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1ST ANNUAL Y MEDIA, BATTS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

POOJA LUTHRA

Y Media, in partnership with Batts Athletics, organized the first annual Batts Badminton Tournament in Brampton on Saturday, August 6 and Sunday, August 7.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is a well-said proverb. Y Media organized this tournament to raise awareness of physical fitness among the community, especially youth. The tournament effectively highlighted the importance of sports, especially badminton, in Canada. A major goal was to engage the community, especially youth, in healthy physical activity.

In his speech, Y Media's Group Editor and CEO, Yudhvir Jaswal, highlighted the tournament's significance and outcomes. He urged the community to encourage the youth to participate in any sport. He appreciated Badminton Coach Siddharth Jain and TT Coach Raghu Kondatasula for their efforts in promoting the games. He finally thanked everyone for their support and congratulated all the players.

Several prominent dignitaries graciously attended the event, including Brampton South MP Sonia Sidhu, Brampton West MPP Amarjot Sandhu, and Mississauga Malton MPP Deepak Anand. MP Sonia Sidhu said, "Badminton is a growing sport in Brampton, and I am glad to see it being supported." She even commended Y Media for this initiative and congratulated all the participants.

MPP Sandhu enjoyed the games and congratulated Yudhvir Jaswal and the Y Media team for organizing such a "great badminton tournament."

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INDIA - A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

A.R. GHANSHYAM

For much of the 2,000 years of the Common Era, India was the largest economy contributing a third of the global output. Archaeological evidence traces the origins of ancient India's Indus Valley civilisation to the fifth millennium before the Common Era. During medieval times too, India witnessed several glorious empires and great civilisations spread across millions of miles under enlightened emperors.

Towards the last quarter of the last millennium, India came under the influence of East India Company for almost a century during the 18th and 19th centuries. Thereafter, the Sepoy Mutiny in 1857 compelled the British to place India directly under the British Crown for another ninety years. For almost two centuries, therefore, India was anchored to Great Britain serving the interests of only the British Empire. Of all the colonies the British conquered, controlled and immensely benefited from, it was India that was by far the biggest and the wealthiest and was often referred to as the Jewel in the (British) Crown.

Before finally leaving India, the British divided the Indian subcontinent into two countries in three parcels -- India, Pakistan West and Pakistan East. India's population then was 330 million and the GDP was Rr 2.7 trillion -- a paltry 3 per cent of the global GDP. A country which accounted for a third of the global output for much of two millennia before had thus been bled bone dry by the colonial masters.

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CANADA'S INFLATION REACHES 7.6% IN JULY, DOWN FROM 8.1% GAIN IN JUNE



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 7.6% on a year-over-year basis in July, down from an 8.1% gain in June. The deceleration was a result of slower year-over-year growth in gasoline prices. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 9**

CANADA'S JULY HOME SALES FELL BY 5.3%, PRICE DOWN 3% FROM JUNE 2022: CREA

Statistics released today by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) show national home sales slowed further in July 2022. National home sales fell by 5.3% on a month-over-month basis in July. Actual (not seasonally adjusted) monthly activity came in 29.3% below July 2021. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 9**

PEEL POLICE SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY 3 SUSPECTS WHO BRUTALLY ATTACKED JOTI SINGH MANN OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN BRAMPTON



Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau seek the public's assistance with identifying three people in an Attempt Murder investigation in the City of Brampton. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 9**

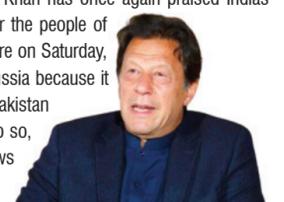
LIZ TRUSS HOLDS A COMMANDING LEAD OVER RISHI SUNAK IN RACE TO BE NEXT UK PM

Foreign secretary Liz Truss holds a commanding 22-point lead over British-Indian ex-minister Rishi Sunak in the race to become the next Tory leader and UK prime minister, according to an exclusive poll of party members for The Observer. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 14**



FORMER PAKISTAN PM IMRAN KHAN ALL PRAISE FOR INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

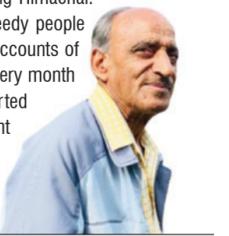
Former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has once again praised India's foreign policy, which he said works for the people of the country. Speaking at a rally in Lahore on Saturday, Khan said that India bought oil from Russia because it was in its people's interest, but the Pakistan government did not have the guts to do so, despite skyrocketing inflation, ARY News reported. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 14**



PHILANTHROPIST HARICHAND VERMA, 80, DONATES RS. 47,000 TO 183 NEEDY PEOPLE MONTHLY

POOJA LUTHRA

80-year-old Harichand Verma, a Kullu district resident who retired from Himachal Pradesh Electricity Board, is filling happiness in the lives of the needy people of five states of India, including Himachal. He gives Rs 47,000 as a pension to 183 needy people each month. The amount reaches the bank accounts of the needy with a single click on the 1st of every month through the post office. This initiative was started by HC Verma seven years ago when he sent money order help to a disabled person. After this, he helped Jagan, a disabled youth.





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AAP'S EXPANDING ITS NATIONAL PRESENCE AT A RAPID PACE AFTER PUNJAB VICTORY

After the spectacular victory in the Punjab assembly polls, the first beyond its home state of Delhi, the Aam Aadmi Party's national presence is gaining momentum at a dizzying pace with new office-bearers in many states. The Aam Aadmi Party is just one step away from being declared a national party. After being recognized as a state party in Delhi and Punjab, the Election Commission of India has recently recognized it as a state party in Goa. If the party gets recognition in just one more state, it will officially be a national party. In this regard, the party's national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said in a tweet, "After Del n Punjab, AAP is now a state recognised party in Goa too. If we get recognised in one more state, we will officially be declared as a "national party". I congratulate each and every volunteer for their hard work. I thank the people for posing faith in AAP n its ideology". The AAP is eyeing two important assembly polls this year – Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh — with several senior leaders with proven track records and the 'Delhi Model of Governance'. The assembly polls in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh are scheduled to be held in December and November this year respectively. The Delhi Model of Governance which the AAP leaders call the 'Kejriwal Model of Governance' is being widely discussed in both the states' polls after the victory in Punjab. The way the Gujarat model was discussed in the public domain, the same way AAP has coined the term the Delhi model. Basically, what the AAP claims for the model and wants to



encash in the assembly polls rests on the three-four important aspects of free electricity and free water with a cap, free travel for women and the government's school education system. However, the party is also being criticized for these schemes with the Opposition calling them 'Free Ka Revdi'. But the AAP says they are welfare schemes for the citizens. While talking to IANS, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said that the Kejriwal Model of governance is to provide relief to the common man while the Centre has developed the model that waives taxes of rich people.

PAKISTAN TO ATTEND COUNTER-TERROR DRILLS IN INDIA FOR 1ST TIME

Pakistan has confirmed that it will attend the international counter-terrorism exercises in India later this year despite simmering tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. The counter-terrorism exercises are scheduled to be held in October in Manesar, Haryana, under the banner of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), The Express Tribune reported.

Pakistan and India are part of the regional body that also includes China, Russia and Central Asian Republics (CARs).

While Pakistan and Indian military contingents have taken part in counter-terrorism exercises together, this will be the first time that Pakistan will be attending such drills in India, The Express Tribune reported. At the weekly briefing, Foreign Office (FO)



spokesperson Asim Iftikhar confirmed Pakistan's participation. "Yes, there will be exercises under the ambit of SCO RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure)," the spokesperson said, adding that India was chairing the SCO RATS this year.

"These exercises are scheduled to be held in India in Manesar in October, and as Pakistan is a member, we will participate," he confirmed.

"At what level, I think when we approach that, we will let you know," the spokesperson added.

The move will be seen as significant given the deepening tensions between the two countries. Pakistan downgraded its relationship with India after New Delhi revoked the special status of the illegally occupied Kashmir region in August 2019.

Since then, there has been no structured dialogue between the two sides though backchannel talks did produce a renewal of ceasefire understanding in February last year. The truce is still holding but there is no progress or indication of any thaw in the relationship. In fact, backchannel talks have met a dead end with both sides sticking to their respective positions, The Express Tribune reported.

There was renewed optimism for a possible breakthrough when there was a change of government in April in Pakistan. There were quick exchanges between Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, but things could not move further. The two leaders will have at least two opportunities in the coming weeks for possible interactions. Both Modi and Shehbaz will be first attending the SCO summit in Samarkand and then the UN General Assembly (UNGA) session.

"The SCO meeting is in Samarkand in mid-September; there is nothing with me about the meeting you are referring to," the FO spokesperson said when asked to comment on the possibility of a Modi-Shehbaz meeting.

RUSSIA WARNS OF 'DIRECT MILITARY CLASH' WITH US



Washington's behaviour on the world stage risks direct conflict between the nuclear states, the Russian embassy in the US has warned, media reports said. "Today, the United States continues to act with no regard to other countries' security and interests, which contributes to an increase in nuclear risks," the embassy said in a statement on its Telegram channel, RT reported. "The (US) steps to further engage in a hybrid confrontation with Russia in the context of the Ukrainian crisis are fraught with unpredictable escalation and a direct military clash of nuclear powers," the statement said.

INDIA MUST BE A DEVELOPED NATION IN 25 YEARS: PM MODI LISTS FIVE PLEDGES

Addressing the nation for the 9th time from the historic ramparts of Red Fort on the occasion of 75th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for moving India forward with five pledges to achieve the dreams by 2047. PM Modi said that India must be a developed nation in 25 years. As we enter the Amrit Kaal, we must resolve to fulfil the dreams of India's freedom fighters. "We must resolve to work towards a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and remove any vestiges of colonialism from any corner or in our hearts," said the Prime Minister. "In the coming years, we have to focus on 'Panchpran' (5 pledges). First: to move forward with bigger resolutions and resolve of developed India; second: to erase all traces of servitude; third: be proud of our legacy; fourth: the strength of unity; and fifth: the duties of citizens that also includes the PM and CMs," said PM Modi. "Working towards a Viksit Bharat, remember the time before Independence... yes, people had different methods of working but the goal was the same and the goal was big – the freedom of India. In this Amrit Kaal we have to come together and work towards another big goal of a Viksit Bharat," he said. PM Modi urged the youth of the nation from the rampart of Red Fort to dedicate the next 25 years of their lives for the nation's development. He said that we should work towards the development of the entire humanity.

IRAN REJECTS INVOLVEMENT IN ATTACK ON SALMAN RUSHDIE



Iran has denied any involvement in the attack on Indian-born writer Salman Rushdie in the US last week.

"There is no connection between Iran and the perpetrator," Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani said on Monday.

"Rushdie himself is responsible for the attack," dpa news agency quoted Kanaani as saying, noting that the author's work not only offended Iran, but Muslims worldwide.

Rushdie was stabbed onstage as he was about to deliver a lecture in New York State on August 12.

The writer is recovering in hospital and a 24-year-old suspect is in custody. The Indian-born Briton's novel "The Satanic Verses" led to death threats from Iran in the 1980s. Iran is increasingly coming in for criticism in the international community over a death sentence issued against the respected author in the 1980s. Late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini issued a religious edict, or fatwa, sentencing Rushdie to death more than 30 years ago because of the "The Satanic Verses", published in 1988. Khomeini accused Rushdie of insulting Islam, the prophet Mohammed and the Quran in his novel.

US PRESIDENT BIDEN CALLS INDIA, US 'INDISPENSABLE PARTNERS'



US President Joe Biden on Sunday called India and the US "indispensable partners" on the eve of the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

"The United States joins the people of India to honour its democratic journey, guided by Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of truth and non-violence," Biden said in a statement.

As the two countries also celebrate 75 years of establishing diplomatic ties, the US President said further, "India and the United States are indispensable partners, and the US-India Strategic Partnership is grounded in our shared commitment to the rule of law and the promotion of human freedom and dignity."

The two countries are also bound by "deep bonds" between their people, he added with a shout out to "the vibrant Indian-American community in the US (that) has made us a more innovative, inclusive, and stronger Nation". Biden concluded his statement saying, "I am confident that in the years ahead our two democracies will continue to stand together to defend the rules-based order; foster greater peace, prosperity and security for our people; advance a free and open Indo-Pacific; and together address the challenges we face around the world."

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WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PAK ARMY CHIEF?

Frontrunners for the positions of Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCS) and Chief of Army Staff (COAS)

LEADING THE PACK

Lt-Gen. Sahir Shamsad Mirza: A clear frontrunner for either of the two positions, he was posted as Corps Commander Rawalpindi in October 2021 to enable him to get operational experience and become eligible for the top posts.

SEASONED INDIA HAND

Lt-Gen. Azhar Abbas: Among the present top brass, he is the most experienced in matters concerning India. He is now the Chief of General Staff (CGS), effectively running the army with direct oversight of both the operations and intelligence directorates at GHQ. Previously, he commanded the Rawalpindi-based, Kashmir-centric X Corps. It was during his time as commander of X Corps that the Indian and Pakistani armies reached an understanding on respecting the 2003 ceasefire agreement along the LOC. From the Pakistani side, Lt-Gen Abbas was given the task of ensuring compliance.

EX-ASIF ZARDARI AIDE & CLOSE TO BAJWA

Lt-Gen Mohammad Amir: He belongs to the Artillery Regiment and commands the XXX Corps at Gujranwala. He is also seen to be close to Gen. Bajwa. Military secretary to the then President Asif Zardari from 2011 to 2013, Lt-Gen Amir used his tenure to establish ties with leaders of the present dispensation.

PROXIMITY TO IMRAN DIMS HIS CHANCES

Lt-Gen Faiz Hamid: He, too, belongs to the Baloch Regiment and was one of the most widely discussed contenders for the top office during the Imran Khan regime. As Brigadier, Lt-Gen. Hamid served as chief of staff of the X Corps when the present Pakistan Army Chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, was commanding the corps. Some political pundits say it might be difficult, if not impossible, for the ruling PML-N leadership to consider him for the next COAS due to the highly publicised nature of his role as ISI chief during the last government's tenure.

THE DARK HORSE IN THE RACE

Lt-Gen. Nauman Mehmood: Belonging to the Baloch Regiment, he is at present President of the National Defence University, Islamabad. Previously, he served as GOC of an Infantry Division in North Waziristan and as Director-General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (Analysis).



RASHI & NAVAL BAJAJ HOST THE SUNDERKAND PATH BY THE WORLD RENOWNED DEVOUT SHREE GURUJI ASHWIN KUMAR PATHAK JI



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RAM LALLA GETS A NEW HOME

The unique features of a structure built to last a thousand years

KEY FEATURES

- Ironless construction
- Nature-friendly technology
- Conservation of water bodies
- Optimum use of natural materials
- Walled campus with space for devotees to arrive from North, West, South and East, and go directly to the sanctum sanctorum

THE DIMENSIONS

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| TOTAL AREA 2.7 acres | HEIGHT OF THE TEMPLE INCLUDING 'SHIKHAR' 161 feet |
| TOTAL BUILT-UP AREA 57,400 sq. m. | NO. OF FLOORS 3 |
| LENGTH OF THE TEMPLE 360 feet | HEIGHT OF EACH FLOOR 20 feet |
| WIDTH OF THE TEMPLE 235 feet | 'SHIKHARS' AND 'MANDALAS' 5 |
| PILLARS ON THE GROUND FLOOR 160 | NUMBER OF GATES 12 |
| PILLARS ON THE FIRST FLOOR 132 | |
| PILLARS ON THE SECOND FLOOR 74 | |

EXPECTED BOOST TO PILGRIM FOOTFALLS

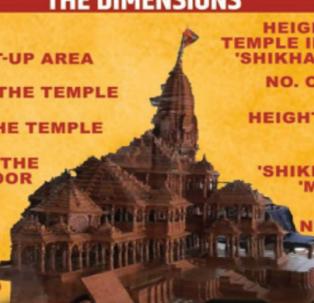
Present number of daily pilgrims 10,000
Expected number of daily pilgrims 50,000
Present number of pilgrims on special occasions 2 million
Expected number of pilgrims on special occasions 5 million
Parikrama (Panchkosi / 14 Kosi) 2-2.5 million

MATERIAL TO BE USED

- Carved pink stones from Bansl Paharpur in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, have been specially ordered for the construction.
- 17,000 slabs of granite weighing 2.5 tons each will be used to construct the platform, which will be about 20 feet high.
- White marble from Makrana in Rajasthan will be used in the centre of the temple.
- Protective walls, 16m deep and 12m wide, are being built round the temple to prevent erosion.

UNDER CONSIDERATION

A proposal to build Shabari and Jatayu temples in the Ram temple complex is being discussed by the Ram Janmabhoomi Tirth Kshetra Trust.



CONGRESS PRESIDENTIAL POLL PROCESS SET TO BEGIN THIS MONTH, NO CLARITY ON RAHUL'S ROLE

The Congress Presidential poll process is set to get underway this month but there is no clarity yet on Rahul Gandhi, who demitted his office in 2019, re-assuming the charge. Apparently, Congress is contemplating other names as well. However, sources said that former party President Rahul Gandhi has lined up a series of meeting with state units. He also plans to visit every district in the country in the run-up to the general elections. The plan is yet to be finalised. Besides Rahul Gandhi, another name doing rounds is Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. It is being said that he is not keen on leaving the state. But Rahul Gandhi's insistence on a non-Gandhi taking over the position has left the party in a dilemma. Leaders close to Rahul Gandhi have been trying to convince him to re-assume the post. The Congress Working Committee members have appealed many times to Rahul Gandhi to take over as the president of the party, but he has been reluctant. Senior Congress leader Ambika Soni said: "All the members were unanimous that Rahul Gandhi should take over as president of the Congress party." The CWC has given the go-ahead to the internal elections of the party. The CWC had approved the organisational elections and the schedule has been decided. The election of the PCC President, Vice President, Treasurer, and PCC Executive and AICC Members by the PCC general body is scheduled to be over by August 20. The election of the AICC president is slated to be held between August, 21 and September 20. The election of CWC members and other bodies by AICC members during the preliminary session (date to be announced later) will preferably be held in September-October.



SUGSHE GROUP OF COMPANIES CELEBRATED THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE & HONOURED TEN REMARKABLE WOMEN FOR THEIR SERVICE TO CANADA



POOJA LUTHRA

Sugshe Group of Companies CELEBRATED THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE & HONOURED TEN REMARKABLE WOMEN FOR THEIR SERVICE TO CANADA

Sugshe Group of Companies organized an event on Monday, August 15, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and honour ten remarkable women for their commendable service to the community in Canada. The event was hosted by Ganesan Sugumar, President & CEO of Sugshe Group of Companies. Sugshe Group of Companies nominated these ten notable women because of their community services and outstanding contributions to their community.

Several dignitaries, including Jean Yip, MP, Scarborough, Agincourt, Former Minister & MP Hon. Maria Minna, Former MPP Soo Wong, Sivasri Thiyagaraja Kurukkal and Sivasri Vijayakumarakurukkal were present to present the awards.

The recipients of awards were Anu Srivastava, Meenadsamma Thiyagarasakurukkal, Sharon Swenson, Jeyanthi Vijayakumaran, Pathmalosini Logendralingam, Marlenna Rellin, Joanne Linton, Sanjula Kulaveerasingam, Nirothini Pararajasingam and Priatharshani Sivanantham.

During the event, several dance performances promoted Indian classical and international dance to a multi-cultural audience. The event ended with a group photograph and cake cutting ceremony.



US JUSTICE DEPT OPPOSES REQUEST TO UNSEAL MAR-A-LAGO SEARCH AFFIDAVIT

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a court filing that it opposes any attempts to unseal the affidavit laying out the probable cause for the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

"The affidavit supporting the search warrant presents a very different set of considerations," the filing on Monday read.

"There remain compelling reasons, including to protect the integrity of an ongoing law enforcement investigation that implicates national security, that support keeping the affidavit sealed," it added.

The new filing was a response to an effort by multiple US media organisations to unseal the affidavit, days after a federal judge unsealed the warrant that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents executed to search Mar-a-Lago, reports Xinhua news agency.

Trump has slammed what he called a "raid" on his residence while denying allegations that he had mishandled classified information.

In an interview with Fox News on Monday, Trump renewed criticism of the search and investigations involving him, but acknowledged that the "temperature has to be brought down in the US".

Attorney General Merrick Garland told reporters last week that he personally "approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter" and sought to brush off "unfounded attacks" against the DOJ and the FBI.

The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI have reportedly sent a bulletin to law enforcement agencies warning of increased threats.

They have seen an increase in "violent threats" against law enforcement, judiciary, and government personnel, including a particular threat to "place a so-called Dirty Bomb in front of FBI headquarters", according to the bulletin obtained by US media outlets. "General calls" for "civil war" and "armed rebellion" have also increased in recent days on social media, the bulletin stressed.

A group of armed Trump supporters gathered outside the FBI office in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 13.

As threats against the federal law enforcement agency rise, the FBI has placed a protective fence around its headquarters in Washington, D.C.

AYODHYA'S RAM TEMPLE TRUST EXPECTS PROJECT TO BE READY TO RECEIVE PILGRIMS BY DEC 2023



Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed the Bhoomi Pujan of Ram Lalla temple in Ayodhya on August 5, 2020. After the completion of two years, IANS team visited Ayodhya to take stock of the construction work. The IANS team spoke to the general secretary of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi TeerthKshetra Trust, Champat Rai, on a range of issues, from the construction work of the grand temple to the development of the new Ayodhya.

Construction of grand Ram temple in full swing

Temple construction work has been completed up to 40 per cent, Rai said. Now the work for the plinth of the temple is going on. The construction work for the new temple will be completed by December 2023 when the public will be able to visit Ram Lalla. The temple and the whole complex are being constructed on a land spreading across 67 acres. The construction work is being carried out with modern machinery and technology. The foundation of the temple has been built up to 15 metres deep.

Building the retaining wall

The work of building the retaining wall is going on in the western part of the temple. The temple has the Saryu River on its western front. Keeping all the geographical conditions in mind, the retaining wall is being constructed.

The wall is deep enough so that it could stand against heavy rain and soil erosion. And if ever river Saryu changes its direction, the temple should not be harmed by it.

Construction of Mandapa to start next month

After the completion of the plinth work for the temple, the work of building the Mandapa will start, on which 400 pillars will be installed. The pillars have already been built to make the Mandapa of the entire temple, including the sanctum sanctorum. The pillars of Kudu Mandap, Nriya Mandap and Rang Mandap of Ram temple will be installed in 30 days. The city of Ayodhya is situated on the banks of river Saryu. Whoever comes here does not go back without taking a dip of faith in Saryu. Keeping this in mind, the administration has started work for the restoration and reconstruction of the ghats on the Saryu river, and the work of fully developing a new ghat has been completed.

Earlier, people who came here used to struggle a lot to change clothes after bathing, but now, keeping in mind the respect of women, a changing room has been built for the women. At the same time, special care is taken for the cleanliness of these ghats.

Boost to employment

When the temple of Ram Lalla will be ready, the number of devotees coming here will be in lakhs. According to an estimate, the number of devotees coming here will be more than two lakh. For the devotees coming from outside, arrangements will be made for food and lodging, etc, benefiting the local people.

For this, along with the Ram temple construction, the road map for the development of Ayodhya has also been prepared.

MODI-SHEHBAZ SHARIF MEETING LIKELY DURING SCO SUMMIT: REPORT

Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, are likely to have a meeting during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, diplomatic sources told a media outlet.

The SCO summit is scheduled for September 15-16 where leaders of the organisation will sit together to discuss regional challenges, Daily Jang reported. Sharif will attend the conference during which he is likely to meet the presidents of China, Russia, Iran, as well as Modi, according to the sources.

The sources further confirmed that in its July 28 meeting, the SCO Foreign ministers HAD reiterated that the heads of SCO states will attend the summit. However, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto, who had attended the meeting in Tashkent, said that a bilateral meeting between the Pakistani and Indian leaders is not scheduled.

"There are no plans of any meetings between Indian and Pakistani Prime Ministers in September," he had said, adding that both India and Pakistan are part of the SCO and the two countries are only engaged in the context of the broad-based activities of the organisation.

AS PAKISTAN TURNS 75, SHEHBAZ CITES FLAWS IN ECONOMIC MODEL

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has cited three critical structural flaws in the country and said that "no successful country has ever grown this way". In his latest blog written for The Economist, he added that the nation was widely thought ready to "become the next Asian tiger", reports Geo News. However, in 2022, Pakistan found itself mired in its latest economic crisis.

"Pakistan today is one of the most consumption-oriented economies in the world, with consumption accounting for more than 90 per cent of our GDP (gross domestic product). By contrast, we only invest 15 per cent of our output and export just 10 per cent. Annual inflows of foreign direct investment are less than 1 per cent of the GDP" he wrote.

"These sorry statistics are a reflection of the flaws in our economic model. No successful country has ever grown this way."

The Prime Minister further wrote: "This one (latest economic crisis) is born out of the most challenging global policy environment of our lifetime, characterised by a commodity supercycle, historic monetary tightening at America's Federal Reserve and a conflict in Europe that is tearing apart the post-war global order."

"But it also stems from home-grown weaknesses: weaknesses that have been left unaddressed for the better part of five decades; weaknesses that have forced us to approach the International Monetary Fund (IMF) multiple times during that time. This is not how successful nations are built." Shehbaz then cited three critical structural flaws that stand out in the country, Geo News reported.

"These have prevented economic take-off, stunted our growth and led to repeated boom-bust cycles since the late 1980s," he said.

"We have turned inwards in a way that has prevented us from reaping the benefits of globalisation through the free exchange of people, goods, capital and ideas. Our ability to make ? and keep ? friends on the international stage has significantly weakened over time."

The premier lamented that Pakistan hardly makes anything according to the demands of the world as the local companies remain very comfortable operating within the borders. On the occasion of Pakistan's diamond jubilee, he said that as the country turned 75, the moment merits serious introspection. Shehbaz said that the fifth-largest country in the world, where two out of every three people are below the age of 30 and full of aspirations, finds itself stuck with an income level of just \$1,798.

PUNJAB CM MANN LAUNCHES 75 'AAM AADMI CLINICS'



Fulfilling a poll promise to provide free and quality health services to the people of Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday dedicated an Aam Aadmi Clinic in this industrial city.

A total of 75 such clinics were simultaneously inaugurated across the state, setting in motion the first step towards revolutionising primary health care facilities in Punjab.

"On this historic day, the Aam Aadmi Party government has dedicated these clinics to the people to ensure that they have access to quality healthcare services, without paying a single penny," said the Chief Minister, while dedicating the clinic.

The Chief Minister said these clinics will be opened in every nook and corner of the state, adding, that in big villages, two such clinics will be opened for the convenience of the people.

He said in the first phase, 75 such Aam Aadmi clinics have been dedicated to people to mark the 75th Independence Day.

The Chief Minister said that every Aam Aadmi clinic will have a staff of four-five persons, including an MBBS doctor, a lab technician and a nurse, to diagnose and treat the patients. Mann said 41 packages with around 100 clinical tests will be offered to the people free of cost in these Aam Aadmi Clinics. He said his government has fulfilled one of the major poll promises with setting up of these clinics both in urban and rural areas. The Chief Minister envisioned that these clinics will be a stepping stone in revamping the healthcare system in Punjab. Mann expressed hope that 90 per cent of patients will get treated from these clinics only thereby reducing the burden in hospitals. He said only the serious patients with major ailments will be further referred to the hospitals. The Chief Minister said that this revolutionary decision will rejuvenate the healthcare system in state. He said the patients will have facility of online appointment in these Clinics. Mann said that these clinics will provide free medicines and primary diagnostic facilities. The Chief Minister reiterated that the state government is according top priority to health and education sectors. He said the government Civil Hospitals across the state will be spruced up in the coming days for imparting quality health services to people. Mann also said 2,140 well qualified doctors have applied for these posts.

US PRESIDENT BIDEN ON A ROLL, SIGNS 'LANDMARK' LAW TO TACKLE CLIMATE, LOWER DRUG PRICES



US President Joe Biden capped a recent string of administrative accomplishments by signing into law which is considered as his presidency's most ambitious legislation that commits unprecedented investment in fighting climate change, expands health insurance subsidies, lowers drug prices, and seeks to tackle inflation.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), as the legislation is called, is a skinnier version of the massive \$2 trillion Build Back Better Act that Biden had announced immediately after taking office in 2021. Even then it's a major achievement.

Biden's popularity remains low at 38 per cent, according to Gallup. It's the lowest for any US president at this stage of the second year of their term going back to 1954; even former President Donald Trump was more popular at this stage, with 40 per cent. But Democrats are hoping for these recent legislative victories to give them the momentum they need for the upcoming midterm elections in November, when they are widely projected to lose control of the House of Representatives and, possibly, the Senate.

PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF SAYS PAKISTAN CAN MEDIATE TO BRING TOGETHER US, CHINA



Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has offered Pakistan's services as a mediator to bring together the US and China as it did decades ago, media report said.

In an interview with Newsweek, published on Monday, the prime minister said: "If China and the US so desire, Pakistan would be happy to play a positive role to bridge their differences, as we had done in the past." The interview revolved around national, regional and global issues and focused in particular on the role Pakistan could play in "preventing the world from sliding into an ever deeper set of crises", as put by the publication.

PM Shehbaz characterised Pakistan's foreign policy as one of "friendliness and goodwill towards all the nations of the world".

"Pakistan has traditionally maintained good relations with China and the United States. Historically, it was Pakistan that acted as a bridge in opening up the relationship between the United States and the Peoples' Republic of China," he said, as per Geo News report.

The premier said that Pakistan has always underscored the need to avoid a confrontational approach. "Bloc politics and any drift towards cold war will not produce any positive results, and in fact would be counterproductive for growth and stability," he stressed.

"Pakistan strongly believes that inter-state relations should be based on mutual respect and peaceful resolution of disputes by upholding the principles of the UN charter and international law," he added.

INDIA - A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

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Independent India

Independent India has witnessed 17 free and fair Parliamentary elections with fifteen Prime Ministers at the helm - each contributing his/her mite to the growth, stability and development of the Indian nation, its society and economy.

How individual Prime Ministers of India tried to build a modern India from the debris of two centuries' rule by the British Empire is in itself a great story and has been narrated by many authors, both Indian and foreign. In the 75 years since Independence, India has negotiated a difficult, at times treacherous, journey replete with five wars (1948, 1962, 1965, 1971 and 1999) and facing frequent occurrence of natural calamities like floods, famines, droughts and epidemics.

Two of its elected Prime Ministers were brutally assassinated and a third died mysteriously after signing the Ceasefire Agreement in the Soviet city of Tashkent post the India-Pakistan 1965 War.

A stretch of 21 months during 1975-77 remains an aberration in India's otherwise uninterrupted democracy when fundamental rights of Indian citizens were suspended during the period of Emergency.

Progress Achieved

Much water has flown in the Ganga since India attained her Independence. During 1950-51, the contributions to Indian GDP by agriculture, industry and services sectors were 56 per cent, 15 per cent and 29 per cent, respectively.

Agriculture employed the largest work-force of 72 per cent with manufacturing and services providing 10 per cent and 18 per cent jobs, respectively. Today the service sector accounts for 54 per cent of India's GDP. The industry and agriculture follow with 25.92 per cent and 20.19 per cent, respectively.

Life expectancy on the eve of Independence was 32 years. It has now gone up to 70 years. In 1950, infant mortality rate in India was 145.6/1000 live births and maternal mortality ratio in the 1940s was 2000/100,000 live births which declined to 1000 in the 1950s.

There were just 50,000 doctors across the entire country and the number of primary healthcare centres was 725. Today, infant mortality is 27.7 per 1000 births and maternal mortality rate is 103 per 100,000. India now has more than 1.2 million doctors.

There are 54,618 sub-health centres (SHCs), 21,898 primary health centres (PHC) and 4,155 urban primary health centres (UPHCs), as on December 8, 2021. There are as many as 70,000 public and private hospitals. As of April 5, 2022, there were 117,771 Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) operational in India apart from 748 e-Hospitals established across the country as part of the 'Digital India' initiative of the government.

As for education, when the British left India, there were 210,000 primary



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schools, 13,600 middle schools and 7,416 higher secondary schools in India apart from 498 colleges and 27 Universities. Today there are 1.6 million schools, 42,343 colleges and a thousand universities. More than 250 million children are going to school today in India and close to 40 million are enrolled in our universities.

India survived a devastating once in a century pandemic of Covid-19 and its economy contracted by 7.3 per cent in the financial year 2020-21. It may be some consolation that this contraction was lower than in other major economies. As per latest available estimates, the growth rate of GDP is pegged at 8.7 per cent, which has to be seen in the context of 7.3 per cent contraction in the preceding year.

India is bound together as a great nation by the strength and stability of its democracy, the rule of law and a breath-taking diversity of its populace in terms of religion, language, culture, climate, history, geography and more. At the time of India's first Census in 1951, Hindus were 305 million (84.1 per cent), Muslims 35.4 million (9.8 per cent), Christians 8.3 million and Sikhs 6.86 million (1.9 per cent).

In 2022, the estimated population is 1090 million Hindus (79.80 per cent), 200 million Muslims (14.23 per cent), 31.2 million Christians (2.3 per cent), 23.7 million Sikhs (1.72 per cent), 9.6 million Buddhists (0.70 per cent), 5.1 million Jains (0.37 per cent) and 9.1 million (0.66 per cent) other religions and 3.3 million (0.24 per cent) religion not stated.

There are two million Hindu temples, 300,000 active mosques, 8,114 Jain temples, a few of them abroad, more than 125 Buddhist monasteries, stupas and pagodas, some 35 Jewish synagogues etc. At the time of Independence, many predicted that India will splinter into pieces based on caste, creed, tribe, language, culture etc., but she has remained in one piece and stronger than ever.

Future Prospects

In the last 10 years, despite a sliding down of growth rates since 2016 till the economy picked up this year and a significant unemployment burden haunting policy makers in the country, there is a quiet revolution taking place in the arena of technology, digitisation and

innovation, spearheaded by young Indian companies. The government's 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' crusade has given an impetus to it. Latest research of the Indian economy in the last 10 years by analyst Ruchir Sharma has a few exciting revelations. In 2011, India had 55 billionaires with a cumulative wealth of \$256 billion which was then equivalent to 13.5 per cent of India's GDP.

Ten years later in 2021, India hosts 140 billionaires with cumulative wealth of \$596 billion, equivalent to 19.6 per cent of the GDP. Sharma adds that 110 of these are new billionaires created during the course of just last decade.

At the time of Independence, India was the sixth largest economy in the world. In 2021, it retains the same position which is no mean achievement with India's population having more than quadrupled. Notwithstanding the above, there is no room for complacency because, (a) India still has a large population that lives below the poverty line, estimated by the World Bank at 140 million which is 10 per cent of the population; (b) the formal and informal sectors may not be able to absorb the large number of educated young who are passing out of colleges (2022 estimate is 10.76 million); (c) external and internal factors will keep haunting the policy establishment in its effort to achieve double-digit GDP growth rate which is the need of the hour for India.

Be that as it may India also has several advantages -- (i) a median age of less than 30 years; (ii) a strong and focussed government; (iii) growing market; (iv) an innovative Indian youth.

If India persists with its pursuit of building and consolidating its infrastructure, keeps the society cohesive and harmonious, stabilises predictable consistency in policy formulation and implementation, a brighter future can be ensured for its future generations.

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|  <p>GAS COST ↑ 35.6% From July '21 ↓ 9.2% IN July '22</p> |  <p>FOOD ↑ 9.9% From July '21</p> |  <p>ACCOMODATION ↑ 47.7% From July '21</p> |  <p>AIR TRANSPORTATION ↑ 25.5% From July '21</p> |
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Source: Statistics Canada

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Excluding gasoline, prices rose 6.6% year over year in July, following a 6.5% increase in June, as upward pressure on prices remained broad-based. On a monthly basis, the CPI rose 0.1% in July, the seventh consecutive monthly increase. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the CPI was up 0.3%. Both of these gains were the smallest, respectively, since December 2021.

While gasoline prices declined on a monthly basis in July, prices for other non-durable goods like natural gas and groceries rose. Price increases for in-person services such as flights, restaurant meals and hotel stays contributed to the month-over-month increase.

On average, price increases continued to exceed the year-over-year increase in hourly wages (+5.2%) in July. While consumer inflation continued to exceed wage growth, the gap in purchasing power was smaller than in June.

Gasoline prices rise at a slower pace year over year

Gasoline prices rose 35.6% year over year in July after a 54.6% increase in June. Consumers paid 9.2% less for gasoline in July compared with the previous month, the largest monthly decline since April 2020. Ongoing concerns related to a slowing global economy, as well as increased COVID-19 pandemic public health restrictions in China and slowing demand for gasoline in the United States led to lower worldwide demand for crude oil, putting downward pressure on prices at the pump. On a monthly basis, gasoline prices fell the most in Ontario (-12.2%), where the provincial government temporarily lowered the gasoline tax.

Prices for groceries rise at a faster pace year over year

Prices for food purchased from stores increased more on a year-over-year basis in July (+9.9%) than in June (+9.4%). Prices for bakery products (+13.6%) continued to rise at a faster pace as wheat prices remained elevated. Higher input costs and global supply uncertainty

related to the Russian invasion of Ukraine continued to put upward pressure on global wheat prices amid an already constrained supply. Other food items also exhibited faster price growth, including non-alcoholic beverages (+9.5%), sugar and confectionery (+9.7%), preserved fruit and fruit preparations (+10.4%), eggs (+15.8%), fresh fruit (+11.7%), and coffee and tea (+13.8%).

Prices for flights, hotel rooms and dining out continue to rise

Prices for various services associated with travel and in-person gatherings continued to increase during the busy travel season, the first summer since the loosening of COVID-19 public health restrictions across Canada. Airfares rose 25.5% in July compared with the previous month, in the wake of strong demand for flights. Similarly, Canadians paid 24.8% more for travel tours, largely driven by travel to destinations in the United States. Traveller accommodation prices rose 47.7% in July compared with the same month a year earlier, with prices rising the most in Ontario (+70.0%).

Year over year, prices for food purchased from restaurants (+7.3%) continued to increase at a faster rate in July compared with June.

Prices for shelter services move with interest rates

On a year-over-year basis, the mortgage interest cost index (+1.7%) increased for the first time since September 2020 amid elevated bond yields and a higher interest rate environment.

Year over year, growth in other owned accommodation expenses (+9.7%) and homeowners' replacement cost (+9.1%) slowed, reflecting current trends in many regional housing markets across Canada. In the context of higher mortgage rates, which could lead to additional rental demand, rent increased 4.9% in July compared with the same month in 2021, following a 4.3% increase in June. Faster price growth in the rent index was largely driven by acceleration in Ontario (+6.4%) and Alberta (+3.4%).

PEEL POLICE SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY 3 SUSPECTS WHO BRUTALLY ATTACKED JOTI SINGH MANN OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN BRAMPTON

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On Thursday, August 4, 2022 Peel Regional Police received a 9-1-1 call at 8:16am that a man was being assaulted by three suspects in the driveway of a residence in the area of Mayfield Road and Hurontario Street. The victim was attacked just after he got into this vehicle by 3 suspects armed with a machete and an axe. The assault continued outside of the vehicle in the driveway until a witness intervened. The suspects fled the area prior to police arriving. The victim was transported to a trauma center where he is in non-life threatening condition.

The investigators seek to identify the three individuals involved in this

incident.

Suspect 1: Black clothing with black gloves, black baseball hat and wearing a surgical mask.

Suspect 2: Black clothing, black shoes with red laces, black gloves and wearing a surgical mask.

Suspect 3: Black sweater with hood up, grey track pants, black gloves and wearing a surgical mask.

Anyone with information is asked to call investigators at the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121, extension 2233. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



BOB SINGH TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF BRAMPTON IN OCTOBER ELECTION.

CANADA'S JULY HOME SALES FELL BY 5.3%, PRICE DOWN 3% FROM JUNE 2022: CREA

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The number of newly listed properties dropped by 5.3% month-over-month. The MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) edged down 1.7% month-over-month but was still up 10.9% year-over-year.

The actual (not seasonally adjusted) national average sale price posted a 5% year-over-year decline in July.

Home sales recorded over Canadian MLS® Systems fell by 5.3% between June and July 2022. While this was the fifth consecutive month-over-month decline in housing activity, it was also the smallest of the five.

Sales were down in about three-quarters of all local markets, led by the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley, Calgary and Edmonton.

The actual (not seasonally adjusted) number of transactions in July 2022 came in 29.3% below that same month last year.

"July saw a continuation of the trends we've been watching unfold for a few months now; sales winding down and prices easing in some relatively more expensive parts of the country as well as places where prices rose most over the past two years," said Jill Oudil, Chair of CREA. "That said, the demand that was so strong just a few months ago has not gone away, but some buyers will likely stay on the sidelines until they see what happens with borrowing costs and prices. As they re-enter the market, they'll find a bit more selection, but not as much as might be expected. As the market continues to evolve, your best bet is to contact your local REALTOR® for information and guidance about how to navigate the current environment," continued Oudil.

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Weekday, Saturday and Sunday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
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Additional Saturday AM trip from Brampton Gateway Terminal at 5:15 am
4/4A Chinguacousy
*Additional Weekday AM trip from Brampton Gateway Terminal at 5:05 am

adjusted to improve service reliability
29/29A Williams
29A Weekday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
35 Clarkway
Weekday, Saturday and Sunday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
36 Gardenbrooke
*Weekday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
50/50A Gore Road
Weekday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
104 Chinguacousy Express
Weekday AM and PM peak frequency: 20 minutes
AM peak to Brampton Gateway Terminal
PM peak to Mount Pleasant GO Station
199 UTM Express
*Service Resumes
Routes cancelled until further notice (including weekday and weekends):
501A Züm Queen (501/501C still operating)
18B Dixie (18 Dixie still operating)
21 Heart Lake
58 Financial Drive
92 Bramalea GO
185 Dixie Express
Resource availability and ridership will continue to be monitored and Brampton Transit will restore services as soon as possible.



frequency: 6 minutes
Weekday PM peak eastbound frequency: 24 minutes
First westbound 501C trip departs from York University at 2:30 pm
Last westbound 501C trip departs from York University at 7:12 pm
All 501C trips end at Bramalea Terminal
Transfer to and from Route 1/1A Queen or 501 Züm Queen for trips west of Bramalea Terminal
502 Züm Main
*Weekday, Saturday and Sunday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
561 Züm Queen West
Weekday AM and PM peak

Additional Saturday AM trip from Brampton Gateway Terminal at 5:00 am
6 James Potter
*Weekday and Saturday schedule adjusted to improve service reliability
7/7A Kennedy
*7A no longer operating on Sunday
No change in service frequency south of Heart Lake Terminal
17 Howden
Weekday, Saturday and Sunday frequency: 45 minutes
18 Dixie
Weekday schedule adjusted with additional AM trips
26 Mount Pleasant
*Weekday and Saturday schedule

DR. FRANK MARTINO APPOINTED AS OSLER'S NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Today, Linda Franklin, Chair of William Osler Health System (Osler) Board of Directors announced that long-time Osler physician and former Chief of Staff, Dr. Frank Martino, has been appointed as Osler's new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective immediately.

Dr. Martino has led Osler over the last few months as Interim President and CEO while a comprehensive recruitment process took place, which included extensive consultations with a range of internal and external stakeholders to inform the search process.

A strong advocate for quality patient care, Dr. Martino has dedicated his over 30 year career to improving the health of individuals and communities to effect change for the betterment of patients. Dr. Martino joined Osler in 1991 and has held progressively senior roles – including serving as Interim President and CEO, Interim Vice-President of Quality & Medical Affairs, Chief of Staff, and Chief of Family Practice. He has been practicing family medicine in Brampton for decades and is still active in inpatient care, as well as in Osler's emergency departments. "We're delighted that Dr. Martino will lead Osler in the exciting time ahead, and we thank him for providing the organization with invaluable guidance, support and stability during the recruitment period," said Linda Franklin, Chair, William Osler Health System Board of Directors. "With his steady and insightful leadership, Dr. Martino is uniquely positioned for this important role. He is passionate about building a cohesive, resilient health system for our communities and will confidently lead our organization as we build on our successes and look ahead to an exciting future."

Dr. Martino has also held respected leadership roles outside of Osler as a member of several provincial committees and advisory panels with the Ministry of Health, Health Quality Ontario, and the Ontario Telemedicine Network; as Primary Care Lead with the Central West Local Health Integration Network; and he worked at the board and committee levels with the Ontario College of Family Physicians and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

"I'm honoured to have the opportunity to lead Osler into the future and support our dedicated teams of staff, physicians, and volunteers as we deliver on our Vision of patient-inspired health care without boundaries," said Dr. Frank Martino. "I also look forward to continuing to work with our valued partners as we set our sights on many exciting projects in the time ahead, including the expansion of vital clinical programs and cancer care, establishing a new medical school with our partners at Toronto Metropolitan University, and advancing our redevelopment projects – including the new Peel Memorial Hospital – to provide greater access to care for the community."

FEAR OF SOCIAL STIGMA PREVENTING ASIANS FROM MONKEYPOX TESTING

Monkeypox, which has afflicted more than 30,000 people to date, is not a 'gay' disease and in Asia where gay sex is outlawed in several countries, the fear of stigmatisation and worse is preventing people from coming forward to be tested, the media reported. According to an opinion piece in The South China Morning Post (SCMP), in India where gay sex was decriminalised in 2018, two men refused to get tested after their sexual partners caught monkeypox, fearing discrimination more than the virus itself.

"This underlines the urgency of fighting the stigma against the LGBTQ community: fear can prevent some from getting tested, it gives a false sense of security to heterosexual people, and gives the authorities an excuse not to unlock resources to fight the outbreak," said Salome Grouard, a senior journalist with SCMP and a member of Lunar, an initiative that highlights key issues related to women and gender equality in Asia. India has reported 10 cases of monkeypox so far, including one death in Kerala.

Monkeypox is characterised by fever with rashes, headache, swollen lymph nodes, muscle and body aches, back pain and weakness. In Asia, only a handful of cases have been recorded so far.

Singapore is considered the largest cluster of the region, with 15 cases reported as of August 12.

"Compared to the almost 10,000 cases logged in the US, monkeypox is comparatively not a major threat to the region's health," said the report. But experts are still very concerned. "In a region where identifying as part of the LGBTQ community can remain a social barrier at best, or become a life-threatening sentence at worst, infected people might not seek help," the report noted.

WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has warned that this stigmatisation might make the "outbreak much harder to track, and to stop". Gay sex remains illegal in some countries, such as Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and some parts of Indonesia.

"This anti-gay stigma prevents people, both from within and outside the LGBTQ community, from getting tested. It also gives a false sense of security to straight people who might wrongly perceive monkeypox as a gay disease," read the report.

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RASHMI SWARUP MARKS HER ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FIRST SOUTH ASIAN IMMIGRANT WOMAN TO LEAD A SCHOOL BOARD IN ONTARIO MARKS HER ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Facing considerable challenges from the pandemic during her first year as the Director of Education for Peel District School Board (PDSB), Rashmi Swarup is confident in the transformational change taking shape across Peel District School Board and the differences made to the diverse communities the board serves.

Swarup recognizes that it is critical to establish strong accountability measures at Peel District School Board, having taken on one of the biggest challenges in her storied four-decade career in education—a complete 180-degree organizational turnaround of Canada's second largest school board. Despite the personal and professional challenges many faced during the pandemic, under her leadership the board has made steady progress in establishing equity, inclusion and human rights in practices, programs, and policies across the system. In fact, the new Anti-Racism Policy introduced by the board in June 2022 was recognized by the Ontario Human Rights Commission as "...the most comprehensive such policy in Ontario" and that it "...may serve as a leading practice to inspire other Ontario school boards to create or revise anti-racism policies." Swarup identified that it is imperative to create the conditions for well-being and a sense of belonging for students and staff while addressing the disparities standing in the way of a supportive and successful learning experience for all. "The student experience is at the core of all we do, and that starts from kindergarten. Central to that is preparing graduates with the knowledge, technical and soft skills the evolving education landscape and global economy demands."

Swarup elaborates, "Soft skills in particular, like critical thinking, communication and interpersonal skills, are so important today, but they require a different approach to learning and development, one that is more personalized and rooted in experiential learning." PDSB Supervisor Bruce Rodrigues believes that Swarup's collaborative and compassionate leadership style has positively impacted the board. "Rashmi always looks for new ways to engage with the community. Students, educators, staff, trustees and



community members speak openly to Rashmi about their concerns about equity, inclusion, diversity, anti-black racism, and quality of education. They know their voices are being heard and are being incorporated into the actions being taken - especially around the 27 Ministry Directives."

Empowering student voice remains top priority for Swarup

Swarup visited 136 schools in her first year and attended many student led events and initiatives. She consistently empowers students to speak up. When students advocated for safer spaces in and outside of schools, Swarup took action. This led to the development of the consent culture website, an internal site that gives students the information, education, and tools they need to be informed and knowledgeable about what consent and sexual violence is, what their responsibilities are as students of PDSB, and the resources and supports available to them to report or process experiences of sexual violence.

What is next for PDSB

The 2022-23 school year will see a more innovative culture, increased collaboration and stronger support for students to succeed under Swarup's direction.

"Educators and administrators will collaborate as a learning and leadership team, empowering student learning in ways that better serve them in the modern world."

"Industry, community and educational partnerships to play a growing role in providing experiential learning options that foster student development of global competencies."

"PDSB to continue advancing equity through innovation. Initiatives will further support de-streaming K-12, giving students multiple pathways to explore their passions, share their voices, and empower agency."

ABOUT PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Peel District School Board (PDSB) is a racially, culturally and linguistically diverse board that serves 155,000+ students in 259 schools across Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. PDSB is the second largest school board in Canada as well as the largest employer in Peel Region. Learn more at www.peelschools.org.

SICKKIDS RECOMMENDS PARENTS, CAREGIVERS GET PRESCRIPTION FOR CHILDREN'S PAIN AND FEVER MEDICATIONS



Earlier this week, parents and caregivers at SickKids were informed of potential difficulties accessing liquid acetaminophen and ibuprofen through a "Dear Caregiver" letter. Dear Caregiver letters are routinely distributed to patients and families to keep them up-to-date with clinical activities at the hospital that may affect them.

While some retail pharmacies may have adequate supply of these over-the-counter medications, other pharmacies may only have them available in large quantities that must be dispensed by a pharmacist. For this reason, the medication may require a prescription.

As a result, SickKids is reminding patients and families who visited the hospital and need a liquid form of pain or fever medication for at-home use to obtain a prescription from their SickKids care provider to help ensure access. The letter was not intended as a recommendation for the general public.

The letter also provided suggestions for the use of other forms of acetaminophen and ibuprofen but says these should only be used under the guidance of a health-care provider or pharmacist to ensure accurate dosage.

The health and safety of our patients is our top priority and we are monitoring the situation closely. If parents or caregivers have any questions, they should contact their health-care provider.

PANORAMA INDIA TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE IN-PERSON ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, AT TORONTO'S NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE CENTRE, FROM 11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

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PEEL POLICE ARREST 24 PEOPLE, LAY 54 CHARGES TO 'DISMANTLE' CRIME GROUP

After a lengthy investigation, officers from 21 Division have dismantled a crime group responsible for violent criminal acts, tractor-trailer cargo thefts and other criminality in numerous jurisdictions throughout southern Ontario.

In early 2022, investigators began a probe focusing on an emerging organized criminal group operating in Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area. A special project team was formed supported through funding from the Government of Ontario - Criminal Intelligence Service Ontario (CISO).

The suspects used violence, intimidation and financial reward to recruit members and commit criminal acts throughout southern Ontario. This group is believed to be responsible for multiple weapons offences, cargo thefts and drug trafficking.

As a result of the investigation, 24 individuals with suspected affiliation to the group have been arrested and 54 charges laid, including:

- Utter Threats to Cause Death
- Possession of a Loaded Prohibited or Restricted Firearm
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm
- Careless Storage of Firearm
- Weapons Dangerous
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- Theft over \$5,000.00

Theft of Mail
Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance
Possession of a Controlled Substance
Fraud related charges
Breaches of various Court Orders.
Search warrants to 14 premises were conducted at addresses associated to the suspects, leading to the location and seizure of:
Four firearms including a sawed off shotgun
Recovered ten stolen vehicles valued at over \$1.1 million
Recovered stolen heating and air-conditioning units valued in excess of \$460,000
Illegal opioids valued in excess of \$25,000
Investigators would like to thank the Criminal Intelligence Services of Ontario, Canada Border Services Agency, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police Service, York Regional Police Service, Halton Regional Police Service, Peterborough Police Service and Vancouver Police Service. Anyone with any information about this investigation is asked to call investigators from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121, extension 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

CANADA'S WONDERLAND ANNOUNCES GIANT 360-DEGREE SPINNING SWING RIDE AND KIDS' LAUNCH ROLLER COASTER FOR 2023

Spin to dizzying heights on Tundra Twister and speed along Snoopy's Racing Railway; Gold Passes for 2023 now on sale

Canada's Wonderland is inviting guests to buckle in for more thrilling adventures in 2023 with the addition of a giant 360-degree spinning swing ride ---- the only one of its kind in the world -- and an exciting launch roller coaster for children and families in Planet Snoopy. Soar high above Frontier Canada on Tundra Twister, a giant looping ride with rotating gondola arms that will have guests spinning, twisting and twirling 360-degrees, upside-down, at heights of 47 metres and speeds of 75 km/h. This mechanical marvel is the only attraction of its kind in the world and promises a unique thrill experience unlike any other.

Snoopy's Racing Railway will be the park's 18th roller coaster and will take guests on a wild railway adventure in Planet Snoopy next year. This family launch coaster accelerates from zero to 50 km/h in a matter of seconds before zipping through dips and turns as your train narrowly avoids the traps set by Woodstock and his Bad Seed Gang!

"We're committed to providing exciting experiences for guests of all ages, and these two attractions are unique additions for thrill seekers and families alike," said Norm Pirtovshek, general manager at Canada's Wonderland. "The Tundra Twister will be a sight to behold, swinging and spinning guests high above the midway and nearby Yukon Striker, while Snoopy's Racing Railway is sure to become a family favourite among our collection of children's rides."

When guests purchase their 2023 Gold Pass now they can enjoy the park immediately, getting unlimited visits for the rest of 2022, as well



as 2023, including Halloween Haunt and WinterFest. All for only 12 easy online payments of \$8.66. If guests purchase before August 14, they get one free Fall Fast Lane Plus!*

*Valid for use between Sept. 10 and Oct. 30, 2022. Not valid for Halloween Haunt.

For more park information including events, tickets and hours of operation, visit <http://www.canadaswonderland.com/>

PHILANTHROPIST HARICHAND VERMA, 80, DONATES RS. 47,000 TO 183 NEEDY PEOPLE MONTHLY

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He had earlier set a target of helping 57 people. Now he is helping 183 people. These include widows, orphans, poor, disabled and elderly people.

He hopes to reach 400 people and contribute one lakh rupees a month. Apart from Himachal, he is also financially helping ten people in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Kolkata. He is also helping more than 30 people living in slums on the banks of the Beas river in Bhuntar and Kullu. The number seven holds great significance for him. Harichand Verma won the walkathon competition organized during Red Cross Fair in Kullu. During the ongoing Red Cross fair, an elders walkathon competition was held at Dhalpur ground in the Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. Ages 60-80 were eligible to participate in the contest. In the 1.5 km walkathon, Harichand Verma secured the first position. Ghanshyam Sood of Akhara Bazar encouraged him to run this race. In addition, Gopal Singh Negi, Gyan Chand Sharma, Arvind Sharma, Madho Kailash and Sangat Ram received trophies and cash prizes. Tug of war competition held in Dhalpur was won by Janhal Mahila Mandal, while Jolly Mahila Mandal came in second.

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| 12:00 - 13:00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Patriotic Segment |
| 14:00 - 16:00 | Cultural Segment On Stage |
| 14:00 - 16:00 | Grand Parade starting at University Avenue & Armoury Street |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | Celebrity Stage Appearance, & Prize distribution |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | DHOL TASHA & DESI DHOL Performance on Stage |
| 17:30 - 19:00 | Folk and Classical performances of India |
| 19:00 - 21:00 | Headliner Grand Band |

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PUNJAB CM ASKS PEOPLE TO JOIN HANDS, WAGE WAR AGAINST SOCIAL MALADIES

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday called upon people to join hands and wage a war against social maladies like unemployment, corruption, communalism and social discrimination to realise the dreams of our freedom fighters and make a 'Rangla' Punjab.

Addressing a gathering at the state-level function to mark Independence Day at Guru Nanak Stadium here, the Chief Minister said these maladies are hampering the progress of the state and prosperity of its people.

Unfurling the tricolour on the occasion, he said the time has come to weed out these maladies, adding this mission cannot be accomplished without the active support of the people.

The Chief Minister said it is a matter of great pride and honour for every Indian that the country has completed 75 years as an independent and democratic republic today.

Congratulating all the countrymen, especially Punjabis, in India and across the world on this historic occasion, Mann said India's road to Independence was long and hard, but equally difficult is the path to maintain this freedom.

The Chief Minister also said as a colony of British Empire the country had suffered a lot and the brave and determined heroes of our freedom struggle made enormous sacrifices to remove the shackles of foreign imperialism.

He said it is on record that more than 80 per cent of the great patriots who laid down their lives or were subjected to British tyranny in one form or other were Punjabis.

Mann said that a string of gems like Baba Ram Singh, Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru, Shaheed Sukhdev, Lala Lajpat Rai, Shaheed Udhham Singh, Kartar Singh Sarabha, Diwan Singh Kalepani and many others, shed their blood to achieve an independent nation.

The Chief Minister said it is unfortunate if some people are posing questions over the contribution of great martyrs.

He reminded the people that these great national heroes and martyrs relentlessly fought to free the country from the shackles of the British regime. He said questioning the credentials of martyrs is an unpardonable crime.

The Chief Minister asserted that even today Punjabis are at forefront to safeguard the borders of the country.

He said Punjabis led the nation from the front whenever India faced any challenge from internal or external aggression. It is a known fact that the hard working and resilient farmers of the state have played a crucial role in making the country self-reliant in food production, Mann added. Exhorting all Punjabis to play an active role to once again make Punjab prosperous and a frontrunner state of the country, the

Chief Minister said that the sapling planted by people of state in form of bringing government of the Aam Aadmi Party in assembly elections held early this year, has started bearing fruits now.

He said from now onwards Punjab will daily script a new success story of development and progress.

Mann said new vistas of employment will be generated and the state will soon become a 'Rangla Punjab'.

The Chief Minister asserted that with the active support and cooperation of our people the state government is working hard to realise the dream of freedom fighters.

The Chief Minister also said that from day one in office, the state government is making every effort to restore the glory of Punjab.

The Chief Minister said in order to provide quality and timely health services to the people, the state government is dedicating 75 Aam Aadmi clinics to mark 75th Independence Day.

He said these clinics will offer 41 health packages with nearly 100 clinical tests free of cost to the people. Mann envisaged that these clinics as the cornerstone to revamp of the healthcare system in Punjab.

Likewise, the Chief Minister further said that the state government is committed to rejuvenate education system in state to reverse the trend of brain drain. He said towards this end, the state government has adopted a multi-pronged approach that is aimed at transforming government schools into a Schools of Eminence'.

Likewise, Mann said 16 new medical colleges will come in the state during coming five years.

The Chief Minister also said in a path breaking initiative his government provided 600 units of free power per billing cycle to every section of society. He said as a result of this, 51 lakh households out of total 74 lakh will get zero electricity bill in September.

Likewise, Mann said 68 lakh household will get zero power bill in January, which will be roughly 90 per cent of the total households of the state. The Chief Minister reiterated that the state government will not allow the textile park to come up at Mattewara, which are the lungs of Ludhiana. He said that the government has already offered alternative land sites for the project to the government of India. Mann said that the state government is committed to save the environment of state.

Earlier, the Chief Minister accompanied by Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Janjua and Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav, inspected the parade led by parade commander ASP Maninder Singh.

He also took a salute from an impressive march past by 11 contingents of Punjab Police, Punjab Home Guards, Punjab Armed Police, NCC Girls and Boys, Bharat Scouts and Guides, besides the Punjab Police Brass band and other school bands.

BHARAT BIOTECH'S INTRANASAL COVID VACCINE PROVEN SAFE IN CLINICAL TRIALS



Hyderabad-based vaccine manufacturer Bharat Biotech on Monday said it has completed the clinical development for phase 3 trials and booster doses for India's first intranasal Covid vaccine — BBV154. The vaccine manufacturer said that BBV154 (intra nasal vaccine) has proven to be safe, well-tolerated, and immunogenic in subjects in controlled clinical trials.

The BBV154 is a recombinant replication-deficient adenovirus vectored vaccine with a pre-fusion stabilized spike protein.

"This vaccine candidate was evaluated earlier in phase I and II clinical trials with successful results. BBV154 has been specifically formulated to allow intranasal delivery. In addition, the nasal delivery system has been designed and developed to be cost-effective in low and middle-income countries", claimed Bharat Biotech in a statement.

Two separate and simultaneous clinical trials were conducted to evaluate BBV154 as a primary dose (2-dose) schedule; and a heterologous booster dose for subjects who have previously received 2 doses of the two commonly administered Covid vaccines in India, it said further. The primary dose schedule phase III trials were conducted for safety, and immunogenicity in around 3,100 subjects and compared with COVAXIN. The trials were conducted in 14 trial sites across India. However, the heterologous booster dose studies were conducted for safety and immunogenicity in approximately 875 subjects, where a booster dose (3d dose) of BBV154 intranasal vaccine was administered to study participants who were previously vaccinated with licensed Covid vaccines, Bharat Biotech claimed in the statement. The trials were conducted in 9 trial sites across India.

"On this 75th Independence Day, we are proud to announce successful completion of clinical trials for BBV154 intranasal vaccine. We stay committed and focused on innovation and product development; this is yet another achievement for the multidisciplinary teams at Bharat Biotech," said Suchitra K. Ella, Joint Managing Director, Bharat Biotech. She further said that if it is approved, this intranasal vaccine will make it easier to deploy in mass immunisation campaigns with an easy to administer formulation and delivery device.

Vectored vaccines also enable faster development of targeted vaccines in response to emerging variants of concern.

The data from both Phase III human clinical trials have been submitted for approval to the National Regulatory authorities.

BILLIONAIRE INVESTOR RAKESH JHUNJHUNWALA PASSES AWAY AT 62 IN MUMBAI



Top broker-investor and founder of the recently-launched Akasa Air Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, passed away here on Sunday morning, a close friend said. A Chartered Accountant by qualification and training, he was 62 and is survived by his wife Rekha and two children.

Often referred to as the 'King of Bulls' in the stock markets, Jhunjhunwala's latest venture Akasa Air's maiden flight took off exactly a week ago on August 7, last Sunday.

He had also shot into the limelight for his palace-like new residence coming up at Malabar Hill in south Mumbai, and had been on the board of several top companies.

PUNJAB RESUMES BHAGAT SINGH AWARD FOR YOUTH

On the eve of the country's 75th Independence Day, the Punjab government on Sunday announced to restart the Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh State Yuva Award, which was lying defunct for long. Two youth from each district of the state will get the award.

The aim to resume this award is to make the youth a partner in the development of the state, besides empowering them. The Yuva Bhawan constructed in Chandigarh is also being renovated and revived as a centre of excellence. Sports and Youth Services Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer said the government is making efforts to disseminate the ideology of Bhagat Singh and prepare the youth for taking leadership role in the state. The award carries a cash amount of Rs 51,000, a medal, a scroll, a blazer and a certificate. The award is given to two persons in the age of 15 to 35 years from each district of the state. Youth welfare activities, NCC, NSS, social services, cultural activities, sports, national unity, blood donation, awareness against drugs, educational merit, heroic deeds, scouts and guiding and adventure activities are the criterion for bestowing the award.

FLOOD LEVELS RISE AS MAJOR RIVERS IN SPATE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Flood in river Godavari in Andhra Pradesh has been rising steadily on Wednesday again after showing a falling trend over the last two days, following heavy rains in the upper catchment areas.

Consequently, the instant inflow and outflow at Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage at Dowaleswaram near Rajamahendravaram has risen to 14.42 lakh cusecs (cubic foot of water flow per second). At Bhadrachalam in neighbouring Telangana, the flood in Godavari was recorded at about 15 lakh cusecs, crossing the third danger mark at a level of 54.5 feet. That much flood will flow down into the Cotton Barrage over the next few hours. The State Disaster Management Authority said the second warning signal remained in place at the Cotton Barrage even as three teams each of the NDRF and the SDRF have been positioned in the flood-hit districts of Alluri Sitarama Raju, B R Ambedkar Konaseema and Eluru for relief operations. "People along the course of the river have to be on alert till the flood recedes," SDMA Managing Director B R Ambedkar said in a release. Meanwhile, in river Krishna the discharge from Srisailem reservoir has been 3.95 lakh cusecs on Wednesday morning. Almost the same quantity of floodwater was being released from Nagarjuna Sagar dam downstream, the AP Water Resources Information Management System data showed.

BJP PREPARES STRATEGY FOR PARTY'S STATEWIDE EXPANSION IN BIHAR

Taking lessons from the recent episode in Bihar politics that led to the formation of the Mahagathbandhan government, the BJP has now prepared a detailed strategy for the expansion of the organisation in the whole of the state.

The BJP has prepared a strategy to win more than 35 of the 40 Lok Sabha seats in the state in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

In a meeting chaired by J.P. Nadda, in the presence of Amit Shah at the party's national headquarters, the party has given clear instructions to its leaders in the state to strengthen the party's base in the whole of Bihar, party sources said.

Senior party leaders associated with the state were told to expose the "deceitful" alliance by going among the public and winning more than 35 seats in Bihar in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, they added.

Bihar BJP state president Sanjay Jaiswal said that all the issues related to the state were discussed in detail in the meeting.

Terming the JDU-RJD alliance as a betrayal and bringing back Lalu Raj from the back door, he said that the BJP will agitate from Parliament to the road in protest against it. Jaiswal also claimed that the BJP would win more than 35 seats in Bihar under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha elections.

Notably, J.P. Nadda and Amit Shah held a marathon meeting with the party's national organisation general secretary B.L. Santosh, Bihar's co-in-charge Harish Dwivedi, Union ministers Giriraj Singh, Nityanand Rai, Ashwini Choubey, Former Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Radha Mohan Singh, former Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar Sushil Modi, Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi, former ministers in the Central and Bihar government Shah Nawaz Hussain and Bihar BJP President Sanjay Jaiswal.

Sources said that the party will now tie up with only small parties in the state so that there is no hindrance in the expansion campaign.

AMBIGUITY CONTINUES OVER RAHUL GANDHI'S STANCE ON CONTESTING POLL

With a few days left for the election for the post of Congress' president, the ambiguity over Rahul Gandhi contesting the poll continues.

The grand old party had earlier announced that the election will be held between August 21 and September 20, however, Rahul Gandhi had yet not cleared his stance.

Despite several rounds of meetings, strategists within the party have so far not been able to convince Rahul Gandhi to contest for the post of president. In his response to the party, Rahul did not give a clear indication of contesting the elections.

In the backdrop of such speculations, a meeting of the Congress Working Committee was earlier postponed.

The meeting was to decide the date of Congress presidential election.

According to the Central Election Authority of Congress, the party has completed the preparations for the elections.

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to start his Bharat Jodo Yatra on September 7 from Kanyakumari and the journey is going to be long, so if the elections are not held by then, there is a possibility of further delay.

The internal elections of Congress had been postponed earlier too.

However, in case of the reluctance of Rahul Gandhi to take over the leadership, names like Ashok Gehlot, Mallikarjun Kharge, Mukul Wasnik, Kumari Sailja and KC Venugopal have been surfacing for consideration, but the probability lies low.

However, if Rahul does not agree, Sonia Gandhi could be the natural choice to bind the party and take on the National Democratic Alliance for the 2024 general elections.





US HOUSE DEMOCRATS PASS SWEEPING HEALTHCARE, TAX & CLIMATE BILL

Democrat lawmakers in the US House has passed a sweeping health care, tax and climate change bill.

Friday's vote was 220-207, with all Democrats voting in favour and all Republicans opposing, reports dpa news agency.

With the midterm elections quickly approaching, congressional Democrats have had a series of legislative victories in recent weeks, expanding NATO, securing health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits, investing nearly \$53 billion into the US semiconductor industry and passing bipartisan gun safety legislation. That momentum has culminated into passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, an offshoot of the many versions of President Joe Biden's failed Build Back Better Act.

The IRA, which the Senate advanced on Sunday with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking a tie, now heads to Biden's desk for his signature. With Biden poised to sign the bill in the coming days, House Democrats say their focus should now shift to touting its benefits to Americans. They readily admit they failed to adequately communicate to the American people how previous massive legislation that passed this Congress would improve their lives, including last year's \$1 trillion infrastructure package.

Representative Ro Khanna said Democrats need an "all-hands-on-deck approach" that gets beyond the media and the beltway, and directly into communities.

Forty-one per cent of Americans are familiar with the Inflation Reduction Act, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released this week. More than a quarter of respondents, however, said they've never

heard of the legislation, while nearly a third acknowledged having heard of it but not knowing more about it.

The bill will allow Medicare to negotiate some prescription drug prices, cap out-of-pocket drug expenses for Medicare beneficiaries at \$2,000 per year and cap drugmakers' price increases.

On climate, it will reduce emissions by about 40 per cent by 2030, proponents say.

The measure will also impose new taxes on wealthy corporations and their stock buyback programs, and provide funding to beef up the Internal Revenue Service's taxpayer services and enforcement. It includes \$4 billion to address the water crisis along the Colorado River.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi framed the legislation as a "kitchen table issue" at a news conference hours ahead of the vote.

"If you are sitting at your kitchen table and wonder how you're going to pay the bills, your health care bills, your prescription drug bills, this bill's for you," Pelosi said.

House Republican leadership mocked the bill as the "Inflation, Recession, and IRS Army Act" in a message sent to all House Republicans' offices.

In a lengthy floor speech, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy panned the legislation as a "misguided, tone-deaf bill" that will raise taxes and hand "out tax credits like candy with no accountability". Progressives cheered the legislation while acknowledging they would have preferred it had gone further to fight climate change and bolster the nation's social-safety net.

US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN SIGNS MASSIVE CLIMATE, HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION

President Joe Biden signed Democrats' landmark climate change and health care bill into law on Tuesday (August 16), delivering what he has called the "final piece" of his pared-down domestic agenda, as he aims to boost his party's standing with voters less than three months before the midterm elections.

The legislation includes the most substantial federal investment in history to fight climate change- some \$375 billion over the decade- and would cap prescription drug costs at \$2,000 out-of-pocket annually for Medicare recipients. It also would help an estimated 13 million Americans pay for health care insurance by extending subsidies provided during the coronavirus pandemic.

The measure is paid for by new taxes on large companies and stepped-up IRS enforcement of wealthy individuals and entities, with additional funds going to reduce the federal deficit.

In a triumphant signing event at the White House, Biden pointed to the law as proof that democracy- no matter how long or messy the process- can still deliver for voters in America as he road-tested a line he will likely repeat later this fall ahead of the midterms: "The American people won, and the special interests lost."

"In this historic moment, Democrats sided with the American people, and every single Republican in the Congress sided with the special interests in this vote," Biden said, repeatedly seizing on the contrast between his party and the GOP. "Every single one." The House on Friday approved the measure on a party-line 220-207 vote. It passed the Senate days earlier with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking a 50-50 tie in that chamber. "In normal times, getting these bills done would be a huge achievement," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said during the White House ceremony. "But to do it now, with only 50 Democratic votes in the Senate, over an intransigent



Republican minority, is nothing short of amazing." Biden signed the bill into law during a small ceremony in the State Dining Room of the White House, sandwiched between his return from a six-day beachside vacation in South Carolina and his departure for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. He plans to hold a larger "celebration" for the legislation on Sept. 6 once lawmakers return to Washington. The signing caps a spurt of legislative productivity for Biden and Congress, who in three months have approved legislation on veterans' benefits, the semiconductor industry and gun checks for young buyers. The president and lawmakers have also responded to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and overwhelmingly supported NATO membership for Sweden and Finland. With Biden's approval rating lagging, Democrats are hoping that the string of successes will jump-start their chances of maintaining control in Washington in the November midterms. The 79-year-old president aims to restore his own standing with voters as he contemplates a reelection bid.

PUTIN BLASTS US 'HEGEMONY,' PREDICTS END TO 'UNIPOLAR' WORLD

Russian President Vladimir Putin accused the United States of trying to encourage extended hostilities in Ukraine as part of what he described Tuesday as Washington's alleged efforts to maintain its global hegemony.

Addressing a security conference attended by military officials from Africa, Asia and Latin America, Putin reaffirmed his long-held claim that he sent troops into Ukraine in response to Washington turning the country into an "anti-Russia" bulwark.

"They need conflicts to retain their hegemony," Putin charged. "That's why they have turned the Ukrainian people into cannon fodder. The situation in Ukraine shows that the United States is trying to drag the conflict out, and it acts in exactly the same way trying to fuel conflicts in Asia, Africa and Latin America."

The speech represented the latest attempt by the Russian leader to rally support amid bruising Western sanctions that targeted the Russian economy and finance along with its government structures, top officials and businesses for Moscow's action in Ukraine.

Putin also drew parallels between the U.S. backing Ukraine and a recent visit to Taiwan by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, charging that both were part of an alleged American attempt to foment global instability.

"The American adventure in Taiwan wasn't just a trip by an irresponsible politician. It was part of a deliberate and conscious U.S. strategy intended to destabilize the situation and create chaos in the region and the entire world, a blatant demonstration of disrespect for another country's sovereignty and its own international obligations," Putin said.

The Russian leader claimed that "Western globalist elites" were trying "to shift the blame for their own failures to Russia and China," adding that "no matter how hard the beneficiaries of the current globalist model try to cling to it, it's doomed."

"The era of the unipolar world order is nearing its end," he added. Speaking at the same conference, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu charged that along with supplies of weapons to Ukraine, Western allies also have provided detailed intelligence information and deployed instructors to help the Ukrainian military operate the weapons systems. "Western intelligence agencies not only have provided target coordinates for launching strikes, but Western specialists also have overseen the input of those data into weapons systems," Shoigu said. He dismissed allegations that Russia could potentially use nuclear or chemical weapons in the conflict as an "absolute lie."

"From the military viewpoint, there is no need for using nuclear weapons in Ukraine to achieve the stated goals," Shoigu said. "The main mission of the Russian nuclear forces is providing a deterrent against a nuclear attack."

AUSTRALIAN GOVT TO STRENGTHEN SEXUAL ABUSE RESPONSE



The Australian government has decided to establish a national plan to stamp out coercive control.

Federal Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus on Friday met with his counterparts from Australia's states and territories and New Zealand to discuss strengthening the criminal justice response to sexual assault.

In a statement on Saturday, Dreyfus said the meeting endorsed a draft proposal for national principles to address coercive control.

Coercive control is a form of domestic abuse designed to create power or dominance over a person.

"These principles — the first of their kind — represent a significant step toward a shared national understanding of coercive control," Dreyfus said. This shared understanding is vital for greater community awareness and will be an important tool in improving the safety of women and children, he said. Friday's meeting came after 2021 Australian of the Year Grace Tame urged governments to improve the experiences of sexual abuse victim-survivors in the criminal justice system, and harmonize and better define laws around sexual assault. It also endorsed a five-year plan to toughen the justice response to abuse. "The Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Institute of Criminology will review the definitions of consent, as well as broader definitions relating to sexual assault and child sexual abuse," Dreyfus said. "This will include legislation with respect to consent and stealthing, which has been the subject of recent calls for reform from advocates."

ELON MUSK SAYS HE IS 'BUYING MANCHESTER UNITED' AMID COURT BATTLE WITH TWITTER

Elon Musk has now set his eyes on buying the English football club Manchester United, as per what is suggested by his latest social media post. "To be clear, I support the left half of the Republican Party and the right half of the Democratic Party," Tesla's chief executive officer (CEO) tweeted. "Also, I'm buying Manchester United ur welcome," Musk added.

The development comes after the failed Twitter bid that has left Musk in an arduous legal battle.

Though it was not clear if Musk was serious about buying Manchester United, however, his post has definitely left ManU fans calling for the exit of the current American owner Glazer family, owing to poor performance by the club in recent years.

In the backdrop of a failed acquisition bid, Elon Musk is locked in a court battle with Twitter.

The microblogging website and the world's richest man are now heading to trial after Musk sought to abandon his deal to acquire Twitter over what he says is a misrepresentation of fake accounts on the site.

Twitter is trying to compel Musk to follow through on the deal while accusing him of sabotaging it because it no longer served his interests.



LIZ TRUSS HOLDS A COMMANDING LEAD OVER RISHI SUNAK IN RACE TO BE NEXT UK PM

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With less than three weeks to go before the September 2 deadline for voting, the survey by Opinium of 570 Conservative members puts the foreign secretary on 61 per cent and the former chancellor on 39 per cent, The Guardian reported. Truss' lead is, however, less than in some other recent polls of the Tory electorate, possibly suggesting that Sunak may have closed the gap in recent days. She has come under increasing pressure over her refusal to back what she describes as "handouts" to help people with their energy bills, and was heavily criticised for a U-turn over pay rises for public sector workers outside London and the south-east of England.

Opinium's detailed questioning also uncovers a striking lack of enthusiasm for either candidate when members are asked whether they would prefer one of them to Boris Johnson to run the party and country, The Guardian reported. Opinium asked members what the main single reason was that they backed one of the two candidates. For Sunak the most cited reason was that he would be better at managing the economy (22 per cent), while 10 per cent said they regarded him as the most competent or intelligent.

A main reason mentioned by people who backed Truss was dislike of Sunak (14 per cent). The same proportion (14 per cent) said the foreign secretary was more honest and trustworthy, while 10 per cent chose the fact that she had remained loyal to Johnson and not called on him to resign. Some 2 per cent of Tory members cited race or ethnicity as a reason for supporting Truss and not Sunak. Chris Curtis of Opinium said that despite an apparent growing nostalgia among Tory members for Johnson — and a less than ecstatic response to either of the candidates bidding to replace him — it was now hard to see how Truss could fail to become the next prime minister, The Guardian reported. "From the moment we knew the final two candidates, it has been clear that Truss has had all the momentum, and our latest poll sets out just how large her lead among the party members has become," he said.

FORMER PAKISTAN PM IMRAN KHAN ALL PRAISE FOR INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

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"If India can safeguard the interests of their people, why cannot our government do the same? Because they are afraid about their foreign properties," he said. At the rally, as per reports, Khan played a video clip of Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar. "Jaishankar is telling them who are you? Jaishankar said 'Europe is buying gas from Russia and we will also buy it as people need it'. This is what an independent country should be like," Khan said while praising India. Reiterating that he only wants to look after Pakistan's interests, Khan said that he is not "anti-America" and wishes to have a friendly relationship with the United States, Geo News reported. "I know America and the United Kingdom better than most of the Pakistanis... I know their psychology; if you beg them, they will use you," the ex-premier said. The PTI chairman added that he has never bowed before anyone and neither will he bow down in the future. Khan also castigated the incumbent government, saying that Defence Minister Khawaja Asif — when he was in the opposition — had said that the US has "Pakistan on a ventilator". "I want to ask them, why is the situation like this that we are on a ventilator? For the last 30 years, two families — belonging to PPP and PML-N — ruled Pakistan and they indebted the nation," Khan said, Geo News reported.



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LT-GEN SAHIR SHAMSHAD MIRZA SEEN AS FRONTRUNNER FOR NEXT PAK ARMY CHIEF

It is almost time for the Pakistan government to make what is likely to be one of the toughest calls of its tenure: who to appoint as the next chief of the country's Army, the media reported.

A senior Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader hinted in background discussions that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif could initiate discussions on the appointment by the end of August, and possibly take a decision by mid-September, Dawn news reported. In the current cohort, Lt-Gen Sahir Shamsah Mirza is senior-most amongst the four candidates belonging to the same batch.



A military source, while commenting on his profile, said he was the clear frontrunner for either of the two posts of COAS and CJCS, Dawn reported. He hails from the Sindh Regiment; the same parent unit as the outgoing CJCS, Gen Nadeem Raza. Lt-Gen Mirza has had an impressive career in the Army, particularly in senior leadership positions during the past seven years. He came to prominence as director-general military operations (DGMO) during the last two years of Gen Raheel Sharif's tenure. In that role, he was part of Gen Raheel Sharif's core team at the General Headquarters (GHQ), which supervised the military operation against the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other militants in North Waziristan. The tradition is that the GHQ sends a list of the four to five senior-most lieutenant-generals, along with their personnel files, to the Ministry of Defence, which then forwards them to the prime minister to pick the officer he finds best suited to the role. Of the 10 Army chiefs the country has had since 1972, five were appointed by the incumbent's elder brother, Nawaz Sharif, in separate tenures as Prime Minister. The elder Sharif was repeatedly criticised for appointing officers he saw as an 'apna banda' (his man). Ironically, none of the appointments worked out very well for him. The experience has reportedly left the Sharifs with the belief that they will never quite get it right. Some PML-N leaders said in that they have, therefore, more or less decided that instead of succumbing to the temptation of finding an 'ideal' candidate, they will make the appointment based on seniority alone, Dawn reported.

UK BECOMES FIRST COUNTRY TO APPROVE MODERNA'S UPDATED COVID BOOSTER TARGETING OMICRON

The UK has become the first country to approve a new Covid jab specifically targeting the Omicron variant, Daily Mirror reported. The "next generation" coronavirus booster jab may only need administering once a year and has been approved for use in adults. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has authorised Moderna's bivalent vaccine, which targets the original Covid strain and the Omicron variant, Daily Mirror reported. Known as mRNA-1273.214, the dose is an updated version of the Moderna vaccine which is already in use for first, second and booster doses, and it will be the first dose approved in the UK which targets two strains of the virus. Moderna's chief medical officer, Dr Paul Burton, previously said that the new jab can boost a person's antibodies to such high levels that it may only be needed annually, Daily Mirror reported. Stephane Bancel, chief executive officer at Moderna, described it as a "next generation Covid -19 vaccine" which will play an "important role in protecting people in the UK from Covid-19" over the winter. Bancel said: "We are delighted with the MHRA's authorisation of Spikevax Bivalent Original/Omicron, our next generation Covid-19 vaccine. "This represents the first authorisation of an Omicron-containing bivalent vaccine, further highlighting the dedication and leadership of the UK public health authorities in helping to end the Covid-19 pandemic". Bancel added that the jab has "consistently shown superior breadth of immune response" over alternatives in clinical trials. The MHRA said that the vaccine's side effects are the same as those seen in the original Moderna booster dose and were typically mild.

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SALMAN KHAN HOISTS TRICOLOUR AS HE EXTENDS WISHES ON 76TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

As India is celebrating its 76th Independence Day today, superstar Salman Khan took to Instagram to extend warm greetings to everyone on the historic occasion. He shared a picture of himself hoisting the national flag while he posed with Indian Navy officers. "Wishing everyone a very happy 75th Independence Day(75 years of Independence).. Jai Hind," Salman wrote. For the occasion, the actor donned white shirt and paired it with black trousers and black cap.



A few days ago, Salman took a day off from work to spend some time with the sailors in Visakhapatnam. From hearing about their lives, training, time away from loved ones, seeing the state-of-the-art vessel, cooking on the ship to doing push-up challenges, signing autographs, and hoisting the Indian flag, Salman had a fun-filled day with the members of the Indian Navy. This is not the first time that Salman visited the Indian Navy. In 2014, Salman spent Independence Day with the Naval officers in Goa. Talking about his love for the armed forces, he even played the role of a naval officer in his movie 'Bharat' in which he starred opposite Katrina Kaif.

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Shahbaz Ahmed has replaced all-rounder Washington Sunder in India's squad for the three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe starting from August 18. Sundar, who injured his shoulder while playing a County game in England, has been ruled out of the Zimbabwe tour. India will play the first ODI against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Thursday. The same venue would also host the next two ODIs on Saturday and Monday. The 27-year-old Shahbaz has been rewarded for his stellar performance in the 2022 IPL season, where he turned out for Royal Challengers Bangalore. The Bengal left-arm spinner collected 219 runs and four wickets in 16 matches, leaving a mark. The Southpaw has a batting average of 41.64 and a bowling average of 19.47 from 18 first class games.

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| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | ABOVE 45 CATEGORY | MUSTANSAR BILLAH | SANJU JACOB |
| 2 | ABOVE 45 CATEGORY | NASIR SAEED | ATUL KHOSLA |
| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
| 1 | MIXED DOUBLES | AARON HSU | BETHANY SO |
| 2 | MIXED DOUBLES | GISELLE CHAN | NATHAN CHENG |
| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
| 1 | MEN'S DOUBLE | HO YEUNG TANG | RYAN ZNENG |
| 2 | MEN'S DOUBLE | WAI LOK LAM | AARON HSU |
| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
| 1 | WOMEN'S DOUBLE | REBECCA LEE | GLSELLE CHAN |
| 2 | WOMEN'S DOUBLE | KATE HO-SHUE | SURABHI KADAM |
| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
| 1 | WOMEN'S SINGLE | TALIA NG | JACQUELINE CHEUNG |
| Sr. No. | Match Category | Winner | Runner-up |
| 1 | MEN'S SINGLE | JASON HO-SHINE | JOSHUA NGUYEN |



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The founders are entrepreneurs who provide a platform for young men and women to come on stage and showcase their talent and cultural roots. Mrs Jaty Sandhu owns a destination wedding planning company; Destination WEDsite. What makes this talent show unique is that the focus is set on the individual's inner beauty, not just the outer one. Through this beauty pageant, the organizers look to encourage youth to embrace themselves and allow them to grow into confident, poised, and passionate professionals.

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KANGANA RANAUT CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH CANNULA IN ARM AS SHE RECOVERS FROM DENGUE

Kangana Ranaut who earlier this week informed her fans and followers that she is suffering from dengue celebrated 75 years of India's independence with great zeal and enthusiasm. The actress took to her Instagram stories and shared two videos in which she can be seen with the Indian flag. Kangana shared a small note revealing that even though she couldn't leave her room because of her illness, the spirit of Independence Day had taken over her.

In the first video, Kangana can be seen sitting on her sofa as she waves the Indian flag. She captioned the video, "Happy Independence Day to all". Her next Instagram Stories featured a picture of her in bed, with a cannula in her arm. She captioned it, "Couldn't get out of my room lekin the spirit of national celebration has taken over me in the most empowering way. From my home staff, nurses and gardeners all congratulating each other, I heard Honourable Prime Minister speech this Morning."

She also shared that she watched Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech. Alongside the image of her arm with a cannula, she added, "They say one person can change the world, stands true for our Prime Minister @narendramodi ji never in my life I saw such an euphoria of nationalism, duty and optimism for future among people. Probably one such gigantic consciousness is what we call avatar.. those who can not only rise but also uplift not hundreds or thousands but entire humanity...Jai Hind."

For the unversed, Kangana is currently gearing up for her upcoming film *Emergency*. After Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi, Kangana has once again donned the director's hat for *Emergency*. A few days ago, she unveiled the first look teaser of the film. She captioned the post, "Presenting 'Her' who was called Sir. #Emergency shoot begins."

About Emergency

Emergency, as the title suggests, is all about the state of internal emergency declared by Indira Gandhi on June 25, 1975. It lasted till March 21, 1977, when the Janata Party was voted to power in a historic election. Apart from directing the film, she will also be seen playing the role of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Previously, Kangana has played the late former Tamil Nadu chief minister J. Jayalalitha in *Thalaivi* and Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi in *Manikarnika*. The film dialogues are by Ritesh Shah, who was previously associated with celebrated films such as *Kahaani*, *Pink*, *Raid* and *Airlift*. The official release date of the film is still awaited.

Kangana Ranaut's upcoming films

Apart from *Emergency*, Kangana will also be seen in *Tejas* in which she portrays the role of an Indian Air-force Officer. She will also be making her debut as a producer with her next production venture *Tiku weds Sheru* starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Avneet Kaur in the lead roles. The film is slated to stream exclusively on Amazon prime video.

AMITABH BACHCHAN SHARES HEARTWARMING VIDEO WITH SPECIALLY-ABLED CHILDREN



Amitabh Bachchan is an avid social media user who treats his fans and followers with exciting videos and pictures. He celebrated the 75 years of India's independence in a most special way and similarly wished his Instagram family in a unique way. The legendary actor on Monday took to his Instagram and shared a throwback heartwarming video in which he can be seen enacting the national anthem using sign language with specially-abled children. Sharing the video, he wrote, "Jai Hind ! (sic)."

In the video, Big B can be seen standing against the backdrop of Red Fort as he enacts the national anthem, along with the children. For the unversed, the video was released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2017 to showcase India's inclusivity and diversity.

Netizens reactions

In no time, Amitabh Bachchan's post was bombarded with epic reactions from his fans and followers. His granddaughter Navya Naveli Nanda also reacted to his video with a clapping hands emoji. Geeta Kapur, Maniesh Paul, Elli AvrRam and other celebs showed their love to the video.

Earlier in the day, Amitabh Bachchan shared a small blog on the occasion of Independence Day. He wrote, "As BHARAT celebrates its DIAMOND JUBILEE of AZAADI on August the 15th .. we in the Extended Family celebrate along the birthday of our dear Ef Nitish Murthy from Bangalore .. we wish you well on this glorious day .. may you ever be in auspiciousness and in victory .. keep creating .. and , yes , don't forget to fly the Tiranga on your home .. #HarGharTiranga .. #HarDilTiranga .. love .. and .. Jai Hind !! (sic)."

Amitabh Bachchan's upcoming films

On the professional front, Amitabh Bachchan will next be seen in Ayan Mukherji's '*Brahmastra: Part One Shiva*' alongside Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor. The film is all set to release on September 9. After '*Brahmastra*', Amitabh Bachchan will be seen in Vikas Bahl's '*Good Bye*' alongside Rashmika Mandanna, Neena Gupta, and Pavail Gulati. The makers of the film recently announced the release date - October 7, 2022. Apart from these two films, Big B has also wrapped up his shoot for his upcoming project '*Uunchai*' starring Parineeti Chopra, Anupam Kher, and Boman Irani. The release date of the film is still awaited.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA'S DAUGHTER MALTI MARIE'S PERFECT SUNDAY FEATURES READING & PLAYING WITH GINO, DIANA

Priyanka Chopra-Nick Jonas became proud parents to their first-born daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas, this year. Although they have refrained from revealing the baby's face on social media, Priyanka shared a series of pictures of her little girl as she captured many of her Sunday activities on camera.

Priyanka Chopra's Instagram Stories

Priyanka shared pictures of her 'perfect Sunday' featuring daughter Malti Marie on her Instagram Story. In the first picture, the little one is seen lying on her stomach with a book kept in front of her. "Sundays are for reading," the dotting mommy Priyanka captioned the post. The other image features baby Malti sleeping on a mattress with three dogs sitting by her side. Sharing the photo, Priyanka wrote, "All my babies. Perfect Sunday."

In the third story, we can see Malti donning a white t-shirt with her pet dogs' pictures imprinted on it. The words 'protected by Gino, Diana & Panda' are written on the Malti's outfit. Priyanka hasn't yet revealed Malti's face. She has been sharing her pictures by hiding the baby's face with emojis. For the unversed, Priyanka and Nick got married in a Christian and a Hindu ceremony in Jodhpur's Umaid Bhawan Palace on December 1 and 2 in 2018. Later, the couple also hosted two receptions in Delhi and Mumbai. The two are parents to a daughter named Malti Marie in January, via surrogacy.



Priyanka Chopra's Upcoming projects

Priyanka will be seen in international projects such as '*It's All Coming Back To Me*', and the series '*Citadel*'. Produced by Russo Brothers, '*Citadel*' will hit the OTT on Prime Video. The upcoming sci-fi drama series is being directed by Patrick Morgan and stars Richard Madden alongside Priyanka.

In Bollywood, she will be starring with Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif in Farhan Akhtar's '*Jee Le Zaraa*', which promises to be another tale of friendship following the lineage of '*Dil Chahta Hai*' and '*Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara*', both of which have become cult classics over the years. '*Jee Le Zaraa*' is reportedly going on floors around September 2022 and will be ready for release in the summer of 2023.

ALIA BHATT WISHES HER 'WONDER-ASTRA' AYAN MUKERJI ON HIS BIRTHDAY WITH ADORABLE POST



Alia Bhatt recently returned from her babymoon after spending quality time with her husband Ranbir Kapoor. Alia never fails to make every occasion special for her loved ones and Monday was one such day when she took to Instagram and penned an adorable birthday wish for her dear friend Ayan Mukerji. Alia shared a couple of pictures with her *Brahmastra* director and wrote, "happy birthday my wonder-Astra. You amaze me everyday! I love you so much. Love and light for life baby."

The pictures were from *Brahmastra* shooting days. In no time, Alia's post was bombarded with sweet wishes from her fans and followers. One of them wrote, "This is so cute." Another said, "Happy Birthday Ayan."

Brahmastra is extremely special for Ranbir and Alia as the two fell in love with each other during the shoot of the film.

Karan Johar also wished the director through a heartfelt post. Sharing a picture with Ayan he wrote, "Love is such a strong feeling and emotion... it can be divided and yet felt in abundance... I love you Ayan and feel protective about you as much as i do for my twins... I know the decade(a whole decade) of work you have put into your film BRAHMASTRA ... I have never seen anyone dedicate most of their professional lives to one project the way you have ... What tomorrow or rather the 9th of September holds for us we can't predict at this moment! But your commitment and hard work is already a victory! You just fly! Just soar! Just keep aiming high! Dreams are a reality if you truly believe them and I know you do! Your dream is your labour of love the world will see soon! Love you my child! And oh ya! Happy birthday!!!! (red heart emojis and fire emojis)"

About Brahmastra

Brahmastra Part One: Shiva is an upcoming trilogy film, which is slated to release on September 9, 2022 across five different languages - Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada. The film also stars Amitabh Bachchan, Mouni Roy and south actor Naga Chaitanya in prominent roles. *Brahmastra* was in limelight from the very day it was announced and it took over four years to get the production work done for this film. Now after much delay due to various reasons, the movie is ready to hit the theatres on September 9 in 2D and 3D.

Alia Bhatt's upcoming projects

On the work front, Alia will be seen in '*Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani*', which is being helmed by none other than Karan Johar. '*Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani*', also featuring veteran stars Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi, is set to arrive in cinema halls on February 10, 2023. Apart from this, the actress is soon going to mark her major Hollywood debut with *Heart of Stone*.

LAAL SINGH CHADHA BOX OFFICE COLLECTION DAY 4: AAMIR KHAN-KAREENA KAPOOR STARRER SEES A SLIGHT GROWTH



The Advait Chandan directorial, featuring Aamir Khan and Kareena Kapoor registered a slight growth on day 4. However, the film failed to rake in Rs 50 crore in its opening weekend. According to trade reports, *Laal Singh Chaddha* saw a 15 per cent jump in its collection and minted around 10 crores, thereby taking the total collection to Rs 37 crore. Aamir starrer hadn't had an easy phase since the beginning. The film became one of the victims of the boycotting culture, which seemingly had an affect on its box office collections.

Laal Singh Chaddha Box Office Report

Despite releasing on a holiday, *Laal Singh Chaddha*, collected only Rs 12 crore net on the first day of its release at the box office. On Day 2, the film registered a 35 per cent drop by earning just Rs 18.96 crore. According to reports, *Laal Singh Chaddha* managed to witness a slight growth on Sunday, August 14, by earning Rs 10 crore.

The Box Office India stated, "Collections are coming with a fair response to the film in Delhi NCR and East Punjab with North India (Delhi / UP and East Punjab) contributing around 40% of the all India business. The response is totally the opposite in the other major sector Maharashtra / Gujarat." Reportedly, this is one of the lowest performing films of Aamir Khan.

About Laal Singh Chaddha

Helmed by Advait Chandan, LSD is the official remake of the Tom Hanks-starrer Hollywood classic "*Forrest Gump*" (1994). The Hindi adaptation revolves around the life of slow-witted but kind hearted man Laal (Khan) as he narrates the important events of his life, which coincides with the many iconic events from Indian history. Apart from Hindi, the film was released in Tamil and Telugu.

The movie also features Mona Singh, Naga Chaitanya and Manav Vij in pivotal roles. Superstar Shah Rukh Khan and veteran actor Kamini Kaushal have guest appearances.



JOHN ABRAHAM ANNOUNCES NEW FILM TARIQ ON INDEPENDENCE DAY; KNOW RELEASE DATE & OTHER DETAILS

John Abraham who was recently seen in Ek Villain Returns has announced his new film on the occasion of Independence Day. The film is titled Tariq. The actor apart from starring in the film will also be co-producing it. The film will be released next year on the occasion of Independence Day. The actor took to his official Instagram handle and shared the update with his fans. Sharing the first poster of his next project, John wrote, "Aazadi ki 'Tariq', 15 August, 2023. 'Tariq' is our next creative collaboration with Bake My Cake Films after Tehran and Batla House. Time to celebrate the freedom to tell good stories. #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav. Directed by #ArunGopalan. Produced by @thejohnabraham, @sandeep_leyzell and @shobhnayadav. Written by @writish1 and #LalitMarathe (sic)."

Fans reactions

In no time, netizens bombarded John's post with exciting messages in the comments section. One of them wrote, "Wow ! So excited. happy independence day John." Another said, "Already getting that

Madras Cafe vibe." A fan also wrote, " All the best."

John Abraham's upcoming projects

John Abraham was recently seen in EK Villain Returns, which was released in theatres on July 29. The film marks the first collaboration of actors John, Disha Patani, Arjun Kapoor and Tara Sutaria. Directed by Mohit Suri, the film is jointly produced by T-series and Balaji Telefilms.

Meanwhile, his debut Malayalam production 'Mike' has got a release date. The actor took to Instagram and shared that trailer of 'Mike' and that it will be out in theatres on August 19 this year.

Apart from this, he has Pathaan with Deepika Padukone and superstar Shah Rukh Khan. The film will be released on January 25, 2023 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. John will also be seen in Tehran opposite Manushi Chhillar. Inspired by true events, the action thriller marks the feature directorial debut of ad filmmaker Arun Gopalan and is produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films.

PIPPA TEASER: ISHAAN KHATTER, MRUNAL THAKUR'S FILM ON 1971 INDIA-PAK WAR IGNITES SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

The makers of Ishaan Khatter and Mrunal Thakur starrer Pippa dropped the teaser of the war drama and also announced the release date of the film on the occasion of Independence Day. The film is directed by Raja Krishna Menon, best known for Akshay Kumar-led Airlift. The movie which was earlier scheduled for release on December 9 will now make its debut in theatres a week early on December 2. Pippa is based on the book 'The Burning Chaffees,' written by Brigadier Balram Singh Mehta and the screenplay is by Ravinder Randhawa, Tanmay Mohan and Menon. In the film, Ishaan will be seen playing Captain Mehta of the 45th Cavalry tank squadron who fought on India's eastern front during the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971, which led to the creation of Bangladesh. The film's title is a reference to the Russian amphibious tank called the PT-76, popularly known as 'Pippa', which features prominently in the film. Speaking of the teaser, it is filled with heavy emotions and intense war scenes. Actresses Mrunal Thakur and Soni Razdan also marked their presence in the clip. Sharing the teaser on Instagram, Ishaan wrote, "PIPPA in cinemas December 2nd, 2022. On the momentous occasion of our country's Independence Day - presenting a glimpse from a film we've collectively put our heart, gut and soul into. May our soil, our people and our culture be blessed



always. It's been an honour to represent the valour and bravery of our defence forces. More to come." Pippa is backed by Ronnie Screwvala's RSVP and Siddharth Roy Kapur's Roy Kapur Films. Sharing more details about the project, Screwvala said, " 'Pippa,' set in 1971 against the backdrop of one of the largest refugee migrations in modern history that then led to the liberation and formation of a country is a story that must be told and we can't wait to unravel the scale of this epic movie to audiences worldwide."

RIDHI DOGRA STRONGLY REACTS TO TROLLS TARGETING HER FOR RAQESH-SHAMITA'S BREAKUP: 'NOT EVEN MY CIRCUS..'

Ridhi Dogra has finally broken her silence and has reacted to the massive trolling that she is facing on the internet ever since actor and her ex-husband Raqesh Bapat announced his breakup from actress Shamita Shetty. Ridhi who is still friends with Raqesh after their divorce has been receiving backlash on Twitter and #ShaRa fans (hashtag given by fans to Shamita and Raqesh) have been blaming her for their fallout. On Wednesday, Ridhi took to Twitter and penned a long note expressing her side of the story. The Maryada actress shared how 'nonsense has been spewed' towards her without any reason. She also said that she understands the hurt the trolls are going through and she would like to hug them. In a long note, Ridhi wrote, "Ok Guys! I'm seeing the nonsense being spewed towards me for absolutely no reason coz of Raq. Well he has been my friend before during and post our marriage and I stand by ALL my friends and wish them well in whatever they decide for themselves." "And while I understand fandom and your passion towards your stars, I would love to personally hug out everyone trolling me unnecessarily coz I feel you all are deeply hurt. But this entire situation that I'm being constantly being pulled into is not even remotely my circus. So please for your own sakes stop this negativity," she added. "I truly want to send you all love and healing. But Of course... After this explanation (that I honestly don't need to give but I'm doing it so you all get peace), if you still want to continue being negative And if beating me down helps you Channelize



your hurt I'm happy to help. Carry on and god bless you all," Ridhi concluded her post. For the unversed, Shamita Shetty and Raqesh Bapat had fallen in love in the reality show Bigg Boss OTT where they both stayed inside the house as participants. After several speculations, the duo finally broke the silence and announced their separation on social media. Shamita took to her Instagram handle and shared a story that read, "I think it's important to make this clear. Raqesh and I are no longer together and have not been for a while, but this music video is for all the beautiful fans who have given us so much love and support.

PRABHAS, PRASHANTH NEEL ANNOUNCE FILM'S RELEASE DATE WITH A NEW POSTER

Prabhas' much-awaited action entertainer is all set to be released on 28th September 2023. Helmed by Prashanth Neel, the film high-voltage actioner and Prabhas' fans cannot wait to see him in his most ferocious, raw and rugged avatar. On the occasion of Independence day, the makers released a new poster from the film as they announced the release date.

Billed as a "pan India" project and produced by Hombale Films, the film will see Prabhas play a "violent character". Sharing the new poster, Hombale Films took to its social media accounts and wrote, "'Rebelling Worldwide on September 28, 2023" referring to Prabhas' 2012 action-film Rebel in its announcement. Even Prabhas took to his Instagram account and shared the poster. Along with the poster, he wrote, "#TheEraOfSalaarBegins. See you at the cinemas from 28.09.2023. #Salaar" Salaar is an out-and-out mass action and adventure film which is shot around the globe in countries such as India, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The first installment of the project is already completed, and Prabhas will soon shift his entire focus to completing the last installment. While the entire team is going extensive with their effort to execute the film well, the maximum grind will go into VFX for which the makers have hired a foreign studio to complete this. In Salaar, Prabhas is paired opposite Shruti Haasan. The movie also has Prithviraj Sukumaran. Besides the leads, the project will further star Jagapathi Babu, Madhu Guruswamy, and Easwari Rao in pivotal roles. At the time of the film announcement, the Telugu actor said Salaar has provided him with an exciting opportunity to delve into a role he hasn't played before. "This is a very exciting film and my character is extremely violent, so this is something I haven't really done before. It's a pan-Indian film and I can't wait to be on the sets already," he had said. Apart from Salaar, Prabhas has Adipurush and Project K in his pipeline. Based on the Ramayana, Adipurush is directed by Om Raut and also stars Saif Ali Khan, and Kriti Sanon. The film is slated to release in cinemas on January 12 next year.



KASHMERA SHAH EXTENDS SUPPORT TO KARAN MEHRA AMID LEGAL BATTLE WITH ESTRANGED WIFE NISHA RAWAL



Kashmera Shah has come out in support of Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai fame and actor Karan Mehra who has been fighting a legal battle with estranged wife Nisha Rawal. Karan and Nisha's marital life became the talk of the town when last year Nisha accused Karan of hitting her and molesting her. Karan was even arrested after she filed an FIR against him. The actor who had been tight-lipped for a long time recently held a press conference and exposed Nisha. Karan claimed that Nisha is having an extramarital affair with her Rakhi brother Rohit Sathia. Now, Kashmera Shah who had previously supported Nisha has come forward to back Karan. In an interview with ETimes, Kashmera shared that she saw several red flags during the whole incident which took place between Nisha and Karan. She revealed that she had received a call late at night on May 31st from Rohit Verma who is Nisha's close friend. When Kashmera reached Nisha's house she could see cops all over her place. She added, "Nisha was quiet and Rohit was hyper. Then, Rohit Sathia came up and asked if we would like to have tea. He had tears in his eyes and told us that Karan had taken Nisha into the room, closed the door and hit her head against the wall. I asked if he had seen it. He said 'yes'. I asked him how he managed to see it if the door was closed. I sensed some 'gaddad'."

Talking about the red flags, Kashmera shared, "I told Rohit Sathia the truth would be out because there was a camera (CCTV) in that room. He said 'nahi, yeh camera bandh hai'. That was another red flag." Kashmera shared that Karan had asked him to be his character witness a few days back and she has agreed to support him. She also requested Karan's other friends to come out and support him. She said, "I know a lot of Karan's friends who know the truth but they aren't speaking. How can they be such cowards? It's time that he gets to see his son; he needs visiting rights, maybe even supervised- but he should not be debarred from meeting his child. I don't know what the truth is but it's a very flawed story. I am sick and tired of being with cowards. Time to be with lions." She also added, "In my heart I believe he is innocent."

SUCCESS AND FAILURE OF FILMS ARE PROSPECTIVE, I TRY TO GIVE MY BEST, SAYS PANKAJ TRIPATHI



Some of his recent theatrical releases didn't earn enough at the box office and actor Pankaj Tripathi says it has made him "rethink" his choices. The 45-year-old actor may have never failed to impress the audience with his performances but his last few films such as "Bunty Aur Babli 2", "83", "Bachchan Paandey" and "Sherdil: The Pilibhit Saga", which was led by Tripathi himself, were unable to pull the audience to theatres.

"Success and failure are prospective and there is no criteria for it. As an actor, my job is to give my best and honest performance after that how a film is marketed or released and how much money it earns is not in my hands. The audience is the king and it is their choice what they like and what they don't like. I do films, which I like and I think I will enjoy (acting in it). It is a democratic choice," Tripathi told PTI.

The box office debacle of a film has made him self-assess, said the actor, adding failures are part and parcel of life.

SIDHARTH MALHOTRA, KIARA ADVANI CELEBRATE ONE YEAR OF 'SHERSHAAH'



Actors Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani on Friday marked the first anniversary of their film "Shershaah", thanking the audiences for giving their love and appreciation to the movie. The biographical war drama, based on the life of Kargil hero Captain Vikram Batra, takes its title from the martyr's codename. Directed by Vishnuvardan, the movie released on Prime Video in 2021 and featured Malhotra in the double role of Captain Vikram Batra and his twin brother Vishal Batra. The movie received an overwhelming response from the critics as well as the audiences for its heartfelt story and soulful songs such as "Raataan Lambiyaa" and "Mann Bharryaa", besides winning many awards. Malhotra said he is touched by the unending appreciation for the movie and hope people continue to shower love even after a year of its release. "One film, one year, one story that inspired us all! Your love, support & appreciation for this film has said enough, all I would like to add is, #1YearOfShershaah aur 'yeh dil maange more!'," the 37-year-old actor wrote, referring to Batra's success signal 'Yeh Dil Maange More'.

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NO ONE WILL BE STUPID ENOUGH TO PLAY TEST CRICKET TILL 40: JAMES ANDERSON



The evergreen James Anderson would feature in his first Test after he turned 40, his 173rd overall against South Africa at Lord's on Wednesday, but the versatile seamer says he does not feel the age. "It is just a number next to my name, it is not how I feel. I don't feel old or that I'm slowing down. I don't have any personal goals, I just want to keep enjoying my cricket," he said on Monday.

NEW ZEALAND'S MARTIN GUPTILL

SURPASSES ROHIT SHARMA TO TOP THIS

New Zealand's Martin Guptill has left behind India skipper Rohit Sharma to acquire the top spot in the list of leading run-scorers in T20 international cricket. In the recently concluded third T20I of the three-match series between New Zealand and West Indies, Guptill scored 15 runs to climb up and replace Sharma by just 10 runs. He has scored a total of 3497 runs in 121 matches played in the shortest format of the game. On the other hand, Rohit Sharma's total runs tally is 3487 from 132 matches. Guptill has an average of 31.79 runs with the highest score of 105. He has smashed 2 centuries and 20 fifties in his T20I career so far. Virat Kohli who has recently been off-coloured for a long time has the third position in the list. He has scored 3308 runs in 99 T20Is.

BEN STOKES WANTED TO PLAY FOR NEW ZEALAND; KNOW WHY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN

Can you imagine Ben Stokes as a Kiwi cricketer? Well, it almost happened, and we might have never got to see Ben Stokes play for the England cricket team.

Ross Taylor, in his new book, Ross Taylor: Black & White mentions that he asked Stokes if he wanted to play for New Zealand in 2010, and upon Stokes showing interest in the offer, he took the case to New Zealand Cricket's CEO Justin Vaughan.

SERENA WILLIAMS BOWS OUT OF INTERNATIONAL TENNIS, TWITTER SALUTES THE ALL-TIME GREAT

An icon, a legend, the greatest of all time, an athlete, who has been a fantastic ambassador for the game that she has adored and dedicated her life to. Serena Williams is a symbol, who with time has surpassed the footsteps of her sister and has ruled the sport with every ounce of her blood and sweat. Earlier this year, Williams returned to the tennis court for Wimbledon, a stage that has given her innumerable laurels and glory, but unfortunately, she did not look like the Serena Williams she once was. The setback she suffered at the Tennis Court has somehow been a catalyst in her decision to retire after the US Open.

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| 3 | Tuesday | 30-Aug | Bangladesh vs Afghanistan | B | Sharjah | 10:00 |
| 4 | Wednesday | 31-Aug | India vs Qualifier | A | Dubai | 10:00 |
| 5 | Thursday | 1-Sep | Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh | B | Dubai | 10:00 |
| 6 | Friday | 2-Sep | Pakistan vs Qualifier | A | Sharjah | 10:00 |
| 7 | Saturday | 3-Sep | B1 vs B2 | Super 4 | Sharjah | 10:00 |
| 8 | Sunday | 4-Sep | A1 vs A2 | Super 4 | Dubai | 10:00 |
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| 10 | Wednesday | 7-Sep | A2 vs B2 | Super 4 | Dubai | 10:00 |
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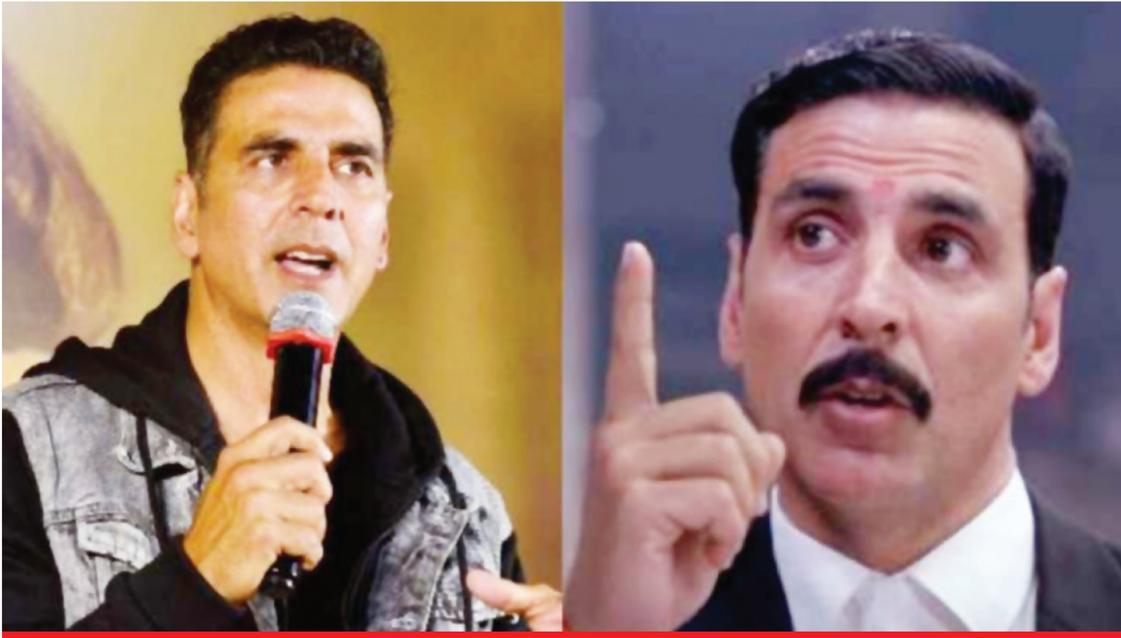
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AKSHAY KUMAR TO RETURN AS JAGDISHWAR MISHRA, FILM TO GO ON FLOORS NEXT YEAR?

Akshay Kumar is one of the busiest actors in Bollywood and has an impressive lineup of films. Now it is said, that Khiladi Kumar is all set to return with the third installment of his superhit crime drama Jolly LLB. Reportedly the actor who replaced Arshad Warsi in the sequel The State vs. Jolly LLB 2 released in 2017 will soon be seen in the sequel. Subhash Kapoor who directed both the first and second films of the series will also be directing the third project. Reportedly, the shooting of the film will kickstart in early 2023 and will release later in the year. A source was quoted telling Pinkvilla, "Akshay, Subhash Kapoor and Star Studios have been discussing the idea of taking the Jolly LLB franchise forward. The third part will be bigger and better than the earlier two. Await big surprises from the team on this project." The source added, "The writing is more or less locked and the team will soon move onto locking the other cast members followed by a prolonged recce. The idea is to take the film on floors by early 2023 and get it ready for a late 2023 release. The idea cracked by Subhash

Kapoor for the third installment has got everyone excited." However, there is no official confirmation from the makers or the actor regarding the casting of the film or other details. The first film from the Jolly LLB series was released in 2013 which starred Arshad Warsi and Boman Irani in which Arshad played the lead role of Jagdish Tyagi aka Jolly and fought the case against Boman Irani's Tejinder Rajpal. It was inspired by the real-life hit and run case of Sanjeev Nanda. Jolly LLB 2 was based on Muslims' fake encounters and showed Akshay's Jagdishwar Mishra aka Jolly fighting the case against his rival Pramod Mathur played by Annu Kapoor. **Akshay Kumar's upcoming films** Akshay Kumar's film Rakshabandhan was recently released in theatres. He will be seen next in Ram Setu with Jacqueline Fernandez and Nushratt Bharuccha and Selfiee along with Emraan Hashmi. He also has Oh My God 2, Capsule Gill, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, Dinesh Vijan's SkyForce, and Mudassar Aziz's united next in his kitty.

TAMANNAAH BHATIA TO STAR OPPOSITE RAJINIKANTH AS LEAD ACTRESS IN JAILER?

Tamannaah Bhatia is one of the most loved actresses in the south industry. The actress has also been able to leave a mark in Bollywood. As per latest reports, she has been roped in for director Nelson Dilipkumar's much-awaited action entertainer Jailer, featuring the Tamil superstar Rajinikanth in the lead. However, there has been no official confirmation in this regard. In fact, the only actress to have confirmed her presence in the project is Ramya Krishnan, who is believed to have told a publication that she had begun working on the film from August 10.

Work on this film is progressing on a specially erected jail set in a Hyderabad studio. Well-known stylist Aalim Hakim has been roped in to create the superstar's look for this film.

A tweet put out by the popular stylist confirmed that he was indeed working on the superstar's look. Posting a picture of himself with Rajinikanth on July 24, Aalim had tweeted, "An innovative day at work with our one and only King! Sir RAJNINIKANTH!"

Recently, Rajinikanth confirmed that he will start shooting for the film on either 15th or 22nd of August. The makers of the film had recently revealed the title for the film with a poster. According to the poster, 'Jailer' would be an action drama with music by Anirudh Ravichander. Despite negative reviews, Nelson Dilipkumar's previous film 'Beast,' starring Vijay, earned well at the box office, so hopes for 'Jailer' are high. The film, which will be Rajinikanth's 169th, is being produced by Kalanithi Maran of Sun Pictures who is known for giving big hits



with Rajinikanth like Enthiran and Sivaji and has Anirudh scoring its music. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Sivakarthekeyan, Priyanka Arul Mohan, Ramya Krishnan, and Yogi Babu have all been said to be in talks for crucial roles. Kannada superstar Shivarajkumar has also revealed that he is working on the film and that his parts with Rajinikanth will be shot in Bengaluru or Mysuru. Other members of the cast and crew are yet to be officially announced by the unit.

Tamannaah Bhatia's upcoming projects Meanwhile, Tamannaah has Nagashekar's directorial romantic drama Gurthunda Seethakalam, Madhur Bhandarkar's film Babli Bouncer and Arunima Sharma's web series Jee Karda in her kitty.

HRITHIK ROSHAN REVIEWS AAMIR KHAN-KAREENA KAPOOR'S LAAL SINGH CHADDHA, URGES EVERYONE TO 'WATCH IT'



Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan's latest release 'Laal Singh Chaddha' got a thumbs up from Hrithik Roshan. Despite low box-office collection, the film, which is the official remake of Forrest Gump, has managed to win appreciation from many. Recently, Hrithik shared his views about the film on social media. Taking to his Twitter, Hrithik wrote, "Just watched LAAL SINGH CHADDA. I felt the HEART of this movie. Pluses and minuses aside, this movie is just magnificent. Don't miss this gem guys! Go! Go now. Watch it. It's beautiful. Just beautiful (red heart emoji)."

The Academy hails Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha

Achieving big, Laal Singh Chaddha managed to win appreciation from

'The Academy'. On Saturday, the official Twitter page of The Academy shared a video featuring a compilation of scenes from 'Forrest Gump' and 'Laal Singh Chaddha'.

Calling the Bollywood film a "faithful Indian adaptation". The tweet read, "Robert Zemeckis and Eric Roth's sweeping story of a man who changes the world with kindness receives a faithful Indian adaptation in Advait Chandan and Atul Kulkarni's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' feat. Aamir Khan in the role made famous by Tom Hanks."

However, the box office performance of the movie on its opening day has been rather slow, with the movie pocketing Rs 12 crore. This is below par as per Aamir's previous films and considering the high expectation, there was from the movie. Reportedly, it is one of the costliest Hindi movies of this year, made on a whopping budget of Rs 180 crore, as per various reports. It has been shot in over 100 locations including India and abroad. In the movie, the camera captures the essence of India and its various picturesque locations. The cinematography of Laal Singh Chaddha is one of the highlights of the movie.

ALIA BHATT SHARES VIDEO OF RANBIR KAPOOR DANCING TO BRAHMASTRA SONG DEVA DEVA DURING COUPLE'S BABYMOON



Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor are enjoying their baby moon currently. The Bollywood couple is vacationing at an undisclosed location abroad. Alia announced her pregnancy back in June and has made several public appearances since then as he flaunted her growing baby bump. Now, the Darlings actress has shared an adorable video of her husband Ranbir in which he was seen dancing to the song Deva Deva from their upcoming film Brahmastra: Part 1. After Kesariya became a huge hit among the fans, Deva Deva was released by Brahmastra makers on August 8.

Ranbir Kapoor dances to Brahmastra song

In the video shared by Alia on her Instagram handle, Ranbir was dressed up in a sky blue shirt and ripped denim. He enjoyed the sunny weather in sunglasses and kept the buttons of his shirt open. As the track was played, Ranbir could not hold himself back as he broke into a few moves while sitting. The video of Ranbir dancing to Deva Deva song from Brahmastra is quite adorable. Alia captioned the video, "The light of my life (sic)."

Deva Deva song from Brahmastra connected to film's theme Deva Deva, the second song from the Brahmastra album, exudes spirituality and has a distinctly upbeat rhythm. It has been sung by Arijit Singh and Jonita Gandhi. The song encapsulates the magical moment in the film where Shiva, played by Ranbir, finds the power within. The lyrics of the song have a unique blend of love and devotion as Shiva, the protagonist discovers his abilities of fire. The song is pivotal to Shiva's character development in the film and does absolute justice to the concept of 'Love, Light and Fire'. The song is available to stream on YouTube and across all audio streaming platforms.

SHAH RUKH KHAN'S JAWAN FINDS ITS VILLAIN IN VIJAY SETHUPATHI. KNOW THE STAR-STUDDED CAST



Shah Rukh Khan starrer Jawan has found its villain in Vijay Sethupathi. While the speculation surrounding Vijay's role in the movie was mounting, it has now been confirmed that he has indeed been cast in Jawan and will play the antagonist opposite SRK. The update regarding the movie will surely get the fans excited. This means that a major on-screen face-off is confirmed in Jawan as Vijay and SRK will stand opposite each other. Lately, Vijay has impressed the fans with his negative roles in films like Vikram Vedha, Master and the most-recent release Vikram.

Vijay Sethupathi joins Jawan cast

While the plot details have been kept under the wrap, Jawan has got Vijay Sethupathi onboard in a prominent role of the baddie. The development was confirmed by Vijay's publicist Yuvraaj, who tweeted on Saturday, "This is to clarify that #VijaySethupathi sir is doing a negative role only in #ShahRukhKhan sir's Jawan at this point and that he is not playing a negative role in any other Telugu projects as is being speculated (sic)."

Jawan complete cast

Jawan had begun filming last year in Pune. SRK is believed to have some portions of the movie too. With Vijay coming on board the project, the complete cast of Jawan includes the likes of Shah Rukh Khan, Nayanthara, Vijay Sethupathi, Priyamani, Sanya Malhotra, Yogi Babu, Sunil Grover, Simarjeet Singh Nagra, Azzy Bagria and Manahar Kumar. Jawan will release on June 2 next year.

RAKSHA BANDHAN BOX OFFICE COLLECTION DAY 4: AKSHAY KUMAR'S FAMILY DRAMA MAINTAINS PACE

Akshay Kumar's family drama is maintaining pace at the box office. The film, also featuring Bhumi Pednekar, has seen a nominal jump in its collection on Sunday. The film has managed to rake in around 8 crore. Raksha Bandhan is facing direct competition from Aamir Khan's Laal Singh Chaddha. The film opened up at Rs 8.20 crore which is at the lowest end of trade expectations. Reportedly, theatre owners cancelled 1000 shows of the film on day two, after an average occupancy.

Raksha Bandhan Box Office Report

The four-day total of Raksha Bandhan stands in the range of Rs 28 crore. Akshay Kumar starrer remains better in Hindi speaking belts of UP, CI and Rajasthan but dull in Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad. "The film remains better in Hindi speaking belts of UP, CI and Rajasthan but collections remain dull in Mumbai city, Pune, Kolkata, Bangalore and Hyderabad. Gujarat has also seen collections down on Friday and Saturday but that should do better on Sunday and the big Independence Day holiday. The weekend of the film is just 20 crore nett approx and that is just too low of a number," Box Office India stated. While Akshay's performance, as a dutiful brother to four sisters, garnered praises from all around, it failed to bring the audience to the theaters.

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EK THA TIGER TURNS 10: SALMAN KHAN SAYS 'JOURNEY CONTINUES' AS HE ANNOUNCES TIGER 3'S RELEASE DATE

Salman Khan is all set to entertain his fans with 'Tiger 3' on Eid 2023! The Bollywood superstar on Monday celebrated a decade of his spy action blockbuster film "Ek Tha Tiger". The actor, who plays the titular character in the popular Yash Raj Films (YRF) film series, urged fans and followers to look forward to the upcoming third part.

Salman Khan's announces Tiger 3's release date

Salman Khan shared the glimpse of his journey with Ek Tha Tiger and Tiger Zinda Hai as he announced the release date of Tiger 3. "#10YearsOfEkThaTiger. And the journey continues. Get ready for #Tiger3 on Eid 2023. Celebrate #Tiger3 with #YRF50 only at a big screen near you on 21st April 2023. Releasing in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. #katrinaikaif @kabirkhanck @aliabbaszafar #ManeeshSharma @yrf," Salman wrote on Twitter alongside a video montage of the first two films.

Directed by Kabir Khan and also starring Katrina Kaif, "Ek Tha Tiger" was released on August 15, 2012.

The success of the movie spawned a franchise under the production banner YRF, the first of which "Tiger Zinda Hai" arrived in cinema halls in 2017 and was helmed by Ali Abbas Zafar. "Tiger 3", the third part directed by Maneesh Sharma, is slated to be released in theatres on the occasion of Eid on April 21, 2023 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

Katrina Kaif's post

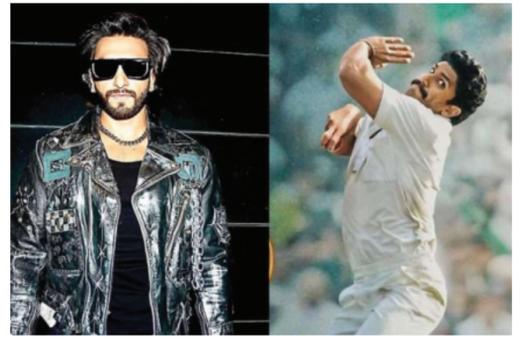
"#10YearsOfEkThaTiger A decade of Tiger and Zoya's journey! And it continues in #Tiger3 on Eid 2023," Katrina shared on Instagram. The upcoming actioner will see Salman and Katrina reprise their roles of spy agents Tiger and Zoya, respectively. The film will reportedly star Emraan Hashmi as the antagonist.

KANGANA RANAUT CONDEMNS ATTACK, SAYS 'SHAKEN BEYOND WORDS'

"I am shaken beyond words. Appalling," Kangana Ranaut said reacting to the gruesome attack on Salman Rushdie. Rushdie, who faced Islamist death threats for years after writing "The Satanic Verses", was stabbed by a 24-year-old New Jersey resident identified as Hadi Matar on stage on Friday while he was being introduced at the event of the Chautauqua Institution in Western New York. A bloodied Rushdie was airlifted from a field adjacent to the venue to a hospital in northwestern Pennsylvania where the 75-year-old writer underwent surgery. "Another day another appalling act by jihadis. The Satanic Verses is one of the greatest books of its time... I am shaken beyond words. Appalling," Kangana said in a statement shared by the actress on her Instagram Story. In a statement late Friday night, Rushdie's agent Andrew Wylie said: "The news is not good... Salman will likely lose one eye; the nerves in his arm were severed; and his liver was stabbed and damaged," dpa news agency reported. The attacker stormed the stage at the event held in the Chautauqua Institution attended by hundreds of people at around 11 a.m. on Friday and stabbed the 75-year-old Indian-born novelist, according to a police spokesman. Several event staff and spectators then rushed the suspect and brought him to the ground and a police officer arrested the 24-year-old male identified as Hadi Matar from Fairview, New Jersey. Rushdie was treated by a doctor who was in the audience until rescue workers arrived and took the author to hospital by helicopter. He was stabbed at least once in the neck and in the abdomen, authorities said.



RANVEER SINGH WINS BEST ACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 83 AT THE INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MELBOURNE



Ranveer Singh, who has been unanimously hailed for delivering his career-best performance with 83 in which he played the role of the Indian cricket team captain Kapil Dev, has won the Best Actor of the Year award at the prestigious Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)! Ranveer has so far swept the awards functions right since 83's release, taking home the Best Actor trophy for his incredible performance in the Kabir Khan directorial. He said 83 will always be one of the most cherished films in his outstanding filmography.

83, at the peak of omicron, opened at 12.64 crore nett and recorded a lifetime collection of 110 crore in India. Total global collection of 83 stands at 200 crore nett and, given the post pandemic results of Bollywood films, 83's box office result is still a huge plus for Bollywood! Ranveer said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the jury members at IFFM for bestowing me with the Best Actor of the Year Award for my role as Kapil Dev '83' one of the most loved films of my career! It'll always be one of the most cherished films in my filmography."

He added, "But more than the accolades, it's the process of making this film that I will cherish the most. I'm grateful to Kabir Sir for giving me this opportunity, for guiding me and for inspiring me with his leadership. I share this honour with the cast and crew of 83 who are so dear to me, and with whom I share a very, very warm bond." Ranveer dedicated this honour to every member of Kapil Dev's World Cup-winning squad. He said, "I dedicate this honour to Kapil's Devils, a fine bunch of gentlemen who dared to dream, who through their efforts and achievements showed us that we Indians can be the best in the world."

Apart from Ranveer, the film also features Harrry Sandhu, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Saqib Saleem, Ammy Virk, Deepika Padukone, and Pankaj Tripathi among others. Ranveer is unanimously regarded as the best actor of his generation because of his shape-shifting ability to transform himself on screen every single time. From his debut in Band Baaja Baarat to Lootera and Bajirao Mastani, from Padmaavat to Simmba, from Gully Boy to 83 – Ranveer has delivered the biggest performances in the history of Indian cinema in the last 10 years. In the IIFB TIARA research that was recently released, Ranveer tops the list of the Coolest Superstar of the country – a very important brand attribute that makes him the most sought-after face in the brand endorsement space. Ranveer also tops Bollywood on being the Trendiest Superstar as per the same research.

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IS SHEHNAAZ GILL DATING CO-ACTOR RAGHAV JUJAL? ACTRESS FINALLY REACTS IN VIRAL VIDEO

Shehnaaz Gill finally speaks out about her rumoured romance with Raghav Jujal. The Punjabi actress, who rose to fame with the show Bigg Boss 13 and garnered a massive fan following, is currently making headlines owing to her rumoured relationship with the dancer, choreographer and her co-star Raghav Jujal. Shehnaaz is all set to star in Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali alongside Raghav and reports are rife that the two are quite close to each other.



She recently attended a promotional event for her brother's new song, 'Aunda Janda', and spoke about her dating rumours, shutting them down in style. During the launch event, the Honsla Rakh actress was quizzed about her relationship rumours, to which Shehnaaz replied, "Media jhoot kyun bolti hai? Media har bar jhoot bolti hai kayi baar and kuch bi bolti hai". Shehnaaz asked a media person, "Aap inke sath khade ho to aap inke saath relation me ho?" "Hum kisi ke saath khade ho jayein ya kisi ke saath ghum lein toh relation mein hai? Nahin na...toh bas, media fizoool bolti hai. Ab main hyper ho jaungi," she added. She further requested that the media only ask questions relating to her brother's new song and assured that when she appeared for her own project, she would address all media questions.

As soon as the dating rumours were sparked, Shehnaaz and Raghav started trending on the internet. While there is no confirmation from both sides, their pictures together are floating on the internet.

Comedian still unconscious but stable, informs Shekhar Suman

Popular comedian-actor Raju Srivastava is getting better. While he continues to be unconscious in the ICU on life support, his condition is getting better. Shekhar Suman informed that it will take a week for Raju Srivastava to recover. Srivastava was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here after he suffered a heart attack on August 10. The 58-year-old stand-up comic underwent an angioplasty the same day.



"Today's update on Raju's health is that he is stable. Still unconscious but stable. Will take a week to recover. Prayers for a quick recovery. har har mahadev," Suman wrote on his Twitter account. The comment section of his tweet was filled with hearty wishes from Raju's fans who wished for his speedy recovery and prayed for his family. Meanwhile, the comedian's manager too informed that he is getting better. "Raju's condition is slowly getting better. He is responding to the treatment. There is an improvement in his health and he can now move his body parts a bit. "He continues to remain in the ICU and on ventilator. Doctors have informed that it will take about a week for him to regain consciousness," the artist's manager Nayan Soni told PTI. Last week, Srivastava's family released a statement on his official Instagram page, saying his condition was "stable" and requested people to "ignore any rumour/fake news being circulated". A familiar face in the entertainment industry since the 1980s, Srivastava catapulted to fame after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge" in 2005. Srivastava has featured in Hindi films such as "Maine Pyar Kiya", "Baazigar", the remake of "Bombay to Goa" and "Aamdani Atthani Kharacha Rupaiya".

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NIA SHARMA FLAUNTS HER SEXY CURVES IN MONOKINI, PHOTOS GO VIRAL



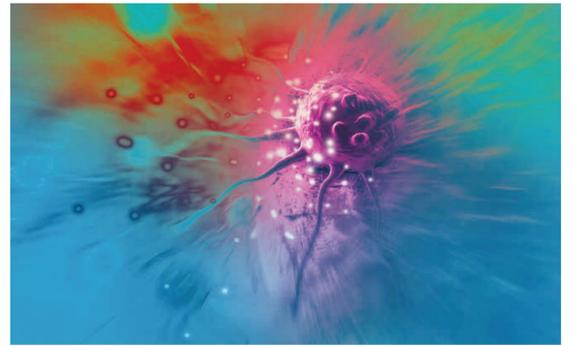
TV STAR NIA SHARMA FREQUENTLY ATTRACTS ATTENTION FOR THE DARING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS THAT SHE POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THIS DIVA CERTAINLY KNOWS HOW TO UP THE OOMPH FACTOR AS SHE LOVES TO SHOW OFF HER LEAN FORM IN BEAUTIFUL ENSEMBLES. NIA, WHO IS QUITE ACTIVE ON INSTAGRAM, IS GETTING READY TO SHOWCASE HER DANCE ABILITIES IN THE TENTH SEASON OF THE REALITY COMPETITION JHALAK DIKHLA JAA. ON TUESDAY, NIA POSTED SOME SIZZLING IMAGES ON HER INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT, MOST LIKELY FROM HER MOST RECENT PHOTOSHOOT. WHEN NIA POSTED HER BOLD IMAGES, THEY WENT VIRAL QUICKLY, GARNERING PRAISE FROM FOLLOWERS AND NIA'S TV CO-STAR IN THE COMMENTS. LOVE THIS PHOTO WITH A HEART EMOJI, WROTE NIA'S JAMAI RAJA CO-STAR ACHINT KAUR, WHILE JASMIN BHASIN ADDED A STRING OF FIRE EMOJIS.

THE INFINITI Q60 IS GETTING THE AXE FOR MODEL-YEAR 2023



Almost six years after its introduction, the Infiniti Q60 is being discontinued. The automaker confirmed it would end production by the end of the year, but expected to have an abundance of units for sale well into 2023, according to Car and Driver. The Q60 entered production in 2017 after being introduced at the Detroit auto show in 2015. The move to axe the car isn't a surprise to many. U.S. sales dropped from just over 10,000 units in its first year to a number in the two-thousands last year. The brand has done a few things to stoke interest. Recently, Infiniti announced a free Apple CarPlay upgrade to Canadian owners of some of its 2020-model-year-or-newer vehicles. In 2018, the brand introduced a hybrid-powered concept based on the Q60 called Project Black S. However, Infiniti backed out of production, letting languish the Formula One hybrid technology it'd used to get 563 hp from its V6. While Infiniti has not announced plans to drop the Q50 sedan, some believe that move could be on the horizon. Instead, they suggest, Infiniti plans to focus on its crossover and SUV segments, as well as its upcoming luxury EV division.

THIS SMART CONTACT LENSES CAN DIAGNOSE CANCER FROM TEARS



NEW YORK: US scientists have developed a contact lens that can help in the early detection of cancer using tears and help in the treatment. The novel lens, developed by the team at the Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation (TIBI) in California, is able to capture and detect exosomes, the nanometer-sized vesicles found in bodily secretions that have the potential for being diagnostic cancer biomarkers. The lens was designed with microchambers bound to antibodies that can capture exosomes found in tears. This antibody-conjugated signalling microchamber contact lens (ACSM-CL) can be stained for detection with nanoparticle-tagged specific antibodies for selective visualisation. This offers a potential platform for cancer pre-screening and a supportive diagnostic tool that is easy, rapid, sensitive, cost-effective, and non-invasive.

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORP. SAYS ANNUAL PACE OF HOUSING STARTS UP 1.1% IN JULY

HOUSING STARTS

July 2022

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| 23,318 | Vancouver | 39,105 | Toronto |
| 11,353 | Victoria | 20,896 | Ottawa |
| 22,479 | Calgary | 24,933 | Montréal |
| 15,955 | Edmonton | 7,214 | Québec |
| 1,868 | Saskatoon | 5,865 | Halifax |
| 5,127 | Winnipeg | | |

largely drives the market and can vary significantly from one month to the next. "The monthly SAAR and trend were higher in July compared to June nationally, as historically elevated levels of housing starts activity continue in Canada, which have been well above 200,000 units since 2020," said Aled Ab Iorwerth, CMHC's Deputy Chief Economist. "Monthly SAAR housing starts in Canada's urban areas declined in July, driven by lower single-detached starts. However, Vancouver and Toronto both registered much stronger declines in multi-unit starts than in single-detached starts, while Montreal saw similarly large declines in both unit types." The standalone monthly SAAR of total housing starts for all areas in Canada in July was 275,329 units, an increase of 1.1% from June. The SAAR of total urban starts decreased by 0.8% to 254,371 units in July. Multi-unit urban starts declined by 0.3% to 195,987 units, while single-detached urban starts decreased by 2.3% to 58,384 units. Rural starts were estimated at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 20,958 units.

KEY FACTS:

Monthly Housing Starts and Other Construction Data are accessible in English and French on our website and the CMHC Housing Market Information Portal. Housing starts data is available on the eleventh business day each month. We will release the August data on September 15 at 8:15 AM ET.

The trend in housing starts was 264,426 units in July, up from 257,862 units in June, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). This trend measure is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) of housing starts. CMHC uses the trend measure as a complement to the monthly SAAR of housing starts to account for considerable swings in monthly estimates and obtain a clearer picture of upcoming new housing supply. In some situations, analyzing only SAAR data can be misleading, as the multi-unit segment



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- ☑ छात्रों को भविष्य की नौकरियों के लिए तैयार करना
- ☑ स्कूल बनाने और शिक्षा में सुधार लाने के लिए अधिक आर्थिक संसाधनों की व्यवस्था
- ☑ छात्रों को मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संबंधी मदद के लिए सहायता का विस्तार करना

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SHERJANG SINGH RANA AND HARPREET RANA, OWNERS OF AVID HOTEL IN VAUGHAN.



JONATHAN LUND, IHG'S CANADA VICE PRESIDENT.

POOJA LUTHRA

The wait is over! IHG Hotels & Resorts, one of the world's leading hotel companies, is ready to open the first avid hotel in Vaughan, Ontario. Avid hotels are a new concept within the IHG group of hotels that caters to the mainstream travel consumer. IHG Hotels is known internationally for its roster of hotel brands such as Holiday Inn Hotels and Crowne Plaza.

"Come and stay!" said Sherjang Singh Rana and Harpreet Rana, owners of avid hotel in Vaughan, as they prepared to welcome guests in October 2022.

Sherjang Singh Rana, in an exclusive interview with Y Media, said the new avid hotel in Vaughan would offer 119 affordable and comfortable rooms on six floors.

Jonathan Lund, IHG's Canada Vice President, expressed his excitement in an exclusive interview with Y Media. He said the

location is incredible and convenient, and the building stands out and will attract business and leisure travellers. "It's a brand-new, modern, comfortable and inviting hotel and the future of everyday travel."

It is in a high-traffic and high-visibility area on Highway 7 at Highway 50. The hotel is just minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, convenient to shopping centers and restaurants, with easy access to neighbouring Brampton, Etobicoke, and Bolton.

Harpreet Rana told Y Media, "when the guests will return to relax at the Toronto-Vaughan Southwest hotel, they'll find that we focus on getting the essentials right, every time. They can always expect a sound sleep, high-quality mattresses, bedding, and blackout roller shades. We promise their rooms will be spotlessly clean and ready for stay, with plenty of storage, a 55in HD TV, free Wi-Fi and a safe included in the room."

The breakfast enthusiasts could come down to the lobby for their "free good-all-round breakfast and fresh bean-to-cup coffee," and enjoy a range of high-quality items on-site or grab and go.

Fitness fans can warm up and work out in the state-of-the-art fitness center with the latest workout equipment.

Above all, said Sherjang Singh Rana, people will benefit from the three P's: Ample Parking, a Pet-Friendly environment and Pool. It's ultimately "an affordable avid."

Sherjang Singh Rana concluded by saying, "bringing the avid hotels brand to the growing city of Vaughan is a tremendous achievement for our company."

So, what are you waiting for? avid hotel is now accepting reservations for arrivals on or after October 31, 2022. For more information about avid and booking, visit <https://www.ihg.com/avidhotels/hotels/us/en/vaughan/yyzav/hoteldetail>

BRAMPTON WEST WALMART SUPERCENTRE CELEBRATES THEIR GRAND OPENING



Walmart Canada's newly renovated Brampton West Supercentre located at 9455 Mississauga Rd, reopened to the community on Thursday, August 11th following a renovation that will provide Walmart customers with a fresh assortment of affordable groceries, general merchandise and convenient services at Walmart's everyday low prices.

Expanded Assortment, new look and feel

Shopping at the Brampton West Supercentre is quicker, easier and more convenient than ever before. The renovated store has expanded its Grocery Pickup services with more time slots available daily. Over the past year, Walmart Canada has made approximately 70,000 items available for customers to pick up.

The renovated store has also launched its time-saving Express Pickup service, a new premium option that provides customers with online grocery orders for pickup in two hours or less. When customers place an order for scheduled pickup on the Walmart Canada app and use Mobile Check-in, they'll receive an alert on their phone when their order is ready. Customers can "check-in" on the app to let the store know they're on the way. The order will be ready for pickup when the customer arrives at the store and loaded into their vehicle within minutes.

The renovation is part of the company's \$3.5-billion investment aimed to generate significant growth and to make the online and in-store shopping experience simpler, faster and more convenient for Walmart customers. That includes renovating more than 150 stores - more than one-third of Walmart Canada's store network.

The store has an expanded assortment, new look and feel. Highlights include:

International food aisle is now larger with an expanded assortment available
The entire Apparel department is now brighter with wider aisles and a new fitting room
Everything you need for Baby is now located in one area of the store
Photo Lab has been relocated into the new Electronics area

The Pharmacy team is eager to offer new and longtime customers expert advice, compassionate help on health-care issues and assistance with products and prescriptions. Customers can book a COVID-19 or flu vaccination appointment here.

About Walmart Canada

Walmart Canada operates a chain of more than 400 stores nationwide serving 1.5 million customers each day. Walmart Canada's flagship online store, Walmart.ca, is visited by more than 1.5 million customers daily. With more than 100,000 associates, Walmart Canada is one of Canada's largest employers and is ranked one of the country's top 10 most influential brands. Walmart Canada was recently recognized as a LinkedIn Top Company of 2021 and was also named one of Canada's most popular brands (based on Google searches). Walmart Canada has made a commitment to regeneration - focusing on equitable opportunity, sustainability, community, ethics and integrity. Since 1994, Walmart Canada has raised over \$500 million to support communities across Canada. Additional information can be found at walmartcanada.ca and on Walmart Canada's social media pages - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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POOJA LUTHRA

Y Media team was live at Walmart's newly renovated Brampton West Supercenter in Brampton South on Saturday, August 13.

The renovation provided Walmart customers with a fresh assortment of affordable groceries, general merchandise and convenient services at Walmart's everyday low prices.

The event was a huge success and attracted a large gathering of people. Y Media team actively engaged with the community by organizing different contests. The people participated in some of the competitions to win various prizes.

At the end of the day, Y Media Team gave out a mega prize of \$250 to Ambuj Srivastav.

In addition, Y Media team gave out Walmart's \$100 gift cards to the winners of Radio Y contests. The Radio Y contest winners came to the store to avail the gift cards. Y Media congratulates our contest winners, namely Surinder Kaur Mand, Sonali Rohatgi and Gursewak Singh. Ramesh Kataria won \$50 cash prize.

Y Media covered this exclusive event LIVE on Radio Y 91.9 FM and Channel Y, wherein the participants came LIVE on air and described their experiences with the listeners and the viewers. You can watch this exclusive event coverage only on Channel Y Bell 828, Telus 2418, Rogers 857, Ignite 707 and listen on Radio Y 91.9 FM. You can also visit our website southasiandaily.com to know more information about the same.

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RASHI & NAVAL BAJAJ HOST THE SUNDERKAND PATH BY THE WORLD RENOWNED DEVOUT SHREE GURUJI ASHWIN KUMAR PATHAK JI WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES



World Renowned Brahmishi Gurudev Sri Guruswanand Swamiji toured Canada in month of August, he was in Brampton on August 7th, 2022 give discourse on AWAKEN YOUR SOUL at Hindu Sabha Mandir hosted by Rashi & Naval Bajaj along with World Spiritual Awareness Forum.

Full of compassion, love, humility, and simplicity, Sri Brahmishi Gurudev is one of the most revered saints of our age. Gurudev follows the thousands of years' old tradition of spiritual discipline and meditation regime (Sadhana) of ancient sages from India. He has achieved the pinnacle of Sadhana acquiring all eight Siddhis (supreme spiritual powers) mastered by our ancient sages (Rishis and Munis). Gurudev has also invoked all his Kundalini Chakras (the centers of divine energy within our body). Gurudev's spiritual journey began in his infancy under miraculous circumstances. Yogiraj Devraha Baba, one of the most esteemed saints of recent times, brought Gurudev to his ashram to save his life from a terminal illness. Devraha Baba predicted that Gurudev would achieve divine energy, and he would use that divine energy to heal and serve the world. Yogiraj's predictions have come to be true.

He acquired all those Siddhis because of the grace of his Guru, Devraha Baba. You must have heard his name. He was the most revered saint of recent times. He was also the longest living person on earth in the recent age. He lived to be two hundred and eighty-seven years old."

Gurudev has said: "There are eight Siddhis. To acquire all the eight Siddhis, one needs to practice and master a total of 17868 Vidhis. He acquired all those Siddhis because of the grace of his Guru, Devraha Baba. "So, when he was very young Baba helped him acquire Siddhis. He was born with three Siddhis already acquired. They came with his birth. Baba helped him acquire the remaining five Siddhis. That required him to do thousands of Vidhis. He helped him do as many as twenty Vidhis in a day. That's how with Baba's encouragement and help he completed all remaining Siddhis in eleven years and eight months. It is possible to acquire Siddhis if you are fortunate to get a Guru like Devraha Baba." Gurudev uses the Siddhis he has acquired solely for one purpose – to alleviate people's sufferings, bring inner peace and happiness in their lives, and give them the strength to overcome the challenges they face more effectively and calmly. He has helped thousands of people in distress. Gurudev has travelled to over 100 countries teaching people how to live a morally uplifting and spiritually fulfilling life. He has the unique capacity to impart deep spiritual message using simple language.

Gurudev has immense knowledge of all the Veda, Epics, Bhagavad Gita, other religious shastras and Astrology. He is also a renowned scholar of Jainism, Sikhism, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam. Gurudev inspires and empowers us to overcome our Karmic debts while we fulfill our worldly duties and cherish our family life. His main motive is to take this Path to as many people as possible throughout the Mankind in the world, implement the learning from and make your life beautiful and peaceful. In his teachings, Gurudev has synthesized the deep meaning of various religious scriptures in a simple but powerful manner to guide us on how we should lead our lives. Here are some of his teachings in simple phrases.

A truly fulfilled life goes through three phases, namely,

- Learning
- Learning and Earning
- Learning, Earning and Returning

The life we live is God's gift to us; the way we live our life is our Return gift to God.

A Little Faith will take you to Heaven; Full Faith will bring Heaven to you.

Service to Humanity is the best work of Life.

God works with you; not for you.

When Fate closes all doors, our Faith opens new doors.

Man judges our actions. God judges our intentions.

Success is made of big things, it takes time. Happiness is made of small things; it takes no time.

Man, with intelligence has many questions. Man, who has surrendered has all the answers.

Never give up in the face of life's challenges Shri Gurudev tells the following parable to teach us about

the power of tenacity in the face of life's challenges:

"Some marble tiles and a Statue (Murti) of Shiva were being transported in a truck from Rajasthan in India. At some point in the journey, one of the marble tiles asked the Statue, "I am marble, and you are marble. I'm from a mine in Rajasthan and you are also from the same mine. By coincidence, the person who bought you also bought me. I'll be placed in the same temple in which you would be placed. But you will be worshiped, and I'll be on the floor getting the beating of thousands of feet every day. Why this difference, Murti, why?"

The Statue (Murti) said, "Brother, there is only one difference. We both were brought for making statues. We were chiseled and hammered. Every stroke of the hammer was painful. Those were the days of tremendous hardships. I kept bearing thousands of those painful strokes. I did not break. I got refined with every stroke. That's why I became a statue that would be worshiped. But you broke down during the process of chiseling and hammering. That's why you were sliced into a tile to be put on the floor of the temple, where people will walk over you to get to me." God answers all our prayers in one of the five following ways Gurudev prompts us to think deeply and realize that God always answers our prayer, it is just that we are not able to see what the answer is. God, says Gurudev, always answers our prayer in one of the five following ways.

God's first answer is – Ok my child, you can have what you want.

God's second answer is – No my child! you cannot have what you ask for because you do not deserve it yet. God's third answer is – No my child, you cannot have what you want, not because you do not deserve it, but because the time is not right for you to have what you want.

God's fourth answer is – my child, be patient with your suffering, because it is your Karma bandhan, the bondage of your Karma. This is your opportunity to set yourself free from your Karma bandhan.

God's fifth answer is – Be patient, my child. I have something better for you. So, despite all the efforts we have put, if the outcome is not what we desire then there is a reason behind it. Many times, today's failure is the steppingstone for a greater success tomorrow.

Awaken Your Soul on August 7th in Brampton was attended by thousands of People from throughout the GTA, many devotees travelled all the way from Ottawa, Montreal, New York, including many religious intuitions heads, priests from other temples, Organization heads, Politicians and community leaders. Amongst the dignitaries were present the Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown, M.P.P. Hardeep Grewal, Mr. Gurpreet Dhillon, Regional Councilor, Harkirat Singh, Councilor City of Brampton, many candidates for the upcoming City of Brampton election. Shree Gurudev Guruswanand thanked Rashi & Naval Bajaj for hosting this beautiful event in the city of Brampton and adding more colors to the city of Brampton and beautiful country Canada. Also speaking on this occasion, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown thanked Gurudev for having a beautiful and meaningful event in Brampton, Dr Steve Gupta spoke about the Siddhis of Gurudev and that we are blessed to have him to guide us. Also, Sampat Poddar, Rakesh Vijay, Ashok Sancheti, Rakesh Bhargav, Shipa spoke about the immense knowledge and siddhis Gurudev has and we are blessed Gurudev is here to bless all of us. Host Mr. Naval Bajaj mentioned that we all are blessed that we live in one of the most beautiful country in World and blessed to have event on Awaken your Soul in our city, take the learning from it and implement it in our day-to-day life. It is great to see everyone getting together with two tough years of Pandemic, it was tough time for many of us and now as we get back towards normalcy, it is time to take the lessons learnt during the pandemic implement the learnings from Gurudev, relieve stress which we all went through and let us make our and others life beautiful. He thanked everyone who was in attendance. He also thanked the entire Mandir committee including Mr. Kuldeep Gupta; Shastriji and the priests of the temple, the entire kitchen staff, the volunteers and the friends and family who joined hands to make this event a huge success. He also thanked World Spiritual Forum and entire team on working tirelessly day and night to make the event successful. Naval Bajaj lastly thanked each and every one who attended and made this event a huge success. Finally, he thanked his beautiful wife Rashi Bajaj, entire family and extended family who worked hard day and night to make this event successful.

Y MEDIA TEAM AT GRAND OPENING OF RBC MEETING PLACE AT ACHEV'S MISSISSAUGA



NEWCOMERS living in Mississauga now have more support than ever, through a new partnership between Achēv and RBC that provides helpful services and timely advice to those who are establishing new lives in Canada. Representatives of both organizations, government officials and newcomer clients came together at Achēv's Newcomer Information Centre at 50 Burnhamthorpe Road to celebrate the opening of RBC Meeting Place, a unique resource centre for new Canadians. This location will be staffed by expert RBC Newcomer Advisors who will help people of all cultures with their banking and financial needs as they settle into their new community. In addition to one-on-one advice and support, RBC Newcomer Advisors will host group seminars ranging from careers in finance to networking and personal brand building, with a special emphasis on youth. The addition of RBC Meeting Place rounds out Achēv's robust newcomer services, which include employment, language assessment, youth programs and newcomer settlement and referral services. Together, Achēv and RBC are helping newcomers get to know their new community and navigate their settlement journey.

"There are so many barriers that can hinder the growth and success of new Canadians. It's important to never forget about the journey that newcomers face," shared Shorouq Alkayyali, Assistant Branch Manager, RBC as she recalled her own challenges when she arrived in Canada. "Achēv and RBC can play an integral

part in helping newcomers understand the Canadian landscape while providing the support needed to set them up for success."

"Achēv is pleased to collaborate with RBC. Our two organizations have come together based on shared values and a common approach to serving our clients and community. We are both committed to putting each client at the centre of what we do," said Tonie Chaitas, CEO, Achēv.

"Together, we are providing clients with an integrated and seamless settlement journey, helping them access the services and advice they need to find meaningful employment and establish new lives in Canada." RBC has been providing advice and solutions to newcomers for over 150 years across Canada and offers phone services in up to 200 languages. More recently, RBC's Newcomer teams have brought their expertise, resources, products, and services to new Canadians through community partnerships and in RBC Meeting Place locations nationally.

"We're committed to making it easier for new Canadians to get established, succeed and thrive in Canada," said Tom Parisi, Regional Vice President, RBC. "That's why we're so pleased to be co-located with Achēv here in Mississauga – so we can continue to support newcomers with their financial needs and more, as they adapt to life in Canada."



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