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AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE IN CANADA \$746K, DOWN 6.3%, SALES DOWN 12.6% IN APRIL

Statistics released today by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) show national home sales were down in April 2022. Highlights:
 * National home sales dropped by 12.6% on a month-over-month basis in April.
 * Actual (not seasonally adjusted) monthly activity came in 25.7% below the monthly record set in 2021.
 * The number of newly listed properties was down 2.2% month-over-month.

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Y MEDIA ONTARIO ELECTION DEBATE HIGHLIGHTS

- Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford, Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner spent 90 minutes talking about the economy, healthcare, education, and leadership.
- Ontario Party Leaders Clash Over Affordability, Healthcare & Environment During Debate.
- Affordability Remains Top Issue While Crime Remains An Unaddressed Issue During Ontario Election.
- 'Stop Reading A Script': Ontario Liberal Leader Del Duca Attacks PC Leader Ford In Debate.
- Ontario Party Leaders Attack Ford On Health, Education In Election Debate.
- Liberal Leader Del Duca Said, "The Past Four Years Have Been Really, Really Tough," And People Have Been Left To Fend For Themselves.
- 'Care. People. First.' Ont. Green Party Leader Schreiner Challenges PC Leader Ford On His Government's Treatment Of Healthcare Workers.
- According To Ford, The Pandemic Was The Most Difficult Time Of His Life. He Admits The Province Didn't Get Everything Right, But Claims That Every Decision Was Taken With The Best Of Intentions And Medical Advice Available At The Time.
- "One Of The Things That Mr. Ford Refuses To Acknowledge Is The Cuts And The Chaos He Brought To Our Public Education System," NDP Leader Andrea Horwath Said.
- Ontario's NDP Promises To Clear School Repair Backlog Within 10 Years; To Invest \$4.8 Billion In Next 3 Years Alone To Clear Backlog.
- Horwath's Ontario NDP Will Deliver Universal Dental & Mental Health Care Under OHIP Card.
- Ontario NDP Pledges To Lower Auto Insurance Rates By 40%, If Elected In June.
- Ontario PC Party Focuses On Building Highways While Ontario Liberals Stress Over Education.
- Ford Says The Highway Is Needed To Reduce Traffic And Better Move Goods Around, While Other Leaders Oppose This.

Y MEDIA ORGANIZES CANDIDATES' DEBATES- ONTARIO ELECTION, 2022



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June 2 is election day in Ontario. Voters in Ontario will be choosing their new premier and members of the provincial parliament. Y Media group is bringing Ontario election debate coverage wherein the candidates from different Brampton ridings from all four political parties will participate in a lively debate moderated by Yudhvir Jaswal, Y Media Group Editor and CEO, and Ramona Singh, Associate Editor at Y Media.
 The debates will be aired LIVE at 7.30 p.m. on Channel Y from Monday, May 23 to Friday, May 27.
 To stay updated with what the parties are promising and what issues candidates are hearing and addressing, watch Y Media Plus, Channel Y Bell 828, Telus 2418, Rogers 857, Ignite 707 and listen to Radio Y 91.9 FM. You can also visit our website southasiandaily.com to know more information about the same.
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NAVKIRAN SINGH, 20, FROM MOGA FOUND DEAD AFTER BEING PULLED FROM WATER IN BRAMPTON



SHUBHAM JOSHI, 25, OF MISSISSAUGA CHARGED WITH FAIL TO STOP AT SCENE, DANGEROUS DRIVING CAUSING BODILY HARM

On Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 12:10 a.m., police responded to a collision in the Church Street and Wood Street area. It is alleged that:
 - a 36-year-old man was in northbound lane of on Church Street on the east side of the road
 - a grey Honda minivan was being operated northbound on Church Street

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KULDEEP SINGH, 20, SAHAJOT SINGH, 21 AND TARANJEET SINGH, 22, FROM BRAMPTON, CHARGED WITH NUMEROUS FIREARM AND DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES

Investigators from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau have laid charges against three Brampton men after locating firearms and drugs during a search warrant at a residence in the City of Brampton. On Friday, May 13, 2022, officers from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau, with the assistance from the Tactical and Rescue Unit, conducted a criminal code search warrant at a Brampton residence in the area of Chinguacousy Road and Steeles Avenue West.

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Brampton Centre

AS PREMIER, HORWATH WILL LOWER AUTO INSURANCE RATES BY 40%



NDP Leader Andrea Horwath will lower auto insurance rates by 40 per cent by fixing the auto insurance industry, saving drivers an average of \$660 every year. In some communities, like Brampton, the savings will be upwards of \$2,000.

To do it, she'll end postal code discrimination and ban auto insurance rate increases for 18 months while an expert commission investigates and recommends a new system - a public or partially public system, or major reforms to the private system.

"It's been getting a lot harder for everyday families to afford everyday life. They just want to get back on solid ground again, and we can help them do that by making auto insurance more affordable," said Horwath. "Let's stop paying more for auto insurance just because of where we live. The auto insurance system is broken, and together we can fix it - and put \$660 a year in people's pockets."

Ontario has some of the most expensive auto insurance premiums in the country, despite some of the lowest rates of auto accidents. The average annual rate in Quebec is \$851. In Ontario, it's \$1,655. For some Ontario drivers, rates are more than \$6,300.

In 2021, drivers on average paid premiums 50 per cent to 72 per cent higher than British Columbia; 55 per cent to 65 per cent higher than Manitoba; and 79 per cent to 116 per cent higher than Saskatchewan.

Horwath and the NDP's plan for auto includes:

- * Immediately ending postal code discrimination. Postal code discrimination means that drivers in many neighborhoods pay dramatically higher rates than drivers anywhere else, even if they have the same age, experience, car and driving record.

- * An 18-month ban on raising insurance rates.

- * Immediately striking the Ontario Auto Insurance Fair Pricing Commission, led by insurance experts, affordability advocates, and experts in public auto from provinces who use a public insurance system. The commission will be directed to explore:

- * A full public no-fault insurance system like Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia have

- * Quebec's hybrid public and private model

- * A private no-fault system

- * Specific reforms in legislation leading to permanent rate reductions

In 2020, despite a drop in claims, Ontarians paid higher auto insurance rates and Ontario auto insurers made \$3.63 billion in profits.

The Ford Conservatives voted against a 15 per cent auto insurance premium reduction and against ending postal code discrimination. The Ontario Liberals promised to lower auto insurance rates by 15 per cent, then chose not to. Kathleen Wynne later said the promise was actually a "stretch goal."

ONTARIO NDP KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN RALLY IN BRAMPTON



Andrea Horwath, the leader of the Ontario NDP, promised on Saturday that if elected, the party would double the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works payments in the second year of government.

Horwath made the announcement at a rally in Brampton's Canadian Convention Centre, saying the doubling of both social assistance programmes' rates is "long overdue."

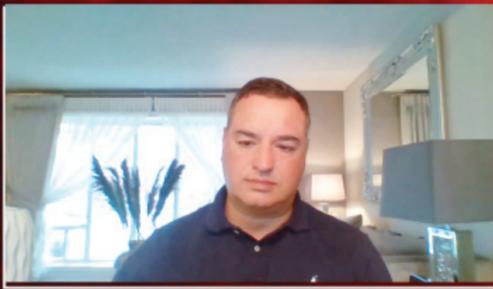
She claims that if her party is elected, it will increase ODSP and OW payments by 20% in the first year of government. Jagmeet Singh, the leader of the federal NDP, joined the event.

"For decades, folks receiving ODSP and OW have been neglected and disrespected, living in ongoing crisis, well below the poverty line," Horwath told hundreds of supporters on Saturday.

"We'll change that and permanently lift every ODSP and OW recipient out of poverty. We'll immediately increase rates 20 per cent and work urgently with people with lived experience to create a new system built on justice, dignity, and economic security," she added.

"We're going to double the rates in our second year, and index them so no Ontarian will ever live in legislated poverty again."

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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN MEDEIROS
DEPUTY MAYOR AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

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ONTARIO LIBERALS ANNOUNCE \$3B OVER
4 YEARS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Steven Del Duca was at Strides Toronto to announce that an Ontario Liberal government will transform mental health frontline response so more people living with mental illnesses, addictions, and disabilities can access compassionate care instead of languishing on waitlists.

Ontario Liberals will also make sure that more mental health workers are ready to respond to low-risk emergency calls, transforming the way our province helps people in crisis by staffing emergency rooms and the 9-1-1 hotline with mental health workers trained to help people in a mental health crisis.

As part of our plan for mental health, Ontario Liberals will:

- * Have mental health professionals in emergency rooms and ready to respond to emergency calls;
- * Train 3,000 new mental health and addictions professionals, including 1,000 mental health professionals for children;
- * Ensure no child waits for critical mental health help;
- * Reverse the Ford Conservatives' cuts to mental health and addiction services, investing an additional \$3 billion;
- * Provide free 'mental health first aid' and guided online supports;
- * Guarantee access to mental health services for all health professionals;
- * Require private employer benefits include mental health services;
- * Build 15,000 more supportive homes for mental health and addictions;
- * Make mental health first aid training available to school staff;
- * Fund women's health needs such as postpartum mental health, abortion and reproductive services - including covering one cycle of egg freezing;
- * Invest in Indigenous-led mental health supports and long-term care;
- * Divert people with addictions, disabilities and mental health conditions away from the justice system and to appropriate supports;
- * Ensure police training includes deescalation, anti-racism, cultural sensitivity and mental health ;
- * Redeveloping Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, SickKids, Sunnybrook and St. Joseph's Health Centre; and
- * Expanding Peterborough Regional Health Centre's mental health and cancer services.

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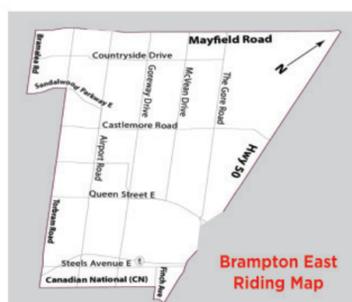
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NAVAL BAJAJ HOSTED MEET AND GREET FOR THE P.C. PARTY OF ONTARIO CANDIDATES FOR ALL THE FIVE RIDINGS OF BRAMPTON FOR THE UPCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS



Naval Bajaj hosted a Meet and Greet for the P.C. Party of Ontario Candidates for All the Five Ridings of Brampton for the upcoming Provincial Elections: Brampton East Hardeep Grewal, Brampton Centre Charmaine Williams, Brampton North Graham McGregor, Brampton West Amarjot Sandhu and Brampton South Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria. The meet and Greet event was attended by hundreds of supporters including key community leaders, many business organizations' Leadership, and social and religious organization heads

ONTARIO'S NDP PROMISES TO CLEAR SCHOOL REPAIR BACKLOG WITHIN 10 YEARS



Andrea Horwath and Ontario's NDP will clear the school repair backlog within 10 years.

"Every child deserves a school where the windows open, fountains are safe to drink from and the heating and air conditioning work," said Horwath.

"Right now, thousands of schools in Ontario are broken down. Kids are wearing coats and mittens in class in January, and sweating in stuffy classrooms in June. Many schools have lead in the drinking fountains, and teachers and education workers are putting buckets on the floor under dripping ceilings. Instead of asking our kids to deal with the consequences of cuts and underfunding, let's fix their schools." The NDP will spend an additional \$4.8 billion in the next three years alone to clear the backlog. And Horwath has committed to better caring for schools by investing:

\$467 million over three years to hire one extra custodian for each school in Ontario

\$13 million every year to hire more maintenance workers and establish a province-wide standard for cleaning and school repairs. The Liberals allowed Ontario's school repair backlog to reach a whopping \$15.8 billion.

The Ford Conservatives cut, so the backlog grew to \$16.8 billion after just four years in government.

The NDP platform includes additional investments to cap class sizes, hire 20,000 teachers and education workers, double the Mental Health and Well Being Grant, and to begin a comprehensive public review of the school funding formula.

Background

The NDP Platform includes commitments to:

Clear the school repair backlog: The NDP will immediately address

the backlog, with a plan to clear it within 10 years.

Hire more custodians and maintenance staff and establish a province-wide standard for cleaning and school repairs. (\$142 million in 2022-23, \$218 million in 2023-24, and \$297 million in 2024-25).

Hire 20,000 Teachers and Education workers and invest in in-school remedial learning programs to help students recover after two years of learning disruptions.

Help students by capping class sizes: The NDP will cap classes for Grades 4 through 8 at 24, and reduce high school class sizes to ensure students at every age get the direct support and attention they need.

Support rural and Northern schools as their communities grow by doubling the Rural and Northern Education Fund to \$22 million each year for the next three years.

As part of our Green New Democratic Deal, the NDP will upgrade public school buildings to make them carbon neutral and climate resilient, ensuring they meet the current and future needs of their communities. We'll bring those same principles to new school buildings to ensure they meet the international energy efficiency standards.

The NDP will ensure that all schools have up-to-date ventilation systems to prevent the spread of infection during potential future waves of COVID-19.

Fairness in Education Development Charges: the NDP will fix the rules around education development charges so they can fund the new schools families need. Review and Repair the funding formula: The NDP will work with parents, front-line educators, students, and educational experts to overhaul the education funding formula, starting with a comprehensive public review to be completed within one year.

ONTARIO NDP LEADER HORWATH SAYS ITS 'EVIDENCE' GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE LIVES BETTER IN COSTED ELECTION PLATFORM

Andrea Horwath and the NDP have released the full costing for their platform, which shows key investments in health care, home care and long-term care, housing and making life more affordable.

"The NDP has an affordable, realistic plan to make life better for people," said Horwath. "Together, we can fix what matters most to people — like making life more affordable, and helping people get the health care and home care they need."

"The past two years have been incredibly difficult for people, and our costing reflects the urgency needed to fix the mess that Doug Ford is leaving behind," added Catherine Fife, NDP candidate for Waterloo and critic for Finance. "Where Doug is only looking out for his buddies, the NDP are here to make life better and more affordable for everyone." The NDP will make investments where people need it the most:

\$13.6 billion in health care, home care and long-term care systems to ensure that people can access services when they need them.

\$18 billion to transform social assistance, and provide a 20 per cent increase immediately, and double today's ODSP and OW rates in year two.

An additional \$3.1 billion in schools.

\$2.9 billion more towards new and affordable housing.

The NDP fiscal plan will make sure that the richest pay their fair share, while middle-income Ontarians feel relief:

Freezing taxes on low and medium-income households for full term of an NDP government.

Returning the corporate income tax to 13%, while maintaining the small business deduction at 3.2%.

Raising income tax on amounts earned over \$220,000 by one percentage point, and on earnings over \$300,000 by two percentage points.

Cancelling highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass and redirecting those funds to social and health infrastructure.

"The NDP is the party of working folks and everyday families. Our platform and where we've chosen to invest matches our values."

US FDA AUTHORISES PFIZER BOOSTER SHOTS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted emergency use authorisation (EUA) for a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for children aged between 5 to 11 years at least five months after completion of the primary vaccine series.

On January 3, the FDA authorised on Tuesday the use of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for individuals aged between 12 to 15 years after completion of primary vaccination. The FDA's decision on Tuesday means anyone aged 5 years and above is now eligible for at least one booster dose, Xinhua news agency reported.

"While it has largely been the case that Covid-19 tends to be less severe in children than adults, the Omicron wave has seen more kids getting sick with the disease and being hospitalised, and children may also experience longer term effects, even following initially mild disease," said FDA Commissioner, Robert Califf in a statement.

"The FDA is authorising the use of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for children aged between 5 to 11 years to provide continued protection against Covid-19," he added.

Since authorising the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for children aged up to 5 years in October 2021, emerging data suggest that vaccine effectiveness against Covid-19 wanes after the second dose of the vaccine in all authorised populations, said Peter Marks, Director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

The FDA said Tuesday's decision is based on analysis of immune response data in a subset of children from the ongoing randomised placebo-controlled trial.

Antibody responses were evaluated in 67 study participants, who received a booster dose 7 to 9 months, after completing a two-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.

The antibody level against the SARS-CoV-2 virus one month after the booster dose was increased compared to before the booster dose, according to the FDA.

The FDA has determined that the known and potential benefits of a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for children aged between 5 to 11 years at least five months after completing a primary series outweigh its known and potential risks, and that a booster dose can help provide continued protection against Covid-19 in this and older age groups.

Ontario Liberals eye four-day work weeks in proposed pilot project

Steven Del Duca has announced that the Ontario Liberal plan to restore workers' economic dignity will improve their work-life balance with a four-day work week. The plan will also bring back the Basic Income Pilot Project, which Doug Ford promised not to cancel — and then callously cut immediately upon taking office.

Ontario Liberals will launch a four-day work demonstration to determine how a shorter week boosts quality of life, improves work-life balance and provides much needed relief — without a loss in productivity. We will work with businesses and labour groups to design and evaluate the model. If it demonstrates potential,

Ontarians could have more time with family and doing what they love most.

The Basic Income Pilot Project was recklessly cut by the Ford Conservatives in 2018. The reinstated demonstration project will evaluate the potentially life-changing impacts of a basic income. As a first step the Liberal plan will reverse the Ford Conservatives' cuts and increase Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) rates by 10%, followed by another 10% for ODSP recipients in 2023.

Ontario Liberals will restore work-life balance and economic dignity by:

Building to a four-day work week;

Immediately restoring the basic income demonstration project, which Doug Ford cut after promising not to;

Giving 10 paid sick days to all workers and ban employer-required doctor's notes;

Banning unfair and underpaid gig and contract work;

Creating a package of high-quality, affordable benefits for all workers.



CANADA-INDIA FOUNDATION ORGANIZES FELICITATION CEREMONY FOR DR. V. I LAKSHMANAN



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Y MEDIA GROUP EDITOR AND CEO, YUDHVIR JASWAL, WITH APOORVA SRIVASTAVA AND ARJUN (ANDY) JASUJA, FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN AT SIGMA GROUP.



CANADA India Foundation and members of the Indo Canadian community came together to congratulate Dr. V.I. Lakshmanan, OC, a past chair of CIF, eminent scientist and community activist, on his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada. The event also saw the official release of the full report that resulted from the CIF Canada India Healthcare Summit 2021, again an initiative conceptualized by Dr. Lakshmanan. Welcoming the gathering, Satish Thakkar, Chair, CIF, noted, "It is my absolute pleasure to introduce to you today the hero of this evening – Dr. V.I. Lakshmanan, or as we fondly refer to him, our own Lucky Bhai. Those of us who have been fortunate to know and work with him at close quarters have come to appreciate his tremendous achievements and his generous personality. Order of Canada recognizes those Canadians who have made the maximum impact on society by their actions at both professional and personal levels. Dr. Lakshmanan has led a life of excellence in his chosen field, displayed selfless commitment to community and country and has

been an inspirational figure for a younger generation of Indo Canadians wanting to follow in his footsteps." Thakkar added, "CIF takes pride in campaigning for or supporting extraordinary Indo Canadians who deserve praise and honours from the larger society. We continue to identify and highlight exceptional candidates with the hope that our efforts result in more such honours being awarded to them." Among the dignitaries who addressed the audience was His Excellency Ajay Bisaria, India's High Commissioner in Canada, who specially flew down for the event. Bisaria said, "It is good to be among friends in person after spending two years of my time here doing virtual diplomacy! Praising the efforts of Dr. Lakshmanan, whom he called a 'jewel of India', Bisaria credited him and the Indo Canadian community for many of the positive breakthroughs in the Canada India bilateral space. "Today an economic partnership is driving our relationship. That is how it should be. We are trying to get a trade deal done. Before the end of the

year, we hope to have an Early Progress Trade Agreement in place. I want to congratulate you and the 1.7 million Indo Canadians for taking this relationship forward." An AV presentation captured the significant moments from Dr. Lucky's illustrious career and life. Replying to the compliments and sentiments expressed by many, Dr. Lakshmanan took the audience back to the day he left India with less than seven pounds in his pocket over a half century ago. A teacher, scientist, entrepreneur, and inveterate community worker, he has left his unique stamp on several projects. "I remember in those days, we had to drive six hours to Pittsburgh to go to the nearest temple! Now you have temples and gurudwaras at every corner." Explaining how members of the community in their individual capacity as well as institutions helped bring about the current vibrant situation, he noted, "It all happens when you give. Not just money but giving your time to help the community is even more important. For that to happen, you need shraddha, abhyasa and vairagya."



92% OF INDIAN YOUTH BELIEVE THAT IT IS NORMAL NOT TO USE HUSBAND'S SURNAME: REPORT

Since time immemorial, Indian women have changed their surnames to that of their husbands after marriage. In a patriarchal tradition, it has always been believed that a woman's identity is tethered to her husband and that only by taking his surname does she become a member of her husband's family.

Despite the fact that there is no law requiring women to change their surnames after marriage, it has become a social convention around the world. However, as feminism and women empowerment create a tidal wave of change in India, the young generation's mindset and opinions are shifting.

Considering the fate of 21st-century Indian brides, Betterhalf.ai, a new age matrimony app survey to ascertain the opinions and perspectives of the young Indian population on the customs followed by Indian society. The survey results show which customs should be kept and which should be abandoned as time passes.

According to the survey's findings, a whopping 92 per cent of Indian youth believe it is normal and acceptable for a woman to keep her own surname after marriage and not take her husband's. This clearly demonstrates that a paradigm shift is influencing the young millennial population to adopt 21st-century beliefs and practices. With only eight per cent of the youth still believing in the tradition of surname change,

India has come a long way since the days of a male-dominated, patriarchal society.

Pawan Gupta, CEO and Co-Founder of Betterhalf.ai said, "Name-changing has been a persistent part of traditional Indian marriage and customs. For centuries, Indian brides have had to depart with their surnames in exchange for their husbands. But as feminism gives voice and freedom to women, they are making their own decisions before and after marriage. We are living in the 21st century where even if some men are taking their wives' surnames, then women taking their husbands' surnames should not even be a question."

"Keeping up with the changing times, these age-old customs should be drawn out from our society and our thinking. The 21st-century woman should not be subjected to archaic traditions and customs and the youth agrees. I am delighted with the response of the young millennials to our survey, it shows how far we have come. I hope this number can change to 100 per cent in the coming years," he added.

Although the traditional marriage narrative is deeply ingrained in the minds of many, traditional Indian marriage customs are gradually being phased out. The survey represents the viewpoint and voice of the young Indian population, which is rapidly abandoning old customs. Instead of a divine match, the Indian youth prefers a marriage based on logic.

WORLD SIKH ORGANIZATION OF CANADA DEEPLY CONCERNED BY KILLING OF SIKH TRADERS IN PAKISTAN



The World Sikh Organization of Canada is deeply concerned by the targeted killing of two Sikh traders in Peshawar district in Pakistan. Ranjeet Singh (42) and Kuljeet Singh (38), both shop owners in the Batatal Bazaar were shot dead by unidentified assailants. According to reports, The Islamic State's Khorasan unit (ISIS-K) has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

This is the latest attack on Pakistan's minority Sikh community over the past several months. In September 2021, a Sikh hakeem was shot dead in his clinic in Peshawar. ISIS-K also took responsibility for that killing.

In March 2020, ISIS affiliated terrorists attacked Gurdwara Guru Har Rai Sahib in Kabul and killed 25 Sikhs, including four-year-old Tania Kaur.

WSO President Tejinder Singh Sidhu said today, "We are deeply concerned for the safety of Pakistan's Sikh community.

ISIS-K continues to target Sikhs in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We have been in touch with members of Pakistan's Sikh community and they are feeling vulnerable and unsafe. They do not know if they will return home safely, if they go out.

We call on the Government of Pakistan to take immediate steps to ensure the safety and security of the Sikh community and to bring those responsible for these killings to justice.

We have seen a tragic exodus of Sikhs and Hindus from Afghanistan because of targeted attacks and discrimination and it would be catastrophic to see the same happen in Pakistan."The World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) is a non-profit organization with a mandate to promote and protect the interests of Canadian Sikhs, as well as to promote and advocate for the protection of human rights of all individuals.

MCDONALD'S TO EXIT FROM RUSSIA AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS AMID UKRAINE WAR

After more than 30 years of operations in the country, McDonald's Corporation announced it will exit the Russian market and has initiated a process to sell its Russian business. This follows McDonald's announcement on March 8, 2022, that it had temporarily closed restaurants in Russia and paused operations in the market.

The humanitarian crisis caused by the war in Ukraine, and the precipitating unpredictable operating environment, have led McDonald's to conclude that continued ownership of the business in Russia is no longer tenable, nor is it consistent with McDonald's values.

As part of McDonald's decision to exit, the Company is pursuing the sale of its entire portfolio of McDonald's restaurants in Russia to a local buyer. The Company intends to initiate the process of "de-Arching" those restaurants, which entails no longer using the McDonald's name, logo, branding, and menu, though the Company will continue to retain its trademarks in Russia. McDonald's priorities include seeking to ensure the employees of McDonald's Russia continue to be paid until the close of any transaction and that employees have future employment with any potential buyer. McDonald's President and Chief Executive Officer, Chris Kempczinski, said, "We have a long history of establishing deep, local roots wherever the Arches shine. We're exceptionally proud of the 62,000 employees who work in our restaurants, along with the hundreds of Russian suppliers who support our business, and our local franchisees. Their dedication and loyalty to McDonald's make today's announcement extremely difficult. However, we have a commitment to our global community and must remain steadfast in our values. And our commitment to our values means that we



can no longer keep the Arches shining there." McDonald's restaurants in Ukraine remain closed while the Company continues to pay full salaries for its employees in the country and continues to support local relief efforts led by Ronald McDonald House Charities. Across Europe, the McDonald's System is supporting Ukrainian refugees through food donations, housing and employment. As a result of its exit from Russia, the Company expects to record a charge, which is primarily non-cash, of approximately \$1.2-1.4 billion to write off its net investment in the market and recognize significant foreign currency translation losses previously recorded in shareholders' equity.

FINLAND, SWEDEN MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE: RUSSIAN MINISTER



Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said that Finland and Sweden have "made a grave mistake" with their intentions to join the NATO military alliance.

He stressed that Russia would not put up with such a situation and that by doing so, the general level of military tension on the European continent will increase, RT reported.

"They should not have any illusions that we will simply put up with this, just like in Brussels, Washington and other NATO capitals. That is, the general level of military tension will increase, and there will be less predictability in this area. It is a pity that common sense is being sacrificed to some phantom ideas about what should be done in the current situation," Ryabkov was quoted as saying.

The Deputy Foreign Minister called the decision to expand the military alliance another grave mistake with "far-reaching consequences". "What should I do? This is the level of those who make political decisions today in the respective countries."

Ryabkov's remarks came after Finnish President Sauli Niinisto and the government's foreign policy committee on Sunday took an official decision to start the process of the country's application to become a NATO member.

In a phone call initiated by Helsinki the previous day, Niinisto informed Russian President Vladimir Putin of Finland's decision to seek NATO membership in the next few days.

In response, Putin "stressed that abandoning the traditional policy of military neutrality would be a mistake, since there are no threats to Finland's security", adding that it may also have a negative impact on Moscow-Helsinki relations.

Finland shares a 1,300 km border with Russia.

Sweden has also indicated its intention to join the military alliance in the wake of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine, the BBC reported.

INFLATION TOP PROBLEM FACING US: PEW RESEARCH



Amid swelling prices, most Americans see inflation as the biggest issue facing the country and far exceeding other concerns, according to a latest survey from Pew Research.

Nearly 70 per cent said inflation is "a very big problem" for the country, followed by nearly 55 per cent for healthcare affordability and violent crime, based on the poll of 5,074 US adults in April and May 2022, Xinhua news agency reported.

However, responses varied by political affiliation, with 84 per cent of Republicans and right-leaning independents saying inflation is the top issue. By contrast, 57 per cent of Democrats and left-leaning independents were most concerned about rising prices.

"The findings come as inflation hovers near a 40-year high, with an 8.3 per cent annual increase in April, slightly lower than the 8.5 per cent growth reported in March," said CNBC on Monday in its report of the poll results.

Lingering high inflation has prompted aggressive action from the Federal Reserve, approving a half percentage point interest rate hike in May, the biggest increase in two decades, following a quarter-point boost in March. The central bank also plans to reduce bond holdings starting in June, according to the report.

DELHI HC PASSES SPLIT VERDICT ON MARITAL RAPE CRIMINALISATION CASE



The Delhi High Court on Wednesday delivered a split verdict in the marital rape criminalisation case, which challenged the exception to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code.

A bench of Justice Rajiv Shukla and Justice C. Hari Shankar expressed different opinions in the judgement on the exception to Section 375 of the IPC, which exempts forceful sexual intercourse by a man with his own wife from the offence of rape. Justice Shukla stated that the exemption of the husband from the offence of marital rape is unconstitutional while Justice Hari Shankar said he does not agree with Shukla. "The impugned provisions in so far as they concern a husband having intercourse with his wife without consent are violative of Article 14 and are therefore struckdown," said Justice Shukla. A detailed judgement on the matter will be made available later in the day.

On February 21, the same bench had reserved its judgment on a batch of petitions seeking criminalisation 'marital rape' and challenging the exception to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared on behalf of the Centre, submitted that considering the far-reaching consequences, it has sent a communication to all states and union territories asking their comments on the issue and urged the court that the proceedings be adjourned till the time the inputs are received. However, the bench refused to grant further time to the Centre to make its stand clear on the issue. "We have indicated during the course of hearing to Mehta that it is not possible to adjourn an ongoing matter as there is no terminal date by when the Centre's consultations will be over on the issue. Since counsel for the parties have addressed arguments, judgment is reserved," the court said.

INDIA PLAYS THE FIELD AS A SWING STATE. BUT FOR HOW LONG?

YASHWANT RAJ

As the war in Ukraine intensified, the number of foreign political leaders descending on New Delhi shot up - current and former Prime Ministers, Foreign Ministers, National Security officials and top diplomats. One foreign policy expert crowed that with this kind of attention why should India not play hard to get.

These leaders, mostly from western capitals but also from Russia, were trying to woo India to their side. They wanted New Delhi to choose between Russia, an old ally, and Ukraine's US-led defence team of western nations. India played the field - stood by Russia and refused to condemn the invasion, and then invoked the UN charter and respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations and calling for cessation of hostilities, and called for an investigation into the massacre of innocent civilians in Bucha, which altogether was a concession to the west for its hard efforts.

Neither side got a part of India, and no more. But they are not giving up.

Kurt Campbell, who is President Joe Biden's czar for the Indo-Pacific, recently called India a "swing" country, which, as the term derived from American politics, makes India a state no one can take for granted. It needs to be rallied, it needs to be wooed, and it remains a factor in every geopolitical conversation of consequence.

"India, in many respects, is a swing state," Campbell said at a seminar ahead of the US-ASEAN summit. "It is in all of our best interests to try to work over time to bend its trajectory more to the west. And so we've had deep discussions, for instance, with France with, Britain and others about how to support in that effort and some of that transcends not just technology but security and military fields as well."

There you are, straight from the White House czar on Indo-Pacific. That might explain the recent stream of visits by high-level officials from western countries - EU President Ursula von der Leyen (April 21-25), UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson (April 21-22), Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio (March 19-20), US Deputy National Security Adviser Duleep Singh, and a virtual meeting of Quad leaders Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prime Minister Scott Morrison, President Biden and Prime Minister Fumio (March 3). New Delhi must have felt cosseted.

That's a perk of being a "swing state" as it plays out in American politics, typically in the race for the White House. Most of the the 50 US states are wedded to either the Democratic party or the Republican party. But a handful of them are not, around eight or 10, and they determine the outcome of the presidential election - Arizona, North



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Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania and so on and so forth. And they corner all the love and attention, money, visits and handshakes. I have lived in Maryland, a reliably Democratic state abutting Washington DC, for over 12 years now - which is four presidential election cycles - and never once have I seen presidential candidate in the state, except in the primaries, which are a different story.

Here is the thing though about swing states: they do not remain swing states in perpetuity. Virginia, for instance, was once a solidly Republican state and then it became a swing state as Democrats increased their clout and now it is a Democratic state. Florida, at the same time, was a swing state for a long time, but it is now turning Republican, say pollsters and analysts. The American state of California was once a deeply Republican state that sent Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan to the White House, but it has been firmly Democratic for the last two decades.

India was once extremely close to Soviet Union/Russia, despite its claims to non-alignment. But that has been changing, starting most notably with US President Bill Clinton's visit in March 2000 and boosted dramatically by the 2008 India-US civil nuclear deal. It now plays both sides without ostensibly joining either, which is a truly swing

state character trait. It must, and does, feel good to be wooed by all, as has been admitted by several foreign policy experts and watchers in recent days as foreign dignitaries came streamed in and out of Delhi.

C. Raja Mohan, a leading expert, wrote recently in the Foreign Policy magazine: "Far from being in an unenviable bind, New Delhi now looks well placed to leverage its position in the middle for its own benefit in the short and long term.

"From Russia, India is getting discounted oil, fertilisers, and other commodities as Moscow desperately seeks new buyers. From China, India is looking to extract an easing of the Sino-Indian military confrontation in the Himalayas. With the United States and other Western partners, India is looking to modernise its defense industrial base and reduce its dependence on Russian military supplies." Sure, but for how long?

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SHUBHAM JOSHI, 25, OF MISSISSAUGA CHARGED WITH FAIL TO STOP AT SCENE, DANGEROUS DRIVING CAUSING BODILY HARM

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- the driver of the minivan struck the pedestrian
- the pedestrian was dragged for approximately 100 metres
- the vehicle crashed into a Cafe T.O outdoor patio set up in the curb lane northbound Church Street, north of Wood Street
- the driver fled the scene after they struck the patio
- the pedestrian was transported to hospital where he remains in life-threatening condition
- the vehicle was located on Jarvis Street
- police located and arrested the driver at Wellesley Street East and Sherbourne Street

Shubham Joshi, 25, of Mississauga, is charged with:

1. Fail to stop at scene cause bodily harm
2. Dangerous driving cause bodily harm

He will attend court at Old City Hall on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 10 a.m., in Room 112.

Investigators are appealing for witnesses, or anyone with dash-camera footage that were in the area at the time to contact police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-1900, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at www.222tips.com.

STUDY SHOWS ABOUT 11% OF ADMITTED COVID PATIENTS RETURN TO HOSPITAL OR DIE WITHIN 30 DAYS

Research published Monday in the Canadian Medical Association Journal showed of 843 737 individuals who tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 by reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction during the study period, 46 412 (5.5%) were adults admitted to hospital within 14 days of their positive test. Of these, 8496 died in hospital and 34 846 were discharged alive (30 336 discharged after an index admission of = 30 d and 4510 discharged after an admission > 30 d). One in 9 discharged patients died or were readmitted

within 30 days after discharge (3173 [10.5%] of those with stay = 30 d and 579 [12.8%] of those with stay > 30 d). The LACE score (length of stay, acuity, Charlson Comorbidity Index and number of emergency visits in previous 6 months) for predicting urgent readmission or death within 30 days had a c-statistic of 0.60 in Alberta and 0.61 in Ontario; inclusion of sex, discharge locale, deprivation index and teaching hospital status in the model improved the c-statistic to 0.73.

EXPLAINED: HOW COVID-19 DAMAGES LUNGS, OTHER ORGANS

Some cells infected with Covid-19 can "explode", leading to serious damage of the lungs and other internal organs, found a team of UK researchers including one of Indian-origin.

SARS-CoV-2 is known to cause acute respiratory distress and death in some patients. Although severe Covid is linked to substantial inflammation, how the virus triggers inflammation is not clear.

A phenomenon called a cytokine storm – when the immune system releases too many infection-fighting proteins called cytokines which then attack healthy tissue – has also long been known to cause severe damage in response to Covid infection, often leading to multiple organ failure. However, the study, led by a team from Royal Free London (RFL), showed that immune cells infected by Covid can undergo a "cell explosion" known as pyroptosis – and causes the harmful inflammation in patients who become seriously unwell with the virus. Although pyroptosis kills the virus, it also leads to inflammatory contents being released into the bloodstream. These inflammatory contents travel around the body, damaging the lungs and other internal organs, they said in the paper published in the journal Nature.

The new findings, however, will help researchers develop more effective treatments for stopping the process, said co-author RFL consultant hepatologist Gautam Mehta. "The pyroptosis pathway acts as an 'alarm system'; if it senses bacterial or viral particles within the cell it leads to an 'explosion' of the cell and the release of pro-inflammatory contents. This has the benefit of eliminating the infection but can lead to severe inflammation as a result. Pyroptosis literally implies a 'fiery' mode of cell death," Mehta said. The same process can happen in liver patients where bacteria from the gut has infected the liver. In order to expel the bacteria, the liver cells undergo the same pyroptosis process – the cells explode and release inflammatory materials that harm surrounding cells. Mehta said in liver disease patients, this occurs because of "leaky gut", so bacterial components can reach the liver from the gut, and cause pyroptosis of liver cells leading to liver failure.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES ISSUES URGENT CALL FOR DONORS AS INVENTORY FALLS

Canadian Blood Services is feeling the strain to collect blood, platelets, and plasma following an increase in appointment cancellations and low attendance at donor centres across Canada.

Empty donor beds, combined with the constant need for blood, have put added pressure on Canada's Lifeline. The national blood inventory has declined by 25 per cent since the start of April and the agency has issued an immediate call for new and returning donors to help replenish the blood supply to meet patient needs.

The low reserve of blood can be replenished before patients are affected, but only if people across Canada of all blood types donate over the coming weeks.

"Donor attendance had remained strong during past waves of COVID-19, but we have seen a notable shift since mid-March. We have experienced a 10 per cent increase in late cancellations and missed appointments influenced by recent illness, isolation requirements and the lifting of restrictions, and a seven per cent rise in deferrals related in part to increased travel," says Rick Prinzen, Canadian Blood Services' chief supply chain officer and vice-president of donor relations.

Donating during the pandemic is both safe and welcoming. Infection-control measures continue to be in place to protect donors, staff, and volunteers. This includes measures such as a wellness screening, mandatory masks and physical distancing measures, and a fully vaccinated workplace.

"We are grateful to donors for their support, but at the beginning of the pandemic we said the effort to ensure there's enough blood to meet patient needs would be continuous like a marathon, not a sprint. We are now in a precarious situation as we emerge from the sixth wave of COVID-19. Given the uncertainty of future variants and what living with COVID-19 is going to look like, along with the increased need for donors over the summer months that are typically a challenging time for blood and plasma collections, patients rely on new and returning donors to show up and help us this week, next month and for months to come. Lives depend on it."

All donors are needed. The national blood inventory continues to meet patients' needs but an increase in donations before Canada Day will ensure there is enough of each blood type on hand for patients across Canada.

"Due to its short shelf life, the need for platelets to treat patients with serious blood disorders or those undergoing cancer treatments is pressing and ongoing. And we also need more donors to grow Canada's plasma supply for patients, including those who need immunoglobulins," says Mr. Prinzen.

KULDEEP SINGH, 20, SAHAJJOT SINGH, 21 AND TARANJEET SINGH, 22, FROM BRAMPTON, CHARGED WITH NUMEROUS FIREARM AND DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES

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The search warrant resulted in the seizure of a sawed-off Remington 870 express shotgun, a Savage .22 calibre rifle, a replica MP5, ammunition and drugs.

Officers have charged 20-year-old Kuldeep Singh, 21-year-old Sahajjot Singh and 22-year-old Taranjeet Singh, all from Brampton, with numerous firearm and drug-related offences.

Sahajjot Singh and Taranjeet Singh will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on Saturday May 14, 2022, for a bail hearing. Kuldeep Singh was released and will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice at a later date.

Anyone with information about this matter can contact the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-3311, ext. 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477) or visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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TWO-IN-FIVE (43%) SAY GUN VIOLENCE INCREASING WHERE THEY LIVE, INCLUDING MAJORITIES IN MONTREAL & TORONTO: POLL

People in Canada, the United States and around the world were reminded once again of the horrific and angering human toll of gun violence over the weekend as a mass shooter murdered 10 people at a Buffalo, New York, grocery store – just blocks from the Canada-U.S. border.

Just last week, the Liberal government made its latest gun policy announcement last week, creating “more stringent rules” to track the sale or transfer of non-restricted guns, a move that comes as Canadians on this side of the border express concerns that gun violence has been increasing domestically.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute canvassing the views of 5,000 Canadians, including large samples in urban centres, reflect these perceptions.

Overall, three-in-five (60%) say gun violence is rising in their province, with Quebecers (75%) and Ontarians (66%) most likely to perceive this to be the case.

Further, two-in-five (43%) say gun violence is increasing in their own community. Those in urban areas are considerably more likely to say this (46%) when compared with Canadians living in rural parts of the country (29%) and residents in Montreal (65%), Halifax (56%), and Toronto (54% in 416 area code, 57% in 905 area code) are most likely to note that their communities have become more violent. Official data from Statistics Canada confirms that firearm offences have, indeed, become more common over the past decade. Gun control advocates recently sent a letter to Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino asking him and the federal government to ban

handguns with consistent national policy and avoid creating a “disastrous patchwork” by offloading this decision to the provinces, as has been done thus far. Asked for their own views on this, Canadians lean heavily toward federal regulation rather than leaving it up to provinces to decide (66% do). Saskatchewan (41%) and Alberta (34%) residents are most likely to support provincial rights on this issue, but in each case more respondents still say national policy would be best.

More Key Findings:

Asked to gauge Canada’s gun laws, 17 per cent of respondents say these laws are too strict, while nearly three-times as many say they are not strict enough (44%). A slightly smaller group of 30 per cent say current laws are about right in their view.

Gun owners are the only group within which a majority (56%) say gun laws are too strict. Among those who used to own a firearm, have one in the household that is not their own, or do not own any, sentiment is that laws are either about right or need to be tightened.

Nearly three-in-five (57%) current gun owners say federal laws on handgun ownership are the better policy choice, rather than leaving this decision to the provinces. Among those who neither own a gun or know someone that owns one, seven-in-ten (71%) agree.

Canadians are divided about a federal buyback program for banned firearms. Two-in-five support it – rising to 50 per cent in Metro Vancouver and 54 per cent in the Toronto core (area code 416). Overall, 47 per cent oppose the idea, including three-quarters (74%) of current gun owners.

CANADA'S AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE FELL BY 6% IN APRIL: CREA

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* The MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) edged down 0.6% month-over-month but was still up 23.8% year-over-year.

* The actual (not seasonally adjusted) national average sale price posted a 7.4% year-over-year gain in April.

Home sales recorded over Canadian MLS® Systems dropped by 12.6% between March and April 2022. The decline placed monthly activity at the lowest level since the summer of 2020.

While the national decline was led by the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) simply because of its size, sales were down in 80% of local markets, with most other large markets posting double-digit month-over-month declines in April. The exceptions were Victoria, Montreal and Halifax-Dartmouth where sales edged up slightly. The actual (not seasonally adjusted) number of transactions in April 2022 came in 25.7% below the record for that month set last year. That said, as has been the case since last summer, it was still the third-highest April sales figure ever behind 2021 and 2016.

“Following a record-breaking couple of years, housing markets in many parts of Canada have cooled off pretty sharply over the last two months, in line with a jump in interest rates and buyer fatigue,” said Jill Oudil, Chair of CREA. “For buyers, this slowdown could mean more time to consider options in the market. For sellers, it could necessitate a return to more traditional marketing strategies. Of course, there are significant regional differences, so your best bet is to contact your local REALTOR®. They have the information, guidance & negotiation skills to help you navigate this rapidly-changing market as it evolves,” continued Oudil.

“After 12 years of ‘higher interest rates are just around the corner’ here they are,” said Shaun Cathcart, CREA’s Senior Economist. “But it’s less about what the Bank of Canada has done so far. It’s about a pretty steep pace of continued tightening that markets expect to play out over the balance of the year, because that is already being factored into fixed mortgage rates. Of course, those have, for that very reason, been on the rise since the beginning of 2021, so why the big market reaction only now? It’s likely because typical discounted 5-year fixed rates have, in the space of a month, gone from the low 3% range to the low 4% range. The stress test is the higher of 5.25% or the contract rate plus 2%. For fixed borrowers, the stress test has just moved from 5.25% to the low 6% range – close to a 1% increase in a month! It won’t take much more movement by the Bank of Canada for this to start to affect the variable space as well.” The number of newly listed homes edged back by 2.2% on a month-over-month basis in April. The small monthly decline was the result of a fairly even split between markets where listings rose and those where they fell. Notable declines were seen in the Lower Mainland and Calgary while listings jumped higher in Victoria and Edmonton.

With sales falling by quite a bit more than new listings in April, the sales-to-new listings ratio eased back to 66.5% — its lowest level since June 2020. This reading is right on the border between what would constitute a seller’s and a balanced market. The long-term average for the national sales-to-new listings ratio is 55.2%. A little more than half of local markets were balanced markets based on the sales-to-new listings ratio being between one standard deviation above or below the long-term average in April 2022. A little less than half were in seller’s market territory. There were 2.2 months of inventory on a national basis at the end of April 2022, still historically very low but up from slightly lower readings in the previous eight months. The long-term average for this measure is a little over 5 months.



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CITY OF TORONTO & TORONTO HYDRO TO INSTALL 32 ADDITIONAL ON-STREET EV CHARGING STATIONS BY END OF 2022

Mayor John Tory announced today that the City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro are on track to install 32 additional on-street electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by the end of 2022, after the successful conclusion of the Residential and Downtown On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Station pilots, which were launched by the City and Toronto Hydro in October 2020.

The expansion of public on-street EV charging infrastructure in Toronto supports the goals and targets of the City's TransformTO Net Zero climate action strategy and will encourage and make EV adoption more affordable by increasing access for households with limited ability to install on-site charging or who have less access to on-site dedicated parking opportunities.

The 32 additional EV charging stations will be installed at 17 residential on-street permit parking locations, in areas where houses do not have access to private parking pads or garages. Locations were selected because they have enough capacity for dedicated EV parking spots, which allows for easy installation with minimal disruption to pedestrians and the community.

The additional on-street EV charging stations will be installed at the following locations:

- 535 Runnymede Rd.
- 64 Annette St.
- 115 High Park Ave.
- 685 Dovercourt Rd.
- 705 Shaw St.
- 41 Inglewood Dr.
- 39 Cuthbert Cres.
- 580 Christie St.
- 186 Carlton St.
- 188 Carlton St.
- 453 Jones Ave.
- 503 Jones Ave.
- 132 Chatham Ave.

- 258 Riverdale Ave.
- 31 Roseheath Ave.
- 543 Strathmore Blvd.
- 1856 Queen St. E.

A staff report going before the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on May 25, "On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Pilot Conclusion and Next Steps", marks the conclusion of the Residential and Downtown On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Station pilots, which saw the installation of 17 EV charging stations on nine downtown and residential roads in Toronto. The pilots were launched with the aim of understanding EV charging usage in Toronto, helping permit parking holders access on-street charging and understanding EV charging in combination with paid parking.

The pilots found that EV charging station usage increased for the downtown charging stations from an average monthly 0.24 per cent in October 2020 to 35.3 per cent in April 2022 and from 2.4 per cent to 22 per cent for the charging stations in residential permit parking areas. The total number of charging sessions per month also grew over the same period from four to 227 sessions for the downtown charging stations and from 81 to 452 sessions for the charging stations in residential permit parking areas.

In addition to expanding Toronto's on-street charging infrastructure, the City is increasing EV adoption by requiring new buildings to have the infrastructure to support EV charging, providing funding to support and encourage EV charging infrastructure to be installed in existing buildings and providing public EV charging stations in Green P parking lots (up to 500 by end of 2024) and at City-owned properties and facilities. The City is also undertaking planning and policy development to support the expansion of EV charging infrastructure in Toronto.

City Council adopted an ambitious strategy to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions in Toronto to net zero by 2040 – 10 years earlier than initially proposed. Toronto's target is one of the most ambitious in North America.

DR. LUMB'S FIVE TIPS FOR ASTHMA AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT

Asthma is a common and potentially serious chronic disease caused by inflammation in the airways of the lungs. This inflammation leads to repeated episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing. Asthma attacks can lead to hospitalization, and may even be fatal. According to Asthma Canada, asthma affects more than 1 in every 10 Canadians.



Get tested.

In older children and adults, a diagnosis of asthma can be confirmed with a breathing test. If you or a loved one have asthma-like symptoms or have been prescribed an inhaler medication, ask your doctor about asthma testing.

Use it right.

If you have been prescribed an inhaler, it is very important that you know how to use it properly. These medications need to get deep into your lungs to be effective. Talk to your health care provider about practicing proper inhaler technique, or visit lung.ca for helpful videos.

Have a plan.

Asthma fluctuates over time, so make a plan for when symptoms worsen. Work with your health care provider and develop a written plan. When asthma symptoms flare up, put this plan into action! To minimize worsening of episodes, there are strategies to reduce some triggers in your home. Visit ginasthma.org for tips.

Know your work environment.

According to Asthma Canada, approximately 1 in 10 asthmatic adults have symptoms aggravated or caused by exposures in the workplace. Common examples include spray paint and wheat flour. Speak with your occupational health and safety team to determine if your workplace may be contributing to your symptoms.

We share our air.

Air pollution can worsen asthma and other chronic respiratory conditions. Be sure to exercise outdoors regularly, but check the Air Quality Health Index and consider exercising indoors when the rating is very high. Also, please do all you can to reduce air pollution.

Dr. Kevin Lumb, MD, FRCP, is Osler's Division Head of Respiriology and has been practicing at Osler since 2010. Dr. Lumb has also been the Medical Advisor for Osler's pulmonary function laboratories since 2019, and was the Site Chief of Medicine at Etobicoke General Hospital from 2020-2021. He completed his medical and subspecialty fellowship training at the University of Toronto.

CANADA-WIDE WARRANTS ISSUED FOR TALAL AMER, 29, IN RELATION TO DEATH OF ANGELA MCKENZIE

Investigators have identified a man believed to have been involved in an incident last week that led to the death of an innocent woman, Angela McKenzie, 40.

At approximately 11:10 p.m., on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, we received multiple reports of two vehicles that were driving erratically along 36 Street S.E., and involved in a shooting before colliding with two additional uninvolved vehicles in the intersection of 36 Street and 17 Avenue S.E. The incident resulted in the death of Angela McKenzie, a driver of one of the uninvolved vehicles. Several homes were also struck by gunfire during the incident.

Investigators have worked tirelessly to identify the individuals involved in this callous incident. After an extensive review of CCTV from the scene, conducting witness interviews and thoroughly processing evidence collected, Canada-wide warrants have now been issued.

Talal AMER, 29, is wanted on seven Canada-wide warrants in relation to this incident, including attempted murder, manslaughter, reckless discharge of a firearm, possession of a prohibited firearm with an obliterated serial number, unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, possession of a prohibited firearm, and possession of a prohibited device.

AMER is described as approximately 5'11" tall, 230 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair.

Based on initial context from the scene, investigators believed that

this incident may have been road rage related. However, after identifying the individuals involved and examining all evidence, we believe the shooting was targeted and that the driver of the Volkswagen Jetta was the intended target. Occupants of the Jetta did not exchange gunfire as previously thought.

Through the collection of evidence, we have also determined that AMER was the sole occupant of the Chevy Silverado, which was confirmed to be stolen. It is alleged that AMER was the aggressor in this incident by pursuing the Jetta and discharging a firearm before ultimately colliding with Ms. McKenzie's vehicle.

"Our investigators have worked day and night to identify the person responsible for the tragic death of Ms. McKenzie," says Staff Sergeant Sean Gregson of the Calgary Police Service Homicide Unit. "This incident was a careless and senseless display of violence in our community and we believe that Talal AMER was solely responsible for the death of Ms. McKenzie."

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact police by calling 403-266-1234. Tips can also be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers through any of the following methods:

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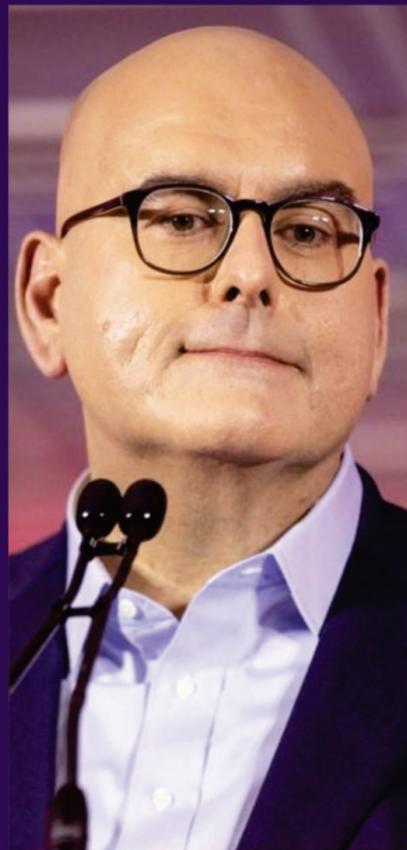
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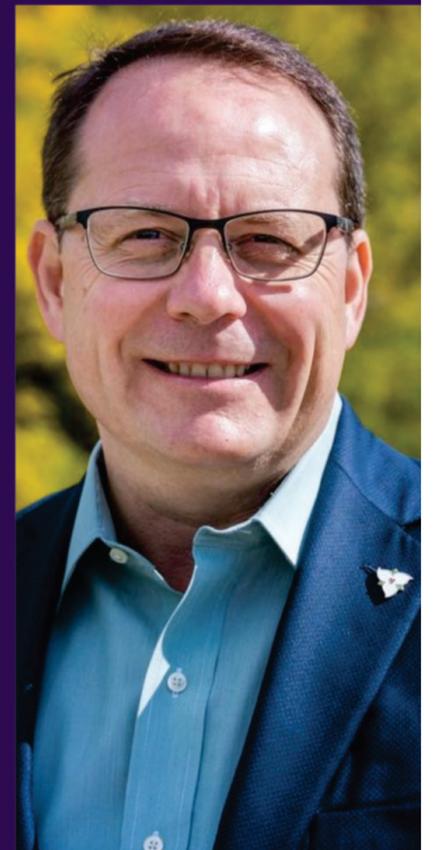
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UKRAINE RETURNEE STUDENTS SEEK COURSE COMPLETION IN INDIA

Medical students who have returned from Ukraine have staged a demonstration in Chennai, demanding the Central and state governments allow them to complete their course in India. The students carried placards and shouted slogans in support of

their demand. Students said that they want the government to admit them to medical colleges without entrance test and without having to pay lakhs as tuition fees as they were displaced from Ukraine due to the war and had to discontinue their studies. M.R.

Gunasekaran, President of Ukraine MBBS Students Parents Association while speaking to IANS, said: "The future of 1,896 medical students of Tamil Nadu is in difficulty due to the war and their lives are in jeopardy. States like West Bengal, Gujarat, and

Telangana have given assurance to their students but the state of Tamil Nadu is yet to do so." The students are planning to conduct similar demonstrations in Madurai, Tiruchi, Kanyakumari, Salem, and Coimbatore in the days to come.

NEPAL, INDIA SIGN 6 MOUS DURING PM MODI'S LUMBINI VISIT

Nepal and India signed six Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) on Monday during the day-long visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. One of the major takeaways of the visit is the joint development of the Arun-4 hydroelectricity project between the two neighbouring nations. India's Sutej Jala Vidyut Nigam (SJVN), and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), will jointly develop the project that has an installed capacity of 695 megawatts. The SJVN is currently developing, the Arun-III hydroelectricity project in the same river that has a generation capacity of 800 megawatts. Kulman Ghising,

managing director of the NEA, and Nandalal Sharma, chairman of SJVN, signed the agreement on the respective sides. With this, now both sides would set up a joint venture company where SJVN will put 51 per cent stake while NEA will have a share of 49 per cent, as per the agreements. Nepal will receive 21.9 per cent free energy after completing the project. It will cost around \$750 million to develop the project. The two sides also signed an MoU between the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Lumbini Buddhist University on the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies. Similarly, the ICCR and



the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies Tribhuvan University signed another pact on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at CNAS. Likewise, the ICCR and the Kathmandu University (KU) also signed an agreement on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies at the latter. The KU and the Indian

Institute of Technology Madras have signed another MoU on collaboration in the education sector, while a Letter of Agreement was inked between the two for a joint degree programme at the Master's level. The pacts were signed after bilateral talks between Modi and his Nepali counterpart, Sher Bahadur Deuba.

PUNJAB CM LAUNCHES PROGRAMME TO REDRESS GRIEVANCES

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday launched a first-of-its-kind programme of his government, 'Lok Milni' (public interaction) for redressal of people's grievances on the spot. "This is a humble step of my government to make sure that we facilitate the people for resolving their long-pending administrative issues," said the Chief Minister while launching this programme

here. Mann said the interactive programme is aimed at ensuring a single-window platform to the people for redressal of their complaints. He said the top brass of his government accompanied him during this 'Lok Milni' to ensure that the matters flagged by people are resolved immediately. Mann said the endeavour is aimed at ensuring that people do not have to run from pillar to post for getting their work done.



FRESH SPELL OF HEAT WAVE CONDITIONS LIKELY OVER NW, CENTRAL INDIA

NEW DELHI, (IANS) After more than two weeks of heat wave conditions, only five stations across India registered maximum temperatures above 45 degrees Celsius on Wednesday.

However, after a temporary respite, the northwest Indian plains and central India are likely to witness a fresh spell of heat wave conditions from Thursday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. "There would be a rise in maximum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius over northwest India and Madhya Pradesh during the next three days and fall by 2-4 degrees Celsius thereafter," the IMD bulletin said.

At 45.4 degrees Celsius, Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest maximum temperature across India, while Prayagraj in the same state recorded 45.2 degrees, Churu recorded 45 degrees, and Pilani 45.2 degrees (both Rajasthan), and Nowgong in Madhya Pradesh recorded 45 degrees Celsius.

Heat wave conditions in isolated pockets are very likely over Rajasthan, south Punjab, south Haryana and Madhya Pradesh on Thursday and Friday, over Vidarbha till May 21, and over Odisha on May 22. However, there would be pockets of relief, especially for NW India. Under the influence of Western Disturbance, scattered to fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall with isolated thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds and hailstorm is very likely over Jammu & Kashmir



during May 19-22 and over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on May 21 and 22.

Isolated light rainfall with thunderstorm/lightning/gusty winds is very likely over Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh during May 20-22 while dust storm/thunderstorm is very likely at isolated places over west Uttar Pradesh on May 20 and over Rajasthan on May 21 and 22.

MAHATMA GANDHI ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS PRIORITY AREA: GEHLOT



JAIPUR, (IANS) Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday said it is the priority of the state government to recruit teachers and make infrastructural development of Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools. Gehlot said this while addressing the review meeting of the school education department at his official residence. Till now, 749 Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools have been set up to provide quality education in English medium to the students of the state. A total of 2,000 Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools are being set up in the villages and cities of Rajasthan as per the budget announcement of 2022-23. Enrollment of students in the schools in the state has crossed 98.5 lakh, the highest ever till now. The Chief Minister directed that the enrollment should cross more than 1 crore by organising 'Praveshotsav' in a planned manner for the forthcoming session.

It was informed in the meeting that pre-primary classes in Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools functioning in all the districts of the state. Gehlot said the process of recruitment of 10,000 English medium teachers should be completed in a time-bound manner so that students in the rural areas get the full benefit of Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools.

Chief Secretary Usha Sharma directed the officers to work on mission mode to start Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools from July 1, and make extensive publicity about these schools. Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Pawan Kumar Goyal said that Rajasthan has got 1+ ranking in the Performance Grading Index of the Ministry of Education.

OVER 6.62 LAKH HIT BY FLOODS IN ASSAM; TOLL RISES TO 9



GUWAHATI, (IANS) The flood situation in Assam further deteriorated on Wednesday with one more person dead in Darrang district, the toll rose to nine in the current pre-monsoon floods and landslides in Assam as more than 6.62 lakh people have been affected in 27 of the state's 34 districts, officials said. According to the officials of Assam State Disaster Management Authority, at least 6,62,385 people, including 1,25,491 children and 2,44,216 women, have been affected and nearly 8,260 houses have been either partially and completely damaged in 1,414 villages across 27 districts. Over 46,160 hectare crop areas have been affected in the flood-hit districts while more than 48,304 people have taken shelter in 135 relief camps. The worst-affected districts include Cachar, Dima Hasao, Hojai, Nagaon, Charaideo, Darrang, Dhemajai, Dibrugarh, Bajali, Baksa, Biswanath and Lakhimpur. The situation in the hill section of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) in Dima Hasao district remained critical on Wednesday as rain continued to batter the hilly region, affecting the Lumding-Badarpur single line railway route, which connects Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and the southern part of Assam with the rest of the country.

THIRD ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE HELD TO DEVELOP 'GLOBAL CITY' IN GURUGRAM

GURUGRAM, (IANS) To develop a 'Global City' in Gurugram, the third roundtable conference was organised here on Wednesday, which was presided over by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala. The conference was also attended by industry leaders and real-estate developers.



During a media briefing, Khattar said that there is a plan to develop a world-class city in Gurugram.

"All the world-class facilities will be available in it. The planning for this city will be done based on the demands of the people, instead of the pre-fixed norms of urban development," Khattar said.

"To develop this Global City into a world-class city, top players from the country and outside would be involved. International designers will be contacted. Since there are developers for this type of futuristic city in Dubai, a meeting will be organised there to develop a Global City here," Khattar said. The Chief Minister said that so far, three roundtable conferences have been organised in which imaging suggestions have been received.

MANIK SAHA SWORN-IN AS NEW TRIPURA CM; CABINET EXPANSION

Tripura BJP President Manik Saha was sworn-in on Sunday as the 12th Chief Minister of the state just a day after Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the top post. The 69-year-old dental surgeon-turned-politician was administered the oath of office by Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya during a ceremony at the Raj Bhavan here. No other MLAs from the BJP or its ally, the



Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), took oath on Sunday. Main opposition CPI-M led Left Front, Congress and other political parties boycotted the swearing-in-ceremony alleging large scale political attacks. Officials of the Raj Bhavan said that nine MLAs of the BJP and two legislators of its ally IPFT would take the oath on Monday. The strength of the Tripura council of ministry is 12. A former badminton player of repute, Saha, who was elected to the Rajya Sabha from the lone seat in Tripura on March 31, has to be elected to the state Assembly within the next six months. Father of two daughters, Saha, who is also a professor at the Tripura Medical College and B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Teaching Hospital in Agartala as well as the President of the Tripura Cricket Association, joined the BJP in 2015 and became the state party president in 2021. The election to the 60-member Tripura Assembly is due in January-February 2023. Since May 2019, Tripura had witnessed waves of revolt by dissident BJP MLAs and leaders against Deb, who also subsequently announced to obtain a public mandate by calling a public meeting. The move was later cancelled following the intervention of the central leaders. Deb, 51, became the Chief Minister on March 9, 2018, after the BJP-IPFT alliance came to power by defeating the Left Front in the Assembly elections, ending the latter's 25-year rule. Amid open resentment by a section of the BJP MLAs and leaders, the cabinet expansion took place on August 31 last year, which saw the induction of three ministers. Three BJP MLAs, Sudip Roy Barman (also former minister), Ashis Kumar Saha, Ashis Das, quit the party following open differences with Deb. Roy Barman and Saha joined the Congress in February this year while Das joined Trinamool Congress last year.

Congress wants caste census report out, promises 50% quota for below 50

The Congress on Sunday adopted the Udaipur Declaration on the final day of its three-day 'Chintan Shivir' here, in which it has demanded that caste census report should be made public, pressed for an MSP guarantee act and that the party will reserve 50 per cent posts for people below 50, among others. Reading the statement in Udaipur, party General Secretary Ajay Maken said that this resolution was adopted by the Congress Working Committee, the party's highest-decision making body on Sunday, and the party will move forward from here to take on BJP. In the political resolution, the party said that it will incorporate all sections of the society in the party and will fight over the attack on core values of the constitution. The resolution also mentioned the Chinese incursion in Indian territory. As part of organisational restructuring, the party will set up a public insight group, and election management committee, and a political affairs committee in the states and one session each of the AICC and the PCC will be held per year. The party has also approved 'one family one ticket' decision but the higher age group cap could not find any mention in the final resolution. The Congress said that it has not compromised on core ideology issue as has been suggested by some leaders and will take the BJP head on through economic and social issues. Congress President Sonia Gandhi on Sunday announced that the party will embark on a "Bharat Jodo" padyatra from October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and will also set a task force for internal reforms within a week.



SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF UAE

The Federal Supreme Council on Saturday unanimously elected Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan as the President of the United Arab Emirates. The move came after President Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away at the age of 73 on Friday. The Council held a meeting in Abu Dhabi, which was chaired by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai. The meeting was attended by the rulers of all the other Emirates of the UAE. A statement issued by the Ministry of Presidential Affairs said that according to Article 51 of the Constitution, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has been unanimously elected as the President of the UAE to succeed the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The Supreme Council

members and the rulers of the Emirates have reaffirmed their keenness to continue implementing the authentic values and principles laid down by the late Sheikh Khalifa, following on from the founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. These have consolidated the UAE's status at both regional and global levels. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed expressed his appreciation for the precious trust placed in him by his brothers, the Supreme Council members and the rulers of the Emirates, praying to the Almighty to guide and help him bear the responsibility of this great trust and to fulfil its tasks of serving his country and the people. Born on March 11, 1961, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed is the third President of the UAE, Ruler of Abu Dhabi and Supreme Commander

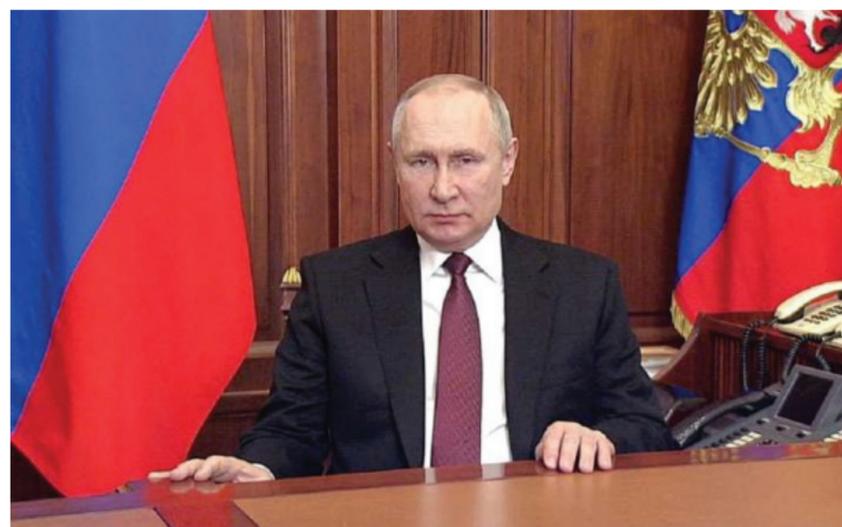
of the United Arab Emirates armed forces. The New York Times had named him as the most powerful Arab ruler. He was also named among the 100 most influential people of 2019 by the TIME magazine. He is the third son of Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the first President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi. He was educated at The Royal Academy in Rabat until the age of 10. His father Sheikh Zayed then sent him to Morocco intending for it to be a discipline experience. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed was further educated at schools in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi and spent a summer at Gordonstoun until the age of 18. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in April 1979. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed then returned home to the UAE to join the Officers' Training Course in Sharjah. He has held a number of roles in

the UAE military, from that of an officer in the Amiri Guard to a pilot in the UAE Air Force. He has gifted 55 million AED to the UN global initiative to fight human trafficking, committed to raise \$100 million for the Reaching the Last Mile Fund, pledged \$50 million for children's vaccine efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and contributed \$30 million to the Roll Back Malaria partnership. The University of Texas chair for scientific and medical knowledge in cancer research is named after Al-Nahyan as a result of a funding grant to the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed has also been involved in the setting up of art museums, such as Louvre Abu Dhabi and the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, as well as cultural heritage sites such as Qasr Al Hosn.

Putin goes soft over Sweden, Finland's NATO bid, but issues a warning too

Russian President Vladimir Putin says Russia "does not have a problem" with Sweden or Finland as they apply for NATO membership but that it will react to any military expansion in the countries. Discussing Finland and Sweden, Putin said that Russia "does not have a problem with these states. And therefore in this sense, there is no direct threat to Russia created by the expansion involving these countries, but the expansion of military infrastructure onto this territory will of course give rise to our reaction in response." Putin was speaking at a summit in Moscow of the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organisation, which includes five other ex-Soviet countries.

Finland, Sweden inch closer to seeking NATO membership. Finland's government declared a "new era" is underway as it inches closer to seeking NATO membership, hours before Sweden's governing party on Sunday backed a plan to join the trans-Atlantic alliance amid Russia's war in Ukraine. Russia



has long bristled about NATO moving closer to its borders, so the developments will be sure to further anger Moscow. President Vladimir Putin has already warned his Finnish counterpart on Saturday that relations would be "negatively affected." NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Sunday the process for Finland and Sweden to join could be very quick. He also didn't expect

Turkey to hold up the process. Speaking after top diplomats from the alliance's 30 member states met in Berlin, Stoltenberg also expressed his hope that Ukraine could win the war as Russian military advances appear to be faltering. In Finland, President Sauli Niinisto and Prime Minister Sanna Marin confirmed earlier statements that their country would seek membership in NATO

during a joint news conference at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki. The Nordic country, which was nonaligned before changing its stance on NATO, shares a long border with Russia. The Finnish Parliament is expected to endorse the decision in the coming days. A formal membership application will then be submitted to NATO headquarters in Brussels, most likely at some point next week.

US COVID-19 DEATHS HIT 1 MILLION - ROUGHLY EQUAL TO COMBINED FATALITIES IN CIVIL WAR, WORLD WAR II

Nearly two and a half years into the coronavirus pandemic, the death toll due to COVID-19 in the United States hit 1 million on Monday. The confirmed number of dead is equivalent to a 9/11 attack every day for 336 days. It is roughly equal to how many Americans died in the Civil War and World War II combined. It's as if Boston and Pittsburgh were wiped out. The death toll less than two and a half years into the outbreak is based on death certificate data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics. However, the real number of lives lost to COVID-19, either directly or indirectly, as a result, the disruption of the health care system in the world's richest country, is believed to be far higher. The US has the highest reported COVID-19 death toll of any country, though health experts have long suspected that the real number of deaths in places such as Brazil and Russia is higher than the official figures. The milestone comes more than three months

after the US reached 9,00,000 deaths. The pace has slowed since a harrowing winter surge fueled by the omicron variant. The US is averaging about 300 COVID-19 deaths per day, compared with a peak of about 3,400 a day in January 2021. New cases are on the rise again, climbing more than 60 per cent in the past two weeks to an average of about 86,000 a day — still well below the all-time high of over 800,000, reached when the omicron variant was raging during the winter. More than half the deaths occurred since vaccines became available in December of 2020. Two-thirds of Americans are fully vaccinated, and nearly half of them have had at least one booster dose. But demand for the vaccine has plummeted, and the campaign to put shots in arms has been plagued by misinformation, distrust and political polarization. Unvaccinated people have a 10 times greater risk of dying of COVID-19 than the fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Affirms Pakistan's 'firm Resolve' To Fast-track Chinese Projects

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held a "comprehensive" telephone call with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Monday during which he affirmed the government's "firm resolve" to fast-track the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, media reports said. A statement released by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that Sharif expressed his government's resolve to fast-track the ongoing and new CPEC projects which had "immensely contributed to the socio-economic development of Pakistan", Dawn reported. He highlighted the need for both sides to work together and enhance cooperation between the relevant agencies of the two countries in order to fully operationalise special economic zones (SEZs) as soon as possible. "While recalling Pakistan-China sister-city partnerships, the Prime Minister expressed his desire to learn from the experience of those Chinese officials who have remained instrumental in setting up SEZs in their provinces," the statement said. Sharif also expressed his commitment to work with renewed zeal and enthusiasm in tandem with China,



especially on projects of strategic significance for both the countries, such as the ML-1 project. He thanked the neighbouring country for its firm support to "Pakistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity and national development and reaffirmed his government's unwavering support to China on all issues of its core interest". The two leaders also discussed bilateral matters in detail, agreeing that Pakistan and China would not allow anyone to harm the long-standing partnership between the two countries, Dawn reported. Sharif reiterated that Pakistan attached the highest importance to the safety, security and protection of all Chinese nationals working in Pakistan on economic projects and institutions, and assured Premier Li that the government is determined to take the necessary measures for their enhanced security and safety.

COVID: China logs 140 new local cases, over 60 in Shanghai



The Chinese mainland on Sunday reported 140 locally transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which 69 were in Shanghai, according to the National Health Commission's report on Monday (May 16). Apart from Shanghai, eight other provincial-level regions on the mainland witnessed new local COVID-19 cases, including 39 in Beijing, according to Xinhua News Agency. According to the Commission, Shanghai also reported 869 locally-transmitted asymptomatic infections of the novel coronavirus on Sunday, out of a total of 1,019 local asymptomatic carriers newly identified on the mainland. A total of 627 patients were discharged from the hospital on Sunday (May 15) after recovery, the agency said that there were 5,661 con-

firmed COVID-19 cases receiving treatment in hospitals across the Chinese mainland. Shanghai also reported four new deaths due to the infection in last 24 hours. Yesterday, China reported 226 locally transmitted confirmed cases of COVID-19. Meanwhile, China reiterated the reports of imposing three days lockdown in Beijing amid the coronavirus outbreak. However, authorities said that locals are suggested to stay at home and take nucleic acid testing in the following three days. Pang Xinghuo, an official from the Beijing health authority said that Beijing reported 36 COVID-19 infections in the past 24 hours, Global Times reported, adding that among whom 32 were discovered in areas under management and four outside those areas.

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The US hopes India will "reconsider" its decision to ban wheat exports, with Washington "encouraging" countries not to restrict exports as that will exacerbate food shortages, amidst Russia's invasion of Ukraine. India, the world's second-biggest wheat producer, has banned wheat exports in a bid to check high domestic prices amid concerns of wheat output being hit by scorching heat waves. The decision would help control retail prices of wheat and wheat flour, which have risen by an average 14-20 per cent in the last one year, besides meeting the foodgrain requirement of neighbouring and vulnerable countries. US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield, during a virtual New York Foreign Press Center briefing on Monday, said, "We have seen the report of India's decision. We're encouraging countries not to restrict exports because we think any restrictions on exports will exacerbate the food shortages". "But you've- again, India will be one of the countries participating in our meeting at the Security Council, and we hope that they can, as

they hear the concerns being raised by other countries, that they would reconsider that position," she said. Thomas-Greenfield was responding to a question on India's decision to restrict wheat exports. The US envoy said that Ukraine used to be a breadbasket for the developing world, but "ever since Russia started blocking crucial ports and destroying civilian infrastructure and grain silos, hunger situations in Africa and the Middle East are getting even more dire. "This is a crisis for the whole world, and so it belongs to the UN. We have a responsibility to the millions who are worried about where they'll find their next meal or how they'll feed their families. This week is about owning that responsibility and taking action to alleviate food insecurity around the globe," she said. The US is President of the UN Security Council for the month of May and will host a signature event on food security this week against the backdrop of international conflicts such as the Russia-Ukraine war that have brought food insecurity to the fore.

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CANNES 2022: I&B MINISTER ANURAG THAKUR WALKED THE RED CARPET WITH CELEBRITIES FROM THE WORLD OF INDIAN CINEMA. THEY INCLUDED ACCLAIMED ACTORS NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI AND R. MADHAVAN, MUSIC MAESTRO A.R. RAHMAN, FILMMAKER SHEKHAR KAPUR, AND NOTED LYRICIST AND CENSOR BOARD CHIEF PRASOON JOSHI.

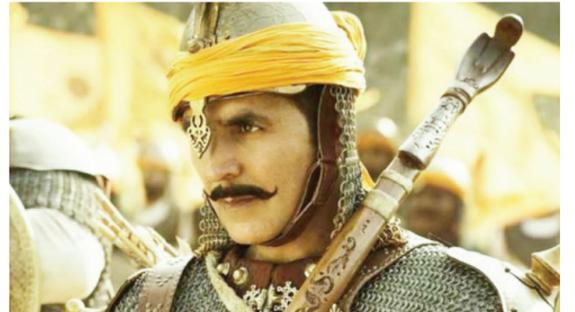
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINISTER ANURAG THAKUR MADE A PITCH FOR INDIA TO BECOME A "CONTENT HUB OF THE WORLD" AND THE PREFERRED "POST-PRODUCTION HUB" FOR GLOBAL FILMMAKERS AS HE LED A STAR-STudded DELEGATION TO THE MARCHE DU FILMS AT THE 75TH CANNES FILM FESTIVAL, WHERE INDIA IS THE 'FIRST COUNTRY OF HONOUR'. HE WALKED THE CANNES RED CARPET WITH CELEBRITIES FROM THE WORLD OF INDIAN CINEMA. THEY INCLUDED ACCLAIMED ACTORS NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI AND R. MADHAVAN, MUSIC MAESTRO A.R. RAHMAN, FILMMAKER SHEKHAR KAPUR, AND NOTED LYRICIST AND CENSOR BOARD CHIEF PRASOON JOSHI. APPROPRIATELY, THE MINISTER DESCRIBED IT AS "A HISTORIC MOMENT" FOR INDIA.

VICKY KAUSHAL'S BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR IS 'NEW YORK WALA'



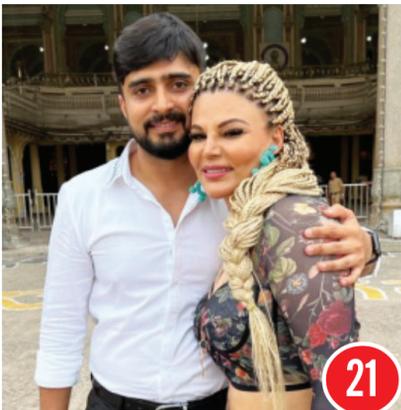
Vicky Kaushal's birthday this year is extra special as he celebrates the day with his wife Katrina Kaif in New York. The Bollywood actress also had a special birthday wish for her husband. Sharing some romantic photos with Vicky, Katrina dedicated a special post to the birthday boy on her verified Instagram account. "New York Wala Birthday. My love Simply putYOU MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER (sic)." Take a look at Vicky Kaushal-Katrina Kaif's romantic photo: In the first photo, the Bollywood couple is seen sharing a warm hug in front of the breathtaking view of the city. In the second one, birthday boy Vicky Kaushal steals a kiss giving his fans an adorable moment with Katrina. This is Vicky's first birthday post his wedding. Meanwhile, Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal, who are currently in the United States, recently visited Priyanka Chopra Jonas' Indian cuisine restaurant 'Sona' in New York City. Katrina took to the story section on her Instagram as she shared a picture from the restaurant and called Sona a "home away from home."

AKSHAY KUMAR ON SCALE OF ACTION IN 'PRITHVIRAJ': 'I WAS LIKE A KID IN A CANDY STORE'



Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, who is gearing up for the release of his film 'Prithviraj', was bowled over by the script of the film, particularly the action sequences. The actor, who will portray king Prithviraj Chauhan in the film, admitted that he felt like "a kid in a candy store" when he got to know the scale of action that he will get to perform in 'Prithviraj'. Talking about the scale of the film, which happens to be YRF's first historical film, Akshay said in a statement, "'Prithviraj' is mounted at a scale that will wow people and action plays an integral part in heightening the entertainment quotient of the film. 'Prithviraj' is a big screen action extravaganza that awaits to unfold in front of the eyes of the audiences." "It will give numerous highs given how Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan took on the responsibility of protecting the country and its people from the merciless invader Mohammad of Ghor. I was like a kid in a candy store when I realised the scale of action that I will get to perform", he added. Akshay is known to be an action junkie and the original action star of Hindi cinema as he has performed many daredevil stunts on his own, in the past. Commenting on the same, he mentioned, "I have always loved action films and doing action in my own projects gives me a high. So, for me, the film presented me with an opportunity to explore something I love."

WHO IS RAKHI SAWANT'S NEW BOYFRIEND ADIL KHAN DURRANI WHO GIFTED BMW TO THE BIGG BOSS FAME?



21 RAKHI SAWANT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTROVERSY QUEENS IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER BIGG BOSS 15, SHE CAPTURED THE LIMELIGHT BECAUSE OF HER DIVORCE FROM HER HUSBAND RITESH.

DID SALMAN KHAN JUST DROP FIRST LOOK FROM KABHI EID KABHI DIWALI?



23 APART FROM SALMAN KHAN, KABHI EID KABHI DIWALI ALSO STARS POOJA HEGDE AND AYUSH SHARMA.

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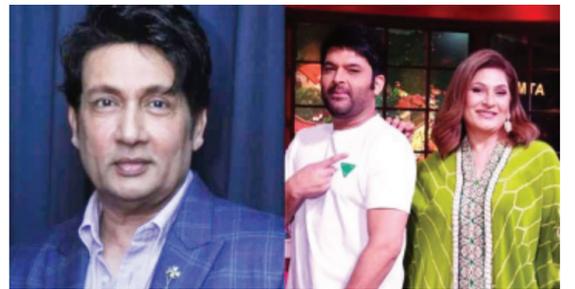
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INDIA CLINCH MAIDEN THOMAS CUP TITLE WITH STUNNING 3-0 WIN OVER INDONESIA.

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SHEKHAR SUMAN'S 'INDIA'S LAUGHTER CHAMPION' TO REPLACE THE KAPIL SHARMA SHOW



The popular face of entertainment Shekhar Suman is all set to make the audience laugh with his show 'India's Laughter Champion' that will replace 'The Kapil Sharma Show'. Shekhar will be joined by Archana Puran Singh on the judges panel. He says: "I am extremely gung-ho about 'India's Laughter Champion'." Shekhar adds: "This is show is aimed at making you forget all your worries, let loose and laugh out loud, that is much needed. The contestants are all set to tickle your ribs and I am positive that the audience will enjoy this show thoroughly." "Its also great to collaborate with Archana for this reality show and the viewers can surely expect a trip down nostalgia lane with us." Previously, Shekhar had taken to Instagram to inform the audience that he will be back on TV soon. The two have shot the promo and the show will go on floors later this month.

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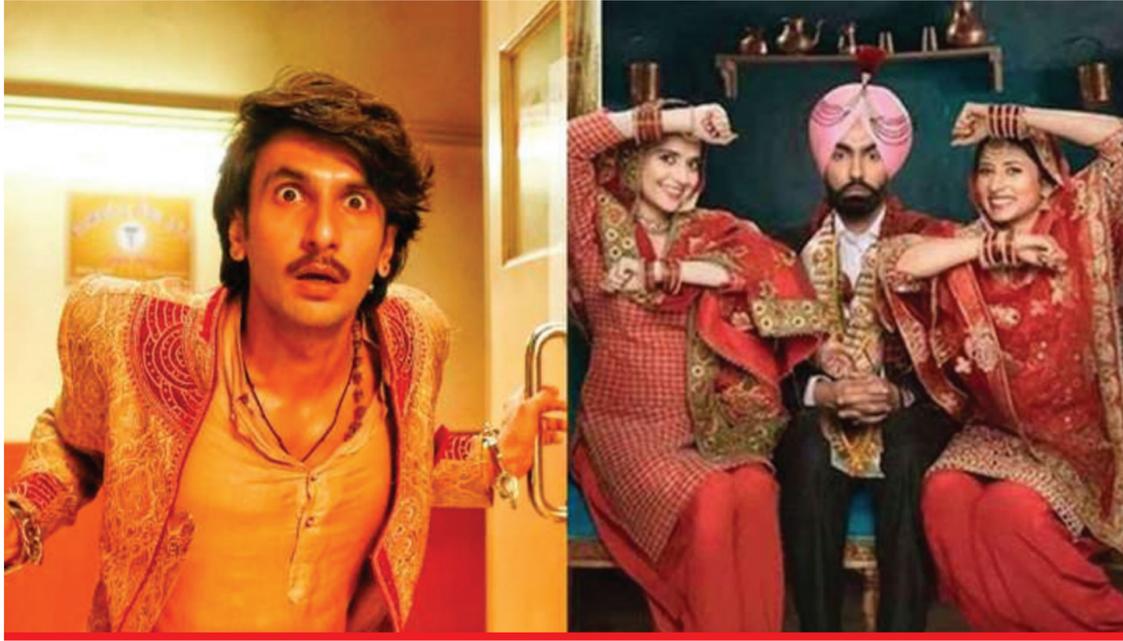


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JAYESHBHAI JORDAAR BOX OFFICE DAY 3: RANVEER SINGH'S FILM REMAINS LOW WHILE SAUNKAN SAUNKNE IMPRESSES

Jayeshbhai Jordaar Box Office Day 3: Ranveer Singh starrer comedy-drama was one of the much-awaited projects of Bollywood yet it could not charm the moviegoers. On the contrary, another regional film starring Ammy Virk, Sargun Mehta and Nimrat Khaira became the first choice for many.

Jayeshbhai Jordaar Box Office Day 3: Ranveer Singh's film was released this Friday and has been receiving mixed responses from the audience. The business that the film collected has been low as compared to the Punjabi film 'Saunkan Saunkne' which was also released alongside. Jayeshbhai Jordaar was one of the much-awaited projects of Bollywood yet it could not charm the moviegoers. The people who hit the theatres reached there after a word of mouth review. On the contrary, another regional film starring Ammy Virk, Sargun Mehta and Nimrat Khaira became the first choice for many. If reports are to be believed, JB directed by Divyang Thakkar could

not live up to the expectations on Sunday as well resulting in an overall low first weekend. While, 'Saunkan Saunkne' remained on a record-breaking spree. Jayeshbhai Jordaar, on Saturday, managed to rake in 4 crores. The numbers were shared by trade analyst Taran Adarsh through a tweet that read, "#JayeshbhaiJordaar picks up on Day 2, but not enough to recover lost ground due to an extremely low start on Day 1... Eyes ? 12 cr [+/-] total in its weekend, a dismal number for a film starring a prominent name... Fri 3.25 cr, Sat 4 cr. Total: ? 7.25 cr. #India biz." Coming back to Sunday, it is being said that the film will Rs 4.45 crore on Day 3, taking the total

box office collection to Rs 11.70 crore. The film had a total 17.64 per cent Hindi occupancy on Sunday, May 15. Various industry experts have predicted if the film failed on its first Sunday, the it will be tough to regain during the weekdays, in the similar manner like that of Shahid Kapoor's Jersey. Coming to Saunkan Saunkne, sharing the numbers of the first day, Taran wrote, "#Punjabi film #SaunkanSaunkne springs a wonderful surprise, takes a SMASHING START on Day 1... The numbers are a morale booster for the #Punjabi film industry... The word of mouth is terrific, a solid weekend total is on the cards... Fri ? 2.25 cr." Speaking about its records, BoxOfficeIndia stated,

"Saunkan Saunkne crossed the 3 crore nett mark across India as it collected 3.10 crore nett beating the 3 crore nett Shadaa had collected on its second day in 2019. The two day collections of the film are 5.25 crore nett which is fantastic. The film is doing superb business across East Punjab and Delhi NCR and should emerge a BLOCKBUSTER film though Monday will tell where it will go." Jayeshbhai Jordaar happens to be a comedy-drama which is produced by Aditya Chopra and Maneesh Sharma under Yash Raj Films. The film stars Ranveer Singh in the titular role as the son of a traditional Gujarati sarpanch, who believes in equal rights between males and females in society.

BTS FEVER GRIPS BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS 2022: RM, SUGA, JIN, JUNGKOOK, JIMIN, J-HOPE & V CREATE HISTORY



BTS fever grips Billboard Music Awards 2022 and how! The Korean boy band's septet -- RM, Suga, Jin, Jungkook, Jimin, J-Hope & V -- created history by winning the three out of the six awards for which they were nominated. The septet has officially beaten the record set by Destiny's Child to become the group to win the most Billboard Music Awards. For 17 years, Destiny's Child has been holding the record of 11 Billboard wins, BTS takes over it with 12 winning titles to their name. BTS has won at least one trophy in every single Billboard Music Awards since 2017. At this year's ceremony, BTS won three awards --Top Duo/Group, Top Song Sales Artist, and Top Selling Song (for "Butter"). It is also their second consecutive year winning all three awards in the categories. With them lifting the trophy for overall Top Duo/Group at Billboard Music Awards 2022, it's BTS's third win in the category. They first won the award in 2019, followed by 2021. BTS' big win has obviously got BTS ARMY excited. Social media platforms are seeing celebrations from all corners of the world. Take a look: This win comes after the group failed to lift any trophy at Grammys 2022. The globally successful K-pop group was nominated for Best pop duo or group performance for 'Butter', their chart-topping single that released in May 2021. BTS was also nominated in 2021 in the same category for 'Dynamite' but the award went to 'Rain on Me' by Lady Gaga and Ariana Grande. Talking about their future releases, the group is gearing up for their anthology album 'Proof'. BTS' label, Big Hit Entertainment, also gave more information about the album via statement. "The BTS anthology album that embodies the history of BTS will be released as they begin a new chapter as an artist that has been active for nine years to look back on their endeavours," the statement read. According to the label, the anthology album 'Proof' reflects the "thoughts and ideas of the members on the past present and future of BTS." 'Proof' is set to be released on June 10.

MUMTAZ 'FELT SAD' FOR NOT MARRYING SHAMMI KAPOOR: 'KAPOORS WERE STRICT ABOUT THEIR BAHUS NOT WORKING IN FILMS'



In a recent interview, the veteran actress, who ruled over Bollywood in the 1960s and 70s, shared some details of her relationship with Shammiji and said that she wanted to marry him but back then, she was only a teenager and feared taking the next step in their relationship because of their age difference and the ambition of becoming someone in the movies business. She also added that it happened for the best and that Neila was a good match for Shammiji. She further said, had she married Shammiji back then, it would not have worked out between them. In an interview with Pinkvilla, Mumtaz said, "I loved him tremendously. I believe Shammiji also loved me a lot. I felt sad that I couldn't marry him. I was only around 17. He was 18 years older than me. It was too early for me to get married. We separated with understanding. He was very sweet and caring towards me. But you can't fight destiny. Honestly, had I got married, it wouldn't have worked. Because I'd have always held a regret in my heart. I wanted to act. I wanted to achieve something." Mumtaz also said that the Kapoors were particular about their daughters-in-law not working in the movies and cited it as one of the reasons to not take the next step in their relationship. "The Kapoor family was strict about their bahu not working in films," added Mumtaz. Praising Shammiji's second wife, Mumtaz said, "Shammiji married such a wonderful lady, a beautiful person. Neila Deviji's such a sweetheart. She suited him perfectly and handled him so well." Mumtaz made her acting debut in Bollywood at the age of 11 with the film Sone Ki Chidiya (1958). She went on to become one of the most popular female actors in the Hindi film industry. Her movies Do Raaste, Bandhan and Aadmi Aur Insaan (1969), Sachaa Jhutha (1970) and Khilona (1970) were massive hits and made her an unparalleled star in the Hindi film industry.

Sarkaru Vaari Paata box office collection day 4: Mahesh Babu movie grosses Rs 125 crore worldwide in first weekend

Telugu actor Mahesh Babu's latest movie Sarkaru Vaari Paata seemed to have had a good weekend at the box office. The movie has grossed a whopping Rs 125 crore from its ticket sales worldwide. What remains to be seen is how well it will hold its ground during the weekdays. According to AndhraBoxOffice.com, Sarkaru Vaari Paata in his four-day opening weekend collected over Rs 96 crore in the Telugu states alone. Karnataka has emerged as the second biggest market for this Mahesh Babu starrer with close to Rs 5 crore in collections. The film has also collected over Rs 15 crore in its first four days in the United States.

CHRIS PRATT REMEMBERS IRRFAN KHAN'S PROWESS ON SCREEN, RECALLS WORKING WITH HIM IN JURASSIC PARK

Chris Pratt remembers Irrfan Khan and the time they spent shooting Jurassic Park (2005). Heaping praise on the late actor, Chris noted how powerful Irrfan's screen presence was and with so little he was capable of pulling off 'so much'. Calling him elegant, Chris said Irrfan was a rare combination of strength in softness. The Hollywood actor is set to reprise the role of Owen Grady in the upcoming movie 'Jurassic World Dominion' in the Jurassic World film series. Recalling his experience of working with Irrfan, ANI quoted Chris as saying, "just such an elegant man... like, down to his fingernails. There was just an elegance about him. He was also



so powerful. It's really a rare combination for there to be such strength in softness. And that's what I would call elegant - he could do very little and still he would be doing so much." He added, "Just by his sheer presence, and his sheer charisma, that he would bring to a role.

One tiny flick of an eyebrow, or one tiny little move, was so powerful." In the Jurassic Park (2015) film, Irrfan played the role of Simon Masrani, CEO of the Masrani Corporation that owned the theme park. After fighting a two-year battle with cancer, Irrfan succumbed to the dis-

ease in 2020. His final movie was 'Angrezi Medium' which was released in March 2020, where the great actor won over our hearts once again for the last time. Chris Pratt was among the several Hollywood stars, who paid tribute to the legendary actor. "So sad to hear about the passing of screen legend @irrfan Khan played Masrani in Jurassic World. He was an exquisite actor and human. He will be missed," he had tweeted back then. Coming back to 'Jurassic World Dominion', the film begins from the ending of the last movie 'Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom,' in which the dinosaurs were let loose in the world.

RASHMIKA MANDANNA LOOKS STUNNING AS SHE DONS SILK SAREE IN COORGI STYLE DURING A FRIEND'S WEDDING

Actor Rashmika Mandanna attended a close friend's wedding recently. On Sunday, she took to Instagram and shared a string of images from her friend's D-Day. In the images, Rashmika is seen rocking a graceful look by donning a silk saree in Coorgi style. She accessorized her ethnic look wit with gold stud earrings and a statement gold necklace with a watch and a ring. For her hairdo, she chose to keep a high ponytail. In the caption, she spoke about how she met her childhood friends after a long and how she made it in time for the wedding after missing her 4 am flight. "Today my friend @raaginimuddaiah got married.. (and I don't have a picture with her from today) but I wouldn't have missed it for the world! After missing a 4 AM flight and having my flights delayed 4-5 times.. thank god, I finally made it to her wedding! And OMG! what a beautiful bride she is..Ahhh.. and these girls.. I literally grew up with these girls.. it's been 17 years since I've known them and nothing's changed at all," she cap-



tioned the post. Rashmika added, "They keep me sane.. they keep me rooted.. they keep me happy.. and these are my girls.. So so glad today I got to see them! I wanted to share a lil something from my personal space with you all.. This is how your Rashmika was before most of you have known her and looks like nothing has changed" Rashmika's look

as a bridesmaid has won many hearts. "You look so beautiful," a fan commented. "How elegant. Love the way you have draped your saree," another one wrote. While Rashmika was in Kashmir, she took to Instagram Story and gave fans a sneak peek into her intense workout session. She dropped a video in which she is seen doing push-ups along with

her personal assistant Aryan Daggubati. "A family that works out together stays together (even if it wasn't by choice)," Samantha captioned the clip. Have a look: Meanwhile, on the work front, Rashmika will be seen sharing screen space with Ranbir Kapoor in 'Animal'. She is also a part of 'Mission Majnu' and 'Goodbye'.



AMITABH BACHCHAN'S FITTING REPLY TO TROLLS CALLING HIM 'BUDDHA' & ACCUSING HIM OF HAVING LIQUOR

Amitabh Bachchan's fitting reply to trolls is winning hearts on social media. The actor over the weekend decided to take no hate from trolls and give it back to them with classy and savage responses. It happened when on Sunday the actor wished everyone good morning at 11:30. "A good morning to you," he greeted his followers on Facebook. However, what he got in return was immense love along with some hate and trolling. "Don't you think you wished good morning too soon?" a user wrote in Hindi. In response, Big B shared that he pulled an all-nighter and hence woke up late. "Grateful for the taunt. Was working the whole night and woke up late so sent wishes. I am sorry if you felt hurt," he commented. Another took a jibe at him saying, "Abey Buddha dopahar ho gaye (It's afternoon you old man)." Maintaining his calm the actor, who is known to be the Angry Young

Man in Bollywood, responded by writing, "I pray to god that nobody insults you when you grow old." Another one taunted the veteran actor saying he must have consumed liquor last night. Being savage that he has always been, the 80-year-old actor responded with a reference to his father Harivansh Rai Bachchan's famous poem 'Madhushala'. "I do not drink, make others drink Madhushala," he wrote. However, there were many who came in support of the actor and bashed those posting mean comments on his FB post. On the work front, Bachchan who was last seen in Ajay Devgn directorial "Runway 34" has a packed slate with films like "Uunchai", directed by Sooraj Barjatya, and "Good Bye", both in production. He will also be seen in Ayan Mukerji's "Brahmastra" and the yet-untitled project featuring Prabhas and Deepika Padukone.

Vicky Kaushal catches up with his college friends; drops picture with 'Batch 2005'

Lovebirds Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif are currently enjoying their vacation in New York. The couple is also indulging themselves in other activities and making their vacation memorable. Katrina had tried her hand at bowling and shared a glimpse of her weekend while Vicky also made time to catch up with his friends from college. On Sunday, the 'Masaan' actor took to his Instagram handle and posted a photo with his college mates where he can be seen posing with them. Along with the post, he wrote, "Batch 2005". On the other hand, Katrina shared a glimpse of her epic bowling Saturday night. In the photo, she is clad in denims and is wearing a pink-and-white checked shirt and bowling shoes. Dropping the picture, she wrote, "A very American Saturday."



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SIDHARTH MALHOTRA GETS BRUISES WHILE FILMING FOR ACTION SEQUENCES WITH ROHIT SHETTY



Bollywood actor Sidharth Malhotra got minor scars while shooting for his web show 'Indian Police Force' under Rohit Shetty's direction in Goa recently. On Sunday, Sidharth took to Instagram and shared a glimpse of a hardcore action scene from the series where he is seen taking two goons with full force. In another picture, he flaunted the bruises that he sustained while performing the action sequences. Rohit Shetty also marked his presence in the image. Taking to social media, Sidharth Malhotra shared a BTS video of an action scene. He wrote, "itsrohitshetty action hero equals to real sweat, real blood ! Rohit sir working the camera for some crazy action sequences in Goa." Sidharth's post has garnered several likes and comments. "That's so crazy & intense.. so much hardwork blood sweat all gonna pays off.. we are super excited for #IndianPoliceForce," a fan commented. "Proud of you," another one wrote. Amazon Original series aims to pay an ode to the "selfless service, unconditional commitment and fierce patriotism of our police officers across the country," who put everything on the line in their call of duty to keep us safe. Indian Police Force aims to set a new bar for action content emerging from India for audiences worldwide.

AAMIR KHAN'S DAUGHTER IRA KHAN TAKES A SUBTLE DIG AT TROLLS WITH 'SOME MORE' PICS FROM BIRTHDAY BASH



Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan's daughter Ira Khan dropped 'some more' pictures of her pool birthday party. She celebrated her 25th birthday with family and close friends. Beating the heat, Ira chose to have a pool party on her special day. However, the star kid was criticised for wearing a bikini in front of her father after she posted the insights of the party. Responding to the haters and trolls on the same, she posted 'some more' glimpses of her birthday bash with a caption, "If everyone is done hating and trolling my last birthday photo dump... here are some more!" Ira shared a bunch of new photos, wherein she is seen enjoying the pool time with her boyfriend, friends and family. For the unversed, Ira is the younger of Aamir Khan's two children with his first wife Reena Dutta. In the last picture, Ira could be spotted giving a peck on the cheek of actress Fatima Sana Shaikh, who made her acting debut as an adult with Aamir Khan's starrer 'Dangal'. In the previous set of pictures posted by Ira, on May 9, she could be seen celebrating her birthday with father Aamir, brother Azad Rao Khan, Kiran Rao and mother Reena along with other friends and family. Meanwhile, on the work front, Ira Khan made her directorial debut as a theatre director with the play 'Euripides' Medea in 2019, which featured Hazel Keech in the titular role. Aamir Khan's professional front Recently, the superstar added one more feather to his cap by launching his own podcast titled 'Laal Singh Chaddha Ki Kahaaniyan' where he talked about the making of his upcoming film. Aamir revealed various trivia related to the film and also released the first song, 'Kahani'. Laal Singh Chaddha is an adaptation of the Robert Zemeckis 1994 comedy-drama 'Forrest Gump', which starred Hollywood icon Tom Hanks in what would be considered as one of his iconic characters. It also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan and Telugu actor Naga Chaitanya. The film which is produced by Aamir Khan, Kiran Rao, and Viacom18 Studios, is all set to release on 11th August 2022 in theatres, worldwide.

TAAPSEE PANNU IS PROUD OF 'MR COACH' MATHIAS BOE AFTER INDIAN TEAM'S HISTORIC THOMAS CUP WIN



As the Indian men's badminton team scripted history in the Thomas Uber Cup 2022 by defeating 14-time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok on Sunday, Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu took to Twitter to hail the historic win. She also lauded her boyfriend, Mathias Boe, for his contribution in this huge win. Mathias is the Indian men's badminton team's doubles coach. Taapsee posted a picture of one of the players hugging Mathias and wrote, "Mr Coach you made us proud." Taapsee Pannu and Mathias Boe's relationship has been going strong for years. Also, the actress took to her Twitter to hail the historic win. "History !!!! India wins the Thomas cup the first time they reached the finals !!! Take a bow boys," she wrote. Meanwhile, India thrashed the 14-time champions Indonesia to lift the coveted Thomas Cup at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand, by 3-0. No Indian team has previously reached the final of the Thomas and Uber Cup in its 70-plus-year history. Indian men reached the Thomas Cup semi-finals in 1952, 1955 and 1979 while the women's team made it to the Uber Cup top-four in 2014 and 2016. The country put out a performance of a lifetime with World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and the world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy producing memorable performances. Starting the tie, Lakshya Sen clinched the first point for India after defeating Anthony Ginting 8-21, 21-17, 21-16. Ginting looked fast, accurate and extremely dangerous in the opening stage, enjoying a twelve-point run, to claim the opening game 21-8 in just 17 minutes. But Lakshya Sen responded brilliantly in the second game to take the match to the decider, by winning it 21-17.

IIFA 2022 POSTPONED FOLLOWING UAE PRESIDENT'S DEMISE; TO BE NOW HELD ON THESE DATES!

In the wake of UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan's death, the International Indian Film Academy Awards 2022 (IIFA), which was earlier scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi from May 18 to May 22, has been postponed. As per a source, the star-studded affair will now be held on July 14, July 15 and July 16 in Abu Dhabi. The IIFA organisers decided to re-schedule the event after the UAE Ministry of Presidential Affairs announced a 40-day mourning period across the country starting Friday, May 13, over the demise of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. However, an official confirmation is not out yet. The official Twitter handle of IIFA also mourned the death of the President of the United Arab Emirates. "With the sad news of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of UAE, passing away we share our deepest condolences with his family and the people of UAE. May God have mercy on him and grant him eternal peace," read the tweet.



SHAHEEN BHATT CELEBRATES 'AN EXCELLENT MONTH' OF ALIA BHATT-RANBIR KAPOOR'S WEDDING WITH UNSEEN PHOTOS



Shaheen Bhatt on Sunday shared pictures to celebrate a month of Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's wedding. Alia's sister shared an unseen still from Alia-Ranbir's mehendi function in which the newlyweds happily posed with Shaheen and director Ayan Mukerji. Sharing the photo on Instagram, Shaheen wrote, "It's been an excellent month." Shaheen's post has come a day after Alia shared unseen photos from her post-wedding bash to celebrate her wedding. On Saturday, the couple was spotted leaving a restaurant after their dinner date. In the video captured by paps, Ranbir and Alia were seen heading out of the restaurant, carefully avoiding paps. Ranbir appeared to be holding a gift as he guided Alia to the car. Fans flooded the video with comments and called them a 'beautiful couple' and praised them for still following COVID protocol and wearing masks. Alia and Ranbir got married on April 14 in their home Vastu, in Bandra, Mumbai. On the work front, Alia-Ranbir will be seen sharing the screen space in Ayan Mukerji directorial Brahmastra. Alia will be seen in Darlings and Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani, while Ranbir Kapoor has Shamsheera and Animal in his kitty.

Arjun Rampal calls Kangana Ranaut a 'sweet girl', says he wasn't sceptical about working with her: 'I've seen her evolve...'



Actor Arjun Rampal has had many ups and downs in his Bollywood career spanning over twenty years. While his filmography has slightly staggered in the last few years, the actor has several projects in the pipeline, including the upcoming film Dhaakad with Kangana Ranaut. Recently, Arjun said that he liked working with her and said that their friendship goes a long way. In an interview to Times Of India, Arjun was asked if he was sceptical about working with Kangana, who is known to be a very headstrong personality in Bollywood. Arjun said that he wasn't sceptical at all, and that he has known her for a long time. He also mentioned that both of them got their National Awards together, and following that, she had visited Arjun's nightclub and they had partied together. He said that she has come home often and 'is a sweet girl' and he has seen her evolve as an actor. Arjun enjoys teasing Kangana playfully, and had earlier even prepared a matrimonial bio for her. In an interview to Siddharth Kannan, he pitched Kangana as a suitable bride, and said that she is a wonderful actor, a God-fearing person who loves yoga, and isn't as intense as she's made out to be. The duo will next be seen in the spy thriller Dhaakad, which will release on May 20. Dhaakad stars Kangana Ranaut in the role of a spy named Agent Agni. She's out to nab Rudraveer, played by Arjun Rampal, who runs a human trafficking cartel. The film also stars Divya Dutta and Saswata Chatterjee. It is directed by Razneesh Ghai.

'I asked Shahid Kapoor, tum naachte ho ki udte ho?': Sukhwinder Singh on goosebump-inducing Haider song



Vishal Bhardwaj's 2014 Hamlet adaptation Haider is awe-inspiring in many ways. Having read the play while I was in college, I was excited to see how it would play out on screen, and needless to mention, I was thrilled with the result. How the filmmaker spoke about difficult socio-political aspects of Kashmir, whilst also skilfully converting this masterful tragedy onto the celluloid, still gives me goosebumps. No one has been this bold about Kashmir in mainstream Hindi cinema since. Haider has multiple breath-taking moments, but the one that captured my attention was the song "Bismil." Google defines the Urdu word as wounded or sacrificial slaughter, which, interestingly is how Shahid's Haider Meer draws parallel with his dead father. In the original play by Shakespeare, something similar happens when Hamlet directs and acts in a play called Mouse-trap and basically points a finger at his uncle for his father's murder. In this Sukhwinder Singh song, our anthero dances and lashes out at his mother (Tabu), and points accusatory fingers at Kay Kaping Menon (the uncle figure in the film) for the death of his father. Speaking about how this was the first time when the acclaimed singer got a chance to do a ballad kind of number, Sukhwinder told indianexpress.com, "It is a ballad, the song tells a story, something which used to happen in V Shantaram films."

WHO IS RAKHI SAWANT'S NEW BOYFRIEND ADIL KHAN DURRANI WHO GIFTED BMW TO THE BIGG BOSS FAME?

Rakhi Sawant and her love for controversies are well known! The actress who rose to fame with her participation in Bigg Boss has a lot of time gained attention and many times for the wrong reasons. Recently, she won the heart of her fans with her participation in the reality show Bigg Boss 15. During the course of the show, viewers also came to know about her now ex-husband Ritesh. However, things went downhill, and with the end of the show ended their marriage. After the same, Rakhi was seen getting emotional not just on social media but also in front of the paparazzi. Well, now it seems that she has finally moved on in life. Yes, that's true! Going by the videos going viral, it can be said that she has found love in a new man named Adil Khan Durrani. No, we are not joking. Taking to her respective Instagram handle, Rakhi shared a video in which she was seen talking about her new boyfriend. Rakhi announced that she is not single anymore and is in a relationship with him. While she spoke about him in front of the photographers, the latter was seen cuddling with her. When asked about Rakhi, Adil quipped, "She is a very nice female. She is very down-to-earth." Meanwhile, Rakhi who was seen blushing said "Jab God data hai chappar faad kar data hai." In another post which was shared a few days back, Rakhi revealed how her boyfriend gifted her a BMW. Alongside a video, Rakhi wrote, "Thank you so much my dear

friend @shellylather raj bhai and @adil_khandurrani for giving me such a great surprise !! Thanks a ton means a lot to me !! God bless." During an event, Rakhi also revealed that it was Adil who helped her come out of depression after her broken marriage. Not only this but he along with his sister Shelly gifted her a BMW car in order to lighten up her mood. She was also caught speaking to him over a video call. In February this year, Rakhi announced her divorce through a heart-breaking Instagram post. It read, "Dear Fans and well wishers, Just wanted to say that Ritesh and I have decided to part ways. After the Big Boss show a lot has happened and I was unaware of certain things which were out of my control. We have tried to work out our differences and tried to make things work but I think it's best we both move on amicably and we both enjoy our lives separately." Her note further stated, "I m really sad and heartbroken that this had to happen before Valentine's Day but the decision had to be made. I wish Ritesh the best in life but for me at this stage in life I have to focus on my work and my life and keep myself happy and healthy. Thank you for understanding and supporting me always!" For those unversed, Rakhi claimed that she married to Ritesh Singh who was an NRI in July 2019. She kept him hidden which left many thinking that her marriage was fake.

IBRAHIM ALI KHAN GETS MOBBED, PEOPLE LAUD HIS PATIENCE: 'HE IS A DECENT GUY...'

Ibrahim Ali Khan was mobbed as he exited a restaurant in Mumbai on Sunday. People lauded the star kid's composure even when he found it difficult to pave his way into his car. Son of Saif Ali Khan and Amrita Singh, Ibrahim was seen exiting a restaurant in Bandra, Mumbai when several cameras tried to capture him. He got caught up in the crowd as many tried to touch him. Several videos of Ibrahim's attempt at walking through the crowd have surfaced on social media. Ibrahim is seen maintaining a calm face as bouncers eventually helped him get in his vehicle. This isn't the first time Ibrahim has grabbed attention during one of his



outings. He was recently captured with Palak Tiwari and some more friends post a get-together. The two were seen hurrying through the crowd. Palak, daughter of actor Shweta Tiwari, has been spotted with Ibrahim on several oc-

casions of late. Palak and Ibrahim's regular hang-outs have also left rumour mills working about their alleged relationship. Though Palak said this kind of attention to her life made her 'uncomfortable'. Palak, who was last

seen in Harry Sandhu's music video "Bijlee Bijlee" told YouTuber Siddharth Kannan, "It's just friendship. In fact, it was all just conjecture. That's why I didn't pay any heed to it, because it was all very asinine in my head. We were out, we got papped, and it ends there. In fact, we were with a group of people, it wasn't just us. But it got papped like that, because that's the narrative people like the most." Sara Ali Khan's younger brother, Ibrahim Ali Khan is currently assisting Karan Johar in Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani. He's been seen in several BTS videos with Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh from the film's set.

AHEAD OF CANNES VISIT, HINA KHAN IS ALL 'GLITTER AND SASS' AS SHE ATTENDS UK ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Popular actor Hina Khan is all set to grace the Cannes Film Festival for the second time. Before heading to the prestigious event, Hina attended the UK Asian Film Festival, where she was awarded for her film, Lines. Dressed in an off-white Tarun Tahiliani gown, the actor made heads turn. Sharing a few photos from the London streets, Hina Khan posted on Instagram, "Throwing some glitter and sass on the streets of London! #UKAFF2022 closing ceremony." Her friends from the industry could not hold their excitement as they replied to the post. While good friend Priyank Sharma shared a few white heart emojis, Arti Singh wrote, "Uffffffttttttttt??" Fans lauded her look and called her beautiful. Wearing a sheer off-shoulder gown in corset style, Hina teamed it up with a white jacket with embellished sleeves. Keeping her makeup natural, the actor had her hair tied in a bun. Hina completed her look with contrasting emerald danglers, making her look ethereal. As per her



team, Hina was awarded 'The Trail Blazer' at the Tongues on Fire Flame Award 2022 for Lines, at the closing ceremony of the UK Asian Film Festival. The actor will now fly off to walk the red carpet of the Cannes Film Festival later this week. Before flying off to London for the awards, Hina Khan had posted a long note on Instagram. Stating that she has been called a 'day-dreamer' and someone 'farsighted', she wrote how dreams is all that she's got

and will use to fuel her journey. "Persistence, Passion and power is a virtue that acts as a guiding light. Young small town girl with dreams that touch the sky, I for sure have been called a daydreamer or sometimes farsighted. But dreams are all I've got and I shall use it to fuel my journey as far and long as I humanly can. Thank you @ukasianfilmfestival for acknowledging this humble journey of a girl who truly believes women must try

twice as hard anywhere in the world and never leave the opportunity to lift other women up. Getting a recognition by peers from the other side of the world for a heartily-made and hard-earned film is cherishable for life. Much much love and appreciation, Thank you for inviting me and officially selecting our film #Lines and premiering it in the festival.. I shall see you soon UK Asian Film Festival.. London here I come,," she wrote.



DHAK DHAK POSTER OUT: TAAPSEE PANNU SET TO PRODUCE DIA MIRZA, FATIMA SANA SHAIKH, RATNA PATHAK SHAH STARRER

Actress Taapsee Pannu is all set to produce the film 'Dhak Dhak', a story of four women and their life changing journey to the highest motorable pass in the world, through her production house Outsiders Films in collaboration with Viacom18 Studios. The film stars Fatima Sana Shaikh, Ratna Pathak Shah, Dia Mirza and Sanjana Sanghi as the protagonists. 'Dhak Dhak', is co-produced by Taapsee, Pranjal Khandhdiya and Ayush Maheshwari. The film is co-written by Parijat Joshi and Tarun Dudeja & directed by Tarun Dudeja. Taapsee says: "We have attempted to give audiences a visual experience that they have rarely seen on screen. 'Dhak Dhak' narrates the story of four women who realise that freedom has to be owned and never given. "Viacom18 Studios has been a crucial part of my journey in the film

industry from 'Chashme Baddoor', 'Shabaash Mithu' and now to 'Dhak Dhak'. I am sure that this ride will be an enriching one." Commenting on the association, Ajit Andhare, COO, Viacom18 Studios says: "Dhak Dhak' is a heart-warming story of four women undertaking a trip breaking out of their cocoons & discovering themselves through this journey of introspection & adventure. This was the perfect script and resonates well with the DNA of our storytelling." Producer Pranjal Khandhdiya adds: "Dhak Dhak' is a first of its kind story about four strong characters and a memorable bike ride in the picturesque locations. 'Dhak Dhak' is sure to captivate our audiences." The film is now under production and will hit cinema screens in 2023.

KHATRON KE KHILADI 12: ANUPAMAA'S ANERI VAJANI AKA 'MUKKU', BIGG BOSS 15'S NISHANT BHAT TO PARTICIPATE



The list of participants in Rohit Shetty's stunt-based reality TV show Khatron Ke Khiladi 12 is growing. The latest names to join the star-studded show are Anupamaa fame Aneri Vajani and Bigg Boss OTT and Bigg Boss 15 participant Nishant Bhat. Aneri is currently playing the role of Malvika aka Mukku in the popular daily soap Anupamaa. Her track will be derailed for sometime as she will be away in South Africa for the shooting of the show. This will be Aneri's first reality show. About her participation in KKK 12, Aneri told ETimes, "Khatron Ke Khiladi is my first reality show and I cannot hold back my excitement. I love exploring new things and stepping beyond my comfort zone. With this show, I will surely get on to new heights in my life. I am all set to embark on this adventurous journey and cannot wait to take on this challenge." On the other hand, Bigg Boss fame Nishant Bhat will also be participating in Khatron Ke Khiladi 12. Nishant shared, "When I take part in any competition, I always believe in giving a tough fight and sticking to a never giving up policy. After Bigg Boss 15, I feel Khatron Ke Khiladi is a step up for me and this time I am even more determined to survive this battlefield." He added: "I am looking forward to exploring myself in this new space under Rohit sir's guidance." The contestants are set to head to Cape Town for the new adventure. Others who are a part of the 12th season include names such as Mohit Malik, Pratik Sahajpal, Faisal Shaikh, Chetna Pande, Rajiv Adatia and Rubina Dilaik, Shivangi Joshi, Sriti Jha, Kanika Mann, Munawar Faruqui, Tushar Kalia and Erika Packard.

KAMAL HAASAN'S 'VIKRAM' TRAILER PROMISES MORE BO ACTION FROM DOWN SOUTH



The much-awaited trailer of Kamal Haasan's latest theatrical outing, the Tamil action thriller "Vikram", was released on Sunday, much to the excitement of the superstar's fans and movie-lovers. Kamal's last movie, "Viswaroopam 2", was released in 2018. Helmed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, "Vikram" is being theatrically released on June 3 and later streamed on Disney+ Hotstar. The film, which is unrelated to the one released in 1986 with the same title and Kamal in the lead role, has a stellar star cast led by Vijay Sethupathi and Fahadh Faasil. The trailer promises a triangular face-off in terms of action and histrionics pitting the three accomplished actors against each other. Lokesh Kanagaraj is a hit director whose previous two movies, "Kaithi" and "Master", had hit the bull's eye at the box office. Anirudh Ravichander is composing the music for the movie. Its first single, "Pathala Pathala", with lyrics by Kamal, is already a chart-topper. The makers of "Vikram" are Kamal Haasan's Raaj Kamal Films International and Udayanidhi Stalin's Red Giant Movies.

ON MADHURI DIXIT'S BIRTHDAY, 10 THROWBACK PICTURES OF 'DHAK DHAK' GIRL THAT'LL MAKE YOU GO UHU UHU!



Madhuri Dixit, who also happens to be the 'Dhak Dhak' girl of the Bollywood industry, turned 55 on Sunday ie May 15. The actress who has been ruling hearts over the last few decades has made her place not just for her beauty or grace but also for her exceptional acting and dancing skills. On her special day, here's looking at some of her unmissable throwback pictures that will brighten up your mood! Madhuri Dixit was born and raised in Mumbai and went on to make her acting debut in 1984 with a leading role in the drama 'Abodh.' After making her name in a few successive commercially failed films, she finally got her big break with the action-romance 'Tezaab' (1988). Madhuri has been a part of some top-grossing romantic dramas like-- 'Dil' (1990), 'Beta' (1992), 'Hum Aapke Hain Koun..!' (1994), and 'Dil To Pagal Hai' (1997).



CHOREOGRAPHER TUSHAR KALIA GETS ENGAGED TO TRIVENI BARMAN; KARAN JOHAR AND OTHERS CONGRATULATE

Well-known dancer and choreographer Tushar Kalia took to his Instagram handle to announce his engagement with his lady love Triveni Barman. Tushar, who had participated in dance reality show 'Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa' and was also the stage director of the reality show 'India's Got Talent', is now all set to be seen on 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 12'. He made his career as a choreographer in Bollywood with the movie 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil'. He shared two beautiful pictures with his fiancée Triveni and wrote: "To new beginnings @trivenibarman Send us your love and blessings #engaged #gratitude". The couple looks adorable in traditional yellow outfits. Triveni also mentioned on her social media handle with a heart emoji: "You are the best thing that ever happened to me" Many of their fans and friends congratulated them. Filmmaker Karan Johar commented: "Badhaiyan!". Actress Sana Saeed also said: "Awwwww congratulations". Actor Pulkit Samrat



mentioned: "Congratulationssssss!!!!!!!" and Filmmaker Shashank Khaitan also commented: "Congrats Bhai"

ELLEN DEGENERES 'BEEN CRYING A LOT' AS SHE BIDS GOODBYE TO HER TALK SHOW



American media personality and TV host Ellen DeGeneres during the two weeks in the run-up to the finale of her long-running talk show has been quite emotional. According to Page Six, a source has revealed that "Ellen's been crying a lot. The whole few weeks leading up to the finale were very emotional." She had filmed her final episode of 'The Ellen DeGeneres Show' on April 28 and it is set to air on May 26, featuring an A-list lineup of guests, including Jennifer Aniston and Pink, both of whom appeared on the very first episode on September 8, 2003. And while DeGeneres was sad to see the end of her 19-year run, she didn't want to go out with a bang. "She wanted to go out quietly. It was friends and family of the cast and crew in the audience," a highly-placed TV source told Page Six. Since the show's debut, the comedian has welcomed tons of celebrity guests, many of whom became targets of her good-natured pranks. However, its reputation took a hit in 2020 after allegations of toxic set behaviour surfaced. In a July 2020 letter to staff obtained by Us Weekly, the host said she'd always wanted the show to be a "place of happiness," and she apologized for the change that had taken place. The Emmy winner later stated that the accusations were "very hurtful" to her, but claimed they weren't the reason she decided to end the show. "If I was quitting the show because of that, I wouldn't have come back this season," she told The Hollywood Reporter.

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NEHA KAKKAR'S HUSBAND ROHANPREET SINGH ROBBED OFF VALUABLES FROM HOTEL ROOM IN MANDI

As per reports, Neha Kakkar's husband and Punjabi musician and singer Rohanpreet Singh's personal belongings including a diamond ring and cash were stolen at a hotel in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, said a police official on Saturday. Neha's husband was staying at the hotel at Mandi, when his diamond ring, iPhone, and other expensive belongings were reportedly stolen. Mandi Superintendent of Police, Shalini Agnihotri said, "Personal belongings, in-

cluding cash, iPhone, smartwatch, and a diamond ring of Punjabi singer Rohanpreet Singh stolen from a hotel in Mandi where he was staying. Case registered and investigation is on. Rohanpreet Singh is singer Neha Kakkar's husband." Police took cognisance of the matter and registered a case. Further investigation is underway. On the work front, Rohanpreet has recently released his song La La La with Neha.

KAPIL SHARMA BOARDS PRIVATE PLANE TO JODHPUR FOR MIKA SINGH'S SWAYAMVAR, JOKES 'DULHA NA MUKAR JAAYE'

Swayamvar- Mika Di Vohti will be going on air from June 19 on Star Bharat. In the reality show, popular singer and musician Mika Singh will find a prospective bride for himself and possibly tie the knot with her in the future. Recently, Mika's close friend, comedian Kapil Sharma flew out to Jodhpur in a private plane with his friends to be with the Bollywood playback singer during this special time in his life. Kapil shared some pictures as he boarded a plane and wrote, "Going to attend my brother @mikasingh paji's swayamvar in Jodhpur (sic)." He joked that they have already spent a lot of money on arrangements but they fear that the groom-to-be might change his mind at the last moment. Kapil added in his caption, "Kharcha bahut ho gya, ek hi baat ka dar hai, kahin dulha na mukar jaaye (sic)." In the images, Kapil is seen wearing a blue printed shirt



and white trousers. He credited his wife Ginni Chatrath for his cool look and styling. Mika shared a video of Kapil and his other friends arriving in Jodhpur for his Swayamvar. He wrote, "Finally Kapil Sharma has arrived as a family member of Mika Singh

at Jodhpur.. seems like it's gonna be a good good celebration (sic)." Kapil is given a warm welcome at the hotel as women are seen performing a folk dance around him and musicians play folk songs. As for Mika Di Vohti show, Shaan will be seen as the host of

the show. Mika shared about finding a woman to marry on a reality show, "I am thrilled about this new chapter of life. I am looking for someone who can understand me and can make my family happy and keep them together."

Kareena Kapoor and her 'best man' Jeh set mommy-son goals on Devotion of Suspect X sets; Arjun Kapoor reacts

Kareena Kapoor Khan is not just an exemplary actress but also a doting mother. The actress who is gearing up for her OTT debut with Devotion of Suspect X has mastered the art of balancing motherhood and work. She is currently shooting for the Sujoy Ghosh's film in Kalimpong, where she is accompanied by her little munchkin Jeh Ali Khan. On Saturday (May 14), the actress took to her Instagram and shared an adorable picture with her younger son as she got ready. Sharing the cute photo, Kareena called son Jeh as her 'best man' for company. She wrote, "Double whammy!! Getting ready with the best man for company... DAY-4-Kalimpong #Devotionofsuspectx." Fans



and celebrities react to Kareena's post. In the picture, Kareena can be seen in a playful mood as she made a cute face while interacting with Jeh who is heated across her on his chair. Kareena and Jeh's cute bond invited a lot of reactions from the fans and the celebrities. Actor Arjun Kapoor commented, "Oooooo." Saba Pataudi wrote, "Pure Love." Mrunal Thakur also said, "You're an inspiration!" Manish Malhotra dropped red heart emojis. Kareena is actively sharing pictures and glimpses from her shoot days on Instagram. Yesterday, the actress dropped a picture posing with co-star Jaideep Ahlawat. In the image, she and Jaideep can be seen

posing for the camera with a clapboard as the two pout. The picture was shared by both the actors. Kareena wrote: "Getting one of the finest performers to do his toughest performance the pout! So much to learn from each other." About Sujoy Ghosh's film The untitled film is based on a famous book, The Devotion Of Suspect X by Japanese author Keigo Higashino. Apart from Kareena and Jaideep, it also stars Vijay Varma. It will stream on Netflix. Kareena's upcoming film Kareena currently awaits the release of her upcoming film 'Laal Singh Chaddha' with Aamir Khan. The film is scheduled to release on August 11.

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MAANAYATA DUTT SETTLES IN DUBAI WITH KIDS, SANJAY DUTT SAYS MOVE WAS 'UNPLANNED' BUT THEY LOVE LIVING THERE

Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt, who was recently seen in 'K.G.F.: Chapter 2', shared that he and his family live a contented life in Dubai as he continues to operate from Mumbai. He also revealed that his wife Maanayata Dutt moving to Dubai with his 11-year-old twins Shahraan and Iqra, was not a planned move but he feels happy as they find their peace in the Middle Eastern city. As per a media report, the 'Munnabhai' actor said that he has come to terms with his family settling in Dubai as his kids love being there and Maanayata too has set up her business in Dubai. He shared that he will be with the family during his kids' summer break. Sanjay Dutt and Maanayata who tied the knot in 2008, became proud parents to the twins in 2010. Sanjay's family moved to Dubai before the first lockdown in 2020, and have been living there since then. Maanayata has been with Sanjay through thick and thin as she has lent support



to her husband during his jail term and his fight with lung cancer back in 2020.

TAARAK MEHTA AKA SHAILESH LODHA QUILTS THE SHOW AFTER DISHA VAKANI?



Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah is one of the most popular and longest-running shows on the small screen. The sitcom directed by Asit Kumarr Modi has been going on successfully for over 14 years now. Its popularity can be judged by its position in the BARC TRP report which remains always in the top 5. Well, not just its plot but the show always remains in the limelight for also its cast. Actors like Dilip Joshi, Shailesh Lodha, Amit Bhatt, Mandar Chandwadkar, Sonalika Joshi, Sunayana Fozdar, Munmun Dutta, and Tanuj Mahashabde have contributed to making the show a hit. Not only this but the show was even surrounded by controversies soon after its lead actress Disha Vakani aka Dayaben went on a maternity break and never returned. After that, a number of actors bid the show goodbye. Now it seems the name of another member is going to add to the list! Going by the latest reports, it is being said that actor Shailesh Lodha who is seen playing the crucial role of Taarak Mehta has said goodbye to the comedy sitcom. Yes, that's true! ETimes in its latest report stated that the actor has been absent from the shooting of the show for the last one month. Not only this but he even won't be returning for the same. The reason behind the same is being claimed as differences. The portal further added that Lodha is not happy with his contract and feels that his dates are not being properly used.

KANGANA RANAUT MOCKS ANANYA PANDAY'S 'TALENT' OF TOUCHING NOSE WITH TONGUE, CALLS HER 'BOLLY BIMBO'



Actress Kangana Ranaut never shies away from speaking her mind. Lately, she has been on a spree, talking about the indirect support she has got for her upcoming film Dhaakad from Bollywood celebrities. The actress said that many celebrities appreciated the trailer of her film but did not do it publicly. She also showed her gratitude to superstar Salman Khan who shared the second trailer of Dhaakad on his social media and lauded Kangana. However, this doesn't mean that the actress is done mocking the industry. Kangana Ranaut appeared on the popular comedy and chat show The Kapil Sharma Show to promote her film Dhaakad. The actress seemed to have a lot of fun interacting with the host Kapil Sharma, who asked her what is the definition of 'Bolly Bimbos'. In the video going viral, Kangana was quick to explain that such actresses who say 'I can touch my nose with my tongue' are Bolly Bimbos. Interestingly, the jibe was at Ananya Pandey who had called this her 'talent' on the same show. When the episode featuring Ananya Pandey on The Kapil Sharma Show had aired, the Gehraiyaan actress was trolled for the same. Meanwhile, Kangana Ranaut appeared on The Kapil Sharma Show with her co-stars Arjun Rampal, Divya Dutta and Sharib Hashmi from the film Dhaakad. Director Rajneesh Ghai also accompanied the star cast. Just recently, Kangana released a new trailer of Dhaakad which has garnered many compliments from the netizens as well as stars. Salman Khan also shared it on his Twitter and Instagram page as he sent his best to the team. The superstar wrote, "Wishing team #Dhaakad the very best." He also tagged Kangana and Arjun Rampal in his tweet along with producer Sohel Maklai. In response, Kangana wrote in her Instagram stories, "Thank you my Dabangg hero. Heart of gold. I will never say again that I'm alone in this industry. Thank you from the entire Dhaakad team." Dhaakad will hit the cinema halls on May 20.

DID SALMAN KHAN JUST DROP FIRST LOOK FROM KABHI EID KABHI DIWALI? REVEALS KICKSTARTING SHOOT FOR 'NEW' FILM



Salman Khan on Saturday (May 14) treated his fans and followers with exciting news as he announced that he will be kickstarting the shooting for his new film from tomorrow. However, he did not reveal the name or other details about his upcoming project. Fans were quick to anticipate that the actor was hinting toward Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali. Sharing a power-packed picture of himself in a never seen before avatar, the actor wrote in the caption, "Shooting commences for my new film" Salman Khan looked an absolute stunner in the new look. Several fans took to the comments section and bombard it with their epic reactions. One of the users wrote, "Kya baat hai Salman sir." Another said, "U are the best." In no time his picture started circulating on social media platforms and Salman Khan became one of the top trends.



ANUSHKA SHARMA GETS TASTE OF CRICKETER'S LIFE DURING CHAKDA XPRESS PREP AS SHE PRACTICES IN SCORCHING HEAT

The anticipation around Anushka Sharma's Chakda Xpress has been on the rise ever since the movie was announced. It is the biopic of Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami who is a record-setting player in the ODI format. The Bollywood actress has been getting into shape to play an athlete on screen and is also spending time at the nets to learn the nitty gritty of cricket. Anushka shared a boomerang video on her

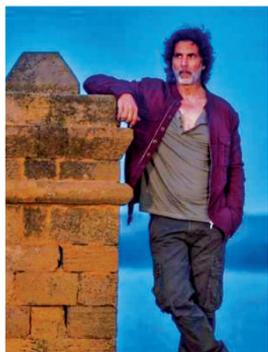
Instagram stories from her practice session as she spent some time in the nets. In the video, Anushka's jersey is all muddy and she is sweating as she braves the scorching heat. Seems like she is getting to know a thing or two about a cricketer's life. As she shared a glimpse from her practice session, she wrote, "Not at all hot." Earlier, Anushka had shared a video where she shared her intense training schedule for

the upcoming movie with the fans. In the video, Anushka is seen trying to bowl, and in another instance, she also showcased her catching abilities. Anushka posted the video with the caption that says, "That's how the last few days have been! #prep #ChakdaExpress #GoSweatGo (sic)." The actress has also stepped away from the duties of a producer from her banner Clean Slate

Films as she stressed focussing on her filming career. Chakda Xpress will be released on Netflix in the coming time. It will mark the actress' first appearance in a movie since 2018 release Zero, opposite Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif. Last year in January, Anushka also delivered her baby daughter Vamika. Since then she has been busy bringing up her child with husband Virat Kohli.

AKSHAY KUMAR TO MISS CANNES RED CARPET AFTER TESTING COVID-19 POSITIVE FOR SECOND TIME

Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar has tested positive for COVID-19 and as a result, he will be missing out on the Cannes red carpet event on the opening day, where he was going to represent the Indian contingent alongside Pooja Hegde, AR Rahman, Shekhar Kapur and Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur. Akshay shared the news of his COVID positive status on social media writing, "Was really looking forward to root-



ing for our cinema at the India Pavilion at #Cannes2022, but have sadly tested positive for Covid. Will rest it out. Loads of best wishes to you and your entire team, @ianuragthakur. Will really miss being there (sic)." This is the second time that Akshay has contracted the coronavirus infection during the ongoing pandemic. Earlier, during the shoot of Ram Setu, the actor and many from the crew had tested COVID-19 positive leading to a com-

plete halt in shooting back in April 2021. The film personalities were going to walk the red carpet on the opening day of the 75th Cannes Film Festival on May 17. Renowned folk singer Mame Khan, actors Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Nayanthara, Tamannaah Bhatia and Vani Tripathi, two-time Grammy winning composer Rickey Kej, and CBFC chairman Prasoon Joshi are also part of the Indian contingent to the festival.

SOHAIL KHAN-SEEMA KHAN FILE FOR DIVORCE: CELEBS REACH FAMILY COURT IN MUMBAI



Sohail Khan and Seema Khan are heading for divorce. The two celebrities were spotted at the family court in Mumbai on Friday. India TV's trusted sources confirmed the news while an official statement from the couple is awaited. On Friday, Sohail was spotted in a black shirt at the court premises with a bunch of bodyguards. Seema, on the other hand, was seen wearing casual trousers in green with a white t-shirt. Both Seema and Sohail had covered their faces with face masks. Take a look at photos of Sohail and Seema from Mumbai's family court. Sohail, the youngest brother of Salman Khan got married to Seema in 1998. They have two sons together, Nirvaan and Yohan. Back in 2017, several media reports suggested that the couple is heading for a divorce. However, the two celebs never spoke about it publically. It was in the 2019 show 'The Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives', when fans got an inside view of their relationship. In the show, it was known that they aren't living together. Separation rumours were seemingly confirmed when they were seen living separately in different houses and managing things as a unit to be with their kids. On the show, Seema also spoke about their relationship. While she did not mention separation or divorce from Sohail, she said, "It's just that sometimes when you grow older, your relationships meanders and goes into different directions. I make no apologies about it because we are happy and my kids are happy. Sohail and I are not a conventional marriage but we are a family. We are a unit. For us, him and me and our children matter at the end of the day."



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SUNRISERS HYDERABAD STAY ALIVE IN PLAYOFFS RACE WITH THREE-RUN WIN OVER MUMBAI INDIANS

Uncapped player Rahul Tripathi took the responsibility of scoring runs for Sunrisers Hyderabad on his shoulders before Umran Malik's spell kept the hopes of top four still alive by registering a three-run victory against Mumbai Indians on Tuesday. Tripathi smashed 76 off 44 balls to guide SRH to 193/6. He was complemented by his fellow teammates Priyam Garg and Nicholas Pooran. Malik's 3/23 then produced a sensational performance, while Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowled a wicket maiden in the crucial 19th over to stop MI at 190/7 despite the best efforts by the openers Rohit Sharma and Ishan Kishan. Even Tim David's hitting didn't change the result. SRH is still in the race on paper as they move up to 12 points. They need to win their last game and hope for other results to go their way. Chasing 194, Rohit was at his effortless best and looked set for a big score. He gave a solid start to Mumbai's chase alongside Kishan, with whom he shared a 95-run opening stand. But Kane Williamson's decision to bowl Washington Sundar helped and Rohit was dismissed. Kishan followed his captain in the next over as Malik took a brilliant

wicket. With 44 needed off 18, the big-hitting David hammered 46 off just 18 balls. He hit four sixes off the 18th over bowled by T Natarajan, including a massive 114m hit. Bhuvneshwar's 19th over turned the tables to SRH's side. Earlier, Tripathi, who struck his third half century of the season with the help of nine fours and three sixes, set himself up brilliantly for a memorable knock. Tripathi and Garg collected 57 in a productive powerplay and maintained a healthy run rate which was close to 10 runs per over while batting responsibly. Once Garg was caught and bowled by medium pacer Ramandeep Singh, Pooran, who was promoted to No. 3, joined the party. The MI bowlers, led by Ramandeep, were able to stage a mini comeback as they got rid of Pooran, Tripathi and Aiden Markram in the space of eight balls. Batting down the order, skipper Kane Williamson's struggles continued as he was unable to get the big shots going.

AJINKYA RAHANE RULED OUT OF REMAINDER OF IPL 2022 DUE TO INJURY

Ajinkya Rahane, the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) opener, has been ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, due to a hamstring injury. The franchise, on Tuesday, revealed the development on Twitter. "Official announcement: Ajinkya Rahane is going to miss the remaining games of #IPL2022 due to a hamstring injury. Wish you a speedy recovery, The Knights camp will miss you," KKR tweeted. Rahane featured in seven games for the KKR this season, and accumulated 133 runs at an average of 19 with a top score of 44. In the last IPL player auction, KKR roped in the veteran for Rs 1 crore (base price) but the move to buy an out-of-form batsman, did raise a few eyebrows. With seven losses and six wins, KKR are placed at the sixth spot with 12 points and they will not only have to win but do it with a big margin and then hope that other results go their way to salvage any hope of sneaking into the knockout stage.

EVEN BIGGEST OF PLAYERS CAN STRUGGLE: ISHAN KISHAN

Ishan Kishan has failed to live up to the most expensive player tag in this IPL but the Mumbai Indians wicketkeeper batter is not unduly worried about his form, saying even the best of cricketers "struggle" at some point. The 23-year-old was bought by MI for a whopping Rs 15.25 crore at the IPL auction earlier this year. He scored 370 runs from 13 matches at an average of 30.83, with the help of three half-centuries. He is, though, MI's second-highest run-getter in this IPL, a fact which showed the woeful form of most batters of the side. MI were out of the play-offs reckoning long time back after losing eight matches on the trot. "Even the biggest of players (can struggle), I have seen the likes of Chris Gayle taking time (to start hitting)," Kishan said at the post-match conference after MI lost by three runs to Sunrisers Hyderabad on Tuesday night.

ARJAN SINGH BHULLAR, FIRST FIGHTER TO WEAR TURBAN TO UFC, VISITS ONTARIO KHALSA DARBAR



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INDIA CLINCH MAIDEN THOMAS CUP TITLE WITH STUNNING 3-0 WIN OVER INDONESIA

The Indian men's badminton team lifted their Thomas Cup title after registering a resounding 3-0 win over defending champions Indonesia in the final, here on Sunday. Victories from Lakshya Sen, the doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty and former World No 1 Kidambi Srikanth guided India to the coveted trophy, the most prestigious title in men's team badminton. Indian men had previously reached the Thomas Cup semis in 1952, 1955, and 1979 while Indonesia are the most successful nation in the history of the tournament, with 14 titles to their name. The high-flying Indian team began their maiden Thomas Cup final tie at the Impact Arena with world championship bronze winner Lakshya Sen, ranked nine in the badminton world rankings, taking on world No 4 and Tokyo 2020 bronze winner Anthony Ginting. Sen went into the match with a 1-0 head-to-head advantage, having beaten Ginting at the German Open in March. However, the 20-year-old Indian had only won once in the ongoing Thomas Cup and lost thrice. The young Indian went toe-to-toe with the Indonesian in the early exchanges, but Ginting switched gears to win 12 straight points and pocket the opening game with ease in just 17 minutes. In the second game, the momentum was with Ginting, who was playing on the more favourable side of the court, playing against the drift, and brimming with confidence but India's top-ranked Sen responded well and upped his pace and attack to win the second game force a decider.

Despite trailing in the opening half of the third game, Lakshya dug deep to churn out some brilliant winners and matched Ginting's immaculate net game. Sen eventually prevailed 8-21, 21-17, 21-16 to put India ahead in the tie. Thereafter, the doubles team of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy produced a brilliant come-from-behind win against Mohammad Ahsan and Kevin Sukamuljo to put India firmly in the driver's seat.

After going down in the opening game, Chirag-Satwik came up with a Herculean effort in the second, saving three match points to win and take the contest into the decider. In the decider, the Indians held the upper hand early but Ahsan and Sukamuljo levelled at 11-11 and moved into the lead. But there was nothing separating the two pairs as they drew level again at 17-17.

Rankireddy and Shetty, who survived four match points in the second game, finally had their first match point opportunity but Ahsan smashed the Indonesians to safety. But on the second time of asking the world No 8 pairing held through to register an 18-21, 23-21, 21-19 win for India. Meanwhile, the third rubber saw world championship silver medallist Kidambi Srikanth beat Jonatan Christie in comfortable fashion to guide India to the historic win. Srikanth, ranked 11 in the world, cruised to an easy win in the first game but faced a strong resistance from world No 9 Jonatan Christie in the second game.

VIRAT KOHLI IS SEEING LIGHTER SIDE OF GETTING DISMISSED IN EVERY POSSIBLE MANNER: FAF DU PLESSIS

Adversities can make people see the lighter side of life and that's what Virat Kohli is doing at the moment while trying to figure out how he is getting dismissed in every possible manner during this IPL. RCB skipper Faf du Plessis said on Friday. RCB lost to Punjab Kings by 54 runs and Kohli was again out for 20 as he now has only one half-century in 13 games. "He (Kohli) is seeing the lighter side of it, every single way that you can possibly get out, is happening to him. That's how the game works," Du Plessis said after the match. However, the RCB skipper made it clear that even in bad patches, one needs to keep trying which is precisely what his predecessor is doing. "All you can do is to keep trying hard, work hard and stay positive. He played some good shots tonight, obviously would want him to carry on. Bad patches happen to all of us, he's taken it in the right note." The RCB squad plans to take a few days off before its final league game on May 19 and as of now even a win might not ensure a passage into last four. "Will take a day off and then see how we can switch on for a game that's a must-win one for us. One more net session isn't going to make you a better player, it's about making yourselves stronger in the mind. "If we play to our potential, we are a very strong side. Unfortunately, we didn't do that tonight," he said. The winning skipper Mayank Agarwal said: "Two points the most crucial thing for us." He was all praise for



Jonny Bairstow and Liam Livingstone who set it up nicely for the bowlers. "We were brilliant with the bat. Wicket was holding up a bit. The way Jonny and Livi batted, was amazing. We haven't changed a lot to be honest, just about understanding few situations, understanding the wicket." The skipper also didn't forget to praise the ever-improving Arshdeep Singh. "Very very energetic person. Very confident guy (Arshdeep). Enjoys his cricket. Must say he's the leader in the team. He rallies around everyone, takes up the responsibility, even goes up and speaks to the bowlers sometimes."

CSK vs GT Highlights: Gujarat Titans win the game by 7 wickets

IPL 2022, CSK vs GT Highlights: Gujarat Titans beat Chennai Super Kings by seven wickets in the Indian Premier League. Gujarat Titans bowlers put up a clinical show to restrict Chennai Super Kings to a below par 133/5 despite a fine half-century by Rituraj Gaikwad in their IPL game on Sunday. Follow live score and updates of CSK vs GT from Mumbai below. IPL 2022, CSK vs GT Highlights Here are the two squads

Chennai Super Kings Squad: Rituraj Gaikwad, Devon Conway, Robin Uthappa, Ambati Rayudu, Moeen Ali, Shivam Dube, MS Dhoni(w/c), Dwayne Bravo, Simarjeet Singh, Maheesh Theekshana, Mukesh Choudhary, Tushar Deshpande, Chris Jordan, Dwaine Pretorius, Mitchell Santner, Hari Nishanth, N Jagadeesan, Subhranshu Senapati, Prashant Solanki, KM Asif, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Matheesha Pathirana, Bhagath Varma
Gujarat Titans Squad: Wriddhiman Saha(w), Shubman Gill, Matthew Wade, Hardik Pandya(c), David Miller, Rahul Tewatia, Rashid



Khan, Ravishrinivasan Sai Kishore, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Mohammed Shami, Lockie Ferguson, Pradeep Sangwan, Jayant Yadav, Vijay Shankar, Varun Aaron, Gurkeerat Singh Mann, Abhinav Manohar, Darshan Nalkande, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Dominic Drakes, Sai Sudharsan, Noor Ahmad

Mixing up deliveries paid off against Punjab Kings, says Shardul Thakur

Pacer Shardul Thakur credited his success against Punjab Kings to his decision to mix up deliveries, which paid rich dividends during the "big win" that kept Delhi Capitals in the IPL play-off race. Spinners Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav were inspirational in the middle overs even as Shardul complemented the duo with career-best IPL figures as DC beat Punjab by 17 runs to climb to the fourth spot in the points table. Invited to bat, DC posted 159 for 7 courtesy Mitchell Marsh's 48-ball 63 and then restricted Punjab to 142 for 9. Thakur (4/36), Axar (2/14) and Kuldeep (2/14) shared eight wickets among them while Anrich Nortje got the important wicket of Jonny Bairstow.

"There was difference in both the side boundaries, but there was dew and it was humid, so I felt they could hit a six on the bigger side (boundary). So the better idea was to mix up deliveries and confuse the batter.

"Along with the knuckleball, use an off-cutter for a left-hander, then seam-up, slow-bouncer or bouncer or use the hard length," Shardul said at the post-match press conference.

Shardul lauded his colleagues in the bowling department, saying



frequent wickets always kept Punjab under the pump during their chase. "...the scenario was completely different. Yes, if there was no dew 160 would have been a great score, but with dew coming in after 12 overs and probably eight overs in the end, they (Punjab) could have used the dew factor to their advantage if they had wickets in hand. "But credit goes to our bowling unit that we kept on taking wickets and at the same time the chase kept getting bigger and bigger for them," he said.

IPL 2022: OUR TOP-ORDER SHOULD SET UP GAMES FOR US, SAYS KL RAHUL

Lucknow Super Giants skipper K L Rahul wants his top-order batters to up their game following their second consecutive loss in the Indian Premier League. The 24-run loss to Rajasthan Royals on Sunday was LSG's first back-to-back defeat in the competition, denting their chances of finishing in the top-two. They need to win their remaining game against Kolkata Knight Riders on Wednesday to finish in the top-two and get two shots at reaching the final. "I won't lie, yes, there is a bit of pressure. We all know in this competition nothing comes easy and no point comes easy, and we've had to learn that the hard way. "We could have so easily been sitting today and could have qualified and gone into the last game with a free mindset and try to enjoy our cricket," Rahul said at the post match press conference. Chasing 179, LSG were reduced to 29 for three which put extra pressure on the middle order.

He also explained why Marcus Stoinis is batting lower down the order. "What we're trying to do is utilise players who will best suit the situation. And for us Marcus is one of those players. He has that brute force and we know that he can be really dangerous at the back end. So we just tried to hold him back a little bit. "We've given everybody different roles and it depends on which over someone gets out and who walks in. So we've kept it slightly flexible with the batting roles. This is the role we picked him to do, which is to be a finisher for us. "But you need someone to support him at the other end. He needs and the team needs the top order to set up the game for someone like Stoinis and Jason (Holder) to come in and finish games. Which hasn't happened, unfortunately." Rajasthan entered the top-two following the win over LSG. No batters scored a fifty, yet the Royals put up a decent total. "That's what our team is all about. If you look at the win today, each and everyone who went in to bat showed intent and contributed around 10-20 runs which was very crucial in this game," skipper Sanju Samson said. "If you look at our team we have a lot of match-winners, match-winners in the sense that they go and play their role in that particular moment. Be it only three-four overs remaining or in the PowerPlay, it's only about doing your role and sticking to it," he added.

BATTING FIRST WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA: MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI

Chennai Super Kings captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni admitted that opting to bat first in their IPL match against table toppers Gujarat Titans was not a good idea as his side lost by seven wickets on Sunday. Already out of contention for a play-off berth, CSK suffered their ninth loss of the season to remain rooted in ninth place in the standings. "Batting first wasn't a very good idea. It was tough to hit the faster bowlers in the first half, spinners-wise it was similar," Dhoni said at the post-match presentation. CSK posted 133 for 5 with opener Rituraj Gaikwad top-scoring with a 49-ball 53. GT chased down the target with five balls to spare.

"Sai bowled well. We could have pushed Shivam up but would have beaten the purpose of having Jaggi in the side. Had it been earlier in the tournament, it would have been a tactical move to have Shivam in. "With Pathirana, the margin of error is slim. He's got a good slower one and it will be tough to hit him if he bowls consistent pace. We will look to give people chances. "We are trying to feature a good XI and will look to do that in the coming games also," said the former India captain who scored seven off 10 balls. Titans captain Hardik Pandya said that the core group of players will play in the final league phase fixture even though they have qualified for the play-offs.

RAYUDU RETIREMENT FLIP-FLOP: CSK INSIDER SAYS THERE ARE 'SLIGHT PROBLEMS IN THE FAMILY'

Ambati Rayudu did a retirement flip-flop and a mini controversy surfaced. A Chennai Super Kings insider spoke about "slight problems in the family", vowing to fix it at the earliest. On Saturday, Rayudu posted a tweet, calling time on his IPL career before reversing his decision and deleting the tweet. "I am happy to announce that this will be my last IPL. I have had a wonderful time playing it and being a part of 2 great teams for 13 years," tweeted the veteran batsman, adding: "Would love to sincerely thank Mumbai Indians and CSK for the wonderful journey." Minutes later he deleted the tweet. CSK chief executive Kasi Viswanathan confirmed that Rayudu hasn't retired. "He hasn't retired. He was a bit disappointed for not having done well this season. So in a fit of (frustration), he put that on Twitter. Then I called him and told him that this was not the management's view (that he is not contributing) and he shouldn't do that (retire). He agreed to that. He is so attached to the franchise, he felt that he wasn't doing well and should quit. That's the only thing," Viswanathan told. Rayudu, 36, was part of CSK's title-winning squad last year. The franchise released him ahead of the mega auction this term before buying him back for Rs 6.75 crore. The four-time champions had a poor IPL campaign this year, already out of the playoffs race with two group league matches remaining. Batting inconsistency has been their real bugbear and Rayudu's contribution – 271 runs from 12 matches – is average. Grapevine has it that not all is well in that CSK camp that reflected in the captaincy change also. Ravindra Jadeja was appointed captain before the start of the tournament, but he handed it back to MS Dhoni mid-season "to focus on his game". Then, the all-rounder was ruled out of the tournament after suffering a bruised rib and was released. Viswanathan insisted that there was no fallout, but some of Jadeja's teammates told this paper that the player wasn't happy with the way the captaincy issue was handled. A CSK insider admitted that there have been some issues. "In a big family, there will always be some problems. Like that we are going through slight problems, which we will come out of. We have the resources to do that," he said.

SAM BILLINGS IMITATES DANNY MORRISON WHILE INTERVIEWING ANDRE RUSSELL

Andre Russell's all-around heroics kept Kolkata Knight Riders in the race for a playoff spot as they registered a 54-run win against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Saturday. Russell scored 49 off 28 balls that helped KKR to reach 177 for six in 20 overs after being down and out at 94 for 5 at one point of time. Sam Billings also contributed by scoring 34 runs in the middle. While keeping, he grabbed two crucial catches for his side. Post-match, Billings was seen imitating the renowned commentator Danny Morrison, as he interviewed Andre Russell. Since Russell's knock single-handedly helped Kolkata demolish Hyderabad, Billings was seen having fun with him in front of the camera. In the match, Kolkata Knight Riders defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad by 54 runs in a must-win IPL game on Saturday. Opting to bat, KKR rode on Andre Russell's counterattacking 28-ball 49 not out to post a fighting 177 for six. In reply, SRH could manage 123 for 8 in their stipulated 20 overs with opener Abhishek Sharma top scoring with a 28-ball 43 and Aiden Markram scoring a 25-ball 32. Earlier, Russell and Sam Billings (34) shared a 63-run partnership to take KKR across the 150-mark after they were 94 for five in the 12th over. With Russell going strong, KKR scored 58 in the last five overs.



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CANNES 2022: DEEPIKA PADUKONE DRESSES UP IN BLACK POWER SUIT, EXUDES CONFIDENCE AND GRACE



DEEPIKA PADUKONE LOOKED STUNNING IN A BLACK POWER SUIT AND SHE TURNED UP THE STYLE QUOTIENT WITH MINIMAL MAKE-UP AND JEWELLERY, POSING WITH THE FRENCH RIVIERA IN THE BACKDROP. DEEPIKA PADUKONE IS TAKING POWER DRESSING A NOTCH HIGHER AS SHE CONTINUES TO BE THE STAR ATTRACTION AT THE ONGOING 75TH CANNES FILM FESTIVAL. THE ACTRESS IS ONE OF THE JURY MEMBERS FOR THE MAIN COMPETITION AND SHE TURNED HEADS IN A Sabyasachi Couture saree for the opening day red carpet ceremony. On the second day, Deepika opted for an all-black power suit in which she exuded confidence and grace.

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Google has announced new features in Android Auto including a split-screen mode with a brand new interface and soon, the users will be able to browse the web directly from the display of their cars. Android Auto has expanded to support more than 150 million cars across nearly every car brand. "As we work to add more capabilities to cars with Google 'built-in' in the future, you'll be able to not only browse the web directly from your car display, but also cast your own content from your phone to your car screen," said the company. The updates will soon be available for cars compatible with Android Auto and cars with Google built-in. "This summer, Android Auto will roll out a brand new interface that will help you get directions faster, control your media more easily and have more functionality at your fingertips," Google said in a statement late on Friday. With the split-screen mode, now standard across all screen types and sizes, "you'll have access to your most-used features all in one place - no need to return to your home screen or scroll through a list of apps". Google Assistant is now bringing contextual suggestions to help the vehicle owners be more productive in the car. "In addition to using your voice, you can now quickly message and call favourite contacts with just one tap, and reply to messages by simply selecting a suggested response on the screen," said the company.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM OBSESSIVE HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS?



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. 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.

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORP. REPORTS ANNUAL RATE OF HOUSING STARTS HIGHER IN APRIL

The trend in housing starts was 257,846 units in April, up from 253,226 units in March, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). This trend measure is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) of housing starts.

"On a trend and monthly SAAR basis, the level of housing starts activity in Canada remains historically high, hovering well above 200,000 units since June 2020 and increased from March to April," said Bob Dugan, CMHC's Chief Economist. "The increase in monthly SAAR housing starts in Canada's urban areas was driven by higher multi-unit and single-detached starts in April. Among Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, Toronto was the only market to post a decrease in total SAAR starts, which was driven by lower multi-unit and single-detached starts."

CMHC uses the trend measure as a complement to the monthly SAAR of housing starts to account for considerable swings in monthly estimates and obtain a clearer picture of upcoming new housing supply. In some situations, analyzing only SAAR data can be misleading, as the multi-unit segment largely drives the market and can vary significantly from one month to the next. The standalone monthly SAAR of total housing starts for all areas in Canada in April was 267,330 units, an increase of 8% from March. The SAAR of total urban starts increased by 10% to 245,324 units in April. Multi-unit urban starts increased by 14% to 178,092 units, while



single-detached urban starts increased by 1% to 67,232 units. Rural starts were estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 22,006 units. Monthly Housing Starts and Other Construction Data are accessible in English and French on our website and the CMHC Housing Market Information Portal. Housing starts data is available on the eleventh business day each month. We will release the May data on June 15 at 8:15 AM ET. As Canada's authority on housing, CMHC contributes to the stability of the housing market and financial system, provides support for Canadians in housing need, and offers objective housing research and information to Canadian governments, consumers and the housing industry.



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Y Media team was live on location at Rona in Brampton on Saturday, May 14, where a 30% discount was available on summer selected products. The event was a huge success and attracted a large gathering of people. Y Media team actively engaged with the community by organizing different contests. The people participated in some of the contests to win various prizes. At the end of the day, Y Media Team gave out a mega prize of \$250 to one of the lucky winners. Congratulations to Meena Paul, who won our mega award of \$250. In addition to this, Y Media team created hype to engage the audience in the store by giving out Rona's \$100 gift cards every hour. Y Media congratulates our contest winners, namely Sridevi and Param Singh. Y Media covered this exclusive event LIVE on Radio Y 91.9 FM and Channel Y, wherein the participants came LIVE on air and described their experiences with the listeners and the viewers. You can watch this exclusive event coverage only on Channel Y Bell 828, Telus 2418, Rogers 857, Ignite 707 and listen on Radio Y 91.9 FM. You can also visit our website southasiandaily.com to know more information about the same. Follow us on our Twitter and Facebook pages: Y Media, to stay updated with the latest events. Read our 'Midweek' newspaper published every Tuesday to know what's happening in Canada and worldwide. After the massive success of this event, Y Media Group is doing other Live on locations. Join Y Media on Saturday, May 21, at Lowe's North Brampton (Major Intersection - Highway 410 and Bovaird) and on Sunday, May 22, at Lowe's South Brampton (Major Intersection- Steeles and Kennedy) and get an amazing chance to win prizes!!!

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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.

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Meal skipping to Warrior Diet, seven different ways to practise intermittent fasting

Fasting completely or partially for a set period of time before eating normally again is what intermittent fasting entails. According to some studies, this way of eating may provide advantages such as weight loss, improved health, and increased longevity. Intermittent fasting supporters claim that it is easier to follow than traditional calorie-controlled diets. Each person's experience with intermittent fasting is unique, and different styles will suit different people. Here are seven different ways to practise intermittent fasting: Fast for 12 hours a day: The diet's guidelines are straightforward. Every day, a person must choose and follow a 12-hour fasting window. According to some researchers, fasting for 10 to 16 hours



can cause the body to convert fat stores into energy, releasing ketones into the bloodstream and thus encouraging weight loss. Fasting for 16 hours: The 16:8 method, also known as the Leangains diet, involves fasting for 16 hours a day

and eating for 8 hours. Men fast for 16 hours per day on the 16:8 diet, while women fast for 14 hours. This type of intermittent fasting may be beneficial for someone who has tried the 12-hour fast but has not seen any results.

SMARTPHONE USE CAN HAMPER MENTAL WELL-BEING IN YOUNG ADULTS

If you are a young adult and spend a lot of time on your smartphone that it may cause a rapid decline in your mental health, says new research. According to a report by Sapien Labs, the growth of smartphone use and an increase in social isolation point to a decline in the mental health of young adults aged 18-24. "Data shows that people now spend 7-10 hours online," Tara Thiagarajan, Chief Scientist at Sapien Labs, said in a statement. "This leaves little time for in-person social engagement. Prior to the Internet, by the time someone turned 18, we estimate that they would likely have spent anywhere from 15,000 to 25,000 hours interacting with peers and family in person." And now, Thiagarajan said, the research showed the internet age has likely cut that range down to 1,500 to 5,000 hours. She mentioned that social interaction teaches people how to read facial expressions, body language, physical touch, appropriate emotional responses, and conflict resolution, life skills that are crucial for socio-emotional development. Without these skills, people can feel detached from society and possibly harbour suicidal thoughts.

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The wait is finally over!!! The highly anticipated Park Place Condominiums are hitting the market. Park Place is a residential condominium and the next phase of SmartVMC by SmartLiving, SmartCentres' residential development arm.

What's most alluring is that this modern classic is located in one of Canada's fastest-growing communities for couples, families and young business professionals: SmartVMC.

Park Place is a new mixed-use condominium community located at the northeast corner of Highway 7 and Commerce Street, where two elegant, luxury-inspired towers of 48 and 56 storeys comprising 1,100 suites will rise above a premier 9-acre central park.

Park Place, the epitome of luxury by the park, will be directly adjacent to the future 9-acre central park, designed by renowned landscape architects Claude Cormier + Associés. It will feature a sunken lawn, children's play area and dog park. The park's first phase begins construction later this year, mentioned Alan Law, Director of Sales, in an exclusive interview with Y Media.

Law further mentioned, "SmartVMC is a 100+ acre master-planned community, which is a fantastic opportunity as future residents will enjoy the benefits of a neighbourhood surrounded by world-class facilities and urban infrastructure."

He explained, "No other development in York Region is quite like SmartVMC because it is one of the best-connected transit hubs. With one of only two TTC subway stops in the area as well as the SmartVMC regional bus terminal, SmartVMC connects Toronto and York Region, from Brampton to Markham and from Aurora and Newmarket to downtown."

The commute is under 45 minutes to Union Station, 35 minutes from the University of Toronto, 15 minutes from Yorkdale and 5 minutes from York University. It's under a 25-minute drive to Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Designed by award-winning firm Hariri Pontarini, the architecture features a sculpted, curving façade and exquisitely made interiors providing a heightened modern design and serene luxury. An elevated living experience is created by combining high-quality materials and craftsmanship with an aesthetic flair. Suites range in size from 470 square feet to over 1,100 square feet, with one to three bedrooms, and start at a high of \$600,000. Every unit has floor-to-ceiling windows, 9-foot ceilings, and windows in each bedroom, offering ample natural light. The spacious private balconies provide private outdoor gathering spaces for dining and entertaining.

Offering elevated finishes as standard, kitchens feature contemporary custom cabinetry with under-cabinet lighting and a single slab porcelain backsplash. Each unit has a wall-mounted microwave and comes with a 24? refrigerator and dishwasher.

Bathrooms include porcelain floor tiles and a custom-designed vanity with a white porcelain under-mount sink.

Wellness-focused amenities include a fitness centre with yoga and wellness rooms, a cycle lab, a lounge and games room, a vast outdoor terrace with landscaping, seating spots, and an outdoor cooking area with Wi-Fi provided in all communal areas. Technologies like touch-free entry, smart thermostats, and app integration are part of the building's innovative design.

Amenities for Park Place residents continue throughout the community with state-of-the-art facilities, a brand new YMCA, Vaughan Public Library, a daycare, and world-class employers in Class A office towers.

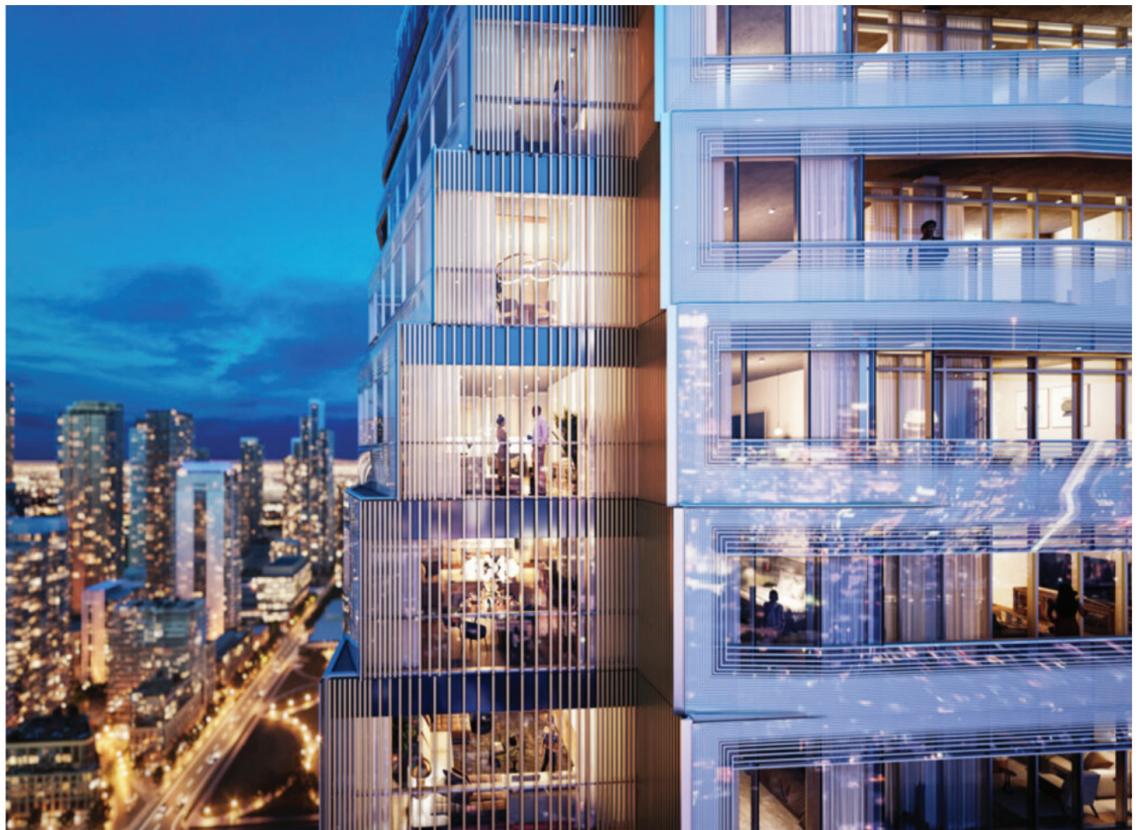
Urban retail, including Balzac's Coffee Roasters, major banks like TD, BMO, RBC, and Scotiabank and acclaimed Italian restaurant, Buca, are all steps from Park Place residents' front door.

Law said, "It is a centre of employment as several triple-A employers have offices on-site at SmartVMC — KPMG, PwC, SmartCentres' Home Office, and all the major banks, to name a few." Canada's first smart hospital, Vaughan Mills Shopping Centre, and Canada's Wonderland are less than 15 minutes away.

Don't miss this limited opportunity to own your slice of luxury by the park in Canada's fastest-growing community, SmartVMC. Be among the first to find out more at <https://www.theparkplacecondos.ca/>.



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