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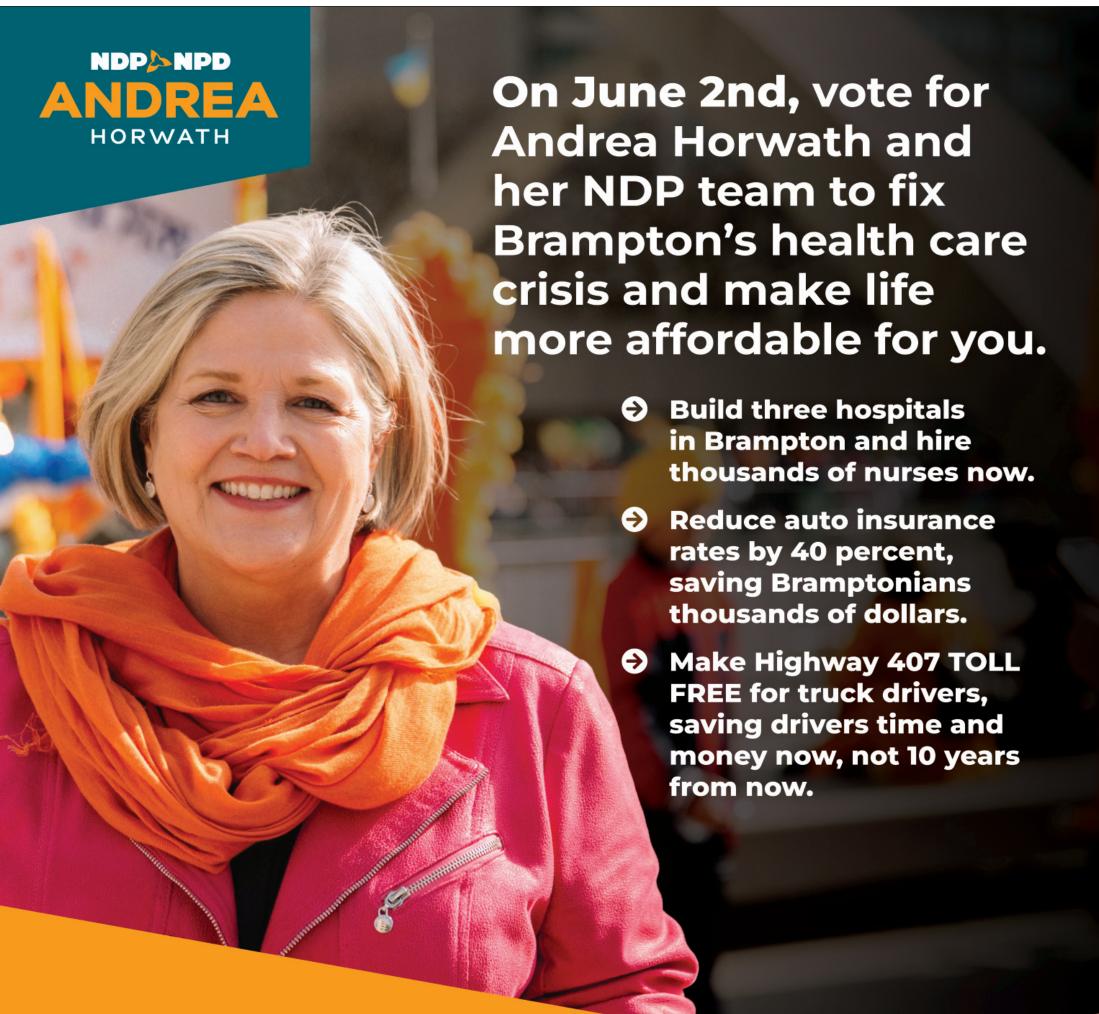


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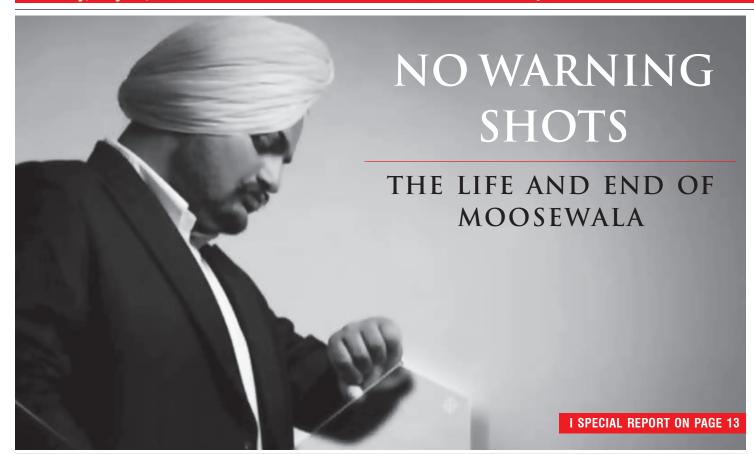
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# PUNJAB DGP STRENGTHENS SIT TO PROBE MOOSEWALA KILLING

**CHANDIGARH:** To further expedite the investigations in the famed singer Sidhu Moosewala killing, Punjab Director General of Police V.K. Bhawra on Wednesday strengthened and reconstituted the Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the supervision of ADGP Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Pramod Ban.

Now, the six-member SIT will have a new Chairman, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Jaskaran Singh and two new members -- AIG AGTF Gurmeet Singh Chauhan and SSP Mansa Gaurav Toora.

While, SP Investigation Mansa Dharamveer Singh, DSP Investigation Bathinda Vishawajeet Singh and in charge CIA Mansa Prithipal Singh are existing three members.

In its fresh orders, the DGP stated that the SIT shall conduct the investigation on a day-to-day basis, arrest the perpetrators of this heinous crime, and on completion of investigation. The SIT can co-opt any other police officer and take the assistance of any expert or officer, with approval of the DGP, the order further reads.

As per the information, Shubhdeep Singh, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, who left his house around 4.30

p.m. on Sunday along with two persons --Gurwinder Singh (neighbour) and Gurpreet Singh (cousin), was shot dead by some unidentified persons.

Meanwhile, the FIR dated May 29 under Sections 302, 307, 341, 148, 149 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act had been registered at Police Station City 1 Mansa.

#### Y MEDIA POLITICAL SENSEX

# WATCH ONTARIO ELECTION RESULTS LIVE ON JUNE 2 AT CHANNEL Y



#### POOJA LUTHRA

June 2 is election day in Ontario. Voters in Ontario will be choosing their new premier and members of the provincial parliament.

On Thursday, June 2, watch Y Media Political Sensex: Ontario Election, 2022 live results only on Channel Y at 7 pm. Y Media group is bringing Ontario election results coverage wherein the expert panellists will participate in a lively debate moderated by Yudhvir Jaswal, Y Media Group Editor and CEO, and Ramona Singh, Associate Editor at Y Media. They will present live minute-to-minute updates on which party and candidates are leading.

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#### CANADA INTRODUCES NEW FIREARM-CONTROL BILL TO FREEZE HANDGUNS

The Canadian ruling party has tabled a new firearm-control bill which features a national freeze on importing, buying, selling or otherwise transferring handguns, local media reported.

CTV News on Tuesday reported that the measure does not ban handguns outright, allowing current owners to continue to possess and use them, but seeks to cap the number in the country.

The number of registered handguns in Canada increased 71 per cent between 2010 and 2020, reaching nearly 1.1 million, according to federal statistics.

# JASBIR SINGH, 66, FROM BRAMPTON CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT

Investigators from the Peel Regional Police Special Victims Unit have charged a 66-year-old man in relation to a sexual assault investigation.

On October 31, 2021, the suspect and the victim met through his business. He was assisting her with a private matter at his place of business where he sexually assaulted the 52-year-old female victim. Jasbir Singh is currently an owner and operator of a driving school in Brampton.

# TYLAN SINGH, 20, FROM BRAMPTON, CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN DEATH OF JAHLEEL MCKOY, 19, FROM BRAMPTON

Homicide investigators have charged a man in relation to a Brampton homicide. On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at approximately 2:30 p.m., emergency services received a call for shots fired in the area of Cresthaven Road and Torada Court in the City of Brampton.

Upon arrival, officers located a man suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The victim died at the scene as a result of the injuries he sustained.

# UDAAN EDUCATION SOCIETY PROVIDED FINANCIAL AID TO 200 UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS



#### POOJA LUTHRA

The most selfless deed one can do in this world is to educate someone. And this is what Sham Kumar Chadha from Pathankot, Punjab, is doing.

Udaan Education Society in India organized an event to mark financial aid provided by Sham Kumar Chadha, society's President, to 200 needy students who could not complete their education due to insufficient money. His son, Sourabh Chadha, who resides in Canada, donated ten lakhs for the first semester to each student admitted to Guru Nanak Dev University.

# FIVE PROMINENT LEADERS WHO QUIT CONGRESS IN 2022



Kapil Sibal is the fifth high profile exit from the Congress this year as he parted ways with the party and filed his Rajya Sabha nomination as independent candidate with Samajwadi Party backing from the state of Uttar Pradesh. Prior to Sibal, former Punjab Congress Chief Sunil Jakhar had left the party only to join the BJP.

# HAS THE QUAD SHIFTED FOCUS FROM GEOPOLITICS TO GEO-ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT?

Has the Quad eventually found its footing—to cut down Chinese hegemony in the Indo-Pacific and simultaneously bring development and tech benefits to the countries in a vast region that ranges from east Africa to the Pacific. In their joint statement, the four nations promise to work on peace and security, health and climate change, infrastructure and technology. I CONTD. ON PAGE 10





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# ONTARIO LIBERALS PROMISE TO BUILD 200 NEW & REPAIR 4,500 SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF BUILDING HIGHWAY 413





# **IGHWAY 413?**



Rather than waste \$10 billion on a road, Ontario Liberals will build 200 new schools and repair 4,500 more, touching every region of the province. While Highway 413 will turn Doug Ford's friends from millionaires into billionaires, our plan will result in better schools in your neighbourhood and an investment in your kids' and Ontario's future.

"Highway 413 is a waste of money and an environmental disaster in the making - I know, I was the Transportation Minister who killed it the first time," said Del Duca. ? "Now, Doug Ford wants to pave over these sensitive lands in the Greenbelt against the objection of mayors, municipalities and environmentalists. Ontario Liberals will defeat Doug Ford and stop the 413 forever." "This election is about choices – and on June 2, the choice couldn't be clearer," continued Del Duca. "It's a choice between the Ford Conservatives, who want to take \$2,000 out of your pocket and hand it over to their wealthy supporters - and the Ontario Liberals, who want to invest in your kids' education."



# **Ontario Liberals Will Raise Taxes On Corporate Profits Over \$1 Billion**

Steven Del Duca announced that an Ontario Liberal government will give small businesses a leg up and end Big-Box bias and handouts for mega-grocery chains.

Ontario Liberals will:

- Raise taxes on corporate profits over \$1 billion.
- Force mega-grocery companies to hold fair and open negotiations with farmers, driving down food prices over time.
- Remove the HST on more meals under \$20, paid for by increasing taxes on Doug Ford's mega-grocer friends.
- Eliminate 2-years of corporate taxes for small businesses hit hardest by the pandemic.
- Eliminating incorporation fees for new business start-ups.
- Investing \$10 million in grants to support Black entrepreneurs and Black-owned small businesses.

# **Ontario Liberals Promise To Ban** Sale, Possession, Transport & **Storage Of Handguns In Province**

Steven Del Duca joined a group of community activists to champion the Ontario Liberal plan to ban handguns in Ontario. Ontario Liberals will:

- Ban the sale, possession, transport and storage of handguns in Ontario;
- Accept the federal government's offer to fund a buy-back program:
- Crack down on gun smuggling at the Ontario-U.S. borders; and
- Lead the charge for a national ban on handguns to stop trafficking through inter-provincial borders.





# SARA SINGH, ONTARIO'S NDP CANDIDATE FOR BRAMPTON CENTRE, CANVASSING ALONG WITH FEDERAL NDP LEADER JAGMEET SINGH









# ONTARIO NDP LEADER HORWATH TEAMS UP WITH ONTARIO NURSES **ASSOCIATION; PLEDGES TO HIRE 30,000 MORE NURSES**



can access high-quality care when and where they need it.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath has teamed up with President Cathryn Hoy and the Ontario Nurses' Association to stop the cuts, and fix health care. Horwath has committed to hiring 30,000 more nurses. One part of Horwath's plan to do that is to retain experienced latecareer nurses by creating a new type of nursing job in Ontario — a role to mentor and supervise less experienced nurses.

"I'm standing with nurses and with ONA because we know, together, we can fix health care. We can stop the cuts, stop nurse burnout, and help people get world-class care much faster," said Horwath. "Just imagine what a difference it will make. When you take your little one to the ER, there will be someone there to take a look right away. The painful and frustrating wait for procedures will end quicker.

"Fixing health care and getting folks the quality care they deserve starts with giving nurses and frontline workers the respect they deserve. This election is our shot to do that.

Horwath and the NDP will respect nurses and shore up health care by:

- Hiring 30,000 nurses to bring Ontario up to the national average. Creating new jobs for late-career and recently retired nurses to mentor and supervise new staff.
- Repealing Bill 124, Ford's wage-cut law, and restoring nurses' rights.
  - Phasing out for-profit long-term care and home care, so everyone

Take the pressure off hospitals with universal mental health care and public dental care.

come together an elect an NDP government that will stop the cuts and finally fix health care."

Ontario has lost over 7,300 nurses in the last decade, and currently has the lowest ratio of RNs in Canada. "The Liberals froze hospital funding and cut 1,600 nurses. And Doug Ford's cuts are only making things worse. The \$2.7 billion in more cuts he has planned will gut our health care system," said Horwath. "I want everyone to know it doesn't have to be this way. On June 2, we can

# ONTARIO'S GREEN PLAN FOR PARRY SOUND—MUSKOKA INCLUDES SEVEN KEY PRIORITIES, INCLUDING BUILDING 1,000 AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES

This morning, Leader Mike Schreiner and candidate for Parry Sound- opened by craft producers Muskoka Matt Richter announced the Green Plan for Parry Sound-Muskoka to make life more caring, affordable and connected for resi- entrepreneurs start or grow their business dents in the riding.

"Ontario Greens have new solutions to the old problems facing the people of Parry Sound-Muskoka," Schreiner said at the announcement

"We have the leadership to build the Parry Sound-Muskoka you want," Richter said. "We hear your concerns and we have a real plan to tackle them head-on."

The Green Plan for Parry Sound-Muskoka includes

- seven key priorities: 1. Expand healthcare options
- \* Create three new nurse practitioner-led clinics in Parry Sound-Muskoka
- \* Rebalance the healthcare funding formula to ensure better access in rural areas
- \* Recruit 230 doctors to northern communities including in Parry Sound-Muskoka
- \* Immediately repeal Bill 124 and hire more nurses and PSWs in the region
- 2. Tackle the housing affordability crisis
- \* Build 1,000 affordable rental homes in Parry Sound-Muskoka
- \* Increase housing supply by offering zero-interest loans of \$25K for homeowners to add affordable rental units, such as secondary suites, onto their primary residence
- 3. Help local small businesses thrive with a Main Street Strategy
- \* Create and enforce rent control guidelines for year-over-year increases that apply to all commercial tenants, including new tenants
- \* Expand the Digital Main Street program to provide fulfilment plat-
- forms that better enable small, local businesses to compete with large online companies
- \* Change the regulations to allow boutique wine, craft beer and artisan spirit retail outlets to open legally, including independent, off-site stores unnecessary stress on students

- \* Expand programs to help Black, Indigenous and other racialized
- 4. Make transit more affordable, convenient & reliable to connect Parry Sound-Muskoka
- \* Immediately restore and improve the Northlander passenger rail
- \* Expand and improve inter-community Northland bus service \* Immediately cut all Northland transit fares in half for at least 3
  - months to address the soaring cost of transportation 5. Bring down the cost of utility bills
  - \* Focus hydro bill relief programs for people in rural or remote areas, and those with low-incomes
  - \* Help homeowners save money by saving energy with grants of up to \$15,000 to \$20,000 to cover retrofits to improve energy efficiency
  - 6. Protect Parry Sound-Muskoka communities from expensive flooding
  - \* End clearcutting of forests for development projects \* Work with Indigenous communities to conserve and
- protect at least 25% of Ontario by 2025, and 30% by 2030 \* Restore and expand wetlands and green infrastructure to clean
- stormwater and reduce flooding 7. Improve rural education & address student mental health
- \* Rebalance the education funding formula to take into account the unique needs of rural schools
- \* Increase funding for children's mental health to reduce wait times to less than 30 days and ensure students can easily connect to community mental health professionals at or near primary and secondary

Create a Youth Wellness Hub in each major Parry Sound-Muskoka community

Eliminate EQAO standardized testing to save money and reduce

# ONTARIO PCS PLEDGE TO EXPAND HIGHWAY 417 FOR OTTAWA DRIVERS



Today, Doug Ford announced that only a re-elected PC government will get shovels in the ground to expand Highway 417 and fight gridlock for Ottawaarea drivers and businesses. "Just a few days ago, Steven Del Duca couldn't help but say no to expanding Highway 417 when he admitted he wants another study," said Doug Ford. "Drivers in Ottawa are tired of waiting, stuck in gridlock that's only getting worse. Local businesses need better roads and highways so they can get goods to market faster. Only a re-elected PC government will get shovels in the ground to expand Highway 417." Highway 417 connects the Ottawa region to the 401 and serves as a key gateway for the area's manufacturing and agriculture sectors. Highways 17 and 7 are also important corridors, connecting Ottawa to the North and Peterborough. During peak travel, the Queensway between the Highway 417 interchange and Montreal Road is often above capacity, leading to significant delays for commuters and economic costs in lost productivity for businesses. This gridlock also forces commercial trucks to travel through the downtown area, adding to local gridlock. To relieve gridlock, a re-elected PC government will widen Highway 417 in the City of Ottawa to four lanes in each direction between Highway 416 and Maitland Avenue. The Ontario PCs will also rebuild five bridges on Highway 417 from Ottawa Road 174 to Walkley Road in Ottawa and widen Highway 17 from Amprior to Renfrew to four lanes, which will increase capacity and improve road safety. "Building highways has never been more important, with 75 per cent of eastern Ontario's population growth in the next 30 years expected to happen right here in the Ottawa area," added Ford. "Andrea Horwath and the NDP are happier protesting highways than building them. The Del Duca-Wynne Liberals will find any reason to say no with endless studies, reports and committees. Only the Ontario PCs will get it done and build Highway 417."

# ONTARIO NDP TO INCLUDE UNIVERSAL BASIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE UNDER OHIP; WILL **PUBLICLY FUND COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

Andrea Horwath and the NDP will help post-secondary students care for their mental health with a free and easily accessible mental health care.

"University, college and trade school is a stressful time — it's always a stressful time, full of change," said Horwath. "Right now, a silent epidemic of mental health struggles is making life so much harder on students and young adults. Students are trying to cope with anxiety, stress, loss and grief, and getting used to being on campus after years of isolation. And students think there is no way they'll ever be able to afford the kind of counselling or support they need — so they suffer in silence, thinking there's no where to turn.

"But mental health care is health care, and we shouldn't have to pay for it. Together, we can fix it - so in Ontario, students will always have someone to turn to, and they'll get mental health care with their OHIP card, not a credit card."

- The NDP plan to help university students includes: \* Expanding OHIP coverage to include universal basic mental health care, and introducing legislation that recognizes mental health is as important as physical health.
- Developing province-wide, trauma-informed standards to respond to campus sexual violence and prevent a continued patchwork of different policies across different institutions.

# MidWeek

# Democratic India has to have a national identity

D.C. PATHAK

The Preamble to the Constitution of India describes maintenance of 'unity and integrity of the nation' as its prime objective. Reference to India being a Union of States is for defining the pattern of governance that the Constitution was to lay down in its text. It is strange that the world's largest democracy born in 1947 could not - for reasons of internal politics define the 'idea of India' in spite of this country's deeply inclusive civilisational past and allowed the concept to remain vague, debatable and uncertain in terms of the nationalist values it was supposed to invoke amongst its citizens. Citizens of a free nation had every right to connect with their collective recall of history that inculcated in them a sense of oneness rooted in the shared happy and unhappy memories.

The political complexities flowing out of the traumatic division of India on communal lines built into the process of Independence itself and the approach of the Congress as the first ruling party of India, of presenting the democratic dispensation here as a contrast to Islamic Pakistan by 'disowning' any cultural heritage of the Hindu majority in India, created an amorphous kind of polity that was to open the way for putting the Muslim minority on a special footing for its numbers. All of this produced an unnatural environ for governance that seemed to run against the first democratic principle of 'one man one vote' followed in India from day one of the enforcement of Indian Constitution in 1950.

Our Constitution was inherently secular in as much as it drew no lines amongst the citizens in providing equal opportunities and equal protection of law to them but the Congress -apparently out of a sense of political insecurity - amended the Preamble in 1976 to introduce the adjective 'secular' for the State primarily to retain the loyalty of Muslim minority for the party. With the gradual but steady rise of BJP as a democratic party, Indian politics was clearly marked by a growing consciousness among other parties that in a situation of acute divide of the majority community due to politics of caste, language and region, the solid support of the Muslim minority was the only possible match winner in elections. There was no going back on this realpolitik which produced a competition among non- BJP parties in the advocacy for the 'Muslim cause'

Early on, a narrative of majoritarianism, authoritarianism and anti- minority bias was built against Modi government by the opposition groups in concert with anti-BJP lobbies at home and abroad. The country has currently become prone to the politics of communal violence. India is only too familiar with the communal problem that afflicted this country for decades after Independence primarily because the Ulema and the elite guiding the minority community continued with their policy of projecting religious identity into politics, to claim a share of power on that basis and in the process got the 'secular' parties ruling then, to humour the Muslim minority in every possible way for its electoral numbers. The anti-Modi political parties in concert with leaders of the minority community, are selectively responding to cases of communal violence - blaming it all on the present leadership at the Centre. This is the same psyche that led them even to absolve Pakistan of any share of responsibility for perpetrating faith-based terrorism in Kashmir. They have run out of ideas on how to politically contest Modi's leadership - Prime Minister Modi's rapid



rise as a world leader on the strength of the handling of international relations by him, was perhaps propelling the opposition to start running him down on the domestic front more and more.

Politics of condoning violence is a cause of great concern from the point of view of national security. Law and order is a state subject and therefore in any case of communally motivated violence-regardless of which side provoked it- the focus has to be on the accountability of the state government- not on settling scores with the Centre. Time has come for the state governments to live up to their autonomous role of preventing any mass violence with rigorous measures. Since communally sensitive Police Stations were already identified there should be no laxity on the part of the state Police in taking comprehensive preventive measures there- the DM and SP should be held directly responsible for ensuring the same. The Centre has a certain responsibility of monitoring the performance of officers of IAS and IPS- who were recruited, trained and allotted to states by it- and this should be put to an effective use at this juncture. Unlike other crimes, communally motivated violence tends to get prolonged producing a cycle of action and reaction, makes it easy for the agents of the external adversary to dig in their heels and adds to the vulnerability of other sensitive areas. Serious notice has to be taken of the brazenness of Pakistan in declaring in its recently announced National Security doctrine that the 'pro- Hindutva policies of Modi government had put the safety of India's Muslims in jeopardy'. While the former Prime Minister of Pakistan- Imran Khan- put India-Pakistan relations in the Hindu-Muslim framework, his successor - Shehbaz Sharif - has done no better by talking of Kashmir as the core issue between the two countries and alleging that 'Kashmiri's blood was turning the valley red'. Pakistan's game of causing internal destabilisation in India by instigating communal conflicts here is in the open now and the Intelligence set up of this country has the added challenge of detecting agent provocateurs recruited by ISI for that purpose. There is learning from the experience of recent years when communal militancy proved to be the route for the rise of terrorism and the spread of radicalisation. Indian Mujahideen (IM) emerging out of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) proved the point. At present the internal security scene in India is potentially disturbed because of the revival of the historical disputes India had inherited in 1947 - mainly revolving round the destruction of the Ram temple at Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath temple at Varanasi and the Krishna Janamsthan temple at Mathura. Construction of mosques there in an apparent pursuit of the Islamic mandate of subjugating idol worshippers during the Mughal period of Indian history and earlier - provoked strong Hindu sentiments on the issue that even took the form of a national movement. To stall that, Narsimha Rao government in its wisdom passed the Places of Worship Act in Parliament in July 1991 putting a lid on the disputes at Varanasi and Mathura while exempting Ayodhya from its application. An Act of Parliament can always be contested before the higher judiciary and this is happening now in regard to the 1991 legislation.

The question is whether the Hindu's sense of continued hurt due to a dark chapter of Mughal history justified corrective action in Independent India and whether it was logical for the leadership of the minority community here to identify itself with the doings of a bigoted ruler like Aurangzeb? Both Hindus and Muslims - at least the bulk of the latter represented by Deobandishad condemned the colonial British rule in India. Why was then this divergence in responding to the infamous side of the earlier Muslim

made the leaders of Indian Muslims cling to any links that religion provided to them with these outside rulers and with Pakistan. This however, will only aggravate the situation. Exclusivism of a religion that led it to 'reject' other faiths, had to be first worked on by the community's own leadership. The impression of faith-based separatism had to be remedied so that an inevitable backlash resulting from it could be minimised. By voluntarily showing an approach of accommodation towards the mass sentiment of Hindus in respect of these particular places of worship that connected with the Hindu Gods, Muslim leaders could have demanded that a closure be put on these unhappy historical memories and thus helped to take the country beyond them, on to the path of 'development for all'. People of all communities after all had the same concerns of the common man regarding livelihood and betterment of his children. This however, may not necessarily happen considering that many of the Minority leaders for their own narrow politics had even questioned the word 'nationalism' and went to the extent of interpreting the gesture of saluting the national flag and standing up during the national anthem as an imposition on Muslims.

Unless good sense prevails, the country will be in for an uncompromisingly tough response of the State against mass violence on communal lines. Projection of religious identity into politics is bad enough but asserting the exclusivism of faith in socio-cultural sphere is equally harmful for communal harmony. In any case the democratic sovereign State where the political executive did not carry a denominational stamp, had in the final analysis, the locus standi to intervene effectively even in a situation of religious conflict - in the wider public interest.

Disturbances on the domestic front are attracting attention at a time when India has emerged as a major voice in international relations and the leadership of Prime Minister Modi is on the rise at the global stage in giving a push both to conflict resolution and economic development. New initiatives to take India's relations forward, particularly in our neighbourhood -with Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Mauritius - have complemented Modi's foreign policy and added to India's stature notwithstanding the hostile attitude of the Sino-Pak axis towards this country. Internal trouble makers working in league with India's adversaries have to be put down with a sense of urgency because no democracy could function with problems of domestic violence at hand. It needs to be mentioned here that India's policy on Ukraine-Russia military conflict had worked well - guided as it was by the nation's enlightened self interest, considerations for world peace and impartiality towards both sides. A UN-sponsored body of interlocutors including those from India could help with multi-prong negotiations to work out a framework of possible agreement in which concerns of both parties and their supporters would be squarely addressed. This is the need of the hour judging from the fact that India held its ground on the issue even at the recent Quad summit at Tokyo.

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# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES \$247 BILLION TO HELP **CREATE 25,000 APPRENTICESHIP POSITIONS ACROSS CANADA**

The skilled trades are at the centre of Canada's economic recovery. Few industries are as essential to Canadians' everyday lives. Smart investments are needed to support Canadians from all backgrounds in taking up apprenticeship training now, and kick-starting lucrative careers in well-respected skilled trades.

Today, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough was at the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum's (CAF) 2022 National Apprenticeship Conference to announce the launch of the new, federal Apprenticeship Service. The Government of Canada is investing close to \$247 million in 13 projects that will enable small and medium-sized employers (SMEs) to offer apprenticeship training opportunities.

Over the next two years, first-year apprentices in eligible Red Seal trades will get the hands-on experience and training they require to progress toward becoming certified in the Red Seal trades as a result of connecting with opportunities at these employers. The organizations that are being funded under the Apprenticeship Service will distribute financial incentives to SMEs, and provide additional supports, such as help navigating the apprenticeship system, onboarding apprentices, and creating welcoming and inclusive workplaces. To help marginalized Canadians, the incentives are doubled for SMEs

who hire from equity-deserving groups, such as women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous people and racialized people. The Government's investment today will create more than 25,000 new apprenticeship positions across Canada.

As part of the announcement, Minister Qualtrough highlighted funding of over \$45 million to the CAF for a project that will provide financial support to SMEs to hire 4,000 first-year Red Seal apprentices in the construction and manufacturing trades. Other highlights of her address to the delegates included: Budget 2022 investments in support of the trades, the need to ensure women, Indigenous youth, racialized Canadians, newcomers and persons with disabilities have equal opportunities to build successful careers in the trades, and the critical role of Canada's apprenticeship systems to support Canada's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking at the CAF conference, Minister Qualtrough underscored the importance of working together with all partners involved to address the need to recruit and train thousands of tradespeople in the next few years. The support of all levels of government, industry, employers, Indigenous communities and unions is crucial to enhance Canada's apprenticeship system and build a strong and resilient trades workforce.

# CANADA REPORTS RECORD HIGH OVER 1 MILLION JOB VACANCIES IN MARCH

The number of employees receiving pay or benefits from their employer measured by the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) as payroll employment—increased by 118,100 (+0.7%) in March. The increase in payroll employment coincided with the continued easing of public health measures, as remaining capacity limits affecting business operations had generally been lifted by the first two weeks of March, although some combination of masking, proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or COVID-19 testing remained a requirement in some settings in certain jurisdictions.

Payroll employment increases in most provinces in March, driven by the services-producing sector

In March, seven provinces recorded payroll employment increases, while

there was little change in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. All provinces, with the exception of Alberta (-12,700; -0.6%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-1,700; -0.8%), had, in March, surpassed their payroll employment level in February 2020, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Quebec (+57,100; +1.5%) recorded the largest payroll employment increase in March, driven by gains in the accommodation and food services sector (+20,400; +9.1%), which was boosted by the provincial reopening of bars, taverns and casinos on February 28, 2022. Nationally, payroll employment gains in March were driven by the services-producing sector (+103,400; +0.7%), led by accommodation and food services (+46,200; +4.0%) and retail trade (+14,800; +0.7%). In the goodsproducing sector, payroll employment increased by 9,400 (+0.3%), with gains in manufacturing (+5,100; +0.3%) and mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (+2.100: +1.1%).

#### Retail trade surpasses its pre-pandemic payroll employment level for the first time

Payroll employment in retail trade rose by 14,800 (+0.7%) in March, and, for the first time, surpassed its pre-pandemic level, increasing by 9,600 (+0.5%) compared with February 2020. Payroll employment in the sector was either on par with or higher than in February 2020 in all provinces in March 2022, with the exception of Ontario (-5,400; -0.7%) and Manitoba (-2,100; -3.0%).

Nationally, more than half of the subsectors within retail trade reported payroll employment increases in March, led by food and beverage stores (+7,400; +1.4%) and clothing and clothing accessories stores (+3,300;

While total payroll employment in food and beverage stores was above its pre-pandemic level (+8,700; +1.6%) in March, industries within this subsector had not recovered at the same pace. In the grocery stores industry, payroll employment was 2.8% above its pre-pandemic level in March. In the beer, wine and liquor stores industry, on the other hand, payroll employment was 5.1% (-2,600) below its February 2020 employment level.

Payroll employment increases in both accommodation and food services and arts, entertainment and recreation, as indoor capacity limits are lifted Payroll employment increased in the accommodation and food services sector (+46,200; +4.0%) in March 2022. Gains were mainly attributed to food services and drinking places (+39,500; +4.0%). Quebec (+20,400;+9.1%) and Ontario (+15,800; +3.8%) were the source of over threequarters of the gain.

In the arts, entertainment and recreation sector, which also benefitted from the easing of indoor capacity limits in March, payroll employment increased by 10,400 (+4.0%) in the month. Many of the gains were in amusement, gambling and recreation industries (+7,700; +4.1%). Quebec (+5,900; +11.4%) and Ontario (+2,700; +2.7%) accounted for the majority of the gain.

# **CANADA'S ECONOMY GREW 3.1% IN THE FIRST QUARTER: STATSCAN**



Real gross domestic product (GDP) rose 0.7% in March, following a 0.9% expansion in February. Broad-based increases across most

sectors were led by client-facing industries.

Both services-producing (+0.6%) and goods-producing (+0.9%) industries were up, as 14 of 20 industrial sectors expanded in March. Advance information indicates that real GDP increased 0.2% in April. Output was up in the mining, quarrying and oil and gas, transportation and warehousing and wholesale trade sectors. Notable decreases were recorded in the real estate and rental and leasing, finance and insurance, manufacturing and construction sectors. Owing to its preliminary nature, this estimate will be updated on June 30 with the release of the official GDP data for April.

In March, residential building construction (+1.8%) led the growth for the third month in a row, with home alterations and improvements and construction of single-detached homes contributing the most to the increase during the month.

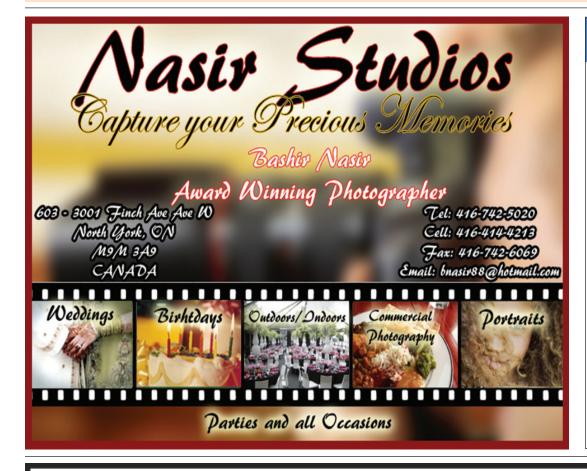
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# ONTARIO NDP PLEDGES TO ADD 336 NURSES IN KINGSTON

Andrea Horwath and the Ontario NDP will fix the nursing shortage in \* Kingston by filling 57 nursing vacancies and adding 279 new nurses in the NDP's first term.

"When your little one is sick, we can make sure there's a health professional there to take a look right away. We can end the long waits in ER waiting rooms. And with more nurses, we can end the long, painful waits for surgeries sooner," said Horwath, who stopped in Kingston again on Tuesday. The NDP has a plan to add 30,000 nurses in Ontario with a powerful June 2, let's come together, vote NDP, and choose health care where and strategy to recruit, retain and return nurses. The NDP's plan includes:

- Scrapping Ford's low wage policy, Bill 124, and increasing wages. Creating new jobs for late-career and recently retired nurses to mentor and supervise new hires.
- Addressing violence against health care workers.
- Expediting recognition of nursing credentials of 15,000 internationally trained nurses so they can get to work in their field faster.
- "Together we can stop the cuts and fix health care," said Horwath. "On when you need it."

#### CANADA INTRODUCES NEW FIREARM-CONTROL BILL TO FREEZE HANDGUNS

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Handguns were the most serious weapon present in the majority of firearm-related violent crimes between 2009 and 2020, CTV News reported.

According to the report, the bill, readied by the federal Liberals, will allow for the automatic removal of gun licences from people who commit domestic violence or engage in criminal harassment such as stalking, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Liberals plan to fight gun smuggling and trafficking by increasing criminal penalties, providing more tools to investigate firearm crimes and strengthening border measures.

The Liberals also say they will require long-gun magazines to be permanently altered so they can never hold more than five rounds, as well as ban the sale and transfer of large-capacity magazines

under the Criminal Code.

The new bill arrives amid intense debate about gun safety in Canada and the US following an elementary school shooting that killed 19 children and two adults in Uvalde in US state of Texas last week. Earlier in May, 10 black people were gunned down at a supermarket in Buffalo in US state of New York.

Under the government's plan, chief firearms officers would be prevented from approving the transfer of a handgun to individuals. Businesses could continue to sell to other businesses, such as movie companies and museums, as well as to exempted people. Exempted individuals would include those who transport valuable goods and elite sport shooters who compete or coach in handgun events recognised by the international Olympic or Paralympic com-

# CANADA IMPOSES ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS TO EXERT **FURTHER PRESSURE ON RUSSIAN REGIME**



The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today announced that Canada is imposing new sanctions under the Special Economic Measures (Russia) Regulations in response to Russian President Vladimir Putin's ongoing egregious and unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine. These new measures also impose restrictions on 22 individuals and 4 entities. Among the individuals and entities listed are senior officials of Russian financial institutions and their family members, as well as key financial institutions and banks.

The measures announced today apply further pressure on the Rus-

sian leadership to end its senseless war, which has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, jeopardized the food security of millions and caused untold pain and suffering. Canada continues to call for a diplomatic solution. These measures are the latest example of Canada's unwavering commitment to Ukraine and its people. The measures also demonstrate that Canada is a leader in the broad international effort to hold the Russian leadership accountable and defend Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence. Canada will continue to explore new ways to exert pressure on the Russian regime.

#### MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE, PABLO RODRIGUEZ, UNVEILS LIVE PERFOR-MANCES & CELEBRATIONS ON CANADA DAY

Today, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Pablo Rodriguez, unveiled the planned events for Canada Day 2022. On July 1, people across the country will be able to come together to highlight Canada's wonderful diversity, inclusion and youth. Canada Day in Canada's Capital Region

Canadian Heritage is pleased to announce that, after two years of virtual celebrations, Canada Day 2022 will return with live programming in Ottawa and Gatineau. Canadians from across the country are welcome to visit Canada's Capital Region and will be able to attend shows and activities at the new sites in person. Although Parliament Hill has been the official site of our national holiday for more than 50 years, the renovations to Parliament mean the main stages will move to new locations. On July 1, Canada Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. (ET) at LeBreton Flats Park in Ottawa and Place des festivals Zibi in Gatineau.

Residents and visitors will be able to attend the daytime ceremony, starting at 11:30 a.m., and the evening show, beginning at 8 p.m., in person. For the first time, these two flagship Canada Day events will take place in LeBreton Flats Park. The Tim Hortons Canada Day fireworks will also be held near this site. Starting at 10 p.m. (ET), this dazzling pyrotechnic display will light up the sky over Ottawa-Gatineau. For the best views, we recommend heading to LeBreton Flats Park, Place des

festivals Zibi or the surrounding streets, which will be closed to traffic. At Place des festivals Zibi, visitors will be able to discover emerging artists including Lisa LeBlanc, Jonathan Roy, ALLDAYJAM aka Mike Clay, Mélissa Ouimet, Geneviève et Alain, Marie Clo, Mia Kelly, Double Magnum and Gurdeep Pandher, watch BMX demonstrations, admire urban artwork, and take part in a bunch of activities.

On July 1, like every day of the year, people can visit Parliament Hill and take photos of this iconic site while enjoying special activities. Canadian Heritage is pleased to announce that the sound and light show Northern Lights will return to Parliament Hill for its eighth season from July 7 to September 5. Those in attendance will be able to enjoy a free, one-of-a-kind multimedia experi-

Canadian Heritage is continuously monitoring the health situation and will ensure the appropriate health and safety measures are in place. Visitors will need to follow the public health measures in place.

#### Canada Day across the country

People across the country are invited to come together in their communities to take part in Canada Day 2022 activities. They will be able to participate in events across the country, watch the televised daytime ceremony and evening show, and check out the activity kit.

# FOUR YOUTH CHARGED WITH POSSES-SION OF PROPERTY OBTAINED BY CRIME & ATTEMPT TO COMMIT INDICTABLE OF-FENCE IN BRAMPTON

Peel Regional Police have arrested and charged four young persons regarding an attempted robbery that occurred in the City of Brampton.

On Friday, May 27, 2022, at approximately 10:00 p.m., it is alleged that four suspect were operating a stolen white Nissan Patl finder parked in the area of Dust Drive a Chinguacousy Road in the City of Brampton



This vehicle was stolen from Durham Region on May 22, and identified as being used in three previous pharmacy robberies throughout the Greater Toronto Area. With the occupants donning masks and clothing to conceal their identity, police intervened and affected the arrest of suspects ahead of a robbery occurring.

The four young persons have been charged with possession of property obtained by crime and attempt to commit an indictable offence. One of the suspects was found to be in possession of an edged weapon identified as being used in several other pharmacy robberies in Peel Region and was charged with an additional count of carrying a concealed weapon, Robbery x4 and Wear a Disguise x4.

A general provision of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (Y.C.J.A.) prohibits the release of the name of a Young Person and, therefore, the identity of the Young Persons charged in this investigation is protected. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators with the Central Robbery Bureau at (905)453-2121 ext. 3410. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

#### FRESH ORGANIC STRAWBERRIES LIKELY CAUSE HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK IN THE US, CANADA

A multistate outbreak of hepatitis A infections in the US and Canada is likely linked to contaminated organic strawberries sold in leading grocery stores, according to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). These strawberries were branded as FreshKampo and HEB, sold between March 5 and April 25 in groceries, including Walmart, Aldi, Sprouts Farmers Market and Trader Joe's, according to the FDA.

"Consumers, restaurants, and retailers should not sell, serve, or eat any fresh organic strawberries branded as FreshKampo or HEB if purchased between March 5 and April 25," the FDA said in a statement.

The agency urged people who purchased the fresh strawberries and then froze them for later consumption not to eat them, Xinhua news agency reported. Traceback investigations showed that cases in Canada and US states of California and Minnesota reported having purchased fresh organic strawberries branded as FreshKampo or HEB prior to becoming ill. Illness onset dates ranged from March 28 to April 30, according to the FDA. A total of 17 cases of hepatitis A had been reported in the US as of Saturday, and 12 people had been hospitalised with the highly contagious virus that can cause fever, nausea, stomach pain and fatigue, the FDA added.

## **B.C. RECEIVES EXEMPTION TO DECRIMINAL-**IZE POSSESSION OF SOME ILLEGAL DRUGS **FOR PERSONAL USE**



British Columbia is taking a critical step toward reducing the shame and fear associated with substance use as the federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health announced the granting of a three-year exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) to remove criminal penalties for people who possess a small amount of certain illicit substances for personal use. This exemption will be in effect from Jan. 31, 2023 to Jan. 31, 2026, throughout British Columbia. The Province will work with a broad range of partners to implement this policy change, including the federal government, health authorities, law enforcement, people with lived and living experience, Indigenous partners and community organizations to establish the public health and public safety indicators in order to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of this exemption in real time. "The shocking number of lives lost to the overdose crisis requires bold actions and significant policy change. I have thoroughly reviewed and carefully considered both the public health and public safety impacts of this request," said Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health. "Eliminating criminal penalties for those carrying small amounts of illicit drugs for personal use will reduce stigma and harm and provide another tool for British Columbia to end the overdose crisis." This exemption is not legalization. These substances remain illegal, but adults who have 2.5 grams or less of the certain illicit substances for personal use will no longer be arrested, charged or have their drugs seized. Instead, police will offer information on available health and social supports and will help with referrals when requested. "Substance use is a public health issue, not a criminal one," said Sheila Malcolmson, B.C.'s Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "By decriminalizing people who use drugs, we will break down the stigma that stops people from accessing life-saving support and services." Over the last five years, British Columbia and the federal government have been building a continuum of care for mental health and substance use for people throughout the province and Canada. Increasing access to harm-reduction programs, such as safe consumption sites, safer supply and naloxone have been essential in saving lives. Implementing this exemption and reducing stigma around drug use is a vital part of the work toward decreasing barriers to this

critical system of care. "This exemption is a vital step to keeping people alive and help connect them with the health and social support they need," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer. "By removing the fear and shame of drug use, we will be able to remove barriers that prevent people from accessing harm reduction services and treatment programs."



INDIA

# MANPREET SINGH, FIRST PERSON ARRESTED IN MOOSEWALA KILLING SENT TO 5-DAY POLICE CUSTODY

politician Sidhu Moosewala was produced before a Mansa court in in Mansa. Punjab on Tuesday and was sent to police custody for five days.

A team of Punjab Police along with sleuths of the Uttarakhand STF had arrested Manpreet Singh from Dehradun on Monday. He was suspected to have provided "key logistical support" in the murder of the Punjabi singer. Singh, a resident of Faridkot in Punjab, was reportedly trying to hide among pilgrims, who were scheduled to go on a yatra to Hemkund in Chamoli district when the police nabbed him. Meanwhile, the cremation of Moosewala was held in his native village Moosa in Mansa district on Tuesday.

After much delay to get the consent of his father, the postmortem of Moosewala was conducted by a five-member forensic team of doc-

Manpreet Singh, the first arrest in the killing of famed singer-turned- tors from Patiala and Faridkot medical colleges at the Civil Hospital

Tens of thousands of Moosewala's fans and followers gathered outside his palatial bungalow to pay tributes and attended his funeral. Officials told IANS the singer-turned-politician's wailing parents gave consent for the postmortem of their only child after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced to set up a judicial commission under a sitting judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court to probe his killing. Moosewala's song 'The Last Ride' was reportedly a tribute to rapper Tupac Shakur, who was shot dead in his car at the age of 25 in 1996. Moosewala, whose real name was Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, 29, was shot dead while driving his vehicle in Mansa district on Sunday, a day after his security cover was withdrawn.

# IN COVID'S AFTERMATH, INDIA POINTS TO RISK OF **TERRORISTS USING BIOWEAPONS**

Seeing the devastation brought by the Covid-19 pandemic, India has It was directed at India, although he did not mention it by name, put a spotlight on the threat of terrorists using biological weapons and suggested that the UN help countries deal with the risk.

"In the Covid-era, the threat of misuse of biological agents and chemicals as weapons, combined with advances in chemistry and biology has heightened," A.Amarnath, a counsellor at India's UN Mission, said on Tuesday at a consultation held by the Security Council panel dealing with terrorists and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The consultation, he said, could be a forum to see how the panel could "assist members in this area".

The committee headed by Mexico is called the 1540 Committee after the Council's 2004 resolution to prevent terrorists from developing, acquiring, manufacturing or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery.

Amarnath warned that new and emerging technologies may increase the risk of terrorists deploying WMDs.

"The growing capabilities of terrorist and other non-state groups to access delivery systems like missiles and unmanned/uncrewed aerial systems (drones) have compounded the risks of terrorism using WMDs," he added.

The threat of terrorists getting WMDs "is not in the theoretical realm" but a real threat because terrorist groups with the control of territory can develop and deploy them.

He cited reports of the UN investigative team on crimes by the Islamic State known by the acronym UNITAD.

"Their findings reveal that a terrorist group with considerable territory under its control can develop and deploy these deadly weapons within a short period of time. This is deeply disturbing," Amarnath said. Therefore, he added that preventing terrorists from getting WMDs "must be an urgent priority and responsibility of the international com-

Gul Qaiser, a first Secretary in Pakistan's UN Mission, departing from the topic of terrorists acquiring WMDs, criticised what he asserted were discriminatory restrictions on export controls of dual-use items.

because Islamabad has objected to India receiving exemptions from the US and other countries to access civilian nuclear technology and materials, while Pakistan has not.

India has the support of majority of the members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group for joining the organisation that controls access to nuclear technology and materials, which Pakistan does not have.

China has blocked India's membership in the NSG.

"The multilateral export-control regimes must be democratised. The arbitrary entity listing as well as discriminations, exceptions and waivers should be eliminated," Qaiser said.

He added that there should be a UN mechanism to review "the denial cases which deprive countries of the technologies essential for development".

"Pakistan proposes the creation of an all-inclusive open-ended working group under the auspices of the UN to prepare recommendations for more equitable access to the technologies, material and equipment," he said.

Nepal's Permanent Representative to UN, Amrit Bahadur Rai said despite global intentions, "a world free of WMDs has remained a farfetched dream" and this failure has increased the danger of terrorists getting them.

He added that there should be regional and international cooperation to prevent cross-border trafficking in WMDs and dual-use items that could be used for their manufacture.

UNITAD Head Christian Ritscher reported in December 2021 that when the Islamic State overran territories in Iraq, it seized chemical factories in Iraq and used the Mosul University campus as a hub for research and development of WMDs.

"Small teams of qualified technical and scientific experts, some brought in from abroad, worked to adapt and enhance the programme," he said. "Through analysis of internal ISIL (Islamic State) manuals on chemical weapons production, we see the programme diversify and become more sophisticated as new expertise arrives," he added.

# **AKAL TAKHT JATHEDAR DECLINES GOVT SECURITY, SGPC DEPLOYS MEN**



After the Punjab government withdrew half of his security cover, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh on Saturday said he asked his office to send the remaining security personnel to the government as he "does not need" them. At the same time, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) deployed its armed men in the security of the jathedar, who this week asked Sikhs to keep a licensed weapon in view of the "uncertain times". In an order, the government withdrew or curtailed the security of 424 VIPs in the state. They largely include former legislators, heads of various "deras" and police officers.

The head of Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, is among them. Looking at the sensitivity of the case, the government later restored his security but he declined.

Giani Harpreet Singh had a security cover of six police personnel. Three were withdrawn after the order.

Responding to the withdrawal of security, the jathedar said: "I don't need the security. "Khalsa Panth and the Sikh youths are there for our security." "After the controversy, the Punjab government restored the security of the Akal Takht jathedar. However, the jathedar is adamant on his decision and refused to take the government security," an official with the SGPC said. He said on the direction of SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami, four SGPC employees were deployed to guard Giani Harpreet Singh.

## DELHI COURT SENTENCES OP CHAUTALA TO 4 YRS IN DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS CASE



A court here on Friday sentenced former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala to four years in prison and slapped a fine of Rs 50 lakh in connection with a disproportionate assets case, in which he was convicted earlier. The pronouncement of then quantum of punishment was delivered by Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court which was reserved on Thursday, after the submissions of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). During the course of the hearing, the court rejected Chautala's prayer to grant 10 days to file an appeal in the matter.

In this case, the probe agency will now seize four of his properties. In the last hearing, the probe agency opposed Chautala's lawyer who argued for a concession on medical grounds for the 87-year-old politician. Instead, the Central agency argued for maximum punishment, pointing out that the convict is a public figure. If the punishment is less for him, it would send a wrong message to society. It was also argued that Chautala is convicted for the second time and does not have a clean image.

## FIVE PROMINENT LEADERS WHO QUIT **CONGRESS IN 2022**

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Sibal, however, did not comment on the Congress after he quit but said that it was not an easy decision to take. It ended the three decade long relationship with the party, he said.

Former Law Minister Ashwani Kumar and ex Union Minister R.P.N. Singh too parted wavs with the Congress and lately Hardik Patel, the Guiarat Congress working president, too left the party.

Sunil Jakhar after joining the BJP had said that it was not easy to break 50 years of relationship with the Congress. "From 1972 to 2022, my three generations considered Congress as their family. Stood with the party in every good and bad time. But an attempt was made to suppress my nationalist voice in the Congress. I was given a notice for speaking in the interest of Punjab and the country," he said.

Gujarat Patidar leader Hardik Patel too has hit out at the party on hindutva issue and alleged that the Congress party is working to hurt the sentiments of the people. It always tries to damage the faith of Hindu religion.

## DON'T LET AAP BECOME PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY: BJP TELLS STATE UNITS

Concerned with the expansion plan of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has directed state units to plan strategies to stop it from becoming principal opposition parties there by replacing Congress. After its thumping victory in Punjab assembly polls, the AAP has now shifted its focus on the upcoming Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh assembly. The AAP is also focusing on next year's assembly polls in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Apart from Karnataka where JD-S has a stake, the BJP is in direct fight with Congress in the remaining important states.

A senior party functionary said that all the state units especially the poll bound and where Arvind Kejriwal's party is planning to expand its footprint to the BJP state unit must not allow them to establish organisational base. "State units have been directed to induct AAP leaders, holding organisational responsibility from district to state levels, who are inter-

ested to join BJP without any pre-condition," he said. In April, BJP had delivered a big jolt to AAP's ambitious plan to expand the party in Himachal Pradesh by inducting its top state leadership in the party. "In Gujarat, over 500 AAP leaders holding positions at different levels have joined BJP in recent times. In Uttarakhand, AAP chief ministerial candidate and others joined BJP. By inducting senior AAP in poll bound Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat or in Uttarakhand, the BJP have given a big blow to Kejriwal's plan to expand the party in a new state after historic victory in Punjab and we will continue to do it," a senior BJP leader said. A party insider said that the state unit has been asked to adopt specific strategies based on local ground conditions.

# SONIA, RAHUL GANDHI SUMMONED BY ED FOR QUESTIONING IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday summoned Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi and party MP Rahul Gandhi. According to the details, both Sonia and Rahul Gandhi were summoned on June 8, for questioning in a money laundering case linked to the National Herald news-

The case was registered recently to probe alleged financial irregularities in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper.

The agency, officials said, wants to record the statements of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Addressing a press conference, Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala today said ED has given notice to Sonia

Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. "Started the National Herald newspaper in 1942, at that time the British tried to suppress it, today Modi govt is also doing the same and ED is being used for this," Surjewala said.

"ED has given notice to our president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi," he added.

"ED is PM Modi's 'paaltu' (pet) and favourite. This is being done to divert attention from issues concerning the public. This government is doing vendetta politics," Surjewala said today. The National Herald is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Pvt Limited.

The agency recently questioned senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Pawan Bansal as part of the investigation.

#### INDIA'S GDP GREW 8.7% IN FISCAL FY22, 4.1% IN Q4

India's gross domestic product during fiscal year 2021-22 is estimated at 8.7 per cent as compared to a contraction of 6.6 per cent in 2020-21, official data showed on Tuesday.

The GDP grew 4.1 per cent year on year in Q4FY22, data showed.

In the same quarter of FY21, it was 1.6 per cent.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had projected GDP for the fiscal that ended in March at 9.5 per cent and for Q4 at 6.1 per cent. Besides, the combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 143.2 in April 2022, which is an increase of 8.4 per cent (provisional) as compared to the index of April 2021.

The production of coal, electricity, refinery products, fertilisers, cement, and natural gas industries increased in April 2022 over the

corresponding period of last year.



# UK PM JOHNSON LIKELY TO BE SPARED A LEADERSHIP CONTEST

The full report by senior British civil servant Sue Gray on 'Partygate' made public on Wednesday raised more questions than answering them. The inquiry was into breaking of Covid rules at the British Prime Minister's official residence and office at 10 Downing Street, which has cast a shadow over Prime Minister Boris Johnson's future for six months. However, Johnson told a press conference following publication of the report that he had no plans to resign. He felt it was his job "to get on with the job". The ruling Conservative parliamentary party was scheduled to decide his fate at a meeting on Wednesday evening. Gray summed up in her report that there was "a failure of leadership" – a significant indictment of Johnson. "The public have a right to expect the very highest standards of behaviour in such places (Downing Street and the Cabinet Office) and clearly what happened fell well short of

But it's a credit to the rule-based system in Britain, which despite being challenged in recent years and particularly by the present government at Whitehall, that it did not refuse to hold an inquiry. Indeed, Johnson himself

ordered it. Indian-origin professor Devi Sridhar, who is chair of global public health at the University of Edinburgh, told The Guardian: "The text and photos make for difficult reading because of the contrast between parties and celebrations in No 10, and the trauma and tragedy going on in hospitals and communities around the country."

Johnson attended eight of the 15 events looked into by Gray. One of them was allegedly held in the Prime Minister's residential apartment during lock down on November 13, 2020 with alcohol, food and Abba songs. Five political special advisers attended.

Gray had begun gathering evidence about it when the London Metropolitan Police announced its investigation, prompting her to halt her efforts so as not to prejudice the probe by the law enforcers. The police absolved the gathering as a work meeting. Gray concluded "it was not appropriate or proportionate" to resume her endeavour after this. The Guardian quoted a "frontbench Conservative MP" (meaning one who is a member of the government) as saying: "I think he's (Johnson) getting away lightly."

#### ANTI-GOVT MARCH WILL REMOVE ALL HURDLES IF COURT REFUSES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION, SAYS IMRAN

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman and former Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that his anti-government long march will be taken out at all costs, stating that if the Supreme Court refuses to provide protection for his next rally, he will opt for a different strategy and be prepared to deal with any resistance put in front of him by the government.

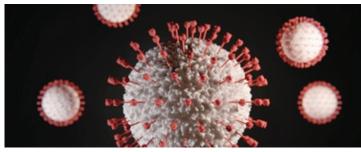
Imran Khan made these remarks during a lawyers' convention in Peshawar, in which, he said that his party is seeking guidance from the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP) to tell them if they are allowed to hold peaceful protest or not.

Imran Khan said a peaceful gathering, rally and protest is a basic right of every citizen and party of the country.

"We remained peaceful throughout in my previous long march. But this government opted to sheer brutalities as it tortured, assaulted and used tear gas on women, children and the elderlies freely," he said.

"I want to ask the Supreme Court if we, as citizens of Pakistan are allowed to hold a peaceful protest or not. If the Supreme Court will not provide my party protection for the next long march, we will make a plan for dealing with the obstacles," he added.

## **US COVID-19 CASES SIX TIMES MORE** THAN 2021 AS SUMMER BEGINS: REPORT



As the US marks Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of summer, the seven-day average for Covid-19 cases in the country are more than six times what they were a year ago, according to a report of The Hill. The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center reported a seven-day average of 119,725 Covid-19 cases as of Saturday. That figure held at 17,887 cases on May 28, 2021, according to the report. Experts believe the real count of cases is much higher as many were underreported due to at-home Covid-19 tests, Xinhua news agency reported. Health officials said the US amid another Covid-19 wave have warned Americans to exercise caution ahead of a possible surge.

#### **RUSSIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER** LAVROV DENIES PRESIDENT PUTIN IS ILL

Russia's Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov on Monday denied reports that President Vladimir Putin has fallen ill, media reports said. Unconfirmed reports persist that Putin, who is turning 70 this year, suffers from deteriorating health issues and may have been diagnosed with cancer and Parkinson's. In an interview with French TV, Lavrov said no one "sane" could see any signs of illness in Putin, who reportedly has his food tested before eating it and bans his staff from standing too close to him, Daily Mail reported. The update comes as the fighting intensifies in Ukraine's east, with Moscow and Kyiv's forces spilling blood for control of Severodonetsk, a city in the Luhansk Oblast.

## HAS THE QUAD SHIFTED FOCUS FROM GEOPOLI-TICS TO GEO-ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT?

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The second in-person summit, also the fourth meeting overall, of the Quad leaders-Prime Ministers Anthony Albanese of Australia, Narendra Modi of India, Fumio Kishida of Japan, and President Joe Biden of the US, has accepted the global turmoil that is devastating nations and now sharpens its focus to reducing "human and economic pain".

#### China and the rule of law

Not taking its eyes off China, the four-member Quad has underlined its commitment to the Info-Pacific region, stressing on "the principles of freedom, rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty and territorial integrity, peaceful settlement of disputes without resorting to threat or use of force, any unilateral attempt to change the status quo, and freedom of navigation..." Within this region, China has grabbed territory in India, browbeaten countries like Taiwan through its Air Force, used its Navy to push back Vietnamese and Philippine vessels from their own waters and laid claim to islands in the South China Sea. Mentioning peace and stability in their joint statement, the four nations mention their support for the south-east Asian nations, Pacific island countries want a "complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions".



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The project of educating 200 students will be completed by 2025, and the donation would be worth sixty lakhs INR for six semesters.

The process of selecting the students was quite impressive, said Sourabh in an exclusive interview with Y Media. He explained that the students who qualified were those who received more than 90 per cent in their post-secondary exams but were financially unstable and could not pursue further education.

Sham Kumar has been doing philanthropic work throughout his life. During the event, he said that many children lost their parents or the parents lost their livelihood during the pandemic. This led to an unfortunate situation where they could not afford their college fees. Hence, the Udaan Education Society decided to step in and help them.

Sourabh also delivered his speech during the event in which he highlighted the importance of diligence, trust and patience in life. He also appreciated the efforts taken by society and urged people to come forward to contribute to this initiative.

Sourabh has told Y Media that his goal is to help 10,000 students.

The event was graciously attended by Urmila Devi, wife of Lal Chand Kataruchak, Punjab's Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Forest Minister. The guest of honour included Dr. K S Kahlon, Registrar of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, IPS Shubham Aggarwal, ASP Pathankot City, Raman Behal, former Chairman of S S Board of Punjab Govt & AAP candidate from dist Gurdaspur, Vibhuti Sharma, former Chairman of Improvement Trust Pathankot & AAP candidate from Pathankot and Amit Mantoo, AAP candidate from Sujanpur.

Stay updated with Y Media to know more information about the same in the upcoming days.

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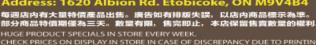
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# NO WARNING SHOTS THE LIFE AND END OF MOOSEWALA



wenty-four shots. Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Moosewala swore by the gun in his songs, including 'Warning Shots'. In a state obsessed with arms, he would have never imagined that on a warm Sunday it would be the gun that would silence his song forever near Mansa in Punjab.

The police has said the Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar, a close aide of Lawrence Bishnoi gang, has claimed responsibility.

The singer, never far from controversy's ear shot, who contested on a

Congress ticket during the recently held state elections and lost, was popular not only in his native state but Punjabi diaspora across Canada, the UK and the US.

Not that his major hit numbers were musically phenomenal but they did manage to catch the fancy of ordinary Punjabi young men -- guns and jeeps being the keywords .

Such was his following that one can see photos on windshields of topless jeeps and Bullet motorcycles.

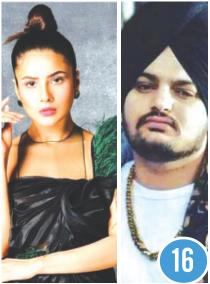
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# SIDHU MOOSE WALA WAS TO TIE THE KNOT, MOTHER CHARAN KAUR WAS PREPARING FOR SINGER'S WEDDING



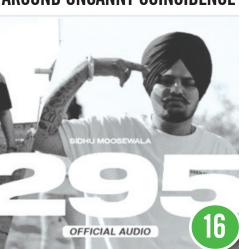
REPORTEDLY, SIDHU MOOSE WALA WAS TO GET MARRIED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE SAME WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY.

# 'NOTHING MORE PAINFUL THAN LOSING YOUR YOUNG SON OR DAUGHTER', SHEHNAAZ ON SIDHU KILLING



SAYS HIS SONGS LIFTED HER
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SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S DATE OF DEATH AND HIS SONGS '295' AND 'THE LAST RIDE': FANS STILL TRYING TO WRAP THEIR HEADS AROUND UNCANNY COINCIDENCE



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# GUJARAT TITANS ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF IPL; BEAT RR BY 7 WICKETS



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# SINGER KK PASSES AWAY AT 53 AFTER LIVE PERFORMANCE IN KOLKATA



Playback singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, passed away here late on Tuesday night. He was 53.

KK was in the city to perform at a function in Nazrul Manch organized by the Gurudas College.

It has been learnt that KK felt sick while he was performing.

After returning to his hotel, the singer complained of uneasiness following which he was rushed to a hospital, where the doctors declared him brought dead. West Bengal Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Arup Biswas told media persons that the body has been sent for post-mortem.

"His family members have been informed. They are likely to reach Kolkata on Wednesday morning," Biswas said. He said KK came to Kolkata on Monday, and on the same day he performed at Nazrul Manch for a function organised by another city- based college. Born on August 23, 1968, KK recorded songs in multiple languages including Hindi, Bengali, Assamese, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu, among others. Several Kolkata-based singers have expressed their grief over the sudden demise of KK, who will be remembered for songs like 'Pyaar Ke Pal', 'Yaaron', 'O Meri Jaan', among many others.

# IN HIS MOOSEWALA TRIBUTE, A.P. DHILLON HIGHLIGHTS DARK SIDE OF PUNJABI RAPPERS' LIFE



The murder of Punjabi rapper Sidhu Moosewala has sent shock waves across the world. People from the entertainment industry are reacting in disbelief to the death of the 28-year-old in a shooting incident. The latest to join the long list of celebrities reacting to the killing is the 'Brown Munde' hitmaker A.P. Dhillon. The Punjabi Canadian singer took to his Instagram and shared that although Moosewala is not more with us, his legacy stays alive. Dhillon also highlighted how difficult it was to be a "Punjabi artiste behind the scenes on a daily basis", in the face of "constant judgment, hate-filled comments, threats and negative energy." The singer, whose ? Brown Munde' music video featured the departed Sidhu, wrote in the story section of his Instagram: "Most people will never know the extent of what you have to deal with as a Punjabi artiste behind the scenes on a daily basis.

# SONU SOOD COMES FORWARD FOR SURGERY OF MINOR GIRL FROM BIHAR



Bollywood actor Sonu Sood came forward for the surgery of a two and a half years old minor girl who is having four additional legs and hands. The patient, Seema, a native of Bihar's Nawada district has been having physical disorder since her birth. On Friday, her mother went to the SDO office to urge district officials for medical assistance for her kid. An onlooker made a video of Seema and uploaded it on social media. Seeing her video, Sonu Sood who is known for social service immediately came forward and arranged medical assistance for Seema. While uploading a photograph of Seema recieving the treatment on his official twitter handle, he wrote in Hindi: "Tension Mat Lijiye, Elaj Suru Karwa Diya Hai. Bas Dua Kariyega (Don't get worried, have got the treatment started. Just pray to god)." Earlier, Sonu Sood came forward to help a 10-year-old handicapped girl from Bihar's Jamui named Seema and Sonu Kumar of Nalanda, who interacted with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and complained about the lapses in his school. Sonu Sood helped him in getting admission in a private school.

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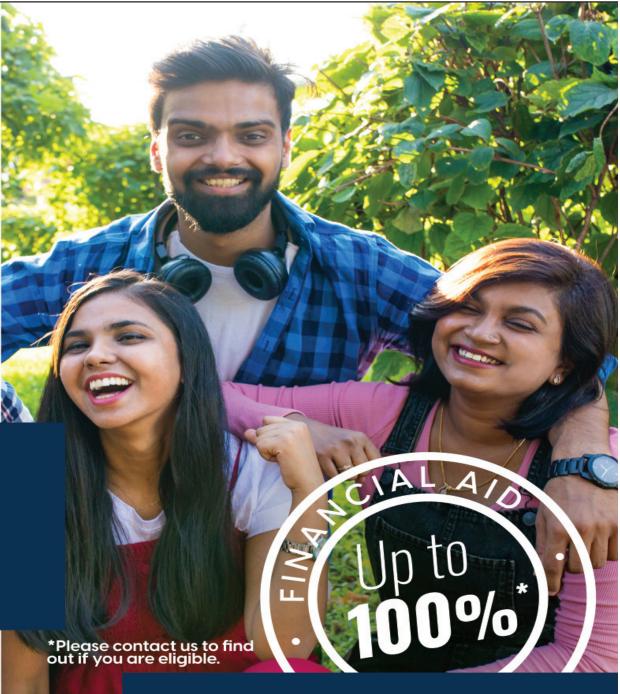


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# SIDHU MOOSE WALA WAS TO TIE THE KNOT, MOTHER CHARAN KAUR WAS PREPARING FOR SINGER'S WEDDING

Punjabi singer-actor Sidhu Moose Wala's demise has left everyone in deep shock. He was on Tuesday cremated at the native village in Punjab's Mansa district. Several mourners including his fans gathered at the residence of Wala to pay their last respects. His family was inconsolable at his funeral. Just recently, Moose Wala's mother was getting the preparations done for her son's wedding, and today, she is laying him to rest. Reportedly, the Punjabi singer was to get married by the end of this year and

already underway. Sidhu Moose Wala's mother Charan Kaur reportedly said that the singer-actor was going to tie the knot in April, but after losing the Punjab Assembly elections in March this year, the wedding was postponed to November. Earlier in the morning, accompanied by some relatives, Moose Wala's father received his son's body from Mansa Civil hospital, where it was kept for postmortem. The body was taken to his residence at Moosa village

was deployed outside his residence as mourners, especially the youth and the singer's fans, assembled outside the house to pay their last respects. Meanwhile, Sidhu Moose Wala, who had joined the Congress before the Punjab polls, was shot dead by gangsters on Sunday (May 29). The incident happened within 24 hours after his security was withdrawn by the Punjab government. He was rushed to a local hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

preparations for the same were in Mansa. A heavy police force He was on the wheel in Mahindra Thar SUV when the assailants, fired around 30 rounds at point-blank range at the singer and his two friends, who got grievous injuries. Canada-based mobster Goldy Brar reportedly claimed responsibility for the murder of the singer. Goldy Brar is a close associate of gang leader Lawrence Bishnoi, who is also suspected of murdering Moosewala. 'Threats, hate...' AP Dhillon REVEALS reality of Punjabi artist's life after Sidhu Moosewala's death

#### **SHOTS:** THE LIFE AND END OF MOOSEWALA NO WARNING

CONTD. FROM PAGE 17 Another important reason for his popularity was his existence in the perpetual grey zone. He never projected himself as the nice guy next door, he never spoke about the faraway dream of a revolution.

He was all about 'pride', some might dismiss it as misplaced but then that did make him popular. His last video 'Levels' was released four days ago. His killing comes just a day after the AAP government in the state withdrew his security cover. While two Police commandos had been taken away, he had not taken the other two nor his bullet-proof vehicle with him when he went out on the fateful day. Two other people travelling with him sustained injuries. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has expressed

shock and stressed that those involved will not be spared. Never shy of glorifying caste and strong arm tactics in his songs, he shot to instant fame with the song 'So High'. Some other hit numbers from his stable which sent YouTube in a tizzy included 'Game', 'Warning Shots', 'Legend', 'Tochan' and 'Famous', among others.

This electrical engineering graduate released his first album 'PBX 1' in 2018. 'Snitches Get Stitches' and 'Moosetape' were released in 2020 and 2021.

Known to publicly criticise his contemporaries, Moosewala was also an actor and seen in movies like 'Jattan Da Munda Gaun Lagya', 'Teri Meri Jodi' and 'Yes I am Student'.

Never far from controversy, a

complaint for hurting religious sentiments was also filed against the singer some time back for using the name of Mai Bhago, who led 40 Sikh soldiers in a fight against the Mughals. He had appeared on a social media platform and tendered an apology.

The gangster culture of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar has always taken centrestage especially when it comes to Indian films, which have not dwelled upon the happenings in the badlands of interior Punjab and Haryana despite the fact that several 'encounters' have taken place in these states in the past few

Be it the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, Jaggu Bhagwapuria gang, Shera Khuban gang or Sukha Kahlon gang, successive state governments have always

promised the people action against them, but little seems to have been achieved on the ground. Amid allegations that many gangsters enjoy patronage of several politicians, the police have increasingly found it tough to reign in their activities that include targetted killings, smuggling, extortion and drug peddling. At any given time, many youngsters could be seen outside his house in Mansa -- to shake hands with him, to take a selfie with the singer who reached cult status in his youth. The massive house will soon see all the crowds thinning away, but his photographs on jeeps and motorcycles will continue to ride on Punjab's roads.

For many youngsters, he will grow bigger in his death.

# SONAM KAPOOR FLAUNTS GROWING BABY BUMP IN NEW PHOTOS & ANAND AHUJA HAS MOST ADORABLE REACTION

Pregnant Sonam Kapoor continues to churn out major fashion goals. The actress has already set a benchmark when it comes to maternity fashion and with her new pics, she aces casual style albeit flaunting her growing baby bump. In the latest photos of Sonam Kapoor, the actress is seen dressed in a black dress. As she takes a sideways mirror selfie, she carefully rests her other hand under her baby belly. Sharing a story on Instagram, the 'Neerja' actress wore an allblack, sleeveless maxi dress with matching black and grey Nike sneakers. Sonam let her hair loose, opting for minimalistic jewellery. The actress wore a gold choker, a pair of gold studded earrings, and a golden ring on her forefinger. The post was re-shared by Sonam's husband Anand Ahuja. Posting the pic on his Instagram Stories, Anand



added at heart in the eyes emoji. Take a look at Sonam Kapoor's new photo flaunting her baby bump: Sonam and Ahuja tied the knot on May 8, 2018, in a traditional Anand Karaj ceremony. She announced her

expecting her first child with her husband, Anand Ahuja this fall. The couple shared a post on their respective Instagram profiles to announce the news. The post read: "Four hands. To raise you the very best pregnancy a few weeks back and is we can. Two hearts. That will beat

in unison with yours, every step of the way. One family. Who will shower you with love and support. We can't wait to welcome you." Sonam the hashtags # everydayphenomenal #comingthisfall2022 with her post.

# MALAIKA ARORA ACES 'JIGGLE JIGGLE' DANCE, HER SEXY **MOVES HAVE SENT NETIZENS INTO A TIZZY**

days. This dance trend has taken the internet by storm. Celebrities, such as Madhuri Dixit and Disha Patani, who took part in the challenge, have nailed it. And now, jumping on the bandwagon is Malaika Arora whose 'Jiggle Jiggle' dance is trending furiously. Dressed in a shiny silver blouse and skirt, Malaika dazzles as she matches her sexy moves to the rap song. Posting the video on Instagram, the actress-model wrote, "Felt cute, shot it, won't delete it. #trendingreels #moneydontjigglejiggle." Watch Malaika Arora ace Money Don't Jiggle

which she danced to My Money Don't Jiggle, It Folds with choreographer Dimple Kotecha. She wore a white crop top with a beige checkered mini-skirt. Even in a no-makeup look, the Malang actress looked absolutely cute. In the caption, Disha wrote, "Chillin..." Her rumoured boyfriend Tiger Shroff was the first one to comment on the post. He dropped a clap and a laughter emoji on the post. Actress Elli AvrRam wrote, "Loool," with a laughter and heart emoji. Dimple Kotecha too responded with a heart emoji.

#### **SARGUN MEHTA WANTED TO JUMP** WITH JOY ON 'SAUNKAN SAUNKNE' BOX **OFFICE RESPONSE**



It's celebration time for actress-producer Sargun Mehta as 'Saunkan Saunkne', a Punjabi film she has produced and acted in, has received fabulous response at the box office. The actress says that her happiness is boundless at this point. "My first reaction was to jump with joy. I have been working on the film for the past three years. Right from the time I heard the story, I had been after the writer for this film. Then I took it up as a producer, and today the film is doing wonders. I love that people are loving the film. I think it takes a long time to build your trust in the audience," she says. Sargun made her feature film debut with the 2015 Punjabi romantic comedy 'Angrej' and also appeared in other Punjabi films including 'Love Punjab' and 'Lahoriye'. Managing both acting and production was a challenge, however, it was one that Sargun enjoyed. "It is difficult to manage both the verticals. It was very tough. There are days when I'm exhausted mentally and I'm like I can't do this. And then, there are days when I'm enjoying success. I can't say that it's a cakewalk. Every day there is a new issue or something that needs to be looked at. It's not like television like you have done your part, it's every day's job. In fact, with this film, I was stressed for two years," she says. Besides this, shooting during the Covid-19 pandemic made this project more challenging. "I would have been fine shooting in a pandemic if it was just from the capacity of an actor. But as a producer, we had to do a lot of stuff, cut down the crew and explain to people that they have to do two to three jobs, instead of the one job they were doing.

#### **'STILL TRYING TO WRAP MY HEAD** AROUND THIS ONE', AJAY DEVGN ON SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S DEMISE



Bollywood star Ajay Devgn has reacted to the death of 28-yearold Punjabi singer-Congress leader Sidhu Moosewal. The actor took to Twitter to express his shock at Sidhu Moosewala's brutal murder. He wrote, "Stunned by the shocking death of #SidhuMoosewala. May Waheguru give his loved ones strength in their hour of grief. RIP departed soul. Still trying to wrap my head around this one." Ajay Devgn's tweet: The singer-turnedactor-politician Moosewala was reportedly shot dead by unidentified gangsters near his ancestral village in Mansa district of Punjab. A few hours after his killing, Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar took the responsibility for the murder. The name of Lawrence Bishnoi has also come to the fore in the killing.

#### KARAN JOHAR TO LAUNCH **IBRAHIM ALI KHAN?**



Karan Johar has been a mentor to several star kids, such as Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor, Ananya Panday, Shanaya Kapoor and more. Now we hear that the filmmaker is set to launch Saif Ali Khan's son Ibrahim Ali Khan under his banner, Dharma Productions. The latest buzz suggest that Karan and Fox Star Studio will be introducing Ibrahim Ali Khan in the Hindi remake of a popular Malayalam film Hridayam. Karan Johar was looking for a suitable launch film for Ibrahim and the remake of Hridayam seems to be the perfect project. Ibrahim is at present assisting Karan Johar in Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani.

#### HINA KHAN: CANNES FELT LIKE A MELA. I THOUGHT, 'WAHAN JAAKE AAG LAGANI HAI'



"This time Cannes was tiring yet worth it," says Hina Khan about her second appearance at the recently concluded Cannes Film Festival. She adds, "It was fun and energetic and a lot more preparation was put in than the last time. As the festival was happening after two years in a normal manner and there were so many people from all over the world that attended. It felt like a mela. My 2019 visit was magical but this year too it was wonderful."

# **BHOOL BHULAIYAA 2 BOX OFFICE COLLECTION: KARTIK AARYAN'S** FILM SEES A SLIGHT DROP, INCHES TOWARDS 150 CRORES



Bhool Bhulaivaa 2 Box Office Collection: Craze for Kartik Aaryan, Kiara Advani and Tabu starrer horrorcomedy among the audience is not ending anytime soon. Film's box office collection is proof of this fact. It's been only nine days since the film was released and it has already entered the Rs 100 crore club. Anees

Bazmee's film had a bumper opening on its first day of release as it collected Rs 14.11 crore. It was the biggest of any Hindi film this year, beating other projects like 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', and 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar', among others. The film recorded an 'excellent second weekend' and

is slowly inching towards hitting the milestone of Rs 150 crores. Well, on Monday, the film witnessed a slight drop of around 15% from its second Friday. This family entertainer collected an extraordinary ? 5.55 cr on Day 11 taking its total to ? 128.24 crores. Going by a report in BoxOfficeIndia,

from Friday which is a fantastic hold though it could be better as it was the IPL final on Sunday which meant limited growth and now some of that Sunday audience could be going on Monday. The second week will be looking a 46-48 crore nett total which would mean the highest second-week post the pandemic for original Hindi content." Sharing the collections of Monday, trade analyst Adarsh wrote, "#BhoolBhulaiyaa2 is proving all calculations and estimations wrong... The [second] Mon numbers are an eye-opener... Crosses ? 125 cr, marches towards ? 150 cr... [Week 2] Fri 6.52 cr, Sat 11.35 cr, Sun 12.77 cr, Mon 5.55 cr. Total: ? 128.24 cr. #India biz." Yesterday, he tweeted, "#BhoolBhulaiyaa2 EXCELS in Weekend 2... SOLID GAINS on [second] Sat and Sun [despite #IPLFinals] indicates it should cross ? 150 cr, with an outside chance of touching ? 175 cr... [Week 2] Fri 6.52 cr, Sat 11.35 cr, Sun 12.77 cr. Total: ? 122.69 cr. #India biz. SUPER-HIT."

"The drop on Monday is around 15%

#### ALIA BHATT SAYS SHE'S **'ESPECIALLY THERE IN** RANBIR KAPOOR'S HEART' IN NEW MESSAGE



Actor Alia Bhatt couldn't ioin husbandactor Ranbir Kapoor, filmmakers SS Rajamouli and Ayan Mukerji for the promotion of their upcoming film Brahmastra in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. The actor is currently outside India shooting for her Hollywood debut. However, she has sent a video message to her fans. She also spoke about Ranbir in the video. Ranbir Kapoor, Ayan and SS Rajamouli are in Visakhapatnam. As soon as Ranbir and Ayan exited the airport, fans showered them with flower petals and cheered for them.

### 'NOTHING MORE PAINFUL THAN LOSING YOUR YOUNG SON OR DAUGHTER', SHEHNAAZ ON SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S KILLING



With a fan-following running into millions and stardom that only few could match, popular Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala (Shubhdeep Singh) met a rather sad end. Known for hit Punjabi tracks like 'Legend', 'Devil', 'Just listen', 'Jatt da muqabala' and 'Hathyar', among many others, Moosewala was shot dead at the age of 29 by assailants in Punjab's Mansa district on Sunday. Condolences poured in not only from his fans but even Bollywood stars and political leaders condemned the murder and mourned the loss of the talented artiste. Expressing shock and dismay over his death, Shehnaaz Gill, a huge fan of Moosewala, took to Twitter and wrote: "Nothing is more painful in the world than losing one's young son or daughter. God, please have mercy!"

#### SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S DATE OF DEATH AND HIS SONGS '295' AND 'THE LAST RIDE': FANS STILL TRYING TO WRAP THEIR HEADS AROUND UNCANNY COINCIDENCE



In less than 24 hours after Sidhu Moosewala's security was curtailed by the Punjab government, popular Punjabi singer-turned-politician--with a huge fan base running into millions--was on Sunday shot dead near his village in Mansa district. A few hours after the 29-year-old's killing, Canada-based gangster took the responsibility for the murder. The name of Lawrence Bishnoi has also come to the fore in the killing. However, fans find an uncanny coincidence between Moosewala's death and his songs '295' and 'The last ride'. They coud not help but notice that the image for the promotional material of 'The last ride' had a crime scene from Tupac's assassination. One user tweeted, "Crazy how life works sometimes. Moosewala had just dropped "The Last Ride". The image featured on it is the crime scene from Tupac's assassination. Where he also was shot and killed whilst sat in the front right-hand seat of the car.









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# **Gujarat Titans are the champions of IPL; Beat RR by 7 wickets**

Hardik Pandya's Gujarat Titans scripted history as they defeated Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets to win their maiden IPL trophy in their maiden appearance at the Narendra Modi Stadium, in Ahmedabad Led by Hardik Pandya, who starred with the ball, stitched a crucial partnership with Gill, and displayed tremendous leadership, Gujarat Titans proved to be too good to handle for Rajasthan Royals.

Rajasthan Royals won the toss and opted to bat first. Hardik Pandya, however, said that they were anyways looking to bowl first. It is worth noting that GT had been one of the best teams to chase this tournament. RR, on the other hand, were great at setting targets. Both teams got what they wanted from the toss.

Batting first, the Royals couldn't really get going as they kept on losing wickets at regular intervals. Hardik Pandya was the star with the ball as he sent the big fish Buttler, skipper Sanju, and hard-hitting Hetmyer packing. Rashid Khan too was great with the ball in hand. The spinmaster bowled 4 overs and gave away just 18 runs at a magnificent economy of 4.20. The passage of play where Hardik and Rashid bowled in tandem sucked the life out of RR's innings.

At the 15th over mark, when both Pandya and Rashid were done with their quota of overs, Hardik brought in another spinner - Sai Kishore, who has been really difficult to get away this season for most batters. Jos Buttler top-scored for RR with 39 off 35 deliveries, and RR eventually finished with a below-par total of 130.

Chasing 131, GT hardly broke a sweat. Although they lost Saha and Wade early. Pandya, along with Gill managed to stitch together a match-winning partnership.

Chahal dismissed Hardik around the 14th over, but it came pretty late. Once David Miller came in, it was all pretty easy for the Titans as they chased down 130 with 11 balls to spare.

What a season it has been for Gujarat Titans. From being written off at the end of the mega-auction to going all the way to win the trophy, it was a magnificent season for Hardik's boys.

#### ASHWIN SHOULD BOWL MORE OFF-SPIN, SAYS SANGAKKARA AFTER GT BEATS RR TO WIN IPL 2022

R Ashwin is one of the legends of the game but the veteran off-spinner failed to make an impact as Rajasthan Royals faltered against Gujarat Lions in the final of IPL 2022. Ashwin is known to experiment a lot with his bowling but Royals Director of Cricket Kumar Sangakkara feels that the Indian spinner should focus more on bowling conventional off-spin.

"Ash (Ashwin) has done a great job for us. Even for Ash, being a legend in terms of what he has achieved on the cricketing pitch, there will be a lot of improvements and thinking to do, especially with his off-spinners and bowl more of it," Sangakkara said.

Ashwin could manage to pick just 12 wickets in 17 games he played this season. In the final, Ashwin failed to pick a wicket and gave 32 runs in three overs he bowled.

"It was a tough one. 130 was never enough. We were debating whether to put them in (to bat) first as well. By the time we arrived at the ground, we looked at the pitch, it was pretty dry and we thought it will get slower and maybe offer a little bit of turn for our spinners. So, we were expecting to get about 160-165," Sangakkara reasoned.

# Victory Parade for Gujarat Titans after they clinch their first IPL title



If there is one thing that unites India like nothing else, that has to be cricket. The love for the sport is unmatched and it seems to be growing with each passing day. After the IPL mega auctions, not many had given Gujarat Titans any chance to lift the trophy. Proving all the critics and cricket pundits wrong, Gujarat Titans emerged as a force to reckon with and lifted the trophy in front of their home crowd in the Narendra Modi Stadium. It was a sight to behold as the fans of this franchise took to the streets and joined the victory parade. The entire team celebrated their victory on an open-top bus and gave their fans a memorable opportunity to witness their favorite cricketers who played out of their skin in their first IPL season. The players who were joined by the support staff and their family members later met Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel who hosted & felicitated them.

Skipper Hardik Pandya gifted a bat to the CM which was signed by all the squad members. The fabled bat is now up for auction and the proceeds from it are to be used for educating the daughters of the state. As destiny has it, Gujarat Titans defeated Rajasthan Royals who won their only IPL title in their debut season back in 2008. The team is now scheduled to leave for Mumbai where the owners are hosting the team to celebrate the victory. This victory has come in like a breath of fresh air for the Gujarat Titans skipper Hardik Pandya who was struggling with form & fitness issues before this season. Hardik delivered both with the bat and the ball and scored nearly 500 runs in 14 innings at an average of 45. "This title is going to be a special one because we talked about creating a legacy. The coming generations will talk about it," said Hardik.

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# **AUSTRALIA TO TOUR INDIA FOR WHITE-BALL** SERIES AHEAD OF MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

World T20 champions Australia will play a white-ball series in India this Test Championship Final qualification as well as build up for the ICC September ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, the dates for which are yet to be announced.

Cricket Australia (CA) on Monday announced an action-packed summer schedule, with the T20 World Cup on home soil between October 16 and November 13 the standout. They will also play home series against the West Indies and England ahead of the showpiece event.

CA announced that Australia will play two matches against the West Indies on the Gold Coast and three matches against England in Brisbane and Canberra in the run-up to the 20-over showcase.

Australia will also host England in a three-match ODI series after the T20 World Cup, before back-to-back Test series against the West Indies and South Africa starting at the end of November.

CA chose to depart from tradition and award Optus Stadium in Perth the first Test of the home summer, with Adelaide Oval then hosting the second and final Test against the West Indies that will be part of the World Test Championship.

The Gabba (Brisbane) will then host the opening Test against the Proteas prior to Christmas, before the traditional Boxing Day Test at the MCG and New Year's Test at the SCG, according to ICC.

The dates for the upcoming women's series were also announced, with Australia hosting Pakistan in ODI and T20I series in January prior to the Women's ICC T20 World Cup in South Africa in February.

Meg Lanning's side will also take part in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this year, before embarking on a tour of India during December. Cricket Australia CEO Nick Hockley is hoping that both Australia's Men's and Women's sides can defend their T20 World Cup titles over the next 12 months.

"Both our teams have the opportunity to defend their T20 World Cup titles." the men's team on home soil and the women's team in South Africa, as our exceptional players inspire the next generation of cricketers in the shortest format of the game," Hockley said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish our No.1-ranked women's team the best of luck as they head to Ireland and then England for the Commonwealth Games. It's the start of an exciting eight months for the team that also includes a tour to India, home series against Pakistan, the opportunity to play in the Hundred and our own extended domestic season, before the T20 World Cup."

Hockley said the reduction of many restrictions due to Covid-19 had made scheduling a bit easier than in recent years.

"After two years of being impacted by the pandemic, the 2022-23 home summer will be an especially busy one for the Australian men's team as we honour our commitments to the ICC's Future Tours Programme (FTP). This provides important opportunities to progress towards ICC World

Men's One-Day World Cup in India in 2023," he added.

"While the timing of the ODI series against South Africa is set out in the Future Tours Program, we have had a recent request from Cricket South Africa to reconsider the dates of the three games, but have been unable to find alternative dates as yet."

#### 2022-23 summer schedule:

Men's ODI series v Zimbabwe — August 28: Riverway Stadium, Townsville; August 31: Riverway Stadium, Townsville; September 3: Riverway Stadium, Townsville.

Men's ODI series v New Zealand — September 6: Cazalys Stadium, Cairns (D/N); September 8: Cazalys Stadium, Cairns (D/N); September 11: Cazalys Stadium, Cairns (D/N).

Men's T20I series v West Indies — October 5: Metricon Stadium, Gold Coast; October 7: Metricon Stadium, Gold Coast.

Men's T20I series v England — October 9: The Gabba, Brisbane; October 12: Manuka Oval, Canberra; October 14: Manuka Oval, Canberra.

Men's ICC T20 World Cup — October 16-November 13.

Men's ODI series v England — November 17: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (D/N); November 19: SCG, Sydney (D/N); November 22: MCG, Melbourne

Men's Test series v West Indies — November 30-December 4: Perth Stadium, Perth; December 8-December 12: Adelaide Oval, Adelaide (D/

Men's Test series v South Africa — December 17-December 21: The Gabba, Brisbane; December 26-December 30: MCG, Melbourne; January 4-January 8: SCG, Sydney.

Men's ODI series v South Africa — (Dates subject to confirmation) January 12: Blundstone Arena, Hobart; January 14: SCG, Sydney; January 17: Perth Stadium, Perth.

Women's ODI series v Pakistan — January 16: Allan Border Field, Brisbane; January 18: Allan Border Field, Brisbane; January 21: North Sydney Oval, Sydney.

Women's T20I series v Pakistan — January 24: North Sydney Oval, Sydney; January 27: Manuka Oval, Canberra; January 29: Manuka Oval,

#### **Away Tours:**

Men's Tour of Sri Lanka — June 7-July 12.

Women's T20I Tri-series — Australia/Pakistan/Ireland: July 16-July 23. 2022 Commonwealth Games — July 29-August 7: Birmingham.

Men's Tour of India: September. Women's Tour of India: December.

Women's ICC T20 World Cup — February 9-February 26: South Africa; Men's Tour of India — February-March.

# HARDIK HAS BEEN FANTASTIC, WANTS TO LEARN AS LEADER; SAYS GT MENTOR GARY KIRSTEN



Hardik Pandya's captaincy skills have impressed one and all and the Gujarat Titans skipper lead his team with poise and skill. Gujarat, who made their IPL debut this season, went on to win the trophy under Hardik's leadership and his ability to communicate and keep everyone on the same page is what makes him special. Team mentor Gary Kirsten was particularly impressed with Hardik's captaincy and said, "He has been fantastic, I've looked working with him. He's a high-profile player in India but he's incredibly humble, wanting to learn as a leader and engage with his players which I thing is really, really important. He's tried to help the youngsters, he's come in and played a different responsibility." Speaking on his experience, the South African said: "You never stop learning as a coach, every IPL is a learning experience, that's what I enjoy. I've loved working with Ashish (Nehra), he's really strong tactically - trying to put a gameplan together on the fly is not easy. "There are so many variable in each game, but what I've enjoyed has been the responsibility players have taken to win games for us," he said. The team won games from tough situations and that became its hallmark.

"You're looking for good balance, good depth in the auction but most importantly you're looking for players who can do different roles, the one thing we've learnt with Ashish is finding guys who were versatile, and at 4, 5 and 6 - we've got that. "We all got energy out of it, we've had a great bowling attack - through the end we went a bowler strong and a batter light, but we were always confident, just to get good balance in the team," Kirsten said when asked about contributions from a variety of players over the course of the season. Wriddhiman Saha, who did well as an opener, said the team proved its critics wrong. "This is my fifth final and the second final I have won, someone said our team was not good after the auctions, but we proved them wrong," he said. David Miller, who enjoyed his best ever IPL, was overjoyed. "It's been a phenomenal journey, finishing it at the back end was a special feeling, but it has been a collective effort, everyone has stuck up their hand and performed well," said Miller.

#### WANT TO WIN THE WORLD CUP FOR INDIA, SAYS HARDIK AFTER GUIDING GT TO **MAIDEN IPL 2022 TITLE**



This IPL has been a story of one man, Hardik Pandya. Before the start of the season, there was a lot of uncertainty surrounding Pandya. He was appointed captain of Gujarat Titans, the new entrant in the IPL and there were questions about whether Pandya can bowl and bat. How Pandya with his swag can lead the team and most importantly how will Pandya manage his body during the gruelling period.

The answers are all over today and Hardik has silenced all his critics by guiding Gujarat to their maiden IPL trophy. He let his bat do the talking, led by an example and on the day of the final, punctured the famed Rajasthan Royals' batting line-up.

Pandya dismissed Jos Buttler, Sanju Samson and Shimron Hetmyer to seal the deal in the first half of the final. From then it was a moment of time that he laid hands on the coveted trophy.

"I live and feed on love, which I keep getting from my family," Pandya said. Hardik scored 487 runs and picked 8 wickets but it was his calm and cool leadership skills that have earned a lot of praise from all quarters. When asked about his captaincy skills, he said: "I have always enjoyed responsibility and been someone, who wants to lead from the front, so that I can set an example," Pandya said. "If I want my team to function in a certain way, I need to be the first flag-bearer to show them the way. So that, it makes more sense if I do it first," he said.

#### Winning the World Cup remains an ultimate goal

Pandya has played the T20 World Cup semifinal in 2026 and the 2019 World Cup semifinal and although his performances were excellent, he is still in search of a World Cup winners medal.

Hardik is back in the Indian team and has now set his eyes on the World Cup. "It's about winning the World Cup for India, no matter what happens. I have always been that guy to put the team first, so the goal will be to see my team gets it (global trophy) most," he said. "Playing for India has always been a dream come true. No matter how many games I have played, I have always got support and love. In the short and long term, one goal is there. I want to win the World Cup no matter what happens," he added.

Hardik has won the IPL four times but this victory was special.

#### YUZVENDRA CHAHAL CREATES UNIQUE RECORD AND ALSO CLAIMS BACK THE PURPLE CAP IN FINAL



Rajasthan Royals' Yuzvendra Chahal has bowled brilliantly throughout the season. He took crucial wickets and helped his team in various matches.

Chahal who was owning the Purple cap by taking the most number of wickets in the tournament was surpassed by Wanindu Hasaranga in the list. In RCB's last match against RR, Hasaranga topped the list by taking 26 wickets with a better economy than Chahal. Then came the day of the final against Gujarat Titans when Chahal took Hardik Pandya's wicket in his fourth over and claimed his top position back by scalping 27 wickets this tournament.

He won the prize money of Rs 10 lakh.

Next in the race for Purple cap are Hasaranga with 26 wickets and Kagiso Rabada with 23 wickets.

He is also the only bowler to get a hattrick this season.

Chahal also created a unique record during the final. He became the spinner to take the most number of wickets in an IPL season.

Most number of wickets by a spinner in the history of IPL:

27 - Yuzvendra Chahal (2022)

26 - Imran Tahir (2019)

26 - Wanindu Hasaranga (2022) 24 - Sunil Narine (2012)

24 - Harbhajan Singh (2013)

### RAJASTHAN ROYALS' JOS BUTTLER STAYS THE UNDISPUTED OWNER OF ORANGE CAP



Jos Buttler has been monstrous with the bat this season. He has hammered 4 fifties and 4 centuries with 83 boundaries and 45 sixes. Buttler who took the Orange Cap by scoring the most runs in the league at the initial stage of the league remained the undisputed owner of the cap. He received the cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

He smashed 863 runs in 17 matches with an average of 57.53. The wicketkeeper-batter also crossed the 700-run milestone in 15 matches. Behind in the race for most runs hit in the 15th edition of the season are Lucknow Super Giants' skipper Quinton de Kock with 508 runs and KL Rahul with 616 runs in 15 matches.

In the final match, Buttler scored 39 off 35 balls but was sent back to the hut by Hardik Pandya.

Rajasthan Royal lost the final against Gujarat Titans but had a huge contribution by Buttler to lead the team so close to the title.





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