded with controversies in terms of corruption references and alleged support to rivals of Imran Khan. Some of them include: Sabzarar case (1999 -- Shehbaz was accused of having killing the son of a Lahore resident in fake police encounter) Panama Paper case (2017 - Shehbaz was questioned for over 3 hours before Joint Investigation Team for corruption, money laundering and assets beyond means) Support to Imran Khan's former wife Reham Khan (2018 - Shehbaz Sharif was accused of supporting Reham Khan's book publishing for character assassination of Imran Khan)

Corruption cases (2019 - Shehbaz Sharif was accused in Ashiana Housing scam case)

Money laundering cases (2020 - Shehbaz Sharif was arrested by National Accountability Bureau for laundering Rs 7,328 million in a scheme that involved his close family members)



## ILL-ADVISED IMRAN BLAMED US WHILE HE ACTUALLY LOST A POLITICAL BATTLE

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Scratch beneath the surface, and we will discover many things new. This is often a misnomer in politics and in diplomacy.

Come what may, whatever cricket icon Imran Khan tries to sell; not many people in Pakistan believe in the theory that the US tried to oust his dispensation.

The Americans hardly need to overthrow any government in Islamabad. The truth of the matter is that most rulers in Pakistan have preferred closer ties with the US.

Hence, it may not be erroneous to say that the Islamabad-Washington relationship over the years was just led or decided by America's needs; it was actually driven in equal measure by Pakistan's needs too. Of course, there is merit in putting forth the argument that the Americans have always preferred a certain kind of government in Pakistan including the military regimes to serve its own security and strategic interests. But not all the time it had played any role in installing a regime. Ziaul Haq became a chosen star for the west but only after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. So geopolitics dragged Zia closer into Washington's lap; not any diplomatic mission of Americans.

In fact, Zia was in power before the Afghan 'jihad'. On the contrary Zia had almost a pariah status because of the 1977 coup and the execution of an elected Prime Minister Z.A. Bhutto.

Pakistan was also sanctioned by Americans in 1979 and then Zia was in office.

But Imran preferred to play the populism card. This helped him come up the ladder in politics and of course challenge two established political dynasties. But his ultimate electoral success came when army backed him.

In Pakistan, however, foreign conspiracy theories are a staple diet.

"The Pakistanis revel in conspiracy theories, and the US is the favourite villain," says a former Pak foreign secretary Riaz Mohammad Khan.

It is also given out so that the threat-cable owes its origin to a lunch party hosted by Pakistan's ambassador in the US. This only weakens Imran's claims. Serious diplomacy do not happen during these occasions.

But like any democracy with all its weaknesses, Pakistan too has a few set of jokers - often confusing them to be as shakers and movers. One person has been Shah Mahmaood Qureshi, Imran's foreign minister.

Now what has been explained in more ways than one is that it was a routine cable written by the then ambassador to the US, Asad Majeed, detailing a meeting with an American official.

The Americans reportedly used 'tough language'. And Imran was later convinced that the cable could be used to stitch together "a Zulfikar Bhutto-type nationalist narrative".

A section of Indian experts too believed that Imran has fought the initial rounds like the illustrious Bhutto.

The worst part of the story is that Imran accepted such advice.

The only minister in the Imran's cabinet who had 'access to the cable' was the foreign minister Qureshi.

He had a small notoriety episode in Delhi in 2008 when Mumbai was attacked by Pak-inspired terrorists.

The next day he had come to address 'women journalists' in Delhi and only at the virtual scolding of the then External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee that he and the rest of the Pakistani delegation quickly left India.

Elements in Pakistan did not stop at that; one theory was circulated that Mukherjee had 'threatened' the then Pak President Asif Zardari. Explaining his response in Lok Sabha, Mukherjee had said - "diplomatic talks and phone calls are structured...it is not that India's foreign minister can pick up phone and directly call up the Pakistan President".

Qureshi is of that calibre and hence poor luck Imran!

On April 9, 2022, during the crucial debate on No Confidence Motion against Imran Khan government, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said - "I had warned the Prime Minister (Imran) long ago to be wary and careful about the person who spoke before me (Qureshi) that he would get Imran Khan trapped....and Usi ne phasaya (and he has done so)".

"Qureshi not only went along with this cooked-up theory, he peddled it vociferously while all the time knowing (how could he not?) that not only was he fanning a concoction, but was doing so at the risk of great damage to Pakistan's diplomacy and national interest," wrote journalist Fahd Hussain in 'Dawn'.

It is not my case to suggest that the Americans have given up the interference games in other countries.

As a superpower, or to prove itself so - it has to do things fingering businesses here and there.

But in the case of Pakistan, president Ayub Khan had first 'challenged American interests' in South Asia by opening up to China.

Ayub Khan fell further from the US estimation after the 1965 war adventure against India.

But he continued to rule for another four years.

Yahya Khan was disregarded until he helped set up the US-China rendezvous.

Even Zulfikar Bhutto had tried his hands at rumour mongering and playing up people's passions.

He had claimed 'secret clauses' in the Tashkent accords which were never there.

In 1999 and 2000, a lot was stated that Gen Pervez Musharraf remained 'isolated' despite Bill Clinton making a one day visit after his quite engaging trip to India under Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The US inched closer to Musharraf only after 9/11 and the Pakistani military ruler was forced to make detailed national broadcasts announcing major changes in its foreign and strategic policies especially towards Taliban.

And it ought to be remembered that the US re-engagement with Pakistan continued well beyond Musharraf.

In a hard-hitting piece, the 'Wall Street Journal' also says - "In a self-destructive move, Prime Minister Imran Khan made a mockery of Pakistan's democratic process when he claimed that a foreign conspiracy against him was under way".

In the ultimate analysis, Imran lost the backing of the army, and this along with his political arrogance and poor governance had cemented ties between eight opposition parties including two old rivals PPP and PML(N). The US meddling hardly was in the scene.

The truth is that Imran Khan blamed foreign forces when he actually had lost a domestic political battle.

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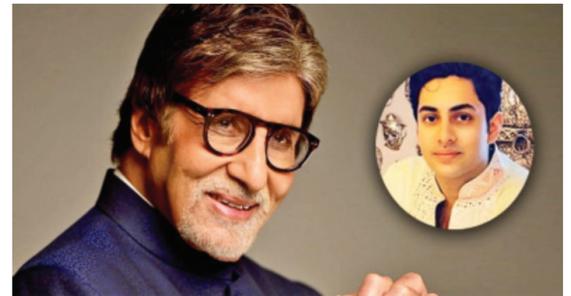
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## Sonam Kapoor flaunts blooming baby bump in see-through kaftan



BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS SONAM KAPOOR HAS FINALLY SHARED A GLIMPSE OF HER BABY BUMP IN STYLE. THE ACTRESS SHARED A MOTLEY OF PICTURES, WHERE SHE IS SEEN WEARING A BLACK SEE-THROUGH EMBROIDERED KAFTAN. IN ONE IMAGE, SHE IS SEEN LOVINGLY HOLDING HER BLOOMING BABY BUMP WITH ONE HAND AND PLACING THE OTHER ON HER HEAD. THE TAGGED HUBBY ANAND AHUJA, MOM SUNITA KAPOOR, AND SISTER RHEA KAPOOR. SHE CAPTIONED THE IMAGE: "KAFTAN LIFE WITH MY (BABY EMOJI) #EVERYDAYPHENOMENAL." IT WAS LAST MONTH, WHEN SONAM ANNOUNCED THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND ANAND ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST BABY. SONAM MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON INSTAGRAM AS SHE WROTE: "FOUR HANDS. TO RAISE YOU THE VERY BEST WE CAN. TWO HEARTS. THAT WILL BEAT IN UNISON WITH YOURS, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. ONE FAMILY. WHO WILL SHOWER YOU WITH LOVE AND SUPPORT. WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU." SONAM ADDED THE HASHTAGS #EVERYDAYPHENOMENAL #COMINGTHISFALL2022 WITH HER POST.

## BIG B CONFIRMS GRANDSON AGASTYA NANDA'S DEBUT WITH 'THE ARCHIES', LATER DELETES TWEET



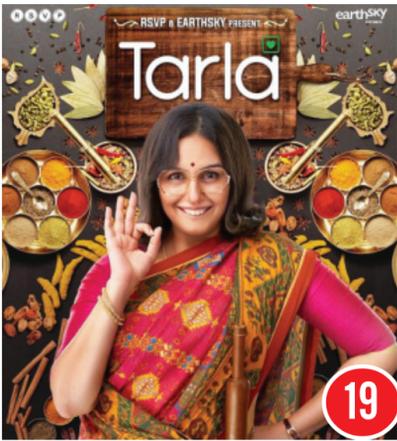
Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan confirmed the news of his grandson Agastya Nanda making his feature film debut with the Zoya Akhtar directorial 'The Archies'. The legend penned a tweet putting all speculations to rest. However, he deleted his tweet moments later. The domino effect started with producer-director Reema Kagti sharing a picture of the clapboard from the sets of her and Zoya's production 'The Archies' with the details of the first scene. The original font of the comics has been used in the title. Sharing the picture, Reema wrote, "Archie's #shootstarts #TigerBaby's first solo production #partnerincrim @zoieakhtar @Netflix." A fan used the picture in question and made a picture edit hinting the film's starcast as Agastya, Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan's daughter, Suhana Khan, and Boney Kapoor and Sridevi's daughter Khushi Kapoor. Big B retweeted the fan edit with the caption, "Agastya .. a new chapter begins in your life and there cannot be greater joy among us all .. my blessings my love and my wishes ever .. do well .. AND keep the flag flying !!!" But, given the stringent policies of film production, Big B had to take down his tweet.

## ALIA BHATT'S MEHENDI LEHENGA BY MANISH MALHOTRA TOOK 3,000 HOURS TO MAKE!



Celebrated fashion designer Manish Malhotra has revealed on social media that the fuchsia pink lehenga for actress Alia Bhatt's mehendi ceremony took 3,000 hours to make and that it featured 180 textile patches. Reminiscing about the work that went into creating this masterpiece, Manish wrote: "A treasure of traceability and trust. The very beautiful #ManishMalhotraBride. The very beautiful #ManishMalhotraBride @aliaabhatt chose to personalise her Mehendi ensemble with a sustainable approach, where approximately 180 textiles patches come together to mark her momentous occasion, the most special one indeed." Malhotra said that the "custom touches reminisce about her journey and depict symbolic elements of her memories. Inscribed through Kashmiri and Chikankari threads, the passionate 3,000-hour intricate handwork of #Mijwan women features a fuchsia pink Lehenga and a blouse embellished in real gold and silver nakshi and kora flowers, and vintage gold metal sequins from kutch." Talking about the technique, the designer shared: "The patches are woven together using a couture technique of cross-stitches with three tar and six tar anchors. Edged in real gold zari and appliques, this handwoven silk ensemble also carries Banarasi brocades, jacquard, bandhani, KachhaResham knots, and some scraps from brides' earlier outfits and detailing from #ManishMalhotraArchives."

## HUMA QURESHI TAKES UP ROLE OF TARLA DALAL IN BOLLYWOOD'S FIRST EVER BIOPIC ON A CHEF



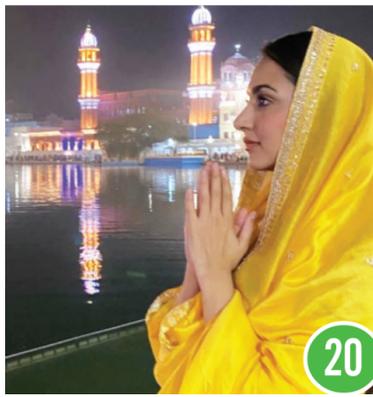
HUMA QURESHI SAYS THE ROLE HAS TAKEN HER BACK TO THOSE SWEET CHILDHOOD MEMORIES WHEN HER MOTHER USED TO MAKE FOOD BASED ON TARLA DALAL'S RECIPES.

## KGF 2: RAVEENA TANDON REACTS TO FANS THROWING COINS IN THEATER DURING FILM'S SCREENING



RAVEENA TANDON SHARED A CLIP FROM ONE OF THE THEATRES PLAYING KGF 2, SHOWING THE AUDIENCES THROW COINS AT THE SCREEN DURING THE SCREENING.

## KIARA ADVANI SEEKS BLESSINGS AT AMRITSAR'S GOLDEN TEMPLE, JOINS RAM CHARAN FOR RC 15 SHOOT



A FEW HOURS BACK, BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS KIARA ADVANI SHARED NEW PICTURES ON INSTAGRAM AS SHE VISITED THE GOLDEN TEMPLE IN AMRITSAR.

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## INSTAGRAM INFLUENCER TROLLS KATRINA'S COOKING SKILLS, ACTRESS RESPONDS



Katrina Kaif was recently trolled by a social media influencer over her cooking skills. Katrina often shares pictures of delicacies which she bakes or cooks for her husband Vicky Kaushal. Spinning the same around, Instagram influencer Freddy Birdy posted a few pictures of "easy recipes" in the story section of his Instagram to make an oblique comment on Katrina's culinary skills. He wrote on his pictures, "Easy recipes for @katrinakaif Chilly Cheese Toast (bread+cheese+chillies+toaster) (sic)." Taking notice of her mention in Freddy's stories, Katrina replied to the story in question saying, "This is not easy." Freddy took the screenshot of Katrina's message in his DM and again shared it in his stories, this time writing, "Why I (love, heart emojis) @katrinakaif. Also she is as funny as she is beautiful." In the past Freddy has also trolled Deepika Padukone over her film 'Gehraiyaan'. The two had a proper social media showdown before the fire was eventually doused.

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## BIKE OWNER CHARGED WITH E-CHALLAN AFTER VARUN DHAWAN RIDES IT WHILE SHOOTING FOR BAWAAL

Abike owner has been charged with an e-challan by the Kanpur Commissionerate after giving his bike to Varun Dhawan to use for shooting his film, Bawaal. Varun Dhawan had used the bike in the Anand Bagh area of Kanpur for a scene involving a bike ride. The actor rode through the crowded streets in a strictly controlled environment. However, the Kanpur traffic police noted that the actor was not wearing a helmet and charged the bike owner, Pramod Kumar, with an e-challan. Speaking to Times of India, traffic officer Sankalp Sharma remarked, "Yes, our department has issued an e-challan of rupees one thousand against the name of Pramod Kumar and vehicle number UP35AZ1399 for flouting traffic rules. During a shoot of the film Bawaal, actor Varun Dhawan was found riding the same bike without wearing a helmet. For the offence we have issued a challan," Rizwaan Akhtar, the line producer of the film informed, "The traffic police department of Kanpur Commissionerate has issued a challan

in the name of Pramod Kumar, whose bike was used during the shoot of the film. The entire scene was shot in a controlled environment with all the permissions. Now when we have received the challan we will be paying the fine for it."

Varun Dhawan's first look from the sets of Bawaal was recently revealed. The actor was seen riding a Royal Enfield, and looked dashing and ripped in the image, as he was clicked on the streets of Lucknow where the film is currently being shot. He was dressed in a blue shirt and seemed like he has beefed up for the role. On the work front, Varun Dhawan has his hands full with upcoming movie, Jug Jugg Jeeyo which stars Kiara Advani, Prajakta Koli and Anil Kapoor among others in the main roles. The comedy movie is scheduled to be released on 24th June of this year and is directed by Raj Mehta and backed by Dharma Productions and Viacom 18 Studios. In addition to this he also has Bhediya alongside Kriti Sanon.

## AJAY DEVGN ANNOUNCES NEXT ACTION DRAMA 'BHOLAA', FILM TO RELEASE ON MARCH 30, 2023

Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn is gearing up for the release of his directorial venture Runway 34. The film will hit the theatres on April 29. Amid the wait, the actor has already announced his next action venture, Bholaa. Taking to his official social media handle, Devgn shared a post and revealed that the film will be out on March 30, next year. This is the official Hindi remake of the Tamil hit Kaithi.

The film also has the powerhouse Tabu in a pivotal role of a supercop. And, there are dangerous twists & turns at every single plot point. Produced by Ajay Devgn Ffilms, Tseries Films, Reliance Entertainment and Dream Warrior Pictures, Bholaa directed by Dharmendra Sharma will release on March 30, 2023.

Sharing the post, he wrote, "Proudly announcing my next venture Bholaa, releasing on March 30th, 2023."

Meanwhile, Ajay Devgn's Runway 34 stars Amitabh Bachchan and Rakul Preet Singh beside him. The movie is directed and produced by Devgn, marking his third time as a director. The movie is backed by Ajay Devgn Ffilms and Panorama Studios. Other producers include Kumar Mangat Pathak, Vikrant Sharma, Sandeep Harish Kewlani, Tarlok Singh Jethi, Hasnain Husaini, and Jay Kanujia.



Apart from this, he also shared an update on Singham 3 recently. As reported by Film Companion in a recent interview, Ajay Devgn talked about Singham 3 and stated, "I think it should happen by the end of the year. So, we will start shooting. Currently, it is on the scripting level... Rohit (Shetty) comes and tells me the basic idea about what we are going to work on and that's it. Then when he finishes, he comes over and then certainly we chat over it."

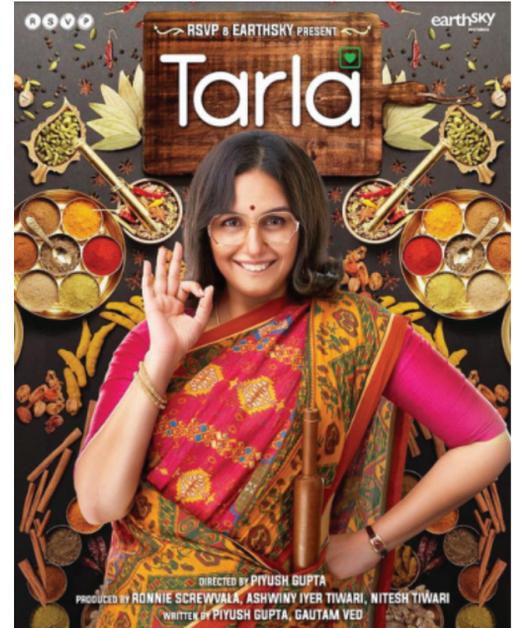
## DARE NOT CALL SHWETA TIWARI 'HOT' IF YOU ARE FRIENDS WITH PALAK TIWARI; HERE'S WHY



If there is one mother-daughter duo who never fails to leave netizens impressed with their fitness and hotness, then it surely is Shweta and Palak Tiwari. Ever since Palak Tiwari rose to fame with Hardy Sandhu's Bijlee Bijlee music video, the internet is flooded with her comparison with her mother. Shweta is often referred to as Palak's elder sister as well. However, in a recent interview, Palak Tiwari talked about the same and revealed what happens when any of her friends call her mother Shweta 'hot'. Palak mentioned whenever something like this happened, Shweta asked her to throw them out. The Starkid further added that for Shweta, everyone who is of her daughter's age is a 'beta'. "It is the weirdest thing. I have yelled at so many of my guy friends. They've not said that they have a crush on her, they're like 'dude your mom is quite hot huh' and I was like 'you say this and now my mom is gonna belo (beat with a rolling pin) like that.' So for her everyone my age is like 'beta' and she has always been very maternal so when my friends

say 'Shweta, you are so hot,' she is like, 'eh, nikal isko (throw him out)'," Palak said in an interview as reported by ETimes. Palak Tiwari also recalled her schooling days and talked about how she used to feel super-proud whenever Shweta used to come to pick her up. "I love it. I love that she is so happening. In fact when I was younger also, I've loved it since then. Because my nani (maternal grandmother) would normally pick me up from school, what a bratty kid I was, but the day my mom was coming to pick me up I was like 'oh, my mom is hot and good-looking and everyone is gonna be staring at her,'" Palak said. "I used to be like, 'huh, yeah, that's my mom, so.' I used to feel very cool. Till date it's like that, I was like 'that's my mom.' I am very proud of it," the Bijlee Bijlee fame added. On the work front, Palak will be making her Bollywood debut with Rosie: The Saffron Chapter. On the other hand, Shweta was last seen in Khatron Ke Khiladi 11.

## HUMA QURESHI TAKES UP ROLE OF TARLA DALAL IN BOLLYWOOD'S FIRST EVER BIOPIC ON A CHEF



Huma Qureshi is all set to star in the upcoming biopic on Chef Tarla Dalal. The film is backed by Ronnie Screwvala, Ashwini Iyer Tiwari and Nitesh Tiwari while Piyush Gupta takes up the role of the director. It is the first ever biopic in Bollywood to be filmed on a chef. Ashwini Iyer talked about the reason behind choosing Tarla Dalal's life as inspiration for a biopic when she remarked, "Tarla's story is a lot more than her being an iconic chef. It's a story about a working mother who single handedly changed the face of vegetarian cooking in India and paved the way for many such home cooks and start-ups to aspire and achieve their dreams." The star of the film herself, Huma Qureshi, talked about how the late chef reminded her of her childhood when her mother attempted to make dishes and even her school lunches based on Tarla Dalal's famous cookbooks. She reminisced nostalgically about her childhood, "I also clearly remember the time when I helped mom make Tarla's homemade mango ice cream. This role has taken me back to those sweet childhood memories and I am very thankful to Ronnie, Ashwini and Nitesh for having faith in me to play this awe-inspiring character."

The first look of Huma Qureshi as the late culinary genius Tarla Dalal was released today. Many took to the comment section in Huma's post as they gave their support and received her new role with much fanfare. Celebrities and fans alike showered praises on the actor as she revealed that she was "Filming now".

Ronnie Screwvala spoke about how the inspiring chef's story was a Goldilocks example of entrepreneurship and grabbing opportunities when one sees them and additionally supporting the community around them. He continues "it is never too late to work towards your ambitions", and expresses his excitement on working with Nitin and Ashwini again. Nitesh Tiwari further spoke about how he aims for this movie to inspire and encourage many entrepreneurs to work from the comfort and safety of their own homes. Director Piyush Gupta who has been part of writing scripts for blockbuster hits like Dangal and Chhichhore stated that the "intention is to make this film a treat for all food lovers to gorge on".

## SHAH RUKH KHAN AND ATLEE'S NEXT FILM TO HAVE A BUDGET OF WHOPPING RS 200 CRORE?



It is a good time for Shah Rukh Khan fans as the superstar has films lined up back to back. He announced the date of Pathaan and today, the actor announced his next film with Rajkumar Hirani. Apart from these, he is also working with director Atlee and Nayanthara for the former's next film. He recently wrapped the shooting for the Mumbai schedule. According to Bollywood Hungama, for Atlee's film, the production cost is Rs 200 crores. The publication quoted their source as saying, "Shah Rukh Khan will be shooting for the film on and off for a period of 180 days until the first quarter of next year." The source added, "Shah Rukh Khan is a producer who leaves no stone unturned to give the best possible production values to all his films. Atlee's next won't be any different. The movie has a cost of production of Rs. 200 crores, thereby becoming the costliest film for Shah Rukh Khan till date after the soon-to-be-released Pathaan, which is made on a budget of Rs. 250 crores." However, this is excluding the casting fees of SRK and Nayanthara and the director fees of Atlee, the publication revealed. Meanwhile, the actor announced Dunki today, the title of his upcoming film with Rajkumar Hirani. Also starring Taapsee Pannu, the film will release next year. Director Atlee started his career as a director with the 2013 release Raja Rani which starred Arya and Nayanthara in the lead roles. The director collaborated with Vijay in his next film Theri to deliver another successful project. The director-actor duo collaborated again with Mersal (2017) and Bigil (2019). Vijay was seen portraying a double role in Bigil and the sports drama became one of the biggest Indian hits of 2019.



## KIARA ADVANI SEEKS BLESSINGS AT AMRITSAR'S GOLDEN TEMPLE, JOINS RAM CHARAN FOR RC 15 SHOOT

Bollywood actress Kiara Advani recently flew to Amritsar to join the shooting of the Telugu political drama film RC 15 which stars Ram Charan in the lead and is helmed by S. Shankar. The film will be released in three languages, Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi. Also, RC 15 is not the first time that Kiara and Ram Charan will collaborate on a project. They were previously seen together in the 2019 Telugu action thriller Vinaya Vedhiya Rama. Now, a few hours back, the Lust Stories actress shared new pictures on Instagram as she visited the Golden Temple in Amritsar. She captioned it, "Gratitude" along with folded hands and sparkle emojis. Kiara donned a white kurta with a bright yellow dupatta. The gorgeous pictures of the actress garnered more than five lakh likes and thousands of comments from her fans. Kiara is currently among the top actresses in the Bollywood industry.

She rose to fame with the 2016 film MS Dhoni: The Untold Story co-starring the late Sushant Singh Rajput and Disha Patani, and since then, the actress has never looked back. The 29-year-old also enjoys a massive fan following on social media. Kiara Advani has been basking in the success of back-to-back blockbusters in Bollywood, and she was last seen on the big screen essaying the role of Dimple Cheema in the war drama Shershaah with Sidharth Malhotra. On the work front, Kiara will be seen next in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 opposite Kartik Aaryan and Tabu. The film is all set to hit the screens on May 20. Next, the actress has Jug Jugg Jeeyo alongside Varun Dhawan, Neetu Kapoor, Anil Kapoor, Prajakta Koli, and Maniesh Paul. Kiara will also share the screen space with Vicky Kaushal and Bhumi Pednekar in Govinda Naam Mera.

### 'Squid Game' Star Lee Jung-jae's directorial debut to play in Cannes Midnight screening section

'Squid Game' star Lee Jung-jae will be at the Cannes Film Festival this year with the world premiere of his feature directing debut 'Hunt'. The film will be presented next month in the Cannes festival's Midnight Screening section, reports 'Variety'. Two other films will receive midnight screenings: 'Fumer Fait Toussier', by Quentin Dupieux and 'Moonage Daydream', by Scott Morgan. According to 'Variety', the bulk of the festival's Official Selection was announced on Thursday at a press event in Paris. 'Hunt' is a 1980s-set Korean-language spy thriller that Lee got caught up in after buying the rights and rewriting the screenplay. Lee also stars in the picture alongside veteran Jung Woo-Sung. His role as an elite agent working for the Agency for National Security Planning sees him hunting for a North Korea spy, and becoming increasingly aware of his own country's dark truths. "Just because I'm doing the director's job on this film doesn't mean I'm going to be giving up acting. I still like acting the best and intend to focus on that," he told Variety in October last year. Lee has been an established star in South Korea since the late 1990s, and told Variety in October that not much had changed for him, and that he was not getting many calls from Hollywood. "No proposals or requests have come my way," he told Variety. "If the right one came along, I'd be happy to be in an overseas production. It could be fun." But as the international success of 'Squid Game' snowballed and Lee collected multiple US awards, he picked up acting awards at the 28th Screen Actors Guild Awards, the Critics' Choice Awards and the Independent Spirit Awards, he became the most bankable star in Korea.

## RRR ACTOR RAM CHARAN GETS HIS CHEF TO COOK FOR BSF JAWANS IN AMRITSAR, POSES WITH SOLDIERS



Actor Ram Charan, whose popularity continues to grow after the release of director SS Rajamouli's epic RRR, has got his chef to whip up delicious meals for BSF jawans stationed at the BSF campus in Khasa area in Amritsar. Sources close to the actor say that Charan, who is shooting in Punjab for the last few days for director Shankar's upcoming film, also paid a visit to the campus and spent quality time with the real heroes of the country. The actor, it is believed, got his chef from Hyderabad to come to Amritsar and cook a hearty meal at the mess in the campus for the personnel there. Needless to say, the jawans were delighted to meet and spend time with the actor. Sources point out that the actor is clearly overwhelmed by the love that is being shown to him in Punjab. He shared the experience on his social media handle and wrote, "Inspiring afternoon spent listening to stories, sacrifices & dedication of the Border Security Force at the BSF Campus, Khasa Amritsar."

### MEET THE KAPOORS!

Bollywood's most-talked about couple Alia and Ranbir tied the knot in a beautiful intimate ceremony at their residence in Bandra, Mumbai. While the news of the couple wearing Sabyasachi started making the rounds earlier this week, there was no real confirmation. The 29-year-old actress ditched the customary red lehenga for an elegant hand dyed organza sari paired with a handwoven tissue veil. She completed the look with striking uncut diamonds and hand string pearls. The groom opted for an embroidered silk sherwani and a multi-strand pearl necklace. When it comes to Bollywood weddings, Sabyasachi Mukherjee is the go-to designer. He has dressed many A-list brides mostly in lehengas in bright tones. However, for this outing, he kept everything soft, unique and subtle. The bride's blouse was detailed with butterfly motifs and intricate tilla work. The monotone colour, minimal make-up and the styling was a refreshing change. Later in the day, Bhatt posted some wedding pictures on her Instagram account with a sweet caption. She said, "Today surrounded by our family and friends at home, in our favourite spot - the balcony where we've spent the last 5 years of our relationship, we got married. Thank you for the love and light during this very momentous time in our lives. It has made this moment all the more special."



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## HEROPANTI 2: 10 LAMBORGHINIS DAMAGED DURING TIGER SHROFF'S ACTION SEQUENCES

Tiger Shroff's Heropanti 2 is one of the most awaited movies. The film is a sequel to Tiger's debut film Heropanti. The trailer of the movie which was released earlier last month shared a glimpse of the action sequences which Tiger and Sajid will bring. However, do you know 10 Lamborghinis were damaged while filming the action scenes for the movie? If sources are to be believed, 10 high-end luxury cars were damaged to make the stunt scenes look substantial.

"It took a heart of an action director to tarnish 10 deluxe Lamborghinis. Considering the requirement of heavy stunts in the sequence, we had to hire the most competent stunt trainers who could make the entire process smoother" the source said. "The movie has been hugely mounted to give audiences visually stunning actions. We are certain that these scenes will be heralded by the lovers of high-performance sports cars lovers," the source added. Earlier, it was also revealed that Tiger learned stick fighting for this project. Sources close to the project revealed, "Tiger learned the art of stick fighting which he performed for the first time in any of his films. This form comes under the Indian martial art of Kalaripayattu". Apart from this, Heropanti 2 also marks Tiger Shroff's debut as a playback singer in Bollywood. He has lent his voice for the song Miss Hairan, which has been composed by AR Rahman. When the song was launched in Mumbai earlier this month, Tiger Shroff talked about how it was a special moment in his career with producer Sajid Nadiadwala having launched him both as an actor in Heropanti and as a singer in Heropanti 2.

Talking about Heropanti 2, the film is produced by Sajid Nadiadwala and is directed by Ahmed Khan, who also directed Tiger's last release 'Baaghi 3'. Apart from Tiger Shroff, the film also stars Tara Sutaria and Nawazuddin Siddiqui in the lead. The film will hit theatres on April 29 i.e. on the auspicious occasion of Eid and will clash with Ajay Devgn, Amitabh Bachchan and Rakul Preet Singh starrer Runway 34.

### RHEA CHAKRABORTY GOES ON A YACHT RIDE IN THE SUN, EXPRESSES HER EMOTIONS VIA A BEAUTIFUL POEM

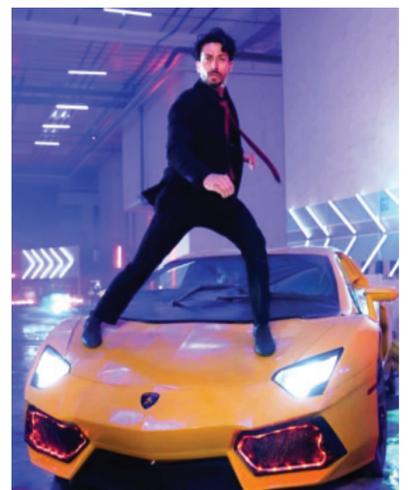
Rhea Chakraborty often posts endearing photos and videos of her workout, adventures and photo shoots that have earned her a large number of fans and well wishers on social media. Only recently the actor took to Instagram to share a reel of her in a yacht. The yacht bounced along on the Arabian sea under the Mumbai sun as Rhea sat and took the sunlight in. The reel had a voiceover with Rhea herself narrating an original poem she had written. Fans were left speechless by the depth and thoughtfulness of the poem as the actor enjoyed the waves and the tranquility. For her outfit, Rhea opted for a breezy off-white top with black

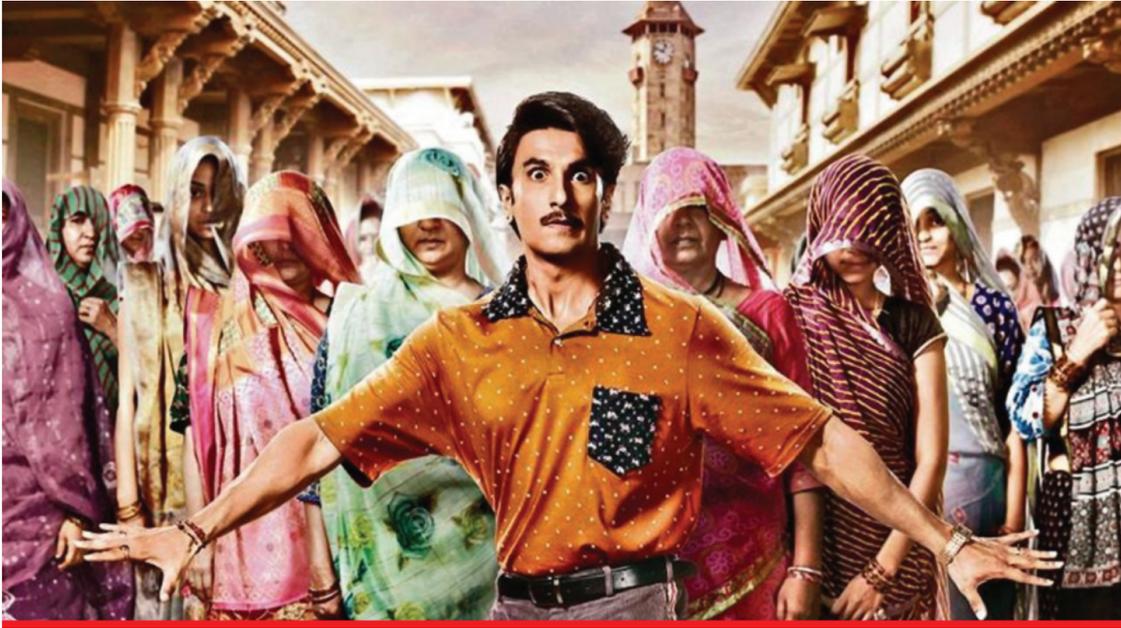
detailing and denim shorts. She accessorised with thin golden hoops and left her wavy hair down as it fluttered in the wind. Her ensemble resonated with the peaceful and serene nature of everything around her as she

looked into the distance. Fans took to the comment section with approval and appreciation of this blissful morning post on their feeds while others chose to convey their love through heart emojis.

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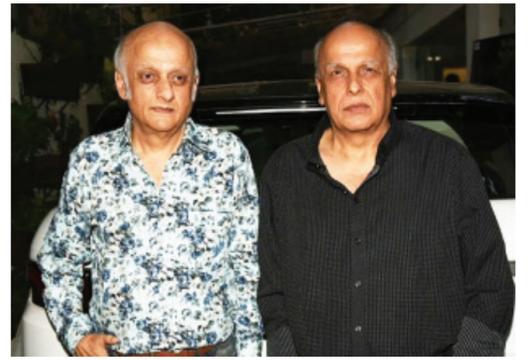
## JAYESHBHAI JORDAAR TRAILER: RANVEER SINGH PROMISES A FUN RIDE, DEMOLISHING SOCIAL STIGMAS ON THE WAY

Ranveer Singh has promised that his character in Jayeshbhai Jordaar is a role Bollywood has never seen before. While we might resemble with some characters on television, it is going to be interesting how the big screen audience react to him. The trailer of Jayeshbhai Jordaar released today, showing Ranveer as a Gujarati man, married to Shalini Pandey (Arjun Reddy actress), and a father of a daughter. His father, the village sarpanch (Boman Irani), and mother played by Ratna Pathak Shah, are hell bent on having a grandson this time. The trailer begins with a hilarious situation when the sarpanch hears a complaint about drunken men teasing girls outside a school. His solution is to blame it on fragrant soaps used by the men, which apparently attract men. So when such a man finds out that his bahu is going to give birth to another daughter, all hell breaks loose. Jayeshbhai takes his wife and daughter and runs away from home to save his wife from the wrath. The rest of the film seems to be a big chase sequence where Ranveer is trying to protect his family and unborn child. Despite coming out of such a milieu, he is shown to be a progressive man who does not subscribe to the same ideas as his father. Before the trailer of the film released today, Singh said that he has relished being a part of the film. "Jayeshbhai Jordaar is a unique experience because it has pushed me into becoming a character with no reference point in Hindi cinema. Jayeshbhai is not your typical hero. He discovers heroism when he is pushed to the brink, and according to me, he is one of the most lovable heroes in Hindi cinema," he says.

The actor added that he thoroughly enjoyed playing the unusual part in the comedy. "My character is quick-witted and has his heart in the right place. The script is remarkable. You don't find such films every day. It is a celebration of human spirit that will fill you up from within."



## MUKESH BHATT'S ABSENCE FROM ALIA BHATT-RANBIR KAPOOR'S WEDDING CONFIRMS SEPARATION FROM BROTHER MAHESH BHATT?



Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor officially became husband and wife on April 14. Their wedding ceremony was attended by their family members and close friends. However, Alia's uncle and Mahesh Bhatt's brother, Mukesh Bhatt was missing from the guest list, which seems to confirm the separation between the two filmmaker brothers. According to a source close to Mahesh quoted by Bollywood Hungama, Mukesh was not present at the wedding as he was not invited.

"That's because they were not invited. The two brothers don't even talk to one another. Where was the question of inviting Mukesh?" the publication quoted the source as saying.

The source also informed that Mukesh was surprised at not getting the invitation to his niece's wedding. He had hoped till the last moment that he would be invited.

For the uninitiated, last year Mukesh Bhatt announced that he is stepping back from Vishesh Film as his children, daughter Sakshi and son Vishesh will now run it.

The announcement also said that Mahesh will no longer be a part of the production house. In an earlier interview, Mukesh stated that Vishesh Films was always his company, with Mahesh serving only as a consultant. Mahesh joined as creative head in 2000. "We have had no fight, but he does not want to hold the position anymore," Mukesh added.

Meanwhile, right after their wedding, Ranbir and Alia resumed work on their professional fronts. While Ranbir had already resumed work on Sunday, just three days after their wedding, Alia also seemed to be headed back to work on Tuesday. The actress was spotted at the Kalina airport in Mumbai for the first time post her wedding appearance. For her travel, Alia chose a blush pink salwar-kameez — perfect for the hot temperatures — and left her hair open.

The Gangubai Kathiawadi star posed for the paparazzi and flashed her big, dimpled smile for the cameras before making her way into the airport. Besides Alia, the cameras also spotted Shabana Azmi and Karan Johar at the airport. It seems that the team was headed to film for Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani.

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## DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S CLASSY ALL-BLACK OUTFIT AT THE AIRPORT WINS THE INTERNET

Deepika Padukone is one of the actors who has most of the time impressed fans with her fashion experiments. From red carpet appearances to airport looks, her fashion sense inspires millions of fashionistas. When it comes to travelling, comfort is probably the first parameter. Just a while back, the actor got clicked at the airport and she impressed everyone with her classy and edgy look. In her all-black outfit, Deepika gave major chic vibes. She paired an oversized sleeveless Tee with black pants. The actor wore pointed black heels. While she kept her make-up minimal, her hair was left open. Deepika also had black shades on, and she carried a brown Louis Vuitton bag. Before departing, she posed for the lenses. One of the celebrity photographers shared the video of Deepika stepping out of her car and walking toward the airport. Well in between, she also

stopped and posed for the paparazzi. Fans cannot stop gushing over Deepika's cool and classy look. "Flawless", "beauty", "queen", "she is flawless" and "she is gorgeous" were some of the comments shared on the post. Many dropped heart and fire emoticons to give approve Deepika's fashion game.

Meanwhile, Deepika was recently honoured with the Time100 Impact Awards, and she attended the ceremony in Dubai along with her husband Ranveer Singh. On the work front, it goes without saying that the actor has too much on her plate right now. One of her most awaited projects is Siddharth Anand's Pathaan alongside Shah Rukh Khan and John Abraham. She will also be collaborating with Hrithik Roshan for the first time in Fighter. Along with this, Deepika also has Project K with Prabhas and the Hindi remake of The Intern.

## SIDHARTH MALHOTRA TURNS COP FOR ROHIT SHETTY'S OTT DEBUT; CHECK FIRST GLIMPSE HERE



Rohit Shetty is all set to make his OTT debut with another cop drama. On Tuesday, the actor took to his social media handles and announced that he has joined hands with Sidharth Malhotra for his next project. The filmmaker also dropped a picture that presented Sidharth in his cop avatar. In the picture, the actor can be seen standing in front of a line of police cars. "Action begins tomorrow at 11:00 AM!" Rohit Shetty wrote. Sidharth Malhotra also shared the same picture on his Instagram account and wrote, "Rohit Shetty's cop universe goes digital tomorrow at 11 am!" Karan Johar was quick to comment 'Hero' in the comment section along with a red heart emoji. Several fans took to the comment section of Sidharth's post and expressed excitement for his upcoming project. "Yehhh sid in uniform...Goes rock now," one of the fans wrote. Another social media user commented, "There's something wrong with my eyes coz I

can't take them off you."

Earlier in November 2011, Pinkvilla cited a source who claimed that Rohit Shetty's cop drama will be helmed by Sushwanth Prakash. "Sid and Rohit have been discussing a probable collaboration for a while now and things have finally fallen in place with this web show. It will take off next year and will be helmed by debutant Sushwanth Prakash. Though it's a cop-based series, the tone and treatment is very different from what the audience has seen in the digital world," the source claimed. Apart from this, Sidharth Malhotra has a number of other projects lined up as well. The actor will be seen in Mission Majnu along with Pushpa star Rashmika Mandanna. He also has Karan Johar's Yodha in his pipeline. The movie also stars Disha Patani in the lead. Sidharth has also been working on Thank God along with Ajay Devgn and Rakul Preet Singh.

## RAM TERI GANGA MAILI ACTRESS MANDAKINI TO MAKE A COMEBACK AFTER 26 YEARS WITH MUSIC VIDEO FEATURING HER SON

Former actress Mandakini is ready to make her comeback after 26 years. Excited, right? The actress, who is best known for her performance in her debut film Ram Teri Ganga Maili, will feature alongside her son Rabbil Thakur in a music video, directed by Sajan Agarwal. Talking about her new project, the actress told ETimes that she is "very happy to associate with director Sajan Agarwal." To note, the song is about a mother and is titled Maa O Maa. Further, Mandakini said that it is a "very beautiful song" and she instantly fell in love with it. The former actress added, "The best part of this song is that my son is playing the lead. We will start shooting this song by the end of the month," reported the publication.

Director Sajan Agarwal spoke about getting Mandakini on board and said that she belongs to his hometown and it will also mark the debut of her son. He added, "It is a dream come true for me to direct her." Adding more details, the lyrics of the song will also be written by Sajan, the music will be composed by Babli Haque and Meera and it will be sung by Rishabh Giri. ETimes also stated that the director is also planning to direct a short film featuring Mandakini. For those who don't know, Mandakini became a household name after she made her acting debut in Raj Kapoor's 1985 release Ram Teri Ganga Maili opposite Rajiv Kapoor. Later, the former actress appeared in many films like Dance Dance, Ladaai, Kahan Hai Kanoon, Naag Naagin, and many more. Mandakini was last seen in the 1996 release Zordaar starring Govinda, Aditya Pancholi, and Neelam Kothari, following which she decided to quit the entertainment industry.



## KAJAL AGGARWAL AND HER HUSBAND GAUTAM KITCHLU WELCOME A BABY BOY



Actress Kajal Aggarwal and her husband Gautam Kitchlu have been blessed with a baby boy. As per a report in ETimes, the couple welcomed their first child on April 19. Even paparazzo account Viral Bhayani took to social media and shared the update. "Congratulations to #kajalagarwal and hubby Gautam Kitchlu as they are blessed with a baby boy," the paparazzo wrote. However, there is no official announcement from the couple's side so far. The news of Kajal's pregnancy was officially announced by her husband Gautam in January this year. Back then, the actor's husband took to social media and dropped a picture with Kajal. "Here's looking at you 2022" he wrote and dropped an emoji of a pregnant woman. Since then Kajal has been sharing several pictures on social media, flaunting her baby bump. Recently, Kajal also penned an emotional note and talked about the moments when her husband Gautam made her feel that he was not only a great husband but an amazing dad-to-be. "In the past 8 months, I have watched you become the most loving dad. I know how in love with this baby you are and how much you care already- it makes me feel so lucky that our baby will have a father who loves unconditionally, be there no matter what and have an extraordinary role model to look up to. Our lives are going to change drastically, and I'm so grateful for that. We won't have all the alone time we have now- we won't be able to go to the movies every weekend, or lay around and sleep + binge watch shows, we probably won't go out impromptu partying for a while or have as many date nights... BUT we will have a beautiful baby that will fill our hearts with so much joy," she wrote. Earlier this year, the actress also took to Instagram and talked about body positivity. She also slammed those who were trolling her for pregnancy weight. Calling them 'morons', Kajal urged people to be kind to each other. "I've been dealing with the most amazing new developments in my life, my body, my home, and most importantly my workplace. Additionally, certain comments/body-shaming messages/ memes don't really help ?? let's learn to be kind and if that's too hard, maybe, just live and let live!" she wrote. Kajal and Gautam tied the knot in October 2020 at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Mumbai.

## KGF 2: RAVEENA TANDON REACTS TO FANS THROWING COINS IN THEATER DURING FILM'S SCREENING



Raveena Tandon, who is currently enjoying the success of her latest film KGF Chapter 2, on Monday shared a BTS video of her latest release. The short clip, shared on Instagram, shows people throwing coins inside a theater playing KGF Chapter 2. The audience in the theater went berserk during the screening and threw coins in the air. The video later shows behind the scenes of the movie.

"After a long time seeing coins flying on the screen! #flashingsilver! Bts #Kgf 2 last day, last shoot. And it's a rage... Thank you for the love," Raveena captioned her post. Raveena's performance in the film has received a big thumbs up from the moviegoers. One of her fans on her post wrote, "Oh Raveena, you are the history of Indian cinema and you will be forever innocent beauty princess of Bollywood. Another wrote, "Tufaan fir aagya Raveena ji chapter 3." A third fan wrote, "My favorite movie KGF chapter 2." "That post-credit scene gave Goosebumps", commented a fan.

Coming back to KGF Chapter 2, the film has opened to fantastic reviews and gigantic collections at the worldwide box office. It has been hailed for the brilliant performances of the lead and supporting characters backed by a solid story. The cinematography, editing, action, art department, and music have made it a perfect blend of visual and sound. Released in Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam, the film is written and directed by Prashanth Neel.

The film in its extended four-day weekend has grossed more than Rs 500 crore at the global box office. Talking about the domestic collection, the film's Hindi version has earned Rs more than 219 crores in five days, said trade analyst Taran Adarsh. KGF Chapter 2 stars Yash, Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon, Srinidhi Shetty and Prakash Raj in key roles.



## ALIA BHATT'S SINDOOR IS UNMISSABLE IN NEW WEDDING PICS, RANBIR KAPOOR MAKES PROMISE TO BRIDESMAIDS

Another set of pictures from Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's wedding have surfaced online. The couple tied the knot on April 14 in an intimate wedding ceremony. The new pictures, shared by Alia's best friend Tanya Saha Gupta, offer a glimpse at the ceremony and everything that went down at the after-wedding party. In a few of the pictures, Alia was seen as the decked-up bride, moments before the ceremony.

The actress was seen posing with her friends flashing her big, dimpled smile. The pictures then go on to show Ranbir with the bridesmaids. The actor was seen holding up a note, with the words, "I, Ranbir, husband of Alia. I pledge \_\_\_\_ to all the bridesmaids" on it. While a portion of the note was covered by Ranbir's thumb, it seems like the money Ranbir promised to give his saalis as part of the jhutta chori ceremony. Tanya then shared pictures from the party in which the bride and groom enjoyed a couple of drinks, changed into a little more comfortable outfits and danced into the night. Sharing the pictures,

Tanya wrote, "It's sappy days like these that I LIVE FOR lots of happy tears & belly aching laughs, celebrating my sweet sweet @aliaabhatt 's love story forever grateful to have an inseparable family, that just grew a lot sillier & a little bigger." An insider told Hindustan Times that as part of the joota chupai ritual, Alia's girl gang demanded Rs 11.5 crores from Ranbir. "After much banter, an envelope containing ?1 lakh was given to them," the source said.

Meanwhile, Soni Razdan too shared a new picture from the wedding. The actress shared a candid moment in which Alia appeared to be moved by something outside the frame while Ranbir held on to her. Sharing the picture, Soni wrote, "My heartbeats..." Alia and Ranbir wrapped up their wedding and resumed work almost immediately after. On Sunday, Ranbir was spotted making his way to a production house for a meeting. The actor is reportedly preparing for his upcoming movie Animal. Alia will also get busy with Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani.

## KARISMA KAPOOR ANNOUNCES NEW PROJECT 'BROWN', SISTER KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN SENDS LOVE

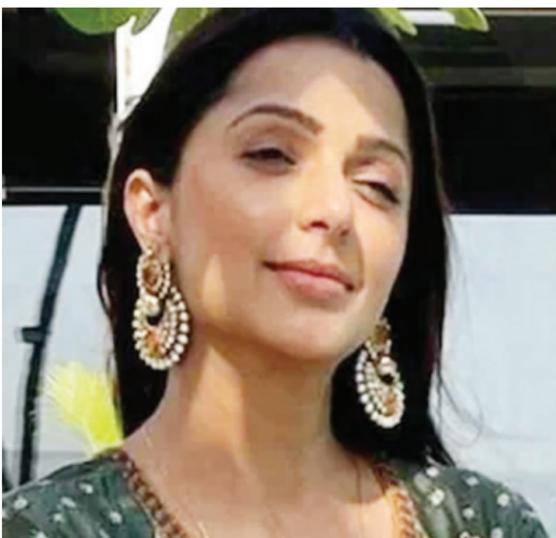
Karisma Kapoor is ready for another venture. She has announced her upcoming project Brown with director Abhinay Deo. Taking to her Instagram handle, the Bollywood actress announced the happy news. The Raja Hindustani star shared a picture of a clapper board with Brown written on it. Sharing the picture on her Instagram, the actress wrote, "To new beginnings, Brown" in the caption. The film is based on the book "City of Death" by Abheek Barua.

The actress also revealed that she will share the big screen with Surya Sharma, known for Yeh Kaali Kaali Aankhein and Undekhi. While the project is being helmed by Abhinay Deo, it will be distributed by Zee Studios. Abhinay Deo also expressed his excitement about Brown. Karisma shares a very close bond with her sister-actress Kareena Kapoor Khan. They also have a tight-knit friends circle and always praise each other's new ventures. As Karisma announced her new project on social media, her friends showered her with warm wishes. Amrita Arora wrote, "Woohooooo". Saba Ali Khan Pataudi wished Karisma Kapoor "Good luck". Sanjay Kapoor, Manish Malhotra, and others also congratulated Karisma.

Her fans also lauded the Bollywood diva and expressed their excitement for the new project. One of her fans wrote, "Can't wait to see the magic." Kareena took to her Instagram stories to send love to her elder sister on her new venture. Kareena has penned a beautiful note for her sister as she sent her best wishes, added a sticker that read, "You are the best". Karisma Kapoor was last seen in the web series Mentalhood. She played the role of Meira Sharma in the show and garnered praise for her portrayal.



## BHUMIKA CHAWLA REVEALS IF TERE NAAM CO-STAR SALMAN KHAN HAD INFLUENCED HER LIFE



Actress Bhumika Chawla recently opened up on her equation with her Tera Naam co-star Salman Khan. Chawla, who's making her comeback with Neeraj Pandey's Operation Romeo, said that she was not intimidated by Salman as she was not very close to him during the shoot of Tere Naam. In an interview with ETimes, the actress also spoke about PR and social media pressure.

When asked about Salman's influence on her life and career, she said they were very cordial and nice, but she was never really close to him. And so, she doesn't think she could get influenced by him in any such manner. On his controversial image in the media, the actress opined it happens with everyone as people mature with age. She added, "When you're in your 20s, you're different from when you're in your 30s. And then you change again in your 40s and 50s. So I think he's probably - from what I hear, because like I said, I don't have much of personal interaction with Salman - seen a kind of good growth

in him as a person and even as an artist."

On being quizzed about what piece of advice she would give to her younger self 10 years ago, the actress said she could have done a bit more PR. She also reflected on the visibility and PR aspect to get noticed by filmmakers for work. "I think with the PR, media and social media, it's become quite evident that you have to be seen. When I started my career in the early 2000s you didn't have to be seen everywhere, every time," she said, adding that now the scenario has changed with social media coming in.

When the actress was questioned if she feels the need to alter her creative choices because of being a mother, she said that's not the case. Bhumika said she was very selective about what she did. Also, she believes in doing films that the whole family can enjoy together.

The actress will be seen in Operation Romeo will release on April 22. Operation Romeo also stars Siddhant Gupta, Vedika Pinto, and Sharad Kelkar.

## PREITY ZINTA REVEALS HRITHIK ROSHAN HELPED TAKE CARE OF HER TWINS, CALLS HIM 'AMAZING FATHER'



On Tuesday afternoon, Preity Zinta shared a picture with Hrithik Roshan and revealed her Koi Mil Gaya, Lakshya and Mission Kashmir co-star helped take care of her twins Gia and Jai during a long flight together. Thanking him for giving an extra hand during the journey, Preity called Hrithik 'friends like family' and praised him for being an amazing father.

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart Thank you so much @hrithikroshan for going out of your way & helping out with Jai n Gia on such a Long flight. Now I see why you are such an amazing & thoughtful father. I love you the mostest ?? From hanging out as kids to having kids, I really am proud to see how far we have come & grown together. #friendslikefamily #travelbuddies #friendship #ting," she wrote. Fans sent Preity and Hrithik love via the comments section. "Owwh such a good friendship, PZ & HR...! Our fav!" a fan wrote. "\* Koi Mil Gaya title song plays in my mind \*" added another. "Y'all are the sweetest," a third fan commented. It seems like Preity was travelling to India with her children. If so, this would mark the twins' first trip to India. Preity welcomed her kids via surrogacy in November with her husband Gene Goodenough. While the couple is yet to give a glimpse of the children, Preity has shared her experience of being a new mom on Instagram. Meanwhile, Hrithik is a father of two sons. The actor shares Hrehaan and Hridhaan with his ex-wife Sussanne Khan. The couple parted ways in 2014. The actor is currently dating Saba Azad and was only recently that they seemingly confirmed their relationship via an Instagram exchange before they proudly made a public appearance together. Sussanne seems to have moved on as well, rumoured to be dating Aly Goni's brother Arslan Goni.

## KGF CHAPTER 1 VILLAIN RAMACHANDRA RAJU WAS YASH'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD. HOW THINGS CHANGED



While KGF Chapter 2 continues to set the box office on fire, there is a lot of interest in facts and trivia surrounding the franchise. People want to know more and more about these two films that have catapulted Kannada cinema to new heights. Earlier, we did tell you how KGF Chapter 2 was edited by 19-year old Ujjwal Kulkarni and now we bring about another interesting fact about the antagonist of the first film. Any action or thriller movie owes half its narrative and cinematic experience to its main antagonist. The role of the villain is to instil hatred, fear and awe as well in the minds of the viewers and in recent films, villains are presented in the same larger than life manner as the hero of the film. The main villain of the first film KGF Chapter 1 was the ruthless and fear inciting Garuda, a cruel man who ruled the KGF mines with an iron fist. He is killed by the protagonist Rocky in the end but he also appears in flashback sequences in KGF Chapter 2. Garuda was played by Ramachandra Raju whose physically imposing appearance well suited the ruthless nature of Garuda. However, did you know that the actor was Yash's bodyguard?

## MALAIKA TURNS FOOD TASTER, VISITS HER RESTAURANT AS SHE RESUMES WORK



Malaika Arora is back to work after fully recovering from her road accident injury. It was just yesterday that the actress took to social media and mentioned that she feels 'good to be back on sets'. And now she visited her restaurant kitchen. On Tuesday, paparazzo account Viral Bhayani took to Instagram and dropped a series of pictures of Malaika Arora from her restaurant visit. "After resuming shoots post her accident @malaikaaroraofficial was now spotted at her restaurant kitchen," the caption read. From the pictures, it looks like Malaika is tasting food in the kitchen. In one of the pictures, she can be seen sitting on a chair, smiling as she looks at the food. In another click, the actress can be seen standing near a microwave with a plastic bowl in her hands. Malaika wore a white off-shoulder top and paired it with cream trousers. She can also be wearing a chef's hat.



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DAVID WARNER AND RISHABH PANT POSE AFTER THE WIN OVER PUNJAB KINGS, AT BRABOURNE STADIUM IN MUMBAI.

## COVID-19 HIT DELHI CAPITALS FLOORS PUNJAB KINGS TO REGISTER BIGGEST-EVER WIN

A Covid-19 hit Delhi Capitals showcased the best-ever game of cricket in the ongoing season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Amid the crisis in their camp, Rishabh Pant & Co thumped Punjab Kings by 9 wickets to register their biggest-ever win in the tournament history. The background of the game was pretty chaotic as the tally of positive cases reached 6 on the morning of the game. But the bowlers dished out an outstanding show, bundling out Punjab for a paltry 115 in 20 overs. In reply, the opening duo of Warner and Prithvi Shaw looked in a real hurry to seal the game as the former carried the bat and took Delhi home with 57 balls to spare.

Here are the talking points of IPL 2022, match no. 22, between Delhi Capitals and Punjab Kings:

DC spin trio on a roll: Lalit, Kuldeep, and Axar did the bulk of the damage. The trio scalped six wickets in total – 2 wickets apiece – to dent Punjab's batting line-up. Though Kuldeep (2/24) leaked some runs, Axar (2/10) and Lalit (2/11) were the two most economical bowlers for DC. Pacers Khaleel and Mustafizur shared three wickets and ably supported the spinners.

Highest score in Powerplay: David Warner and Prithvi Shaw – the Delhi Capitals openers went all guns blazing to finish the chase of 116 as soon as possible. By the end of 6 overs, they have added 81 runs to the board, setting the record for most runs in the powerplay scored by any team this season. In fact, it's now the highest score stacked by Delhi in Powerplay in all IPL seasons, bettering their previous record of 71/0 against RCB in 2008.

Warner's 53rd IPL Fifty: He arrived late in the tournament but his addition is reaping positive results for the team. Against Punjab Kings, David Warner blasted a 30-ball 60 not-out, including 10 boundaries

and just one maximum. He ended up with a strike rate of 200. The Australian batter also now has the joint-most number of half-centuries – 3 – in the ongoing tournament.

David Warner's record against Punjab: David Warner has a special affection for Punjab Kings. With 1005 runs, he stands second on the list of batters with the most runs against an opponent in IPL. Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma tops the chart the 1018 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Delhi Capitals' unique record: Rishabh Pant's Delhi Capitals defeated Punjab Kings with 57 balls to spare. This is now a new IPL record of winning a game with most balls to spare while chasing a 100+ total. They went past the record of now-defunct Deccan Chargers, defeating MI with 48 balls to spare, set in 2008.



KULDEEP YADAV PICKED UP HIS THIRD PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARD.

## IPL 2022: ROHIT'S MI FACE JADEJA'S CSK IN BATTLE TO SAVE ELIMINATION



On the verge of elimination after six losses on the trot, a horribly out of form Mumbai Indians would need to notch up their first win in this IPL to remain afloat when they face Chennai Super Kings on Thursday. Five-time champions Mumbai have not won a single match this season and a loss on Thursday would send them packing from the tournament. Defending champions CSK, who are just a rung above bottom-placed MI, have also faltered as a team though there has been a few instances of individual brilliance. With five losses from six games, a defeat on Thursday would also send them on the brink of elimination. For Mumbai, the biggest concern is the form of skipper Rohit Sharma, who has gathered only 114 runs from six innings. If Mumbai have to chase or set up a big total, he will have to do the bulk of the scoring.

## IPL 2022: VIRAT KOHLI IS OVERCOOKED, NEEDS A BREAK: RAVI SHASTRI



Batting stalwart Virat Kohli is mentally "overcooked" and needs to take a break from cricket in order to serve the country for at least another six-seven years, feels ex-India coach Ravi Shastri.

Kohli has been going through a lean patch with just two 40-plus scores to show in last seven innings for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the current IPL season. The 33-year-old from Delhi, who hasn't scored a century in the last 100 matches across formats, had stepped down from T20 captaincy both for India and RCB and also quit Test leadership, while he was removed from ODI skipper's role. Shastri feels the likes of Kohli needs to be handled with care and empathy amid the COVID-19 restrictions which has confined players inside bio-bubbles.

## UMRAN MALIK IS KNOCKING AT TEAM INDIA DOORS, SAY CRICKET GREATS

Sunrisers Hyderabad fast bowling sensation Umransh Khan is leaving everyone impressed with his express pace and accuracy in the IPL 2022. Cricket greats like Ian Bishop, Sunil Gavaskar and Dale Steyn are excited to watch this seamer from Jammu and Kashmir do so well in the tournament, and everyone is of the view that he has a bright future ahead. Umransh started his IPL stint as a net bowler for Sunrisers Hyderabad is now a vital cog in the team's pace attack. While giving a peek at his formative years, the right-arm quick revealed that he earned a reputation in his neighbourhood with his natural ability to bowl at a genuine pace.

## IT IS NICE TO PLAY EVERY GAME: DAVID MILLER

David Miller, who was not a sure starter in the playing eleven for his previous two IPL teams, is loving being "100 percent backed" by Gujarat Titans. Miller smashed a 51-ball 94 to help Gujarat Titans pull off an incredible come-from-behind three-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings on Sunday night.

The South African played a game-changing knock in the IPL after a long time. The last two-three-four years I have been playing really nice cricket, feeling positive and I have been scoring nice personally, back at home, overseas, and so on, unfortunately the last four-five years, I haven't really played as much IPL cricket as I would have liked to," he said at the post-match media interaction. "... the nature of the game, tournament (is such that) there are only four overseas (players) and other overseas players are always going to miss out and I sort of found myself in between a place where I have been in and out of Kings XI (Punjab Kings) and then Rajasthan. "I played some decent games there but I felt like I couldn't get going and it has been encouraging to be part of Gujarat Titans and just know I am 100 per cent backed, and have a really nice environment, enjoy each other's success, that goes a long way in doing well, but more importantly it is nice to play every game." He started the innings pretty well and did not want to stop after that.

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VIRAT KOHLI BELTS OUT A ROAR WITH GLENN MAXWELL, LUCKNOW SUPERGIANTS V ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE, IPL 2022, NAVI MUMBAI, APRIL 19, 2022.

## IPL 2022: VIRAT KOHLI 100TH CONSECUTIVE INNINGS WITHOUT A CENTURY ENDS IN A GOLDEN DUCK

Virat Kohli's poor run of form in the IPL 2022 continued as the former RCB skipper endured his fourth golden duck in the league at the hands of Lucknow Super Giants bowler Dushmantha Chameera on Tuesday. Kohli came in to bat after RCB had lost the opener, Anuj Rawat, for 4 in the first over and went for a first-ball duck in the last delivery of the first over. It was a back-of-length ball outside off and the 33-year-old Delhi batter just pushed it for a simple catch to the fielder at point. In seven matches in IPL 2022 so far, Kohli has managed only 119 runs at an average of 19.83 with the highest score of 48.

What is more disheartening however is the fact that King Kohli has now gone 100 innings across format without reaching the triple-figure mark. Kohli has now gone 17 Tests, 21 ODIs, 25 T20Is, and 37 IPL matches without reaching the three-figure mark. However, Kohli's wretched luck of not reaching the century mark is by no means an indication that the former World No.1 player has been enduring a terrible run of form. In fact, in the 2020 and 2021 IPL seasons, Kohli managed over 400 runs and scored three fifties each. In 2020, he had

466 runs in 15 matches at 42.36 and 405 runs in 12 matches in 2021 at 28.92 – even though his strike rate was a tad slower. Overall, Kohli's last hundred in the IPL came in the 2019 season. He has five centuries to his name in the tournament, which is second only to Chris Gayle's tally of 6.

In Tests, Kohli's last hundred came against Bangladesh in the Day-Night Test in Eden Gardens in November 2019 and after that, he has managed to go past the fifty-run mark six times and has scored runs at a below-par average of 28.03, but not alarming low. He has 841 runs in 17 Tests during the period. In ODIs, Kohli's last triple-figures mark at Port of Spain in August, 2019 against West Indies (114\*) and ever since that knock he has scored 791 runs from 21 matches at 37.66, again reasonably healthy average for a batter in the format. He has notched up 10 fifties during this time period. In T20Is a century is as rare as it can get, and Kohli is yet to register one in the format. However, overall in 97 matches he has 3296 runs at an average of 51.50 and a best of 94 not out.

## 'MIGHT HAVE TO GET HIM A BEER': JOSH HAZLEWOOD ADMITS HE WAS LUCKY UMPIRE DIDN'T SIGNAL HIS DELIVERY WIDE



Royal Challengers Bangalore pacer Josh Hazlewood said he "got pretty lucky" with his very wide delivery that was not called wide by the umpire, leading to Marcus Stoinis' wicket in their IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants here on Tuesday. Chasing 182, Stoinis got out in the second ball of the 19th over after he shuffled way too much outside off, an act prompted by the previous

Hazlewood delivery that landed almost off the pitch. With Stoinis going way across, the pacer went beyond the tramline and bowled it way outside off but the umpire, instead of calling it wide, deemed the delivery legal, much to the batter's chagrin. "I tried to turn around and get back to my mark as quick as I could. I got pretty lucky on that one so I might have to get him a beer after that," Hazlewood said at the post-match presentation ceremony. Hazlewood finished with excellent figures of 4/25 as RCB emerged comfortable winners by 18 runs. RCB skipper Faf du Plessis played his part with a fine 96, lifting them to 181 for six after early hiccups. The 37-year-old former South Africa skipper was tiring but he carried on until almost the end of their innings. "I got a few 96, and a 97, so hopefully (a ton) is around the corner. We needed someone to stabilise the innings and then get going at the back end. Today, grateful that I could do it. Important that I am able to follow my blueprint of batting. "If you bowled slow into the wicket to the big boundary, it never felt like you had enough power to clear that boundary. I was tired, but was still hoping that I could hit some at the end," du Plessis said. LSG captain KL Rahul said his team gave away too many runs in the powerplay despite getting early wickets. "I think we started really well after getting two wickets in the first over, to give away 50 in the Powerplay, we should have done better. 180 on that pitch was 15 or 20 runs extra that we gave away," Rahul said. "The pitch was sticky. We got the early breakthroughs we were looking for but we couldn't squeeze in the middle," he added. The charismatic opener said that his team needed one batter from the top order who should have played a long innings which Faf du Plessis did for RCB. The Proteas batter scored a 96-run knock to take his team to a formidable total on a tricky surface while no player crossed the 50-run mark from LSG's camp. "We needed one big partnership - we saw what Faf did for RCB - I think we needed one batter in the top three or four to play a long innings and for other batters to play around with him but we couldn't get that. We didn't get partnerships and we couldn't get a squeeze on with the ball," he added. Talking about his team's performance so far this season, Rahul was pleased with the way things are going but he also reflected upon the defeats against RR and RCB. He said that they have to put pressure on the opposition for a longer period of time.

## We Needed a Batter From Top-order to Play a Long Innings - KL Rahul After Defeat Against RCB

Lucknow Super Giants skipper KL Rahul admitted that his team leaked 15-20 runs extra after picking early wickets against Royal Challengers Bangalore at DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai. Lucknow failed to capitalize on several occasions as RCB took advantage of it and earn an 18-run win to move up on the points table. Rahul stated that his team could have done better after taking early wickets but they still leaked 47 runs in the powerplay which shifted momentum in RCB's way. "I think we started really well after getting two wickets in the first over, to give away 50 in the Powerplay, we should have done better. 180 on that pitch was 15 or 20 runs extra that we gave away," Rahul said after the match. "The pitch was sticky. We got the early breakthroughs we were looking for but we couldn't squeeze in the middle," he added. The charismatic opener said that his team needed one batter from the top order who should have played a long innings which Faf du Plessis did for RCB. The Proteas batter scored a 96-run knock to take his team to a formidable total on a tricky surface while no player crossed the 50-run mark from LSG's camp. "We needed one big partnership - we saw what Faf did for RCB - I think we needed one batter in the top three or four to play a long innings and for other batters to play around with him but we couldn't get that. We didn't get partnerships and we couldn't get a squeeze on with the ball," he added. Talking about his team's performance so far this season, Rahul was pleased with the way things are going but he also reflected upon the defeats against RR and RCB. He said that they have to put pressure on the opposition for a longer period of time.



YUZVENDRA CHAHAL STRIKES A POSE AFTER HIS HAT-TRICK, KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS VS RAJASTHAN ROYALS, IPL 2022, "BRABOURNE STADIUM, APRIL 18 2022.

### POINTS TABLE

TEAMS	M	W	L	NR	PTS
GUJARAT	6	5	1	0.395	10
BANGALORE	7	5	2	0.251	10
RAJASTHAN	6	4	2	0.380	8
LUCKNOW	7	4	3	0.124	8
HYDERABAD	6	4	2	-0.077	8
KOLKATA	7	3	4	0.160	6
PUNJAB	6	3	3	0.109	6
DELHI	5	2	3	0.219	4
CHENNAI	6	1	5	-0.638	2
MUMBAI	6	0	6	-1.048	0

### ORANGE CAP



#### JOS BUTTLER

TOTAL RUNS

**375**

STRIKE RATE

**156.90**

MATCHES PLAYED

**6**

### PURPLE CAP



#### YUZVENDRA CHAHAL

TOTAL WICKETS

**17**

AVERAGE

**10.35**

MATCHES PLAYED

**6**

## MITCHELL MARSH TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, CONFIRMS DELHI CAPITALS



Delhi Capitals all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has tested positive for Covid-19, following which he has been admitted to a hospital, confirmed the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise in a statement on Monday. The club said that the medical team is closely monitoring Marsh's condition. "A few more members from the Delhi Capitals bio-bubble, including support staff members, have returned positive tests as well. Though they are all asymptomatic, their condition is being monitored closely by the franchise," the franchise said in a statement. "All remaining members of the bubble are currently in isolation in their respective rooms, and will be tested regularly." IPL 2020 runners-up Delhi Capitals had to cancel their scheduled travel to Pune ahead of their match against Punjab Kings on Wednesday due to a Covid-19 outbreak scare in their camp.

## CRISTIANO RONALDO'S NEWBORN BOY DIES



The Manchester United star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo took to social media to share a sad news about the tragic death of his baby boy after long-term partner Georgina Rodriguez gave birth to a boy and a girl. Ronaldo was expecting twins with partner Georgina Rodriguez, but revealed on Monday that while she had given birth to a girl, their son had died. Ronaldo has asked for privacy after the Manchester United forward announced the death of his newborn son. "It is with our deepest sadness we have to announce that our baby boy has passed away," Ronaldo wrote on social media on Monday. The striker wrote on Instagram, "It is the greatest pain that any parent can feel. Only the birth of our baby girl gives us the strength to live this moment with some hope and happiness. We would like to thank the doctors and nurses for all their expert care and support. We are all devastated at this loss and we kindly ask for privacy at this very difficult time," he said.



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## KJO, PARINEETI TO HOST *IIFA ROCKS*



FILMMAKER KARAN JOHAR AND ACTOR PARINEETI CHOPRA WILL HOST THE IIFA ROCKS AT THE 22ND EDITION OF THE AWARDS, THE ORGANISERS ANNOUNCED ON WEDNESDAY. IIFA ROCKS WOULD BE STAGED AT THE ETIHAD ARENA ON MAY 20, THE OPENING NIGHT OF THE IIFA WEEKEND ABU DHABI. THE EVENT WOULD SEE PERFORMANCES BY GURU RANDHAWA, HONEY SINGH, PUSHPA FAME COMPOSER-SINGER DEVI SRI PRASAD, TANISHK BAGCHI, NEHA KAKKAR AND DHVANI BHANUSHALI. JOHAR SAID HE IS THRILLED TO HOST IIFA ROCKS.

## INDIA'S ROBUST PLANS ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO ENSURE CLEANER ENVIRONMENT



India is the fifth largest car market in the world and has the potential to become one of the top three in the near future with about 40 crore customers in need of mobility solutions by the year 2030. "Keeping in mind the goals set under the Paris agreement, the increasing number of automobile customers shall not imply an increase in the consumption of conventional fuels. The Indian government is religiously pushing the introduction of Electric Vehicles (EV) and this would not only reduce India's oil import bills in the longer term but also ensure a cleaner environment. India's initiative would also encourage many developing economies to adopt a similar strategy." "Lately, there is a growing consensus among automotive professionals and the public alike that the future of vehicles is electric and India's recent deal with Australia to source critical minerals will help its endeavour to produce electric vehicles." "India is among a handful of countries that support the global EV30@30 campaign, which aims for at least 30 per cent new vehicle sales to be electric by 2030." "India's advocacy of five elements for climate change - "Panchamrit" -- at the COP26 in Glasgow is a commitment to the same.

## 'Persistent demand coupled with low inventory drives 2022 home price forecast higher to 15%': Royal LePage House Price Survey



Early signs of moderation appear as some urban markets unveil improved conditions for buyers

Promising new federal and provincial policies aimed at tackling housing availability and affordability not expected to provide relief in 2022

According to the Royal LePage House Price Survey released today, the aggregate[1] price of a home in Canada increased 25.1 per cent year-over-year to \$856,900 in the first quarter of 2022; the highest gain on record since the Company began tracking aggregate prices. As strong buyer demand continues to outpace supply in almost every market from coast to coast, Royal LePage is forecasting continued strong seller's market conditions this spring. "Entering 2022, we had anticipated a strong first half, and moderating real estate markets thereafter. Call it buyer fatigue or easing demand, these periods of uncomfortably high home price appreciation do run their course. We are seeing the first signs of moderation in some regions, as more inventory is becoming available and competition eases slightly," said Phil Soper, president and CEO of Royal LePage. "The first quarter of the year was so strong, however, that we are bumping up our 2022 outlook. And, home prices will continue to climb in the months ahead as a result of our relentless low supply-high demand imbalance." Soper added that while the Bank of Canada announcement of a 0.5 per cent interest rate increase will be a drag on demand, its impact will be relatively minor compared to the impact of sharply higher home prices. The central bank has indicated that it intends to continue to increase the overnight rate through 2023. **I CONTD. ON PAGE 31**

Seller's market conditions continue as we move into the spring market, despite rising prices, further expected interest rate hikes and economic uncertainty

First quarter highlights:

National aggregate home price soars 25.1% year-over-year in first quarter of 2022 – highest Q1 gain on record

Kingston, Ontario, posts highest year-over-year aggregate and detached home price gains in Canada for the second straight quarter

Four markets in Ontario's Golden Horseshoe region report median single-family detached home prices above \$1 million for first time

## HAVE LIVER-HEALTHY FOOD & EXERCISE DAILY, SAYS EXPERT



AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University organised an event to raise awareness about liver related diseases to mark World Liver Day here on Tuesday. A session on liver health was organised in collaboration with GI Rezdevous and GLF, Chandigarh. This event was jointly coordinated by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre and Health Centre of the University. The event was presided over by the VC Jaspal Singh Sandhu. Dr Sandhu discussed the need of liver health awareness. He called upon the youth to have liver-healthy food and exercise routinely. Eminent scholars attended the session and spoke about liver health. Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar, MLA South, stressed on the need to take good care of one's liver and Dr Ajay Gupta, MLA Central, also spoke about how to keep one's liver healthy. Key note speaker Dr Arke De, Nodal Officer, National VIRUS Hepatitis Control Programme, Department of Hepatology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, spoke on the importance of healthy liver for survival.



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## 'Persistent demand coupled with low inventory drives 2022 home price forecast higher to 15%': Royal LePage House Price Survey

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"It is worth noting that most Canadians with higher loan to value mortgages have successfully passed the stringent federal requirements of the OSFI mortgage stress test – they have proven that they can manage significantly higher rate increases than we anticipate they will see," said Soper.

The Royal LePage National House Price Composite is compiled from proprietary property data, nationally and in 62 of the nation's largest real estate markets. When broken out by housing type, the national median price of a single-family detached home rose 26.7 per cent year-over-year to \$906,100, while the median price of a condominium increased 19.7 per cent year-over-year to \$612,900. Price data, which includes both resale and new build, is provided by Royal LePage's sister company RPS Real Property Solutions, a leading Canadian real estate valuation company.

While some properties were attracting fewer bids, listings in popular neighbourhoods that are priced appropriately are still commanding multiple offers and selling above the list price.

"There is a notable difference in buyer sentiment and behaviour today," Soper continued. "Consumer confidence is being challenged as the lingering impact of the pandemic and worrisome geopolitical situation in Eastern Europe raises questions about the stickiness of inflation and the trajectory of interest rates. Yet, while there may be fewer bids on accurately priced properties, housing supply is so tight that multiple-offer scenarios remain the norm in most communities."

In the first quarter of 2022, four cities in Ontario's Golden Horseshoe region – Barrie, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo and Oshawa – recorded median single-family detached home prices that crossed the million-dollar threshold for the first time, as Torontonians continue to search for affordable homes within a reasonable commuting distance while working partially or fully remotely. Royal LePage is forecasting that the aggregate price of a home in Canada will increase 15.0 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2022, compared to the same quarter last year. The previous forecast, released in December, 2021, has been revised upward to reflect the continued strength of the market through the first quarter of the year.

Open bidding

On April 6th, 2022, the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) announced it would introduce a pilot project this summer in select markets across Canada to display real-time tracking of offers on REALTOR.ca listings.

"Royal LePage supports efforts to improve transparency within the industry and commends CREA on their planned initiatives, which are intended to bring additional information to consumers engaged in the home buying process," said Soper. "However, politicians who hope that a simple change to the property purchase process will somehow make housing more affordable will be sorely disappointed. Jurisdictions, where open bidding or auctions are much more common, have experienced exactly the same run up in home values during the pandemic. The affordability challenge will see progress when the housing shortage crisis eases, and not before."

Federal and Provincial Housing Policy

On April 7th, the federal government announced its 2022 budget that includes more than \$10 billion to support housing affordability along with demand-side policies. The federal government has acknowledged that 3.5 million new homes are required by 2031 to keep up with demand.

"Access to suitable shelter is one of the great social challenges of our time. I am pleased to see it addressed in the federal budget, however the budget requires significant participation from provincial and municipal governments

to hit its target to provide housing for current demand as well as future demand from new household formation and immigration," said Soper. "By providing municipalities with funding to accelerate planning and delivery processes, the government is meaningfully helping the process overall, which is a welcomed step in the right direction."

In regards to the temporary two-year ban on foreign buyers, Royal LePage does not expect the policy to provide material relief to potential homebuyers, as this group does not make up a significant portion of homeowners in Canada. In addition, recreational properties are exempt from the ban.

Ontario

The Ontario government tabled a new housing bill last month with several initiatives aimed at speeding up municipal approval processes for development and allowing more four-to-six-storey residential buildings. The province also updated the rules of its existing Non-Resident Speculation Tax, increasing the tax from 15 to 20 per cent and expanding its reach from the Golden Horseshoe and Southern Ontario to the entire province.

"While new policies aimed at improving real estate market conditions for buyers will take years to produce results, I commend the Ontario government for taking action to increase supply through needed densification. In Toronto, this will give young homebuyers hope that they will be able to purchase a property in the future," said Karen Yolevski, chief operating officer, Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd. "Potential homeowners should not expect relief from the tax increase applied to non-residents, as foreign buyers make up a small percentage of the total market."

British Columbia

B.C.'s Minister of Finance, Selina Robinson, recently announced the Homebuyer Protection Period; new legislation that, when implemented, will allow homebuyers a five-day cooling off period, during which they may reconsider their offer, secure financing and obtain a home inspection.

"The new legislation is causing a lot of uncertainty among industry professionals and consumers. With few details revealed, and no clear indication of how this policy will be implemented or monitored and by whom, it is difficult to predict what impact this will have on the market," said Randy Ryalls, general manager, Royal LePage Sterling Realty. "We believe that with the collaboration of industry leaders, the province would have been able to devise a policy that better serves Canadians during one of the most important decisions of their lives."

Ryalls added that the cooling off period stands to create more of a supply backlog, and that a mandatory pre-offer period allowing buyers time to conduct due diligence would be more beneficial, as suggested by the British Columbia Real Estate Association.

Nova Scotia

The province released new tax measures within its budget that included a transfer tax of 5 per cent of the property's value for non-residents who did not move to the province within six months of the closing date. Also included is a property tax of \$2 per \$100 of assessed value of residential properties owned by non-residents. This will not apply to buildings with more than three units or long-term rentals tenanted to Nova Scotians.

"While we do need a supply solution for Nova Scotians, it's disappointing that after years of investing significant tax dollars into attracting people and businesses to come to the province, we would make such an unwelcoming gesture to Canadians," said Matt Honsberger, broker and owner, Royal LePage Atlantic. "Many of the affected group are cottage owners from Ontario who have been enjoying and spending money in Nova Scotia for years."

## CRACK THE RED LIPSTICK CONUNDRUM THIS BRIDAL SEASON

Red Lipstick, the crown jewel of the lipsticks is a woman's favourite. When it comes to bridal looks, brides prefer red over other colours. But it's difficult to make a decision when you're faced with a plethora of red hues! No, they don't all look the same, and red lipstick isn't appropriate for every lehenga colour!

To be honest, the trick is to match your skin's undertone to the undertone of the lipstick. It is simple to determine the skin's undertone. Every red shade is unique, just like every skin tone! Chandni Goyal, Training Manager, Anastasia Beverly Hills India shares a guide to help you crack the red lipstick skin tone conundrum this bridal season

Fair complexions - Brides with fair complexions usually have cool undertones, hence choosing a red that has a blue undertone or a pink undertone should be their go-to. Think of raspberry tones that perfectly compliment this skin tone and will enhance the bride's smile. Crimson works well for this complexion.

Light to Wheatish Complexions - This is the most common Indian skin tone with warm/yellow undertone. Using an orange-based red will be the best bet for wheatish skin tone and brighten up the complexion. Tangerine reds work well.

Medium Complexions - Brick reds with an orange/rust undertone work well for this skin tone during the summer season when this skin tone is prone to tanning more often, whereas cool-tone reds work very well for medium complexions as well during the winter season. Coral and blood-red work well.

Dusky Complexions - Rust reds are the perfect reds for this complexion and compliment the deeper complexions. Maroon works well for this complexion. Dark Complexions - Deep reds with plum tones is best suited for deeper complexions that enhance the rich complexion. Burgundy tones work well for this complexion.

Pro Tip - regardless of your skin tone, if you are someone who has thin lips or is conscious of yellow teeth, choose a neutral tone of red that has a balance of blue and red undertones to compliment any skin tone. Berry tones work well for neutral reds that work well for all.



## SUMMER COOLERS TO KEEP YOUR REFRESHED



As the heat sets in, it is important to keep your body hydrated and replenish fluids at regular intervals. Here are a few summer drinks to beat the heat.

### AAM PANNA

Ingredients:

- . 1 raw mango
- . 2 cup water
- . 3 tbsp mint / pudina
- . 1/4 cup sugar
- . 1/2 tsp cardamom powder
- . 1/2 tsp cumin powder
- . 1/2 tsp pepper powder
- . 3/4 tsp salt

Method:

- . Firstly, in a pressure cooker take 1 raw mango and pour 2 cup water.
- . Cover and pressure cook for 5 whistles or until mango are cooked well.
- . Cool completely, and peel the skin of mango.
- . Also, scrape the pulp of mango making sure the skin has separated.
- . Transfer the mango pulp to a blender.
- . Also add mint and sugar.
- . Blend to smooth paste without adding any water.
- . Now add cardamom powder, cumin powder, pepper powder and salt.
- . Mix well making sure everything is well combined with aam panna concentrate is ready.
- . To serve, in a tall glass take a tbsp of aam panna concentrate and add few ice cubes.
- . Pour in ice-cold water and mix well.
- . Finally, enjoy aam panna garnished with fresh mint leaves.

### LEMONADE

Ingredients:

- . 1 3/4 cups white sugar
- . 1 cup water
- . 9 medium lemons, or more as needed
- . 7 cups ice-cold water
- . Ice as needed

Method:

- . Combine sugar and 1 cup water in a small saucepan. Stir to dissolve sugar while mixture comes to a boil. Set aside to cool slightly.
- . Meanwhile, roll lemons around on your counter to soften. Cut in half lengthwise, and squeeze into a liquid measuring cup.
- . Add pulp to the juice, but discard any seeds. Continue juicing until you have 1 1/2 cups fresh juice and pulp.
- . Pour 7 cups ice-cold water into a pitcher. Stir in lemon juice and pulp, then add simple syrup to taste.
- . Add ice and serve the energetic drink

### SATTU SHARBAT

Ingredients:

- . 1.5 litres chilled water
- . 6 tablespoon sattu (roasted black chickpea flour)
- . 4 to 6 tablespoon regular sugar or organic unrefined cane sugar or jaggery - add as per taste
- . 1/4 teaspoon black salt or 2 to 3 pinches of black salt (optional)

Method:

- . Take chilled water in individual glasses. You can also take all of the chilled water in a mug and then mix.
- . Add 2 tbsp sattu in each glass.
- . Add sugar or jaggery as per taste.
- . Add a pinch of black salt in each glass. For some tang, you can also add lemon or lime juice.
- . Stir and mix everything very well.

### VIRJIN MOJITO

Ingredients:

- . 10 mint leaves, large or 15 small
- . 2 tbsp lime juice
- . 2 tbsp honey simple syrup
- . Water
- . Ice optional
- . Lime slices optional

Method:

- . Place mint leaves and lime juice in a glass and muddle them together for 1 minute.
- . 10 mint leaves, large 2 tbsp lime juice
- . Add the honey simple syrup.
- . 2 tbsp honey simple syrup
- . Add the water.
- . Garnish with lime slices, a sprig of mint, and/or fresh fruit.

### LEMON AND GINGER SQUASH

Ingredients:

- . 500ml fresh lemon juice
- . 100ml ginger juice
- . 1 1/4kgs sugar
- . 500ml water

Method:

- . Take a heavy bottomed pan and put water, when the water comes to boiling water, add sugar and stir continuously till sugar melts and cook for 5minutes and keep aside.
- . After that add the lemon juice and ginger juice and mix well.
- . Keep aside to cool to cool it down and transfer in a bottle to refrigerate.
- . While serving mix 1/4 glass squash and 3/4 glass water.
- . Serve chilled.



## Moderna's First Bivalent Booster Superiority Was Maintained For Six Months After Booster For Beta & Omicron Variants

Moderna's first bivalent booster vaccine candidate, mRNA-1273.211, demonstrated superior neutralizing titers compared to mRNA-1273 against all variants of concern, including Omicron; superiority was maintained for six months after booster for the Beta and Omicron variants. Tolerability and safety of the bivalent booster were consistent with authorized 50 µg mRNA-1273 booster.

Moderna is evaluating an updated bivalent booster incorporating more Omicron-specific mutations (mRNA-1273.214) in a Phase 2/3 clinical study; initial data on this candidate, expected in the second quarter, will inform selection of fall 2022 booster for Northern Hemisphere.

Moderna, Inc., (NASDAQ:MRNA) a biotechnology company pioneering messenger RNA (mRNA) therapeutics and vaccines today announced new clinical data on its bivalent COVID-19 booster platform including data on the Company's first bivalent booster candidate, mRNA-1273.211, which includes mutations found in the Beta variant of concern, several of which have been persistent in more recent variants of concern including Omicron. A50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273.211 demonstrated superiority against Beta, Delta and Omicron variants of concern one month after administration. Superiority continued six months after administration for Beta and Omicron variants of concern as well. A50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273.211 was generally well tolerated with a reactogenicity profile comparable to a booster dose of mRNA-1273 at the 50 µg dose level. The manuscript is available as a preprint through Research Square.

"We are pleased with these data for our first bivalent booster candidate, mRNA-1273.211. We believe that these results validate our bivalent strategy, which we announced and began pursuing in February 2021. The results indicate that mRNA-1273.211 at the 50 µg dose level induced higher antibody responses than the 50 µg mRNA-1273 booster, even when additional variants of concern were not included in the booster vaccine," said Stéphane Bancel, Chief Executive Officer of Moderna. "Our latest bivalent booster candidate, mRNA-1273.214, which combines the currently authorized Moderna COVID-19 booster with our Omicron-specific booster candidate, remains our lead candidate for the fall 2022 Northern Hemisphere booster. We look forward to sharing initial data on mRNA-1273.214 later in the second quarter. We believe that a bivalent booster vaccine, if authorized, would create a new tool as we continue to respond to emerging variants."

Moderna is developing updated booster candidates to address the continued evolution of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, including monovalent and bivalent candidates targeting multiple variants of concern. The Company's primary focus has been on the bivalent booster approach to maintain high neutralizing antibody titers while improving breadth of immunity to variants. Moderna has multiple bivalent booster candidates that have been evaluated to date, which include mRNA-1273.211 (9 spike protein mutations, based on the Beta variant), and mRNA-1273.214 (32 spike protein mutations, based on the Omicron variant). mRNA-1273.211 includes four mutations and mRNA-1273.214 includes 32 mutations present in the Omicron variant of concern. A 50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273.211 met Moderna's objectives for its modified, bivalent booster candidates, including superiority immunogenicity criteria against variants of concern when compared to its currently approved mRNA-1273 booster dose (50 µg). A booster dose of mRNA-1273.211 demonstrated superiority against the ancestral SARS-CoV-2 and the Beta, Delta and Omicron variants one month after the booster dose and superiority against the ancestral SARS-CoV-2, Beta and Omicron 6 months compared to the booster dose of mRNA-1273. There was a 2.20-fold (95% CI: 1.74, 2.79) and 2.15-fold (95% CI: 1.66, 2.78) increase in the neutralizing antibody titers against Omicron with the mRNA-1273.211 booster dose compared to the mRNA-1273 booster dose at 1 month and 6 months, respectively. The mRNA-1273.211 booster candidate was generally well tolerated in 300 study participants who received the 50 µg dose and 595 participants who

received the 100 µg dose of mRNA-1273.211 (895 participants in total). The 50 µg booster dose of mRNA-1273.211 had a similar incidence of solicited adverse reactions and unsolicited adverse events with the authorized mRNA-1273 booster (50 µg).

The results indicate that the bivalent booster vaccine candidate mRNA-1273.211 at the 50 µg dose level induced higher antibody responses than the 50 µg mRNA-1273 booster, even when the variants were not included in the booster vaccine which, if authorized, would create a new tool as Moderna responds to emerging variants.

Moderna's bivalent prototype and Omicron booster vaccine candidate (mRNA-1273.214) is currently being evaluated in a Phase 2/3 study. The Company expects initial data on mRNA-1273.214 in the second quarter of this year to inform selection of its candidate for the Northern Hemisphere fall 2022 booster.

### About Moderna

In 10 years since its inception, Moderna has transformed from a research-stage company advancing programs in the field of messenger RNA (mRNA), to an enterprise with a diverse clinical portfolio of vaccines and therapeutics across seven modalities, a broad intellectual property portfolio in areas including mRNA and lipid nanoparticle formulation, and an integrated manufacturing plant that allows for both clinical and commercial production at scale. Moderna maintains alliances with a broad range of domestic and overseas government and commercial collaborators. Most recently, Moderna's capabilities have come together to allow the authorized use and approval of one of the earliest and most effective vaccines against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moderna's mRNA platform builds on continuous advances in basic and applied mRNA science, delivery technology and manufacturing, and has allowed the development of therapeutics and vaccines for infectious diseases, immuno-oncology, rare diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and autoimmune diseases. Moderna has been named a top biopharmaceutical employer by Science for the past seven years. To learn more, visit [www.modernatx.com](http://www.modernatx.com).

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## WAYS TO REDECORATE YOUR HOME IN THE SUMMER

The most interesting spaces are those that vibrate with the season. Indian summers, in particular, necessitate a major interior makeover to protect it from the elements while creating an atmosphere that complements the season's character. All you need is a refresh in the textiles, new prints on the walls, new hints in the materials, and a revitalising summer spirit inspired by the restyling mood boards. Punam Kalra, Creative Director of I'm the Centre for Applied Arts shares some tips

### Invest in the Biophilic trend

Summer air carries scents and flavours from the outdoors to the interiors of a space, serving as a reminder to go natural this season. The calming energy that connects the outdoor to the indoor also makes the space feel larger.

The simplest way to accomplish this is to introduce fresh flowers and indoor plants into the interiors. Include eco-friendly material palettes with raw wood, ceramic, or stone in furniture, decor, or even backdrops - solid ceramic vases, seamless wooden tables, rough cut stone backdrops, and more leave a lasting dose of freshness and tranquillity in the space without suffocating it with layers.

### Go light and airy

The first desire of the exhausting season is for breathable spaces. Keep your home light and airy by using lighter, preferably semi-sheer fabrics like slub cotton, linen, and so on for your curtains, tapestries, and upholsteries.

Replace heavy winter throws with neat, trimmed finishes in neutral toned upholstered pieces like sofas, armchairs, ottomans, and pouffes. Woven pieces made of rattan, bamboo, wicker, or cane can be used as larger pieces such as recliners, chairs, and consoles, or as smaller accents such as baskets, planters, or even headboards to add a light twist to the furniture.

Summer is all about the sun and its open invitation to the home, which shifts the focus away from the enclosed walls and toward openings such as windows. Examine the window treatments and incorporate more solar shades, such as bamboo/wooden louvres or linen blinds, to filter the incoming heat waves.

For that harsh time of day, a blackout curtain becomes a must. If you have a balcony, decorate it with blooming flowers and revitalising herbs, and set up an island seating area for some evening tea. In the case of open sit-outs or backyards, go big with garden furniture sets under a greenhouse setup or a floral pergola to create an at-home retreat atmosphere.

### Reminisce a distant vacation

Summer vacation is a term in and of itself - Indian summers are unfinished without the vacation vibe. Incorporate tropical prints in hand embroidered throws or leafy wallpapers, or nautical sculptures and souvenirs, to create a sense of recreation and travel in the interiors. Picnic tables in the backyard, cocktail counters near the kitchen, or bar cabinets in a quiet corner of the living room can all add a more experiential element. This necessitates a mix of texture and personality, such as indoor tepees and floor cushions for the picnic scene, a luxurious bar cabinet and barstools for the cocktails, and so on. Try an improvised setup with a versatile colour palette to reflect your mood with each passing day.

### Hit or hint with the colours

The season, like the unpredictable weather, takes us up and down the extremes. The colour themes, too, favour the extremes - the delectable sorbet colours and the subtle earthen colours, both of which are appropriate for the summer character. If you want your space to be filled with joy and cheer, try palettes that include mustard, lime, coral, aqua, or even shades of mango. If you want a more calming and tranquillizing atmosphere, choose olive, taupe, fawn, and other colours that soften the tone of the interior.

Avoid chaotic palettes with a mix of both characters and stick to a single choice for a more cohesive overall composition of the space.

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM OBSESSIVE HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS?



To protect themselves from serious health issues, people are forming new habits or adopting healthier lifestyle choices such as going vegan, cutting sugar, or eating organic. This has received a lot more attention since the COVID-19 pandemic, which made people realise how important it is to live a healthy lifestyle and eat well.

Obsession with good lifestyle choices or healthy eating, on the other hand, can have serious physical and emotional consequences. Eating healthy, nutritious food is beneficial to the body, but for those suffering from orthorexia, the harm outweighs the benefit (a term used to define an unhealthy obsession with healthy eating).

It's like pushing healthy eating to the point where it causes problems in everyday life, and the situation spirals out of control. One of the most important aspects of recovering from an eating disorder is learning to better manage one's overall health, which is where alternative therapies can help.

### Obsession with Healthy Eating

Smart food choices can obviously benefit the body in a variety of ways, but problems arise when someone becomes overly obsessed with restrictions. When a person's behaviour becomes too disruptive as a result of such constraints, it can interfere with personal and professional relationships, eventually leading to psychological disorders.

Furthermore, people with orthorexia frequently avoid social invitations and interactions, fearing that they will have to compromise their healthy eating habits. Even if they engage in social interactions, they will refuse to eat, even if they are hungry. Some people may also spend hours shopping for specific groceries or conceal their habits from friends and family.

### How Alternative or Complementary Therapies Help with Obsessive Health Consciousness

Alternative and complementary medicine's basic philosophy includes a holistic approach to care that focuses on a person's health as a whole rather than focusing on one organ or bodily system. These systems are based on the belief that the human body is capable of self-healing. Healing frequently entails a combination of techniques involving the mind, body, and spirit. The goal is to achieve balance, as imbalance frequently leads to disease. Here are some complementary therapies to help you cope with a healthy or good eating obsession.

### Yoga

Yoga is about developing inner awareness and focusing on the present moment, not just physical poses to increase strength and flexibility. According to surveys and studies, regular yoga practitioners are less critical of their bodies and more satisfied with them. That is also why yoga is an essential component of eating disorder treatment and programmes that promote body positivity and self-esteem.

Additionally, because yoga cultivates mindfulness in a person, yoga practitioners are more mindful eaters. Yoga practise makes one more aware of how their body feels. This increased awareness can be carried over to mealtime by savouring each bite and paying attention to how food tastes, smells, and feels in the mouth.

### Meditation

The perception of one's own body can elicit a variety of feelings and thoughts that can occupy one's mind. However, for the majority of people, the critical lens through which they view themselves is not an exact reflection of how everyone else sees them. Meditation is the way to open the mind and navigate negative, judgmental thoughts about body image while remaining comfortable.

Feelings and thoughts, especially negative ones, are the most difficult obstacles to overcome in life. Meditation practitioners are able to see beyond the nature of thought entirely. It is a natural human tendency to become engrossed in negative conversation. People give weight and meaning to their thoughts, and meditation teaches how to let thoughts come and go without becoming entangled in self-created storylines. Meditation teaches people to be kind to themselves rather than judge them.

### Acupuncture

When their eating habits are disrupted, people with orthorexia may experience intense anxiety or frustration. Furthermore, any disruption in their self-imposed dietary habits is likely to result in self-loathing or guilt. Such issues, if left untreated, can cause irreversible damage to a person's health.

Acupuncture, depending on the placement of the needles, can produce painkilling chemicals and jump-start the body's natural ability to heal itself, or it can stimulate the part of the brain that controls emotions, including anxiety. All of these can help people maintain a healthy balance and treat various illnesses. The therapy can significantly reduce worries about things over which a person has no control.

A health-conscious person is concerned about his or her body, whereas a health-obsessed person is obsessed with it. It is critical to ensure that the diet does not cause anxiety. While some foods are healthier than others, no food can kill you if you eat it once or twice.

Living a healthy life does not mean rejecting people and experiences, but rather embracing life as a whole while constantly working to maintain physical and mental health. (Dr. G Prakash, Deputy-Chief Medical Officer, Jindal Naturecure Institute)



## Travel skincare woes solved with a moisture enriched regime

**NEW DELHI, (IANS LIFE)** Nothing beats packing your bags, planning your itinerary, and giving in to your wanderlust. Travelling to a new place full of endless adventures and possibilities is an unrivalled feeling that should be felt whenever the opportunity arises. While travelling has many advantages, there is one disadvantage that can put a damper on travel plans: the effect it has on the skin. If you frequently return from trips with irritated and flared-up skin, we've got you covered with the best travel skincare routine to follow.

It is critical to first understand a problem before attempting to solve it. There are a variety of environmental factors that can cause skin problems when travelling. Changes in humidity, air quality, temperature, and even sun exposure can all have a negative impact on the skin. It can cause it to feel dry, irritated, itchy, red, flaky, or even break outs. Furthermore, factors such as travel stress and aeroplane dehydration can play a significant role in this. Changes in our external environment throw the skin off its usual routine and game, causing it to deviate from its normal health.

While the causes, concerns, and treatments for these skin issues vary from case to case, there is a general skincare regimen and hacks that you can use to prevent damage and stay one step ahead. To begin, it is critical to maintain some consistency and familiarity in the midst of a lot of change. Pack one or two of your daily skincare products that your skin is familiar with and responds well to. Obtaining travel-sized versions of them or using mini travel containers and transferring some product into them is an easy way to accomplish this. One important skincare tip for travellers is to keep things simple but effective. Travelling may not be the best time to bring your 12-step skincare routine with you. What you require is a gentle cleanser

capable of removing all dirt and excess makeup from your trip adventures. Following that, you'll need a light yet deeply hydrating moisturiser to restore the suppleness of your skin.

The skin frequently becomes dehydrated while travelling for a variety of reasons. As a result, a variety of other skin issues arise. Keeping a highly effective moisturiser in your suitcase is the best travel companion you can bring along to maintain your vacation look every day while keeping your skin healthy.

It is critical to scale back the regime and eliminate products that serve only a single purpose. The key word here is efficiency. You need products that contain all of the necessary ingredients and can assist you in addressing a variety of skincare concerns with the help of a single formula. This will save you space while also allowing you to maintain a minimalistic skincare routine that works wonders without breaking the bank.

To name a few, essential ingredients to look for include hyaluronic acid (to smooth and plump the skin), vitamin C (to reduce lines and boost radiance), activated C (to help increase skin clarity), salicylic acid (to visibly reduce discoloration and renew the skin's texture), and peony extract (to prevent oxidative damage). When combined with activated C, the last few ingredients work wonders. This ingredient list is also beneficial for a variety of skincare issues, including dark spots, sallowness, post-acne marks, uneven skin tone, and loss of radiance. Travel is meant to be a blessing that allows you to explore the world and all that it has to offer, and something so wonderful should not come at the expense of your skin's health. Following a minimal yet effective skincare routine while travelling is the key to overcoming these travel skincare issues.

## CO-CREATING & COLLABORATING WITH ONE OF INDIA'S BIGGEST FASHION ICONS



**NEW DELHI, (IANS LIFE)** "For me, the second season of my collaboration with Levi's is what summer truly feels like; bright, joyful and happy. It's a reflection of my personal style married with what is quintessential Levi's," said Deepika Padukone of her collaboration - Levi's X Deepika Padukone.

The collection inspired by Padukone's signature cool athleisure-meets-effortlessly sexy style, includes elevated dyeing techniques, hybrid silhouettes, and utility elements in a mix of spirit-lifting colours and earthy neutrals. Taking inspiration from the expressive style of the 1970s, the collection is a little looser, a little slouchier, but unmistakably Levi's. The collection's standout pieces include an on-trend co-ord that has been given a summery, almost DIY makeover. It also comes with a Levi's throwback-inspired 90's Trucker, a high-waist taper fit, and an extra wide-leg fit in Hydro-dipped Indigo or an all-over rainbow marbling.

Denim is an essential component of this collection. It comes in the form of vintage-inspired, super versatile high-rise wardrobe staples like the 70's high flare and 70's high slim straight, both with a retro rise, a curve-hugging fit, and a slight stacking in the latter. The High Loose and High Loose Taper have an easy casual appeal with a tapered leg for a vintage-inspired look, bridging youthful and contemporary style. Women's high loose jeans have a waist-emphasising high rise look that is loose through the hip and thigh for the ultimate relaxed fit. The collection also includes a High Waisted Cropped Flare, which has a high rise, is relaxed through the hip and thigh, and has a flare at the ankle, making it a perfect fit for showing off your waist and your shoes! Summer essentials like tie-dyes in bright pops of colour tie together this collection, which also includes an earthy-toned range of shirts and tops. We see a variety of hybrid and elevated sweat-dresses and sweatsuits, committing to a new love of comfort with style. Padukone's love of classics with a twist is reflected in the collection, which includes a blazer and short set, shirts with dramatic sleeves and pleats, and jumpsuits, all in earthy and neutral tones.

## WHAT IS MOBILE RADIATION AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOUR SKIN?



**NEW DELHI, (IANS LIFE)** Everything in the twenty-first century is easy-access; whether it's the next show tickets or a place to crash for a weekend getaway. However, with the ease of information comes something even scarier, radiation! which we had no idea we were inadvertently ingesting. But somehow, we know that blue light can cause damage to our eyes and weaken our retinas, so imagine the amount of damage it can do to our skin. It can be really frightening!

We are surrounded by electronic devices such as mobile phones, computers, and laptops that emit radiation. But do we know what radiation is exactly? and what kind of damage it does do to the skin? The cell phone you're using right now, or the laptop you're reading this article from, all have one thing in common, antennas. The antennas are chipped in to make a connection with the signal tower. These antennas as a form of connection emit radiation that harms our skin with time.

We all know, as informative as the digital world can be but there are times when it can be overwhelming us with misleading information. Namrata Bajaj, Co-founder, of Tatsa - Skincare made Simple helps us deep dive into the harms of radiation to our skin and how to protect it.

Skin discolouration: All electronic devices have one thing in common, and that is the harmful radiation effect on the skin. Skin damage is a major phenomenon nowadays, radiation penetrating the skin causes itchiness, and dryness leading to skin discolouration by turning red or dark.

Premature ageing: Given our current lifestyle of being around electronic devices all the time, our skin cycle is heading in the wrong direction. Radiations emitted from devices or the sun create tanning beds on our skin. Overexposure to UV rays harms the inner layer of tissues by making them lose their elasticity. Hence radiation leads us to premature ageing and such side effects. The breakouts: When our skin dislikes the environment around us, it showcases the same in different ways. Breakouts are one of the common problems noticed due to the environment. The skin loses its guards or becomes more sensitive, which eventually manifests itself in the form of breakouts. Skin pigmentation: Considering all of the skin damage caused by radiation and blue lights, skin pigmentation is one of the worst and possibly the most irritating skin conditions one adopts via radiation. As much as we want to avoid it, there is no escape, skin pigmentation is a condition where skin adopts darkening spots around the area.

Skin sensitivity: As we age, skin sensitivity is one of the most significant factors that directly affect our skin and cause permanent damage to it, whether we get redness easily or dry skin all over it. Skin sensitivity weakens the strength of your skin, the more sensitive the skin, the less likely the skin is to fight against the harmful particles of the air. This is where the radiation enters the picture by weakening the skin to the point where it can no longer bear anything.

## MAKE YOUR WORK-LIFE BALANCE MORE EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE



**NEW DELHI, (IANS LIFE)** Productivity is the key to every entrepreneur's life. However, in this constant need to be productive and meet daily targets, one tends to lose out on the work-life balance that we so strongly advocate for our employees/teams to follow. It becomes essential for us to realise that no matter how many investors or how much we have, our health remains at the centre of our life and business. It may not seem very difficult to put in long hours at work, sleep less, and even skip meals at times to make sure your work is done and your business does not suffer. But failing to take care of yourself can have far-reaching effects on your business. Your health has to be a significant priority, and there are things you can do daily to improve your health overall. So, if you want to take care of your most precious asset, aka your health, then please consider following some tips I am about to share.

### 1. Habits and hobbies

The first and most important tip is to understand that balance is key. While your work makes you happy mentally, you also need to stay in touch with activities and hobbies that make you physically and mentally healthy. It could be baking, swimming, music, a

good run or a walk, but it has to be something that keeps you active and makes you happy and satisfied.

### 2. Eat that frog

It is important to learn how to prioritise your tasks, whether they are professional or personal. Eat that frog basically implies that you do a daunting task first so it's out of your way and doesn't stress you. Make a list of things with regard to their priority and follow it. Another thing you need to accept is that even as an entrepreneur/owner of a business, you most certainly cannot be present in all places. Divide and delegate work to employees, so you don't end up stressing yourself.

### 3. Substantial eating

At Sublime Life, we believe in leading a clean, healthy life, be it in the products that you use or the food that you consume. For your brain to function efficiently, you have to think about the impact specific foods will have on your physical and mental state. Eating well does not only keep your body healthy but also promotes sharper thinking, builds immunity, and protects you from common illnesses. Clean eating can have many benefits for your mind, body, and skin.

## IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE TO LEAVE YOUR TAN UNTREATED

Opting for a sunset tan to get that exotic sun-kissed look is always in vogue. Tanned skin elicits attention as it gives a slightly flushed appearance too. Many celebrities have hopped on the tanning bandwagon, either naturally by exposing skin to sun or through various tanning procedure. However, does getting a tan have serious repercussions? Shahnaz Husain shares some expert advice on the matter.

Tanning is not only considered unsafe because it comes with the risk of getting a sunburn, which can directly contribute to skin cancer depending on the rate and time of exposure. Tanning is also problematic because the process of tanning involves ultraviolet rays piercing your skin and completely meddling with your DNA!

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**THE SUMMER OF LOVE**

Summer is in full swing, and it's time to get out there and explore new places, go to summer festivals, and fall in love. That's exactly what couples are up to this season. The hot weather is annoying, but not when you have someone to go to the beach, a music concert, or a film festival with. Couples are planning some exciting ideas to spend their summer together to re-affirm their sizzling chemistries.

**Attending a virtual film festival:** During the summer, a slew of film festivals spring up. Watching a film online with your partner every day (or night) from a festival's list of films is a great way to spend your holiday season! If you both enjoy watching movies and munching on popcorn while cuddling with your partner, this is the ideal summer activity for you two. Plus, you won't have to get up from your couch! 40 per cent of male dating site QuackQuack's users said they plan to spend this summer season with their partner in this manner, while 34 per cent of female QuackQuack users said they would rather go to the city hosting the festival to watch it.

**Adventure sporting:** If you think travelling the old-fashioned way is out of date, take a look at this one. Couples are now encouraging one another to go to extreme lengths. Riding a bike or skydiving together is something you should try as a couple if you want to rekindle the flame in your relationship. 25 per cent of female users aged 28-33 and 20 per cent of male users aged 28-33 agreed that hiking, mountain biking, and skydiving are some of the sports they would like to try out with their partner this summer.

**Learning music:** This season, one of the most admired art forms is also a favourite of couples. If you don't want to leave the comfort of your home in this scorching heat and want to do something inexpensive, you can learn music together! This season, 33 percent of couples between the ages of 28 and 38 plan to hire a private tutor or enrol in music classes. If you think you understand melody and your partner isn't too bad either, it's time to pick up an instrument!

**TRENDING SONGS FOR INSTAGRAM REELS**

Making reel videos on Instagram is, without a doubt, the hottest trend on the internet right now. Of course, reels are incomplete without the appropriate music, as it aids in engaging the appropriate audiences. No matter how hard you work, your videos will only reach the greatest number of people if they are accompanied by trending songs or viral trends.

**ChaandBaaliyan - Aditya A**  
Aditya A's song 'ChaandBaaliyan,' which was released in 2020, is currently trending on social media. Several people, ranging from children to Bollywood celebrities, have posted videos on their social media accounts with the soulful song 'ChaandBaaliyan' playing in the background.

**Can We Skip To The Good Part**  
The trend, which began on TikTok, is all about showing us your past struggles and then emphasising the good. This song was released in June of 2017 by the American Indie pop trio band AJR and has since been used in a variety of videos.

**B\*\*\*\*\* Come And Go Bruh: Ginseng Strip 2002**  
This popular audio is taken from a Yung Lean song called "Gingseng Strip 2002," which was released in 2013. The song has been resurfaced on Instagram 9 years later.

**Arabic Kuthu - HalamithiHabibo**  
The song 'Arabic Kuthu' from Thalapathy Vijay and Pooja Hegde's upcoming Tamil-language film 'Beast,' has gone viral on social media. The popularity of the Arabic Kuthu lyrical video song 'HalamithiHabibo' has skyrocketed, with celebrities from all walks of life grooving to its upbeat beats. The hashtag #ArabicKuthuChallenge has been trending on social media.

**Pasoori-Ali Sethi (Coke Studio)**  
The Coke Studio track - Pasoori, sung by Ali Sethi, is everyone's current obsession. Because of its visual appeal, melodious music, and soulful lyrics, the song has been on everyone's lips. It's no surprise that reel makers are also smitten with the song.

**Atak Gaya Hai-Arijit Singh**  
Arijit Singh sings the catchy Atak Gaya song from the film Badhaai Do, and Amit Trivedi composed the music. The song is getting a lot of attention, with many couples participating in the Badhaai Do Challenge and sharing their love story.

**Meri Jaan-GangubaiKathiawadi**  
The GangubaiKathiawadi wave has swept social media, and its songs have spawned numerous viral dance trends on Instagram. Not only Dholida, but Meri Jaan, a romantic song starring Alia and Shantanu Maheshwari, has inspired several dance videos.

**Anjan Ki Siti**  
Anjan Ki Siti, sung by Rehana Mirza, is a Rajasthani folk song that appears in many travel reels.

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