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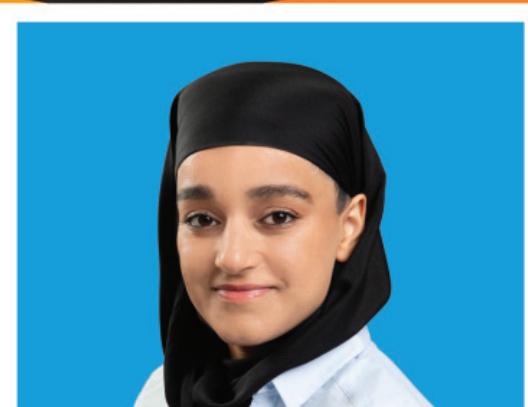
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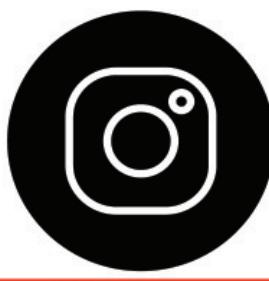
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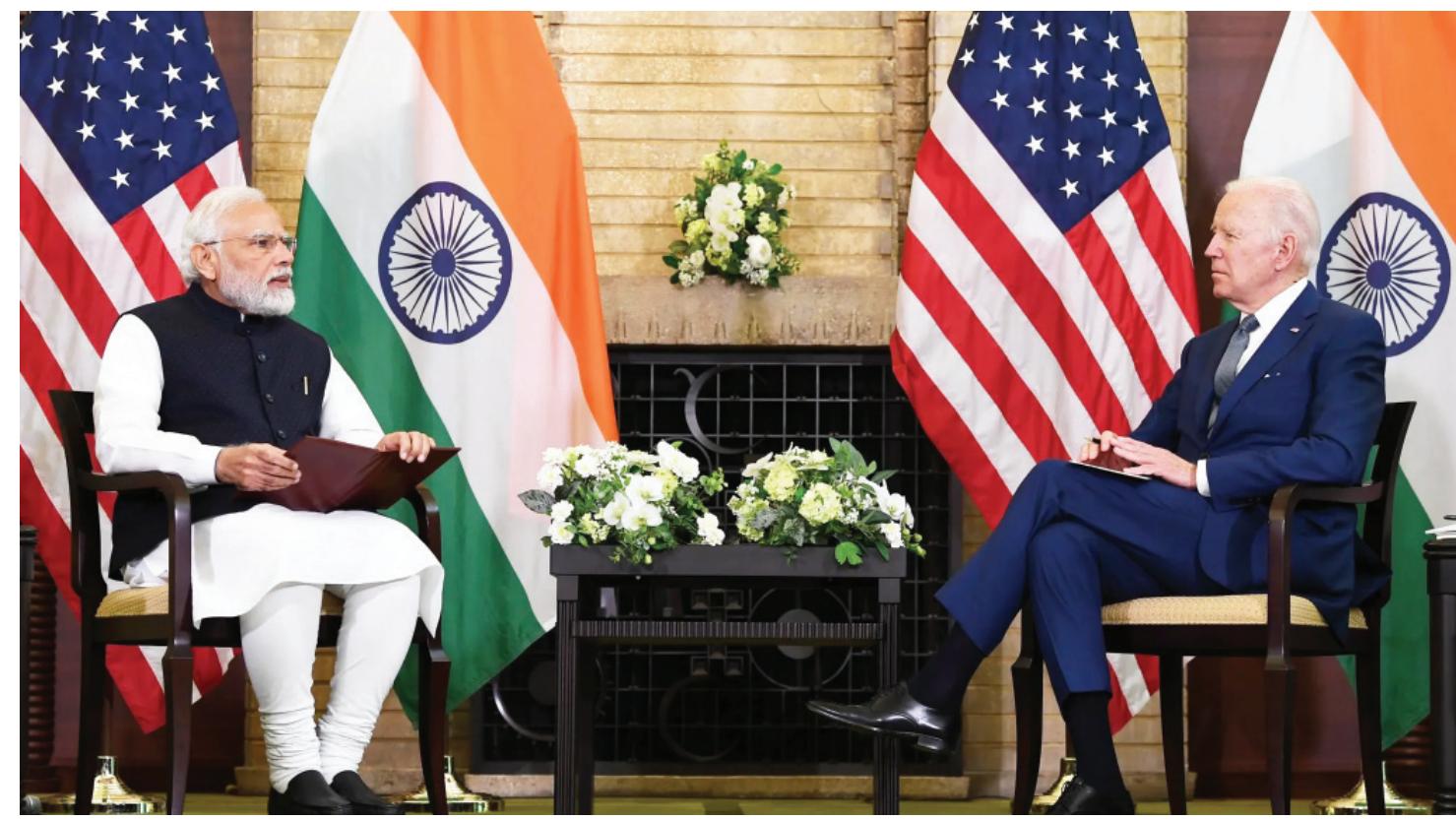


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## ONTARIO NDP WILL REMOVE TOLLS FOR TRUCKERS ON HIGHWAY 407



An Ontario NDP government will immediately eliminate tolls on Highway 407 for all trucks and transport vehicles, reducing gridlock, shortening commute times and making commuting less expensive for Brampton drivers. NDP candidates Gurrratan Singh (Brampton East), Sara Singh (Brampton Centre), Navjot Kaur (Brampton West), Sandeep Singh (Brampton North) and Andria Barrett (Brampton South) were in Vaughan on Thursday to announce the party's plan to divert truck traffic to the 407 for at least 10 years, easing congestion on 400-series highways.

"People in Brampton face long, gruelling, expensive commutes," said Gurrratan Singh. "Truck drivers who use the 407 are being gouged daily — the money they shell out on tolls is money that should go to their mortgage or grocery bills."

"All Brampton drivers deserve faster, cheaper commutes. By diverting truckers from 400-series highways to the 407, an NDP government under Andrea Horwath will reduce gridlock and ease commute times now — unlike Doug Ford's \$10-billion highway, which will take upwards of 10 years to build," said Sara Singh. Removing tolls on the 407 will save truckers thousands of dollars a month. A trip from Highway 427 to the QEW on the 407 costs over \$60 for a heavy single use truck and over \$90 for a heavy multi-unit truck. Under an NDP government, it would cost \$0.

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## 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. Ontario's advance voting period has started now and will remain till May 28, with venues open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 at 7.30 p.m. on Channel Y and Y Media Plus. The response from the viewers is overwhelming. If you want 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](http://southasiandaily.com) to know more information about the same.

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## Y MEDIA TEAM LIVE AT LOWE'S BRAMPTON NORTH & SOUTH, ALONG WITH GROUP EDITOR & CEO, YUDHVR JASWAL



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## INFLATION IN CANADA RISES TO 6.8% IN APRIL, HIGHEST IN 31 YEARS

In April, Canadian consumer prices rose 6.8% year over year, a slight increase from March (+6.7%).

The year-over-year increase in April was largely driven by food and shelter prices. Gas prices increased at a slower pace in April compared with March, moderating the acceleration of the all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) in April.

Excluding gasoline, the CPI rose 5.8% year over year in April, after a 5.5% gain in March. This was the fastest pace since the introduction of the all-items excluding gasoline special aggregate in 1999.

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## THERE WILL BE BLOOD: ELON MUSK AMIDST SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Elon Musk, who refuted reports that claimed SpaceX paid a female worker \$250,000 to hush up sexual misconduct charges against him, once again touched upon the controversial subject on Twitter.

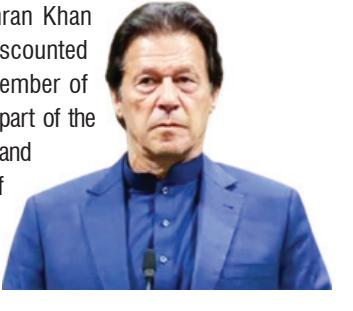
Chad Hurley, Co-founder of YouTube and an investor, asked Musk: "Hey, @elonmusk! Stop horsing around and close this Twitter deal. We all want a happy ending!"

Musk replied late on Saturday: "Hi Chad, long time no see! Fine, if you touch my wiener, you can have a horse".

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## PAKISTAN FORMER PM IMRAN AGAIN PRAISES INDIA FOR BUYING DISCOUNTED OIL FROM RUSSIA



Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan once again praised India for buying discounted oil from Russia despite being a key member of a US-led Quad alliance. "Despite being part of the Quad, India sustained pressure from the US and bought discounted Russian oil to provide relief to the masses," Dawn news quoted Khan as saying in a tweet.

## SIDHU LODGED IN PATIALA JAIL IN 1988 ROAD RAGE CASE



Former Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Friday surrendered before a court in his hometown Patiala in Punjab in a 1988 road rage case in which the Supreme Court enhanced his punishment to a year's rigorous imprisonment over the death of a 65-year-old man.

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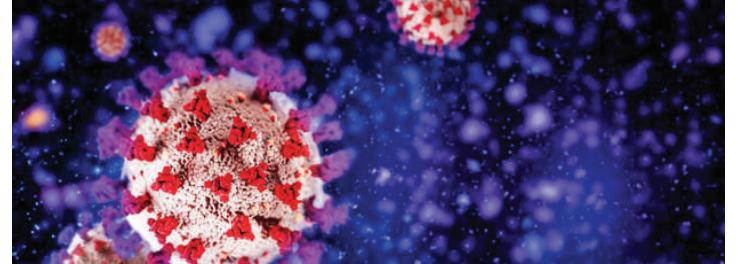
## PUNJAB HEALTH MINISTER VIJAY SINGLA SACKED & ARRESTED ON CORRUPTION CHARGES



Punjab Health Minister Vijay Singla was sacked from the Cabinet of the two-month old Bhagwant Mann government on Tuesday and arrested shortly afterwards on corruption charges. The Chief Minister said the minister was involved in corruption cases and he had proof of that. Reiterating his government's firm commitment to make Punjab a corruption-free state, he said Singla was dismissed for seeking one per cent commission in department headed by him.

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## OMICRON LIKELY TO RE-INFECT OVER AND OVER AGAIN



Without vaccination, an infection with Omicron fails to confer robust immunity against other Covid-19 variants, finds a study.

In experiments using mice and blood samples from donors who were infected with Omicron, researchers at Gladstone Institutes and UC San Francisco (UCSF) in the US, found that the Omicron variant induces only a weak immune response. In vaccinated individuals, this response - while weak - helped strengthen overall protection against a variety of Covid strains. In those without prior vaccination, however, the immune response failed to confer broad, robust protection against other strains, revealed the study published in the journal Nature.



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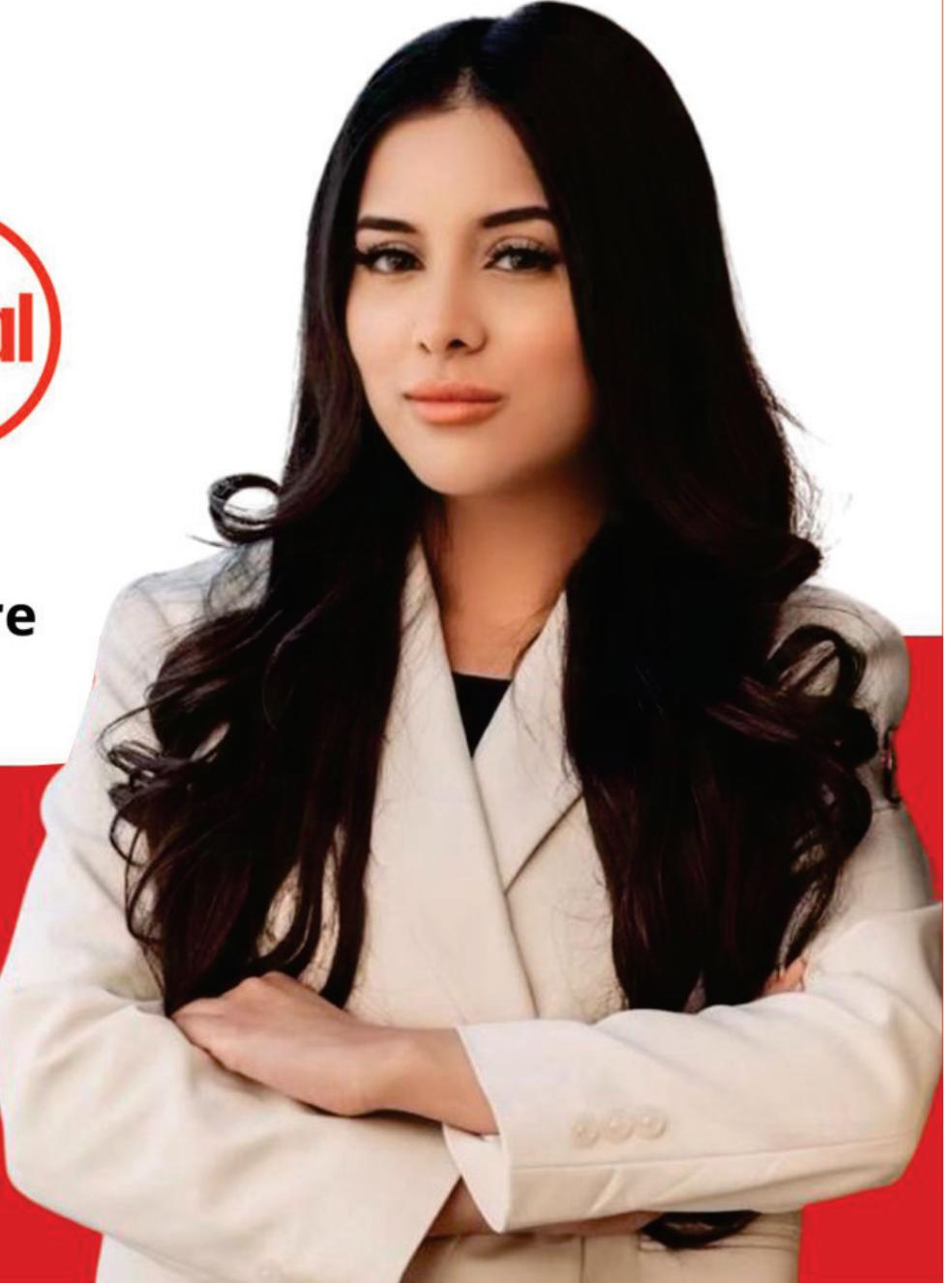


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## Y MEDIA TEAM REACHES MISSISSAUGA WHERE ONTARIO LIBERAL LEADER STEVEN DEL DUCA MEETS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS



Ontario Liberals Promise To Reduce Gas Taxes By 5.7 Cents Per Litre, Fuel Tax By 5.3 Cents Per Litre For 6 Months Beginning July 1



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#### ONTARIO LIBERALS WILL:

- Reduce gas tax by 5.7 cents/L
- Hire 100,000 doctors, nurses and HC workers
- Implement \$1/ride transit Province-wide
- Cut carbon pollution 50% by 2030
- Cancel the 413 and expand the Greenbelt
- Cap class sizes at 20 and hire 10,000 teachers
- Guarantee home care for seniors who need it
- Build 1.5 Million homes creating 150,000 jobs/yr

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THE 18TH POINT OF THE 19-POINT ONTARIO LIBERAL AFFORDABILITY PLEDGE CUTS GAS TAX BY 5.7 CENTS PER LITRE AND THE FUEL TAX BY 5.3 CENTS PER LITRE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS BEGINNING JULY 1ST.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 19-POINT ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY AFFORDABILITY PLEDGE



1. Slash all public transit fares across the province to \$1.
2. Increase Old Age Security by \$1,000 for low-income seniors.
3. Remove the provincial HST off of prepared foods under \$20.
4. Bring back rent control for all homes.
5. Increase the minimum wage to \$16 an hour and introduce a regional living wage.
6. Refund families \$2,750 per child through retroactive child care fees to January 1st.
7. Implement \$10/day before- and after-school care.
8. Give new parents 18 months parental leave without cutting EI payments.
9. Help families buy a modest electric car and energy-efficient renovations.
10. Expand tax credits for seniors renovating their homes and for their caregivers.
11. Provide every worker prescription drug benefits, dental care, vision care, mental health care and retirement savings.
12. Pay our healthcare workers more, by scrapping the wage-capping Bill 124 and introducing a minimum wage of \$25 an hour for Personal Support Workers.
13. Eliminate interest on provincial student loans and make OSAP more generous.
14. Build and sell affordable new homes to first-time home buyers.
15. Eliminate incorporation fees for new businesses and start-ups.
16. Tax refunds of \$75 per winter tire and \$100 per studded tire in Northern Ontario.
17. Maintain elimination of licence plate renewal fees and tolls on highways 412 and 418.
18. Reduce gas taxes by 5.7 cents per litre and the fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre for a period of six months beginning July 1st.
19. Increase the eligibility for the Low-Income Individuals and Families (LIFT) tax credit from \$38,000 to \$50,000.



## IF ELECTED, ONTARIO NDP WILL DELIVER COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL PHARMACARE

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will deliver hundreds or even thousands of dollars in savings for every family every year with Ontario's first comprehensive Universal Pharmacare program.

"Pharmacare is health care, and you shouldn't have to rack up credit card charges to get the medicine you need," said Horwath. "New Democrats will take another cost off your hands. With pharmacare, you'll get the medicine you need with your OHIP card, not your credit card. Everyday people should be able to afford everyday life. Together, we can make sure families can always get the prescriptions they need. We can make sure no one ever again in Ontario has to cut their grocery budget in order to afford their child's medicine."

Under Horwath's Universal Pharmacare plan:

- \* Families will save about \$350 a year.
- \* People who need take-home cancer drugs will save thousands of dollars every year — even if they already get help from provincial drug plans.
- \* People with excellent benefits plans, but are managing a chronic

disease, will also save thousands of dollars per year.

\* Seniors will save at least \$100 every year. When elected, Horwath and the NDP will make PrEP, birth control and all take-home cancer drugs free on Day 1. Then quickly begin implementation of Canada's first pharmacare plan. Horwath is also committing to lead the country in creating a national Universal Pharmacare program by using Ontario's example and seat at the Council of the Federation to help build a Canada-wide plan that Ontario can roll into. In his first week in government, Ford cut drug coverage for young people, and then rallied Conservative premiers across the country to shut down talks on a national pharmacare plan.

In addition to the savings for families, comprehensive universal pharmacare will save the province more than \$1,200 per person every year in hospitalizations, emergency room visits and doctors appointments. That will free up \$1.8 billion to reinvest in the health care system every year, and small businesses will save at least \$835 million through lower drug costs.

## REALTORS® CALL ON ALL PROVINCIAL PARTIES TO SAVE THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN ONTARIO



With the Canadian dream of homeownership on life support in Ontario, Ontario REALTORS® are calling on all political parties and candidates running in the 2022 Ontario election to prioritize housing policies that will ensure future generations have a shot at owning a home. The Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA), has released its 2022 Election Housing Platform: A Home for Everyone which forwards bold solutions to save the Canadian Dream of homeownership in Ontario.

"As of April, eight real estate markets in Ontario had an average home price over a million dollars, and six others are on the verge of breaking the million-dollar mark. High prices are driving young families right out of the province to find a home they can afford," said OREA CEO Tim Hudak. "Ontario stands to lose its edge as one of the most attractive places to raise a family or start a business because of the runaway cost of housing. For a political party to win in June, they need to show voters they have the solutions for Ontario's housing affordability crisis."

OREA's platform offers eight bold solutions to address Ontario's housing affordability crisis, including:

- \* Doubling the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) Rebate for First-Time Home Buyers – To keep pace with the rapid increase in housing prices, the LTT should be indexed to inflation and doubled from \$4,000 to \$8,000.

\* Ending Exclusionary Zoning – Local zoning rules continue to hold back much-needed starter homes that people can afford. The Province should act to allow for the building of more duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes.

\* Getting dirty money out of Ontario Real Estate – The Government of Ontario should create a public beneficial ownership registry that would require home purchasers to identify themselves to land-titled authorities to reduce money laundering through real estate.

"What used to be a GTA issue, is now a province-wide problem. Smaller, more rural communities are seeing rapid increases in housing prices unlike any other time in history," said OREA President, Stacey Eovy. "The housing affordability crisis will not fix itself. We are at a turning point and Ontario needs significant leadership from the government to ensure more Ontarians can find a great place to call home."

Limited housing supply, pandemic-related factors, and changing demographics have resulted in skyrocketing housing prices across the province. Ontario home prices have tripled in the last ten years, but average household incomes have increased only 30 per cent.

For more information and to view OREA's 2022 Election Housing Platform, visit [www.AHomeForEveryone.info](http://www.AHomeForEveryone.info).

## ONTARIO LIBERALS WILL BAN HANDGUNS PROVINCEWIDE

An Ontario Liberal government will ban handguns across the province in its first year in office, Ontario Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca announced today in his party's latest platform plank release.

"I've had it with Doug Ford's open for business policy for guns," Del Duca said. "The Ford Conservatives are putting the interests of the gun lobby ahead of the Ontario victims of gun crime they swore an oath to protect. The result is handgun violence is spiraling out of control. The choice on handguns is clear, more handguns and gun crime under the Ford Conservatives or a ban on handguns under the Ontario Liberals."

Our plan will also:

- Accept the federal government's offer to fund a buy-back program;
- Partner with the federal government to stop gun smuggling at the Ontario-US borders;
- Advocate to extend the ban nationally so that guns can't be funneled through inter-provincial borders.

## ONTARIO NDP WILL REMOVE TOLLS FOR TRUCKERS ON HIGHWAY 407

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"The Conservatives privatized Highway 407, then Ford let the multi-billion-dollar 407 ETR corporations off the hook for the \$1-billion penalty they owed Ontarians," Navjit Kaur said. "That money should be used to help lower costs for regular folks in Brampton."

Sandeep Singh stressed: "Steven Del Duca isn't the answer. He was the Liberal minister in charge of the 407 and he did nothing to lower prices for drivers. The NDP will lower your auto insurance by 40 per cent, saving Bramptonians on average \$1,725 per year."

"Doug Ford is here to help his developer buddies get richer," Andria Barrett said. "Andrea Horwath and the Ontario NDP are here for people—our plan will guarantee that Bramptonians have cheaper, faster commutes now." Instead of waiting 10 years for Ford's controversial Highway 413 — which will cost \$10 billion when combined with the Bradford Bypass — the NDP will reduce congestion now, and more affordably, by diverting between 12,000 and 21,000 trucks every weekday to the underutilized 407. The NDP will finance the move by assessing the missed volume penalties Ford let the 407 ETR keep, recovering between \$1 billion and \$2 billion — more than enough to finance trucks and transport vehicles moving onto the 407 for 10 years. Transport Action Ontario, which promotes the idea of moving transport trucks onto the 407 with free tolls, calculated the 30-year cost at \$4 billion.

## ONTARIO NDP WILL CAP GAS PRICES WEEKLY

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will regulate the price of gas — capping gas prices, outlawing gouging, and saving Ontarians money at the pumps. "Every day, people are being gouged by oil and gas companies who are already making record profits," said Horwath. "It's time for Ontarians to get a break at the pumps. We're going to cap gas prices and ban gouging — so you pay less. Ontarians need a government that will look out for them, not for their friends or giant corporations."

Horwath and the NDP will regulate retail and wholesale mark-up of prices. The Ontario Energy Board will set a weekly price that includes reasonable profits for gas companies — not more.

Four years ago Doug Ford promised to lower gas prices by 10 cents per litre. He has not. And the Ford and Del Duca scheme to temporarily lower the gas tax will only benefit gas stations — there's no requirement that they pass that break on to drivers. Only Horwath and the NDP will get tough with oil companies and ensure permanent savings at the pump.

Gas prices in Ontario have reached record highs, even though the cost of crude oil and refined products have not reached record highs.

## ONTARIO LIBERALS WILL BUILD NEW OTTAWA HOSPITAL CIVIC CAMPUS BY 2028



Steven Del Duca and the Ontario Liberals' Team Ottawa candidates will give Ottawa the support it's owed as Ontario's second-largest city, a marked change from the four years of Ford Conservative neglect. Ontario Liberals will build and invest — in much-needed hospitals, transit expansions, affordable housing, and critical services for Franco-Ontarians. The Ontario Liberals' Ottawa platform will:

Build a new Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus by 2028 and a new 1door4care hub at CHEO; Commit 50% provincial funding for Stage 3 of Ottawa's regional transit plan, applying the lessons learned from the first two stages; Build 10,000 new affordable homes in Ottawa over next 10 years, including for the Francophone community; Ensure 26,000 more seniors in Ottawa are supported with the Home Care First Guarantee; Invest \$8 million in a new building for Mouvement d'implication francophone d'Orléans (MIFO) to offer French-language services in the artistic, cultural and community fields. Invest in the services outlined in the Children's Health Coalition's Make Kids Count Action Plan.

## ONTARIO PCS WILL BUILD THE NEW SOUTH NIAGARA HOSPITAL



Today, Doug Ford announced that only a re-elected PC government will get shovels in the ground this year to build a new hospital in Niagara Falls with more beds and expanded services.

"The Del Duca-Wynne Liberals made empty promises to people in the Niagara Region and stalled this project for years," said Doug Ford. "The Liberals and Andrea Horwath's NDP voted against this project and have no real plan to fix the broken health care system they left behind." Since 2018, the Ontario PCs have invested almost \$20 million to plan the new 11-story South Niagara Hospital that is expected to start construction in Fall 2022. The hospital will consolidate and expand acute care services and replace outdated infrastructure with high-tech facilities including eight operating suites and 469 medical surgical, complex care and critical care beds. This is 156 more beds than Niagara Health's Port Colborne, Fort Erie and Niagara campuses combined. In addition to 24/7 emergency, critical care and surgical services, the hospital will also be home to several centres of excellence specializing in stroke, complex care, geriatrics and geriatric psychiatry and wellness in aging.

"Only the Ontario PCs will get shovels in the ground and deliver a hospital in Niagara that families in the region deserve," added Ford. "We will continue to make historic investments to increase our hospital capacity and ensure that Ontarians can receive world class health care, wherever they live in the province. We will get it done and build the hospital beds we need to keep our province and economy open."

## ONTARIO PC PROMISES TO INVEST \$86.6 BILLION OVER NEXT 10 YEARS TO BUILD & EXPAND ROADS, HIGHWAY, PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE

Doug Ford announced that a re-elected PC government will invest \$86.6 billion over the next 10 years to build and expand roads, highways and public transit infrastructure across Ontario. With this historic investment, the Ontario PCs are the only party with a transportation plan that includes roads, highways, bridges and transit, including Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, Ontario Line, expanding GO train service and restoring Northlander passenger rail.

"Only the Ontario PCs have a plan to fight gridlock and reduce commute times by building roads, highways and transit infrastructure," said Doug Ford. "For 15 years, the Del Duca-Wynne Liberals neglected Ontario's infrastructure as it crumbled and gridlock grew. Andrea Horwath and the NDP are happier protesting highways and infrastructure than building it."

With the province's population expected to grow by approximately two million people over the next 10 years, Ontario needs to build new and expanded highways and public transit. Without more transportation infrastructure, Ministry of Transportation modelling shows that by 2051, travel times on the main stretch of Highway 401 will double with travel time taking 90 minutes longer on the 401 through the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). This same modelling shows that all of the province's 400-series highways in the GTHA, including Highway 407, will be at or exceed capacity within the next decade.

# TRADE FOCUSSED QUAD

ASAD MIRZA

The first in-person meeting of the leaders of the US, Australia, Japan and India, termed Quad, will be held in Tokyo on Tuesday. This is the first in-person summit of these leaders after the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war, worsening Sri Lankan economic crisis, and Australia getting a new Prime Minister.

The security situation in the Indo-Pacific region has changed significantly in the last decade and in the post-pandemic world, it becomes imperative for these partners to further commit to an open, inclusive and resilient region. The primary focus of this alliance is to thwart the increasing Chinese hegemony in the region and globally, both.

The Modi-Biden meeting in Tokyo will be the second face-to-face meeting of both the leaders within a year; they met last in September 2021. The meeting assumes increased importance, as it will be the first time the two leaders meet in the midst of the on-going Russia-Ukraine crisis. The leaders are likely to focus on trade and defence opportunities in partnership with other countries in the Indo-Pacific, in the backdrop of the increasing Chinese belligerence; however, this time around Biden may focus more on trade than defence.

#### INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK-IPEF

The new plan unveiled by Biden called the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework-IPEF, which his aides refer to as IPEF, is not a trade agreement in the traditional sense. Though, it includes one 'pillar' related to trade, besides incorporating other key areas like forging more resilient supply chains, an initiative becoming rather the most important one after witnessing the chaos in the global supply chains during the Covid-pandemic, besides promoting clean energy and combating corruption and cyber security.

By focussing on the new framework, Biden has made clear his intention of not re-joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership-TPP, an Obama-era deal, which was not supported by a large number of US lawmakers. Since then the US has been without a defined plan to engage with the south Asian region economically. And in the meanwhile, China has secured several trade agreements with its neighbours, and has sought to wield its economic influence globally through its Belt and Road Initiative.

However, this may require delicately persuading countries to join, not only staunch partners like Japan and South Korea but smaller nations, particularly in Southeast Asia, who aren't as closely aligned with the US.

The IPEF rollout is expected to send across a strong signal that the US is focused on pushing forward a strong economic policy for the Indo-Pacific to counter China's aggressive strategy on trade in the region. The Indian stand on the new initiative has not been made clear, but there are strong indications that India may join it along with Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and the Philippines.



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#### CHINESE RESPONSE

The US-led Indo-Pacific strategy is causing more and more strife and concern not just globally, but especially among the countries in the Asia-Pacific region, said Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday.

He said, the Indo-Pacific Strategy concocted by the US is called "freedom and openness", but is keen on forming cliques; and aims to "change China's surrounding environment" in an attempt to contain China. Facts will prove that the so-called Indo-Pacific strategy is in essence a strategy to create division, to incite confrontation and to undermine peace, he added.

He stressed that like other countries in the region, China welcomes initiatives that are conducive to strengthening regional cooperation, but opposes attempts to create division and confrontation.

Which category does the US Indo-Pacific Economic Framework fall into, he questioned, saying further that in line with WTO rules, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement (RCEP) was launched, a regional cooperation platform with ASEAN at the centre, and it has greatly promoted regional trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation.

#### INDO-JAPAN TIES

Modi held separate meetings on Monday with a number of leading Japanese corporate honchos, besides a roundtable with Japanese business leaders and an interaction with the Indian community.

Modi's pre-departure statement stressed focussing on issues, regional like China and global like on going Russia-Ukraine war. It will be first

time that both leaders will be able to discuss the Ukrainian crisis in person. Modi will also hold separate bilateral meetings with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida and newly-elected Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Modi penned an op-ed on the vibrant relations between India and Japan, coinciding with his Japan visit. He wrote: "Ours is a partnership for peace, stability and prosperity. I trace the journey of our special friendship which completes 70 glorious years. Closer India-Japan cooperation is vital in the post-Covid world. Our nations are firmly committed to democratic values. Together, we are key pillars of a stable and secure Indo-Pacific region. I am equally glad that we are working closely in various multilateral forums as well."

The meeting with Kishida will provide an opportunity for the two leaders to carry forward their conversations from the 14th India-Japan Annual Summit held in March, when the Prime Minister visited India. Though the Indo-Pacific Strategy of the Biden administration, released in February, is widely believed to intend to build a wall of containment around China, but this time around it may focus more on trade issues.

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## CANADA PROHIBITS CHINESE TELECOM GIANT HUAWEI, ZTE FROM 5G NETWORKS

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, made the following statement:

"Today, the Government of Canada is ensuring the long term safety of our telecommunications infrastructure. As part of that, the government intends to prohibit the inclusion of Huawei and ZTE products and services in Canada's telecommunications systems.

"This follows a thorough review by our independent security agencies and in consultation with our closest allies.

"As a result, telecommunications companies that operate in Canada

would no longer be permitted to make use of designated equipment or services provided by Huawei and ZTE. As well, companies that already use this equipment installed in their networks would be required to cease its use and remove it. The government intends to implement these measures as part of a broader agenda to promote the security of Canada's telecommunications networks and in consultation with industry. "Our government will always protect the safety and security of Canadians and will take any actions necessary to safeguard our critical telecommunications infrastructure."

### INFLATION IN CANADA RISES TO 6.8% IN APRIL, HIGHEST IN 31 YEARS

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February continued to affect energy, commodity and, most notably, food prices. With the unemployment rate falling to a record low in April, strong employment figures tend to put upward pressure on prices. In April, average hourly wages for employees rose 3.3% on a year-over-year basis, meaning that, on average, prices rose faster than wages, and Canadians experienced a decline in purchasing power.

On a monthly basis, the CPI rose 0.6% in April after a 1.4% gain in March. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI rose 0.7%.

#### Prices for groceries continue to increase

Canadians paid 9.7% more in April for food purchased from stores compared with April 2021. This increase, which exceeded 5% for the fifth month in a row, was the largest increase since September 1981. For comparison, from 2010 to 2020, there were five months when prices for food purchased from stores increased at a rate of 5% or higher.

On a year-over-year basis, increases in food prices have been broad-based, with consumers paying more for nearly everything at the grocery store. Basics, such as fresh fruit (+10.0%), fresh vegetables (+8.2%) and meat (+10.1%), were all more expensive in April

compared with a year earlier. Prices for starchy foods such as bread (+12.2%), pasta (+19.6%), rice (+7.4%) and cereal products (+13.9%) also increased. Additionally, a cup of coffee (+13.7%) cost more in April 2022 than in April 2021.

The recent period of higher food prices has occurred within the context of numerous events that are continuing to fuel higher prices. With both countries being major wheat exporters, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February put upward price pressure on food products that use wheat. Poor weather in growing regions has also impacted prices for food. Additionally, higher prices for inputs such as fertilizer and natural gas continued to increase the cost of production for farmers, who have passed some of these costs on to consumers.

#### Higher fuel oil prices contribute to higher shelter costs

In April, shelter costs rose 7.4% year over year, the fastest pace since June 1983, following a 6.8% increase in March. Higher prices for energy sources used to heat homes, such as natural gas (+22.2%) and fuel oil and other fuels (+64.4%), contributed to the increase.

Reflecting the dynamic Canadian housing market, homeowners' replacement cost (+13.0%) which is related to the price of new homes, and other owned accommodation expenses (+17.2%) which includes commissions on the sale of real estate, both increased in April.

The mortgage interest cost Index (+0.2%) increased on a month-over-month basis for the first time since April 2020.

#### Monthly gasoline prices slow in April after strong increase in March

In April, gasoline prices fell slightly on a month-over-month basis (-0.7%), following a gain of 11.8% in March. Global crude oil prices declined in April, in part due to lower global demand expectations. Year over year, consumers paid 36.3% more for gasoline in April compared with 39.8% in March.

#### Regional highlights

On a year-over-year basis, the CPI increased at a faster pace in April than in March in seven provinces.

Although prices in Ontario increased 6.9% in April year over year, they grew at a slower pace than in March (+7.0%). This is in part attributed to the gradual implementation of the provincial and federal agreement to subsidize licensed daycare and the provincial government's removal of passenger vehicle registration fees. Price growth slowed the most in Alberta, partly due to the temporary removal of the fuel tax on gasoline initiated by the provincial government.

#### Rent prices rise in the most populous provinces

Rent prices increased in April (+4.5%) compared with the same month in 2021. The increase in rent was partly driven by price increases in Canada's most populous provinces: Ontario (+5.3%), Quebec (+4.3%) and British Columbia (+6.4%).

**PEEL POLICE CHARGE GURMEET SINGH, 30, OF NO FIXED ADDRESS, AFTER GAS STATION CARJACKING IN BRAMPTON**



Investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau have charged a 30-year-old man after a recent carjacking in Brampton.

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., the victim attended a gas station in the area of Bramalea Road and Bovaird Drive in the City of Brampton. It is alleged that while the victim was pumping gas, a suspect attempted to steal the vehicle but was unsuccessful as the keys were not in the vehicle at the time. The suspect left the scene without incident.

Approximately 20 minutes later, the same suspect approached a second victim at the exact location. The suspect encouraged the victim to exit their vehicle to look at something at the rear of their vehicle. Once the victim exited, the suspect entered the vehicle and attempted to leave. The victim tried to intervene but was pushed to the ground. The victim received minor injuries as a result. The suspect fled the area in the stolen vehicle.

With the assistance of 21 Division Uniform Patrol officers and 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau officers, Central Robbery Bureau Investigators later located and arrested the suspect and recovered the stolen vehicle.

Gurmeet Singh, a 30-year-old man of no fixed address, has been charged with:

- Theft Over \$5000
- Robbery
- Wear Disguise with Intent

He was held for a bail hearing and appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice on May 15, 2022.

"Carjacking is a violent and traumatic experience that deeply affects those targeted. While our service is committed to the prevention, we are equally committed to holding those responsible accountable. I am very pleased to see this investigation brought to a successful close." – Deputy Nick Milinovich.

As a reminder, be aware of your surroundings and any suspicious persons or vehicles. Take your keys with you when you exit your vehicle. Always lock your doors whether you are inside or outside your vehicle. If a situation does arise, comply with demands as your safety is paramount. For more information, visit [peelpolice.ca/crimeprevention](http://peelpolice.ca/crimeprevention)

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau at 905-453-2121 extension 3410. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca)

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Investigators from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau have identified two suspects and seek the public's assistance with identifying three other people in an Attempt Murder investigation in the City of Brampton. On Saturday, April 16, 2022, at approximately 12:50 a.m., two men in their 20's, were with friends at a business located in the area of Bramtree Court and Chrysler Drive in Brampton. Upon leaving, the two victims became involved in a verbal altercation with another male and assaulted with weapons. The suspects fled the scene before police attended. One of the victims was transported to a trauma centre where his injuries were determined to be life-altering. The second victim was transported to a local hospital where his injuries were considered non-life-threatening.



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The Phase 2/3 trial results showed that a third 3-microgram dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine in children under 5 years of age elicited "a strong immune response, with a favourable safety profile similar to placebo", the company said in a statement.

In the Phase 2/3 trial, 1,678 children received a third dose of the 3-microgram formulation at least two months after the second dose at a time when Omicron was the predominant variant.

Besides eliciting a strong immune response, the vaccine was well tolerated by the children with a majority of the side effects mild to moderate, the company said.

"Our Covid-19 vaccine has been studied in thousands of children and adolescents, and we are pleased that our formulation for the youngest children, which we carefully selected to be one-tenth of the dose strength for adults, was well tolerated and produced a strong immune response," Pfizer Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Albert Bourla.

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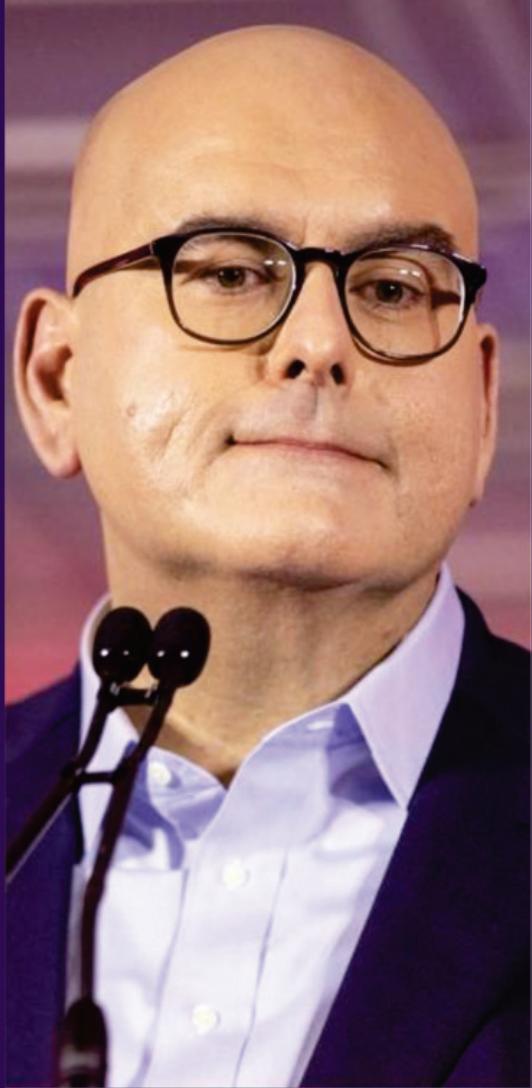
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## Sidhu lodged in Patiala jail in 1988 road rage case



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Earlier in the day, Sidhu requested the apex court to grant him a few more weeks to surrender, citing health grounds. Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Sidhu, requested to mention the matter before the court but it declined permission, asking Sidhu to give a letter, requesting more time to surrender to the registry. "Can't mention like this," it said. In Patiala, a few party leaders reached his residence before his surrender to extend moral support to Sidhu, 58, a former legislator from Amritsar East and a three-time Amritsar MP from the BJP. Sidhu surrendered in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Amit Malhan. After a medical check-up, the former cricketer-turned-politician was lodged in the Patiala Central Jail. Sidhu has been lodged in an ordinary barrack as the AAP government in Punjab last week decided to junk special cells in jails for VIP prisoners. Interestingly, Bikram Singh Majithia, one of the most powerful Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders, is in judicial custody in the same jail where Sidhu has been lodged. Both Sidhu and Majithia, who are facing charges in a drugs case, were once close friends but are now political enemies. They were in fray from Amritsar East in the recently-held Assembly polls and the seat witnessed a bitter battle. They faced defeat from AAP's greenhorn Jeevan Jyoti Kaur. With the apex court imposing the imprisonment, Sidhu said he "will submit to the majesty of law". "Will submit to the majesty of law..." Sidhu, who is not averse to even sharp criticism of his own party and its policies and leaders, said in a tweet on Thursday. The judgment came when Sidhu, riding on an elephant, was staging a protest, along with party workers, against price rise in Patiala where the incident of road rage was reported in 1988. The apex court, which reserved the judgment in March, overturned its 2018 judgment, which had reduced the punishment for Sidhu in the case, after a review petition was filed by the family of Gurman Singh, who had died in the incident. On December 27, 1988, the cricketer-turned-politician and one of his friends, Rupinder Singh Sandhu, had on December 27, 1988, hit Gurman Singh, 65, on his head near the Sheranwala Gate crossing in Patiala. Police said Sidhu fled from the scene after committing the crime.

### Take forward the campaign of 'Bharat Chalo, Bharat Se Judo', says Modi in Tokyo

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday invited the Indian community in Japan to join and take forward the campaign of Bharat Chalo, Bharat Se Judo (come to India, join India).

Addressing over 700 members of the Indian diaspora in Tokyo, the Prime Minister appreciated the Indian community members for their skill, talent and entrepreneurship and their connect with the motherland. Invoking Swami Vivekananda and Rabindranath Tagore, Modi underlined the deep cultural ties that exist between India and Japan. Highlighting the various socio-economic developments and reform initiatives taken in India in recent years, he said that these reforms have been taken particularly in the domains of infrastructure, governance, green growth, and digital revolution. Before the event, Modi met Japanese indologists, sportspersons, and cultural artistes who are contributing to promoting cultural and people-to-people exchanges between India and Japan. He also met the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees in Japan.

### Punjab Health Minister Vijay Singla Sacked & Arrested On Corruption Charges

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"My government is having zero tolerance towards corruption and no one, whosoever affluent he may be, will be allowed to continue such malpractices," Mann said. The Chief Minister categorically said he had dismissed Singla from his Cabinet and asked the police to register case against him. He said since the case was only in his knowledge, so he could have easily buried it or ignored it. However, Mann said after taking oath at sacred soil of Khatkar Kalan, he had vowed to make Punjab corruption-free and this is a historic step towards this cause. He said people had chosen them for transparent and corruption-free system and he is duty-bound to fulfill the aspirations of every Punjabi. He said since 75 years of Indian Independence there is no such parallel in the state whereas Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had taken such a bold step in 2015 when he had dismissed his Food and Supply Minister on charges of corruption. Mann said the message is loud and clear that corrupt practices will not be allowed in the state. He unequivocally said his predecessors had been shielding the corrupt and then saying that they knew about corruption being done by their ministers. However, Mann said such practices would not be tolerated in Punjab now. He said that Singla has admitted his crime and now the law will take its own course. Taking a dig at the opposition, the Chief Minister said that they will fire political salvos regarding corruption on his government. But, he has taken action against the corrupt whereas the Opposition had always sheltered and promoted the corrupt leaders. He said the intention and vision of his government is clear that corrupt practices will not be allowed and anyone indulging in this will have to face serious repercussions.

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## Taliban order Afghanistan's female TV presenters to cover their faces

The Taliban have ordered female Afghan TV presenters and other women on screen to cover their faces while on air, BBC reported. Media outlets were told of the decree on Wednesday, a religious police spokesman told BBC Pashto. The ruling comes two weeks after all women were ordered to wear a face veil in public, or risk punishment. Restrictions are being tightened on women — they are banned from travelling without a male guardian and secondary schools are shut for girls, BBC reported. One female Afghan journalist working for a local TV station in Kabul, who did not want to be named, said she'd been shocked to hear the latest news. "They are putting indirect

pressure on us to stop us presenting on TV," she told the BBC. "Based on information received by Tolo news, the order has been issued to all media outlets in Afghanistan," the news channel reported. The decision is being widely criticised on Twitter, with many calling it another step by the Taliban to promote extremism. "The world deploys masks to protect people from Covid. The Taliban deploys masks to protect people from seeing the faces of women journalists. For the Taliban, women are a disease," one activist tweeted, BBC reported. The private Shamshad news channel posted a photo of its news presenter wearing a mask, and other similar images are being shared on social media.

## ANTHONY ALBANESE SWORN IN AS AUSTRALIA'S 31ST PM



Anthony Albanese, leader of Australia's Labor Party, was sworn in on Monday as the country's 31st Prime Minister following his victory in the May 21 federal election. Albanese, joined by members of his leadership team, on Monday morning visited the Government House in Canberra where Governor-General David

Hurley officially swore him in as the Prime Minister, reports Xinhua news agency. Albanese's Labor Party defeated former Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his coalition in the federal election, ending the coalition's hold on power for nearly nine years. Richard Marles was sworn in as the Minister for Employment and Deputy Prime Minister, Penny Wong as the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jim Chalmers as the Treasurer and Katy Gallagher as the Minister for Finance and Minister for Women and Attorney-General.

Albanese fast-tracked the swearing-in ceremony to allow himself and Wong to fly to Tokyo later on Monday to meet the leaders of the US, Japan and India as well as their foreign ministers, and join the Quad summit with on Tuesday.

In a statement, Albanese said: "The Quad Leaders' Summit brings together four leaders of great liberal democracies – Australia, Japan, India, and the United States of America – in support of a free, open and resilient Indo-Pacific." Marles will serve as the Acting Prime Minister until

Albanese's return. This is Australia's first Labor government in almost a decade. The party has won 72 lower house seats but counting continues to determine whether they can get the 76 needed to form a majority.

### THERE WILL BE BLOOD: ELON MUSK AMIDST SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

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The exchange of words came as reports surfaced last week that Musk allegedly offered to buy a horse to a SpaceX female employee in exchange for an erotic massage and touching "his genitals".

"She accused Musk of... rubbing her leg without consent, and offering to buy her a horse in exchange for an erotic massage," a Business Insider report claimed, quoting interviews and documents.

The incident took place in 2016 and was reported in a declaration "signed by a friend of the attendant and prepared in support of her claim".

Musk has refuted the report, saying: "It was clear that their only goal was a hit price to interfere with the Twitter acquisition. The story was written before they even talked to me."

"Finally, we get to use Elongate as a scandal name. It's kinda perfect," tweeted Musk.

Another follower asked Musk: "Just curious, is the choice of a horse in exchange for the touch meant to signify anything?"

"An homage to Catherine the Greatest," replied Musk.

Musk is currently engaged in a fierce battle to acquire Twitter, and has put the deal on hold unless he comes to know the real number of fake accounts on the platform. The Tesla CEO said that the political attacks on him will escalate dramatically in the coming months as he is now supportive of Republicans.

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## COMMITTED TO MAKING INDIA-U.S. TIES AMONG CLOSEST ON EARTH: PRESIDENT BIDEN TELLS PM MODI



U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, told Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he is committed to making America's partnership with India among the closest on earth, saying there is so much that the two countries can and will do together. The two leaders are in Japan for the second Quad leaders' in-person summit. President Biden, during a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Modi after the Quad summit, praised India's Covid vaccination efforts. I am glad that we are renewing the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme, he said. "There is so much that our countries can and will do together. I am committed to make the US-India partnership among the closest we have on earth," Biden said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the strategic partnership between India and the US is a "true partnership of trust". "Our shared values, and our common interests in many areas, including security, have strengthened the bonds of this trust," he said in his opening remarks during a bilateral meeting between the two nations on the sidelines of the Quad Summit in Tokyo. The Prime Minister further said that "our people-to-people relations and close economic relations also make our partnership unique". We share similar views on the Indo-Pacific, at the bilateral level as well as with like-minded countries to work to protect our common concerns. Our discussions today will give speed to this positive momentum. He also said that the launch of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) on Monday was a live example of this and "our discussion today will give more impetus to this positive momentum".

"I am confident that the friendship of India and the US will continue to be a force for good for global peace and stability, for the sustainability of the planet, and for the well-being of mankind," Modi added.

## IMRAN KHAN WANTS CIVIL WAR: PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ



Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif alleged that his predecessor Imran Khan wants to start a civil war in the country, but warned him that the nation will hold him by the collar for his "nefarious designs".

"Imran Niazi wants to initiate a civil war in the country. But he is mistaken. The nation will never forgive him (for the sin) and will hold him by the collar," Dawn news quoted Prime Minister Sharif as saying in reply to a question about the long march on Islamabad the opposition PTI is planning to take out on Wednesday.

When asked if the government would call in the army to stop the long march, visibly upset at the query the premier replied that a decision would be taken if and when needed.

Speaking on the same issue in Bahawalpur, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said the government and its allies would decide whether the PTI long march should be allowed to enter Islamabad.

"If the coalition goes for action, we will not allow protesters to even come out of their homes," he was quoted as saying by Dawn news. When told that the PTI leadership had promised to remain peaceful, Sanaullah said he did not trust Khan since he had a history of speaking "lies and taking U-turns". "Keeping in view the past record of PTI and its workers, my apprehensions are that they will come to Islamabad with the intent to cause anarchy." The Interior Minister said personally he wanted to detain Khan for three days in the same cell where he was imprisoned for months in a cooked-up drug smuggling case. "Three days behind bars will wipe politics out of him."

## RUSSIA RANKS 'UNFRIENDLY' NATIONS; US TOPS CHART



Russian State Duma chairman Vyacheslav Volodin has published on social media a list of "unfriendly nations" ranked by the number of anti-Russian sanctions they have imposed.

"They are the ones to be blamed for skyrocketing prices worldwide," his post read on Thursday, RT reported.

The list is headed by the US, with 1,983 distinct sanctions placed against Russia, according to Volodin's count. It is followed by Canada, Switzerland, Britain, the EU as a single entity, Australia and Japan.

"By introducing illegal sanctions against Russia, these states triggered a surge of prices for energy and food. Those are the primary culprits behind the current troubles and the future crises throughout the world," the Russian official stated. Blaming Russia for the increase in inflation that many nations now experience has become a common theme for many Western nations. The Joe Biden administration in the US coined the term "Putin's price hike". But judging by opinion polls, Americans are not particularly willing to buy it and many believe their government should have done more to tackle inflation, RT reported. Energy prices were hitting record high levels in Europe before Russia's offensive against Ukraine. Back then, Moscow had said Europe could alleviate the surge by inking long-term supply contracts with Russia that would have mechanisms to dampen the spikes in the spot market. It also suggested bringing online the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline as soon as possible to secure the imports. Western sanctions against Russia that are now in place include the suspension of the project for the foreseeable future and a drive to decouple Europe from Russian energy.

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A weekly grocery store flyer from Sunny Food Mart featuring various departments like Produce, Meat, Seafood, and Kitchen. It includes special offers, price comparisons, and a 'Super Deal' section.

A photograph of two grocery sections. The left section, titled 'GROCERY' in pink, features shelves with various products like NutriGusto Basil Seed Drink, S&F Cream Crackers, Tetley Lemon Iced Tea, Surati Snacks Series, Realemon Lemon Juice, Ann Instant Honeyed Ginger Drink, Mother's Recipe Pickle, Aman's Phool Makhana, Global Choice Seed/Powder, Quality Brand Dates & Tamarind Chutney, Nestle Drumstick Cone, Frozen Durian, Cavendish Potato Patches, Frozen Chicken Tender, Apna Taste Samosa, and Shana Original Porotra Promo Pack. The right section, titled 'BAKERY' in blue, features shelves with items like Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil, Royal Oak Charcoal Lighter Fluid, Royal Oak 100% All Natural Hardwood Lump Charcoal, Al Safa Chicken/BEEF Samosa, Cool Ocean Scallops, Seven Baskets Frozen Wild Bombay Duck, Sunthai Seafood Frozen Squid Tentacles, Rays Outfitters Pangasius Steaks, Seven Baskets Frozen Whole Abalone, and Sunthai Seafood Frozen Fish Steak. Both sections have promotional signs with savings amounts.

A promotional flyer for Sunny Food Mart featuring a large sun logo and the text "SUPER DEAL". The flyer is divided into sections for Fresh Produce, Frozen items, and Seafood, each displaying various products with their prices and savings. It also includes a QR code, a WeChat mini-program link, and a photo of the store interior.

The image is a grocery store flyer with a purple border. It is organized into several sections: 'GROCERY' on the far left, followed by a grid of products in 'BEVERAGE', 'FOOD', 'DAIRY', 'BAKERY', and 'YUMMY KITCHEN' sections. Each section contains multiple items with their names, original prices, discounted prices, and savings amounts. The 'DAIRY' section includes items like Fresh Boneless Veal Flank, Fresh Beef Outside Round, and Frozen Boneless New Zealand Spring Lamb Shoulder. The 'BAKERY' section features items like Neilson Milkshake, Zabilis Hot Chocolate, Armstrong Melts Slices, Silani Shredded Cheese, and Butter Cake Series. The 'YUMMY KITCHEN' section at the bottom lists various Indian and Chinese dishes. The overall layout is clean and organized, making it easy for customers to find what they need.

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## CANNES 2022: DEEPIKA PADUKONE EXUDES HOTNESS IN SHIMMER BLACK GOWN; SEE HER BOLD PICS



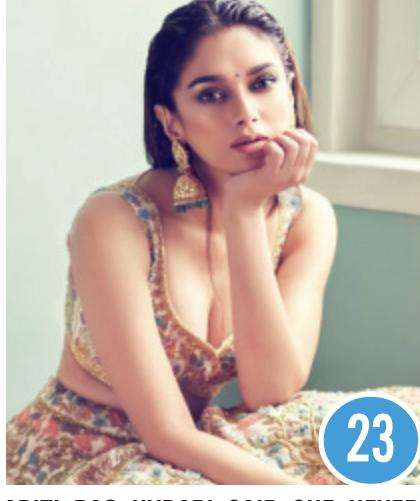
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### BHOOL BHULAIYAA 2 BOX OFFICE

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## KL RAHUL TO LEAD 18-MAN T20I SQUAD DURING INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA TOUR, DINESH KARTHIK, HARDIK PANDYA BACK



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## KANGANA RANAUT'S ACTION-FLICK REMAINS POOR, SCREEN COUNT REDUCED



It is clear that Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 is the winner on the silver screen this time and has left Kangana Ranaut behind. The action-flick also starred Arjun Rampal and Divya Dutta and was released last Friday. From the very first day itself, the movie failed to become the first choice for the audience which resulted in a low collection. Dhaakad opened with Rs 50 lakhs and collected around Rs 2 crore by the weekend, following which distributors started reducing the screen count of the movie due to "extremely low audience turnout". Now that the film could not live up to the expectations in its first weekend, it is difficult for it to perform in front of the Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani and Tabu's horror-flick. Day 5 was no surprise as the film underperformed and collected around 0.25 Cr net in India. According to a report in BoxOfficeIndia, "Dhaakad is struggling to reach the 2 crore nett mark after four days and is one of the biggest disasters of all time. The film has just failed completely with simply no takers."

## WARNER BROS WANTED TO REPLACE AMBER HEARD BUT REASON IS NOT JOHNNY DEPP CONTROVERSY



The president of DC Films testified Tuesday that the studio considered replacing actress Amber Heard for 'Aquaman 2' out of concern that she lacked chemistry with star Jason Momoa. Heard was ultimately cast in the sequel, but her lawyers have argued that she nearly lost the job and could not renegotiate for more money due to the backlash over her domestic abuse allegations against Johnny Depp, reports 'Variety'. Heard is seeking \$100 million in a defamation counterclaim against Depp. Walter Hamada, the head of Warner Bros.' DC unit, was the first witness called by Depp's side as they begin their rebuttal of Heard's counterclaim in court.

Appearing by video deposition, Hamada testified that the abuse allegations played no role in casting decisions in 'Aquaman 2'. However, he said the studio did delay picking up its option for several weeks as it considered whether to recast the role of Mera, who was Aquaman's love interest in the first film.

"They didn't have a lot of chemistry together," Hamada said. "Editorially they were able to make that relationship work in the first movie, but there was a concern that it took a lot of effort to get there."

## DARLINGS: ALIA BHATT AND SHAH RUKH KHAN-PRODUCED FILM TO RELEASE ON NETFLIX



Alia Bhatt, currently shooting for her Hollywood project Heart Of Stone with Gal Gadot, shared an update on her film Darlings, which she is co-producing with Shah Rukh Khan. She posted a video, in which she can be seen talking on the phone, where she says, "Hey, darlings. I want to tell you something big but the network is not good here. Hello...hello." She then asked if the film is set to release on Netflix. Alia, after dodging the question, signs off the video with a smile and says, "See you soon." The film marks directorial debut of writer Jasmeet K Reen and it also stars Alia's Gully Boy co-star Vijay Varma and Shefali Shah. SRK and Alia co-starred in the film Dear Zindagi. Alia's production house is called Eternal Sunshine Productions.

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## BHOO BHULAIYAA 2 BOX OFFICE COLLECTION DAY 2: KARTIK AARYAN, KIARA ADVANI STARRER IS ALL SET TO BECOME A HIT!

**"BHOO BHULAIYAA 2 BOX OFFICE COLLECTION DAY 2: KARTIK AARYAN STARRER HORROR-COMEDY HAS ALREADY BECOME THE ACTOR'S BIGGEST OPENER TO DATE. AFTER A GREAT START ON THE FIRST DAY, ANEES BAZMEE'S DIRECTORIAL WENT ON TO SEE A RISE OF AROUND 28 PER CENT ON THE SECOND DAY OF ITS RELEASE AND HAS EVEN BEATEN KANGANA RANAUT'S FILM 'DHAAKAD'."**

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 Box Office Collection Day 2: Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani and Tabu starrer horror-comedy became the recent love of the moviegoers after Saunkam Saunkne. On the very first day of its release, the film received a bumper opening in India. As per trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the film has minted Rs 14.11 crore on its opening day i.e May 20. The film marks the first collaboration between Bazmee and the three actors. Not only this but after the first day, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 became the

Kartik Aaryan's biggest opening. On the second day as well, the film became the first choice as compared to 'Dhaakad.' As per the latest reports, the film till late Saturday night, saw a jump of more than 28 per cent and raked in Rs 18.34 crore whereas Kangana Ranaut's film felt flat on the second day itself. It has even broken the first day records of several other films like 'Bachchhan Paandey' starring Akshay Kumar and Alia Bhatt-starrer 'Gangubai Kathiawadi'. The film was one of the much-awaited

projects and happens to be the sequel of the 2007-release 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa.' The collections were shared by Trade analyst Taran Adarsh, "#BhoolBhulaiyaa2 hits the ball out of the park on Day 2... Biz jumps across #India... Wins over youngistaan \*and\* families, metros \*and\* mass pockets... Eyes ? 55 cr [+/-] weekend, strong chance of going past ? cr... Fri 14.11 cr, Sat 18.34 cr. Total: ? 32.45 cr. #India biz." A day before, he took to Twitter, where he shared that the film marks a miles stone in Kartik's life. He wrote:

"BB2' IS KARTIK AARYAN'S BIGGEST OPENER... #KartikAaryan versus #KartikAaryan... \*Day 1\* biz... 2022: #BhoolBhulaiyaa2 ? 14.11 cr 2020: #LoveAajKal ? 12.40 cr 2019: #PatiPatniAurWoh ? 9.10 cr 2019: #LukaChuppi ? 8.01 cr 2015: #PyaarKaPunchnama2 ? 6.80 cr." Kartik, too, shared the details about the collection on his Instagram handle and thanked fans for the immense love. "Thank you to the Audience for making our #BhoolBhulaiyaa2 Historical#Gratitude," he wrote.

## DID L'L MASTERS 5: CONTESTANT'S PERFORMANCE SPOOKS MOUNI ROY, ACTRESS RECALLS HER CHILDHOOD NIGHTMARE

Popular actress and judge Mouni Roy opened up about her biggest childhood nightmare involving clowns on 'DID L'l Masters 5'. On the show, the 11-year-old Sadiya performed as a joker, showcasing the funny side and the evil side of the clown through the act on the song 'Main Koi Aisa Geet Gaoon'. After looking at her performance, Mouni shared about her childhood nightmare. As Mouni said: "Sadiya's act literally spooked me. In fact, I still have goosebumps on my hands. Not many people know, but I have always been very afraid of jokers since my childhood. I belong to a small town, and whenever I used to visit the circus, people with painted faces used to scare me every single time." Talking about Sadiya's act, the 'DID L'l Master'



judge mentioned: "Coming to the beginning of her performance, the lights were off, and no one had seen Sadiya till then. However,

as soon as the lights were turned on, her menacing face painted as a clown, and her smile left me spooked. I think this act proved

that she is a true artist, and her portrayal of a clown was really worthy of praise and appreciation." DID L'l Masters' airs on Zee TV.

## BABY DOLL SINGER KANIKA KAPOOR MARRIES IN LONDON FOR THE SECOND TIME, INSIDE PICS GO VIRAL



Playback singer Kanika Kapoor tied the knot with businessman Gautam Hathiramani in the

presence of their family and close friends, in London. The 43-year-old singer, who has

chartbuster songs like Baby Doll and Chittiya Kalaiyan to her credit, wore a pink lehenga

while Hathiramani opted for a beige sherwani. Kapoor's singer friend Manmeet Singh took to Instagram to share a picture with the couple. "May your journey ahead be as gorgeous as the two of you. Newly weds @kanikkapoor @gautam@meetbrosofficial." On Saturday, Kapoor had taken to Instagram to drop a series of pictures from her mehendi ceremony. This is the second marriage for the singer. She was previously married to businessman Raj Chandok and they have three kids together. Singh wrote. Singer-composer Shekhar Ravjiani also posted a photograph from the wedding.

## PRIYANKA CHOPRA GETS SWANKY CAR FROM HUSBAND NICK JONAS AS HE TAKES CARE OF HER 'COOL QUOTIENT'



Priyanka Chopra who is currently shooting for her upcoming film Amazon Prime Video Citadel received a cool gift from her husband Nick Jonas. The actress on Saturday morning flaunted her new ride in an Instagram post. She also penned a note thanking Nick for the uber-cool vehicle and called him 'Best husband'. Alongside the picture, Priyanka wrote, "Now that's a ride (fire emoji)... thank you @nickjonas (heart emoji) always helping me with my cool quotient." She added the hashtags 'best husband ever', 'set life', and 'citadel' to her post. Priyanka's futuristic-looking steel grey vehicle had 'Mrs Jonas' imprinted on one of its sides. In the picture, she can be seen sitting in the driver's seat of the all-terrain vehicle (ATV). Priyanka looked stunning as she gave boss lady vibes in the grey outfit.

## THIS ANIL KAPOOR, VARUN DHAWAN, KIARA ADVANI FILM HAS KABHI KHUSHI KABHIE GHAM VIBE, BUT WITH A TWIST



The makers of Jugjugg Jeeyo dropped the trailer of the film on Sunday. Starring Anil Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani in the lead roles, the film brings a twist to the usual theme of family entertainers. With the first glimpse of Jugjugg Jeeyo, we feel like we have entered into a big fat Punjabi wedding. Too many people, too much glam, foot-tapping dance tracks, happy vibes. However, not everything is happy in this world of Karan Johar's production venture.

We have heard of comedy-of-errors, dramedies but Jugjugg Jeeyo is a 'divorce comedy'. Varun and Kiara are in a bad marriage and want a divorce. But Varun's character learns that even his father (Anil Kapoor) wants to break his marriage with his wife (Neetu Kapoor). Varun also meets Anil's character's girlfriend, played by Tisca Chopra. In the trailer, one also sees Neetu Kapoor commenting about how a broken marriage is a result of many tired and unfinished quarrels between a couple. So far, it looks like Jugjugg Jeeyo is a modern, twisted take of Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Ghram. Introducing the film, Karan Johar had earlier mentioned how Jugjugg Jeeyo is a "family reunion you can't miss." He said the film is "filled with surprises, emotions and a whole lot of drama." Anil Kapoor captioned his post, "Family reunions happen to be my most favourite thing in this whole world, but I bet you have never experienced something quite like this one."

## URFI JAVED WEARS DRESS MADE OF BROKEN GLASS PIECES WEIGHING 20 KGS. RAKHI SAWANT REACTS



Urfi Javed is making headlines almost every day for her unique and bold fashion style. Her eccentric fashion choices continue to amaze all. After safety pin and glued flowers dress, Urfi is back with a new weird outfit. Yes! the former Bigg Boss OTT contestant shared a new Instagram video where she can be seen covering herself with an outfit made of broken glass pieces. Soon after the video went viral, netizens rushed to the comment section to share their views of her latest fashion. Urfi Javed shared a video, where she can be seen donning a glass dress over light-coloured tube top and skirt paired with shimmery golden heels. For the caption, she wrote, "Yea I wore a dress made of broken glass pieces !! I think this looked fabulous! People call me weird , crazy but guess what we all are crazy and weird , I'm just smart enough to embrace and let it empower me!" Take a look Loving Urfi's look, Rakhi Sawant dropped fire and heart emojis.

## HEHNAAZ GILL ATTENDS ARBAAZ KHAN'S GIRLFRIEND GIORGIA ANDRIANI'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



Shehnaz Gill attended the birthday party of Arbaaz Khan's girlfriend Giorgia Andriani on Friday night. Several pictures and videos from inside the bash have surfaced on the internet. In one of the videos, the Bigg Boss fame can be seen feeding cake to the birthday girl. Shehnazz looked every inch beautiful in the white crop top and pants. She completed the look with gold hoops and brown heels. On the other hand, Georgia wore a short black dress with silver sequences and a high slit. Her bold look garnered a lot of attention from the netizens. Arbaaz Khan coordinated with his girlfriend and chose to wear black shirt with white trousers. Another video that is going viral on social media shows Giorgia cutting her birthday cake as Arbaaz says something into Shehnaz's ears and she gives him a thumbs up.

## Wonder Woman 1984 to Supergirl, 5 female superhero flicks to watch with your girl gang



Women are taking over the world and super suits too! The era of female superheroes is here to stay with phenomenal blockbusters that keep viewers glued to their screens. Be it action, humor, or strategic moves, audiences love seeing ladies win over evil! If you're seeking a kickass superhero to watch on screen, here are our top recommendations across Colors Infinity, Netflix, Disney+ Hotstar and Amazon Prime Video.

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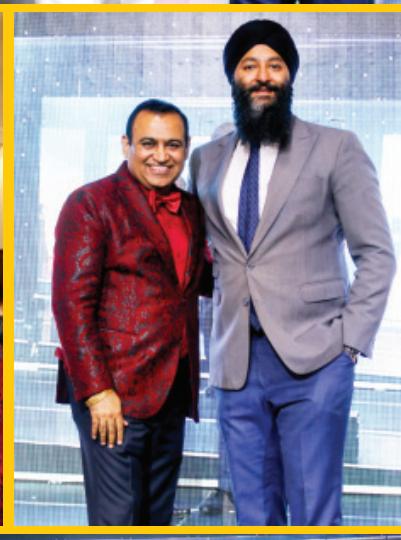
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## SAVE MAX CELEBRATED ITS 12TH ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT WITH A SCINTILLATING SUCCESS



Save Max Real Estate Inc. held its 12th Annual Awards Ceremony on May 19, 2022, to appreciate all its agents, employees and franchise partners for their performance and service for the year 2021. Coming out after 2 tough years of a pandemic-hit market, Save Max came out as a winner in terms of growth, expansion and all-around success including great community partnerships.

The Gala evening was well attended by dignitaries and community partners coming together. Save Max was honoured to welcome Deputy Chief of Peel Police Mark Dapat, Mr. Sandeep Goel CEO of ICICI Bank Canada, Mr. Nabeel Khan RM and Ms. Stella Partipilo Regional VP from RBC and Nanda Law Group. Other key leaders welcomed were MP Prabhmeet Sarkaria, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh and Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown. Hon. Mayor Patrick Brown felicitated Save Max and Mr. Raman Dua on not only the business success and corporate achievements but also on the forefront of building strong community partnerships. Hon NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and his team were also present applauding the achievements of Save Max and its work in the community. He stressed the importance of community in leadership.

The much-awaited celebrations for top brokers and Save Max Franchise Teams were lauded for their performance for 2021. The Legend Award for \$75M was presented to top brokers of record Ashish Parikh, Abhishek Grover and Dhawal Patel. The Kohinoor Award for \$100M was awarded to top brokers of record Lashika Katyal (New Developments) and Ashish Parikh.

Save Max Franchise Teams based on strength were awarded to Save Max Supreme and Save Max Signature Teams and based on Volume to Save Max Supreme and Save Max Success Teams. Other awards were given to top-performing brokers across the company and to employees of the year.

Founder and CEO, Mr. Raman Dua's daughter Shreya reflected on his journey and the story of Same Max from the beginnings in a basement home in Brampton, Canada to where it has reached today. Shreya

Dua did a wonderful surprise unveiling of the cover of Mr. Raman Dua's book about his life and story. His daughter called on stage his entire family and spoke about growing up in Brampton. She said, "We never imagined growing up where we would be today and it is all due to the hard work my parents put in day after day and their determination which led to their success. It is so wonderful to see where we are today. My dad has helped countless people reach success along with him and he always says that "that is what makes the success even sweeter."

Mr. Dua was emotional as he saw his family gathered around him and said that all his achievements were due to the fact of the love and blessings received from his parents and family.

The highlight of the lighter moments in the evening was the fashion show for all attendees. The dancers, the violinist and dhol group added to the long-awaited glitz and glamour in the wonderfully orchestrated celebration. CEO Raman Dua expressed his gratitude to all the attendees and congratulated his team and the agents who did exceedingly well even in the year of a severe pandemic. He was humbled to see such a huge gathering and mentioned that Save Max Team will keep on working tirelessly to provide the best real estate services to all clients. He applauded his team and employees for putting together this tasteful elegant evening and looks forward to celebrating many such successes in the future.

### ABOUT SAVE MAX

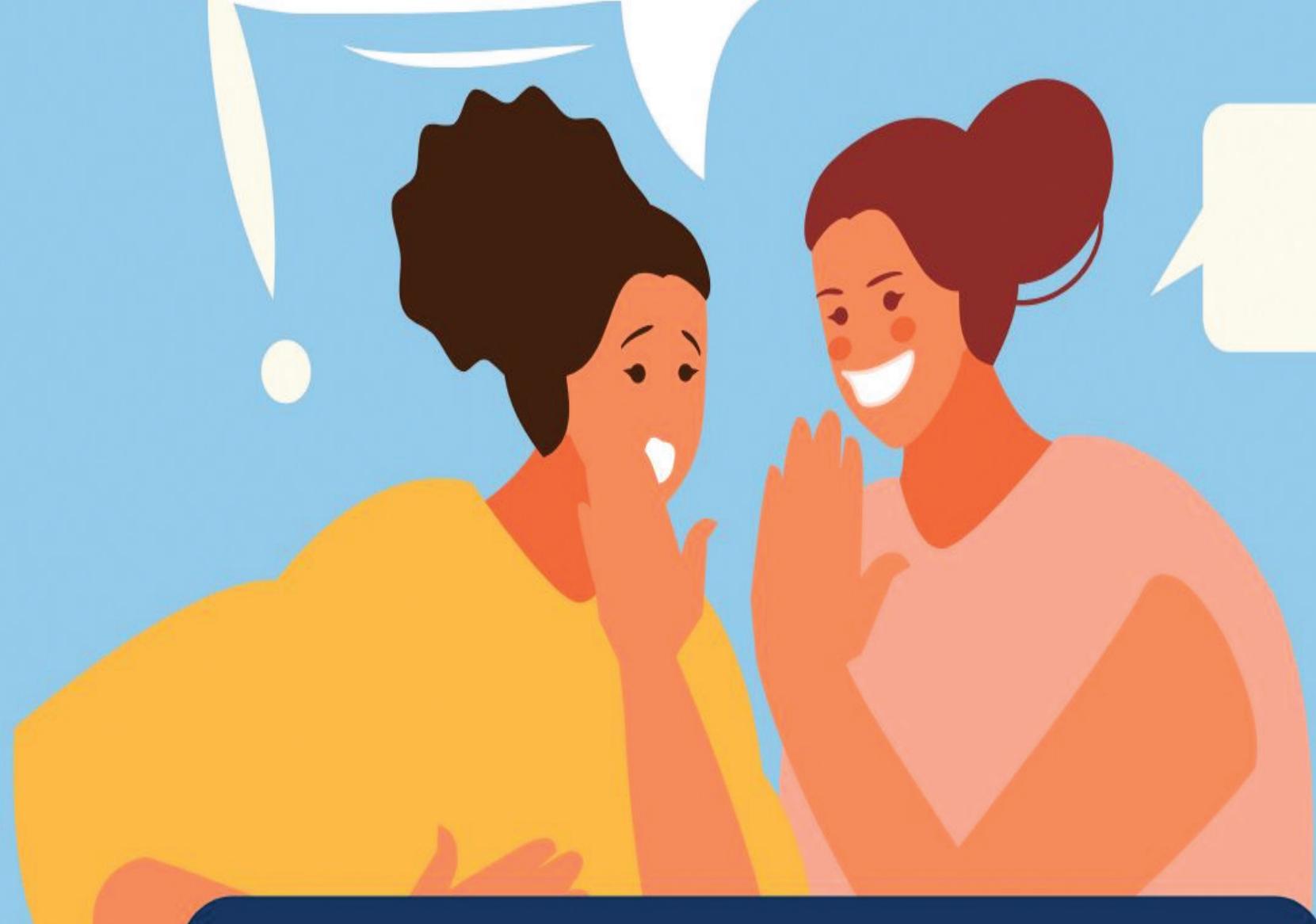
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## ADITI RAO HYDARI ON NORTH VS SOUTH DEBATE: NOT FAIR THAT THEY ARE DOING WELL AND SUDDENLY WE ARE LIKE 'OKAY, THIS IS ALSO US'

Aditi Rao Hydari has shared her two cents on the ongoing North film industry vs South film industry debate. The actor, who has a filmography boasting of films by Mani Ratnam to Sanjay Leela Bhansali, spoke about how for her it was all about directors and stories. She said the language never mattered to her. Speaking on the sidelines of Cannes 2022, Aditi Rao Hydari told Anupama Chopra of Film Companion that she entered films because she dreamed of being the Mani Ratnam heroine, but in her mind there was no difference in a film from Bollywood, Tollywood, Kollywood or Mollywood. "Maybe because I grew up watching films from different regions and languages as my mother, my family always exposed me to cinema, in my mind there was no difference. It was about directors, content, stories and how it makes you feel. Maybe that is a very simplistic view but today, when I look at the way that cinema is I feel actually that's a really nice way to be," she said, adding that people these days tell her how she

was one of the firsts to work in films that today are being termed 'pan-Indian films.' "I didn't plan, I did it because I wanted to work in it," she said, adding that the films in south offered her to be a part of "incredible content, wonderful film, wonderful character, director" as an actor. However, Aditi emphasised on how as an industry and as an audience, there is a need to be conscious, to be aware. "Today, the world has gotten closer and it is not just Telugu, Tamil or Hindi. Somewhere we have to be consciously aware. We even say south actor... what does that even mean? Why do we say regional cinema? Every area is a region and that region has directors who are visionaries and tell beautiful stories," she said. She continued, "Each one of us has the responsibility to constantly be woke and understand that we have to be together. Look at the cinema that has been coming from Tamil, Malayalam and Telugu industries. It is wonderful. We must celebrate them."

## R MADHAVAN'S ROCKETRY THE NAMBI EFFECT DID NOT SCREEN AT CANNES 'OFFICIAL SELECTION', BUT IN THE FILM MARKET. HERE'S THE DISTINCTION

R Madhavan's much-anticipated feature called Rocketry: The Nambi Effect, was screened at the ongoing 75th annual Cannes Film Festival. The film is based on the life of Padma Bhushan-awardee ISRO scientist and aerospace engineer, Nambi Narayanan. Madhavan is starring in, co-producing and also making his directorial debut with Rocketry. Although the film did technically screen at the festival, it was not part of the so-called Official Selection or part of even the main festival. Rather, it was screened

at Marché du Film, literally, 'Film Market', which is the business counterpart of the film festival. To screen your film at Marché du Film, you just need to pay a fee. This is vastly different from the Official Selection, in which a Selection Committee chooses films that will be screened among thousands of entries every year. Under the Official Selection, there are three sub-categories: Competition, Out of Competition, Un Certain Regard. So if you do pay to screen your film at Marché du Film, you could say with some

credibility something along the lines of "my so-and-so film screened at Cannes". But it would not be the same as your film

screening in the Official Selection category, in which a legitimate jury selects films which are screened at the festival.

## DEEPIKA PADUKONE TAKES THE SOUTH OF FRANCE BY STORM ON DAY 5 OF CANNES FILM FESTIVAL



Actor Deepika Padukone explored the south of France on day five of the ongoing Cannes Film Festival. Deepika is a member of the jury, and has been serving

event. On Saturday, she posted a series of pictures and videos from her day out. So far, Deepika has opted for a gold and black saree, a chic printed shirt and pants, and a red gown. Ahead of

her red carpet appearance, Deepika treated fans with a glimpse of her day. In one of the videos, the 36-year-old wore a stunning black dress, which she paired with some impressive

jewellery. In another video, Deepika took her fans inside her Louis Vuitton shoot. As soon as she shared the videos, fans filled the comment section with praises. "Absolutely gorgeous," read a comment, while another fan mentioned that Deepika is a "stunner." Earlier this week, on day four of Cannes 2022, the Piku actor made a stylish appearance at a dinner party, hosted by Vanity Fair and Louis Vuitton. At the opening ceremony of the India pavilion at Cannes, Deepika made a short speech, during which she said, "I feel as a nation, we have it. We have the talent, we have the ability and I think we just need that sort of conviction. I truly believe there will come a day when Indians won't have to be at Cannes, and Cannes (film festival) will be in India."

## Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Aaradhy and Abhishek return to Mumbai after making a splash at Cannes, fans call them a 'beautiful family'

Actor Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Aaradhy and Abhishek Bachchan returned from the prestigious Cannes festival. The family was snapped by the paparazzi at the Mumbai airport recently, with Aishwarya holding Aaradhy's hand and Abhishek behind them. Fans flooded the video with hearts, as they found it 'adorable' the way Aishwarya looked at Abhishek. One wrote, "The way Aishwarya is looking at Abhishek." Another wrote, "The way she holds Aaradhy's hand." A third added, "Aish by holding hand of Aaradhy assures her that 'don't worry don't be nervous mama is here' and I love this about her. Mothers always protective about their children doesn't matter if they are grown up or not." Aishwarya, who represented a cosmetics brand at Cannes, served up some glam looks throughout her visit. She also attended a special event hosted by the brand on Saturday. She walked the red carpet in a black floral gown for the Top Gun: Maverick premiere, and made an appearance at the L'Oreal Paris anniversary dinner. Pictures and videos of the actor have been widely shared online. One video showed Aaradhy interacting with actor Eva Longoria's son via FaceTime. Apart from



Aishwarya, several Indian celebrities are attending this year's festival. These include Hina Khan, Urvashi Rautela, Tamannaah Bhatia, Pooja Hegde, R Madhavan, Prasoon Joshi, AR Rahman, Aditi Rao Hydari and others. Deepika Padukone is one of the jury members. Aishwarya was last seen on the big screen in 2018's Fanney Khan. She will make an acting comeback in this year's historical epic Ponniyin Selvan, directed by Mani Ratnam.

## ARMAGEDDON TIME, PORTRAIT OF WHITE PRIVILEGE, STIRS CANNES



When the Cannes Film Festival audience stood to applaud James Gray's richly observed autobiographical drama Armageddon Time, about the director's own 1980s childhood in Queens, Gray's voice quivered as he addressed the crowd. "It's my story, in a way," said Gray. "And you guys shared it with me." "It took every last bit of control not to burst out into tears," Gray said, still recovering the next day in Cannes. "It's been a really strange journey making the film and my father died two months ago of COVID. The whole process has been fraught and filled with emotion." Armageddon Time, starring Anthony Hopkins, Anne Hathaway and Jeremy Strong, has stirred Cannes like no other American film at the festival this year. Gray's movie, which Focus Features will distribute in the US later this year, has been received as a tender triumph for the New York filmmaker of The Immigrant and Ad Astra not just for his detailed excavation of his childhood but for how the film reexamines his own white privilege growing up — how race and money can tip the scales in the formative years of young people. Paul Graff (Banks Repeta) is a sixth-grader modeled after the 53-year-old Gray in a middle-class Jewish family. At school, Paul's friend Johnny (Jaylin Webb) is a Black kid with fewer advantages, who's treated differently than Paul. When Paul's family elects to send him to a private school, the gap only grows. Connections to today's inequities aren't hard to decipher. At the private school, Jessica Chastain makes a cameo as Maryanne Trump, sister to Donald and an assistant U.S. attorney. For Gray, Armageddon Time is period film about now, and a coming home after two far-flung films in the Amazon-set The Lost City of Z and the space adventure Ad Astra.

## AKSHAY KUMAR ON BOUNCING BACK FROM BACHCHHAN PAANDEY FLOP: 'YOU CAN'T CARRY AROUND YOUR SAD FACE EVERYWHERE'



Akshay Kumar, after being reinfected with Covid-19 recently, is back promoting his next film. After appearing in Bachchhan Paandey, which flopped at the box office, he will next be seen in the period drama Prithviraj. Akshay in a recent media interaction spoke about the film, which is directed by Dr Chandra Prakash Dwivedi. He also opened up about how he coped with the failure of his last film, and gave his two cents on the ongoing national language debate. About fighting Covid-19 once again, Akshay said, "I am doing very well! I am fine, absolutely fine, I rested for four-five days. I guess everybody is going to get it. What happens in my profession is, when you go to office you can wear a mask, unfortunately I cannot (wear a mask while shooting). We interact with so many people, actors, so the load is so much of the virus (that one can be infected easily). There is also no option of working from home, however I remember when the pandemic had just hit, I shot for six-seven ads sitting at home." During the interaction, Akshay was asked if he thinks that Prithviraj has the potential to be Bollywood's pan-India offering as the film is releasing in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. To this, he said, "This word 'pan-India' films and all, woh meri samajh ki bahar hai, (I don't understand it). All I want is all the films to work, and that's about it."

## JEH IS IN 'TORTURE THE BIG BROTHER MODE' AS HE PLAYS WITH TAIMUR ALI KHAN IN AUNT SABA PATAUDI'S LATEST PICTURES.



Saba Pataudi on Saturday dropped adorable new pictures of Kareena Kapoor Khan and Saif Ali Khan's sons, Taimur Ali Khan and his little brother Jehangir Ali Khan, on social media. The photos showed the two munchkins having a great time in a ball pit. In the photos, Taimur and Jeh seem to be enjoying their Saturday as they play together. In one of the pictures, Jeh seems to be poking Taimur, while Taimur seems to be the calm elder brother as he lovingly looks at him. Saba's caption reads: "Time to Play Ball. Timtim and Jehaan have some fun and guess who's also into torture the big brother mode. We're related." Fans showered a lot of love on Saba's post and called the brothers the "cutest kids ever". One wrote, "So cute. Such cute smiles. Love them," while another commented, "Cutest kids ever." Saba also revealed that the pictures have been clicked by the staff that takes care of the two children. Saba often gives sneak peeks into the Pataudi family's lives and also shares pictures of Taimur and Jeh. A few days ago, she posted a throwback photo of herself with her brother, actor Saif Ali Khan. In the post, Saba can be seen poking Saif. The caption read: "Siblings. Bhai and me. I think I got away with torturing him. Lol. Childhood memories captured on camera."



## NEETU KAPOOR TALKS ABOUT BEATING DEPRESSION AFTER RISHI KAPOOR'S DEATH: 'MY CHILDREN SAID...'

Neetu Kapoor says after Rishi Kapoor's death, her kids – Ranbir Kapoor and Riddhima Kapoor Sahni – didn't want her to sit idle at home. Both Ranbir and Riddhima, she says, wanted her to get back to work. And when director Raj Mehta narrated Jugjugg Jeeyo script, she "immediately agreed to do the film." In

a conversation with News18.com, Neetu Kapoor spoke about how going back to work was like a cure to her depression after Rishi Kapoor's passing away. "This whole phase of going back to work has helped me get out of depression. Working on Jugjugg Jeeyo has been a cathartic experience. Apart from

that I also did two reality shows which helped me come and interact with the audience. I am really enjoying my time," she said. Talking about her role in the film, Kapoor revealed how she hired an acting coach to help her get back in form. "When I was working earlier in the '70s and '80s our acting was very animated

and loud. Today, it has become subtle, and sometimes you also need to underplay. So I needed some guidance. I decided to keep an acting coach who helped me with the lines. So it was acting as well as diction classes. It is different from acting which is very natural," she continued.

## KAPIL SHARMA ASKS IF KANGANA RANAUT IS PLANNING HER HOLLYWOOD DEBUT WITH DHAAKAD: 'HUMARE YAHA ITNA TALENT HAI...'

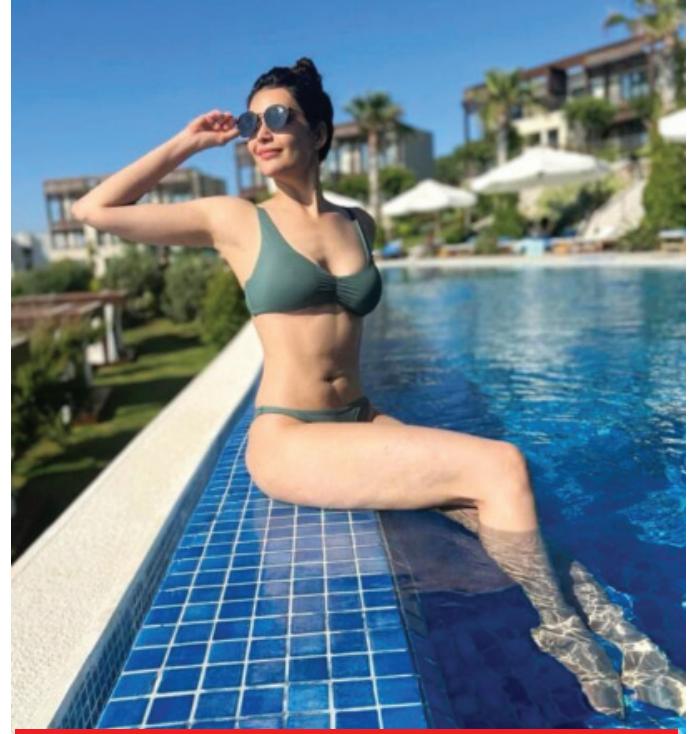


Kangana Ranaut's ambitious project Dhaakad dropped at theatres today. Ahead of the release, the actor joined Kapil Sharma for a fun time on his show. Co-stars Arjun Rampal, Divya Dutta, Sharib Hashmi and director Razneesh Ghai were also present for the special episode. In a new uncensored video shared by the comedian on his YouTube channel, the cast is seen getting candid and even playing fun games on the stage. While interacting with Kangana, Kapil even quizzed if she is eyeing a Hollywood debut with Dhaakad. Given the film has a lot of international crew, Kapil tells the actor whether she is helping them make their Bollywood debut or is she planning a debut in Hollywood. To this Kangana replies, "Humare yaha pe itne talented log hain na, to humme kahin aane jaane ki zarurat nahi hai. Ab jaise ki, world has become one place na, to sab log yaha kaam kare, waha ke log yaha pe kaam kar rahe hai."

### KARISHMA TANNA-VARUN BANGER'S SCENIC PHOTOS FROM ISTANBUL



Karishma Tanna recently went on a vacation to Istanbul with her husband Varun Banger. Here we are with some photos of the couple from their lazy, cozy trip.



Karishma Tanna made the temperature soar as she flaunted her fit bod in a green bikini.



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## MILLER LAUNCHES GUJARAT TO FINAL, SAHA FALLS FOR EDEN TEMPTATION & SUBLIME SAMSON HITS "RAMANI" SHOT

It's a story that his father Andrew has often told about David Miller. How he knew when David was just two years old that he would one day play for South Africa. Andrew had bought a golf set and rolled a plastic ball towards his kid. The kid whacked it back. The father rolled it again. Whack again. Andrew turns to his wife and proclaims David would one day play for the country. When South Africa didn't pick him for the 2011 world cup, a dejected Miller would be revived by the trust IPL franchises showed on him. First it was Kings XI Punjab, and these days its Gujarat Lions. This season he has been explosive, and in the play off, needing 16 runs in the last over, he smashed Prasidh Krishna for 3 consecutive sixes off the first three balls to seal the deal. An emotional captain Hardik Pandya enveloped him with a long bear hug. On air, Nayan Mongia would scream, "Saakshaat pranaam Miller ma!"

### Long hop, long face, but a surprise awaited McCoy

So disappointed was he after bowling a long-hop that Obed McCoy put his head down and started to trudge back. He had seen Matthew Wade swivel into a crunching pull and thought he had seen enough. So sure was he that it was sailing for a six, that he had begun to walk back towards his run-up area. Perhaps, it was the noise from the crowd that startled him into take a look behind his shoulder and he couldn't believe what he saw: his team-mates celebrating a catch by Jos Butler at deep midwicket.

### Admiration becomes agony

Ravi Ashwin is a self-confessed Shubman Gill admirer. He once re-

vealed how he became a Gill fan. "In the Melbourne Test, Cameron Green was caught at square leg off a pull and Shubman came running to me and said, 'Ash bhai, Jaldi khatam kar do yaar! 40-50 runs hoga toh mein paanch over mein khatam karoonga! (Please wrap up quickly. If it's 40-50 runs to chase, I will do it in five overs!)", Ashwin recalled in a conversation with India batting coach Vikram Rathour on his YouTube channel. "I was like, 'wow, this is unreal man'. We have a debutant who is walking up to say 'khatam karo, finish it' and I will finish in five overs and that too in a Test match," Ashwin said. But at the Eden Gardens, the admiration might have turned into agony, as Gill carved into Ashwin, shellacking him for 15 runs in six balls. First came a gorgeous six. Gill stepped out, then paused, dragged his back-foot over to go inside-out and just breezed the masterful spinner's carrom ball over extra cover.

### Saha falls for Eden temptation

Widdhiman Saha has had an interesting few months. Strong tweets that led to an enquiry, strong statements that has had him openly take on a few voices in his home association of Cricket Association of Bengal, and a day before the playoff, he had said another eyebrow-raising remark. "Here, I'm representing Gujarat so my home ground is Motera Stadium, I believe in that. Since I'm no longer with KKR, the Eden is not my home," he had said. Not sure how it was taken by the Eden faithful but he didn't last long as batsman to find out. Trent Boult took him out second ball with an angler that Saha thought would come back in, and tried to force it to the on side. But it kept slanting away to take the outside edge.

## NIKHAT STRIKES GOLD, BECOMES 5TH INDIAN WOMAN TO BAG YELLOW METAL AT WORLDS

Star Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen clinched the gold medal at the 12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships after registering a dominating 5-0 victory in Istanbul on Thursday.

Living up to the expectations, Nikhat thrashed Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas without breaking a sweat in the 52kg final with judges scoring the bout 30-27, 29-28, 29-28, 30-27, 29-28 in the Indian's favour.

The Nizamabad (Telangana)-born boxer became the only fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after record six-time champion Mary Kom (2002, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2018), Sarita Devi (2006), Jenny RL (2006) and Lekha KC (2006). It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018.

Nikhat got off to a lively start and hit some sharp punches to quickly take the upper hand in the opening three minutes against confident Jutamas, who came into the match defeating the three-time World Championships medallist Kazakhstan's Zhaina Shekerbekova.

The 25-year-old Indian took full advantage of her long reach and maintained her dominance against the Thai boxer, whom she had beaten in the 2019 Thailand Open semi-final—the only meeting between the two, en route to her silver medal finish.

However, Jutamas tried to fight back in the second round with a counter-attacking display but hardly managed to only cause any trouble for the swift-moving Nikhat, who looked in complete control.

## ASIA CUP HOCKEY: INDIA-PAKISTAN MATCH ENDS IN 1-1 DRAW

A young Indian side failed to capitalise on a number of chances and conceded a goal two minutes before the end of the match against arch-rivals Pakistan as the opening encounter between the two teams ended 1-1 in the Asia Cup hockey competition here on Monday. India had to thank goalkeeper Suraj Karkera who pulled off at least five superb saves to keep India in the hunt before they conceded a late goal. Selvam Karthi opened the score for India in the eighth minute when his drag flick on India's second penalty corner took a deflection off a defender's stick and went into the goal to make it 1-0.

India then created many chances but could not add to their score while Pakistan too missed many chances. But just when it looked like India will be lucky to gain the full three points from the match, Rana Abdul shot off a penalty corner save by Birendra Lakra on the goal line and scored the equaliser. Forward Simranjeet had a chance in the final minute of the match but shot wide as the match ended 1-1. India dominated the match, enjoying 55 percent possession as against 45 by their rivals. However, the two teams made 11 shots each at the goal and had 19 circle penetrations each. India earned six penalty corners while Pakistan had one as they scored a goal each. India had gone into the match with seven first-timers with only Birendra Lakra, Neelam Sanjiv Xess, Simranjeet Singh and SV Sunil besides Karkera having some experience of playing at the senior level. The team paid for the lack of experience as the players committed a number of errors, allowed turnovers and lacked direction upfront. Pakistan too made the same mistakes, their forwards Ahmad Ajaz, Abu Mahmood and Afraz penetrated the Indian shooting area on a number of occasions but could not score a goal. Whenever they managed to direct the ball towards the goal, they found Karkera hard to beat.

## KL RAHUL TO LEAD 18-MAN T20I SQUAD DURING INDIA VS SOUTH AFRICA TOUR, DINESH KARTHIK, HARDIK PANDYA BACK

Pace sensation Umran Malik (SRH), left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh (PBKS), and veteran wicket-keeper batter Dinesh Karthik (RCB) were on Sunday named in India's 18-member squad for the five home T20I series against South Africa, starting on June 9, after their impressive performance in the ongoing IPL 2022.

Malik has had a breakout season, picking 21 wickets in 13 fixtures so far and often clocking speeds in excess of 150 kmph while Arshdeep has emerged as a brilliant death overs specialist for Punjab Kings, enjoying one of the better economy rates in the tournament and has picked 10 wickets this season.

On the other hand, Karthik has been in blistering form at the back end of the innings for the Royal Challengers Bangalore. With a batting strike rate of 191.33, the veteran cricketer has won numerous games for the RCB as a designated finisher this season.

The 18-member squad will be led by KL Rahul, with a host of first-team players being rested in order to prepare for the tour of England. The likes of captain Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and Jasprit Bumrah have all been given a break.

All-rounder Hardik Pandya, who last played for India in the T20 World Cup has made a comeback. There were doubts about the option for the national side but he has proved himself during the ongoing IPL, where he's bowled for the Gujarat Titans and even done so in the powerplay. Deepak Hooda and Venkatesh Iyer also retain their places in the squad. Spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal are also included in the squad, on the back of their impressive performances for Delhi Capitals and Rajasthan Royals respectively.

Meanwhile, India also named the 17-member squad for the rescheduled Test against England at Edgbaston, Birmingham starting from July 1 with senior pro-Cheteshwar Pujara, who was dropped for India's last Test series against Sri Lanka, making a comeback.

Impressive performances in the County Championship have helped Cheteshwar Pujara make a comeback into the Test squad. However, Ajinkya Rahane is still not part of the squad while Ravindra Jadeja who was ruled out of the IPL 2022 due to injury has found a place in the Test squad. Shubman Gill has been picked in place of Mayank Agarwal while Shreyas Iyer — who made his impressive Test debut earlier this year — continues to take a middle-order slot. K.S Bharat is the second keeper in the squad but there is no room for Ishant Sharma. Prasidh Krishna, who has impressed in the white-ball format for India, finds a place in the Test squad.

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## HARDIK'S CAPTAINCY HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF OUR SUCCESS, SAYS VIKRAM SOLANKI

Hardik Pandya has been in a rich vein of form and has played some match-winning innings for Gujarat Titans, who entered the IPL 2022 Playoffs in style. However, more than his cricketing show, the captain in Pandya has been impressive. Hardik has led from the front and has kept the Gujarat unit together, with excellent communication skills and Vikram Solanki, Gujarat's director of cricket has heaped praise on the captain. Gujarat will take

on Rajasthan Royals in Qualifier 1 at the Eden Gardens on Tuesday and Solanki said that Hardik has matured and grown as a leader. "He has grown as a leader. He has taken to the captaincy very well. He has been very giving of his time and has really sort of involved. That is what exactly is paying off. He is having conversations with each and every bowler. Of course, someone like a Shami needs no guidance. But it is always useful

to have a connection or understanding of what they are planning to do," Solanki said. "Hardik's display of captaincy is actually interacting with the bowler, which is just quick communication playing out and making sure that our plans are in place and everybody is on same sort of page. What I will add again is to reiterate the fact that Hardik's captaincy has been a big part of our success. He's absolutely been involved in every aspect of

our campaign and long may he continue to do so," added Solanki. In the form of Shubman Gill and Wriddhiman Saha, Gujarat have found a dependable opening pair though the latter has been the aggressor of late in power-play. Solanki quashed suggestions that the opening pair of Gill, in particular, and Saha are a weak point for the side, citing the former's 63 not out off 49 balls and carried his bat through the innings on a tough Pune pitch against Lucknow Super Giants.

## DID DECENTLY DESPITE INJURIES, SAYS SRH STAND-IN SKIPPER BHUVNESHWAR KUMAR

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) stand-in skipper justified his performance and said that he did a decent job despite getting injured. In what was a very disappointing season for Hyderabad, the franchise finished eighth in the IPL points table and failed to qualify for the Playoffs. "As for me, it was a challenging season with injuries hampering me, though I did a decent job and will look to come back better in the next season," Kumar said at the post-match presentation.

As far as the season's positives go, Umran Malik and Abhishek Sharma's emergence augurs well for the franchise, said the senior India seamer. "We have had many positives, Umran Malik and Abhishek Sharma were the obvious positives, but we have a decent core of batting with Aiden Markram and Nicholas Pooran



coming up pretty well," he added. But he had a word of advice for the team management. "We will have to look at our squad and the management will have to work out on the weaknesses ahead of the next season. We won five on the bounce and had the

momentum, but it didn't go our way and we pretty much lost all our matches in the second half of the tournament." For winning skipper Mayank Agarwal, it was all about not being able to stitch back-to-back victories. "We couldn't stitch two back-to-back

wins. We lost wickets in a cluster, and that at times derailed us. We have played an aggressive brand of cricket over all. We are going to sit and discuss now after the IPL. We were here to get two points and we were here to enjoy ourselves," Agarwal said.

## ROHIT SHARMA NOT LOSING SLEEP OVER DISAPPOINTING SEASON, SAYS ONE MINOR ADJUSTMENT AWAY FROM FINDING FORM

Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma admitted that a lot of things didn't go his way with the bat but he is not losing sleep over his "disappointing" season as he is just one "minor adjustment" away from finding form again. Rohit endured his worst IPL season, failing to score a single half-century for the first time since his debut in the inaugural edition in 2008. The swashbuckling opener managed to score just 248 runs at an average of 19.14 and a strike rate of 120.17 in 14 outings. "A lot of things that I wanted to do didn't happen. I am very disappointed with my season. But this has happened with me earlier as well, so it's not something I am going through for the first time," Rohit said after MI's last match of the season on Saturday.



## EVERYONE STANDING IN THE CIRCLE WAS NOT CONVINCED SO DIDN'T TAKE REVIEW: RISHABH PANT

A disappointed Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant on Saturday said he felt that Tim David had nicked the first delivery he faced, but didn't go for the review as most of his teammates inside the circle were not convinced, a decision which cost them a place in the IPL play-offs. Pant's decision to not review that turned out to be a blunder as David slammed 34 runs off just 11 balls with the help of two boundaries and four sixes to take the game out of DC's grasp. "I thought there was something but everyone standing in the circle was not convinced enough. So I was asking should we go up. At the end, I didn't take the review," Pant said after DC lost by

five wickets to Mumbai Indians in their must-win final league game to exit the IPL. Pant said the match was very much in their hands but slipped away towards the end. "I think most of the game we were on top. But on a few occasions when we were on top, we let it slip away from our grasp. That's one of the things we have been doing throughout the tournament. I think we were not good enough to win this match I guess." "...at the same time we could have done better execution, better planning. That's the only thing and we have been missing a lot throughout the tournament. So we have to learn from our mistakes next season and come back as a strong team again next year," he said. Pant said they were 5-7 runs short of what could have been a winning total. "I think we were 5-7 runs short. We were not short much. We actually really bowled well throughout the tournament but we came in on the latter half of today's match and we missed our execution. We didn't bowl to our planning. It's hard but at the same time we have to take it on our chin and learn from it." MI captain Rohit Sharma said their only aim was to finish on a high after already exiting from the tournament long back. "I said it at the toss as well, we were here to win the game. I know a couple of teams were watching us keenly but for us it was important to get what we wanted to get out of this game, to make sure that we finish on a high and to take some positives from this last game and try to see where we didn't do well this season and try to correct those mistakes," he said.

## VIRAT KOHLI OPENS UP ON THE TURNAROUND PROCESS AND 'LARGE SCALE' LOVE FROM FANS DURING HIS LEAN PATCH



On a November day, a couple of years ago, Virat Kohli tweeted a 'note to self' that he posted to his younger self. Kohli is a much-respected star but isn't as loved as Sachin Tendulkar or MS Dhoni. Perhaps, it's due to his self-admittedly brash younger days or his in-your-face aggressiveness that sometimes jars with the people and earns him his share of brickbats. In that note to a 15-year-old self, he wrote, "You will be loved by many but will be disliked too. By some who don't even know you. Don't care about them. Keep believing in yourself." On May 19, on the night he made a fiery fifty to turn around a lull batting patch in the IPL, he talked about love again. Even hard-nosed critics of his had seemingly turned soft in this season, rooting for him to score big runs. And Kohli had noticed. "I have received so much love that I hadn't seen before at such a large scale," Kohli would tell as he collected his man-of-the-match trophy. "It was lovely. The kind of support that I have got this IPL, this whole time as well, I am very grateful and I am in a very blessed position. I have no complaints, regrets and (have no) hesitation in admitting that I have received so much love that I hadn't seen before at such a large scale. I am forever grateful for that and very happy to see." One of the side effects of the poor form has been the melting of cold hearts, especially triggered by his anguished reaction to his dismissal in an earlier game. As he walked back, he threw his head up to the skies, and seemingly mouthed "What more do you want from me?". When Harsha Bhogle brought that moment up, Kohli opened up further. "In that spur of the moment you feel why is it happening to me? But if you go back to 2018 England (Test series) I was dropped on 22 and went on to score 149 (in the first Test in Edgbaston). The juggernaut of 2014 would have started again. But it didn't (smiles)." The juggernaut he refers to is the downward spiral during that series when James Anderson repeatedly kept getting him out and it was off Anderson's bowling that he was dropped in the first Test in the slips. Kohli then talked about how he had to keep it in perspective. "I have had moments when I was dropped and then scored. If I stand here being ungrateful, it won't be fair because I have been blessed with a lot." In a chat for IPLT20.com with Faf du Plessis, there were other fascinating revelations from Kohli about his turnaround. Takeaway from a net session Faf du Plessis asked him about the process before the game, and Kohli zoomed in on a 90-minute nets session that he believes helped. More than mere hitting in the nets, it's how Kohli viewed the takeaway from the nets that stands out. "It has been a very challenging time, no doubt about that. There are lots of things that are not controllable on the field and I have experienced that this season. One thing that stood out for me was my preparation in the nets (a day before the last game). I batted about 90 minutes on the go. All I was trying to do was to get into a positive frame of mind every ball I played."

## QUICK LEARNER ARSHDEEP SINGH IN INDIA T20 SQUAD FOR SOUTH AFRICA SERIES



Punjab pacer Arshdeep Singh's coach Jaswant Rai says his ward is a "quick learner". As per Rai, it is the preparation before every game, which is helping Arshdeep outsmart the batsmen in the death overs. "Before every match, he will prepare his plans for the batsmen. If he is bowling to Dhoni and Surya, he will not give them width to open their arms," Rai told The Indian Express recently. It was this conscientious approach and unshakeable temperament that saw the selectors naming the thinking-bowler Arshdeep in the 18-member squad for the upcoming five-match T20I home series against South Africa. He, along with Umran Malik, were the new names in the team that is led by KL Rahul. With the all-format regulars like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah rested, the series will be seen as an audition for the T20 World Cup later this year. "It's a dream moment for Arshdeep and our family. He could not have asked for me. It's a dream for every kid to represent India one day and wear the Indian jersey. He has achieved the target and we wish that by God's grace and Waheguru's blessings, Arshdeep makes India proud in his career. There were days when he would cycle from Mohali to Chandigarh to the cricket academy and would never hesitate in going to the academy even in summers. It's the reward for all his hard work," said Darshan Singh, father of Arshdeep Singh.

## SUNIL GAVASKAR LANDS IN SOUP FOR UNSAVOURY REMARK ON SHIMRON HETMYER AND HIS WIFE

The legendary Sunil Gavaskar landed himself in an unnecessary controversy after making an unwarranted remark about Rajasthan Royals batter Shimron Hetmyer and his wife. Gavaskar made the comment after Hetmyer, who returned to the playing XI after spending time with his wife for the birth of their child, came out to bat after the loss of five wickets with RR chasing 151 runs against Chennai Super Kings on Friday. Gavaskar, sitting at the commentary box, said: "Hetmyer's wife delivered, will Hetmyer deliver for the Royals now?" This statement did not go down well with Twitterati, who blasted the former India skipper for his unsavoury remark. Hetmyer was blessed with a baby boy on May 10.





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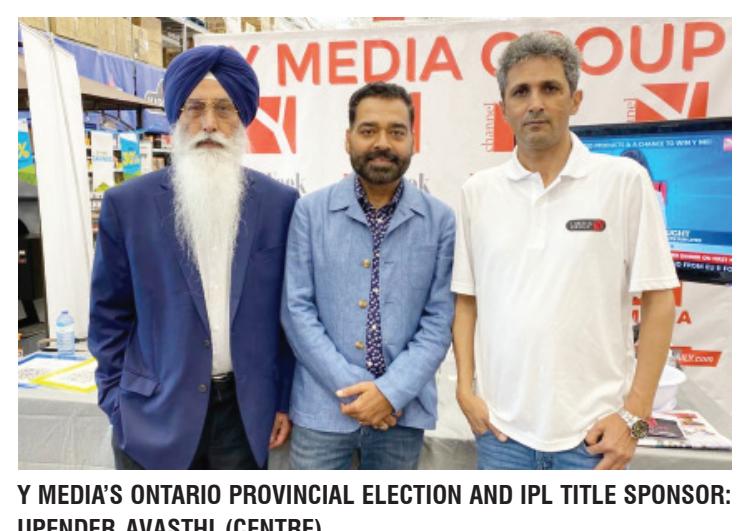
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The COVID-19 pandemic led to a worldwide lockdown as restrictions forced people to stay indoors. The global health crisis had a huge impact on the adventure sports market, as the aviation and hospitality sectors also bore the brunt. However, with the adventure sports activities gradually opening now, it is time to set yourself free! India is home to some stunning destinations, which in the last few years have been developed to house some thrilling adventures. Niharika Nigam, Director, Business Development at Jumpin Heights shares adventure sports activities that will help you beat the pandemic blues and get your adrenaline pumping while exploring some gorgeous landscapes in the most novel ways possible! Bungy jumping: Quite popular among adrenaline junkies, this extreme adventure sport



will make you forget all your worries as you see the world 'upside down' (literally!). Rishikesh in Uttarakhand touted as the adventure capital of India is home to India's highest Bungy platform standing mighty tall at a height of 83 meters. After operating over 1 lakh jumps there – a global record for adventure tourism in India, they have recently opened their second location in Goa with a whole different vibe of bungy jumping over Mayem Lake in North Goa. Run by ex-Army officers, and with jump masters trained extensively under experts from New Zealand, they follow Australia and NZ safety standards for Bungy operations. Besides, Rishikesh and Goa offer safe and professionally conducted bungy jumping amidst breathtaking views. So explore the valleys of Rishikesh or the

azure lake of Goa while jumping into their infinity! Take that 'leap of faith' and earn some serious bragging rights! Giant Swing: This is another extreme adventure, and it can be done solo as well as with two people in tandem. You can try this exhilarating activity with your friend, spouse, sibling, or family members and have once in a lifetime memory to be cherished for a long time! Jump is done from the same

Bungy platform in Rishikesh. This is India's most extreme Giant Swing. You are fitted with a seat and chest harness which is connected to the fixed wire ropes. On jump, after an initial free fall, the ropes will smoothly swing you like a pendulum as you are left suspended in the mid-air. This adventure sport allows you to enjoy double the freefall of the Bungy, with considerably more speed, and almost as much fear.

Flying Fox: Imagine yourself taking in the bird's eye view of the scenery around you, while being harnessed to the wire on a zip line. Asia's longest flying fox is in Rishikesh where you can fly at 140kph. Accelerate up to speeds of 160 kmph and feel the air gushing past, while you are lowered down to just 7 meters above the river level. River rafting: Summer is here, with scorching heat increasing day by day, and what would be better than river rafting in white waters at Rishikesh or Manali! The excitement and adrenaline rush you get while riding and tumbling down the white waters is simply unmatched! Since it is a team sport, it is great for mental health as well as overall well-being. And basically having a splendid day out in the river! In addition to this, there is paragliding, skiing, and trekking – all available in

the country – which can help rejuvenate your senses. These adventure sports can be enthralling but physically demanding as well. It is advised you do not go for these activities under peer pressure or in questionable settings. Ensure your safety by researching the organisation handling these sports. Make sure they have solid rescue operations and safety procedures in place. Be certain of the expertise of their experts and know your own limits. It is also important to do your own research and see what criteria each of these sports demands. The pandemic took a toll on overall physical and mental health as lockdown meant a sedentary and restricted life for most of us. Adventure sports can make you feel alive again and help you challenge yourself as these activities are a true test of mental strength. After all, "A life lived without adventure is a life wasted."

## INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS FOR TEENS

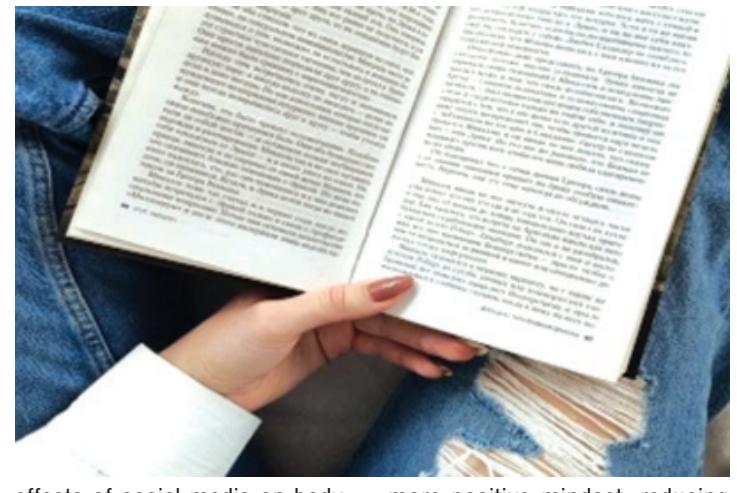
When children reach adolescence, they often experience a wide range of emotions and begin to think about their future. Books are an excellent resource for navigating these thoughts and feelings, and the more inspiring

they are, the more hope they provide. Because each child is different, the best inspirational books for teens vary greatly. Just as You Are: A Teen's Guide to Self-Acceptance and Lasting Self-Esteem Building high self-esteem is

extremely difficult for many teenagers, and this book is written to help them navigate the topic. The tone is upbeat throughout, encouraging readers to value themselves, stop comparing themselves to others, and silence the critical

voices in their heads. It is written by a clinical psychologist and teaches self-awareness, and self-compassion, and assists readers in developing their own plans of action to stay positive in the future. Shoot Your Shot: A Sport-Inspired Guide To Living Your Best Life

Shoot Your Shot is a book for teenagers who enjoy sports. It is written in the context of basketball and is divided into "quarters" in the manner of a basketball game. "Shoot Your Shot" aims to inspire readers to succeed in whatever they do in life, whether it's sports, academics, the arts, or something in between. The Body Image Book for Girls: Love Yourself and Grow Up Fearless Body positivity can be extremely difficult to achieve, particularly during adolescence. This book, written by a psychologist and body image expert, is intended for children aged 9 to 15. It offers words of wisdom and encouragement, as well as hard facts, on a variety of topics such as mental health, self-care, diet culture, and the



effects of social media on body image. It also includes real-life stories from girls who have struggled with their body images, as well as tips for maintaining both their physical and mental health, as the two are inextricably linked.

### A Year of Positive Thinking for Teens

The adult version of this book has been a huge success over the years, so it's no surprise that a teen edition was created. It's intended to be a "road map" for teens, teaching them what they need to do to achieve success in all aspects of their lives. And, let's face it, as teenagers grow into adults, it never hurts to have a little extra guidance.

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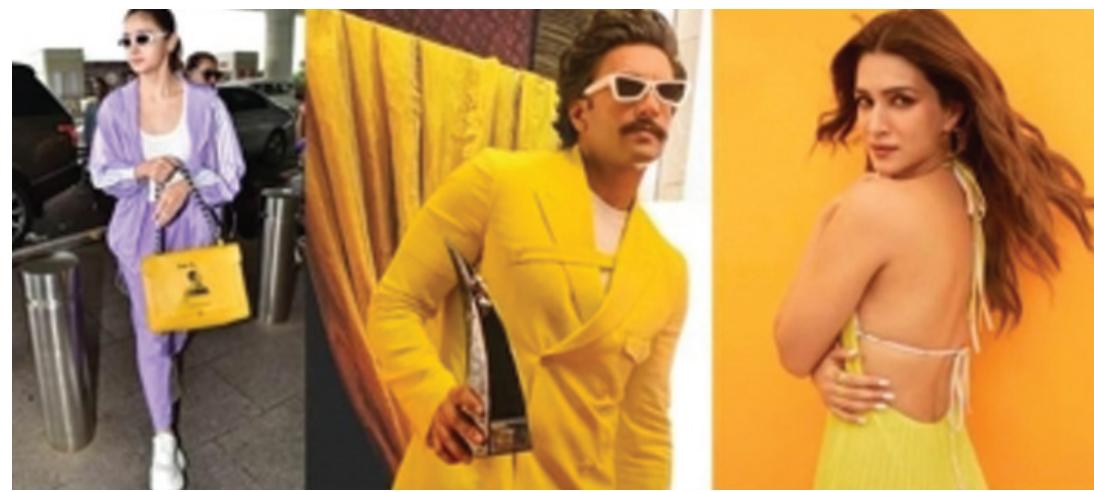
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## .. AND IT WAS ALL YELLOW!



2022 is a year full of hope... in fashion the sentiment is portrayed through many hues, yellow being one of brightness and lightness. From stunning runway looks to casual street style, shades of yellow has everyone's attention. Here's some fashion inspiration.

**Kriti Sanon**

Kriti Sanon looks stunning in this lemon shaded backless maxi. Wear it to brunch or a casual dinner with friends.

**Ranveer Singh**

Ranveer's cool, quirky, and off-beat style never fails to make waves. His fashion choices always draw attention, and fans admire his confidence even when his choices are a bit over the top. This egg yolk hued blazer is not for the faint hearted...

**Varun Dhawan**

Varun Dhawan chooses to pop of yellow with this hoodie which he wore around town recently.

**Alia Bhatt**

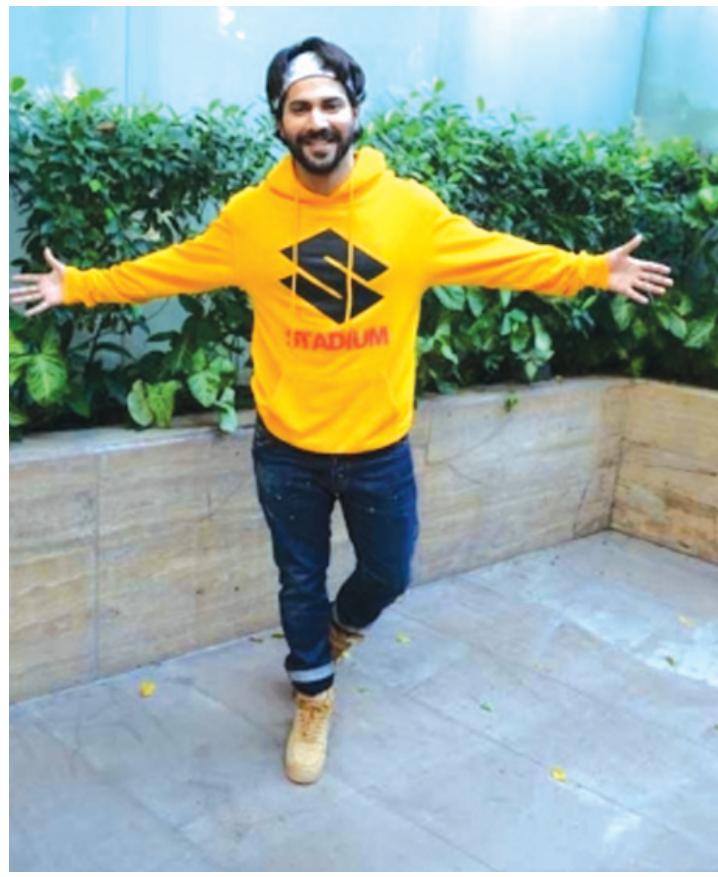
The young Mrs. proves that yellow is the new black, with her yellow Anya Hindmarch. Alia is frequently sported with this accessory when she's opting for a more casual look.

**Deepika Padukone**

Deepika Padukone wore a saree pleated drape with vivid yellow, blue, pink, and green poppy print.

**Shahid Kapoor**

Taking a cue from Shahid Kapoor, your next purchase should be a



bright yellow kurta and black palazzos.

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## It's time to get out there and run those miles

Nike is bringing back its running collection this summer to inspire athletes to set even higher goals, while also providing a combination of stability and cushioning to help reduce running injury. It is moving sports fans forward, whether you are a casual jogger, a competitive runner, a sprinter, or a long-distance athlete. Eliud Kipchoge wore the Alphafly Next percent 2 shoe when he won the Tokyo Marathon in March of this year. Mo Farah, on the other hand, likes the Peg. The brand's ambition is to engineer footwear with measurable performance benefits and to create efficient interfaces between the body and technology to enable athletes to break personal boundaries and, in some cases, break records, as our athletes have demonstrated.

### Pegasus 39

If running is a part of your daily routine, then Pegasus 39's comfy, intuitive design will help you reach unprecedented levels. As you transition from heel to toe, a supportive feeling keeps your foot controlled, while underfoot cushioning and two Zoom Air units lend a pop to your step. With Nike's React Technology, the new Pegasus is a smooth, responsive ride. Upgrading from 1 Zoom Air unit to 2, together, they help with a smoother lift off being placed at the heel and toe. A flex groove has also been added in the forefront. It has a tented closure system, which facilitates easy slide in at the midfoot and lock down in one process for performance running.

The Pegasus 39 was built keeping the modern athlete in mind, but also caters to anyone who prefers a handsome shoe that smoothly slips on and off.

### Zoom Invincible

With the Nike ZoomX foam, the Zoom Invincible is designed to assist the three phases of a runner's stride and is shaped like a rocker. When your foot raises off the ground, it provides greater flexibility, a comfortable ride when going forward, and cushioning when your foot makes contact with the ground. It also features an evolved Flyknit that provides breathability in areas where your foot heats up along with a panel which provides extra support to the foot. It has a 100 per cent React foam for durability and reliability. The shoe was inspired by Bowerman and the waffle outsole- and by incorporating runner data and utilizing the top end performance technologies, the computational design may assist give durability, traction, and bounce. The ZoomX is made for all runners, and built to make one feel like they are



running on a cloud.

**Zoom Alphafly NEXT:** With the Nike Air Zoom Alphafly NEXT percent Flyknit, you'll be ready for your next personal best. To help you improve your running game for your next marathon or road event, responsive foam is coupled with two Zoom Air units. It also features the latest version of Flyknit, the Atomknit which is steamed, stretched and delivered with a lightweight contoured fit which helps with minimal water absorption and elevated breathability.

## PRETERM BIRTH: WARNING SIGNS THAT INDICATE COMPLICATIONS DURING PREGNANCY



Preterm birth, defined as a baby born before 37 weeks of pregnancy, is a leading cause of infant death and can result in long-term disabilities for those who survive. Each year, approximately 1 million children die as a result of preterm birth complications. According to the World Health Organization, many survivors will live with disabilities for the rest of their lives, including learning disabilities and vision and hearing problems. India is at the top of the list of countries with the most preterm births.

**Reasons for complications**  
Preterm birth can occur due to a number of reasons. The majority of preterm births occur naturally. Multiple pregnancies, infections, placenta abruption (separation of the placenta from the uterus), less amniotic fluid and chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure are all common causes of preterm birth; however, in many cases, no cause is identified. Sometimes, genetic factors are also respons-

sible for preterm delivery.

### Warning Signs

Regular or frequent abdominal tightening (contractions), constant backache, a sensation of pelvic or lower abdominal pressure, and mild abdominal cramps are all signs of preterm labour. Vaginal spotting or light bleeding may occur in some cases, while others may notice a change in the type of vaginal discharge, watery, mucus-like, or bloody. Placental Abruption, High BP, and Less Amniotic fluid are major causes of preterm deliveries. Yes, all of these factors contribute to preterm birth. Women should avoid it by quitting smoking and abstaining from drugs. Blood pressure and diabetes should be kept at the optimum level. Women should also take health and safety precautions such as wearing a seat belt and notifying their doctor if they experience any abdominal trauma

or vaginal bleeding.

### How to avoid a preterm delivery?

During pregnancy, a woman should keep in touch with her doctor at all times. If she has any risk factors for preterm birth, such as having previously delivered a premature baby or having a problem with her uterus or cervix, she should tell the doctor right away. After consulting with their doctor, pregnant women can be advised some hormone supplementation or sometimes surgical procedure along with folic acid to prevent preterm birth. If you and your baby are both healthy, you should wait until at least 39 weeks to start labour on your own. Factors to keep in mind if in case it's a preterm delivery When compared to normal babies, premature babies require more medical attention. The cause of preterm delivery and how early the baby was delivered determine the level of care. Preterm babies may have birth-related issues that necessitate specialised medical

attention. They usually have breathing problems, low immunity, and are prone to infections, viral infections, and jaundice. They may have serious health issues such as sepsis, brain haemorrhage, or other conditions that necessitate special attention. Premature birth has a significant impact on a mother's health, and she too requires specialised care. Her anxiety and stress levels may be clouding her judgement and affecting how she cares for the baby. Hence, both the mother and child should be kept under observation for a few days.

### Tips for a safe & healthy pregnancy

It is critical to live a healthy lifestyle in order to have a safe and healthy pregnancy. Tobacco, smoking, e-cigarettes, and secondhand smoke should all be avoided. Don't drink alcohol while trying to conceive or while pregnant. Avoid using illegal drugs and abusing prescription medications. Consume a well-balanced diet rich in iron and folic acid. Make an effort to be active every day: aim for 30 minutes of exercise per day. Blood pressure and diabetes should be controlled. To avoid becoming obese, lose weight; if you are underweight, gain weight. Reduce stress by practicing yoga, meditation, being active, joining support groups, balancing work and life, and working on a healthy relationship with your partner free of violence. (Dr. Gauri Agarwal, Fertility Specialist, Founder & Director, Seeds of Innocence and Genestrings Diagnostics)

## THE MOST AWAITED READS

Don't let the weather dampen your spirits and weigh you down, pick up one of these books and dive head first into a great read. Here's our list for the month.

**The Wait And Other Stories** (From the 2022 Jnanpith Award winner):

DamodarMauzo

Publisher: Penguin India

A cab driver, who assumes the identity of whoever his clients want him to be, finds himself in a tricky situation with a passenger. A late-night call leads a doctor down a path of lust and desire, but with unexpected results. A writer acquaints himself with a thief who had broken into his house. A migrant worker falls in love but wonders how he can present himself as a suitor. A young man, having lost the love of his life, takes it upon himself to resolve another couple's dilemmas. Konkani writer DamodarMauzo's sometimes bizarre, sometimes tender stories, set largely in Goa, create a world far removed from the sun and sand and the holiday resorts. Here you find villagers facing moral choices, children waking up to the realities of adult lives, men who dwell on remorse, women who live a life of regret and communities whose bonds are growing tenuous in an age of religious polarization. Probing the deepest corners of the human psyche with tongue-in-cheek humour, Mauzo's stories reveal the many threads that connect us to others and the ease with which they can be broken. Written in simple prose and yet layered in nuances, *The Wait* is a collection that brings to the anglophone world one of the doyens of Konkani literature.

**Nireeswaran** (Vayalar and Kerala Sahitya Akademi winner): V.J. James  
Publisher: Penguin India

Is it possible for society to exist without religion? Nireeswaran, the most celebrated of Malayalam novelist V.J. James' works, uses incisive humour and satire to question blind faith and give an insight into what true spirituality is. Three atheists, Antony, Sahir, and Bhaskaran, embark on an elaborate prank to establish that God is nothing but a superstition. They install a mutilated idol of Nireeswaran, literally anti-god, to show people how hollow their religion is. Their plan starts turning awry when miracles start being attributed to Nireeswaran, a man waking up from coma after 24 years, a jobless man ineligible for government employment getting a contract, a prostitute turning into a saint-leading hordes to turn up to worship the fake deity. The trio is put in a quandary. Will they fight their own creation? Is their intractable minds an indication that atheism is a religion in itself? Belief and disbelief, it is possible, are two sides of the same coin. I am Onir and I am gay :Onir with Irene Dhar Malik

Publisher: Penguin India

The award-winning filmmaker Onir, whose directorial debut, 'My Brother Nikhil' (2005), broke new ground in LGBT representation on the Indian silver screen, opens up fully for the first time. From his childhood days in Bhutan to when he was a young man with no connections in the Hindi film industry who dreamt big and fought to carve a niche for himself, Onir takes the reader through his struggles and triumphs to offer an intimate glimpse of his fascinating journey to success. Now one of the few openly gay directors in Bollywood, Onir remains fearless about his identity and passionate about his role as a filmmaker in opening up the road to difficult conversations about identity and resilience. Written with his sister Irene Dhar Malik, *I Am Onir and I Am Gay* is an emotionally gritty and unabashedly honest personal story is a pathbreaking narrative of hope, love and the pursuit of dreams.

**Generation XL** (Dr. Sanjay Borude)

Publisher: Penguin India

India has a paradox of malnourishment as well as morbid obesity. While children have fewer weight-related health and medical problems than adults, overweight children are at high risk of becoming overweight adolescents and adults, placing them at risk of developing chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes later in life. They are also more prone to develop stress, sadness, and low self-esteem.

The contributing factors could be many, besides genetic makeup and medical factors like hypothyroidism and Cushing's Syndrome. Children today spend far more time on screens than playing games outdoors, more so in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Energy-dense foods and drinks are more readily available now than before. Psychological factors like stress also lead to overeating and increase the risk for obesity in childhood. The book is a comprehensive roadmap for prevention and management of childhood obesity by one of India's top bariatric surgeons. With real life case studies and examples, the book helps parents and children chart a roadmap to recovery and a fitter, healthier life. Without corrective action, there could be serious implications for future generations.

**Open House with Piyush Pandey** (Piyush Pandey)

Publisher: Penguin India

In *Open House*, Piyush Pandey takes the readers on a journey into his mind-his work, thoughts and experiences. He answers questions posed to him by people over the decades. Serious questions, incisive questions and frivolous questions. Is advertising a good career option? Should ad agencies work for political parties? Why does Ogilvy work for the BJP? Should citizens take the law into their own hands if they don't like the advertising? Is Ogilvy a lala company? What is the future of advertising? Is Piyush Pandey too old to be in this business?

Honest, irreverent and informative, this is a roller-coaster ride with Piyush Pandey and Anant Rangaswami who has skilfully curated the book. With its practical wisdom and deep insights, *Open House* will both entertain and enlighten you.

## INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

The *Atlas of Affluence (AOA) 2022* was launched in Mumbai among leading luminaries from industries spanning the business of luxury. *AOA 2022* is the first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury, created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts, and retail. During the two years of the pandemic, India experienced a surge in collective reflection on what affluence means. *AOA 2022* is a book with specially commissioned artworks that charts the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study across six cities and markets in India. The time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months is used to specify a comparative matrix in this study. It also contributes to the debunking of long-held beliefs about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians. The study was

developed over several months through scientifically designed consumer research to understand the differences between metro and non-metro buyers, brands, and behavioural ideas behind consumption. The remaining sections of this white paper go beyond luxury as a product to investigate the granularities of affluence. "In finance and business studies affluence is about assets compared to liabilities. But for an evolved luxury market, which includes aesthetic finesse, awareness, aspiration, affordability and distinction as well as trend defining choices, affluence brings a new set of affirmations. It is a combination of wealth, assets and high disposable incomes, with socio-cultural awareness, self-knowledge, and a response-able outlook. This comes out clearly in this white paper as the rise of the individual," says Shefalee Vasudev, editor, The Voice of Fashion. *AOA* is a strategy document for all those who create in or for India, make or market here, and must have their finger on the consumer's pulse. Aside from business strategy and numbers, there are columns, interviews, field reports, and feature



stories on architecture, personal style, India's ascendance in South Asian design and global luxury, the emergence of the gold collar consumer, and the growing market for beauty and wellness. This research is a collaboration, a mash-up of timely, relevant, ready-to-use creative and commercial insights.

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