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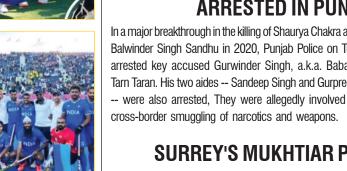






















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CANADA REVENUE AGENCY SAYS IT HAS \$1.4 BILLION IN UNCASHED CHEQUES SITTING IN ITS COFFERS

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has approximately \$1.4 billion in cheques that have gone uncashed over the years. As of May 2022, there were an estimated 8.9 million uncashed cheques with the CRA and we want to make sure this money ends up where it belongs. In taxpavers' pockets! Each year, the (CRA) issues millions



of payments in the form of refunds and benefits. These payments are issued by either direct deposit or by cheque. Over time, payments can remain uncashed for various reasons, such as the taxpayer misplacing the cheque or even a change of address which did not allow for delivery.

The CRA will be notifying some recipients of the Canada child benefit and related Provincial/Territorial programs, GST/HST Credit and Alberta Energy Tax Refund (AETR) recipients of any uncashed cheques they may have by email notification. Approximately 25,000 e-notifications will be issued in August and another 25,000 in November 2022, followed by the next 25,000 in May 2023.

Since the CRA launched this initiative in February 2020, approximately two million uncashed cheques valued at \$802 million were redeemed by Canadians between February 10, 2020, and May 31, 2022.

In 2020, the CRA introduced a feature where taxpayers can view their uncashed cheques and collect unclaimed benefit and credit payments that belong to them. I CONTD. ON PAGE 3

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CANADA LOST 31,000 JOBS IN JULY, & UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED AT 4.9%: STATSCAN

Employment was little changed on a monthly basis in July (-31,000). Compared with May, employment was down 74,000 (-0.4%). The number of public sector employees fell by 51,000 (-1.2%) in July, while the number of selfemployed workers increased by 34,000 (+1.3%). The number of private sector employees was little changed. I CONTD. ON PAGE 7

SHAURYA CHAKRA AWARDEE KILLER ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

In a major breakthrough in the killing of Shaurya Chakra awardee Balwinder Singh Sandhu in 2020. Puniab Police on Tuesday arrested key accused Gurwinder Singh, a.k.a. Baba, from Tarn Taran. His two aides -- Sandeep Singh and Gurpreet Singh -- were also arrested, They were allegedly involved in



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SURREY'S MUKHTIAR PANGHALI **GRANTED DAY PAROLE 16 YEARS AFTER KILLING HIS PREGNANT WIFE**

The Parole Board of Canada has granted six months of conditional day parole to MukhtiarPanghali, a 50-year-old B.C. man who strangled his pregnant wife, Manjit Panghali, and burned her body sixteen years ago.



CANADA POLICE'S 'MOST-VIOLENT GANGSTER' LIST FEATURES NINE INDIAN-ORIGIN MEN

The police in Canada have issued a public warning identifying 11 men, including nine of Indian origin, linked to extreme levels of gang violence. I CONTD. ON PAGE 8

PIZZA NOVA AND ITS CUSTOMERS SUPPORT CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH

ASSOCIATION OF DURHAM



Pizza Nova customers help to raise \$3,200 for the Canadian Mental Health Association of Durham during the grand opening of its newest location in Courtice, Ontario. Throughout the day, Pizza Nova had a special offer of a medium pizza for \$3.99, with 100% of proceeds going to the Association. | CONTD. ON PAGE 8

JAPDEEP RANDHAWA, 26, FROM MISSISSAUGA CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT MURDER

Investigators from 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau, have charged a man from Mississauga with numerous offences, including Attempt Murder following an extensive investigation. | CONTD. ON PAGE 8

RASHI & NAVAL BAJAJ HOST THE SUNDERKAND PATH. ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES



World Renowned Devout of Sunderkand Shree Guruji Ashwin Kumar Pathak ji toured Canada in month of May, he was in Brampton on June 4th, 2022 to Recite Sunderkand Path at Hindu Sabha Mandir hosted by Rashi & Naval Bajaj.

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SOUTHLAKE SENIORS CLUB CELEBRATE CANADA MULTICULTURAL DAY



Southlake Seniors Club Celebrate Canada Multicultural Day on July 23, 2022 at Century Garden Recreation Centre, Brampton. The event was well attended by over 300 Club members from the city of Brampton from Punjabi, Gujrati, Muslim, West Indian and members from other Canadian ethnic communities.

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CHINA SENDS WARSHIPS, JETS CLOSE TO TAIWAN AS TENSIONS ESCALATE

Taiwan's Defence Ministry on Friday said that Chinese warships and aircraft conducted military drills in waters near the island, as tensions escalated in the region following US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit earlier this week.

In a statement, the Ministry said that China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) forces crossed the median line — the halfway point between the island and mainland China — in a move it called a "highly provocative act", reports CNN,

The line has previously been an informal but largely respected border of control between Beijing and Taipei.

Taiwan's military responded with radio warnings and put air patrol forces, naval ships and shore-based missile systems on alert, the Ministry added. On Friday, Taiwan's Premier Su Tseng-chang said the island represented "freedom and democracy", and that "the evil neighbour next door flexed its muscles on our doorstep and arbitrarily sabotaged (one of) the busiest waterways in the world with military exercises". The skies and waters around Taiwan have become a focal point as Beijing ramps up tensions not only with Taiwan, but with neighbouring Japan, which lodged a formal protest with China after five projectiles landed in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The missiles were among a number launched by Beijing Thursday, some of which flew over Taiwan, as Pelosi made her way to Tokyo where she met Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday, CNN reported. China has previously fired missiles into waters surrounding Taiwan, a democratic island of 24 million that the Chinese Communist Party regards as its territory, despite having never controlled it, most notably during the Taiwan Strait Crisis in the 1990s. But missiles flying over the island marked a significant escalation, with US officials warning there may be more to come.



CANADA PUTS IN PLACE TEMPORARY HANDGUN IMPORT BAN

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, today announced a temporary import ban on the importation of restricted handguns. This will help bring the ultimate impact of the national handgun freeze into force sooner. This temporary ban means that individuals and businesses will no longer be able to import handguns into Canada, subject to narrow exceptions that mirror those in Bill C-21. These restrictions will take effect on August 19th, 2022, and will last until the national freeze comes into force.

No single program or initiative can tackle the challenge of gun violence on its own. That is why Bill C-21 and the national freeze on handguns are two of the many elements in the Government's comprehensive plan to keep Canadians safe. This begins at our borders, where we've added resources to fight smuggling and stop guns from coming into Canada. We're also investing in prevention programs to tackle the root causes of gun crime and stop it before it starts. Finally, we banned assault-style weapons like AR-15s, and will soon begin a buyback program to get these weapons of war out of our communities once and for all.

"We know that one Canadian killed by gun violence is one too many. As a government, it is our duty to ensure that Canada remains one of the safest places to live in the world. The import ban announced today will help to keep guns stay off our streets as we work towards implementing Bill C-21, reducing gun violence in the immediate term," Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs. said.

Minister Marco said, "My top priority as Minister is keeping Canadians safe in their communities. Today's announcement is further proof that we are using all tools at our disposal to fight gun crime in this country. 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." QUICK FACTS

Firearms in Canada continue to be regulated by the Firearms Act and Part III of the Criminal Code.



Canada has a range of goods over which it imposes import controls. These goods are listed in the Import Control List (ICL) of the Export and

Handguns were the most serious weapon present in the majority of firearm-related violent crimes (59 per cent) between 2009 and 2020. The number of registered handguns in Canada increased by 71 per cent between 2010 and 2020, reaching approximately 1.1 million.

Budget 2021 provided more than \$312 million in new funding to increase firearms tracing capacity and implement stronger border control measures to fight gun smuggling and trafficking.

Law enforcement agencies seized more than double the number of firearms at the border in 2021, compared to 2020, which is also the highest number of firearms seized in recent years.

The Government of Canada has already tabled regulatory amendments under the Firearms Act, which are expected to come into force in Fall 2022.

The Government of Canada introduced Bill C-21 in May 2022 which proposes a number of reforms to tackle gun violence in our communities.

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Through My Account, Canadians can check to see if they have an uncashed cheque with the CRA, some dating as far back as 1998. As government cheques never expire or stale date, the CRA cannot void the original cheque and re-issue a new one unless



requested by the taxpayer. These upcoming e-notifications are to encourage taxpayers to cash any cheques they have in their possession. The average amount per uncashed cheque is \$158. It can pay to sign up for the CRA's online services!

Any taxpayer, regardless of whether they receive a notification, can check if they have a cheque by logging into My Account. Taxpayers will see an option under "related services" entitled "uncashed cheques." From here, they will be able to easily check if they have a CRA cheque, uncashed for six months or more. Then, all they have to do is complete and securely submit the displayed form online in My Account. Through the Represent a Client Service, representatives can also view uncashed cheques on behalf of their clients.

Canadians can ensure they never miss a payment from us again by registering for direct deposit. In My Account, taxpayers can sign up for direct deposit to get any payment quickly and directly into their bank account.

If a taxpayer is not signed up for My Account or email notifications, they can find out if they have any uncashed cheques by calling 1-800-959-8281.

IS RUSSIA THE REAL WINNER OF THE **TAIWAN CRISIS?**

The sudden chill in the US-China relations, brought about by Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, illuminates a new security crisis in the Indo-Pacific region.

The military tensions between Beijing and Washington have indeed serious implications for Russia.

Unsurprisingly, an army of politicians, diplomats and experts in Moscow are asking-Is Russia now China's sole strategic partner? What is the future of Russia-China relations?

After President Putin launched a special military operation in Ukraine, which the West has pejoratively labelled as a war and an attack on a neighbouring country, the seething hostility in the Moscow-Washington relations, played out in the European theatre, had been grabbing international headlines.

On the contrary, notwithstanding crises and conflict, the Indo-Pacific region, which is not part of NATO's core mandate, received only peripheral attention. In fact, while confronting Russia, the West was pampering China in the hope that Beijing would not come to Moscow's aid and relieve the pressure. The Chinese however. played a balancing act. Like India, they continued to cooperate with Russia, opening a "window of opportunity" for themselves, and began to reconfigure Beijing's trade, economic and energy cooperation with Russia. In order to force Beijing to turn away from Moscow, the West used all possible means over the past months. Chinese President Xi Jinping was cajoled not only by US President Joe Biden, but also by French President Emmanuel Macron as well as German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. Finally, Comrade Xi was bluntly threatened, warned of a certain "high price", which Beijing would have to pay, if it did not play ball. The combination of pressure, inducement and personal self-interest, which would not have served if Beijing played a zero-sum game, forced China to work out a diplomatic balancing act. While it did not refuse cooperation with Moscow, it also declared that it neither did, nor intended to provide any assistance, including military support to Russia's conflict with Ukraine. China's position also exposed the emptiness of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's words spoken in January last that there is "no end point, no forbidden zones, no upper limit" in Sino-Russian cooperation. While in general, the two do not form a union, it is still "more than a union". However, lush rhetoric of the Chinese officialdom notwithstanding, the "upper limit" of Beijing-Moscow relationship was clearly visible. In its attitude to the Ukrainian crisis, Beijing defiantly adhered to the principle of equidistance from the two sides of the conflict - Russia and Ukraine. Already after the start of the Russian military special operation in Ukraine, which began on February 24 this year, for some time Beijing, by inertia, called for the implementation of Minsk agreements on the settlement in the Donbass, which lasted eight years, but at that time was already stillborn. This happened despite the fact that the death of the Minsk Agreements was openly announced by the Russian leadership itself. Over the past months, Beijing has patiently listened to the Ukrainian leadership, which in Moscow is often called the "fascist junta", and demonstrated some semblance of understanding and sympathy. It is not surprising that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called on China to impose its weight to help Kiev in bringing Moscow "to justice". There is also a back story of why Ukraine thought it could rely on China. The two have had a quiet but very special military and technology relationship.

PEEL REGION CONFIRMS FIRST WEST **NILE VIRUS POSITIVE MOSQUITOES**

The season's first West Nile virus positive mosquitoes have been identified in the Region of Peel. The mosquitoes were collected from three traps in Brampton near the intersections of Chinguacousy Road and Williams Parkway, Hurontario Street and Steeles Avenue, and The Gore Road and Cottrelle Boulevard. The Region of Peel - Public Health monitors West Nile virus activity through 33 mosquito traps set across the cities of Mississauga, Brampton and the Town of Caledon. Mosquitoes from the traps are collected and tested weekly from late June to September. Public Health staff also survey public areas for stagnant water that may be serving as mosquito breeding sites and treat identified sites with larvicide. West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne disease that is passed to humans via the bite of an infected mosquito. The Region of Peel has not confirmed any human cases of West Nile virus to date this year. Although the risk of acquiring West Nile virus infection is low, the Region of Peel reminds residents there are simple things that you can do to protect against mosquito bites:

* Apply a Health Canada approved insect repellent containing an ingredient effective against mosquitoes, such as DEET or icaridin, to exposed skin and clothing. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.



10 OF PUNJAB GANG, ASSOCIATED WITH LAWRENCE BISHNOI, HELD

with Lawrence Bishnoi gang and recovered seven weapons and ammunition from them, an official said on Monday.

Deputy Inspector General, Anti-Gangster Task Force Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the team acted on a tip off to locate the kingpin Parminder Singh, alias Pindri, who was handling the operation of Bishnoi gang in the Nangal-Ropar belt. He said 22 first information reports (FIRs), including an attempt to murder, have been registered against the gangster. Parminder Singh is an active member of the Bishnoi gang

Punjab Police has arrested 10 gangsters of the Pindri gang associated and had been hiding in Himachal Pradesh and was operating from there only, Bhullar said. He said he was involved in drug smuggling too. Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Garg said seven weapons, including two .32 bore country-made pistols, besides 51 cartridges and one magazine have been recovered from them.

They all were hardcore criminals. A total of 22 FIRs have been registered against Pindri, two against Baljinder, one each against Gurpreet, Jaspreet and Gurdeep, seven against Igbal Mohammed, four against Surinder and 24 against Dara, he added.

HOW AKHILESH AND PRIYANKA ARE TWINNING IN UP POLITICS

In politics, horoscopes are not matched necessarily but circumstances often bring out similarities between politicians even though they may not tread the same path.

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, general secretary in charge of Congress in Uttar Pradesh, have developed a style of working that is strikingly similar and so is the outcome. "They are almost twinning when it comes to politics. Both had a sea of opportunities before them but they seem to destroying the legacy they inherited. Their parties are nose diving ever since they took," said R.K. Singh, a senior political analyst.

The most common complaint against Akhilesh and Priyanka is their inaccessibility to party workers.

Akhilesh, for reasons best known to him, keep the gates of his home and office firmly shut for party workers and meets only those who are members of his coterie.

A senior SP MLA says: "It is much more difficult to meet Akhilesh Yadav than it is to meet Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Even during the Assembly elections, I left several messages with his office but was not given time. This kind of behaviour of a political leader, one is leader a political party, is detrimental to party interests and also a major reason for discontent."

Party leaders also blame Akhilesh's coterie of being arrogant. Recently, Abdullah Azam, son of SP leader Mohd Azam Khan, expressed his displeasure over the comments made by a party spokesman Udaiveer Singh, known for his proximity to Akhilesh.

"I have noticed a statement by a spokesperson of the SP. These are the people responsible for SP's ruin. I request them to comment only as per their level, and not attempt to bring in Azam Khan saheb... or else many things would worsen," he said in a tweet. If Akhilesh's 'coterie' is in the line of fire in SP, it is Priyanka's 'team' that has led to widespread resentment in the state Congress.

Priyanka's personal secretary Sandeep Singh and others are known for their arrogance and misbehaviour with party workers. Their audio clips where conversations are interspersed with abusive language are made viral of the party's WhatsApp groups with an alarming frequency. "This team serves as a barrier between Priyanka and party workers. No one can meet Priyanka without the sanction of her team



and, therefore, she is completely inaccessible for party workers now. Even in Delhi, she meets only those who have permission form Sandeep Singh. She has not visited UP in recent months," said a former Congress MLA.

Another factor that is common between Akhilesh and Priyanka is their disdain for senior leaders in the party.

Both have completely sidelined veterans and are pinning their hopes on younger leaders who are not even familiar with the party ideology. In the SP, veterans who belong to the Mulayam Singh era are nowhere to be seen. Leaders like Ambica Chaudhary, Om Prakash Singh, Narad Rai are biding their time in the wings.

In the Uttar Pradesh Congress, former UPCC presidents like Nirmal Khatri, Shri Prakash Jaiswal, Arun Kumar Singh Munna, Raj Babbar have been pushed into oblivion and the remaining have been expelled from the party.

As a result, the two parties are rapidly losing ground by the day. Under Akhilesh's leadership, the SP has lost the 2017 Assembly, 2019 Lok Sabha and 2022 Assembly elections. The Congress has already hit rock bottom ever since Priyanka took over the reins in 2019. What worries party workers is the fact that the two leaders refuse to see the writing on the wall.

They continue to wage political battles on social media and have disconnected themselves from ground realities.

'SECOND SPLIT': WHY NITISH, BJP NOT ON SAME PAGE ANYMORE?

Nitish Kumar, the powerful JD-U leader, on Tuesday once again parted ways with the BJP-led NDA and resigned as the Chief Minister, joining hands with the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) -- throwing a stunner that not only created a stir in Bihar, but also in the country's political arena.

However, this is not the first time Nitish Kumar chose to board the RJD boat by dumping the NDA ship. In a dramatic turn of events in 2015, he had decided to walk along with Lalu Prasad's RJD. But the JD-U veteran, in a surprise move in 2017, walked out the of alliance with RJD, and again forged a partnership with the NDA. The developments of Tuesday have made many question Nitish Kumar's intent, as to whether he had pre-planned this move after taking oath as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the seventh time in November 2020.

Many have also been left wondering what could have prompted Nitish Kumar to ally with the RJD -- the party which does not enjoy a decent reputation in several



areas, the most prominent being law and order. In fact, Nitish Kumar's brand of politics was majorly being driven on the plank of his crusade against RJD's 'Jungle Raj'. According to political analysts, Nitish Kumar had gotten the drift that he would not be able to run the administration on his terms and conditions, and enjoy a free-hand the moment Sushil Kumar Modi -- considered a trusted lieutenant of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) -- was shown the door and two others -- Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi -- were made Deputy Chief Ministers. Nitish Kumar, apparently, was also not pleased with the BJP over certain issues, including appointing ministers from its quota. When the Cabinet was expanded in July 2021, despite Nitish Kumar's repeated requests, only one JD-U leader -- R.C.P. Singh -was appointed as minister. According to sources, the development made Nitish Kumar upset, and since then the relation between him and Singh -- who recently resigned from the JD-U -- went downslide.

Sources said Nitish Kumar feels that the BJP, by making R.C.P. Singh a minister, not only took away his trusted aide from him, but also tried to deduce his importance. Upset over this, he did not nominate Singh to Rajya Sabha a year later (in 2022). Also, JD-U accused Singh of being involved in corruption, which compelled the former Union minister to resign from the party.

The heated argument that took place in Bihar Assembly in March this year between Nitish Kumar and Speaker Vijay Sinha (appointed from BJP quota) had also raised some points of concern. In fact, Nitish Kumar also accused Sinha of violating Constitutional norms. The soft buzz in the JD-U hinted towards "BJP's repeated attempts to humiliate Nitish Kumar". In fact, since that episode, Nitish Kumar began maintaining a distance from 'Delhi'.

The JD-U has claimed that the BJP tried to create cracks among the party legislators with the help of R.C.P. Singh.

Nitish Kumar, having witnessed the JyotiradtiyaScindia episode in Madhya Pradesh and the Eknath Shinde saga in Maharashtra, got alarmed about the "possibilities of a sabotage by the BJP", sources said.

Meanwhile, it also needs to be underlined that the BJP never tried to hurt Nitish Kumar's prospects. Despite the exchange of words between JD-U and BJP leaders that remained confined just within Bihar, the senior leaders of the saffron party, including its President J.P. Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah, have maintained that Nitish Kumar is the leader of NDA, and they would contest the 2024 Lok

Sabha polls and 2025 Assembly elections together. The alliance, however, witnessed an abrupt end on Tuesday.

WHY BEIJING MUST LINK ONE-CHINA POLICY WITH ONE-INDIA POLICY

KANWAL SIBAL

China's ambassador to India in a newspaper interview expresses the hope that India will support the One China policy, calling such support the foundation of China's relations with all countries, including India.

It is extraordinary he should say this after China has violated all previous border agreements, attempted unilaterally to alter the Line of Actual Control (LAC), massed thousands of troops on our border, continues to build military infrastructure to threaten our security and continues to claim large parts of our territory. That he should not be conscious of the absurdity of his position demonstrates China's sense of entitlement as it grows stronger economically and militarily that it expects others to accept China's positions without it accepting any reciprocal commitments. What is even more absurd is that he calls such support as the foundation of China's relations with India. This is new, because since 1954 it was the principles enshrined in the Panchsheel agreement that governed India-China relations. The 1993, 1996 and later border agreements till 2013 added new foundational stones. After China's aggression on the border in 2020, India has laid down new parameters of India-China ties: Full adherence to agreements reached: any attempt to unilaterally alter the LAC is unacceptable: peace and tranquility in border areas is the basis of development of bilateral relations; Chinese acceptance of the notion of a multipolar Asia as the foundation of a multipolar world; India cannot be sensitive to China's concerns on Tibet and Taiwan without China recognising India's sensitivities about Kashmir; an India-China composite dialogue based on three mutuals- mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests; and, civilizational states like India and China must always take a long view.

That the Chinese ambassador should make short shrift of all this and state that India's support for One China policy without reciprocal support for One India policy is precisely what Minister Jaishankar highlighted in 2020 as the objectionable elements of Chinese diplomacy when he referred to the Chinese habit of selectivityselective interpretation of agreements, interpretation of selective clauses of agreements, and picking up selective portions of the history of bilateral agreements.

The Chinese ambassador's formulation carries a veiled threat that the 'foundation' of China-India ties will be shaken if India did not conform to a One China policy. It is an attempt to create a new pressure point, discouraging India from taking any steps to strengthen ties with Taiwan.

So far India has remained silent on the tensions arising from US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan. If India, conscious of our traditionally close strategic with Russia, could, in a constructive spirit and knowing the stakes involved for the rest of the world, call for an immediate ceasefire and recourse to diplomacy in the case of the Ukraine conflict, and state that neither side will emerge victorious from it, the reasons for our circumspection in the case of the conflict building up in Taiwan are not clear.

Unlike Russia, China is an adversary, its aggressiveness and intimidating tactics against Taiwan are mirrored in its belligerence towards India. Calling for restraint, cautioning against military escalation, advising recourse to diplomacy to resolve issues peacefully and expressing concern about interference in navigation through international waters can be rightly said by us, given our own stakes in curbing China's military adventurism and increasing threats, both lands based and maritime, to our own security. Such a norm based non-accusatory statement should not interfere in our efforts to resolve issues on the LAC that have arisen with China's border intrusions. China has a record of making statements on India-Pakistan issues. As is happens, the Chinese ambassador has put us at a disadvantage by cautioning us in advance against India making any statement on Taiwan that displeases China.

China has described Nancy Pelosi's visit as reckless, irresponsible and extremely irrational. All these adjectives could apply more appropriately to China's response. Pelosi's visit was political in nature, to express US solidarity with Taiwan in the face of Chinese

Taiwan is no position to threaten China militarily, much less invade it. Her visit did not pose any military threat to China whose response has been unabashedly military in nature. China has conducted military exercises encircling Taiwan, launched missiles, put in action fighter aircraft and drones and crossed the median line with the intention to intimidate Taiwan and signal to the US its capacity and readiness to achieve reunification by force if required.

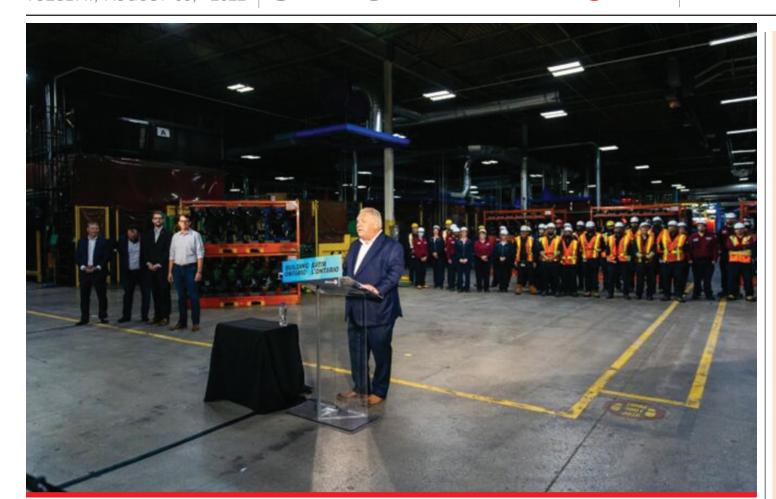
China's claim that Pelosi's visit violates its sovereignty and territorial integrity has no political or legal basis. China may have sovereign claims over Taiwan, as it has over features in the South China and East China Seas, as well as over land belonging to India and Bhutan. But that does not make these claims legitimate. Invoking territorial integrity assumes that Taiwan is an integral part

If that were the case, Taiwan would not have an international personality, issue its own passports, be a WTO member, have FTAs with a handful of countries as well as diplomatic relations. Setting up trade offices in Taiwan, as India has done, does not require Beijing's approval. There is a need to challenge the Chinese

China's ambassador to the US loftily claims that Taiwan has been an inseparable part of China's territory for 1,800 years. In 1895 Taiwan was ceded to Japan by the Chinese emperor.

The Allies restored it to the Republic of China (RoC) in 1945, not the People's Republic of China (PRC), whose legitimacy was questioned until Cold War calculations of profiting from the Sino-Soviet rift and the end of any prospect of 'recovery of the mainland' by the Kuomintang regime in Taiwan coupled with the consolidation of the communist regime in mainland China under Mao, led to the replacement of RoC by the PRC as the only legitimist representative of China to the UN in 1971.

It needs remembering that it was not a unanimous resolution. Only 76 countries voted for, 35 voted against and 17 abstained. If so, many voted against or abstained, it is clear that while the issue of China's representation in the UN was decided, the issue of sovereignty over Taiwan was not. It was left to the two contending Chinas to resolve it in time. That in 1979 when US and China established diplomatic ties the US recognised the PRC as the sole legal government of China merely confirmed what had already been recognised by the UNGA in 1971, nothing more.



ONTARIO TRAINING MORE WORKERS FOR IN DEMAND CAREERS IN AUTO MANUFACTURING

The Ontario government is working for workers by investing \$5 million to provide free training to 500 people from underrepresented groups to prepare them for well-paying jobs in the province's thriving automotive manufacturing sector. The project will provide participants with the necessary skills for rewarding careers in machine operation, assembly, quality control, and logistics. The program will also help address a critical shortage of workers in a vital industry as Ontario positions itself as a North American leader in auto manufacturing.

"Our government is securing game-changing investments in the province's auto sector that will ensure the electric vehicles and batteries of the future are made here in Ontario by Ontario workers," said Premier Doug Ford. "As we do, we're investing in training the next generation of Ontario's automotive workers and connecting hundreds of them with good-paying jobs at local businesses in immediate need of their world class talent and expertise."

Led by the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association (APMA), training includes three-month paid job placements through APMA's network of more than 300 small and medium-sized businesses. After completing the program, each participant will receive a job offer from a local employer.

"Our auto workers are heroes, and we need more of them to deliver our ambitious plan to build Ontario," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "This investment will help local manufacturers find the skilled workers they need to grow our economy and connect job seekers with meaningful careers where they can proudly earn bigger paycheques for themselves and their families."

The program features a combination of online and on-the-job training, where participants learn critical skills, such as manufacturing essentials, project management, and troubleshooting. Training is tailored to the needs of each participant and employers can receive of the automotive sector in Ontario will benefit from welcoming new faces, voices and perspectives," said APMA president Flavio Volpe. "This investment creates a sustainable platform for communities that — need to find well-paying careers close to home.



haven't historically participated in the sector to become integral to its up to \$4,600 in wage subsidies for each trainee. "The exciting future success." This project is funded by Ontario's Skills Development Fund, a more than \$200 million initiative that supports innovative programs that connect job seekers with the skills and training they

ONTARIO'S 2022-23 BUDGET PROJECTS DEFICIT OF \$18.8 BILLION

As part of its commitment to implement the 2022 Budget and build a stronger Ontario for workers, businesses and families, the Ontario government today re-introduced the Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022.

"I am pleased to re-introduce the Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022 bill today so our government can continue delivering Ontario's Plan to Build, supporting better jobs for workers while building more highways, housing and hospitals right across the province," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "With costs rising, our plan also includes measures to help families, including new direct payments to parents to help their kids catch up and increasing Ontario Disability Support Program payments."

To help those who qualify for disability support, the government is delivering on its commitment to increase the rates for income support by five per cent beginning in September 2022, for families and persons under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Beginning in September, the government will increase both the ODSP rate and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program maximum monthly amount by five per cent. Future ODSP rates will also be adjusted to inflation.

To help fill gaps in learning for students after two years of pandemic disruptions, the government is also investing \$225 million for direct payments to parents. This is in addition to the previously announced \$175 million tutoring support program, the largest of its kind in Ontario's

history. The government will have more details later in the year on how families can access this new support.

"No government in Ontario history has invested more in public education, tutoring supports, and student mental health than our government," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "We are going further by providing direct financial support to parents, in addition to the expanded tutoring supports for students, all focused on ensuring kids get back to class with the full school experience."

The additional investment in tutoring supports and increased ODSP rate will be funded from existing contingencies contained in the government's fiscal plan as presented in the 2022 Budget.

Building on the Province's record of transparency and accountability, the government also released the 2022-23 First Quarter Finances today, which provides updated information about the evolution of Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook since the 2022 Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Due to higher-than-projected taxation revenues, the government is projecting a deficit of \$18.8 billion in 2022-23, an improvement of \$1.1 billion from the outlook presented in the 2022 Budget. "We have a prudent and flexible plan which builds on our record of responsible fiscal management, while making the investments that will reduce commute times, support front-line health care and help create good jobs," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "In a time of economic uncertainty, our government is supporting Ontario workers and families by putting more money back into their pockets."

FBI SEARCHES TRUMP'S FLORIDA HOME

Former US President Donald Trump has said that his home in Florida has been "raided" by the FBI.

"My beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," Trump added on Monday in a statement released through his political action committee -- 'Save America'.

The former President was not present at his home at the time of raids.

However, neither the FBI nor the US Justice Department have made any comments on the raids at Trump's house.

The search -- as approved by the judge and different from the politically loaded term "raid" -- was unprecedented and this was the first time a former US President's home was searched by the FBI, not even former President Richard Nixon, who left the President's office in disgrace over the Watergate scandal.

US legal experts said that a search of this kind has to be cleared by a federal judge on two essential grounds. One, there is probable cause that a federal crime has been committed and is being investigated and that, two, related evidence is stored at the site of the search. The raid is likely in connection to Trump's mishandling of official records from his Presidential term. He is reported to have not only carried away 15 boxes of official documents that he should have left for official records keeping but also for destroying documents, which he did, including by flushing them in the toilet.

Trump's efforts to overturn the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election, which he lost to President Joe Biden have also been under scrutiny, and at multiple levels.

A Congressional Select Committee is looking at them as part of an investigation of the January 6 riots at the US Capitol by large number of people incited by Trump to prevent a joint session from certifying Biden's victory.

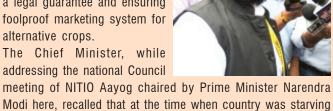
The FBI has also searched the premises of a former Justice Department official, who participated in and aided Trump's efforts, and has additionally seized the phone of a right-wing lawyer, who is widely believed to have encouraged the former President to challenge the outcome by providing him purportedly constitutional cover.

PUNJAB CM BATS FOR MSP AS LEGAL GUARANTEE

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday espoused the case of food growers by underlining the need for making minimum support price (MSP) a legal guarantee and ensuring foolproof marketing system for alternative crops.

The Chief Minister, while addressing the national Council

made country self-reliant in food production.



However, he said as agriculture is no longer a profitable venture so the farmers are facing a serious crisis. "All-out efforts must be made to bail out the farmers from this situation for which the Union government must step in."

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The Chief Minister underscored the need for making MSP on the crops a legal guarantee. He said it is the need of hour so that interests of farmers can be safeguarded.

Likewise, Mann said the MSP must be remunerative as the input cost of agriculture have enhanced manifolds and farmers are not getting right price of their harvest.

Outrightly rejecting the committee on MSP constituted by the Centre, he demanded that it should be reconstituted with "real farmers" as its members.

He said the committee is dominated by those armchair economists who don't have any knowledge about agriculture. and experts of agriculture, along with all stakeholders, must be made members of this committee.

Expressing concern over the import of pulses in country on exorbitant prices, the Chief Minister said this drain of country's wealth needs to be checked and Punjab can play an important role in it. He said the farmers of the state are ready to make country self-relevant in production of pulses. The Union government must announce MSP for pulses and assured marketing system for it. Likewise, the Chief Minister said that diversification of crops is urgently needed to take farmers out of rut of the wheat-paddy cycle on one hand and to save the depleting groundwater level on the other. The Chief Minister also apprised the Niti Aayog that the state government is making efforts to revamp the education structure in state.

69% JOBS IN INDIA UNDER THREAT BY **AUTOMATION IN 20 YEARS**

Nearly 69 per cent of jobs in India are under threat from automation, as the country, with its relatively young workforce, is set to add 160 million new workers over the next 20 years, a new report showed on Monday. The main priority for the country, set to reach a working population of 1.1 billion by 2040, will be job creation to accommodate new workers entering the workforce, according to Forrester's 'Future Of Jobs Forecast'. "India's workforce is young, with an average age of 38, and its working population will grow by 160 million over the next 20 years," said Michael O'Grady, principal forecast analyst at Forrester. In addition, India's labour force participation rate, which measures the share of the working-age population currently working, has dropped to just 41 per cent, he added. The working populations in the five largest economies in Asia Pacific -- India, China, South Korea. Australia, and Japan -- are more at risk due to physical robot automation than Europe and North America. By 2040, 63 million jobs are expected to be lost to automation, with more than 247 million jobs expected to be in jeopardy across industries that are more susceptible to automation, such as construction and agriculture, the report noted. "To prepare for the changes brought on by automation, the five largest economies in APAC will have to radically rethink their workforce strategies," said O'Grady. "While each economy faces its own challenges, common focus areas such as hiring more female workers can help offset working population declines. In addition, investing in STEM education, technology workforce training, and protecting the rights of freelance workers will become of utmost importance," he noted. India, China, South Korea, Australia, and Japan will create 28.5 million new jobs in renewable energy, green buildings, smart cities and smart infrastructure, and professional services by 2040. But even with the creation of new jobs in areas such as the green economy and information and communications technology (ICT) industries, 13.7 million jobs in the region will be lost to automation across wholesale, retail, transport, accommodation, and leisure sectors.

WHY TEJAS FIGHTER AIRCRAFT **ARE IN DEMAND?**

The government had informed the Lok Sabha on Friday that Malaysia is procuring 18 Tejas fighter jets while the US, Argentina, Australia, Egypt, Indonesia and Philippines too have shown interest to procure the light combat aircraft (LCA).

Last year, the Indian government had awarded a Rs 48,000 crore contract to state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for manufacturing 83 Tejas jets to be delivered by 2023.

The indigenous Tejas fighter jet was in the news recently after becoming Malaysia's first choice. This Indian aircraft competed with the developed aircraft of China, Russia and South Korea, and due to its features, it overshadowed all the aircraft.

Defence expert Qamar Agha said that if compared to Sukhoi, Tejas is much lighter. "Tejas is fully capable of carrying a load of eight to nine tonnes. It can fly with as many weapons and missiles as Sukhoi, which weighs more. Its biggest advantage is its speed. Despite being light, its speed is unmatched. These aircraft can fly as fast as the speed of sound, i.e., Mach 1.6 to 1.8, up at an altitude of 52,000 feet," he said. Agha added: "The Tejas Mark-1A is also costlier than the Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft because many latest equipment have been added to it. For example, it has radar developed in Israel. Apart from this, the aircraft also has an indigenously developed radar. It is very light and its fighter power is also better. It is a multifunctional fighter aircraft."

Tejas is fitted with an active electronically-scanned radar for critical operation capability. It can refuel in the air and be ready for war again. It can target enemy aircraft from a distance. Not only this, it also has the ability to dodge the enemy's radar.

"At a time when there is a shortage of fighter jets in the Indian Air Force fleet, Tejas should be welcomed," the defence expert said. Tejas made its first flight in January 2001. The aircraft was inducted into the squadron of the Indian Air Force in 2016.





WILL PAK ARMY CHIEF BAJWA OR HIS SUCCESSOR RECONCILE TIES WITH INDIA?

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On July 25, the Supreme Court's three Judge bench headed by Chief Justice Omar Ata Bandial controversially struck down Punjab Assembly Deputy Speaker, Dost Mohammed Mazari's order on the vote to elect Punjab's Chief Minister. Instead, it installed former Speaker, Chaudhry Pervez Elahi as CM. In an increasingly polarised atmosphere, this order signified an indirect boost for ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan's narrative and a setback to the government of Shahbaz Sharif, who is the face of the People's Democratic Movement (PDM) alliance at the Centre.

In this backdrop, the focus has shifted inevitably to the looming succession of the Army Chief in November, 2022, as current incumbent Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa's extended term ends on Nov 28, 2022. Even as Khan's Pakistan Tehrik e Insaaf (PTI) intensified calls for an immediate general election by October, 2022, the cat was set among pigeons during a press interaction of President Arif Alvi, when he laconically responded to a journalist's guery, suggesting that early appointment of a new Army Chief could be a good idea!

Shortly after Imran Khan's ouster on April 09, after the Supreme Court ruled that National Assembly (NA) Deputy Speaker, Qasim Suri's order rejecting the vote of no-confidence against Imran (on April 03), the PM's advice to dissolve the NA and President Alvi's rubber stamping thereof were all ultra vires, the Pakistan Army's DG, Inter Services Public Relations, Maj Gen Babar Iftikhar disclosed in a Press Conference (April 14, 2022) that Gen Baiwa 'would not seek nor accept another extension'. This denial has to be understood in a particular context.

High drama ensued during the no-confidence vote in the NA on 9 April. Rumours swirled about possible dismissal orders being issued against the Army Chief, after a last-minute Cabinet meeting. Imran was attempting to divide the senior Army leadership. Though it was known that he preferred to make former ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, currently XI Corps Commander, Peshawar as the next Army Chief, on 9 April, he apparently offered the prize post to Lt Gen Shaheen Mazhar Mehmood, currently 1 Corps Commander, Mangla (and erstwhile head of the Peshawar command). Mazhar reportedly declined, alerting Gen Bajwa.

This may have prompted a mysterious helicopter visit to the PM house with two senior military officials, Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum, DG, ISI, and Brig Mehr Omar Khan, CO, 111 Brigade (otherwise known in Pakistan's turbulent anti-democratic history, as 'the coup Brigade') reading the riot act to Imran. This was denied as baseless by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) but other credible sources alleged that they did meet Imran Khan, following which his boorish behaviour softened.

In the preceding fortnight, pro-PTI trollers on social media had intensified personal attacks against Gen. Bajwa. Several fake video and audio tapes emerged criticising him. These were authored ostensibly by senior retired Army officers, forcing some of them like former Army Chief Gen Aslam Beg to retract from the alleged accusations. In raids on 11-12 April, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) arrested known PTI mastermind, Arsalan Khalid and several others behind this campaign. Post Imran ouster too, retired Generals like Lt. Gen Ali Kuli Khan Khattak. Lt Gen Tarig Khan and former DG. Inter-Services Intelligence, Lt. Gen Zahoor ul Islam openly campaigned in his support. Though ensconced now in Peshawar, Lt. Gen Faiz was still rumoured to be politicking for support within the Army.

The 79th Corps Commanders Conference, held on 12 April, took stern notice of this "propaganda campaign" and "attempt to divide institutions and society". During a visit to the IV Corps garrison at Lahore, Bajwa took pains to separately speak to serving and retired officers there, to explain how the Army leadership's honeymoon with Imran Khan had soured. He recalled there, the unseemly spat that occurred between him and the Prime Minister when Imran held-up the entire chain of Lieutenant Generals' transfers issued in October, 2021 replacing Lt. Gen Faiz Hameed as DG, ISI, bringing in Lt. Gen Nadeem Anjum in his place. This change could ultimately be affected only a month later, on Nov 20, 2021.

Other senior serving Generals rallied behind the Army Chief at this stage. After Shahbaz Sharif became PM, Lt.Gen. (retd) Muzammil Hussain, believed to have been acting as Faiz Hameed's henchman in all these shenanigans, had to quit as Chairman, Water & Power Development Authority (WAPDA), a cushy sinecure reserved for Army Generals, though Imran Khan had only recently extended his tenure.

These controversies would have dampened chances of an extension for Gen Bajwa in November 2022, suggesting perhaps, that the new administration may prefer to play by the book and rely on a noncontroversial consensus within the Army, based on seniority, while selecting the new Army Chief.

The DG, ISPR's statement of April 14 followed.

Technically speaking, another extension to Bajwa remains an option for the political leadership. The Army Act, 1952 was amended in January, 2020, introducing several clauses under Sec. 8 thereof, enabling 'tenure of appointment, reappointment or extension, subject to a maximum age of sixtyfour (64) years. Under the amended Army Act, the Army Chief can continue till he is 64 years old. Though Bajwa could get another year plus in this case, such an extension would be unpopular within the army, as 16 more Lieutenant Generals could be forced to retire before a new Chief comes in.

Moreover, though constitutionally binding, President Alvi may not be inclined to automatically accept Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's recommendation in

Pro-Imran sentiments still find some traction within the Army, though Gen Bajwa seems to be confidently in control. Imran's frequent public pronouncements about the neutral's lack of support for him may have annoyed the top Army leadership. In September, 2022 six (6) more Lieutenant Generals will retire. Two Corps commands, at I Corps, Mangla and IV Corps, Lahore will fall vacant, along with important posts of Quartermaster General and Director, Strategic Plans Division (head of Pakistan's nuclear command). This will give Bajwa considerable leeway to accommodate disgruntled Generals and also to ensure that dissent against him abates.

Among the most senior cohort of Generals who will be eligible for promotion as Army Chief, if Bajwa does not get or take another extension, are Lt Gen Sahir Shamshad Mirza, currently Corps Commander, X Corps, Rawalpindi, Lt. Gen Azhar Abbas, currently Chief of General Staff (CGS) and Lt. Gen Nauman Mehmood, all of whom have excellent professional profiles and are notionally senior to Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, currently XI Corps Commander, Peshawar. Mirza has been CGS and has held the post of Director General, Military Operations (DGMO) earlier. Azhar Abbas has also served as X Corps Commander, Rawalpindi and CGS. Nauman Mehmood was Deputy Director General in ISI and Corps Commander, Peshawar.

Hameed's closeness to the former PM, Imran Khan is suspect not only with the civilian (PDM) leaders now in power but it may rankle with senior Generals, who dislike excessive military kowtowing to civilians. Bajwa has cleverly kept Faiz embroiled in the ongoing peace talks with the Tehrik e Taliban (TTP), under the aegis of the Afghan Taliban leaders in Kabul. These talks appear to be stalemated due to escalating demands made by the TTP even after some of their imprisoned top leaders were released. An in-camera debate of the National Assembly's Security Committee frowned upon too soft an approach or further concessions in

the on-going dialogue with TTP.

If the Shahbaz Sharif PDM government in Islamabad can keep its allies under control and it gets the Army establishment's nod to continue in office for its full term, till August next year, it is entirely possible that Shahbaz Sharif, as a weak PM, may endorse a consensus proposal of the Army's top leaders to appoint the next Army Chief. It would then lie on President Alvi to concur with this decision. This could happen even earlier. if the Army decides on an October, 2022 election, where it may facilitate a hung National Assembly, ensuring that Imran Khan's PTI falls short of a

As things stand, two Lieutenant Generals may be elevated to four-star status, as Gen Nadeem Raza, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee also retires on Nov 28, 2022. Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Azhar Abbas and Nauman Mehmood remain hot contenders in this race.

Addressing the Islamabad Security Dialogue in March, 2021 Gen Bajwa significantly observed, 'the contemporary concept of national security' is not only about protecting a country from internal and external threats but 'also providing a conducive environment, in which aspirations of human security, national progress and development could be realized'. Clarifying 'It (national security) is not solely a function of armed forces anymore'; he added 'A nation at peace and a region in harmony are essential prerequisites for attainment of national security in the true spirit.' Whether it be human security, extremism, human rights, environmental hazards, economic security or pandemics, responding in silos is no longer an option," Bajwa acknowledged, 'we end up spending a lot of money on our defence, which naturally comes at the expense of human development'. He stressed a 'desire to change the narrative of geo-political contestation into geo-economic integration,' which, in the context of 'stable Indo-Pak relations would have to take cognizance of the 'Kashmir dispute (which) is obviously at the head of this problem', adding that 'without (its) resolution through peaceful means', the process of sub-continental rapprochement 'will always remain susceptible to derailment due to politically motivated bellicosity.' However, Bajwa observed, 'it is time to bury the past and move forward'.

On April 23, 2021, during a meeting Pakistani journalist in an 'off the record' iftari (daily fast breaking event during the Muslim holy month of Ramzan) briefing, Bajwa repeated his 'new security thinking' prioritising 'geo-economics', outlined in the Islamabad Security Dialogue (ISD). He also spoke about the recent India-Pakistan Track II initiative which led to the reiteration of the Line of Control (LoC)/International Border (IB) ceasefire agreement in February, 2021.

Though it was not immediately evident if Bajwa was speaking for the entire senior military leadership, this formulation seemed the most suitable for possible improvement in the ambience of hitherto fractious India – Pakistan relations in the immediate future.

Discordant voices of hard-line former diplomats as also civilian politicians currently in power keep repeating, ad nauseum, the position that no dialogue with India is possible till India's August. '19 changes in the status of Jammu & Kashmir are reversed. In December, '21, a 'National Security Policy' was passed with much fanfare by Imran Khan's Cabinet. Intended to improve Pakistan's international image, of a security state in transition towards economic security and human development, it contained several pious hopes and cliched security jargon on how to reach these goals. Though wishing to improve relations with India, the NSP talked of 'India's hegemonistic designs', 'the rise of Hindutva driven politics' and 'political exploitation of a policy of belligerence towards Pakistan by India's leadership', which 'has led to the threat of military adventurism and non-contact warfare'. These unchanged, age-old mindsets of animosity, which have characterised policy making in Pakistan may inhibit whoever becomes the next Army Chief in Pakistan. In the backdrop of recent politicking within, any new incumbent in the post will take time to settle in, keeping in view all these diverse strains before attempting to make changes, if any, in the evolving pattern of relations with India.

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DEFENCE MINISTER ANITA ANAND ANNOUNCES DEPLOYMENT OF CANADIAN ARMED FORCES TO TRAIN UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS IN UK

announced today that Canada has authorized the deployment of Canadian Armed Forces personnel to train new recruits from the Armed Forces of Ukraine, as they seek to increase the size of their ground forces in the face of Russia's ongoing unprovoked, unjustifiable, and illegal invasion. Under Operation UNIFIER, Canada's military training and capacity building mission in Ukraine, the CAF will deploy up to 225 personnel to the United Kingdom, the majority of whom will work as trainers, supported by a command and control element, for an initial deployment of approximately four months. The first of up to three training cohorts, consisting of approximately 90 soldiers, will be largely drawn from 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry based out of Edmonton, Alberta. They are scheduled to depart on 12 August and will begin leading courses in the weeks' following.

The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Anita Anand, The first Canadian-led courses will take place at a military base located in South East England, and will teach a flexible curriculum focused on individual skills required for frontline combat, including weapons handling, battlefield first aid, fieldcraft, patrol tactics and the Law of Armed Conflict Operation UNIFIER was launched in 2015 at the request of the Ukrainian government, and early this year, was expanded and extended until March 2025. Aspects of the mission were temporarily paused following the February 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine, with a commitment to resume training when and where conditions permitted. Since February 2022, Canada has committed or delivered \$626 million in military assistance to Ukraine, including M777 howitzer artillery guns with replacement barrels and compatible ammunition, as well as specialized drone cameras and Armoured Combat Support Vehicles, and associated training.

CANADA LOST 31,000 JOBS IN JULY, & UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED AT 4.9%: STATSCAN



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Employment fell among women aged 55 and older (-33,000; -1.7%) and women aged 25 to 54 (-31,000; -0.5%) in July. For men aged 55 and older, employment rose by 32,000 (+1.4%). It was little changed among youth aged 15 to 24 and men aged 25 to 54.

In the services-producing sector, employment fell by 53,000 (-0.3%) in July, with losses spread across several industries, including wholesale and retail trade, health care and social assistance, and educational services.

Employment rose in the goods-producing sector (+23,000; +0.6%) in July. Total hours worked were down 0.5% in July.

The average hourly wages of employees were up 5.2% (+\$1.55 to \$31.14) on a year-over-year basis in July, matching the pace of wage growth recorded in June.

Unemployment rate remains at record low

The unemployment rate held steady at 4.9% in July, matching the historic low reached in June.

The adjusted unemployment rate—which includes people who were not in the labour force but wanted to work—remained at 6.8% in July, also matching its record low.

Long-term unemployment dropped 23,000 (-12.2%) to 162,000 in July, the third consecutive monthly decline.

CANADA DEFENDS DECISION TO RETURN RUSSIAN GAS TURBINE

The Canadian government has defended its decision to return a turbine critical to restoring regular gas flows from Russia to Germany that had been held up in the country due to Western sanctions on Moscow.

Foreign Minister Melanie Joly and Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson told a parliamentary committee that Ottawa had decided to return the turbine, which had come to Canada for repairs, to maintain cohesion with its German and European allies, reports dpa news agency.

"I cannot overemphasise the depth of concern on the part of the Germans associated with them effectively not being able to access natural gas," Wilkinson said, adding that refusing to export the turbine was "not viable" given Germany's dependence on Russian gas.

The turbine has been at the centre of a weeks-long saga over dwindling natural gas flows, in what top German and EU officials say is a politically motivated move by Moscow aimed at sparking an energy crisis in Europe.

Moscow claims that Gazprom was forced to drastically reduce gas deliveries to Germany due to the absent turbine, while German officials have repeatedly maintained that the move was an attempt by Russia to punish Germany for its stance on the war in Ukraine and for imposing sanctions on Russia. The turbine has now been sent to Germany, where it is being stored temporarily before being transported to Russia for installation. Siemens Energy, the company responsible for repairing the turbine, said on Tuesday that the component was ready for transport to Russia, though Gazprom said it was still waiting for documentation necessary for the turbine's reinstallation, a claim that Siemens denies.

ONTARIO MAKING IT EASIER AND FASTER TO RENEW ONTARIO PHOTO CARDS

The Ontario government is making it more convenient for people to keep their government-issued identification and permits up to date. Holders of Ontario Photo Cards can now sign up for free reminders by email, text, or phone call 60 and 30 days before it is time to renew, providing a convenient way to get notified when the photo cards are set to expire. All Ontarians are also encouraged to sign up for free digital renewal reminders for health cards, driver's licences and licence plates. "We're constantly improving government services to make life easier for people and businesses," said Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "Digital renewal reminders are a great way to help people remember to keep their ID, documents, and licence plates up to date and to take advantage of our easy and fast online services to renew them in minutes."

It is important for Ontarians to keep their licence plate, driver's licence, health card, or Ontario Photo Card up to date to ensure seamless access to critical services and avoid fines or penalties. It's easier, faster, and more convenient to renew now than ever before. Customers can renew online at Ontario.ca/Renew in minutes. Those who need to visit a ServiceOntario centre in person can book an appointment at Ontario.ca/Appointment to make the visit quicker and hassle-free.

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PIZZA-MAKING WORKSHOPS WILL BE HOSTED BY PIZZA NOVA AT THE CNE THIS YEAR FROM AUGUST 19 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2022.

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INNOVATIVE PIZZA FRANCHISE MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY HOSTING KIDS PIZZA-MAKING WORKSHOPS ON CNE GROUNDS

Ontarians and other visitors in returning to the Canadian National Exhibition this August 19 to September 5, after a two-year hiatus. A staunch supporter of the CNE for over 45 years, Pizza Nova returns as a sponsor and, in addition to feeding the throngs of visitors, will offer an interactive pizzamaking workshop for children at Kids' World.

"It's wonderful to be heading back to The Ex this year," says Domenic Primucci, president of Pizza Nova. "I don't know anyone who isn't excited about enjoying the CNE and all it has to offer. We're always eager to share our love of food with people - but it's particularly special this year."

The Canadian National Exhibition was closed due to pandemic-related restrictions for two years, leaving sponsors and attendees missing the social interaction of the event-and the food, for which it has become well known.

"We love sponsoring the CNE because food is a very important part of the festivities - and of life in general," adds Primucci. "This year, we're excited to offer something even more interactive than sharing a nice slice. We are very eager to share our craft of pizza making with the kids."

The 30-minute pizza-making workshops will be held daily and will include pizza trivia, tips and tricks on kneading dough and the fun presence of

Pizza Nova, a proudly Ontario-based company, joins thousands of Leonardough, Pizza Nova's beloved mascot. Children will also leave the event with a loot bag and a slice of pizza.

"I've been blessed to experience firsthand the enjoyment of making pizza with my grand-parents, parents and now children," concludes Primucci. "I will never forget these memorable experiences and I'm so happy to share them with others."

Organizers of the CNE are expecting more than one million visitors this year. That's a lot of pizza.

About Pizza Nova

Founded in 1963, Pizza Nova is a family-operated business that is committed to sharing the rich taste of Italy with Canadians. Pizza Nova has more than 150 stores and concession locations in Southern Ontario and is inspired by family values such as trust, integrity, and authenticity. They are known for fresh toppings, high-quality ingredients and a wide range of authentic Italian menu items including lasagna, panzerotti, Italian sandwiches, chicken wings, arancini and FOCACCIA BARESE™?. They also have a line of Primucci branded products featuring Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Homestyle Tomato Sauce, Italian Hot Peppers, Spicy Green Olives and Sundried Black Olives. Taste the Difference or Learn more at pizzanova.com.

POLICE SEEK PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL(S) INVOLVED IN DISCHARGE FIREARM INVESTIGATION IN BRAMPTON





Investigators from the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the individual(s) involved in the discharge of a firearm in the City of Brampton. On Saturday, July 30, 2022, at approximately 11:08 p.m., property damage was discovered as a result of a gunshot. Police found further evidence that a firearm had been discharged multiple times and determined it came from the general area of McVean Drive and Cottrelle Boulevard, Brampton. Although no injuries were reported, investigators are appealing to residents of the area to review their surveillance systems for any video or audio consistent with gunshots being discharged on the above mentioned time and date. Anyone who may have witnessed or has information is asked to please contact the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, Ext. 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

CANADA POLICE'S 'MOST-VIOLENT GANGSTER' LIST FEATURES NINE INDIAN-ORIGIN MEN

The Indian origin criminals named in the list are — Shakiel Basra (28). Amarpreet Samra (28), Jagdeep Cheema (30), Ravinder Sarma (35), Barinder Dhaliwal (39) Andy St. Pierre (40) Gurpreet Dhaliwal (35) Richard Joseph Whitlock (40), Amroop Gill (29), Sukhdeep Pansal (33) and Sumdish Gill (28). The police in Canada have urged people to maintain distance with them. The warning was issued by the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC), along with Vancouver Police and BC Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



"A public safety warning has been issued in partnership with @VancouverPD @BCRCMP identifying 11 individuals who pose a significant threat to public safety due to their ongoing involvement in gang conflicts and connection to extreme levels of violence #endganglife," the Canadian authority tweeted along with a poster featuring the 11 'mostviolent gangsters'. The police said these 11 criminals pose danger to everyone as their rivals can taget them at any time. Meninder Dhaliwal, a dreaded gangster with roots in Punjab, was recently gunned down by his rivals in Canada, which prompted the authorities to release the poster of criminals whom the general public should avoid at all times.

Pizza Nova and its customers support Canadian Mental Health Association of Durham

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The location is the 14th in the Durham region and is operated by longtime Pizza Nova Franchisee, Jawaid Said.

Pizza Nova thanks the Courtice Community for its warm welcome and generous support.

"Pizza Nova is proud to help support the important work done by the Canadian Mental Health Association of Durham." Said Domenic Primucci, President, Pizza Nova.

JAPDEEP RANDHAWA, 26, FROM MISSISSAUGA CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT MURDER

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On Saturday, September 18, 2021, an alleged shooting took place at a food establishment in the area of Hurontario Street & Derry Road in Mississauga. During the investigation, police located a Ruger Mark 4 firearm with ammunition.

On Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:25 p.m., officers arrested the suspect in the area of Erin Mills Parkway & Burnhamthorpe Road in Mississauga. Japdeep Randhawa, a 26-year-old man from Mississauga was arrested and charged with the following offences:

Attempt Murder Discharge Firearm with Intent

Possession of a Prohibited or Restricted Weapon Possession of Property Obtained by Crime

Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm

He was held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

Anyone with information on the incident is encouraged to contact 12 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau investigators at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1233. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting https:/ /peelcrimestoppers.ca/.

None of the allegations have been proven in the court of law.

NEW MILLENIUM TIRE CENTRE PLEDGES \$500,000 TO WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

William Osler Health System Foundation (Osler Foundation) is pleased to announce a \$500,000 pledge from Andy Dhugga, Kala Dhugga and Paul Dhugga, on behalf of their company, New Millenium Tire Centre. With increasing demands on William Osler Health System (Osler) as the community growsboth for equipment and the development of hospital infrastructure-New Millenium Tire Centre's donation will help enhance local health care by supporting Osler's urgently needed capital requirements.

New Millenium Tire Centre and the Dhugga family are not strangers to philanthropy. This pledge is the second \$500,000 gift they have made to Osler, bringing their overall giving to \$1,000,000 in support of Brampton Civic Hospital and Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness (Peel Memorial).

The Dhugga brothers use the occasion of their annual summer BBQ to inspire their friends, colleagues and professional networks to support Osler by generously matching the funds raised at this annual event.

"We were brought up to understand the importance of giving back," said Andy Dhugga, CEO, New Millenium Tire Centre. "In my household, there were two priorities for giving. One was to give back to the temple, and the other was to give to the local hospital. The COVID-19 pandemic taught us that the hospital is our temple, especially during such critical times. We are pleased to give back to William Osler Health System, to help strengthen our community for years to come."

As part of the transformation of health care in Brampton and Etobicoke, Peel Memorial will become Brampton's new hospital. The transformed Peel Memorial will include a new multi-storey patient tower with 250 inpatient beds and space to grow, new and enhanced outpatient services and day programs, and the expansion of the existing Urgent Care Centre to 24/7 operations later this year-setting the stage for a second full Emergency Department in Brampton. The proposed expanded cancer care services at Brampton Civic Hospital will address the growing need for cancer care in the community and will bring more cancer care servicesincluding radiation treatment-closer to home for patients and families in Brampton and the surrounding region.

"New Millenium Tire Centre truly wants to make a difference in the health of our community," said Ken Mayhew, President & CEO, William Osler Health System. "They have been a

constant support to Osler both prior to the pandemic, and beyond. Thank you to Andy Dhugga,

Kala Dhugga and Paul Dhugga, as well as all of

those at New Millenium Tire Centre for this generous gift and for being an inspiration to business owners across our region."

ABOUT WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM and FOUNDATION: William Osler Health System (Osler) is a hospital

system, which includes Brampton Civic Hospital, Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness, and Etobicoke General Hospital, and serves 1.3 million residents of Brampton, Etobicoke, and surrounding communities within the Central West region. Nationally recognized for its commitment to patient safety. Osler is also Accredited with Exemplary Standing, the highest rating a Canadian hospital can receive. Osler's emergency departments are among the busiest in Canada, and its Mental Health and Addictions program is one of the largest in Ontario. William Osler Health System Foundation seeks to create a healthier community through giving by inspiring its communities to invest in exceptional health care close to home.

SURREY'S MUKHTIAR PANGHALI **GRANTED DAY PAROLE 16 YEARS** AFTER KILLING HIS PREGNANT WIFE

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The board says a May assessment of Panghali's correctional plan specified he has shown improved accountability and attitude progress and has been demoted from a high to medium risk of requiring intervention. The former Surrey teacher has to serve in a "community correctional centre/community-based residential facility upon bed space availability." In October 2006, Panghali reported his wife Manjit Panghali was missing. Later, Police discovered her badly burned body five days later. Further investigation unveiled that Panghali had strangled his four months pregnant wife in their home and then took her body to neighbouring Delta, B.C., to try to cover up the crime. In 2007, he was arrested and charged with seconddegree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 15 years in 2011.

MOTORCYCLIST'S IDENTITY SOUGHT IN NUMEROUS ROBBERIES ACROSS PEEL, GTA

Region of Peel: Investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau are working with the Ontario Provincial Police, Toronto Police Service and York Regional Police Service to identify a man committing robberies across Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The suspect fled the crime scenes on a white motorcycle. From Wednesday, July 13, 2022, until Friday, August 5, 2022, the suspect has committed 12 robberies in Peel Region and several others across the GTA. The suspect generally targets gas stations and fast food establishments between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. throughout the week. The suspect brandishes a firearm when robbing these businesses, demanding money. The suspect is described as male, 5'7" -5'9", with a thin build. His clothing descriptions vary; however, he wears a black motorcycle helmet with green accents, black gloves with white or green accents and sunglasses. The motorcycle he uses is a 2012-2017 white Kawasaki Ninja 300 with green writing and aftermarket exhaust.

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



PM MODI ASKS STATES TO PROMOTE '3TS' AROUND THE WORLD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, chairing the meet of the NITI Aayog Governing Council on Sunday, called on each state to focus on promoting its "3Ts" (trade, tourism, technology) through every Indian Mission around the world.

He said the states must focus on reducing imports, increasing exports and identifying opportunities for the latter. "We should encourage people to use local goods wherever possible," he said. 'Vocal for local' is not the agenda of an individual political party but a common goal, he added.

The PM said even though GST collection has improved, the potential is much more. "Increasing GST collection requires collective action by the Centre and States. It is crucial for strengthening our economic position and becoming a \$5 trillion economy," he said.

On the National Education Policy, the PM said it has been formulated after considerable deliberations, and we should involve all stakeholders in its implementation and develop a clear, timebound roadmap for it.

Expressing his gratitude to the CMs and LGs for participating in the meeting and sharing their views and experiences, he said that NITI Aayog will study the states' concerns, challenges, and best practices and subsequently plan the way forward.

The issues discussed in this meeting will define the national priorities for the next 25 years, he said, adding that "the seeds we sow today will define the fruits reaped by India in 2047".

10 DAYS LEFT IN OFFICE FOR CJI RAMANA, FIVE IMPORTANT CASES AWAIT DECISION

With just 10 days left in office, Chief Justice N.V. Ramana's decision is awaited on five key matters -- Maharashtra political scenario, report by Pegasus panel, PMs security lapse in Punjab, attempt by Maharashtra Wakf Board to replace Attorney General K.K. Venugopal as the counsel in the case, setting up of a bench to hear petitions against the Karnataka High Court judgment banning wearing of hijab in pre-university colleges in the state -- and others, which include petitions challenging Citizenship (Amendment) Act, and listing of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, which provided a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Justice Ramana has been vocal about non-filling up of judicial vacancies and not improving the judicial infrastructure as the main reason for pendency of cases in the country. He has also emphasised access to justice for the people from the weaker sections of the society.

Ramana has minced no words in criticising the government while speaking at public fora and also tried to decide matters of constitutional salience -- on May 11, a bench headed by him put on hold the colonial-era penal provision of sedition, saying the court is cognizant of the integrity of the state on one hand, and the civil liberties of citizens on the other.

The Chief Justice is scheduled to retire on August 26. Last week, the Chief Justice shot a volley of questions at senior advocate Harish Salve, representing Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, while hearing petitions filed by the Shiv Sena and its rebel MLAs on constitutional issues of split, merger, defection, and disqualification.

On August 4, a three-judge bench headed by him had said that the court would decide on August 8 whether to refer some issues involved in the Maharashtra political crisis to a five-judge constitution bench.

The apex court had also asked the Election Commission of India not to decide the application filed by the Shinde camp for recognising them as the ?real Shiv Sena' and allotment of the party symbol. The matter is likely to come up for hearing soon.

Reportedly, the court-constituted Pegasus panel has submitted its report in the alleged misuse of the Pegasus spyware to spy on journalists, politicians and activists. The committee is headed by former Supreme Court judge R.V. Raveendran. The contents of the report remain confidential. The top court decision on the panel's report is awaited. On August 3, the Supreme Court had agreed to set up a bench to consider a clutch of pleas against the Karnataka High Court judgment, which upheld the right of educational

institutions to ban wearing of hijab in pre-university colleges in the state. While mentioning the matter for listing, a counsel urged the top court to fix a date in the matter, as petitions against the high court judgment were filed in March. In January this year, the top court had said that an enquiry committee, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Indu Malhotra, will investigate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security breach in Punjab.

A bench headed by justice Ramana, outlining the terms of reference for the enquiry committee, said, "What were the causes for the security breach for the incident on 5th January 2022? Who is responsible for such a breach, and to what extent? What should be the remedial measures or safeguards necessary for the security of the Prime Minister or other protectees?"

The top court order came on a petition by the NGO, Lawyer's Voice, which was represented by senior advocate Maninder Singh. The petitioner had emphasised on the importance of protection to the PM of the country and urged the court to constitute an independent committee to probe the matter. The matter has not come up for hearing so far, since then.

On August 2, a bench headed by Ramana expressed discontent with the Maharashtra Wakf Board for attempting to replace Attorney General (AG) K.K. Venugopal as a counsel in the case, in the middle of hearing on an important question - whether all land donated by Muslims for charitable work would come under Wakf.

The AG had also written to the Supreme Court to take strong exception to the action taken by the Wakf Board.

"All this interference with the counsel who are to represent the parties being removed at the last minute is a serious, uncalled for, and unwarranted attempt to interfere in the due administration of justice by removing counsel representing the parties. This clearly is an act of contempt of court," the AG said in his letter to the registrar (judicial). The top court is likely to take up this matter

In April this year, the Supreme Court said a reconstituted five-judge constitution bench would deal with the batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370, as one of the judges on the bench, Justice R. Subhash Reddy, had since retired. A bench headed by Chief Justice. Ramana indicated that the reconstituted bench might hear the matter after the summer vacation. However, the matter has not been listed so far. In December 2019, the top court had issued notice on petitions challenging the validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. In December 2019, the top court had declined to give interim relief in the matter. The matter has been pending for two years now.

MRINAL OF PUNJAB BAGS ALL-INDIA FIFTH RANK IN JEE MAINS

Mrinal Garg (17) from Bathinda in Punjab has brought laurels to the state by bagging all-India fifth rank in JEE Mains Session II entrance exam, the results of which were declared on Monday, securing 300/300.

The first six candidates have scored 300/300, but as per the age criteria, Garg was given the fifth rank. Garg has not only topped in Punjab, but has also emerged as regional topper.

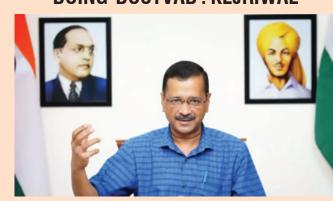
Earlier, Mrinal, a student of Saint Kabir Convent Senior Secondary School in Bathinda and Sri Chaitanya in Chandigarh, had secured top rank in the JEE Mains Session 1 competitive exam by scoring a perfect 300/300.

Another three students of Sri Chaitanya have found a place in the top 100 ranks. Naman Goyal has secured AIR 62, Sankalp Mittal has Secured AIR 76, and Yagya Goyal has secured

"Our son has proved that with hard work,

anybody can reach the top. We are very happy and proud of his achievement," said Mrinal's parents. Responding to his achievement, Mrinal said he would like to thank his parents and owe his success to his teachers at the coaching institute. "I wasn't scared while giving the exam because I have been put through those circumstances earlier."

ONE PARTY DID 'PARIVARVAD', OTHER DOING 'DOSTVAD': KEJRIWAL



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday slammed the Centre over the latter's 'Revdi' remark and claimed that one party (Congress) did 'Parivarvad' while the other party (BJP) ruling at the Centre is doing 'Dostvaad'.

Accusing the BJP of 'dostvaad' (favouring friends) and Congress of 'parivarvaad' (dynastic politics) without naming them, Kejriwal said his party is trying to usher 'Bharatvaad' (Indianness). Targeting the BJP-led Central government in a press briefing, the Chief Minister added, "These people waived off the loans of Rs 10 lakh crore of their friends. Such people must be called as 'traitors' and investigation should be carried out against them." A law should be brought in to declare this 'treason' and all those involved should be sent to jail, he said. He claimed that an atmosphere is being created against free government welfare services by terming them 'freebies', rather than planning to strengthen them during the 75th year of independence. "There are some people who call the provision of free education, free medical treatment by government facilities as 'rewadi' or 'freebies'. An atmosphere is being created in the country against provisions of free education at government schools and free medical treatment at government hospitals," Kejriwal added. He alleged, "We are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the country's independence and should be planning on strengthening such facilities but we are creating an atmosphere against them." "On the eve of 75th independence, I demand to provide free education, healthcare, 300 units of free electricity to every household and an unemployment allowance to all," he said.

MAHARASHTRA: SHINDE-FADNAVIS' ALL-**MALE CABINET HAS 18 MINISTERS**



Soon after his much-awaited mini Cabinet expansion with the induction of 18 members on Tuesday, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde faced flak from various quarters for not including a woman in the team, but inducting three allegedly tainted legislators, and excluding Independents and smaller parties. With this, the number of Cabinet ministers has gone up to 20, including Shinde and BJP's Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis -- less than half the total

Tuesday's exercise was aimed at 'sailing through' the upcoming Monsoon Session of the Assembly starting August 17, and the next phase of expansion with a few Cabinet ranks and others as MoS will be done later.

Shinde has included legislators, including himself, who were part of the former MVA government -- Gulabrao Patil, Dadaji Bhuse, Sanjay Rathod, Sandipan Bhumre, Uday Samant, Abdul Sattar and Shambhuraj Desai -- besides two new faces, Deepak Kesarkar and Tanaji Sawant, who were ministers in the previous Devendra Fadnavis regime.

Despite the presence of several women MLAs in both Shinde group (three) and the BJP (12), the two sides have ignored them -- at least for now -- 41 days after the new government was swornin on June 30.

However, three allegedly scarred MLAs, two from Shinde camp and one from the BJP, are now ministers -- Abdul Sattar, Sanjay Rathod (Shinde group) and BJP's Vijaykumar Gavit.

Shiv Sena leader KishoriPednekar and BJP's Chitra Wagh have slammed the Chief Minister for inducting Rathod - who was a minister in the erstwhile Maha Vikas Aghadi government headed by former CM Uddhav Thackeray.

SHAURYA CHAKRA AWARDEE KILLER ARRESTED IN PUNJAB

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The police have also recovered one hand-grenade, one RDX-IED, two .30 bore pistols, besides magazines and 13 cartridges, 635 gm heroin, 100 gm opium, Rs 36.90 lakh drug money, and one Mitsubishi Lancer car from their possession.

Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said accused Gurwinder Singh, who was wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), had played a key role in the killing of Sandhu by providing weapons to shooters.

A probe revealed that Gurwinder is a close associate of gangsters Sukhpreet Singh and Sukhmeetpal Singh.

Preliminary investigations indicated that the recovered explosives and arms and ammunition were to be used to disrupt peace and harmony and create a sense of terror in the state on or before Independence Day, said the DGP.

Inspector General of Police (Ferozepur Range) Jaskaran Singh said following inputs that Gurwinder Baba with his aide Sandeep was on the way to Khadoor Sahib, the Tarn Taran police had intercepted their car and managed to arrest them.

SSP Ranjit Singh Dhillon said the arrests are likely to lead to disclosures of cross-border smuggling modules.

Two motorcycle-borne assailants shot dead Shaurya Chakra awardee Sandhu at his residence in Bhikhiwind in the border district of Tarn Taran in October 2020.



UKRAINE PROPOSES NEW SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA

The Ukrainian Parliament has unveiled a draft law to impose new sanctions on Russia.

The bill, which was submitted by President Volodymyr Zelensky. envisages 10 new restrictive measures to be introduced against Russia for the next 10 years, reports Xinhua news agency.

In particular, the draft law stipulates a ban on transferring funds from

Ukraine to Russia-related individuals and legal entities.

Besides, it prohibits Russia-linked individuals from participating in the privatisation and lease of Ukrainian state property and purchasing land plots in Ukraine.

The bill also proposes to ban Russian and Russia-linked ships and planes from entering Ukraine, among other measures.

POLITICS IN PAKISTAN BASED ON AN ELEMENT OF VINDICTIVENESS

Politics in Pakistan is based on an element of vindictiveness which often tends to make the creator or supporter of a particular law, victim of his own doing. This vicious political cycle has affected the lives and careers of several prominent politicians in the country and would now come to haunt former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The accusations against Khan in the Toshakhana case is far more complex than it appears and is a matter of serious concern for the former premier.

While on the face of it, the case might not appear as part of a major corruption scandal involving embezzlement of crores of state funds, it nevertheless hinges on a principle stand adopted by the Supreme Court on need for earnings to be declared by politicians, including Prime Ministers.

In the case of Nawaz Sharif, the Supreme Court had disqualified him from participating in national politics for life, which also became the basis for his removal from the post of Prime Minister. In the Sharif case, the accusation against him was for having not declared a certain amount which he was to have received (but had not yet received) from certain sources. The initial part of the Supreme Court declaration in the case had mentioned: "It is hereby declared that having failed to disclose his unwithdrawn receivables constituting assets from XYZ sources in his nomination papers filed for general elections held in 2013, Sharif remains disqualified from being member of Parliament as per Article 62(1)F of the

Constitution." It is worth noting that in the Nawaz Sharif case, even though he had not received the said amount, the fact that he was due to receive the amount, and had consciously avoided declaring the same in the statement of returns before the Election Commission, led the Supreme Court to come up with, what many members of the Pakistani legal fraternity considered as, a 'controversial' and 'harsh' decision. However, the fact remains that the decision was implemented and Nawaz Sharif was removed from position. Members of the PTI and PML-Q celebrated the occasion appreciating the decision of the Supreme Court.

According to reports, Khan had earned around 36 million PKR by illegally selling three watches gifted to him by foreign dignitaries to a local watch dealer. Apparently, Khan during his tenure as prime minister earned millions of rupees from these jewel-class watches collectively worth over 154 million PKR. The watches were gifted to him by foreign leaders. The most expensive watch, of more than 101 million PKR value, was

apparently retained by Khan at 20 per cent of its value after his government amended the Toshakhana rules and settled the gift retention price at 50 per cent (not 20 per cent) of its original value. Moreover, he did so without ever declaring the gifts to the Election Commission and getting them evaluated.







The administration of US President Joe Biden has announced that the US will provide Ukraine with \$1 billion worth of additional security assistance, the largest one-time weapons package since the beginning of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

According to a statement by the Department of Defence, the package — the 18th tranche of presidential drawdown since August 2021 — included additional munitions for High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS), 75,000 rounds of 155 mm artillery ammunition, 20 120 mm mortar systems and 20,000 rounds of 120 mm mortar ammunition, as well as munitions for National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS), Xinhua news agency reported.

Washington will also deliver to Kiev 1,000 Javelins, hundreds of AT4 anti-armor systems, 50 armoured medical treatment vehicles, anti-personnel munitions, explosives, demolition munitions and demolition equipment, the statement said. The just-announced aid brings total US commitment of security assistance to Ukraine to nearly \$9.8 billion since Biden took

JOHNSON SAYS HIS SUCCESSOR WILL HAVE FIREPOWER TO HELP PEOPLE

office, according to the Pentagon.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has declared he is "absolutely confident" that his successor "will have the fiscal firepower and the headroom to continue to continue to look after people". The Prime Minister also said he is "certain" that whoever wins the Conservative leadership election will want to make announcements about how they will "further help people" struggling to get by, amid a cost-of-living crisis, reports dpa news agency. Speaking at a Downing Street reception on Tuesday, Johnson cracked jokes about it being one of his last events in the garden at Number 10, and the next Prime Minister being either a man or a woman, amid a leadership race after he resigned earlier this year. "In these difficult financial times people are feeling the squeeze across our country and they're feeling the impact in particular of the energy price spikes that are being caused by (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's war in Ukraine and of course it's right that the Government is doing everything that we can to help and we're putting 1,200 pounds into the pockets of the eight million most vulnerable households and 400 pounds for everybody to help with the cost of energy, 300 pounds for pensioners, 150 pounds off council tax, and the money will keep coming in throughout the autumn, more coming in September and October," he said.



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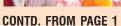
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RASHI & NAVAL BAJAJ HOST THE SUNDERKAND PATH BY THE WORLD RENOWNED DEVOUT SHREE GURUJI ASHWIN KUMAR PATHAK JI WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF DEVOTEES

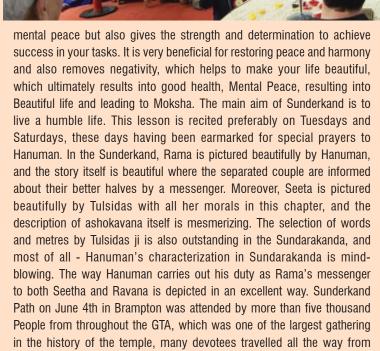






He has been doing Sunderkand Path every single day since last 8039 days throughout the world, and on June 4th, 2022 he recited 8197th time Sunderkand Path. His main motive is to take this religious Path to as many people as possible throughout the Mankind in the world, implement the learning from Sunderkand and make your life beautiful and peaceful.

Shree Guruji Ashwin Kumar Pathakji giving the introduction of Sunderkand mentioned: Sunderkand is the fifth chapter from the "Ramcharitmanas" which is written by the revered poet Goswami Tulsidas. It forms the heart of Ramayana It is one of the seven kands (sections) of what constitutes the epic Ramayana and it is believed that reciting Sunderkand Path on a regular basis can help ward off evils, remove obstacles in path and bestows one with happiness and prosperity. Sunderkand Path is one such text that mentions about a devotee's victory, is the only chapter of the Ramayana in which the hero is not Rama, but rather Hanuman. The work depicts the adventures of Hanuman and his selflessness, strength, and devotion to Rama are emphasized in the text. It highlights how Lord Hanuman crossed the ocean and survived the obstacles during his journey to Lanka to find Sita Maa. Since Lord Hanuman was successful in his mission to gather information about Sita, this chapter also depicts the wisdom and vigour of Lord Hanuman. Sunderkand Path also mentions a few significant life lessons. Reciting Sunderkand Path does not only offer



Nina Tangri, Mr. Amarjot Sandhu, Mr. Hardeep Grewal , Mr. Deepak Anand, the Mayor Of Brampton Patrick Brown Mr. Gurpreet Dhillon, Regional Councilor City of Brampton. Shree Guruji Ashwin Pathak ji thanked Rashi & Naval Bajaj for hosting this beautiful event in the city of Brampton and adding more colors to the city of Brampton and beautiful country Canada. Also speaking on this occasion, Host Mr. Naval Bajaj mentioned that we all are blessed that we live in one of the most beautiful county in World and blessed to have beautiful Sunderkand Path in our city, take the learning from it and implement it in our day to day life. It is great to see everyone getting together with two tough years of Pandemic, it was tough time for many of us and now as we get back towards normalcy, it is time to take the lessons learnt during the pandemic implement the learnings from Sunderkand, relieve stress which we all went through and let us make our and others life beautiful. He thanked everyone who was in attendance. He also thanked the entire Mandir committee including Mr. Kuldeep Gupta; Shastriji and the priests of the temple, Amy aunty and the entire kitchen staff, the volunteers and the friends and family who joined hands to make this event a huge success. The evening was made melodious by the bhajans sung by Shri Hemant Panwar, Vaishaliji, Vaishnavi, Vedant and Sachin Joshi. Naval Bajaj lastly thanked each and every one who attended and made this event a huge success. Finally he thanked his beautiful wife Rashi Baja, entire family and extended family who worked hard day and night to make this event successful.

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Ottawa, Montreal, New York, including many religious intuitions heads,

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community leaders. Amongst the dignitaries were present, the newly

elected members of the currently concluded Provincial elections - Hon

Prabmeet Sarkari, President of treasury Board of Ontario, Hon Minister

















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The event was inaugurated by singing the National Anthem of Canada. Thereafter the event was declared officially opened by Mr. Patrick Brown, Hon. Mayor of Brampton and Mr. Gian Paul, President of the Club. Mr. Brown was very impressed by the number of people gathered to celebrate the event and he said " this is one the best and rare event, I have attended in the recent past.". He extended his full support to the club in the coming events.

Mrs. Vatsala Vyas and Mr. Ranbir Chauhan were the Master of Ceremonies of the event. Mr. Gian Paul, the President of the Club mentioned that the idea to have an other club, in the City of Brampton is to address the various issues being faced by the seniors which include, their isolation, health, family and other related issues. He further mentioned that in the coming months, seminars will be conducted with the help of professionals to address these issues.

Other Board members and Advisory Committee are Mr. Sukhdev Singh Jhand, Senior Advisory, Mr. Ram Singh Daind, RanjitBhai Patel, Amirbhai Bhatt, Sukhdev Singh Bedi, Mrs. Rehana Hafiz, and Mahesh Bhai Jaiswal,

The event was full of entertainment and all the performers were from the members itself. Dance, Gidha and Garba were the main attractions. Bollywood songs were sung by Mr. Ranbir Chauhan and Mr. Sachin Joshi .

Among the other VIP's who attended the event were, Ms. Ruby Sahota, MP from Brampton North,, Mr Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Brampton West, Mr. Hardeep Grewal MPP Brampton East, Ms. Rowena Santos and Mr. Paul Vancente Regional Councillor Ward 1 and 5 assured their full support for the coming

The event was culminated by the presence of Mr.Shafqat Ali, MP from Brampton Centre who spent his quality time at the event and encouraged and motivated the Seniors of the club. He assured that he will arrange meeting with Federal Minister for Seniors and with other professionals to address the issues being faced by the Seniors.

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Alia Bhatt-Ranbir Kapoor stun together at Brahmastra song Deva Deva event, actress flaunts baby bump



ALIA BHATT AND RANBIR KAPOOR MADE A JOINT APPEARANCE AT THE BRAHMASTRA SONG EVENT IN MUMBAI. THE TRACK TITLED DEVA DEVA FROM THE UPCOMING MOVIE WAS TEASED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LEAD STARS AND DIRECTOR AYAN MUKERJI. THE TRACK WILL BE OUT ON AUGUST 8. AT THE EVENT, ALIA AND RANBIR APPEARED FOR THE FIRST TIME TOGETHER SINCE ANNOUNCING THEIR PREGNANCY IN JUNE. THE MOMENT WAS MADE SPECIAL AS FANS GOT A GLIMPSE OF ALIA'S CUTE BABY BUMP, WHICH SHE PUT ON FULL DISPLAY IN A BROWN DRESS WITH FULL SLEEVES. ALIA PROUDLY DISPLAYED HER GROWING BABY BUMP IN THE IMAGES THAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THE GLOW ON HER FACE COULD NOT BE MORE APPARENT. THE ACTRESS LOOKED STUNNING IN A BROWN MINI DRESS, WHICH WENT PERFECTLY WELL WITH HER MAKEUP AND HAIRSTYLE. RANBIR, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPEARED IN AN ALL-BLACK LOOK AND LOOKED DASHING AS EVER. HE TEAMED UP HIS BLACK T-SHIRT WITH BLACK TROUSERS AND BOOTS. THE COUPLE'S PICS WILL SURE TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY.

KIARA ADVANI DEFENDS KABIR SINGH, HER CHARACTER PREETI: 'FOR ME, IT'S A LOVE STORY..'



KIARA ADVANI IS CURRENTLY RIDING HIGH ON THE SUCCESS OF HER LATEST RELEASE JUGJUGG JEEYO.

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JANHVI KAPOOR ON COMPARISON WITH HER MOM SRIDEVI, SAYS 'NAAM TOH ROSHAN KARNA HI PADEGA'



JANHVI KAPOOR RECENTLY OPENED UP ABOUT HOW MUCH SHE MISSES HER MOTHER SRIDEVI, THE TRAITS SHE INHERITED FROM HER.

SONAM KAPOOR GIVES A PREGNANCY REALITY CHECK, SHOWS NOT EVERYTHING IS AS GLAM AS IT LOOKS



Sonam Kapoor and Anand Ahuja are all set to welcome their first child soon. The couple tied the knot on May 8, 2018 in an intimate wedding ceremony. The duo is one of the most fashionable couples in the entertainment industry. They are set to welcome a new family member and take on the role of parents. The soon-to-be mom announced her pregnancy on March 21. Sonam shared pics of herself and her husband, Anand Ahuja, and captioned them, "Four hands. To raise you the very best we can. Two hearts. That will beat in unison with yours, every step of the way. One family. Who will shower you with love and support. We can't wait to welcome you". As the actress nears the end of her pregnancy, she turned to Instagram to share a picture of her swollen feet with the caption, "Pregnancy is not pretty sometimes." Ever since the actress announced her pregnancy, she has been sharing updates about her overwhelming phase of life.

KARAN JOHAR CALLS SHAHID KAPOOR AS KAREENA KAPOOR'S EX-HUSBAND, ACTRESS FAILS TO FIND WORDS FOR REACTION



Karan Johar's faux pa left Kareena Kapoor surprised. So much so that the Bollywood actress tried to find words to react but she failed. It all happened during the recently released episode of Koffee With Karan. The filmmaker had a Freudian slip on his massively popular chat show. During the latest KWK episode, KJo asked a question to Kareena Kapoor Khan and at that moment he had a rare slip of tongue that made its way to the final cut. Kareena, who is known as Bebo and has been a regular on the show since its inception, was asked by KJo, "Bebo, you have been on this show so many times. You have come in different stages of your life. Bebo has been with her husband, ex-hus..." Before he could say the rest of the sentence. Karan paused himself but the bullet had left the barrel as Kareena looked shell shocked at the host. Aamir Khan, who was also the guest on the couch along with Kareena, was left in splits as he looked quite amused by the slip of the tongue moment. Rectifying his mistake Karan continued: "Not ex-husband, sorry. She's been with her ex-boyfriend. She's then been with her contemporary and I have seen you through all these stages."

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'FAREWELL FOREVER, BIRMINGHAM BIDS FAREWELL TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES WITH BRILLIANT CLOSING CEREMONY'

With music that represents the cultural amalgamation that is the lifeblood of the second largest city of the United Kingdom (UK), colour, lights and fireworks, the city of Birmingham bid farewell to the thousands of sportspersons and support staff that had gathered here for the 22nd Commonwealth Games.

So, there was pop music, British Jamaican reggae, Punjabi Bhangra, Asian crossover music, Apache Indian, and local bands presenting their hit numbers producing sounds that are part of a multi-cultural society like Birmingham, at the closing ceremony on Monday evening.

The athletes walked in a random parade to music. The Indian contingent, comprising mostly of officials and some athletes like members of the TT squad, was led by flagbearers boxer Nikhat Zareen and top shuttler Sharad Kamal. The ceremony, which celebrates the success of 11 days of sporting action that encouraged sportspersons to compete in the spirit of sportsmanship to test their strength, stamina and endurance, had the athletes grooving to the music, letting their hair down to end a two-week journey which they completed with all seriousness. The Games were declared closed by Earl of Wessex on behalf of Her Majesty, the Queen. "You have once again brought the spirit and value of the Commonwealth to life," he delivered her message with these words. I DETAILS ON PAGE 18



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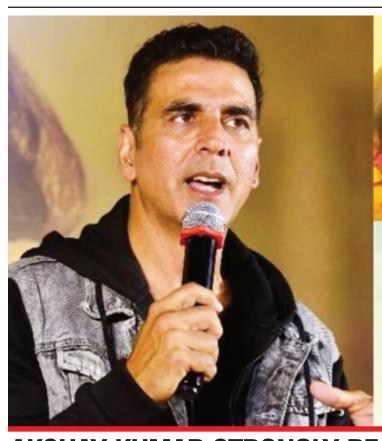
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AKSHAY KUMAR STRONGLY REACTS TO BOYCOTT HASHTAGS AGAINST RAKSHA BANDHAN & LAAL SINGH CHADDHA

Akshay Kumar is on a promotional spree for his upcoming film Raksha he added. Last week, hashtags calling for the boycott of "Laal Singh Bandhan. Meanwhile, 'Boycott Raksha Bandhan' has been one of the trending topics on social media platforms. A section of social media users are asking people to not watch the film. The actor who was in Kolkata for the promotion of the film recently reacted to the boycott calls on social media against Raksha Bandhan as well as Laal Singh Chaddha starring Aamir Khan. Both films are set to be released Thursday.

"If you don't feel like watching the movie, then don't, It's a free country and the film is out there, so if someone wants to watch it or not, it's up to them. I would like to tell you, no matter which industry it is, be it the clothing industry, film industry or anything else, all of these help the economy. But doing things like boycotting movies, it doesn't make sense," Akshay said.

The actor, who was in the city to promote Raksha Bandhan also appealed to people to not indulge in such trends.

"We are on the verge of making our country the biggest and the greatest. So I would just request them don't get into it and I would also request you (reporter) don't get into all this. It'll be better for our country only,"

Chaddha" were trending on social media. Asked to comment on the social media trends, Aamir had said he was saddened by the boycott calls and urged the audience to not snub his film. Later, similar hashtags against Akshay's Raksha Bandhan also popped up on online platforms. Directed by Aanand L Rai, the film follows Raju (Akshay), a shop owner who is struggling to get his four younger sisters married. It features Sadia Khateeb, Sahejmeen Kaur, Deepika Khanna and Smrithi Srikanth in the role of Kumar's on-screen sisters.

One of the issues at the centre of the upcoming film is the malpractice of dowry, which the actor said is "unfortunately" still prevalent in society. "In the name of a gift to the groom's household, some parents of a girl call it dowry. My film talks about the problem. It has many elements which are relatable," he said. Akshay further said he endorses the call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to hoist the tricolour at every household from August 13-15. "In the 75th year of our independence, I endorse the call by our honourable PM. Every patriotic Indian should do the same," he added. Raksha Bandhan also stars Bhumi Pednekar.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA ENJOYS POOL DAY WITH NICK JONAS & DAUGHTER MALTI MARIE, SLAYS IN A BLACK BIKINI

Global star Priyanka Chopra had a fun weekend! The actress along with her husband Nick Jonas and daughter Malti Marie Chopra Jonas enjoyed pool day in Los Angeles, California. Ahead of her swim, she enjoyed a delicious breakfast that included waffles and avocados. Priyanka took to her Instagram and shared glimpses of her perfectfamily time with her fans.

On Monday, Priyanka shared a photo of herself posing barefoot by the swimming pool in a black bikini top and captioned it, "Sundaze with black and white heart emojis." On her Instagram Story, the actress shared a postcard snapshot of her beautiful family. In this picture, the actress can be seen holding her daughter Malti Marie, but her face is hidden by a heart emoji.

She also uploaded a video of herself dancing in a bathing suit. To complete her look, Priyanka opted for fashionable black shades. Earlier, Priyanka and Nick Jonas spent a splendid evening together exactly what we see in rom-com movies. Sharing romantic kisses, dancing barefoot on the beach and watching fireworks together, the star couple's video had all these elements. In the video posted by a fan page of the actress also has PeeCee's mother Madhu dancing with Nick. In one of the clips, the couple is also seen having a gala time in the pool. The video was seemingly shot during Priyanka's two-day birthday celebration. The actress was joined by her husband and her family for the special day and these seem glimpses of the same. On the work front, Priyanka will be seen in international projects such as 'It's All Coming Back To Me', and the series 'Citadel'. Produced by Russo Brothers, 'Citadel' will hit the OTT on Prime Video. The upcoming sci-fi drama series is being directed by Patrick Morgan and stars Richard Madden alongside



Kaif in Farhan Akhtar's 'Jee Le Zaraa', which is reportedly going on floors around September 2022 and will be ready for release in the Priyanka. In Bollywood, she will be starring with Alia Bhatt and Katrina summer of 2023.

AAMIR KHAN SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO FIX 'MELA', 'THUGS OF HINDOSTAN'

Aamir Khan recently graced Karan Johar's popular chat show Koffee With Karan season 7 along with his Laal Singh Chaddha co-star Kareena Kapoor. The duo had a blast during the episode and made several revelations on the 'Kouch'.

During the popular rapid fire round, Aamir Khan was asked by the filmmaker which of these films he would like to redo or fix.

To which, Aamir replied: "'Mela' and 'Thugs Of Hindostan'. Perhaps we did not achieve what we set out to. I would like to correct those two." 'Mela' released in 2000. It also stars Twinkle Khanna and

Aamir's brother Faisal Khan. It tanked at the box-office. On the other hand, 'Thugs Of Hindostan' released in 2018, was a period adventure film starring Amitabh Bachchan, Katrina Kaif and



Fatima Sana Sheikh. 'Thugs Of Hindostan' was set during the period of Company rule in India, the film follows a small-time thug from Awadh, Firangi Mallah, who is sent by an East India Company official to infiltrate and counter a band of thugs. In the episode, Aamir also shared his list of directors. He said he wants to work with Rajamouli and Sooraj Barjatya.

BENGALI ACTRESS PRIYANKA GHOSH SET TO MAKE HER DIRECTORIAL DEBUT

Bengali sensation Priyanka Ghosh is ready to make her directorial debut with a feature film titled 'Jiboner Shesheo Khujbo Toke'. The film will showcase the power of love and friendship. The story of this film revolves around a young girl who believes that love and friendship can turn an average life into a sensational journey.

While Priyanka will play the leading role of Jagorini, newcomer Krishiv will play the male lead Ronojoy in the film. Priyanka has done many superhit films like Best Friend, Darling, Vanu, All The Best, Nir Hara Pakhi, Aka Abong aka, Ami Subhas Bolchi, Mone Porea Sei Din, Vuter Golpo Holeo Sotti, Chutki, and others. During the first Covid lockdown, when the news of Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide came, there was a debate in the film industry regarding nepotism. From cinema veterans to the common man,

everyone was involved in this debate. Talking about the same, Priyanka said, "Healthy competition is always welcome. Even today, whenever I listen to Lights - Camera - Sound - Action, I get myself to be in the skin of the character and get tuned accordingly. Performing at a high level consistently demands a true competitive spirit. That's what hard work is all about!"



BRAHMASTRA DEVA DEVA SONG OUT: RANBIR KAPOOR, AMITABH BACHCHAN & **ALIA BHATT'S SONG EXUDES SPIRITUALITY**



After receiving huge traction on social media and positive response to the 'Kesariya' song, the makers of the mythologicalfantasy film 'Brahmastra: Part One - Shiva', released the second song from the album on Monday. Titled 'Deva Deva', the song exudes spirituality and a distinctly upbeat rhythm. It has been sung by Arijit Singh and Jonita Gandhi. The song encapsulates the magical moment in the film where Shiva, played by Ranbir, finds the power within. Alia Bhatt took to Instagram and shared the second song. She captioned the post, "Feel the fire within. Deva Deva out now!!!" Talking about his experience of the song, the Bollywood star shared: "I thoroughly enjoyed the song, and could relate to it on so many levels personally. Pritam Da, Arijit, Amitabh, and Ayan have put in a lot of effort to create this masterpiece. The song makes one feel spiritually powerful with a rare ease, and I hope everyone feels and enjoys it as much as I did." The lyrics of the song have a unique blend of love and devotion as Shiva, the protagonist discovers his abilities of fire. The song is pivotal to Shiva's character development in the film and does absolute justice to the concept of 'Love, Light and Fire'. Sharing his experience of recording the song, playback singer Arijit said in a statement: "It has been an absolute pleasure to voice 'Deva Deva'. The song emanates an impeccable, positive energy that will certainly resonate with everyone. I'm really excited about it. I hope the audience enjoys it to the fullest."

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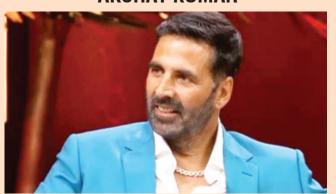
Actor Shefali Shah is back with season two of her criticallyacclaimed show Delhi Crime, a project that gave her the "super special" character of DCP Vartika Chaturvedi. Streaming service Netflix on Monday released the official trailer of the new season which sees DCP Vartika Chaturvedi (Shah) spearhead another crucial investigation with her team — newly promoted Neeti Singh (Rasika Duggal) and Vartika's right-hand man Bhupendra Singh aka Bhupi (Rajesh Tailang).

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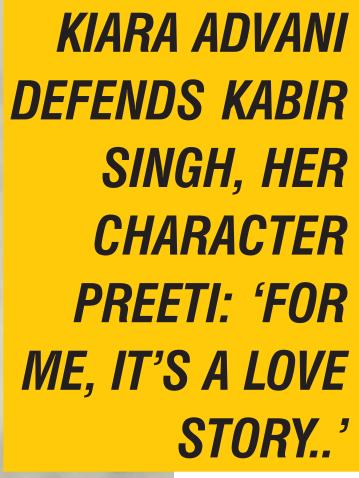
Urfi (Uorfi) Javed is not keeping well. The Bigg Boss OTT fame, who keeps her fans entertained with her public outings and fashion choices, recently shared a picture of herself from a hospital bed. The actress informed that she was constantly ignoring her health. Urfi took to her Instagram Story and shared a picture of herself having the hospital food. Seeing the expressions on her face, it seems that she is not liking the food. Urfi said that she kept on ignoring her health and had to be admitted to a hospital. "Got too much time while I'm here. Yes, this happened, I kept ignoring my health and now," she wrote. According to ETimes, Urfi Javed has been vomiting for the last two-three days and had a high fever, around 103-104 degrees, after which she got admitted to a hospital.

I LIKE MAKING FILMS THAT CAN BE **VIEWED WITHOUT ANY HESITANCY: AKSHAY KUMAR**



Bollywood star Akshay Kumar says he wants to take on diverse projects but there is a proviso attached -- the films he makes should cater to family audiences. Whether it is a psycho-thriller or a social drama, a genre that Kumar has tried his hand on aplenty, the actor said he wants his films to be watched without any hesitation. "I want to try my hand at different types of content. I don't want to form any kind of image. But I ensure one thing that the films I do, they have to be family entertainers," Kumar told PTI in an interview. The 54-year-old actor said he would never want to be associated with "ghinoni" (filthy) films.



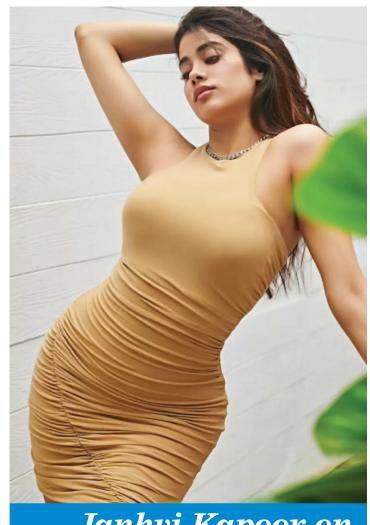


Bollywood actor Kiara Advani revealed that Kabir Singh was a career changing moment for her, although she recalled a lot of criticism and questions coming her way after the release. The actor went on to defend her character Preeti from the film, and said 'that's what love does' to one.

Shah Rukh Khan urges fans to avoid Darlings spoilers as he plans to 'indulge' in **Alia Bhatt starrer**

Shah Rukh Khan shared on Twitter on Friday that he will be catching up on Alia Bhatt, Shefali Shah and Vijay Verma starrer Darlings on Netflix after being busy with shooting work for the past few days. SRK, in his tweet, urged netizens to avoid spoilers regarding the film on social media. Darlings is said to be filled with interesting plot twists and SRK did not want his fun time at the movies to be spoiled with details of the film's plot. Shah Rukh's Red Chillies Entertainment is one of the co-producers of Darlings.

The Bollywood superstar is known for his sense of humour. Time and again, people get a taste of it on social media or whenever SRK interacts with the media. In his latest tweet, SRK gave it a comedic incline, much like the movie Darlings, as he wrote, "Been working the last few days non stop....so needed to indulge in my favourite past time....'the love of my own person' & to pamper myself, will spend the day with Prabhuji / Thums up and #DARLINGS (this is not an endorsement, just 'mees spoilingss mees on a days offs pleaj (sic)."



Janhvi Kapoor on comparison with her mom Sridevi, says 'Naam toh roshan karna hi padega'

anhvi Kapoor debuted in Bollywood with Shashank Khaitan's directorial, Dhadak, alongside her rumoured ex-boyfriend and actor Ishaan Khatter. Since then, the actress has shown several facets of her versatility, and at times she has faced flak as well. However, despite receiving some criticism, she improved with each performance. The actress recently starred in the film, GoodLuck Jerry, which received positive reviews from the critics as well as the audience. In showbiz, Janhvi has always been compared to her mother, the legendary actress Sridevi, and it is hoped that she will carry on her mother's legacy. In a recent interview with ETimes, Janhvi, who misses her mother a lot, opened up about her relationship with her and how she is constantly striving to live up to the legacy she left. Janhvi was guizzed if she feels that she is criticised more because of being Sridevi's daughter. To which she responded, "Yes, of course. People are comparing my first four films with her 300 films. I don't know about anything else, but I want to make this career work for her. Naam toh roshan karna hee padega (I have to make her proud). I can't

When asked what she remembers most about her mom, Sridevi, she said, "Mujhe bas unki yaad aati hai." (I just miss her.) Janhvi went on to say that until Sridevi woke her up, she wouldn't leave her bed. Her alarm would buzz, but she would call her mom and wouldn't leave her room without seeing her face and wouldn't go to bed without saying good night to her.

The GoodLuck Jerry actress was questioned about the traits she acquired from her mom and the things she misses the most about her. Janhvi Kapoor responded that she likes painting. The actress admitted that she sketched on the sets during the break times. People also think her voice and eye colour resemble her mother, she added. On the work front, Janhvi Kapoor is currently basking in the success of her recently released, GoodLuck Jerry. The actress has also completed the filming schedule for her upcoming film Bawaal, in which she will star alongside Varun Dhawan. The pair will be seen on the screen for the first time together. Helmed by Nitesh Tiwari, Bawaal is backed by Sajid Nadiadwala. Apart from this, Janhvi also has Mili in her kitty.





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MEN'S ASIA CUP 2022

MATCH	DAY	DATE	TEAM	MS	GROUP	VENUE	TIME(EDT)
1	Saturday	27-Aug	Sri Lanka vs	Afghanistan	В	Dubai	10:00
2	Sunday	28-Aug	India vs	Pakistan	Α	Dubai	10:00
3	Tuesday	30-Aug	Bangladesh vs	Afghanistan	В	Sharjah	10:00
4	Wednesday	31-Aug	India vs	Qualifier	Α	Dubai	10:00
5	Thursday	1-Sep	Sri Lanka vs	Bangladesh	В	Dubai	10:00
6	Friday	2-Sep	Pakistan vs	Qualifier	Α	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
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INDIA THRASH WI BY 88 RUNS IN 5TH T20; WIN SERIES BY 4-1



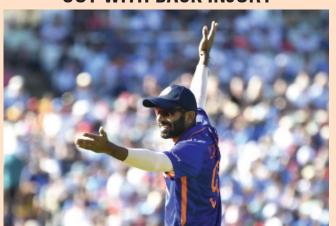
Indian spinners took all ten wickets as they thrashed West Indies in the fifth and final T20I of the series here to complete a 4-1 series victory. Ravi Bishnoi took four wickets while Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav shared three apiece to bowl West Indies out for 100 and give India a thumping 88-run win. It was the first instance of spinners taking all 10 wickets in a men's T20I innings. There have been seven other instances of spinners taking as many as nine wickets in a men's T20I innings with the latest occurrence coming in Austria's T20I against Hungary in June, 2022. It also occurred in the T20 World Cup last year when Afghanistan spinners took nine wickets against Scotland. This has, however, happened before in women's T20Is with Thailand spinners taking all 10 wickets against Malaysia in Bangkok in 2019. Malaysia were bowled out for just 27 in that game which Thailand won by 87 runs. Here, India struck early in the second innings while defending 188. Axar Patel had Jason Holder, promoted to open the batting, dismissed for a duck. He followed it up with two more wickets in the fifth over to complete the powerplay with figures of 3-1-15-3.

'YEAH, WHY NOT?' HARDIK PANDYA OPENS TO FULL-TIME CAPTAINCY ROLE



Hardik Pandya struck gold in his debut season as captain in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, he then led India to a 2-0 series win against Ireland, and now on Sunday in the absence of regular captain Rohit Sharma, he led India to a thumping 88-run win on the back of a superb performance by their spinners in Lauderhill, Florida on to complete a 4-1 series win.

JASPRIT BUMRAH SET TO BE RULED OUT WITH BACK INJURY



Senior fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah is set to be ruled out of the upcoming Asia Cup T20 tournament. Bumrah will not be part of the Indian playing XI due to a back injury, which would require some time to heal. The Indian squad for the continental championship will be selected on Monday, but it is still not clear if the official announcement will happen on the day. "Jasprit Bumrah has a back injury and will not play in the Asia Cup. He is our main bowler and we would like him to be back in action before T20 World Cup. We can't risk him in Asia Cup and the injury could aggravate," a senior BCCI official told PTI. Bumrah last played in the ODI away series against England before he was rested from the rubber against West Indies. He is also rested for the upcoming one against Zimbabwe. However, it is understood that the back issue will keep him out for some time. Bumrah will need to do rehabilitation work at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru before being deemed fit for the white-ball home series against Australia and South Africa in September-October.

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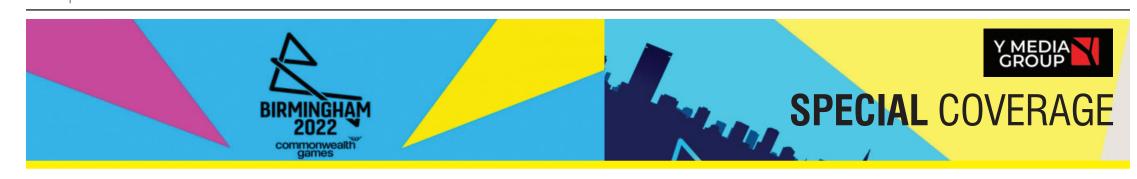
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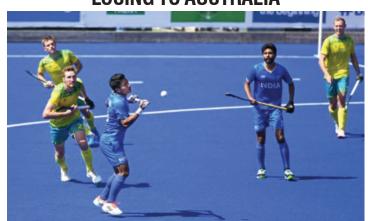


HOW PV SINDHU REMAINED SHARP DURING HER LONG CWG JOURNEY TO WIN THE SINGLES GOLD MEDAL



What's happiness got to do with it? It was the question PV Sindhu and her strength and conditioning trainer Srikanth Verma pondered when they committed to turning the badminton star into a performance juggernaut.

TEAM INDIA SETTLES FOR SILVER AFTER LOSING TO AUSTRALIA



India settled for the silver medal in men's hockey at the Commonwealth Games on Monday.

India's hunt to net a single goal went in vain as they lost to Australia by 0-7 in a one-sided final.

The goals were scored by Blake Govers, Nathan Ephraums, Jacob Anderson, Tom Wickham, and Fynn Ogilvie.

The Australian team looked in control from the beginning of the match. Up against the rampaging team, the Indians struggled to get their act right in the final showdown, which turned out to be completely lopsided. Australia scored the first goal of the game in the first guarter, having started the final on a high note. Australia were 2-0 at the end of the first quarter, with Ephraums scoring the second goal for the six-time CWG champions. They remained indomitable and scored five more goals to extend their domination at the multi-sport sporting extravaganza. On the other hand, the Indian women's hockey team registered a win by 2-1 against the defending champions New Zealand to win the bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 on Sunday. Earlier in the day, PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty, and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Sharath Kamal won gold medals for India. India is currently positioned at number four in the medals tally table after clinching a total number of 61 medals. These medals include 22 gold medals, 16 silver medals and 23 bronze medals.

SHARATH KAMAL, NIKHAT ZAREEN TO BE INDIA'S FLAGBEARERS FOR CWG CLOSING CEREMONY



Star paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal and world champion boxer Nikhat Zareen have been named India's flagbearers for the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games here on Monday.

INDIA'S SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING DAY OF MULTI-NATION SPORTING EVENT



Birmingham | As the Commonwealth Games comes to a close, the Indian contingency will give it all out to fetch a few more medals for the country. This is the 22nd edition of the Commonwealth games and India hasn't fared that badly in the event. With 55 medals, India will look to solidify their standings in the top 5 when the contest ends. India had a good outing when they came out to compete in various events across various disciplines. Nikhat Zareen living up to all the promises, opened India's account early in the day as she won a gold medal in the 50kg bout. Nikhat was accompanied well by her counterparts Amit Panghal and Nitu Ghangas who managed to fetch the gold medal for India. Indian boxer Sagar Ahlawat could not keep up with the exploits of Zarin and Panghal and ended in the second spot as he was felicitated with the silver medal.

Breaking the shackles of a 16-year-long wait and coming strong after the clock howler, the Indian women's hockey team defeated the New Zealand side to claim the bronze medal. Adding to India's medal tally, India's Eldhose Paul and Abdullah Aboobacker clinched gold and silver respectively, and added a page in the books of Indian men's triple jump history. As we head towards the final day of the Commonwealth Games, India will see a few more participation from other disciplines including badminton, table tennis, and hockey.

SATWIK-CHIRAG PAIR WINS MEN'S DOUBLES GOLD IN BADMINTON



India's star doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy won the country's third gold from the badminton court with straightgame victory over England's Ben Lane and Sean Mendy at the Commonwealth Games.

HARMANPREET LOOKS TO RECTIFY REPETITIVE MISTAKES AFTER LOSING OUT ON GOLD



India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is heartbroken and she has identified team India's repetitive pattern of committing mistakes and crumbling under pressure in crunch matches. Courtesy of the same pattern, India lost to England in the finals of the 2017 World Cup, they crumbled in the 2020 ICC T201 World Cup final against Australia and they repeated the same mistake in the gold medal match of the Commonwealth Cricket Championship. India was chasing 162 runs and they almost had the game in their kitty with Jemimah Rodrigues and Harmanpreet Kaur batting and helping India get through a tough phase. Both Kaur and Rodriguez stitched a partnership of 96 runs and put India in firm control. The Meg Lanning-led side looked completely clueless till the time Kaur and Rodrigues batted. After Jemimah was dismissed, the floodgates opened and the remaining 7 wickets fell just for 34 runs. Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur tried her best and she scored a subline 65 off 43 deliveries in a losing cause. The Indian skipper had a very stern reaction after the game and has said that as a team they need to get rid of this kind of mental block. Team India required 50 runs in the last six overs with eight wickets in hand but all the Indian batters ended up playing rash shots and India could never recover which cost them the match.

22 GOLD 22 MEDALS BIRMINGHAM 2022 CONTROLLED A SILVER 23 BRONZE MEDALS SHOT

32 SILVER BIRMINGHAM 2022 MEDALS CANADA WINS 92 MEDALS Y MEDIA CROUP

'FAREWELL FOREVER, BIRMINGHAM BIDS FAREWELL TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES WITH BRILLIANT CLOSING CEREMONY'

With music that represents the cultural amalgamation that is the lifeblood of the second largest city of the United Kingdom (UK), colour, lights and fireworks, the city of Birmingham bid farewell to the thousands of sportspersons and support staff that had gathered here for the 22nd Commonwealth Games. So, there was pop music, British Jamaican reggae, Punjabi Bhangra, Asian

So, there was pop music, British Jamaican reggae, Punjabi Bhangra, Asian crossover music, Apache Indian, and local bands presenting their hit numbers producing sounds that are part of a multi-cultural society like Birmingham, at the closing ceremony on Monday evening.

The athletes walked in a random parade to music. The Indian contingent, comprising mostly of officials and some athletes like members of the TT squad, was led by flagbearers boxer Nikhat Zareen and top shuttler Sharad Kamal. The ceremony, which celebrates the success of 11 days of sporting action that encouraged sportspersons to compete in the spirit of sportsmanship to test their strength, stamina and endurance, had the athletes grooving to the music, letting their hair down to end a two-week journey which they completed with all seriousness. The Games were declared closed by Earl of Wessex on behalf of Her Majesty, the Queen.

"You have once again brought the spirit and value of the Commonwealth to life." he delivered her message with these words.

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	2.	England		57	66	53	176	
	3.	∳ Canada		26	32	34	92	
	4.	1ndia		22	16	23	61	
	5.	New Zealand		20	12	17	49	
	6.	Scotland		13	11	27	51	
	7.	Nigeria		12	9	14	35	
	8.	Wales		8	6	14	28	
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