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RISE IN USE OF SOUTH-ASIAN LANGUAGES IN CANADA DUE TO IMMIGRATION

Despite the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on arrivals to the country, immigration has continued to enrich Canada's linguistic diversity. English and French remain by far the most commonly spoken languages in Canada. More than 9 in 10 Canadians speak one of the two official languages at home at least on a regular basis. The 2021 Census also found that 4.6 million Canadians speak predominantly a language other than English or French at home (in other words, they speak this language most often at home, without speaking other languages equally often; see the box "Languages known and spoken: Understanding the concepts"). These individuals represent 12.7% of the Canadian population, a proportion that has been increasing for 30 years. By comparison, the proportion was 7.7% in 1991, when immigration levels were rising. In addition, one in four Canadians in 2021—or 9 million people—had a mother tongue other than English or French. This is a record high since the 1901 Census, when a question on mother tongue was first added. Canada has a rich linguistic diversity. The languages known and spoken here are closely linked to the identity and culture of Canadians and to their relationship with their community. Languages are an integral part of the everyday lives of Canadians—be it in early childhood, at home, at school or at work—and extend beyond the country's borders into broader cultural and historical contexts. For example, in 2022, the Observatoire démographique et statistique de l'espace francophone (link is in French only) estimated that 321 million people around the world spoke French, with half living in Africa. The vast majority of the Canadian population commonly uses English and French, Canada's official languages, to communicate and access services.

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Y MEDIA EXPRESSES ITS HEARTFELT AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEMISE OF ANMOL GUPTA, SON OF GAURAV KUMAR (PLANET FINANCIAL)



Anmol Gupta, son of Gaurav Kumar (owner of Planet Financial), left for his heavenly abode on August 23, 2022. "Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts," said Gaurav Kumar in a Facebook post. His funeral will take place on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Brampton Crematorium & Visitation Centre - Suite D&E, Brampton. With deepest sympathy, Y Media wishes for peace and comfort during this time of significant loss. May his Soul Rest In Peace!

CANADA'S POPULATION MAY DOUBLE TO REACH UP TO 74 MILLION BY 2068: STATSCAN

Canada's population may nearly double to reach up to 74 million in 2068, according to the national statistical agency. Statistics Canada announced on Monday that the country's population may increase from 38.2 million in 2021 to between 42.9 million and 52.5 million in 2043, and between 44.9 million and 74 million in 2068, reports Xinhua news agency. In one medium-growth scenario, Canada's population would reach 47.8 million in 2043 and 56.5 million in 2068, it added. Immigration is expected to remain the main driver of population growth and the natural growth is to decrease in the coming years, Statistics Canada said. It added that in 2020, the number of children per woman reached a historically low level in the country at 1.4. This natural growth is likely to even become negative in the brief period between 2049 and 2058, according to the projection. Canada's population will continue to age in the coming decades. Thus, in a medium-growth projection scenario, the average age in Canada increases from 41.7 years in 2021 to 44.1 in 2043 and to 45.1 in 2068. The population aged 85 and older may more than triple over the same period, from 871,000 in 2021 to 3.2 million in 2068, Statistics Canada said.

CANADA-WIDE WARRANT ISSUED FOR ABDIRAHMAN JIMALE, 26, OF TORONTO, WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF PARDEEP BRAR, 26, OF BRAMPTON

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for a man wanted in this homicide investigation. Abdirahman Jimale, 26 of Toronto, is wanted for: First Degree Murder Attempt Murder Aggravated Assault He is considered armed, violent and dangerous.



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DR. KAURA'S FIVE BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH TIPS

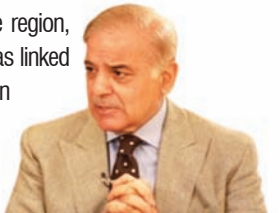
It is almost time for children to get back to school. Here are a few tips to ensure they have a good start and stay healthy this school year. **Promote a healthy diet.** Give your child a healthy start to the day with a well-balanced nutritious breakfast such as a bowl of whole grain cereal with fresh fruit. Studies show that children who have a healthy breakfast in the morning do better at school.



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PAKISTAN, INDIA CAN'T AFFORD ANOTHER WAR: PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF

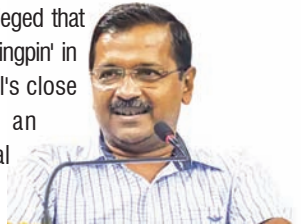
Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated his country's strong resolve to maintain peace in the region, but added that sustainable peace in South Asia was linked to the resolution of Jammu and Kashmir issue in line with the UN resolutions and the wishes of Kashmiris, and nothing short of it would work.



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EXCISE POLICY CASE GIVES BJP AMMUNITION TO AIM AT KEJRIWAL

Amid the escalating political war of words between the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the BJP has alleged that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was the 'kingpin' in the liquor scam after Deputy CM and Kejriwal's close aide Manish Sisodia was named as an accused in the case by the CBI. Several top BJP leaders, apart from the party's Delhi unit have upped the political tirade against Kejriwal along with Sisodia.



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Y MEDIA TEAM REACHED MINISTER OF SENIORS KAMAL KHERA'S ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ IN BRAMPTON WEST



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PANORAMA INDIA, WITH SUPPORT
OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF
INDIA, TORONTO CELEBRATED
INDIA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
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MORE DETAILS COMING NEXT WEEK.

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Percentage of Canadian population by first official language spoken in 2021

Province	English	French
Ontario	93%	3%
Quebec	13%	82%
British Columbia	95%	1%
Alberta	97%	2%
Manitoba	96%	3%
Saskatchewan	98%	1%
Canada	75%	21%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021

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4.6 million Canadians (12.7%) speak a language other than English or French predominantly at home

Language	No of Speakers	Language	No of Speakers
Mandarin	530,000	Urdu	160,000
Punjabi	520,000	Russian	130,000
Yue	390,000	Korean	130,000
Spanish	320,000	Iranian Persian	130,000
Arabic	290,000	Portuguese	120,000
Tagalog (Filipino)	280,000	Vietnamese	120,000

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021

Although both are spoken throughout the country, English is a minority language in Quebec, while French is a minority language in the other provinces and territories, as well as in Canada as a whole. Indigenous languages existed long before Canada was formed. As the International Decade of Indigenous Languages kicks off, the preservation, vitality and growth of the more than 70 distinct Indigenous languages spoken in the country remain as relevant and important as ever. Today, Statistics Canada is releasing a fourth set of 2021 Census results, on mother tongue, languages spoken at home and languages known by Canadians. Census data on languages are essential to understanding how Canada's linguistic profile has changed, as well as for developing and improving programs and services for all Canadians. They are also used in the development, application and administration of various federal and provincial laws, such as the federal Official Languages Act and Indigenous Languages Act, New Brunswick's Official Languages Act, Ontario's French Language Services Act and Quebec's Charter of the French Language.



Canada strikes historic partnerships with leading German automakers Volkswagen and Mercedes to help meet growing demand for clean transportation solutions

Canada’s automotive future is founded on maximizing the benefits of our natural resources and adding value to global supply chains for electric vehicles and batteries. Today, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, announced historic partnerships with two leading German automakers in the form of memoranda of understanding with Volkswagen AG and Mercedes-Benz AG. These agreements will further collaboration with two innovative global players across a range of sectors, help secure Canada’s position as a leading centre of excellence for the manufacturing of electric vehicles and batteries and help ensure that Canada is a destination for investments in this space. The Volkswagen agreement focuses on deepening cooperation on sustainable battery manufacturing, cathode active material production and critical mineral supply, among others, and on setting up a Canadian office for PowerCo, Volkswagen’s newly formed battery company. The Mercedes-Benz agreement focuses on enhancing collaboration with Canadian companies along the electric vehicle and battery supply

chains; supporting the development of a sustainable critical mineral supply chain in Canada that is based on environmental, social and governance principles; collaborating in research and development; and identifying potential investments in Canada. The recent visit by Minister Champagne to Germany in May was the catalyst for these agreements. During his trip, he met with key business and industry leaders to strongly communicate Canada’s automotive value proposition and reiterate our credentials as a sustainable and reliable partner. Since January, Canada has secured historic manufacturing deals for electric vehicles, batteries and hybrids—deals that create and secure thousands of good, middle-class jobs while positioning Canada as a leader in the electric vehicle and battery manufacturing space. Today’s announcement represents another major step forward, as Canada continues the work to grow its clean transportation sector and meet global and North American demand for zero-emission vehicles.

Dr Anthony Fauci leaving US government to pursue ‘next chapter’ of his career

Dr Anthony Fauci, the US epidemiologist who emerged as the face of reason amidst the tide of bigotry that swept through the world in response to Covid-19, is leaving government service. Fauci said he will leave by the end of the year to “pursue the next chapter of my career”. The 81-year-old Fauci serves as the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and as Chief Adviser to President Joe Biden. He has served seven US presidents – both Republicans and Democrats, starting with Ronald Reagan, including Donald Trump, who publicly squabbled with him and the country’s medical community with his skepticism about the epidemic and harebrained cures, from household cleaning agents to anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine. “While I am moving on from my current positions, I am not retiring,” Fauci said, adding that he plans to use his learnings from more than

50 years in government service to “advance science and public health and to inspire and mentor the next generation of scientific leaders as they help prepare the world to face future infectious disease threats”. Biden said Fauci’s commitment to the work is unwavering, and he does it with an unparalleled spirit, energy, and scientific integrity. He recalled that while he was putting together a team to combat the epidemic as President-elect, one of his first calls was to Fauci to request him to continue as his chief medical advisor. Fauci had been America’s top epidemiologist for decades, leading the fight against HIV/AIDS and Ebola, but he came to international fame and renown during the Covid-19 pandemic as the world raced to tackle the worst public health crisis in 100 years. Governments around the world sought his guidance, even while he struggled at home to keep his own President and his administration on course.

INDIAN LOK SABHA SPEAKER OM BIRLA ARRIVES IN TORONTO FOR 65TH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday said that the Indian Diaspora contributes significantly to the development of Canada while staying rooted to their motherland. Om Birla met the Indian Diaspora in Toronto en route to Halifax to attend the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference Association and shared the successful journey of India in the economy, science, and technology. Taking to Twitter, Birla said, “On way to Halifax to attend #65CPC, met Indian diaspora in Toronto. Shared with them India’s successful journey in economy, science, tech. & other fields. Happy to note that they are contributing significantly to development of Canada while staying rooted to motherland.” Speaking on the occasion, Birla appreciated the dedication of the Indian diaspora to both, their motherland and adopted homeland. He said that New India has become the voice of the whole world and other countries are looking at India with hope. “The youth of the country are playing an important role in the progress and development of the country. Whenever there is any challenge or calamity facing the world, the youth have come up with reliable solutions,” the Speaker added. Referring to Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Birla said that there was a time when we were dependent on other countries in many other fields including technology and science. However today in this era of innovation, India is rapidly moving towards self-reliance. “In the effort to become a developed nation, India has also kept alive

the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. This is the reason that whatever India achieves today, it also shares with everyone,” he said. Further speaking on the role of the Diaspora in connecting the two countries, Birla said that they play an important role in strengthening India’s relations with their adopted countries. “They love India and make important contributions to taking their adopted countries forward with their best effort,” Birla said, appreciating the Indian community in foreign nations. The Lok Sabha speaker lauded the Indian Diaspora for celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the completion of 75 years of the nation’s independence with gaiety even on foreign soil. He said that the tricolor binds all Indians around the world together. “In the Amrit Kaal, Indian abroad celebrated Independence Day and made it a global celebration,” Birla added. Earlier on the day, Birla visited Swami Narayan and offered prayers. He also visited the temple Museum. Birla said that India’s glorious history and spiritual imprint are visible in the temple architecture. Lok Sabha Speaker, who arrived in Toronto on Monday, will hold bilateral discussions with presiding officers of world legislatures and parliamentarians in order to strengthen democracy. Taking to Twitter, the LS Speaker said, “Arrived in Toronto with Indian Parliamentary Delegation for 65th Commonwealth Parly. Conference. Looking forward to deliberations at the Conf. & bilateral discussions with Presiding Officers of world legislatures & parliamentarians on ways towards strengthening parly. Democracy.”

MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WANT PROBES AGAINST TRUMP TO GO ON, MORE FEEL COUNTRY HEADED IN WRONG DIRECTION

A majority of Americans want probes against former President Donald Trump to continue but an even greater number want to observe a “protest day” for the country being steered in the wrong direction by politicians. Americans are a dissatisfied public, with three quarters saying the country is headed in the wrong direction, while a record 58 per cent say that America’s best years are behind it and 61 per cent who say that they’re willing to carry a protest sign for a day because they’re so upset, an NBC poll conducted recently after the FBI raid at the Mar a Lago residence of Trump reveals. The poll paints a mixed picture of the November 2022 midterm landscape for the house of reps, with President Joe Biden’s job rating dipping to low 40s. Republicans narrowly lead on congressional preference, but Democrats nearly tie Republicans on voter enthusiasm with “threats to democracy” overtaking the cost of living as the top issue facing the country for voters. “Politically, for Joe Biden and Democrats, the news is not all bad,” said Democratic pollster Jeff Horwitt of Hart Research Associates, who conducted this survey with Republican pollster Bill McInturff of Public Opinion Strategies. “Heading

into Labor Day, the political dynamics could be worse (for Democrats), but they also need to get a lot better and fast,” he added. McInturff agrees that the environment has improved for Democrats since earlier this year. But he argues that the main fundamentals – the President’s job rating, the nation’s direction – are breaking against the party. “America is singing the blues, and that is bad news for the Blue Team in November,” he said. The NBC News poll was conducted August 12-16, during and after a tumultuous period for Trump – when the FBI searched his Florida home, when Trump attorney and ally Rudy Giuliani revealed he is a “target” in the probe of alleged election interference in Georgia, and as a former Trump business executive was pleading guilty for tax fraud in a Manhattan court in New York. According to the survey, 57 per cent of registered voters say that the investigations into alleged wrongdoing by Trump should continue, while 40 per cent say they should stop. By party, 92 per cent of Democratic voters, 61 per cent of independents but just 21 per cent of Republican voters think the investigations into Trump should continue, media reports claim.

NOVAVAX COVID-19 VACCINE ADJUVANTED GETS EXPANDED APPROVAL IN US



Novavax says the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted expanded emergency use authorisation for its Covid-19 vaccine Adjuvanted for adolescents aged between 12-17 years. The US company said the vaccine was the first protein-based Covid-19 jab authorised in the US, dpa news agency reported. Doses of the Adjuvanted are available for use in adolescents upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommendation, the company noted. In July 2022, the FDA had granted emergency use authorisation for a two-dose primary series in adults aged 18 years and older, followed by a recommendation from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunisation Practices, and endorsement from the CDC.

CHANDIGARH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BE NAMED AFTER SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH: PUNJAB CM BHAGWANT MANN



Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Punjab, his first after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) came to power in the state, Punjab and its neighbouring Haryana on Saturday agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. An announcement in this regard was made after a joint meeting between Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala. Mann later announced the news in a tweet. For almost a decade, Punjab wanted to name the airport as Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali, but Haryana had objected to the word Mohali. Also, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha had also passed a resolution to name the airport as Shaheed-E-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali. The Haryana Vidhan Sabha had passed a resolution to rename the airport, but with the use of the word Chandigarh.

INDIA WARNS UN MAY FACE OBLIVION WITHOUT REFORMS TO MAKE IT RELEVANT

India has warned that the world body UN could slip into oblivion and be overtaken by more democratic organisations if the UN Security Council is not reformed to make it more relevant to today’s geopolitical realities. India’s Permanent Representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj said on Monday, “A truly representative Security Council is the most pressing need of the hour. “ “Else, there is a real danger of the United Nations being superseded by other plurilateral and multilateral groupings which are more representative, more transparent and more democratic and, therefore, more effective,” she added. “The most urgent thing, therefore, for us to do is to make the Security Council more representative of developing countries, so as to reflect current geopolitical realities,” Kamboj said at the Council meeting on “Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Promoting Common Security Through Dialogue and Cooperation”.



In a world very different from the world of 1945 when the UN was founded, she asked, “Is the UN, particularly the Security Council which is the foremost organ tasked with the responsibility of maintaining international peace and security, able to remain relevant?” More than two decades of efforts to reform the Security Council which is stuck in the post-World War II structure have failed because of obstruction from a small number of countries led by Italy and includes Pakistan. As it has in previous years, the negotiations for Council reforms were pushed last month to the next session of the General Assembly after failing to even adopt a negotiating text on which the discussions can be based. India has been pushing for reforming the Council and staked a claim to a permanent seat in the restructured body. “In my country, which now represents more than one-sixth of humanity, we believe that until we ‘reform, perform and transform’ multilateral governance structures, we would be continuing to found wanting,” Kamboj added. The call for reforms takes on a sense of urgency as the Council mired by system of vetoes of the permanent members has been unable to act on Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres drew attention to the hobbling of the Council. While “today’s collective security system is being tested like never before,” he said. “Lingering differences between the world’s great powers — including at this Council — continue to limit our ability to collectively respond.” “Many of the systems established decades ago are now facing challenges that were unimaginable to our predecessors — cyberwarfare, terrorism and lethal autonomous weapons,” Guterres added. Kamboj said, “A body that was founded in the aftermath of the second world war, which continues to reflect in its decision-making, 77 years later, the fundamentally flawed premise of ‘to the victors belong the spoils, will continue to be confronted with a crisis of confidence and credibility.”

WHO IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF BRAMPTON?

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Another US delegation lands in Taiwan amid China tensions

Taiwan’s President Tsai Ing-wen on Monday received another delegation from the US amid rising tensions with China. Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb arrived in Taipei on Sunday night for a four-day trip, reports dpa news agency. Upon his arrival, he said in a tweet: “I landed in Taipei to kick off an economic development trip in Taiwan and South Korea. Indiana’s home to 10 Taiwanese & 12 South Korean businesses. This week marks my 2nd trip to South Korea as Governor and I’m proud to be the first governor to visit Taiwan since before the pandemic.” His visit comes after recent trips by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and top Democrat Ed Markey drew ire from Beijing, which rejects official contacts between Taipei and other countries. Beijing started large-scale military manoeuvres around Taiwan in response to Pelosi’s August 2 visit. Tsai stressed in a presidential office meeting with Holcomb that the US and Taiwan are key security and economic allies in the Indo-Pacific region. “Taiwan has been confronted by military threats from China, in and around the Taiwan Strait. At this moment, democratic allies must stand together and boost cooperation across all areas,” Tsai told the Indiana Governor. She also said Taiwan was eager to strengthen cooperation to build sustainable supply chains. Holcomb signed a memorandum of understanding with Taiwan’s Ministry of Economic Affairs to facilitate bilateral business, trade and scientific cooperation.



He told Tsai that Indiana will continue to seek strategic partnerships with Taiwan and said he was excited about the prospect of future collaborations with Taiwan. Holcomb plans to meet with other senior government officials and representatives from the semiconductor sector, according to Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Taiwan has had an independent government since 1949, but China considers the island part of its territory.

ONTARIO REVEALS PLAN MEANT TO STABILIZE ONTARIO’S HEALTH-CARE SYSTEM; TO FUND MORE PRIVATE CLINIC SURGERIES

The Ontario government introduced its Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery, a five-point plan to provide the best care possible to patients and residents while ensuring the resources and supports are in place to keep the province and economy open. The plan further bolsters Ontario’s health care workforce, expands innovative models of care and ensures hospital beds are there for patients when they need them. “When we released our first Plan to Stay Open in March 2022, we made a promise to build an Ontario that is ready for the challenges of tomorrow because we can no longer accept the status quo,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The second phase of our plan will provide the support our health system needs to address the urgent pressures of today while preparing for a potential winter surge so our province and economy can stay open.” When fully implemented, this next phase of the Plan to Stay Open will add up to 6,000 more health care workers. Combined with the initiatives included in the first phase of the plan that are adding 13,000 more staff, the two plans together are adding 19,000 more health care workers, including nurses and personal support workers, to Ontario’s health workforce. It will also free up over 2,500 hospital beds so that care is there for those who need it, and expand models of care that provide better, more appropriate care to avoid unnecessary visits to emergency departments. The next phase of Ontario’s Plan to Stay Open also temporarily covers the costs of examination, application and registration fees for internationally trained and retired nurses, so they can resume or begin caring for patients sooner. Some key highlights of the plan include: **Preserving our Hospital Capacity** To further bolster the fight against COVID-19 and help stop its spread, the government is continuing to provide access to testing for COVID-19, Paxlovid and Evusheld therapies for treatment for those who are eligible, with plans on expanding eligibility for Evusheld for high-risk populations in the coming weeks. COVID-19 and flu shots will also continue to be provided to Ontarians so they can stay up to date with their vaccinations to protect themselves and reduce the number of hospitalizations due to respiratory illnesses. Free rapid antigen tests will continue to be available to the general public at participating grocery and pharmacy retailers throughout the province as well as for workplaces, schools, and congregate settings. **Providing the Right Care in the Right Place** Ontario is expanding the hugely successful 9-1-1 models of care to include additional ailments and is now giving paramedics the flexibility to provide better, more appropriate care. Patients diverted from emergency departments through these models received the care they needed up to 17 times faster with 94 per cent of patients avoiding the emergency department in the days following treatment. Ontario is implementing several initiatives to help avoid unnecessary hospitalizations, improve the process for ambulance offloading, and reintroduce respite services in long-term care. Ontario is introducing legislation that, if passed, will support patients whose doctors have said they no longer need hospital treatment and should instead be placed in a long-term care home, while they wait for their preferred home. Ontario continues to fund community paramedicine to provide additional care for seniors in the comfort of their own homes before their admission to a long-term care home. These initiatives will free up to 400 hospital beds. **Further Reducing Surgical Waitlists** Timely access to surgery is important for keeping patients healthy and reducing pressure on the health care system in the long-term. That is why the government is investing over \$300 million in 2022–23 as part of the province’s surgical recovery strategy, bringing the total investment to \$880 million over the last three fiscal years. Ontario is working with hospital partners to identify innovative solutions to reduce wait times for surgeries and procedures, including considering options for further increasing surgical capacity by increasing the number of OHIP-covered surgical procedures performed at independent health

A Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery will focus on:

-  Preserving our hospital capacity
-  Providing the right care in the right place
-  Further reducing surgical waitlists
-  Easing pressure on our emergency departments
-  Further expanding Ontario's health workforce

facilities. Ontario is investing more to increase surgeries in paediatric hospitals and existing private clinics covered by OHIP, as well as to fund more than 150,000 additional operating hours for hospital-based MRI and CT machines. **Easing Pressure on our Emergency Departments** Ontario is also launching a new provincial emergency department peer-to-peer program to provide additional on-demand, real-time support and coaching from experienced emergency physicians to aid in the management of patients presenting to rural emergency departments. Ontario is adding 400 physician residents to support the workforce in northern and rural Ontario. Ontario is working with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to expedite the registration of doctors, including those from out-of-province and who may want to work in rural and northern emergency departments, so they can start working and caring for patients sooner. **Further Expanding Ontario’s Health Workforce** Ontario is working with the College of Nurses of Ontario and Ontario Health to expand funding for the supervised practice experience partnership program which has already supported over 600 international nurses in getting licensed since January. The province anticipates that by the end of the fiscal year another 400 international nurses will gain the practice and language requirements necessary to work in Ontario. The Ontario government is also working with the College of Nurses of Ontario to reduce the financial barriers that may be stopping some retired or internationally trained nurses from receiving accreditation to resume or begin practicing by temporarily covering the cost of examination, application, and registration fees, saving them up to \$1,500. The province is aware that agency rates have increased significantly, creating instability for hospitals, long-term care homes and emergency departments. In response, Ontario will engage with our frontline partners to better understand how we can bring stability to hospitals and emergency departments, while protecting quality of care. As actions in this plan are implemented in the coming weeks and months, Ontarians can expect to see faster access to health care, including lower wait times in emergency departments, lower wait times for surgical procedures and more care options right in their communities. Ontario will also significantly reduce the risk of a hospital bed shortage during a possible winter surge so that the province and economy can stay open. “Expanding specialized supports for people with complex needs and supporting the transition from hospitals into long-term care, when appropriate, are key pieces of our government’s Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. “We are taking action to get Ontarians the right care in the right setting, where they can have the best possible quality of life, while freeing up much-needed hospital beds.” “We are committed to working with our system partners to deliver on this plan and support front line health care workers,” said Matthew Anderson, President & CEO of Ontario Health. “This plan provides both immediate and long-term strategies that will allow us to respond to current challenges and better integrate the system for the future.” Since the start of the pandemic Ontario has taken immediate action to ensure we can continue to manage COVID-19 and prepare for the long term.

CHINA TO RESUME STUDENT VISAS FOR INDIANS



China on Monday announced that it will resume issuing visas to students, especially Indians, intending to pursue education in the country. “Warmest congrats to #Indian #students! Your patience proves worthwhile. I can really share your excitement & happiness. Welcome back to #China!”, Ji Rong, who is Counsellor, Department of Asian Affairs at China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said in a tweet. The Chinese embassy in India, on its website, said that it has updated the “Application Procedures and Material Requirements of China Visa”, which will be implemented from August 24, and shared steps of the new process. China will issue X1 visas to students who intend to pursue higher academic education in the country. These include new and old students as well and China wants them to return at earliest. Around 23,000 Indian students, a majority of which were undergoing medical education were stuck back home due to Covid visa restrictions. India had submitted a list of the students after China sought the names of those wanting to return and resume their studies.

IT WILL BE BJP VS AAP IN 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS, CLAIMS MANISH SISODIA



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday claimed that the 2024 general elections will see a direct contest between the BJP and AAP. The election will be held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, Sisodia claimed addressing mediapersons. After the Punjab assembly election, Kejriwal has emerged as an alternative at national level and that is their (BJP’s) main concern, Sisodia said. He said irregularities in the Excise policy or any scam in not an issue for them, but their main concern is the rising stature of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Sisodia’s remark came a day after the CBI raided his residence and other locations in connection with irregularities in connection with New Excise Policy. A conspiracy is being hatched through this raid by the probe agency to stop Arvind Kejriwal, he alleged. “I am not involved in any corruption. My only mistake is that I am the education minister of the Arvind Kejriwal government”, said Sisodia. “It may be that the CBI can arrest me in the next 3-4 days. But we won’t be scared. They cannot stop us. The elections of 2024 will be AAP vs BJP” Sisodia said. He has proved the mettle as a leader who works for the public by improving Delhi’s education and health systems. He said that the Excise policy due to which whole controversy is created is the country’s best policy. “We were applying it with transparency & sincerity. Had Delhi LG not changed his decision conspiring to fail the policy, Delhi government would’ve been getting at least Rs 10,000 crore every year,” claimed Deputy CM Sisodia. “Around Rs 10 thousand crore were misappropriated through excise policy in Gujarat. If they have any concern about the excise irregularities or any loopholes, the whole CBI and ED office should have shifted to Gujarat.”

IAF SACKS THREE OFFICERS FOR MISFIRING OF BRAHMOS MISSILE INTO PAKISTAN



The Indian Air Force on Tuesday sacked three personnel for the firing of a BrahMos missile into Pakistani territory. The IAF in a statement said, “BrahMos missile was accidentally fired on 09 March 2022. A Court of Inquiry (Col), set up to establish the facts of the case, including fixing responsibility for the incident, found that deviation from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) by three officers led to the accidental firing of the missile.” “These three officers have primarily been held responsible for the incident. Their services have been terminated by the Central Govt with immediate effect. Termination orders have been served upon the officers on 23 Aug 22,” the statement added. The incident was reported on March 9 this year. It was said that during “routine maintenance and inspection,” a BrahMos missile was accidentally launched into the territory of Pakistan in the vicinity of Mian Channu town, travelling more than 120 kms west of the India-Pakistan border. According to Pakistani military officials on March 10, the missile flew for 3 minutes and 46 seconds within Pakistani airspace.

Welfare state vs. poll promises: A complex question confronts the apex court

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The democratic set-up we have in our country involves political parties/leaders to express and share their agendas to get elected to power, through their manifestos, social media handles, advertisements and public speeches.

The request to vote for such political parties/leaders involves giving a ray of hope to the voters and an array of reasons justifying their candidature and election. This is primarily done in view of our country being, constitutionally, a welfare state, where the ruling establishment is duty-bound to provide multiple facilities to the countrymates.

In the light of these electoral promises, the political leadership tends to guarantee certain things free of cost or as now popularly known as freebies. Few of these freebies can be rational. Many may not. What may constitute rational freebies is primarily essential services including education, health facilities, etc. These are permissible and rather essential.

Some may even say these cannot be termed as freebies at all. On the other hand, what may include irrational freebies is television sets, mixer-grinders, other electronic gadgets such as mobile phones and laptops, bicycles, etc. The list can never be exhaustive for obvious reasons.

It is these irrational freebies which are a cause of great concern and the doors of the top court have been approached to decide upon the issue.

In my view, irrational freebies must be deprecated in the strongest possible manner and strictly disallowed.

We have lately seen a trend by certain political parties and leaders where a number of irrational freebies are promised in order to attract attention and gain votes. Worse problem is where few of these irrational freebies are actually given to the public at large. These irrational freebies derive existence from taxpayers' money as the government primarily generates revenue through multiple direct and indirect taxation. No political party generates money to produce these free gifts but derives money to give these freebies from hard earned money of the public exchequer only.

Certain services such as health, education, water, sewage, electricity and transport that people cannot organise for themselves, being a welfare state, the ruling establishment should provide. If not for free, then at least at some subsidy as these are all welfare measures. That is why we elect governments.

How much of these services should be free depends on the government's fiscal space and economic health. If the government's (state or centre) expenditure-revenue situation is robust, then free services are most welcome. But the reality is, almost all the states



IT DEPENDS ON THE PREVAILING SITUATION IF GIVING AWAY A PARTICULAR SERVICE/ITEM IS AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE AT A PARTICULAR POINT OF TIME OR IS AN IRRATIONAL FREEBIE AT ANOTHER TIME OR LOCATION. SIMILARLY, BOTH "IRRATIONAL" AND "FREEBIES" ARE TERMS OPEN TO SUBJECTIVE INTERPRETATION AND CAN HAVE NO PRECISE LEGAL DEFINITIONS AS THEY ARE NOT STATIC EITHER. DURING A NATURAL DISASTER OR A PANDEMIC, PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING MEDICINES, FOOD OR FUNDS MAY SAVE LIVES BUT IN REGULAR TIMES, THEY CAN BE TERMED FREEBIES. THE DIRECTIVES PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY IN PART IV OF THE CONSTITUTION SAYS THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE (BPL) OR CANNOT PROGRESS WITHOUT SUPPORT. BUT WE HAVE SEEN ELECTION MANIFESTOS OFTEN DO NOT HONOUR SUCH DISTINCTIONS. IRRATIONAL FREEBIES ALSO INTERFERE WITH FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AS THEY INFLUENCE THE PEOPLE'S MIND ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A CORRUPT PRACTICE. FURTHER THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GIVING OUT SUCH FREEBIES AT ALL.

are often short of cash. Even the central government has to work extremely hard to maintain the financial position. Irrational freebies are an elitist construct that allows those in power exploit those who are not in power by promising to give them and themselves certain things (not essential services) for free by increasing the prices of other services for them.

The difference between an irrational freebie and an essential service is an evolving concept. It depends on the prevailing situation if giving away a particular service/item is an essential service at a particular point of time or is an irrational freebie at another time or location. Similarly, both "irrational" and "freebies" are terms open to subjective interpretation and can have no precise legal definitions as they are not static either. During a natural disaster or a pandemic, providing life-saving medicines, food or funds may save lives but in regular times, they can be termed freebies.

The Directives Principles of State Policy in Part IV of the Constitution says the state government should promote the welfare of people who are Below the Poverty Line (BPL) or cannot progress without support. But we have seen election manifestos often do not honour such distinctions.

Irrational freebies also interfere with free and fair elections as they influence the people's mind although it is not a corrupt practice. Further there is no accountability for giving out such freebies at all.

There is a complete lacuna in the law on this subject. Recently, even the Prime Minister has pointed out that this 'erevadi culture' must be checked as it carries far-reaching economic consequences.

If we look closely at the voter behaviour in response to such irrational freebies, we find that the Aam Aadmi Party has managed to emerge as the sole regional party to have elected governments in two states -- Delhi and Punjab.

The manifestoes and public speeches of this political party are full of giving away freebies which weakens the fiscal health of the state. For

anything which goes haywire, the political party tends to cry out to the centre and tries level best to push the onus on the ruling establishment at the centre.

We have seen multiple such examples including Tamil Nadu, where the eAmma' brand under J.Jayalalitha literally gave out all household items (free sarees, pressure cookers, television sets and washing machines) as freebies while she herself was convicted for disproportionate assets under the anti-corruption law.

Political parties in power tend to give incentives to the public in the form of irrational freebies just before elections to woo voters. For example, the Aam Aadmi Party issued a series of freebies just before the 2020 Delhi elections including free rides for women in metro trains and buses, free electricity for people who use up to 200 units, waiver of arrears in water bills, and extension of free entrance coaching to all students whose annual family income is less than Rs8 lakh.

The matter of "irrational freebies" has reached the Supreme Court, where the BJP-led central government wants freebies stopped, while Arvind Kejriwal's AAP says its schemes are for the welfare of the people and, thus, must continue. As pen pushers, let's hope for a quicker solution.

Although the Supreme Court has hinted towards forming an expert committee rather than asking parliament to do it as political leadership may not want to lose on irrational freebies, yet, it will be much better if the top court decides the matter on the judicial side rather than delegating it. Let's hope for the best. Fingers crossed!

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CANADA, GERMANY SIGN DEAL TO START HYDROGEN SHIPMENTS BY 2025

Germany and Canada have signed a cooperation agreement for the production and transport of hydrogen on the second day of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's inaugural trip to Canada. German Economics Minister Robert Habeck and Canadian Energy Minister Jonathan Wilkinson signed the agreement at a ceremony on Tuesday in the remote town of Stephenville, in Newfoundland and Labrador, attended by Scholz and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, dpa news agency reported. Trudeau spoke of a "historic step forward for our shared future". "Our target is clear: Working towards initial exports of Canadian hydrogen to Germany by 2025," Trudeau said. "Our outcomes are clear as well: Creating middle class jobs and local growth while delivering clear energy that will help fight climate change." Scholz said that the deal will take the partnership between the two countries to a more strategic level. The German chancellor, who was accompanied on his trip by his deputy Habeck and a large delegation of business and industry leaders, called the agreement "an important step not only for strengthening our bilateral economic relations, but also for a sustainable energy supply for the future." Newfoundland is considered a favourable location for the production of renewable hydrogen. The region is very windy and sparsely populated. The use of hydrogen does not produce greenhouse gases. To produce it,

water has to be split into hydrogen and oxygen by electrolysis, which is only climate-friendly if sustainable energy is used. Currently the cost of producing low-carbon hydrogen is more expensive than buying natural gas, but experts believe that hydrogen has the ability to reduce energy bills in the medium term. Industrial hydrogen production hubs have yet to be completed, however. German energy companies Eon and Uniper said on Tuesday that they had signed a memorandum of understanding with Canada's Everwind on the sidelines of the German-Canadian talks with the aim of importing climate-neutral hydrogen from Canada on a large scale from 2025. Accordingly, the companies are each seeking a purchase agreement for up to 500,000 tonnes of ammonia - the chemical used to transport hydrogen - per year. A green hydrogen and ammonia production plant is to be built in the village of Point Tupper in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia. "It is in an advanced stage of development and is expected to start commercial operation in early 2025," Eon said. Also on Tuesday, German carmaker Mercedes-Benz and the Canadian government signed a memorandum of understanding to promote cooperation and economic opportunities within the Canadian supply chain for electric vehicles.

CANADA SUPPORTS BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PEEL YORK AND BLACK YOUTH SUCCESS IN ONTARIO

Shafqat Ali, Member of Parliament for Brampton Centre, announced today that the Government of Canada has provided \$70,000 in federal funding through the Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives Program to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York and Black Youth Success. He made this announcement on behalf of the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion . This grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage will contribute to the Black Youth School Success Initiative (BYSSI) Mentoring Program, which is a collaborative project developed by Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York and Black Youth Success. Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York is an organization for children and youth based on mentorship, while Black Youth Success is a local, Black-led organization designed to serve and support Black youth. The BYSSI Mentoring Program is designed to support Black youth through culturally-specific one-on-one mentorship. Young participants will benefit from the guidance, support, and role modelling that adults who share their lived experiences will offer. This mentoring program is unique because it combines the essential practices when working with Black youth developed by a Black-led organization with the best practices of formal mentoring programs. BYSSI Mentoring Program seeks to empower and support Black youth aged 12-18 in the Peel Region. The BYSSI Mentoring Program will educate Black youth about their histories and Black leadership, strengthen their cultural identities, develop leadership skills, ensure preparedness for post-secondary ventures, and enhance the sense of community belonging. A unique and critical aspect of the way this program is designed is that it is led by Black mentors. This

ensures that Black youth are mentored by people who understand their lived experiences, trauma, and struggles with cultural identity and systemic discrimination. Shafqat Ali, said, "The work accomplished by Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York and Black Youth Success is instrumental in serving and supporting the youth in our communities. Young people are the leaders of today and tomorrow, and it is organizations like BBBSPY and BYS that ensure their success, well-being, and happiness. Together, we will build a safer and more inclusive Canada for everyone." "Mentorship is a necessary catalyst for equity, it can make the difference between a child merely surviving or having real, life changing options. It changed my life and I know this program can change theirs," Chenai Kadungure, Senior Manager, Black Youth Success said. Quick Facts

- The Black Youth School Success Initiative Mentoring Program is an 8-month project.
- During this time the Mentoring Program will be designed and implemented collaboratively by Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York and Black Youth Success.
- Volunteer mentors will be recruited, screened, and trained and foster mentoring relationships with a group of approximately 10-15 Black youth.
- Group activities focused on identity and skill development and trainings on Anti-Black racism will be conducted for not only youth members, but also staff and volunteers.
- The project will engage approximately 75 participants overall

TEMPORARY BAN ON IMPORTATION OF HANDGUNS INTO CANADA NOW IN EFFECT



Today, the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, announced that the temporary ban on the importation of restricted handguns is now in effect. This temporary ban means that permits for import-restricted handguns into Canada will no longer be issued to individuals or businesses, subject to narrow exceptions that mirror those in Bill C-21. With stores unable to restock their shelves, these measures will slow the run on handguns until the national handgun freeze proposed in Bill C-21 comes into force. No single program or initiative can tackle the challenge of gun violence on its own. That is why the Government of Canada is using all the tools at its disposal to fight gun crime and keep Canadians safe. Minister Joly said, "All Canadians deserve to feel safe in their communities. As a government, it is our collective responsibility to explore every avenue to make that so. The temporary ban on the importation of handguns is an important measure in our comprehensive plan to build a safer Canada for everyone." "My top priority as minister of public safety is keeping Canadians safe. This temporary ban is further proof that we are using all the tools at our disposal to fight gun crime. It is a key pillar of our plan to address it, along with investments in prevention, action at our borders, a ban on assault-style weapons and Bill C-21: Canada's most significant action on gun violence in a generation," Minister Marco said.

PM TRUDEAU ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE; IMPOSES NEW SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, participated in the virtual Summit for Heads of State and Government of the International Crimea Platform, where he announced new sanctions against supporters of the Russian regime, as well as additional assistance for Ukraine. Chancellor of Germany Olaf Scholz, currently visiting Canada, also participated in this Ukraine-led initiative. The two leaders highlighted their solidarity and unwavering support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people bravely defending their sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence against Russia's illegal and unjustifiable invasion. To increase pressure on Putin's regime, the Prime Minister announced that Canada is imposing new measures on 62 close associates of the Russian regime and a defence sector entity that is complicit in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Among the individuals sanctioned are high-ranking Russian government officials, including Russian federal governors and regional heads, their family members, and senior officials of currently sanctioned defence sector entities.

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS IN GUELPH STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Registration for fall recreation programs starts Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 a.m. including swimming, sports and leisure activities. Schedules are live on RecEnroll this morning so you can plan your fall programs. Register online at recenroll.ca or call 519-837-5699. If you are paying cash, in-person registration is available at West End Community Centre, Victoria Road Recreation Centre and Evergreen Seniors Community Centre daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Learn to Swim program levels are changing, for the better We're condensing our preschool and school age swim levels to introduce survival swim skills earlier in our program. Depending on which level you last completed, you might go up a level, down a level

or stay the same. Learn which level you'll transition to at guelph.ca/living/recreation/recreation-programs/swimming/ Inclusion in recreation programs for people with a disability Did you know that our recreation programs offer inclusion supports so that people of all abilities can participate? One2One support is available for people with a disability who require extra support to participate in programs or camps. This service is provided at no cost. We have new adapted recreation programs with specialized programming to meet a variety of needs including drum club for kids 8 to 16 years, Active Start for kids 4 to 7 years and FUNdamentals for kids ages 7 to 12. We're also offering our usual adapted aquatics and Friday Friends social groups.

CITY OF GUELPH TAKING A PHASED APPROACH TO IMPROVEMENTS ALONG SPEEDVALE CORRIDOR

The City has started making improvements along the Speedvale Avenue corridor between Elmira Road North and Stevenson Street. Speedvale is an essential corridor in Guelph for local residential and commercial traffic, movement of goods and services for local businesses, and railway access. The City is taking a strategic phased approach to this work. **A future-focused plan** Water and sewer pipes running under Speedvale Avenue must be replaced as they approach the end of their lifecycle and upgraded to support Guelph's growing population. "Water and sewer pipes are expected to last about 80 to 100 years; the pipes under Speedvale Avenue now are 70 to 90 years old," explains Terry Gayman, the City's general manager of Engineering and Transportation Services. "Replacing pipes before they begin to break is more cost-effective and allows us to install infrastructure that supports future population growth and economic development opportunities." These upgrades are crucial for a future-ready Guelph and achieving the City's overall vision for the roadway. In addition to replacing underground pipes, the bridge over the Speed River will be replaced, and the City will improve and add travel options for people who walk, cycle, and use other forms of active transportation. Road improvements will also benefit people driving and riding transit. **Projects in the plan** City staff is working on several projects in different sections of Speedvale Avenue in a phased approach. Elmira Road North to Imperial Road North Imperial Road North to Royal Road Retaining Wall Silvercreek Parkway North Westmount Road to Glenwood Avenue Glenwood Avenue to Speedvale and Woolwich Railway Tracks Speed River Bridge replacement Riverview Drive to Clive Avenue Clive Avenue to Manhattan Court

Emma to Earl pedestrian bridge Work on some of these projects is currently underway, with construction to continue over the next few years. For more information about any project, please visit guelph.ca/construction. **The Speedvale Bridge** Work to replace the Speedvale Bridge is planned around construction of the new Emma to Earl pedestrian bridge so that pedestrians and cyclists have a safe, alternate route while the Speedvale Bridge is being replaced. The City recently updated and finalized the Emma Street to Earl Street Pedestrian Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment as requested by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Should the assessment confirm a new pedestrian bridge as the preferred solution, construction is expected in 2024 or 2025. A recent study of the Speedvale Bridge's structural integrity indicated load restrictions would likely need to be imposed in about five years time. City staff will continue to monitor the bridge condition on an annual basis. **Next steps** Communication with local businesses will be key throughout the process. "We understand the impact construction can have on revenue generation, and we're working hard to build and provide alternate routes during the Speedvale Bridge closing," adds Gayman. "We will do everything we can to support businesses and their customers throughout this important work and the Emma to Earl bridge is one way we can make it as easy as possible for customers to access local businesses. **Active transportation options for a net-zero future** Improving the quality of active transportation options along Speedvale Avenue will increase the safety, efficiency and connectivity of Guelph's transportation system. Sidewalks, paved multi-use paths, and the addition of the Emma to Earl pedestrian bridge are important investments in sustainable transportation, and vital to supporting a future-ready Guelph, the Transportation Master Plan and the City's commitment to the Race To Zero.

PEEL POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN SHOOTING INCIDENT AT MUSIC CONCERT EVENT IN MISSISSAUGA

Investigators from the 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau request the public's assistance concerning a shooting that occurred in the City of Mississauga. On Sunday, July 31, 2022, at approximately 11:42 p.m., police received reports of gunfire from a music concert event in the area of Northwest Drive and Airway Drive in Mississauga. Upon arrival, officers located evidence of shots fired. Two victims were transported to a trauma centre with life-threatening injuries. There is no suspect information at this time. There were over 800 attendees at the event. Anyone that has information on this investigation, is encouraged to contact officers from the 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121 extension 1233. Anyone with video surveillance, dashcam or digital video footage, is encouraged to visit our evidence submission page. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

DR. KAURA'S FIVE BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH TIPS

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Avoid sugary drinks that can contain up to 10 teaspoons of sugar. Water is the best way to stay hydrated. By eating a nutritious lunch and snacks, your child will be able to focus on schoolwork and activities rather than a grumbling tummy. **Set a sleep routine.** A good night's sleep is important for everyone, especially children! Make sure your child has a healthy sleep routine, including limiting screen time before bed, and having a consistent bedtime and waking time. Getting enough rest – at least eight hours of sleep each night – gives children's bodies and minds the necessary time to develop, and to start the next school day rested and ready to learn. **Stay active!** Physical activity and keeping fit is important at all ages. It is key to teaching children about staying healthy through exercise and encourages them to explore new hobbies. Sports activities are also an excellent way for kids to make friends and use up extra energy. **Communicate with your child frequently.** Talk with your child about any fears they may have about going back to school and, once back, always ask them about their day. Be present and supportive through the conversation by showing interest in their classes and activities, and inquiring about their feelings. These conversations are also a good opportunity to talk to your child about safety – from reminding them to look both ways before crossing the street to educating them about bullying. **Know the backpack essentials.** School backpacks are a practical way of carrying schoolbooks, lunch and other items children need during the school day. A good, well-fitted backpack can help prevent back injuries. Backpacks should have wide padded shoulders and a padded back, and the bottom should sit at the child's hip. The packed weight should not exceed 20 per cent of the child's weight.

MODERNA TO SUPPLY 12 MILLION DOSES OF OMICRON-TARGETED COVID SHOT TO CANADA



Moderna announced that the Government of Canada has exercised its option to purchase an additional 4.5 million doses of an Omicron-containing bivalent vaccine booster candidate from the Company, in addition to moving forward the scheduled delivery of 1.5 million doses of the bivalent vaccine candidate from 2023 to 2022. Moderna and the Government of Canada have also agreed to convert six million doses of the Company's COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax, mRNA-1273) to an Omicron-containing bivalent vaccine. The agreement is subject to regulatory approval of the Omicron-containing bivalent vaccine booster candidate by Health Canada, with doses scheduled for delivery in 2022. "We thank the Government of Canada for their trust in our mRNA technology and our next-generation bivalent COVID-19 vaccine platform," said Stéphane Bancel, Moderna's Chief Executive Officer. "As we have seen throughout this pandemic, the Government of Canada continues to take important steps in preparing for the winter season and protecting its people against Omicron."

BRAMPTON EXPERIENCING LOCALIZED FLOODING

Brampton is experiencing localized flooding across the city. Residents are reminded to stay safe as flooding occurs. Residents should follow safety precautions:

- Standing water may be electrically charged by indoor electrical systems and underground or downed power lines. Keep yourself, children and pets away from standing water and downed power lines.
- Floodwaters can move quickly and pose a risk of drowning. Protect your safety and do not drive or walk through floodwaters.
- Building structures can be affected and become unsafe. Leave your home if there are any signs of potential foundation and structural damage, including to porch roofs and overhangs.
- Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car. Don't drive or walk through flood waters.
- Flood waters can contain sewage (may contain bacteria, viruses or parasites), chemicals and debris like broken glass. Avoid low-lying areas. Keep yourself, family and pets away from flood waters.
- Do not enter a flood area unless wearing appropriate personal protective equipment and clothing.

 If residents are in danger, they should call 9-1-1 immediately. To report localized flooding on municipal roads, blocked storm sewer grates or significant basement flooding, call 311.

TORONTO POLICE RELEASE PHOTOS OF WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED IN SCARBOROUGH



The Toronto Police Service requests the public's assistance locating a woman believed to have been kidnapped. On Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 12:02 p.m., officers responded to calls about a suspicious incident in the Guildwood Parkway and Kingston Road area. Investigators have released a photograph of the woman who may have been kidnapped. Anyone who can identify her or has information about this incident is asked to contact investigators. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-4300, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at www.222tips.com.

CANADA-WIDE WARRANT ISSUED FOR ABDIRAHMAN JIMALE, 26, OF TORONTO, WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF PARDEEP BRAR, 26, OF BRAMPTON

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If located, do not approach. Call 9-1-1 immediately. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 416-808-7400, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477), or at www.222tips.com. **BACKGROUND:** On Sunday, July 17, 2022, at 3:33 a.m., officers responded to 647 King Street West for reports of a shooting. It is reported that: officers located two people who had been shot inside a nightclub a 24-year-old woman was transported to hospital with non life-threatening injuries a 26-year-old man was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries the man was pronounced deceased at the hospital the woman was treated at the hospital and has since been released there is no suspect information at this time The victim has been identified as Pardeep Brar, 26, of Brampton.



SONALI PHOGAT: SOCIAL MEDIA, REALITY TV CELEBRITY WHO’LL BE REMEMBERED FOR BEING ‘A HAPPY SOUL’

Sonali Phogat, who died following a heart attack in Goa on Tuesday, was no stranger to being in the public eye. She thrived on social media and hours before she breathed her last at the age of 42, she posted pictures and updates about herself on Instagram. Phogat was a TikTok star and ‘Bigg Boss 14’ contestant in 2020; she played the wife of a don modelled after the infamous Haji Mastan in the Zee TV serial ‘Amma’ opposite Nawab Shah; she appeared in a Bhojpuri film with Ravi Kishan, now the BJP MP from Gorakhpur; and she lost to Kuldeep Bishnoi, who was then in the Congress, in his family pocket borough of Adampur in the 2019 Haryana Assembly elections. Ironically, Phogat had contested from the BJP, the party Bishnoi recently joined. And a little before he made the switch, Bishnoi, who has resigned as MLA, was reported to have met Phogat to offer the seat to her — a seat that his father, the late former Haryana Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, then he and his wife Renuka have held since 1968. A BJP activist who had been inducted into the party by former Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, Sonali Phogat, a farmer’s daughter from Bhuthan village in Haryana’s Faridabad district, was married off to a local politician, Sanjay Phogat, after she cleared her Class X exams from a local government school. It was Sanjay Phogat, who, coincidentally, also died at the age of 42 in their farmhouse in 2016, who supported her education till Class XII and encouraged her to pursue modelling, along with her studies, in Noida.

Adani group targets 55.18% stake in NDTV, issues open offer for 26%

With an idea to hold 55.18 per cent stake in New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV), the Adani group has issued an open offer for 26 per cent stake in the news channel at Rs 294 for a share with a face value of Rs.4. The total outlay for 26 per cent, or 16,762,530 fully paid up equity shares of NDTV - if the offer is accepted in full - will be about Rs 483 crore for the Adani group. According to Adani group, the stake acquisition will be in two modes. Firstly, it will be through Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Ltd (VCPL). And then VCPL, its wholly-owned parent AMG Media Networks and Adani Enterprises Ltd (persons acting in concert). According to AMG Media Networks, its subsidiary VCPL has exercised its rights to acquire 99.5 per cent of equity shares of RRPR Holding Private Ltd, a promoter group company of NDTV. The VCPL holds 1,990,000 warrants of RRPR Holding entitling it to convert them into 99.99 per cent stake in the latter. The VCPL has exercised its option in part, resulting in acquisition control of RRPR Holding - 1,990,000 equity shares or 99.50 per cent. RRPR Holding holds 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV that has three national television channels. This triggered the issue of open offer to acquire shares of NDTV from the public as per SEBI’s (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011. The VCPL, at its sole discretion, may exercise the balance warrants to acquire up to 99.99 per cent of the equity share capital of RRPR Holding at any time and in such manner as it may deem fit. NDTV recorded a revenue of Rs 421 crore with an EBITDA of Rs 123

crore and net profit of Rs 85 crore in FY22 with negligible debt. “This acquisition is a significant milestone in the journey of AMNL’s (AMG Networks) goal to pave the path of new age media across platforms,” AMG Media Networks Ltd Sanjay Pugalia said. “AMNL seeks to empower Indian citizens, consumers and those interested in India, with information and knowledge. With its leading position in news and its strong and diverse reach across genres and geographies, NDTV is the most suitable broadcast and digital platform to deliver on our vision. We look forward to strengthening NDTV’s leadership in news delivery,” he added. AMNL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, houses the media business of the Adani Group. The company was recently incorporated to set up a credible next generation media platform with emphasis on digital and broadcast segments, amongst others. VCPL, which was recently acquired by AMNL, is its wholly-owned subsidiary. Meanwhile, on Monday, NDTV referring to a query from a journalist filed with BSE: “We are sharing this with you in the best interests of our shareholders - that we have clarified to the journalist in writing that this is a baseless rumour, and that Radhika and Pranjoy Roy are not in discussions now, nor have been, with any entity for a change in ownership or a divestment of their stake in NDTV. They individually and through their company, RRPR Holding Private Ltd, continue to hold 61.45 per cent of the total paid-up share capital of NDTV.” As per BSE, NDTV has three promoter shareholders (Pranjoy Roy 15.94 per cent, Radhika Roy 16.32, RRPR Holding 29.18) holding 61.45 per cent stake and the balance 38.55 per cent is with the public.

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CONGRESS YET TO DECIDE ON DATES TO ELECT PARTY PRESIDENT

The Central Election Authority of the Congress is awaiting nod from the party’s working committee to announce the schedule for electing the next Congress President as the grand old party is still in search of a consensus candidate for the top post after refusal from Rahul Gandhi. While sources said that the top choice is Ashok Gehlot, the Rajasthan Chief Minister had said on Monday that Rahul Gandhi should re-think his decision as it will demoralise the party workers. The sources also said that Congress wants to complete the organisational election by September, as it does not want to be on the firing line of the G-23 grouping after the resignation of Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma from state committees and with Haryana strongman Bhupinder Singh Hooda batting for the cause of senior party leaders. Also, Manish Tewari had taken a contrary stand to that of the Congress on the Agnipath scheme, which made the party uncomfortable. Another idea was mooted some time ago accroding to which Sonia Gandhi will continue as the party President while working presidents will be appointed for each zone. The other name doing the rounds for the top party post is Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Some leaders from the Scheduled Castes who could be given the top post include Sushil Kumar Shinde, Mallikarjun Kharge and Meira Kumar. Kharge is Rahul Gandhi’s confidante and can be instrumental in Karnataka polls.

CENTRE PROMOTES WELFARE OF ‘RICH FRIENDS’, WE INVEST IN PUBLIC, SAYS AAP

The much-debated issue today that has caught the attention of common citizens across many states is the freebies politics that originated from the national capital Delhi in some ways and has made its way to many states through assembly polls. The freebie culture that has made it to the centrestage of Indian politics is being criticised and advocated at the same time. Those advocating this culture find it a solid foundation for a vibrant democracy and call it an important aspect of the welfare state, while those criticising it fear an adverse impact on the economy. However, the issue has reached the apex court through a PIL by BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay against the practice of political parties providing or promising freebies to voters. The Aam Aadmi Party which started providing free electricity and water with a cap in the capital city after coming to power, may be called the beginning point for this culture. Though, there has been the tradition of waiving off electricity bills, water bills, and agricultural loans by many governments earlier. The Aam Aadmi Party calls it ‘an investment in the public. Dr Sakti Prasad Srichandan, Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, says that for a country like India, where many people are still below the poverty line, freebies are sometimes required. But it should be in a sustainable way, and without putting pressure on the economy. “But today we see freebies are used as a political tool to garner votes, and in an unsustainable way. Sooner or later, it will affect the economy and create other problems. The politics of freebies can have serious repercussions as we have seen in the recent case of Sri Lanka” he told IANS. He was apprehensive that India could meet the same fate, if this freebies culture is not tamed in a coordinated and controlled way. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in a press briefing last week said that the BJP calls welfare schemes for the public ‘free ki revari’ but we call it investing in our people.

MINISTER GADKARI LAUNCHES INDIA’S FIRST ELECTRIC AC DOUBLE-DECKER BUS



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, on Thursday inaugurated India’s first AC double-decker electric bus in Mumbai. Taking to his Twitter handle, Gadkari said, “Ushering Sustainable Revolution! It gives me immense pleasure to launch the Ashok Leyland’s Electric Double-Decker Bus in Mumbai today.” The minister also said the initiative will give a dynamic boost to the sustainable transport sector. “Giving Dynamic Boost to the sustainable transportation sector, such initiatives are cost-effective solutions & achieve PM Shri Narendra Modi Ji’s vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat by cutting down oil imports and promoting indigenous resource & services,” the minister said in another tweet. Gadkari added that the government’s vision and policies are supportive towards EV adoption with growing consumer demand for greener solutions. Manufactured by Switch Mobility Ltd (Switch), the electric double-decker has more capacity and can carry nearly twice the number of seated passengers as compared to single-decker bus. The electric bus has contemporary styling with feel-good interiors and exteriors. With wide front and rear doors, two staircases and an emergency door, the bus boats of the latest safety standards.

EXCISE POLICY CASE GIVES BJP AMMUNITION TO AIM AT KEJRIWAL

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Though the political image with which the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was founded owes credit to social activist Anna Hazare’s crusade against corruption, Kejriwal has been winning elections for three successive terms in Delhi and the party recently formed the government in Punjab. The AAP has now started projecting itself as a party fighting against corruption and is making this its major poll issue. The AAP is now expanding its foothold in other parts of the country and is fast emerging as a national party and posing a direct political challenge to the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, Anna Hazare did not support Kejriwal’s move to float his own political party and after the formation of AAP, several co-founders of the party were either expelled or left the party on their own. Manish Sisodia is the lone AAP leader, who is an active party member along with Kejriwal in running the government in Delhi. Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh is another key AAP leader trying to build the party at the organisational level. Kejriwal is seen to be the most popular AAP face in the states where the party is trying to expand its footprint. If Kejriwal, who entered into politics after fighting the battle against corruption, also gets embroiled in a corruption case, then it will likely dent his clean political image. This is the reason why the BJP is repeatedly seen targeting the Delhi Chief Minister directly. Union Minister and BJP leader Anurag Thakur has held Kejriwal solely responsible for the liquor scam, adding that Manish Sisodia is the accused in the scam but the ‘kingpin’ is Kejriwal. Thakur took a dig at Kejriwal’s ‘number one’ leader remark and further said that the AAP chief is the most corrupt leader. After targeting the AAP government for distributing freebies to people, the BJP has slammed the AAP government over the liquor scam. Thakur further described the Delhi government as ‘Revdi (freebies) Sarkar’ and ‘Bewdi (drunkards) Sarkar’ and asked the AAP whether Kejriwal was himself involved in returning over Rs 144 crore to the liquor mafia without the requisite consent taken by the Delhi Cabinet. Both former and current Delhi BJP chiefs -- Manoj Tiwari and Adesh Gupta -- have accused Kejriwal of directly benefitting the liquor mafia, adding that the Delhi government bypassed all the rules and regulations by allowing opening of liquor shops near residential areas, schools and religious places like temples and mosques. Tiwari, while demanding accountability of Rs 8,100 crore from Kejriwal has also alleged that the AAP contested the recent Assembly elections in Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and other states with the commission money received from the liquor scam. BJP MP Pravesh Verma went a step further and accused the Delhi Chief Minister of formulating a new excise policy by holding meetings at hotels in Delhi where Sisodia and the government officials as well as liquor mafia were also present. Harsh Vardhan, BJP Lok Sabha MP from Delhi and former Union Minister, also targeted Kejriwal and said that the people have witnessed large-scale corruption committed by the Delhi government. He even said that if there is any morality left in the AAP leaders, they should resign immediately. Speaking to the media on Saturday, a day after the CBI raid at Sisodia’s residence, the AAP is downplaying the raids after Sisodia claimed that Kejriwal is emerging as an alternative to Narendra Modi at the national level. “That’s why the BJP government is afraid of Kejriwal,” Sisodia said. Sisodia also claimed that the 2024 Lok Sabha election will be Arvind Kejriwal vs Narendra Modi. Reacting to Sisodia’s allegations, Union Minister Anurag Thakur took a jibe at the AAP and said that these people (AAP) also made several poll promises and tried (to defeat Modiji) in 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections as well in the recent Assembly elections held in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Goa but were defeated by Prime Minister Modi. Thakur said that the AAP leaders had claimed to form the government with absolute majority in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, but their candidates’ lost their seat deposits. The same situation is going to happen during the upcoming Assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat as well, he added. Thakur said that in 2014 the BJP had won 282 seats, in 2019 it won 303 seats and in 2024, the Modi government will be formed for the third time at the Centre by winning with an even bigger margin of seats.



TRUMP'S PROBLEMS PILE UP AS HIS TEAM SEEMS TO BE LOSING GRIP

Former US President Donald Trump's problems are piling up as his team seems to be losing the grip as new disclosures reveal he took 300 documents from the White House. His lawyers are deserting him and he's having tough time at the primaries when blue states recently turned in non-Trump candidates in the run-up to the midterms. Trump is reportedly having a hard time retaining the "best people" to represent him as he faces multiple lawsuits and a federal investigation, but the latest move from Trump left everyone wondering if his team is even awake at the wheel, media reports said. On Monday night, one of Trump's official representatives for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) released a May 10 letter that legal experts say is incredibly damning. Conservative journalist John Solomon posted the document on his website, JustTheNews.com. The letter was sent to Trump's lawyers by NARA, and confirms that the former president took highly classified materials with him to Mar-a-Lago. "As you are no doubt aware, NARA had ongoing communications with the former President's representatives throughout 2021 about what appeared to be missing Presidential records, which resulted in the transfer of 15 boxes of records to NARA in January 2022," the letter reads. In its initial review of materials within those boxes, NARA identified items marked as classified national security information, up to the level of Top Secret and including Sensitive Compartmented Information and Special Access Program materials. NARA informed the Department of Justice about that discovery, which prompted it to ask the President to request that NARA provide the FBI

with access to the boxes at issue so that those in the Intelligence Community could examine them. The former President had more than 300 classified documents at his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago, that have since been recovered by the federal government, New York Times has reported. The figures represent three batches of documents that federal officials have recovered in recent months. About 150 documents marked classified were handed over to the National Archives in January, a large number that prompted concern from officials there that Trump may have had additional sensitive material in the bowels of the resort. Trump reportedly went through those boxes himself late 2021 before they were turned over. Officials at the Justice Department later went to the Florida estate in June with a subpoena for any additional classified material. But reviews of security footage and information from interviews with Trump's aides led them to believe there were even more documents that hadn't been turned over. The Times added former White House officials were tasked with trying to return the documents to the federal government, but Trump resisted, calling the boxes: "Mine." The FBI, armed with a search warrant, went to Mar-a-Lago on Aug. 8 and recovered 11 more sets of classified material. A federal judge unsealed the warrant shortly afterward, which shows Trump was under investigation for possible violations of the Espionage Act. The Times, the first to report the number of sensitive material found during the searches, added it's unclear what type of classified information officials found. But the paper, citing a person briefed on the investigation, said they included material from the CIA, the National Security Agency and the FBI on topics related to national security.

TRUMP ORGANIZATION’S LONGTIME CFO
ALLEN WEISSELBERG PLEADS GUILTY IN
NEW YORK TAX FRAUD CASE



PAKISTAN, INDIA CAN’T AFFORD ANOTHER
WAR: PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF

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Sharif pointed out that Islamabad and New Delhi should have competition in trade, economy and improving the conditions of their people. Pakistan was not an aggressor, but its nuclear assets and the professionally trained army are deterrence, he said, adding: "We spend on our military to protect our frontiers and not for aggression," The News reported. The delegation consisted of students from diverse origins and academic backgrounds. The Prime Minister welcomed students and held a candid discussion about contemporary challenges Pakistan was facing today. In response to a question about the national economy and the IMF programme, the premier said that Pakistan's economic crisis stem from structural problems along with political instability in the recent decades. He said the first few decades since the inception of Pakistan witnessed impressive growth across all sectors of the economy when there were plans, national will and the implementation mechanism to produce outcomes. "Overtime, we lost the edge in sectors in which we were ahead. The lack of focus, energy and policy action led to reduction in national productivity."

BRITISH AIRWAYS TO CANCEL AROUND
10,000 HEATHROW FLIGHTS: REPORT

British Airways said that it will axe around 10,000 short-haul flights to and from London's Heathrow Airport between October 2022 and March 2023. Some long-haul flights will also be affected, the flag carrier said on Monday of its move, which aims to minimize cancellations and delays during the winter months, reports dpa news agency. Through the end of October, a few dozen round-trip flights per day, a total of 629, are also to be cancelled, the company said. The airline plans to maintain its connections during the autumn school vacations to popular vacation destinations. Most of the cancellations will be announced well in advance, and travellers are expected to be able to switch to other connections, the airline said. Heathrow, the largest airport in Britain, has imposed a cap of no more than 100,000 passengers a day because of an acute shortage of staff. This had been due to expire in mid-September, but was recently extended until the end of October.



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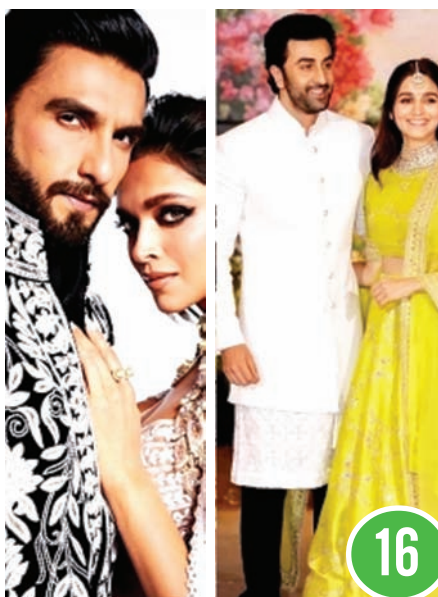
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TIFF ANNOUNCED TODAY THIS YEAR'S TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING TIFF RISING STARS, TIFF FILMMAKER LAB.

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KANGANA TO SUE FILMFARE FOR NOMINATING HER IN BEST ACTRESS CATEGORY



Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut has decided to sue Filmfare for nominating her for her work in biopic 'Thalaivi', in the upcoming edition of the Filmfare Awards. The 'Queen' actress took to the story section of her Instagram and wrote a lengthy note stating the reason behind the decision. She wrote, "I have banned unethical, corrupt and totally unfair practices like @filmfare since 2014, but since I have been getting many calls from them for attending their award function this year as they want to give me award for 'Thalaivi' (sic)." "I am shocked to know that they are still nominating me. It is beneath my dignity, work ethics and value system to encourage such corrupt practices in anyway, that is why I have decided to sue@filmfare ... thanks (sic)," Kangana added. Kangana, who has four National Film Awards to her credit, is known for her straightforward attitude and speaking her mind. Recently, the first look of actress Mahima Chaudhry from 'Emergency' was unveiled. The film will mark Kangana's return to direction after 'Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi'. The actress will double up as the lead character of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the film.

NANDITA DAS FILM STARRING KAPIL SHARMA TO PREMIERE AT TORONTO FEST



The Nandita Das-directed film, 'Zwigato', will have its world premiere at the 47th edition of the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), which is being held from September 8 to September 18 in the largest Canadian city. The film has been written and directed by Nandita Das, and stars comedian Kapil Sharma and Shahana Goswami. It will premiere in the 'Contemporary World Cinema' section at the festival. Commenting on the occasion, Director Nandita Das said, "Zwigato" is finally ready. A story about new urban India that is not just about the gig economy, but also about everything that we normalise around us." The film features Kapil Sharma, who is a new food delivery rider, exploring the world of gig economy. Shahana Goswami plays his wife, a homemaker, who to support his income, starts to work for the very first time. Set in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, it captures what an 'ordinary' family faces in the post-pandemic world.

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"I KNOW WHERE MY GAME STANDS, WOULDN'T HAVE COME THIS FAR IN INT'L CRICKET WITHOUT ABILITY TO COUNTER SITUATIONS": VIRAT KOHLI

Virat Kohli has gone without an international hundred across formats for nearly three years now but he feels that there isn't much scope for course correction. The reason being that he isn't having any particular technical problem like one he had during England tour of 2014 when he was poking at deliveries on off-stump channel. Speaking to Star Sports the former India captain said, "What happened in England was a pattern, so something that I could work on and something that I had to kind of overcome. Right now, as you rightly mentioned, there is nothing that you can point out saying that the problem is happening here. So, that for me, is actually an easier thing to process because I know that I'm batting well and at times, when I start feeling that rhythm back, then I know that I'm batting well. So, that for me is not an issue, which wasn't the case in England; I didn't feel like I was batting well at all. So, I had to work hard on one thing that could be exposed again and again which I overcame; right now this is not the case". Kohli also spoke over the criticisms he has been facing and said "I know where my game stands and you cannot run this far in your international career without having the ability to counter situations and counter conditions and counter different kinds of bowling.

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JASON REITMAN’S LIVE READ RETURNS TO TIFF 2022



The Toronto International Film Festival® today revealed that Jason Reitman’s Live Read will return to the Festival for an all-star event featuring a surprise cast. This year, the Montreal-born filmmaker will present a surprise screenplay in honour of his father, Ivan Reitman. The live read is a unique event in which classic movie scripts are read by contemporary actors. A beloved film will be performed for audiences in a one-take read-through with Reitman narrating stage direction on Friday, September 9 at 3pm in the Visa Screening Room at the Princess of Wales Theatre. This year’s cast and film title will be announced in the coming weeks.

“The Jason Reitman Live Read delivers the pure nostalgia we love about our favourite movies, but charged with the excitement of live performance,” said Cameron Bailey, TIFF CEO. “This year we’re honoured to host one of his father’s movies for our audience. We can’t wait to see this event unfold!”

TIFF has previously welcomed Reitman and all-star casts for live table reads of Paul Thomas Anderson’s Boogie Nights, Alan Ball’s American Beauty, John Hughes’ The Breakfast Club, and William Goldman’s The Princess Bride. Jason Reitman created Live Read in October 2011, in collaboration with Elvis Mitchell, for the film society of Los Angeles County Museum of Arts (LACMA). The hit series featured The Breakfast Club (Jennifer Garner and Aaron Paul), The Apartment (Steve Carell and Natalie Portman), The Princess Bride (Paul Rudd), Shampoo (Bradley Cooper and Kate Hudson), The Big Lebowski (Seth Rogen), and Reservoir Dogs, which featured an all-African American cast including actors Laurence Fishburne and Terrence Howard.

For more information, please see tiff.net. Tickets to Jason Reitman’s Live Read 2022 will be available to purchase starting September 3 for TIFF Members and September 5 for the public, subject to availability.

TIFF ANNOUNCES 2022 RISING STARS, FILMMAKER LAB, AND OTHER TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS

TIFF announced today this year’s talent development programmes and participants, including TIFF Rising Stars, TIFF Filmmaker Lab, TIFF Series Accelerator, the CHANEL Women Writers’ Network Micro Talent Summit, TIFF Micki Moore Residency, and TIFF Talent Accelerator. “There’s an explosion of new talent telling new stories and changing the creative landscape,” said Anita Lee, Chief Programming Officer, TIFF. “By providing participants with mentorship from industry professionals, access to insider knowledge, and tools to develop their projects, TIFF aims to play a key role in supporting the most exciting new voices today who will shape the industry of the future. We’re thrilled to add two new initiatives this year ? TIFF Series Accelerator and the CHANEL Women Writers’ Network Micro Talent Summit ? to expand our support to even more creators.” “Our Talent Development programmes make space for promising filmmakers and on-screen talent from around the world with diverse approaches to meet ? paving the way for innovation, mentorship, and collaboration ? all while fostering a sense of community and a safe space to take creative risks,” said Jane Kim, Industry Programming Producer.



TIFF ANNOUNCES IN CONVERSATION WITH...

TIFF is delighted to announce the audience-pleasing In Conversation With... series. The In Conversation With... series features in-depth conversations with film artists, writers and cultural figures about their creative process. Packed with emotion and cultural significance, this series offers audiences a wide range of experiences. Additionally, TIFF is proud to announce that beginning August 25, TIFF Under-25 Members and TIFF Under-25 Free Pass holders may take advantage of the Under-25 Festival Rush Pass and purchase tickets in advance. “Each year TIFF’s In Conversation With... section comes to life with unexpected surprises and moments,” said Anita Lee, Chief Programming Officer, TIFF. “Audiences who attend these events are always left with a truly unforgettable memory.” This year’s In Conversation With... series connects audiences and film lovers around the world with some of the most talented artists working in film and television. The 2022 lineup includes award-winning actors and creators who have helped shape the discourse in the entertainment industry and who are presenting their highly-anticipated new films at the Festival.

Damien Chazelle

Academy Award-winning writer-director Damien Chazelle continually pushes the boundaries of storytelling. His feature films as director have earned a staggering 23 Oscar nominations and 10 wins. His electrifying Whiplash (TIFF ’14) took audiences and critics alike by storm, and his next, La La Land (TIFF ’16 People’s Choice Award winner), was a playful and heartfelt ode to creativity set against the backdrop of contemporary Los Angeles. First Man (a TIFF ’18 Gala Presentation) took audiences on an exhilarating ride into the space age and explored the personal story behind Neil Armstrong’s famous walk on the face of the moon. His highly-anticipated upcoming film Babylon, set in 1920s LA, features an ensemble cast led by Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie. Chazelle joins TIFF CEO Cameron Bailey to discuss his artistic drive and approach to storytelling.

Viola Davis & Gina Prince-Bythewood

The Woman King marks a new high point in both Viola Davis and Gina Prince-Bythewood’s remarkable careers. While Davis wowed fans in her role as whip-smart and charismatic defence lawyer Annalise Keating in the hit TV series How to Get Away With Murder (2014–2020), the Oscar, Emmy, and Tony Award winner has also built an impressive resume leading ensemble films such as Fences (2016), Widows (TIFF ’18), and, most recently, Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom (2020). Prince-Bythewood shot onto the film scene with her beloved feature directorial debut, Love & Basketball (2000), for which she also wrote the screenplay. Since her debut, she has proven her storytelling, writing, and directing prowess again and again, focusing on stories about Black women in particular with such influential films as The Secret Life of Bees (2008), Beyond the Lights (TIFF ’14), and the wildly inventive blockbuster action thriller The Old Guard (2020). As we host the World Premiere of The Woman King at this year’s Festival, Davis and Prince-Bythewood join us for an in-depth conversation about the journey of making this stunning, paradigm-shifting film, their creative collaboration, and their respective artistic paths in Hollywood.

Lee Jung-jae & Jung Woo-sung

To say that Korean storytellers are having a moment would be a gross understatement. For more than two decades producing some of the most exciting and inventive films and television series of our time, Korean filmmakers, creators, and actors are finally receiving due recognition beyond their home country, with the recent awards-season successes of Parasite (TIFF ’19), Minari (TIFF ’20), and Squid Game.

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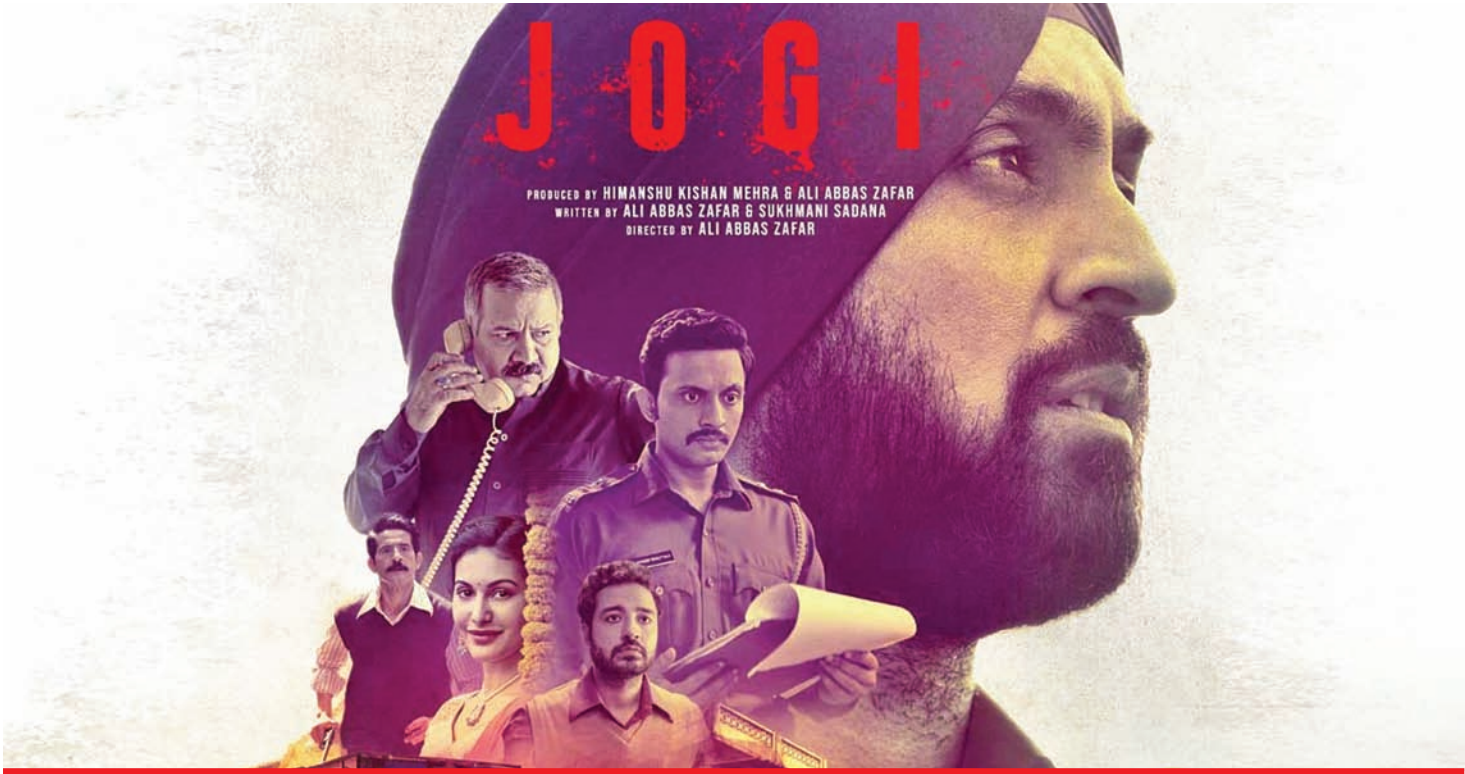
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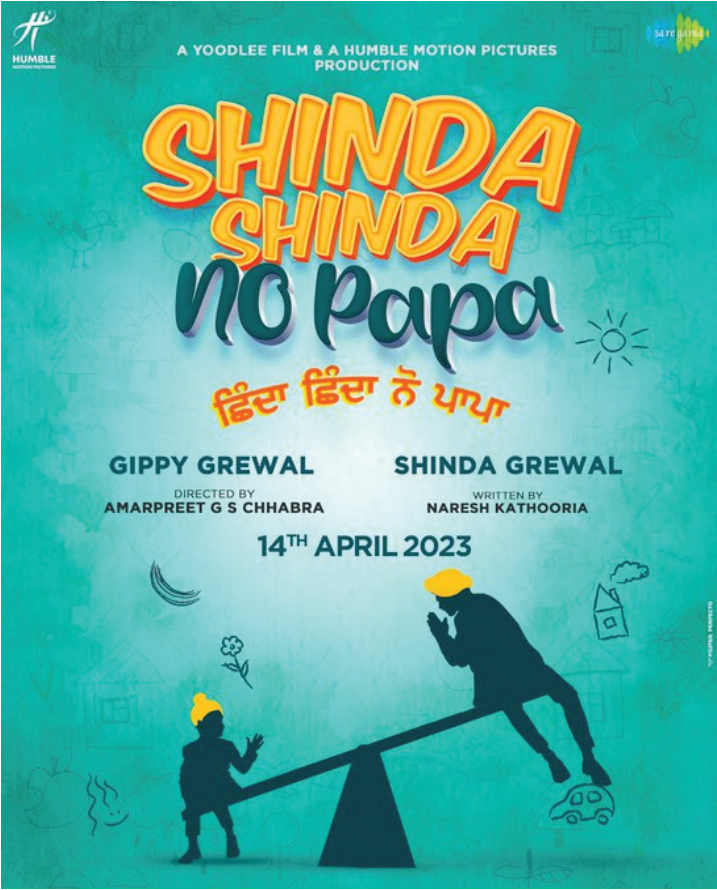
DILJIT DOSANJH’S FILM ‘JOGI’ ABOUT FRIENDSHIP IN TESTING TIMES TO RELEASE ON OTT

Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh is very choosy when it comes to Hindi films. Hence, one can be assured about his next film 'Jogi' to be a good piece of work. The film is headed to OTT for a release next month. Set in Delhi in 1984, 'Jogi' also stars Kumud Mishra, Mohd. Zeeshan Ayyub, Hiten Tejwani and Amyra Dastur. The film unravels the story of a resilient friendship and courage in times of adversity when the national capital city was plagued by riots after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination. Talking about the film, Diljit said in a statement: "Playing the role of Jogi has been one of the most fulfilling experiences and I am excited

for my digital debut on Netflix. The entire team has worked really hard to bring to life this beautiful story and I want to thank Ali and Himanshu for trusting me with this role." The film has been directed and co-produced by Ali Abbas Zafar, who is known for blockbusters such as 'Sultan' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai'. Commenting on the film heading straight to Netflix, Ali Abbas Zafar said: 'Jogi' is a very special film to me and who better than Diljit to helm the role of 'Jogi'! It's about hope, brotherhood and courage in the times of adversity and is a story of how tough times very often unite different people." Produced by Himanshu Kishan Mehra and Ali Abbas Zafar, 'Jogi' will premiere on Netflix on September 16, 2022.

GIPPY GREWAL TO SHARE SCREEN SPACE WITH SON SHINDA IN 2023 FILM

Punjabi superstar Gippy Grewal, who is set to bring his Punjabi film 'Shinda Shinda No Papa' in theatres on Baisakhi, 2023, shared that his single point focus as an artiste is to serve entertainment to the audience. The film is based in the UK and moves to India revolving around a father trying to get his naughty son on the right track. Commenting on the occasion of his film's release date announcements, Gippy said in a statement, "I thrive to give complete entertainment to my audiences, and 'Shinda Shinda No Papa' is no exception. The film has a rollercoaster of emotions and shows how a father manages his disobedient son while moving from the UK to India." The movie will star Gippy Grewal as the lead alongside his son Shinda Grewal. This is the first time we will see the father-son duo together on screen. Sharing his experience of sharing the screen with his son, Gippy said, "I am very excited to work with my son Shinda and bring our real-life chemistry to the screen. This is going to be my second film with director Amarpreet Chhabra and working with him is a delight. Looking forward to coming together with Yoodlee Films and giving audiences a movie to cherish on Baisakhi." The director of the film, Amarpreet Chhabra added, "All of us are working very hard to ensure that 'Shinda Shinda No Papa' turns out to be a complete entertainer. Working with Gippy for the second time will be even more special than the first because of the father-son pairing." 'Shinda Shinda No Papa', produced by Yoodlee Films will debut in theatres on the festive day of Baisakhi on April 14, 2023.



Esteemed Platform, FIPRESCI, and NETPAC juries return to TIFF 2022

The Toronto International Film Festival® is delighted to welcome the return of three distinguished international film juries to honour outstanding works in this year's lineup. The juries, featuring renowned film critics and filmmakers, are composed of five members for FIPRESCI, the International Federation of Film Critics; three jurors for NETPAC, the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema; and three filmmakers for Platform jury. "It's a privilege to have international juries back in person screening films in the cinemas with TIFF audiences," said Anita Lee, Chief Programming Officer, TIFF. "It truly feels like the festival is back! The passion, experience and knowledge that they bring to this year's Festival will be exciting to watch this September." The Platform Prize is awarded to the Best film in the Platform programme, which went to Yuni in 2021. The FIPRESCI Jury will award the Prize of International Critics dedicated to emerging filmmakers for the 29th year to one film from the Discovery programme. Last year's winner was Anatolian Leopard. The NETPAC Jury will present the NETPAC Award for Best Feature Film from the Contemporary World Cinema and Discovery programmes by an emerging Asian and/or Pacific Islander filmmaker, which went to Costa Brava, Lebanon in 2021.

PLATFORM JURY

Patricia Rozema (Jury Chair) is a writer, producer, and director. Rozema established herself with her internationally celebrated first feature, I've Heard the Mermaids Singing, which debuted at the Directors' Fortnight in Cannes. There, it won the Prix de la Jeunesse, the first of many recognitions including being voted one of Canada's Top 10 Films. Other highlights: writing and directing the love story When Night is Falling, Jane Austen's Mansfield Park, and co-writing HBO's Grey Gardens starring Drew Barrymore and Jessica Lange (PEN Screenwriter's Award, an Emmy nomination, and a Golden Globe nomination). Rozema is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Iram Haq is a Norwegian Pakistani filmmaker. Haq began writing and directing in 2004. Her first short film Trofast premiered at the 2004 Venice Film Festival. In 2009, she wrote and directed Skylappientia, later selected for the Sundance Film Festival. Her feature debut I Am Yours premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2013, and her second feature What Will People Say was presented in our Platform Programme in 2017. Chaitanya Tamhane is an independent filmmaker based in Mumbai. Tamhane's debut feature film Court premiered at the Venice Film Festival in 2014, where it was awarded the Best Film – Orizzonti and the Lion of the Future award. In 2016, he was selected to be mentored by Alfonso Cuarón as part of the Rolex Mentor-Protégé Arts Initiative. His second film, The Disciple, had its World Premiere in 2020 at the Venice Film Festival in competition, where it was awarded the Golden Osella for Best Screenplay and the FIPRESCI award. The film was released as a Netflix Original and was globally acclaimed as one of the best films of the year.

FIPRESCI JURY

Andrea Crozzoli (Italy) is a film critic, writer, director of Cinemazero, editor of CinemazeroNotizie, and co-founder of Le giornate del cinemamuto. Márcio Sallem (Brazil) is a film critic, teacher, and writer. Max Borg (Switzerland) is a film critic, writer, and translator for the Locarno Film Festival and the Berlinale. Andrew Kendall (Guyana) is the Head of the Department of Language and Cultural Studies at the University of Guyana. Marriska Fernandes (Canada) is Toronto-based entertainment reporter, film critic, and writer for The Toronto Star, Complex, Sharp, Exclaim!, Yahoo, and Elle Canada.

NETPAC JURY

Dr. Ida Yoshinaga, Jury Chair (USA/Hawai'i) is an Assistant Professor of science-fiction film at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Diana Ashimova (Kazakhstan) is a producer at A Team Productions and the Artistic Director at the Bastau International Film Festival. Additional juror to be announced in September. The FIPRESCI, NETPAC, and Platform Awards will be announced Saturday, September 17 at the 2022 TIFF Awards breakfast at TIFF Bell Lightbox. Details to follow in September.

BRENDAN FRASER HONOURED WITH THE TIFF TRIBUTE AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 TIFF TRIBUTE AWARDS

Cameron Bailey, CEO of TIFF, is delighted to announce that Brendan Fraser will receive the TIFF Tribute Award for Performance for his outstanding performance in The Whale. The TIFF Tribute Awards presented by BVLGARI will return to an in-person gala fundraiser during the 47th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday, September 11 at Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The TIFF Tribute Award for Performance is presented by IMDbPro. With a career spanning more than 30 years, Fraser has received recognition for his work by both critics and his peers. Known for playing Rick O'Connell in The Mummy trilogy, Fraser has gone on to star in many projects in both television and film. Fraser will make his return to Toronto with Darren Aronofsky's The Whale, which will have its North American Premiere at this year's Festival. "Brendan Fraser gives a performance of staggering depth, power, and nuance in The Whale," said Bailey, TIFF CEO. "This former Torontonian has been an action star, a screen comic, and a romantic lead. We're thrilled to welcome him home as the actor behind one of the finest performances of the year." Darren Aronofsky's The Whale tells the story of a reclusive English teacher living with severe obesity who attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter for one last chance at redemption. The A24 film is based on the acclaimed play by Samuel D. Hunter and also stars Sadie Sink, Hong Chau, Ty Simpkins, and Samantha Morton. It is being distributed in Canada by Elevation Pictures.

BOLLYWOOD'S TRIPLE CRISIS: NO BANKABLE STARS, NO ORIGINAL SCRIPTS, OVERPRICED MARKET

SOURISH BHATTACHARYYA AND AKSHAY ACHARYA

The tanking of Aamir Khan's 'Laal Singh Chaddha' and Akshay Kumar's 'Raksha Bandhan' (his third in succession) -- that too on a five-day holiday weekend with no competition from the South -- has shown Bollywood for what it is worth. For the failing stars, the writing on the wall can't get any clearer -- either reinvent yourself, like 'tragedy king' Dilip Kumar did with his comedic reinvention in the 1967 blockbuster 'Ram Aur Shyam' (which, significantly in the context of what is happening today, was the remake of the 1964 Telugu film 'RamuduBheemudu'), or face the ignominy of fading away. Audiences flock to see films with edgy scripts -- they have done it, across recent decades, from Shah Rukh Khan's 'Darr' and 'Baazigar' to Shahid Kapoor's 'Kabir Singh', to the southern hit machines 'K.G.F.: Chapter 2', 'RRR' and 'Vikram'. Or they just love getting transported to the world of fantasy, which is why the 'Baahubali' franchise has been the top of the top grossers in India, or, in the more recent past, Kichcha Sudeep's 3D sci-fi thriller 'Vikrant Rona' worked so well. It is for this reason alone that 'Dr. Strange in the Multiverse of Madness' has done better than most Hindi films this year. It also explains the successive successes of 'Avengers: Infinity War' (2018), 'Avengers: Endgame' (2019) and 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' (2022). What, then, are the realities that Bollywood refuses to wake up to? Trade analyst SumitKadel offers the following reasons: 1. Bollywood is making movies for the urban elite multiplex market, which rules out the mass audience, whose budget for an outing to the cinema is between Rs 60 and Rs 150 -- it is this audience that has given generations of Bollywood stars their blockbusters and superhits. 2. Even the multiplex audience "now wants to see films that justify, first, the commute and then the high ticket and food prices in theatres". It is cheaper for them to consume entertainment from OTT platforms, where one password can be shared by the entire family -- and the viewing experience does not require any commute. "The average monthly occupancy of multiplexes, unsurprisingly, has come down to 15-20 per cent," Kadel commented. "That is why they are now forced to sell popcorn at exorbitant prices!" 3. The South still has a culture of single-screen cinemas with affordable ticket prices, so the films from there -- and the stars -- attract mass footfalls, which in turn leads to the creation of burgeoning fan clubs that keeps them in business. Add to this the support these films get from the South Indian diaspora across the world and you know why their makers are laughing all the way to the bank. 4. And most importantly, perhaps, Bollywood seems to be completely out of sync with how the proliferation of social media, from YouTube to TikTok, have revolutionised the entertainment preferences of Indian audiences. And this disruption of conventional entertainment preferences will be disrupted further by the penetration of 5G, which, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day address, has become a national mission. "Indian audiences are now not only exposed to the best of world cinema, thanks to the Internet, they also have snackable, flash and micro content in the forms of Instagram reels and YouTube vlogs," Kadel pointed out. But, has Bollywood woken up to the ground moving below its feet? It does not seem so.

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BEN AFFLECK, JLO CELEBRATE WEDDING IN GEORGIA WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS



Actor-director Ben Affleck and actress-singer Jennifer Lopez have furthered their relationship. The couple celebrated their wedding with a ceremony in Georgia in front of friends and family, just over a month after saying "I do" in Las Vegas, reports People magazine. Some stars in attendance included Affleck's long time friends Matt Damon and his wife Luciana, director Kevin Smith and his wife, Jennifer, Clerks actor Jason Mewes and his wife, Jordan Monsanto, and top Hollywood talent agent Patrick Whitesell and his wife, model/actress Pia Miller. According to People, Lopez wore a white Ralph Lauren gown with a long, flowing train and veil at Saturday's ceremony, with Affleck in a tuxedo with a white jacket and black pants. Photographs showed them walking down a white aisle followed by their children. Popular UK-Indian podcaster and life coach Jay Shetty officiated the ceremony. Guests were photographed wearing all white on the grounds of Affleck's 87-acre compound outside Savannah. Preparations for the big celebration included a marquee on the estate with white chairs set up for guests surrounded by greenery and white flowers, an all-white piano, elegant tables set up on a riverfront dock and a platform for a fireworks display. A source earlier had told People that Affleck, 50, and Lopez, 53, had "an extraordinary weekend of celebrations planned," including "a pre-wedding party, a ceremony and ... lots of fun lined up". And, Affleck lived by his promise. Affleck and Lopez had a post-wedding trip to Paris last month, and celebrated the birthday of the 'Hustlers' actress with a romantic dinner near Eiffel Tower.



FROM BIG B, SALMAN TO AYUSHMANN AND VARUN, COMING MONTHS WILL BE A TEST OF STAR POWER

Hindi cinema of late seems to be in trouble as Bollywood's big-ticket releases such as 'Samrat Prithviraj', 'Shamshera', 'Laal Singh Chaddha' and 'Raksha Bandhan' have failed to impress the audience. Nevertheless, a motley bunch of films starring names such as Amitabh Bachchan, Salman Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Hrithik Roshan, Ajay Devgn, Varun Dhawan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon are lined up for release in the coming months.

However, the million-dollar question looming over the furrowed brows of distributors is: Will these movies ensure the return of 'achche din' for Bollywood? The first big film, which is slated to hit the screens is Ayan Mukerji's trilogy 'Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva' starring newly wed couple Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt along with Amitabh Bachchan and Nagarjuna. The film is scheduled to hit the theatres on September 9.

'Brahmastra' is a three-part film franchise and the beginning of India's first original universe, the Astraverse. It is a new original cinematic universe inspired by deeply rooted concepts and tales in Indian mythology but set in the modern world. During a conversation with IANS, Ayan had earlier said that with 'Brahmastra' he has put so much in the film for so long that he has a "very peaceful confidence when it comes to this film".

Next in line is Hrithik Roshan and Saif Ali Khan-starrer 'Vikram Vedha', a neo-noir action thriller, which is a remake of a Tamil hit film helmed by Pushkar and Gayathri, who are also directing the Hindi remake. Set to release on September 30, the film tells the story of a tough police officer who sets out to track down a menacing gangster. It also features Radhika Apte in a prominent role. On October 7, Amitabh Bachchan, Rashmika Mandanna and Neena Gupta's movie 'Goodbye' will be hitting the theatres for release. The film is touted as a heart-warming story about family, life and relationships.

After giving three duds such as 'Bachchan Paandey', 'Samrat Prithviraj' and 'Raksha Bandhan', Bollywood star Akshay Kumar will be seen coming on the big screen once again with 'Ram Setu', which will be locking horns with Ajay Devgn's 'Thank God' at the box-office. Both movies have been booked for a Diwali release on October 24. 'Ram Setu' is an action-adventure drama

'BRAHMASTRA PART 2' TO HAVE DEEPIKA-RANVEER AND ALIA-RANBIR IN THE SAME FILM?

Even before Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt-starrer 'Brahmastra Part 1' has hit the screens, the second installment of the film is making a buzz with the rumour that star couple Ranveer Singh and his actress wife Deepika Padukone would headline the cast, along with the Part 1 pair.

According to Bollywood Hungama, a source said: "No doubt, it will be a casting coup if Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Deepika Padukone, and Ranveer Singh are in one film! However, it will be important to maintain that each have integral parts. "As for their roles, Alia and Ranbir will be seen as their respective characters from Part 1, and will have stories that run parallel to each other." The source according to the portal added that "filmmaker Ayan Mukerji is making a big ticket franchise that will be interlinked and actors will be seen playing cameos at the end of the film, just like we see in Marvel movies". 'Brahmastra – Part One: Shiva' stars Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Mouni Roy and Nagarjuna Akkineni.

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SUNIEL SHETTY REVEALS WHEN ATHIYA SHETTY AND KL RAHUL ARE GETTING MARRIED

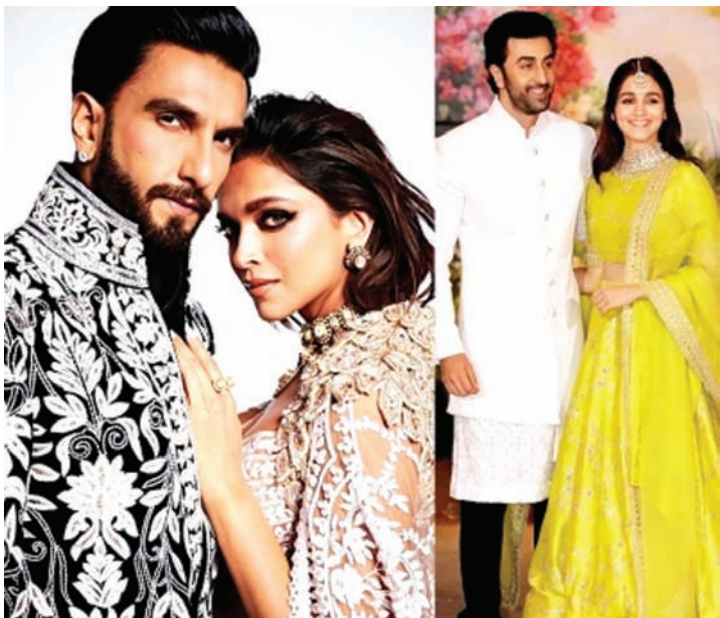
Suniel Shetty finally opens up about her daughter Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul's wedding plans. The duo has been dating for a long time now. The couple recently moved into a luxury sea-facing apartment in Mumbai's B-town center, Bandra. Rumours about their wedding have been doing the rounds for the longest time now. Recently, Suniel Shetty finally revealed about Athiya Shetty

that tells a story rooted in Indian cultural and historical heritage. 'Thank God', which also stars Sidharth Malhotra and Rakul Preet Singh, has a fantasy-based plotline which follows Sidharth's untimely death.

Ajay, reportedly, is playing the role of the God of Death, 'Yamraj', in the movie. The comic plot of the movie is to be driven by the banter between Ajay and Sidharth. Bollywood stars Ajay Devgn and Tabu are all set to bring the nail-biting mystery back on screen after 2015 movie 'Drishyam' with 'Drishyam 2', a remake of the Mohanlal-starrer by the same name. Actor Akshaye Khanna has also joined the team of the hit thriller.

'Drishyam' chronicled the story of a family man Vijay Salgaonkar, who leaves no stone unturned to protect his family after an unfortunate incident involving his elder daughter, brought them under the police's scanner. The second instalment of the thriller is set to release on November 18.

The Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon-starrer 'Bhediya' is all set to light up the screen on November 25. The horror-comedy is directed by Amar Kaushik and written by Niren Bhatt, best known for penning the long-running TV show 'Tarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashma'. 'Bhediya' is the third film in producer Dinesh Vijan's horror-comedy universe after 'Stree' and 'Roohi' — both starring Rajkumar Rao in the lead. Ayushmann's film 'An Action Hero' is the first release in December. Touted as a slick actioner with a sprinkle of satirical humour, 'An Action Hero' follows the story of an artists journey from behind to in front of the camera. After giving out a failure in May with 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar', Bollywood's livewire actor Ranveer Singh returns to the silver screen with Rohit Shetty's 'Cirkus'. Hitting the screens on Christmas, 'Cirkus', which is officially adapted from Shakespeare's play 'The Comedy of Errors', will release on December 23. The big-budget film stars Ranveer, Pooja Hegde, Jaqueline Fernandez, Varun Sharma and many more popular faces from Bollywood. Bringing the curtains down for 2022, will be superstar Salman Khan's 'Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali', which is a family drama. The film, which also stars Pooja Hegde, Venkatesh, Shehnaaz Gill and Raghav Juyal among many other, will light up the screens on December 30.



and KL Rahul's wedding. Recently, during an interaction, the Border actor said that "as soon as the children decide, currently Rahul has various matches. He has the Asia Cup, World Cup, South African Tour, and Australia Tour lined up. When they get a break from work commitments, they will get married. They can't marry in a single day. " Earlier, in

July, there were speculations around the corner that the 'Hero' actress was going to tie the knot with her cricketer boyfriend in three months. Athiya wasted no time and took to her Instagram handle to squash all the wedding rumours. Taking to her Instagram story, she wrote, "I hope I'm invited to this wedding that's taking place in 3 months lol." According to a news portal, their wedding is most likely to happen in early 2023, until and unless Rahul and Athiya's families have a change in plan.

For the unversed, the lovebirds Athiya Shetty and KL Rahul made their relationship public last year when the cricketer wished his lady love on her birthday with a cute post featuring them. Athiya and Rahul made their first appearance as a couple on the red carpet screening of her brother, Ahan Shetty's debut film, Tadap.

'JALDI NIPTA DENA': THIS IS WHAT VICKY TOLD PANDITJI AT HIS WEDDING WITH KAT



Bollywood heartthrob Vicky Kaushal has shared insights to his wedding with actress Katrina Kaif on the upcoming episode of 'Koffee With Karan'.

In the upcoming episode, Karan says to Vicky: "Maine aap ke prem kahani ke liye pura credit le liya! (I have taken all credit for your love story)."

A beaming Vicky Kaushal couldn't agree more.

"My moment on this couch last season was my way of knowing that she (Katrina Kaif) even knew I existed," the star revealed. He later also revealed how the duo met at Zoya Akhtar's place for the first time in their life after manifesting on the couch. Recalling events from the wedding, the star also shared how amidst the fanfare of their dream-like wedding, memes and funny tweets that were widely shared did not escape his attention. "While all these random news were making the rounds, I was just there with the pandit ji saying, jaldi nipta dena please. Ek ghante se jyada nahi," the star admitted. This did not stop him from taking a break with bizarre memes and tweets. "Every day during the wedding, these funny memes, tweets and messages would be shared on the internet and we were aware. We had my friends who read them out for us to have a good laugh. We used to have a blast finding them," the star shared. 'Koffee with Karan Season 7' airs on Disney+ Hotstar.

MOST TOP 5 HITS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100: DRAKE SURPASSES THE BEATLES



Canadian rapper Drake has surpassed the record of the legendary English rock band – The Beatles as he has officially become the artist with the most top five hits in Billboard Hot 100 history. He achieved the feat with DJ Khaled's 'Staying Alive,' on which he and Lil Baby are featured, debuting at No. 5 on the latest, August 20-dated chart, reports 'Billboard'. Drake with 30 passed The Beatles, who have 29, for the record over the list's 64-year history. The Beatles held the top-five mark for 55 years, having last reached the region in 1970 with 'The Long and Winding Road'/'For You Blue', which spent two weeks at Number 1.

Following the impressive news, the rapper took to Instagram to share a screenshot of his latest accomplishment. "Ok I broke my records for the month now me and @stake need you to do your thing Bitcoin," he captioned the post, tagging cryptocurrency betting platform, Stake.

According to 'Billboard', 'Staying Alive' also extended Drake's records for the most top 10s, top 20s, top 40s and overall Hot 100 entries, dating to the chart's August 4, 1958, inception. In June, Drake unveiled his seventh studio album, Honestly, Nevermind, which gave him his 11th No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart. With the 14-track set, he is the fifth act with more than 10 No. 1 albums on the Billboard 200 since the chart began regularly publishing on a weekly basis in 1956.

PRIYANKA SHARES PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH DAUGHTER MALTI ON INSTA



Actress-singer-entrepreneur Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who is known for her social media presence, recently took to Instagram to share pictures featuring her daughter, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas. Sharing two pictures on her Instagram, Priyanka wrote, "Love like no other".

The first picture shows Priyanka looking into the camera as her daughter sits on her lap. In the image, they can be seen twinning in white outfits.

The second picture shows Priyanka in a playful mood with Malti. In both the pictures, Malti's face isn't clearly visible. Priyanka's actress cousin Parineeti Chopra, who was last seen playing the titular character of Saina Nehwal in the biopic 'Saina', took to the comments section of Priyanka's post and wrote, "I miss herrrrrrr." On the work front, Priyanka was last seen in 'Matrix 4'. Next, she will be seen in Russo Brothers' 'Citadel' and 'It's All Coming Back to Me'.

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WHAT'S WORKING IN FAVOUR OF INDIA WINNING ASIA CUP FOR 8TH TIME



India will enter Asia Cup 2022 in the UAE as the defending champions of the competition. As usual, the Rohit Sharma-led side will once again start as the hot favourites to win the competition despite the absence of senior pacer Jasprit Bumrah and death-overs specialist Harshal Patel. Though there are some doubts over who will feature in the starting eleven ahead of the Men's T20 World Cup in Australia, cricket fans can be optimistic about India successfully retaining the title. India's journey in Asia Cup 2022 begins from August 28 against arch-rivals Pakistan, before facing the qualifying team on August 31. But India's real challenge will begin when the Super Four stage comes. One of the most striking features of India's T20I game since their early exit in the Men's T20 World Cup has been the side struggling off their safety-first approach and embracing a more aggressive approach with the bat at the top. The result of which has been that India go hard in their batting innings, with their run-rate in 2022 at a healthy 9.29, compared to 8.20. "We've made it very clear after the T20 World Cup in Dubai, where we didn't qualify for the finals, that we felt there needed to be a change in our attitude and approach in how we play our game. If the message is clear from the captain and the coach about where the team is trying to head, then the individuals will definitely try to do that. "For that to happen they need freedom and clarity and that's what we are trying to do. We are trying to give them as much freedom as possible," revealed Rohit on "Follow the Blues" show on Star Sports about bringing a change in India's batting approach. Rohit himself has been in brilliant form, playing the high-risk shots in the power-play to get better returns. Suryakumar Yadav and Deepak Hooda have been in brilliant form while Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya and Dinesh Karthik are capable of providing big-bang finishing touches to the innings. Once Virat Kohli and KL Rahul embrace India's new batting approach, then India's batting

stocks are bound to go high. Since last year's World Cup, when Rohit has been the full-time captain and Rahul Dravid as the head coach, India have won six of their seven bilateral T20I series, barring the one against South Africa, which was shared 2-2 after rain had washed out the decider in Bengaluru in June. Rohit also acknowledged how having a great cricketing brain like Dravid as head coach was the foundation stone of India's new style of playing T20Is. "When he (Dravid) became a coach here, we met and sat together in a room for a while and decided how we want to take this thing forward and he was pretty much on the same thought process as to what I was thinking." "That made it a little easier for me to give out a clear message to the boys because we don't want to create confusion among the group; and of course, we wanted him to change the style of cricket as well. We wanted to play a certain way in all three formats and he was ready to accept all of that." Despite the absence of Bumrah and Patel, India still have the presence of senior pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who is back to his best self since the T20Is against South Africa in June and making the big strikes in power-play. India will also be buoyed with young left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh's glowing performances in the T20I series against West Indies, where he picked seven wickets in five matches. In the spin department, Ravichandran Ashwin showed he still has it in him to contribute in T20Is. Yuzvendra Chahal has been in great form and is all but confirmed to be the first-choice spinner. But if the batting order of the opposition is loaded with right-handers, then Ravindra Jadeja comes into the mix. Ravi Bishnoi is an excellent user of deceptive googly and is a nice back-up option on pitches of the UAE. In all, with a new batting template and variety in bowling options leading to great form in the last couple of months, one can be very hopeful that the above factors can lead to India winning Asia Cup for the eighth straight time.

INDIA'S ANSHUL BHATT, 13, WINS TRIPLE GOLD AT U-16 WORLD YOUTH BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

After winning the pairs event, 13-year-old Anshul Bhatt captained Team Blitz to win the teams event in the U-16 World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships teams event in Salsomaggiore, Italy. He was awarded the Gold in Overall Performance in the U-16 category. Anshul, who has been playing bridge since the age of six, is the youngest winner of three Gold medals at the World Bridge championships where participants from over 30 countries took part. "I had a dream run at the championships and am elated to have won three Golds for India on the 75th anniversary of our independence," Anshul said. "I have been coached and mentored by many great bridge players in India and abroad throughout my career. I would like to thank Mr Keyzad Anklesaria from India and Mr Eric Kokish from Canada for coaching Darwin and me for the 2022 championships. I would also like to thank the entire bridge community in India for their support," he added. Bob Hamman, one of the greatest bridge players of all time, said in a lighter vein, "Well done. I am glad that my opponents are not as tough as Anshul."



Anshul Bhatt (captain), Canada's Darwin Li, and Estonia's Jasper Vahk and Albert Pedmanson won the Gold medal on August 13. The four players came together in July 2022 to form Team Blitz. Eleven teams had participated in the qualifying rounds, and Team Blitz was the fourth and last team to enter the semifinals, which were played on August 12 against Poland's CKIS Skawina U15.

ASIA CUP 2022: KOHLI WILL BE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY FRESH AHEAD OF TOURNAMENT - SHANE WATSON

According to Australia all-rounder, Shane Watson, Virat Kohli will be mentally and physically rejuvenated after coming back from a month-long break from cricket ahead of the Asia Cup. Kohli is currently off-coloured and enduring a lean phase of his career. He is yet to score a century in international cricket since November 2019. In the upcoming, India vs Pakistan match on August 28, the focus will be on the star batter as he will return to cricket after missing out on the series against the West Indies and Zimbabwe. "Having time off for him certainly, would (help him) just be able to regenerate mentally, physically, just be able to get away from the game of cricket," Watson said on the ICC Review Show. "You could just see that his energy was a bit sapped, even during the IPL. You could tell, no matter how much he tried – he was always up and about, but you could see the light was just out a tiny bit," he added. Kohli played his last match during the England tour where he could manage just 76 runs from six innings across formats, which included the rescheduled fifth Test, two ODIs, and as many T20s in July. "This month that he's had off cricket will make sure that that light's shining very bright going into this Asia Cup, knowing there's a T20 World Cup in Australia coming up very soon as well. "So when you're able to have a break, and because the Indian cricketers in particular play so much cricket, for Virat to be able to have some time off, especially a month, that's just going to regenerate everything he needs to be able to take stock of what happened, freshen up mentally and physically." Watson said Kohli is a quality player who will eventually return to form. "He's too good not to be able to find his groove. It'll only take him a couple of balls, get into the battle again, and away he goes."

ASIA CUP 2022: LOSING AFRIDI IS BIG SETBACK: PAKISTAN HEAD COACH SAQLAIN

Pakistan head coach Saqlain Mushtaq said injured Shaheen Shah Afridi's absence in the upcoming Asia Cup is a "big setback". However, he backed his bowlers to deliver positive performances in the tournament. Saqlain backed Naseem Shah to perform in the Asia Cup after the right-arm pacer's brilliant bowling in the three-match ODI series against the Netherlands. "Obviously, losing Shaheen is a big setback to us before the tournament and for the England series because he is someone who has proven himself at the top level and done well against the best batsmen," Saqlain said. "It is never easy to replace a player like Shaheen because of his quality but the resources we have are good and we are backing them to deliver for us, he added. "Naseem, I see him as a star in the making because of the control, aggression, attitude and execution he has displayed in his bowling. He has been very impressive for us." Saqlain said. "He (Naseem) changed the course of the match and the other bowlers supported him well. "His (Afridi's) injury is unfortunate but we are hoping he recovers soon as we have important cricket coming up." Pakistan selectors named 22-year-old Mohammad Hasnain as a replacement for Afridi for the Asia Cup.



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MEN'S ASIA CUP 2022

MATCH	DAY	DATE	TEAMS	GROUP	VENUE	TIME(EDT)
1	Saturday	27-Aug	Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan	B	Dubai	10:00
2	Sunday	28-Aug	India vs Pakistan	A	Dubai	10:00
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
9	Tuesday	6-Sep	A1 vs B1	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
10	Wednesday	7-Sep	A2 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
11	Thursday	8-Sep	A1 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
12	Friday	9-Sep	B1 vs A2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
13	Sunday	11-Sep	Final 1 st Super 4 vs 2 nd Super 4		Dubai	10:00

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SHOOTING, ARCHERY, WRESTLING, JUDO APPLY FOR INCLUSION IN VICTORIA 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Applications have been received from shooting, wrestling, archery and 3×3 basketball among others to be included in the programme for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria State in Australia. Among the other sports that have applied to be included in the “three or four” sports that are likely to be added to the 16 already shortlisted are judo, coastal rowing, beach rowing and taekwondo. Saturday was the last day to apply for being included in Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games. The organising committee had initially proposed 16 regular sports and six para-sports to be part of the Games. Aquatics, athletics, badminton, boxing, beach volleyball, T20 cricket, cycling, gymnastics, hockey, lawn bowls, netball, rugby sevens, squash, table tennis, triathlon and weightlifting are the 16 sports already on the programme. Six Para sports — athletics, swimming, lawn bowls, triathlon, table tennis and powerlifting — are also due to be contested. Competitions will be held in four regional centres

Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Gippsland besides Melbourne Cricket Ground, which will host the opening and closing ceremonies. While shooting and archery were left out for the just-concluded Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Judo, 3×3 basketball and wrestling all appeared at Birmingham 2022 but have not yet been confirmed for Victoria. Following a huge furore over the exclusion of shooting, both in Australia and countries like India, Victoria 2026 chief executive Jeroen Weimar had a few weeks back informed that “three or four” more sports are likely to be added. Meanwhile, shootings got a boost for their inclusion after Shooting Australia proposed the Wellsford Rifle Range near Melbourne, which hosted full-bore rifle events of Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, and the Victorian State Range at Echucha, 81 kilometres from Bendigo as possible venues that could be refurbished for the CWG.

PAKISTAN SURVIVE NETHERLANDS SCARE TO REGISTER 9-RUN WIN, CLINCH SERIES 3-0

The Netherlands produced a compelling performance to come close to beating Pakistan in the third and final ODI but the visitors held their nerve to win by nine runs and clinch the series 3-0, here on Sunday. Despite the 0-3 loss, the Netherlands showcased fight and played some exemplary cricket right through the series. After winning the toss and opting to bat first, Pakistan didn't have a great start as the Netherlands' bowlers impressed with the new ball. Vivian Kingma prized out debutant Abdullah Shafique in the second over of the innings. Fakhar Zaman and Babar Azam then rebuilt for Pakistan. However, the Netherlands managed to find a breakthrough when Logan van Beek cleaned up Zaman (26) in the 18th over. Agha Salman gave Babar fine company as the skipper completed his ninth fifty-plus score in his last 10 innings. Pakistan lost three wickets in quick succession in the middle overs as the Netherlands made a strong comeback. Salman, Khushdil Shah and Mohammad Haris were dismissed in the space of 31 runs. Babar continued edging close to a hundred, but he couldn't eventually get there as a stunning return catch from Aryan Dutt ended his knock, nine short of a ton. Pakistan were eventually bowled out for 206 in 49.4 overs. In reply, the Netherlands too had a poor start. Naseem Shah continued to make a strong impression on the tour as he sent back Max O'Dowd and Musa Ahmed inside the first 10 overs to give Pakistan a rousing start.

HOW UAE BECAME WORLD'S FIRST CHOICE FOR SPORTS AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The 51-year-old country, the United Arab Emirates, which did not even have a special identity in the sports arena on the world stage till a few years ago, has emerged as a world-class sports venue in the last few years, to everyone's surprise. The country has proved its mettle on the global stage in terms of hosting cricket, football, Formula One, tennis, golf, and UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship) events. Although football is the first choice of the local population of UAE and there are countless football stadiums and football clubs, the way the government has made facilities in UAE for all sports with a vision and policy considering the possibilities in all other sports. Along with creating a safe environment, it has started a new chapter of sports tourism in this tourism-oriented economy. This month UAE is going to host the Asia Cup 2022. In the past few years, UAE hosted a lot of cricket events — T20 World Cup, IPL, and Pakistan Super League (PSL) — many times. The country hosted them during the peak of COVID-19 and that makes UAE a standalone country in organising sports events. Hosting major cricket tournaments is not a foreign concept for the UAE. Cricket came to this country in early 1981 when Sharjah started hosting, the elite international players well before hosting its first international tournament. Since then, the UAE has grown strongly, hosting the first part of the 2014 IPL and the full edition of the 2020 IPL. It also hosted Pakistan's international matches for almost a decade after the 2009 Lahore terror attack. The country, which brought international cricket in the 1980s, got the chance to host one of the biggest tournaments in the world — the ICC T20 World Cup (October 17 to November 14) and now will be hosting the Asia Cup. The tournament was supposed to be hosted by Sri Lanka, but the political situation forced the Lankan Board to move the tournament to the UAE. According to a report on the economic impact of sports in Dubai, more than \$1.7 billion is spent in total annual sports-related spending, and the total economic impact of sports in Dubai is more than \$670 million.

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Date	Format	Match	Teams	Time	Result
Tuesday, Aug 16	ODI	1st ODI	Pakistan vs Netherlands	5:00 AM	PAK WON BY 16 RUNS
Thursday, August 18	ODI	1st ODI	India vs Zimbabwe	3:15 AM	INDIA WON BY 10 WICKETS
	ODI	2ND ODI	Pakistan vs Netherlands	5:00 AM	PAK WON BY 7 WICKETS
Saturday, Aug 20	ODI	2nd ODI	India vs Zimbabwe	3:15 AM	INDIA WON BY 5 WICKETS
Sunday, Aug 21	ODI	3rd ODI	Pakistan vs Netherlands	5:00 AM	PAKISTAN WON BY 9 RUNS
Monday, Aug 22	ODI	3rd ODI	India vs Zimbabwe	3:15 AM	INDIA WON BY 13 RUNS

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