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PIERRE POILIEVRE WINS CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP RACE

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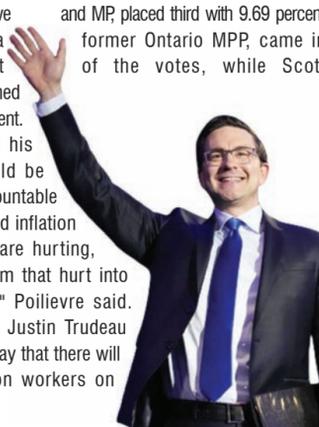
The Conservative Party of Canada has elected Pierre Poilievre to be its new leader after a record-breaking, divisive campaign.

"Tonight begins the journey to replace an old government that costs you more and delivers you less with a new government that puts you first, your paycheck, your retirement, your home, your country," Poilievre said during his first speech as leader at the Ottawa convention center on Saturday evening.

Poilievre received 68.15 percent of the vote, surpassing progressive Conservative rival Jean Charest's 16.07 percent.

Leslyn Lewis, a social conservative of the vote. Roman Baber, a former Ontario MPP, came in fourth place with 5.03 per cent. Aitchison, a former mayor turned MP, came in last with 1.06 per cent.

Poilievre said Monday that his main focus as leader would be holding the government accountable for its perceived economic and inflation shortcomings. "Canadians are hurting, and it is our job to transform that hurt into hope. That is my mission," Poilievre said. "I'm issuing a challenge to Justin Trudeau today. If you care, commit today that there will be no new tax increases on workers on seniors. None."



CANADA'S GDP GREW 3.3% IN 2ND QUARTER

The Bank of Canada today increased its target for the overnight rate to 3¼%, with the Bank Rate at 3½% and the deposit rate at 3¼%. The Bank is also continuing its policy of quantitative tightening.

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CANADA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES 5.4% AUGUST 2022

Canada's unemployment rate rose to 5.4 per cent in August for the first time in seven months, Statistics Canada has said. The unemployment rate, up 0.5 percentage points from the record low of 4.9 per cent observed in June and July, was the first increase not coinciding with a tightening of public health restrictions since May 2020, when the unemployment rate reached its pandemic peak, Xinhua news agency cited the national statistical agency as saying.

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INDIA'S STRATEGY OF FISCAL PRUDENCE HAS PAID OFF WHILE US AND EUROPE'S MASSIVE STIMULUS BACKFIRED

While the US, UK and EU are facing a double whammy of unprecedented inflation and negative growth there is a school of thought which argues that India's prudent fiscal policy has paid off.

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SONALI CHATURVEDI, INDIAN-ORIGIN RESEARCHER IN US DEVELOPS ANTIVIRAL THERAPY THAT BLOCK COVID TRANSMISSION

A team of US scientists, including research investigator Sonali Chaturvedi, has developed a single-dose, intranasal treatment that not only reduces symptoms of multiple Covid variants but also shedding of the virus.



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BRAMPTON SWORD FIGHT: HARJOT SINGH, 25, FROM WOODSTOCK CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH WEAPON

Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau have arrested and charged a 25-year-old man from Woodstock with two counts of assault with a weapon. Investigators have made an arrest in relation to an assault with a weapon incident that occurred on August 28, 2022, in the area of Steeles Avenue and Mclaughlin Road in the City of Brampton.

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SIDHU MOOSEWALA KILLING: DEEPAK MUNDI, SIXTH SHARPSHOOTER, TWO AIDES ARRESTED FROM NEPAL BORDER

In a major breakthrough, Punjab Police in a joint operation with central agencies and Delhi Police on Saturday arrested sharpshooter Deepak Mundi from West Bengal-Nepal border for his alleged involvement in the sensational killing of famed Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala on May 29, said Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav.

NITISH MAY NOT BE IN THE RACE TO BE PM, BUT HE HAS RATTLED BJP

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's recent three-day visit to Delhi to unite the opposition parties to contest against the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections seems to have had a deep impact on the saffron brigade. Now, the question is whether Nitish Kumar is dreaming of being the main challenger to Narendra Modi in the next general elections.



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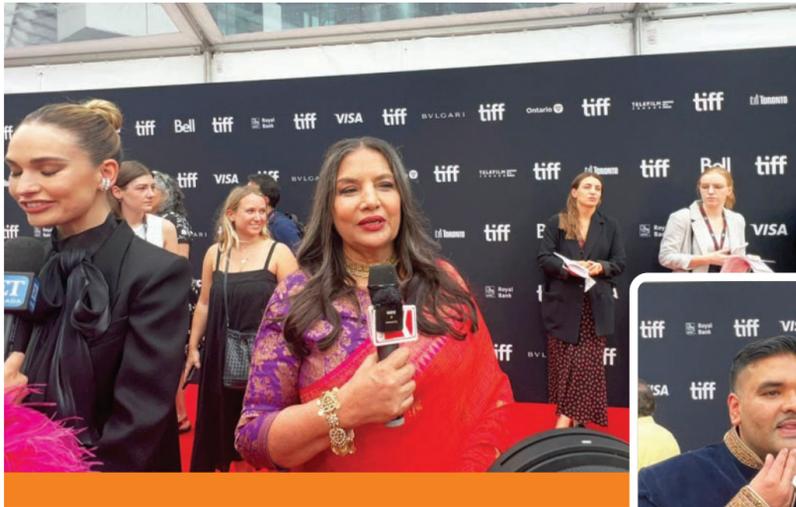
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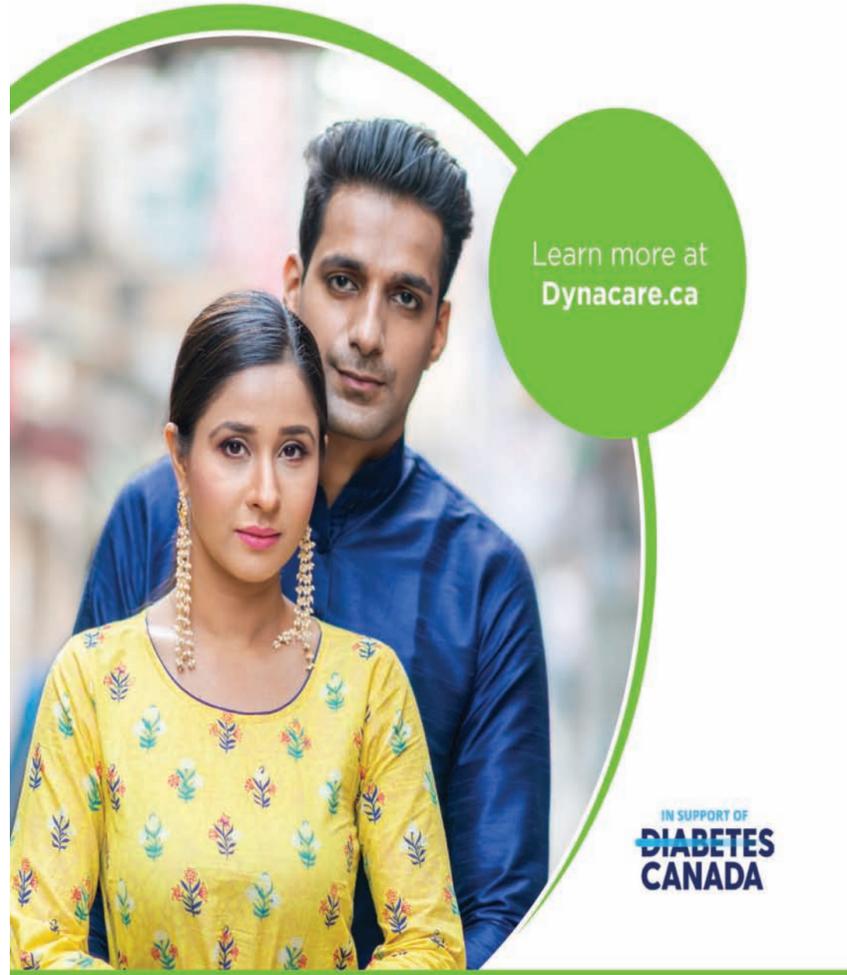


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PM TRUDEAU SAYS QUEEN'S FUNERAL WILL BE MARKED BY FEDERAL HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, SEPT. 19

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced that September 19, 2022, will be a National Day of Mourning in Canada, to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This coincides with Her Late Majesty's State Funeral in London, United Kingdom, and the end of the official period of mourning in Canada.

The National Day of Mourning is an opportunity for Canadians from coast to coast to coast to commemorate Her Majesty. It will be designated a holiday for the public service of Canada, and other

employers across the country are also invited to recognize the National Day of Mourning. There will also be a national commemorative ceremony to honour the life and service of Her Majesty. The ceremony will be held at the Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa on September 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. It will be preceded by a memorial parade and a 96-gun salute - one shot for each year of Her Majesty's life - and followed by a flypast of Royal Canadian Air Force CF 18s. The ceremony, including the memorial parade, will be broadcast live for everyone to watch.

Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: VIJAY MAIR, BRAMPTON CITY COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE FOR WARDS 2 & 6, LAUNCHES HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN



On September 9, 2022, Vijay Mair, Brampton City Councillor Candidate for Wards 2 & 6, launched his election campaign- "A strong Community, A Strong City, A Bright Future."

During his address, he promised to minimize social intolerance,

improve healthcare, and provide affordable housing and quality education. To know more about his priorities, visit his website - Vijaymair.ca or call him at 416-529-9001.

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Ontario's Lieutenant Governor Proclaims Accession Of King Charles III



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THE REGION OF PEEL HAS MAINTAINED A TRIPLE A CREDIT RATING FOR 27 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

S&P Global Ratings has reaffirmed the Region of Peel's AAA credit rating with a stable outlook, which is the highest rating a municipal or regional government can receive. The Region is one of 14 Canadian municipalities to receive a AAA credit rating from S&P. The Region has maintained a Triple A credit rating for 27 consecutive years.

The Region's AAA credit rating is based on the Region's prudent financial management and supportive institutions that bolster the credit profile. This rating reflects the Region's every-day commitment to managing tax dollars responsibly while delivering value-added, affordable services to residents and businesses today and over the long-term.

S&P stated the Region's "stable outlook reflects S&P Global Ratings' expectations that, in the next two years, the region will continue to implement strong long-term financial planning policies such that its budgetary performance remains very strong, generating after-capital surpluses." S&P also noted the following credit strengths for the Region:

* The Regional Municipality of Peel benefits from solid budgetary performance with high operating balances and manageable capital expenditures, as well as from very high liquidity.

* Peel's robust financial management practices are broadly in line with those of other GTA regional municipalities and contribute to our view of the region's high creditworthiness.

* Peel benefits from an extremely predictable and supportive local and regional government framework that has demonstrated high institutional stability and evidence of systemic extraordinary support in times of financial distress.

Maintaining a high credit rating is in alignment with the Region's Long Term Financial Planning Strategy (LTFPS), which guides Regional investments in services, programs and infrastructure to meet the needs of Peel residents, businesses and community partners today and in the future. It also supports the Region's 20-year Strategic Plan with a vision of building a Community for Life across Peel.

"The Region receiving a AAA credit rating for 27 consecutive years demonstrates Peel's commitment to being fiscally responsible in managing our tax dollars. This high rating continues to provide the Region with access to lower long-term borrowing costs which will enable continued support of our residents and businesses in building a Community for Life," said Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, Region of Peel.

MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH AT PP-15 IN GOGRA-HOTSPRINGS AS INDIA-CHINA DISENGAGEMENT COMPLETED

In a major breakthrough in the fractious world of Sino-India military diplomacy, both sides took a step back on Monday. Patrolling Point (PP)-15's stand-off saw the ice broken. Both sides on Monday moved back their frontline troops to the rear from the face-off site of PP-15 in the Gogra-Hotspings area in eastern Ladakh and dismantled temporary infrastructure there as part of a five-day disengagement process.

Sources close to developments averred that full details of the disengagement and the verification process were being awaited from the ground Commanders. Even as this major breakthrough happened there has been no visible progress on resolving the outstanding stand-off in Demchok and Depsang regions. As recently as September 8, Indian and Chinese armies announced that they have kicked off the disengagement process from the PP-15. When asked about the disengagement at PP-15 on the sidelines of an event, Army Chief General Manoj Pande said: "I will have to go and take stock. But, it (disengagement process) is going as per schedule, and what was decided."

LIBERALS REVEAL DENTAL CARE DETAILS, BOOSTS TO RENT BENEFIT AND GST REBATE IN NDP-BACKED AFFORDABILITY PACKAGE

The government has previously committed to providing dental care for uninsured Canadians with a family income of less than \$90,000 annually, starting with children under 12-years-old in 2022.

The Canada Dental Benefit

The proposed Canada Dental Benefit would provide eligible parents or guardians with direct, up-front tax-free payments to cover dental expenses for their children under 12-years-old.

The target implementation date for the Canada Dental Benefit is December 1, 2022, pending Parliamentary approval and Royal Assent of enabling legislation, and the program would cover expenses retroactive to October 1, 2022.

The Canada Dental Benefit would provide payments up to \$650 per child per year for families with adjusted net income under \$90,000 per year and without dental coverage.

\$650 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is under \$70,000.

\$390 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is between \$70,000 and \$79,999.

\$260 would be provided for each eligible child if the family's adjusted net income is between \$80,000 and \$89,999.

It is estimated that 500,000 Canadian children would benefit from this targeted investment of \$938 million.

To access the Benefit, parents or guardians of eligible children would need to apply through the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). In addition, they would need to attest that:

Their child does not have access to private dental care coverage;

They will have out of pocket dental care expenses for which they will use the Benefit;

They understand they will need to provide documentation to verify out of pocket expenses occurred (e.g. show receipts), if required.

The Goods and Services Tax Credit

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Credit helps offset the financial impact of the GST for low- and modest-income people and families. The credit is paid quarterly in January, April, July, and October, with benefit years beginning in July. The total annual value of the GST Credit depends on family size and income. For the July 2022 through June 2023 benefit year, eligible people can receive up to:

\$467 for singles without children;

\$612 for married or common-law partners;

\$612 for single parents; plus

\$161 for each child under the age of 19.

To ensure the GST Credit is targeted to those who need it most, those with family net income of less than \$39,826 in 2021 receive the full Credit amount. Above this income level, the GST Credit amount is gradually lowered as income increases.

THREE QUARTERS OF CANADIANS FEEL THEY HAVE MORE TO LEARN ABOUT BREAST CANCER AND HOW IT COULD AFFECT THEM: SURVEY

For more-than 30 years, the Breast Cancer Society of Canada, has been the leading organization for breast cancer research. Today, the organization has rebranded to become Breast Cancer Canada, signaling a renewal in their commitment to research-driven change.

With a focus on precision oncology, Breast Cancer Canada continues the fight to raise awareness about the number one diagnosed cancer in the world. Despite the pervasiveness of the disease, Canadians felt unprepared when they, or a loved one, received a breast cancer diagnosis - according to a new national survey by Breast Cancer Canada.

The Know More Breast Cancer Survey, an Angus Reid study of 1508 Canadians, provides insights into the knowledge and understanding of breast cancer, revealing a disconnect between what Canadians know, and the research available.

With pandemic restrictions being lifted, Canadians are left to deal with a backlog of personal medical demands as 50 per cent of people who responded stated they had delayed hospital visits during the pandemic. Additionally, almost 60 per cent of respondents put off routine medical checkups over the past two years - women being more likely than men to do so. "Given that one-in-eight women in Canada will develop breast cancer in their lifetime, the results from our Angus Reid poll were shocking to see," said Kimberly Carson, CEO of Breast Cancer Canada. "We conducted this survey to get a benchmark of Canadian's knowledge and awareness of breast cancer and clearly there is an opportunity for Canadians to know more about the disease that affects us all."

The study shows that 87 per cent of respondents diagnosed with breast cancer felt unprepared when they or a loved one received their diagnosis.

One-quarter (26%) of women are not worried about getting breast cancer because it is not common in their families and nearly six-in-10 men (57%) feel that they would lack the knowledge of how to help, or where to look for help, if a woman in their life were diagnosed with breast cancer.

On a positive note, 74 per cent of Canadians trust healthcare professionals to properly identify, diagnose and treat cancer. Additionally, 68 per cent of Canadians feel that their doctors are informed with the best or latest treatment information and 59 per cent of Canadians have experienced the best and latest cancer treatment available, either personally or someone they know.

"Any cancer diagnosis feels earth-shattering," said Kimberley Carson, CEO of Breast Cancer Canada. "We are committed to demystifying research and information so that people feel less afraid when they, or a loved one, receives an unexpected diagnosis".

Increasing our understanding of breast cancer research starts with making information more accessible. Three-quarters of respondents (77%) were unable to even provide an approximate guess when asked how many known types of breast cancer there are, made even more shocking when only one per cent of respondents were able to provide the correct answer of more than 50. The data depicts that although research has been rapidly progressing, general awareness is lacking amongst Canadians.

It is no surprise that diagnosis catches so many off guard, as three-quarters of women responded that they could learn more about breast cancer and how it could affect them. Breast Cancer Canada is funding a new era of research that presents knowledge in a meaningful and fresh way, making lifesaving information both inspiring and accessible.

The more we know about breast cancer, the sooner we can end it. In an effort to remind women of the risks and to elevate the awareness of breast cancer, the organization is launching a provocative, multimedia campaign that showcases the amazing progress that's been made in breast cancer research.

The "Know more" campaign evokes raw emotion featuring both researchers and patients with messages including "Behind every survivor is a researcher on a mission," aiming to show the power of research, and the hopefulness of their charity.

For more information, visit www.breastcancerprogress.ca.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II, UK'S LONGEST-SERVING MONARCH, DIES AFTER REIGNING FOR 70 YEARS

Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96, after reigning for 70 years, the BBC reported. Her family gathered at her Scottish estate after concerns grew about her health earlier on Thursday. The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change. With her death, her eldest son Charles, the former Prince of Wales, will lead the country in mourning as the new King and head of state for 14 Commonwealth realms, BBC reported. In a statement, Buckingham Palace said: "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon.

All the Queen's children travelled to Balmoral, near Aberdeen, after doctors placed the Queen under medical supervision. Queen Elizabeth II's tenure as head of state spanned post-war austerity, the transition from empire to Commonwealth, the end of the Cold War and the UK's entry into - and withdrawal from - the European Union. Her reign spanned 15 prime ministers starting with Winston Churchill, born in 1874, and including Liz Truss, born 101 years later in 1975, and appointed by the Queen earlier this week, BBC reported. She held weekly audiences with her prime minister throughout her reign. The Queen was born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, in Mayfair, London, on 21 April 1926.

WHEN QUEEN ELIZABETH II VISITED GOLDEN TEMPLE, JALLIANWALA BAGH IN 1997

Residents of this holy town in Punjab on Friday fondly remembered the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to the holiest of the Sikh shrines, Harmandir Sahib, popularly known as Golden Temple, to pay homage as a devotee in 1997. Then the Queen's itinerary also included visit to the monument of Jallianwala Bagh that serves as a remembrance of the indiscriminate killing of unarmed people on April 13, 1919, which was Baisakhi. They had gathered there to protest against the colonial administration. "Donning her trademark hat, the Queen elegantly took the 'parikrama' of the Golden Temple before praying at the sanctum sanctorum during her visit to the gurdwara," Rajinder Singh, a security in-charge in the Golden Temple, told IANS. Singh said he was child when the Queen visited the shrine where she was presented with a traditional robe of honour. He said his father was working as a 'sewadar' and he was accompanying him during Queen Elizabeth's visit. "Since the devotees are not allowed to wear socks inside the gurdwara, a special provision was granted by the SGPC to the Queen to wear white socks and gloves," a gurdwara functionary said. Accompanying then Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, the Queen also elegantly ate the 'karahparsad' and greeted members of Sikh community at the Golden Temple, he said. She greeted devotees with folded hands while scores of visitors were lined up to see her closely. The Queen was also honoured by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak

Committee (SGPC), said the functionary. Sharing photos of the Queen's memorable visit to the Golden Temple along with his father, Shiromani Akali Dal President President Sukhbir Badal tweeted: "Queen Elizabeth II was a remarkable monarch whose life epitomised dignity & service to her country & extended family of Commonwealth nations. "She will be remembered for her outstanding leadership & inspirational life. Condolences to the Royal family & the people of the UK." "May wahguru bless her and her successor," remarked an emotional Dalbir Kaur, an octogenarian resident of Amritsar. "Though Queen Elizabeth II had never apologised for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, but her visit somehow provide solace to the families of those who sacrificed their lives for the nation," added another resident Gurdev Sachdeva. He said it was only during the visit to India in 1997 the Queen talked about the "difficult episodes" of colonial history and called the Jallianwala Bagh massacre "a distressing example". "That gave a solace to the martyred families," he added. "It is no secret that there have been some difficult episodes in our past. Jallianwala Bagh is a distressing example," the Queen noted in her banquet address. She also placed wreaths at the Jallianwala Bagh memorial amidst calls for an official apology for the killings during the colonial rule. (Vishal Gulati can be contacted at vishal.g@ians.in)

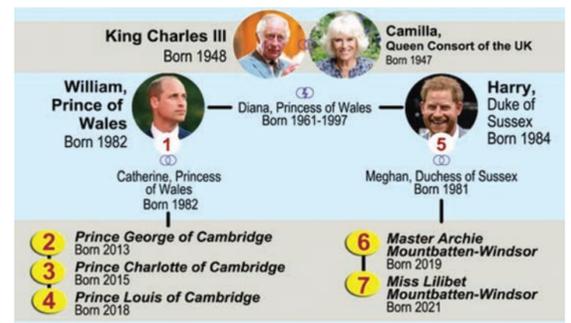
INDIA SPENT 3.16% OF GDP ON HEALTHCARE, RS 4,470 PER CAPITA IN 2018-19: NATIONAL HEALTH ACCOUNTS

As per the National Health Accounts report released on Monday, the Total Health Expenditure (THE) on the country has been estimated Rs. 5,96,440 crores, which translates into 3.16 per cent of GDP and Rs. 4,470 per capita for the year 2018-19. The Total Health Expenditure constitutes current and capital expenditures incurred by Government and private sources including external or donor funds. As per the report, the Current Health Expenditure (CHE) is Rs. 5,40,246 crores which is 90.58 per cent of THE and capital expenditures is Rs. 56,194 crores, which is 9.42 per cent of THE. The Capital expenditures are reported for all sources of Government - Union Government is Rs. 18,468 crores; State Government Rs. 37,477 crores; external donors Rs. 249 crores, the report said. The Government Health Expenditure (GHE) including capital expenditure is Rs. 2,42,219 crores which is 40.61 per cent of THE, 1.28 per cent GDP, and Rs. 1,815 per capita. This amounts to about 4.81 per cent of General Government Expenditure in 2018-19. Of the GHE, Union Government's share is 34.3 per cent and State Governments' share is 65.7 per cent. The Expenditures by all Government Financed Health Insurance Schemes combined are Rs. 12,680 crores. Household's Out of Pocket Expenditure on health (OOPE) is Rs. 2,87,573 crores (48.21 per cent of THE, 1.52 per cent of GDP, Rs. 2,155 per capita) Private Health Insurance expenditure is Rs. 39,201 crores (6.57 per cent of THE). Of the Current Health Expenditures (CHE), the Union Government's share is Rs. 63,256 crores (11.71 per cent of CHE) and the State Governments' share is Rs. 1,06,056 crores (19.6 per cent of CHE). Local bodies' share is Rs. 5,451 crores (1.01 per cent of CHE), Households' share (including insurance contributions) is about Rs. 3,24,717 crores (60.11 per cent of CHE, OOPE being 53.23 per cent of CHE). Contribution by enterprises (including insurance contributions) is Rs. 29,789 crores (5.51 per cent of CHE) and NGOs is Rs. 8,484 crores (1.57 per cent of CHE). External/donor funding contributes to about Rs. 2,493 crores (0.46 per cent of CHE). The CHE attributed Rs. 93,689 crores to Government Hospitals (17.34 per cent of CHE) and Rs. 1,55,013 crores to Private Hospitals (28.69 per cent of CHE), the report has said. The Current health expenditure attributed Rs. 1,86,625 crores to Inpatient Curative Care (34.55 per cent of CHE), Rs. 1,01,902 crores to outpatient curative care (18.86 per cent of CHE), Rs. 4,170 crores to Day Curative Care (0.77 per cent of CHE) Rs. 18,909 crores for patient transportation (3.50 per cent of CHE), Rs. 22,526 crores to Laboratory and Imaging services (4.17 per cent of CHE), Rs. 1,01,928 crores to Prescribed Medicines (18.87 per cent of CHE), Rs. 18,881 crores to Over the Counter (OTC) Medicines (3.49 per cent of CHE). The Therapeutic Appliances and Medical Goods of about Rs. 643 crores (0.12 per cent of CHE), Preventive Care of about Rs. 50,991 crores (9.44 per cent of CHE), and others of about Rs. 12,258 crores (2.27 per cent of CHE) also constituted current health expenditure. The total Pharmaceutical Expenditure is 33.81 per cent of CHE, while expenditure on Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) is 4.28 per cent of CHE. The CHE attributed to primary care is of around 47.4 per cent, secondary care of 31.7 per cent, tertiary care of 14.9 per cent and governance and supervision of 4.0 per cent. As per the report, after disaggregation, government's expenditure on primary care is 55.2 per cent, secondary care is 30.5 per cent and tertiary care is 5.9 per cent. Private expenditure on primary care is 36.9 per cent, secondary care is 33.3 per cent and tertiary care is 26.9 per cent, the NHA report said.

FUGITIVE GOLDY BRAR WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE SOON: PUNJAB DGP ON MOOSEWALA KILLING

The killing of famed Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala was executed by six sharpshooters and four of them have been arrested and two shot dead in a police encounter, Punjab Director General Gaurav Yadav said on Sunday, adding that fugitive Goldy Brar, who is hiding in Canada, will soon be brought to justice. The DGP said 23 accused have been arrested in the case so far. Yadav, accompanying Anti-Gangster Task Force chief Pramod Ban and other officers, told the media here that Deepak Mundi, who was arrested in a joint operation with Delhi Police and central agencies on Saturday from close to the Nepal border in West Bengal following an intelligence-based operation, was the shooter in Bolero module. Mundi was arrested along with Kapil Pandit and Rajinder Joker, who provided logistical support, including weapons and hideouts to the accused. Mundi was the sixth and the last absconding sharpshooter involved in the killing. "They were planning to flee to Dubai on fake passports via Nepal and the escape plan was made on the direction of Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar," said an elated Yadav, who believes Mundi's arrest is the crucial achievement in providing justice to Moosewala's parents. Brar had tasked Kapil and Joker to help Mundi flee, who had managed to escape Delhi Police's special cell twice when other shooters were arrested, from India. All three accused in the past 105 days used hideouts in Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. A Mansa court in Punjab on Sunday sent the three accused to a six-day police remand. "Rajinder Joker was in touch with Goldy Brar (in Canada) and we will soon arrest him. Even a Red Corner notice has been issued to arrest him," the DGP said, who thanked Delhi Police and central agencies for carrying out the operation that led to their arrest.

KING CHARLES III OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED BRITISH MONARCH



For the first time in a televised ceremony, King Charles III was on Saturday officially proclaimed the new British monarch following the demise of his 96-year-old mother, Queen Elizabeth II who reigned for 70 years on the throne. Charles, the Queen's first born, became king immediately after her death on Thursday, but a historic meeting formally confirmed his role on Saturday during the ceremony at St James's Palace, says the BBC. The Accession Council, a body made up of senior politicians, judges and officials, proclaimed him as the monarch in the State Apartments. Following the proclamation, the King formally announced the death of his "beloved mother, the Queen".

"The whole world sympathises with me in the irreparable loss we've all suffered," he said. "My mother gave an example of lifelong love and of selfless service. My mother's reign was unequalled in its duration, dedication and devotion. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for this most faithful life. "I am deeply aware of this deep inheritance and of the grave duties and responsibilities which are now passed to me," the BBC quoted Charles as saying. He then went on to thank Queen Consort Camilla, saying: "I am profoundly encouraged by the constant support of my beloved wife." Also in attendance at the ceremony were Prime Minister Liz Truss, and former premiers Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Boris Johnson and Theresa May, as well as Archbishop Justin Welby and Prince William. Before Charles was named the King, the death of the Queen was formally announced. The 200 or so people gathered in the room all then said 'God save the King' before documents were signed. Flags that were lowered in mourning for the late Queen will fly full-mast for a short time. A wave of further proclamations will take place across the UK until Sunday.

SASK. STABBING SUSPECT MYLES SANDERSON DEAD AFTER GOING INTO 'MEDICAL DISTRESS' FOLLOWING ARREST

Myles Sanderson was located and taken into police custody near Rosthern, SK by RCMP. However, shortly after his arrest, he went into medical distress. Nearby EMS were called by police to attend the scene and transported to a Saskatoon hospital. He was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The Saskatchewan RCMP has requested the Saskatoon Police Service and the Saskatchewan Incident Response Team conduct an independent, external investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident. The Saskatchewan RCMP has requested the Ministry of Justice appoint an independent investigation observer in accordance with Section 91.1 of the Saskatchewan Police Act. Myles Sanderson was involved in an active investigation relating to multiple homicides which occurred on September 4, 2022, at the James Smith Cree Nation and Weldon.



HALF OF CANADIANS EITHER CAN'T FIND A DOCTOR OR CAN'T GET A TIMELY APPOINTMENT WITH THE ONE THEY HAVE: SURVEY

When Dr. David Eaton retires later this year, 1,400 of the approximately 2,800 people of Wheatley, Ont. will be losing their family doctor, with nobody lined up to take his place. Across the country, in Victoria, B.C., a woman took out an ad in a local paper imploring a qualified doctor to come forward and help her 82-year-old husband renew his expiring prescription, having hit a roadblock at every turn in her attempts to find care. These are the types of stories emerging this summer as a family doctor shortage hits crisis levels across the country. The lack of an intimate relationship with health care through a family physician is causing Canadians considerable consternation and compounding their ability to receive adequate care. The latest study from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute - the second in a three-part health care series - finds half of Canadians either unable to see the doctor they have within a week (33%) or trying but unable to find a doctor at all (17%). Few, 14 per cent, say they have a doctor, and can get an appointment quickly, while one-in-three say it usually takes longer than they'd like, but if it were urgent, they could get an appointment promptly. Among those who report difficult access or none at all, specialist appointments and diagnostic tests are additionally challenging to secure. Consider that Canadians who have easy access to a doctor are half as likely to say it was difficult or impossible to see a specialist or book a diagnostic test than those who have difficult access or don't have a doctor at all.

SONALI CHATURVEDI, INDIAN-ORIGIN RESEARCHER IN US DEVELOPS ANTIVIRAL THERAPY THAT BLOCK COVID TRANSMISSION

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In a new study published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the team from Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco showed that this new treatment, called a therapeutic interfering particle (TIP), also decreases the amount of virus shed from infected animals and limits transmission of the virus. "To our knowledge, this is the only single-dose antiviral that reduces not only symptoms and severity of Covid-19, but also shedding of the virus," said Chaturvedi, first author of the paper. Historically, it has been exceptionally challenging for antivirals and vaccines to limit the transmission of respiratory viruses, including SARS-CoV-2. "This study shows that a single, intranasal dose of TIPs reduces the amount of virus transmitted, and protects animals that came into contact with that treated animal," said Gladstone senior investigator Leor Weinberger. The benefit of TIPs, though, goes beyond their ability to stifle a virus inside infected cells. Since TIPs reside inside the same cells as the virus they target, they evolve at the same time, staying active even as new viral strains emerge. "Over the last few years, many of the challenges of the pandemic have been related to the emergence of new variants," said Chaturvedi. "TIPs would be an ideal treatment because they keep learning as the virus evolves, so they could keep the problem of drug resistance in check," she noted. In the new paper, Weinberger and Chaturvedi studied whether TIPs could also reduce viral shedding -- a separate question from reducing symptoms and viral load. The researchers treated hamsters infected with Covid with the antiviral TIPs and then measured the amount of virus in the animals' noses daily. The initial experiments were done using the Delta strain of SARS-CoV-2. By day 5, all control animals were still shedding high levels of virus, while the virus was undetectable in four out of five TIP-treated animals.

WHY INDIA MUST NOT JOIN THE WEST IN DEMONISING RUSSIA

KANWAL SIBAL

India has had strong traditional ties with Russia. After the break-up of the Soviet Union and the emergence of Ukraine as an independent country, India has had friendly ties with it. Our relations with Russia have, of course, a historical depth, which is lacking in our ties with Ukraine. This has to condition our thinking and policies in the current Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The issue of a security architecture in Europe based on the West's strategy of expanding NATO eastwards or one responding to Russia's concept of "indivisible security" has been of concern to India only to the extent that US/EU-Russia tensions leading to the imposition of a series of sanctions on Russia by the West have presented challenges to our diplomacy. We have had to protect our national interest by steering our way through, on the one hand, expanding ties with the US and strong ties with major European powers, and, on the other, our "time-tested" trustworthy ties with Russia.

Our interests are not served by choosing sides in the current conflict between the West and Russia over Ukraine. We are not in alliance with either side and therefore have no treaty obligations to honour. Those who say we should choose sides should tell us which country has chosen sides in the decades old conflicts we have with China and Pakistan. Even our own neighbours have not, despite the power differential between us and them.

The US-China economic relationship is the biggest in the world at the bilateral level and remains so despite China designated as an adversary and the current tensions over Taiwan. The US has over many years helped build communist China that neither believes in a free economy nor free people into a major power, in preference to a democratic India. The US-China relationship continues despite the current Chinese aggression against India in Ladakh. The US has not chosen between India and Pakistan despite the latter's involvement in terrorism against India over decades and periodic triggering of military conflicts. Europe has not chosen between India and Pakistan or India and China. It has ties with our adversaries to the degree they serve individual country or collective interests.

Russia has been more sensitive to our concerns about Pakistan but has lately expanded its options vis-a-vis Islamabad. Russia is well aware of our problems with China but has not only remained neutral on India-China issues, it has under western geopolitical and economic pressure deepened its strategic ties with China, the implications of which we cannot overlook. Ukraine, of course, has not chosen sides in our conflicts with either Pakistan or China.

If in our joint statements with western countries or Russia terrorism is condemned and, in some cases, Pakistan based terror organisations are mentioned by name, it is because both the West and Russia have



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deep concerns about the threat of terrorism to their own security, independently of India. They are not taking sides with India; they are accepting that a shared threat from terrorism exists. In the case of Ukraine, India and the West have no shared concern over military threats from Russia.

If moral questions are raised by the West in criticising our neutral position on the Ukraine conflict, it can be equally validly argued that moral questions are equally involved in a jihadi militaristic regime in Pakistan exporting terror to India and an expansionist, bullying autocracy in China exercising its sovereignty claims over Indian territory with military tools.

Beyond all this, larger issues exist that would prevent us from aligning ourselves with the West on the Ukraine issue. Having suffered from western sanctions for decades aimed at obstructing our technological progress in strategic areas, we cannot support sanctions as a matter of principle, be it on Russia or other countries, unless approved by the UN Security Council. It is a different matter that we are forced to comply with unilaterally declared US sanctions in order to protect ourselves from secondary consequences. The policy of imposing sanctions has shown that there is scant regard for the interests of the developing world.

The Ukraine conflict has demonstrated the power of the West to control narratives about a situation or a country. Today, it is Russia, tomorrow it can be another country. India has a taste of it through the narratives being propagated by western media, including the social media, and the NGOs as well about the decline of democracy in India, violation of minority rights, Hindu nationalism, and so on. There is open interference in India's internal affairs. In this, local Indian elements are complicit, and the goal is to shape India's politics and society. India has to learn a lesson from the demonisation of Putin and Russia being promoted by western circles, including at the governmental level.

India has been backing the reform of the international system that would give more say to developing countries in international

governance. The outlook for this is becoming darker. The fracturing of the international system currently happening will make any consensual reform impossible in the foreseeable future. The UN Security Council, already ineffective on matters of peace and security, will become even more so, with the West ranged on one side, Russia and China on the other, and India and developing countries in between. A false narrative of democracies versus autocracies is being constructed to replace the dichotomy between capitalism and communism during the Cold War. The G7 risks replacing the G20 (in which China and Russia are present) as the preferred forum for global financial management. This will be at the cost of the emerging economies and the furthering weakening of globalisation.

Wrong precedents have been set by confiscating Russia's foreign exchange reserves, the private properties of Russian businessmen without due process of law and Russia's expulsion from Swift. Others are closing the western airspace and ports to Russian planes and ships, calls for a blanket ban on visas for Russians to travel to the West, the capping the price of Russian oil etc.

If a call can be made for a regime change in Moscow or trying Putin as a war criminal and collection of evidence for that (egregiously even at the Heathrow airport), or seeking a military defeat of Russia through a proxy war disregarding the nuclear risks involved in confronting the world's foremost nuclear power along with the US, the non-western world has to take cognisance of the consequences for global peace and cooperation of such excesses.

If India bats for multipolarity, the reasons are many and valid for our own global interests and role as we rise.

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9 Million Canadians Report Chronic Difficulty Getting Help In Accessing Health Care: Poll

A summer of health care related horror stories – from emergency room closures to doctor shortages to surgery delays – is shaking public faith in what has traditionally been a source of national pride. A comprehensive new cross-border study of Canadians and Americans from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds those north of the border dealing with considerably more difficulty in accessing care. This is the first in a three-part series canvassing opinion on access to, quality of, and policy towards health care in Canada.

It finds that over the last six months, two-in-five Canadians (41%) – approximately 12.8 million adults – say they either had a difficult time accessing or were totally unable to access one of five key health services: non-emergency care, emergency care, surgery, diagnostic testing, and specialist appointments.

Americans are much less likely to say they encountered barriers to accessing those services, despite near-identical levels of the population seeking this type of care – 70 per cent in the United States and 74 per cent in Canada.

Asked how confident they feel that they could access urgent care in a timely fashion if a household emergency arises, 37 per cent of Canadians are confident while 61 per cent are not. In the United States, 70 per cent are confident, while one-quarter (25%) are not.

To better synthesize a significant amount of response data, Angus Reid Institute researchers created a Health Care Access Index, which finds the smallest group – 15 per cent of the population – enjoying Comfortable Access (approximately 4.7 million Canadian adults). The rest of the country is divided into three groups – those facing Some Challenges (31% – 9.7 million), Chronic Difficulty (29% – 9 million),



and those not requiring access during this period (26% – 8.1 million).

More Key Findings:

Americans are twice as likely as Canadians to report Comfortable Access to health care – 30 per cent compared to 15 per cent respectively.

In Canada, young women and young men are most likely to be found in the Chronic Difficulty group, compared to their older peers. British Columbians and Atlantic Canadians are also overrepresented in this most challenged category of health care seekers.

Among those who had easy or very easy access to surgery, 55 per cent say their health has improved over the past six months. Three-in-ten (28%) say their health has stayed the same, while 17 per cent report it as having worsened. Those who had a difficult or impossible experience accessing this type of care are twice as likely (34%) to say their health has worsened since.

HOUSEHOLD DEBT RATIO INCREASES IN SECOND QUARTER: STATISTICS CANADA

National net worth rises amidst declining international investment position and housing prices

National net worth, the sum of national wealth and Canada's net foreign asset position, edged up 0.2% in the second quarter to \$17,646.3 billion, expanding at the slowest pace since the first quarter of 2020 and ending the string of strong quarterly growth that saw Canada's national net worth climb by over \$5.1 trillion since the end of 2019. By comparison, an increase of this magnitude took nearly a decade to materialize prior to 2020. Significant declines in both the value of real estate and Canada's international investment position were counteracted by the continued expansion of natural resources wealth. National net worth per capita was nearly unchanged from the first quarter of 2022, edging up to \$455,401 in the second quarter.

The total value of non-financial assets in Canada, also referred to as national wealth, increased 1.7% to \$16,771.1 billion in the second quarter. The value of residential real estate fell \$446.3 billion to \$8,655.6 billion, the first decline in value since the fourth quarter of 2018 and a marked slowdown from the \$344.0 billion rise in the first quarter of 2022 as the housing market continued to cool amidst rising borrowing costs. Continued pressures on supply chains resulting from Russia's invasion of Ukraine placed upward pressure on global commodity prices, as the value of natural resources in Canada (excluding land) jumped 31.2% from the first quarter to reach \$2,407.2 billion in the second quarter. Since the start of 2022, Canada's natural resource wealth has grown by almost one trillion dollars.

Canada's net foreign asset position, the difference between Canada's international financial assets and international liabilities, was down by \$230.2 billion to \$875.1 billion at the end of the second quarter. This was the second significant quarterly decline in a row. Both international assets and liabilities decreased substantially in the second quarter as global equity markets fell sharply. In the first half of 2022, Canada's net foreign asset position fell by \$627.6 billion, from the record high reached at the end of 2021.

Household savings rate declines as spending increase

In the second quarter, seasonally adjusted household compensation grew by 2.0% following a rise of 3.8% in the first quarter. On the other hand, lower transfers received from government (i.e., employment insurance and other benefits) coupled with higher transfers paid to government weighed on income gains. As a result, household disposable income rose 1.0% in the second quarter. At the same time, seasonally adjusted household consumption rose by 4.3% in nominal terms as an increase in the volume of real expenditures was significantly bolstered by price increases across the majority of consumption components, including food and non-alcoholic beverages and furniture and other furnishings. Overall, consumption outpaced disposable income in the second quarter, which pushed household net savings lower.

STARTING SEPT. 26, ONTARIANS AGED 18+ ELIGIBLE FOR BIVALENT COVID-19 BOOSTER DOSE

Based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), the Ontario government is offering the bivalent COVID-19 booster dose to all Ontarians aged 18 and over, beginning with the most vulnerable populations.

"The bivalent COVID-19 booster is a safe and effective way for people to better protect themselves against the most recently circulating COVID-19 variants in Ontario," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "As vaccine protection decreases over time, I encourage all Ontarians aged five and over to receive the booster dose they are eligible for."

Starting today at 8:00 a.m., bivalent COVID-19 booster appointments will be available to and can be booked for the most vulnerable populations, including:

- * individuals aged 70 and over;
- * residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and individuals living in other congregate settings that provide assisted-living and health services;
- * First Nation, Inuit and Métis individuals and their non-Indigenous household members aged 18 and over;
- * moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and over;
- * pregnant individuals aged 18 and over; and
- * health care workers aged 18 and over.

To prioritize distribution to these populations, new booster appointments for Ontarians aged 18 and over will be paused until September 26. However, to allow for convenient planning and preparation, individuals 18 years of age and older who do not belong to a priority population can start booking their appointments today, the availability of which is based on shipment schedules and supply from the federal government. All previously-booked booster appointments for September 12 to 25 will be honoured and, if available, the bivalent vaccine will be offered.

Individuals can receive the bivalent booster at the recommended interval of at least six months from their previous dose, regardless of how many boosters they have already received.

Appointments can be booked through the COVID-19 vaccination portal or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900. Eligible individuals can also book an appointment directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, participating health care providers and participating pharmacies. Pregnant individuals and health care workers booking from September 12 to 25 must call the PVCC or book booster dose appointments through participating pharmacies.

Long-term care, retirement home and Elder Care Lodge residents may receive their bivalent booster dose directly through the congregate home where they live. "With the start of the respiratory illness season, it is especially important to make sure people stay up to date with their vaccines," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are the best tool to keep people healthy and out of hospitals, and to ensure Ontario's economy stays open as kids go back to school and as the weather cools and people spend more time indoors." The bivalent vaccine, along with continued access to testing and antivirals and updated public health guidance, gives Ontarians the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves on how to stay safe, healthy and out of hospitals as the province continues its efforts to support the recovery and rebuilding of the health system.

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HALLOWEEN HAUNT AND CAMP SPOOKY RETURN TO CANADA'S WONDERLAND THIS MONTH



Ghosts and ghouls return to Canada's Wonderland this month with the opening of Halloween Haunt on Sept. 23 and Camp Spooky for the kids on Sept. 24. Both events run select dates until Oct. 30 and this year will feature the return of mazes, a new Day of the Dead Festival at Haunt and plenty of spooky entertainment for thrill-seekers and families alike.

Halloween Haunt

Now in its 17th season, Haunt returns to Canada's Wonderland on Friday, Sept. 23 with hundreds of monsters roaming the park, eight scare zones, five mazes, eight sinister shows and thrilling night rides!

New attractions this year include:

- **The Day of the Dead Festival:** In the tradition of Mexico's Día De Los Muertos, join us in honouring the dead every night during Halloween Haunt with a musical parade, costumes, specialty food and drink and cultural dance and story performance by The Mexicans Folk Ballet. Celebrate the spirit world and remember those who've passed at this colourful Day of the Dead Festival where calacas (skeletons) help welcome the deceased as our honoured guests.

- **New Maze "Pandemonium":** The dark tunnels under the mountain are no place for humans, especially after dark. When the creatures of the pit awaken, they use their mind-warping tricks and luminescent traps to confuse their prey, luring them to a ghastly demise. Venture there, only if you dare! Shows and live entertainment this year includes mind-blowing performances like Inferno, Skeleton Crew, Freak Show and the Illusionist, plus a Vampire Disco, the Deathly Drumline and the Zombie Marching Band.

Enjoy wicked food and drink from our specialty Haunt menu, shop for ghoulish souvenirs at our Halloween Boo-tique and experience all your favourite rides at night!

To increase safety and provide efficient entry into the park during Haunt, guests will be asked to adhere to a new policy which states that no bags of any kind larger than 6.5" x 4.5" x 2" may be brought into the park after 6 p.m. on Haunt nights. All bags will be subject to search.

Halloween Haunt runs select nights from 7 p.m. to midnight between Sept. 23 and Oct. 30. For more info on the spooky attractions or for tickets, visit www.canadaswonderland.com/haunt

Camp Spooky

Family-friendly Halloween fun with Snoopy and the PEANUTS Gang returns weekend this fall with Camp Spooky starting Saturday, Sept. 24 featuring scare-free attractions, live shows, costume parties, trick-or-treating and more.

Attractions at Camp Spooky include:

- **A-mazing Mazes:** Embark on a fun journey through our Cornstalkers maze and Spirit Manor meeting friendly characters along the way.

- **Trick-or-Treat Adventure:** Visit various stations where children can trick-or-treat for goodies!

- **Sally's Disco Party:** Kids can dance up a storm at this fun disco party hosted by Sally herself.

- **Pumpkin Decorating:** Purchase and decorate your very own Halloween pumpkin to take home.

- **Halloween Encounters:** Children can meet characters such as a prince and princess, a vampire, witch, pirate, ghost and wizard along their journey through Planet Snoopy and KidZville.

- **Lucy Van Pelt's Costume Contest:** Children can get into the spirit of Halloween by dressing up in their favourite costume and joining this special parade just for them.

- **The Pumpkin Patches:** You'll be singing and dancing as this groovy group harmonizes to Halloween classics.

- **Spooky Tales with Snoopy:** Join Snoopy for this interactive and fun storytime.

- **Charlie Brown's Trick-or-Treat Show:** Charlie Brown and his friends Lucy and Linus take children on a musical adventure as they get ready for trick-or-treating and the big Halloween Party.

- **Clowns and Magicians:** Doo Doo the Clown and Magician Aaron Matthews will have guests cheering with their exciting, interactive shows (select days).

- **Exciting kids rides:** All the rides in Planet Snoopy and KidZville are open during this event!

Camp Spooky is included with admission to the park and runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 24 to Oct. 30. For more information on Camp Spooky attractions, tickets and hours, visit www.canadaswonderland.com

CANADA'S GDP GREW 3.3% IN 2ND QUARTER

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The global and Canadian economies are evolving broadly in line with the Bank's July projection. The effects of COVID-19 outbreaks, ongoing supply disruptions, and the war in Ukraine continue to dampen growth and boost prices.

Global inflation remains high and measures of core inflation are moving up in most countries. In response, central banks around the world continue to tighten monetary policy. Economic activity in the United States has moderated, although the US labour market remains tight. China is facing ongoing challenges from COVID shutdowns. Commodity prices have been volatile: oil, wheat and lumber prices have moderated while natural gas prices have risen.

In Canada, CPI inflation eased in July to 7.6% from 8.1% because of a drop in gasoline prices. However, inflation excluding gasoline increased and data indicate a further broadening of price pressures, particularly in services. The Bank's core measures of inflation continued to move up, ranging from 5% to 5.5% in July. Surveys suggest that short-term inflation expectations remain high. The longer this continues, the greater the risk that elevated inflation becomes entrenched. The Canadian economy continues to operate in excess demand and labour markets remain tight. Canada's GDP grew by 3.3% in the second quarter. While this was somewhat weaker than the Bank had projected, indicators of domestic demand were very strong – consumption grew by about 9½% and business investment was up by close to 12%. With higher mortgage rates, the housing market is pulling back as anticipated, following unsustainable growth during the pandemic. The Bank continues to expect the economy to moderate in the second half of this year, as global demand weakens and tighter monetary policy here in Canada begins to bring demand more in line with supply. Given the outlook for inflation, the Governing Council still judges that the policy interest rate will need to rise further. Quantitative tightening is complementing increases in the policy rate. As the effects of tighter monetary policy work through the economy, we will be assessing how much higher interest rates need to go to return inflation to target. The Governing Council remains resolute in its commitment to price stability and will continue to take action as required to achieve the 2% inflation target.

CANADA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES 5.4% AUGUST 2022

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The unemployment rate increased for four of the six main demographic groups in August, including young men aged 15 to 24, women aged 55 and older, core-aged men, and core-aged women. It was little changed among young women and older men, the agency said.

The adjusted unemployment rate, which includes people who wanted a job but did not look for one, rose 0.5 percentage points to 7.3 per cent in August. This increase was largely due to the rise in the number of unemployed, rather than an increase in those who were outside the labour force but wanted work, according to the agency.

Long-term unemployment, the number of people who had been continuously unemployed for 27 weeks or more, rose by 22,000, or 13.7 per cent in August, offsetting a similar size decline in July. Long-term unemployment expressed as a proportion of the total labour force was 0.9 per cent in August, the same as its February 2020 pre-pandemic level, the agency said. The unemployment rate of very recent immigrants has a particular impact on labour market conditions in Canada's largest cities, which attract a disproportionate share of new arrivals. In both the Toronto and Montreal economic regions, the unemployment rate surpassed the national average in August, said Statistics Canada.

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Enjoy an Art-filled September with PAMA – Meet Artists Russna Kaur and Peter Powning?

Visit the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) in downtown Brampton this September to meet exhibiting artists Russna Kaur and Peter Powning. Kaur's work is on display on the exterior of PAMA's Art Gallery building until January 2023 while Powning's work, featuring pottery and other unique sculptural forms, is on display in the Art Gallery until October 30. Families can also drop-in at PAMA to participate in various creative activities related to the exhibitions. Free admission to PAMA exhibitions and programs continues until Nov. 19 as PAMA gets ready to re-open some spaces in the Museum. Artist Talk: Meet Brampton-raised artist Russna Kaur in person Saturday, Sept. 17, 2 – 3 p.m.

Join PAMA, the Arts, Culture and Creative Industry Development Agency (ACCIDA) and Russna Kaur for a conversation about the creation of the new site-specific artwork. Kaur will discuss her body of work Maze of control and the slightest chaos in conversation with guest curator Renée van der Avoird. Depending on the weather conditions, this talk will be hosted outside in front of the artwork. Reserve your spot now

Virtual Artist Talk: Learn what inspires Peter Powning Thursday, Sept. 22, 7 – 8 p.m.

Artist Peter Powning will discuss how living on the same farm for 52 years has inspired his practice as a sculptor and ceramicist, and share ideas about self-sufficiency as witnessed through the evolution of his work in the exhibition Peter Powning: A Retrospective.

Creative Activities

Create in these drop-in activities inspired by Russna Kaur's work: Go with the Flow adult and family activity: Saturday, Sept. 17, 12 – 4:30 p.m.

Family Fun weekend activity: Saturday, Sept. 24, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Calling all Students – PAMA Youth Council Volunteer Opportunities Available!

Do you know a teen looking for a volunteer opportunity? Check out the PAMA Youth Council. The Youth Council will enable youth to share their stories and build community through exhibitions and programming for youth by youth. Learn more and apply

10-day passport pick up service at four additional Service Canada Centres



Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced the designation of four additional passport pick-up locations across the country. Effective immediately, Canadians can now apply for and pick up their passport at the following Service Canada Centres: Sudbury, Ontario (Sudbury Service Canada Centre) Lethbridge, Alberta (Lethbridge Service Canada Centre)

Kingston, Ontario (Kingston Service Canada Centre)

Sherbrooke, Québec. (Sherbrooke Service Canada Centre)

In addition to the existing passport offices offering pick-up service, Canadians with proof of travel can now both apply and request in-person pick-up of their passport at a total of eight Service Canada Centres. Unlike the regular Service Canada Centres, these eight locations offer 10-day service, which means that Canadians can apply for a passport in one of those locations and the passport will be available in 10 business days, either by mail or in person pick-up. If Canadians need their passport in less than 10 business days, they will need to visit a passport office that offers Express or Urgent pick-up service.

The expansion of pick-up sites will allow many Canadians who need to pick up passports to do so closer to their homes. Service Canada is fully committed to providing passport services within 50km of the home of Canadians. Also, more scheduled outreach sites that will provide certain passport services will be added in the coming weeks across the country.

Guelph's Food Future distributes \$51,500 in grants to improve community food access

Spark Grants boost work of 11 projects in Guelph-Wellington as part of creating a circular regional food system

Guelph, Ont., September 8, 2022 – From building community gardens or helping people grow food at home to improving access to culturally-significant foods or foraging for natural food and medicines to support Indigenous families, Guelph-Wellington's Our Food Future program is helping advance local projects to improve community access to nutritious, affordable food.

In May, community members, groups or organizations were invited to apply for a Spark Grant to help accelerate ready-to-implement ideas that support food access. More than 30 ideas were submitted, with 11 finalists receiving funding. Finalists were chosen by a selection panel comprised of City and County staff, and local representatives working to improve food access.

"Guelph and Wellington County communities care deeply about food, and the Spark Grant program is building on some of the amazing community-level activity aimed at addressing food access. Especially in this time of rising food prices and growing awareness of the social and environmental costs of our food choices, this program will help launch initiatives that can have a lasting, transformative impact on our communities," said Jonathan McNeice, Manager, Our Food Future.

Given the calibre of the other ideas submitted, McNeice said organizers are looking for ways to support all the diverse and inspirational food projects proposed, along with other food access initiatives in the community moving forward.

The following projects have been awarded Spark Grants:

Access to fresh, nutritious culturally sensitive foods – \$2,000: Create barrier-free access to fresh, culturally sensitive fruits, vegetables, spices and oils for newcomers.

Community Builders Lunch & Learn – \$2,000: Community Builders provides experience and leadership skills for people who have lived in poverty. The Lunch & Learn program will include food skill education and provide community leadership skills.

Community Food Hub Expansion for Increased Food Access – \$10,000: Guelph Food Bank is piloting a decentralize operation to reduce barriers due to transportation. Funding will bring on additional food access partners to continue to build the new model.

Collaborative Learning Community from Seed to Plate in the Town of Erin – \$5,000: Town of Erin will help residents grow food by providing seeds, support and resources, cooking and preserving classes and a community pantry for overflow production to support community food access.

Growing Potential – \$2,000: Big Brothers Big Sisters Centre Wellington will introduce a program for youth and mentors to grow food together to strengthen connections with food, food literacy and improve food access.

Kitchen Connection – \$10,000: A Guelph school staff room will be transformed into a commercial kitchen to support the neighbourhood cooperative food system with a space for food skills learning, and food preservation.

Local Food Procurement for Non-Profit Programming – \$5,500: Implement collective food purchasing to leverage buying power, support local producers while increasing community access to local foods, and strengthen collaboration between food access agencies.



Making the UofG Campus a Hub for Food Initiatives – \$5,000: Increase students' physical and economic access to nutritious foods by creating a food hub market on the University of Guelph campus encompassing several community food access programs.

Sageing Garden Cooperative – \$2,000: Low-income older adults will receive a hydroponic garden to grow fresh vegetables year-round at home or a communal space where they can share the bounty with their peers.

Walking Together to Glean and Forage – \$5,500: The Indigenous Food Sovereignty/Indigenous Food Security Collective and The SEED will launch a gleaning and foraging initiative to gather local seeds, fruits, grafts, roots, nuts and barks to be shared as foods and medicines amongst food insecure Indigenous families.

Wellington North Growing Healthy Rural Communities – \$2,500: Create low barrier community garden in Mount Forest to engage community members from diverse groups to come together to grow food, build connection, and celebrate community.

About Our Food Future

Inspired by the planet's natural cycles, a circular food economy reimagines and regenerates the systems that feed us, eliminating waste, sharing economic prosperity, and nourishing our communities. In Guelph-Wellington, we are working to build a regional circular food economy that will achieve a 50 per cent increase in access to affordable nutritious food, create 50 new circular economy businesses and collaborations, and a 50 per cent increase in circular economic benefit by unlocking the value of waste. COIL is an innovation hub for local social enterprises and businesses to adopt circular practices in the food and environment sectors by accessing education, mentoring, collaboration programs and funding to bring their circular ideas to life. Since January 2020, Our Food Future has been leading research, designing and implementing a host of programs to transform our regional food system. To learn more about our impact, view our Our Circular Future: Midterm Report. Our Food Future demonstrates one of the ways the City of Guelph and County of Wellington are contributing to a sustainable, creative, and smart local economy that is connected to regional and global markets and supports shared prosperity for everyone.

FIVE WAYS YOU CAN MANAGE ARTHRITIS PAIN WITHOUT DRUGS



For anyone living with a chronic condition, medication can make a world of difference to ease your pain.

According to Arthritis Society Canada, there's also a lot you can do to manage pain without drugs.

* Physical activity – Regular physical activity can help relieve arthritis symptoms, reduce pain and improve your overall health. While moving sore joints might seem counterintuitive, exercise can strengthen your muscles, which is crucial to supporting your joints. Stay as active as your health allows. Some physical activity is always better than none.

* Meditation – While meditation can't take away pain, research shows it can help you approach and manage it in a healthy way.

* Heat and cold therapy – The use of gentle heat may help relax muscles and stimulate circulation, thereby decreasing pain. Cold therapy – in the form of frozen gel packs or ice – can reduce inflammation and swelling during a flare up (be sure to put a towel or something between the skin and ice pack). After using heat or cold, gently move the sore joint to reduce stiffness.

* Rest – While physical activity can be beneficial, resting is also important. Listening to your body and resting when you notice pain, swelling or increased heat around an affected joint can reduce the length of a flare up.

* Massage therapy and acupuncture – These treatments have been helpful for some people.

Consult your physician before trying them for yourself and use a registered practitioner if you do.

For more information, visit Arthritis Society Canada at arthritis.ca.

BRAMPTON SWORD FIGHT: HARJOT SINGH, 25, FROM WOODSTOCK CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH WEAPON

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On September 12, 2022, Harjot Singh, a 25-year-old man from Woodstock was charged with the following offence:

* Assault with a weapon x 2

Harjot Singh is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on November 2, 2022.

"Violence in our community will not be tolerated. Members of the Peel Regional Police continue to work tirelessly to bring those responsible before the courts," said Deputy Chief Marc Andrews.

Anyone with information regarding this matter or similar incidents is asked to contact the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-3311, extension 2233. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477) or visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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

DELTA VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS COULD EVADE IMMUNE SYSTEM, FINDS STUDY



The human immune system can't produce the defence molecules against the Delta variant as effectively as against the other variants of coronavirus, revealed a study. Dr. Krishnan Harshan's group led the study, in collaboration with Dr. DivyaTejSowpati's group at CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, to try to understand if hosts, that is humans infected by the virus, react differently to the different SARS-CoV-2 variants.

In this study published in Microbiology Spectrum journal, the researchers found that the immune system could not produce the defence molecules against the Delta variant as effectively as the other variants. While infection due to the other four variants alerted the immune system quickly, the Delta variant could silently replicate in the host cells.

In the last almost three years, there have been many SARS-CoV-2 variants spreading across the world. Their outcomes have varied greatly, with the Delta variant being the deadliest.

The researchers selected five different SARS-CoV-2 variants and studied how the human immune system responds to the variants. The studied variants included Alpha, Delta, and three other variants that emerged before the Alpha variant. Upon viral infection, the first line of attack by the host's immune system is by producing certain defence chemicals that break down the viruses. The researchers studied how their production responds to these five variants.

"We infected the human cells in a cell culture system with these different variants of the virus and monitored the production of known immune defence molecules and the activation of signaling pathways associated with them," said Dixit Tandel, the first author of the study.

"We navigated through the hundreds of immune pathways known to us using high throughput sequencing and analysis," said Dr. Nitesh Kumar Singh, who worked on the project with Dr Sowpati.

"We have identified that molecular mechanisms regulating the host immune response have not been as potent against the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2. This also includes the production of interferons, immune molecules often used for antiviral therapies. The study hints at why the Delta variant could spread more easily," said Dr. Krishnan Harshan, the lead investigator in this work. He added that the study also helps us understand how viruses evolve with changing effects on human.

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Construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya to cost Rs 1,800 crore

The cost of construction of the grand Ram temple is expected to be around Rs 1,800 crores.

Champat Rai, general secretary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi TeerthKshetra Trust, told reporters that this was a revised estimate. He said this after a meeting of the trust on Sunday evening.

The Trust also finalised its rules and regulations in the meeting that was presided over by NripendraMitra, chairman of the Ram temple construction committee.

"After several revisions, we have reached this estimate. Even this might go up," Rai said about the construction cost.

The Trust has also decided to use white marble in construction of the idol of Lord Ram.

Idols of several other deities of the Ramayan era will also come up at the Ram temple. "Rules and regulations of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi TeerthKshetra Trust have been finalised. We have been working on it for the past several months," Champat Rai said.

The construction of the temple is expected to be completed by December 2023 and Lord Ram is expected to be seated in the sanctum sanctorum by the Makar Sankranti festival in January 2024, Rai said. He also said 14 of the 15 trust members attended the meeting.

RISE IN RETAIL INFLATION DUE TO HIGH FOOD PRICES, ADVERSE BASE EFFECT: CENTRE

As retail inflation rose to 7 per cent in August from 6.71 per cent in July, the Finance Ministry said late on Monday that consumer price index (CPI) based inflation "recorded a moderate increase", adding that it could be attributed to "both an adverse base effect and an increase in food and fuel prices - the transient components of CPI inflation".

It added through a series of tweets that core inflation calculated by excluding the transient components of CPI like "food and beverages" and "fuel and light" was recorded at 5.9 per cent in August, and thus remained below the tolerance limit of 6 per cent set by RBI for the fourth consecutive month.

"Prices of major inputs like iron ore and steel have sobered in the global markets. This coupled with the measures taken by the government to rationalise tariff structures of inputs to augment domestic supply has helped to keep cost push inflation in consumer items under control," the ministry said.

Despite erratic monsoon and negative seasonality in vegetable prices, food inflation in August was still lower than the April peak of the

current year. With global inflation pressures, inflationary expectations remain anchored in India with stable core inflation, the ministry said on an optimistic note.

"IIM-Ahmedabad's One-year Ahead Business Inflation Expectations Survey in July has declined by 34 bps to 4.83 per cent from 5.17 per cent in June. Inflation expectations have fallen below 5 per cent after 17 months," it said in another tweet.

"To soften the prices of edible oils and pulses, tariffs on imported items have been rationalised periodically and stock limits on edible oils have been kept, to avoid hoarding," the ministry said while listing the measures taken to curb prices of essential commodities.

Inflation in "oils and fats" and "pulses and products" have moderated to 5.62 per cent and 2.52 per cent, respectively, the Finance Ministry pointed out.

"The government has prohibited exports of food products like wheat flour/atta, rice, maida etc. to keep domestic supplies steady and curb rise in prices. The impact of these measures is expected to be felt more significantly in the coming weeks and months," it said.

NIA raids 60 locations linked to gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, Kala Jathedi, others

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) was conducting raids at 60 locations across India at the premises belonging to gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, Kala Jathedi, Bambaia and Kaushal Chaudhary in connection with the latest cases lodged against them.

The raids started early Monday morning.

The NIA officials were tight-lipped when contacted.

The NIA had been mulling action against big gangsters like Bishnoi, Kapil Sangwan and Neeraj Bawana and their aides. The Union Home Ministry had asked the NIA to uproot their entire network as they were involved in targeted killings and were acting like terrorists.

Recently the NIA had prepared a dossier and took permission from the home ministry to initiate action against these gangs. The gangsters of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were on the radar of the NIA since then.

"They are involved in target killings and are persuading the youths to join their gangs," NIA source said while quoting the dossier.

The NIA had planned to uproot the entire networks of the NCR-based gangsters. There were names of around ten to twelve gangsters in the NIA list against whom action was decided.

Earlier, the Special Cell and state police were looking after their cases to uproot them. Now the NIA has started looking into these cases.

Neeraj Bawana and Lawrence Bishnoi are arch rivals in the crime world. After the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Singh Moosewala, Bawana had said that they would retaliate.

The gangsters operating gangs in the national capital have apparently formed two 'Mahagathbandhans' to run their crime syndicates smoothly. They are trying to set up a pan India network.

In gangsters' Mahagathbandhan the group A is of Neeraj Bawana. "In Neeraj Bawana's mahagathbandhan there are Saurabh alias Gaurav,



Suvegh Singh alias Sibbu, SubhamBaliyan, Rakesh alias Raka, Irfan alias Chhenu, Ravi Gangwal and Rohit Chaudhary and Davinder Bambaia Gang," the source said.

Lawrence Bishnoi's Gathbandhan has Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi, Kapil Sangwan alias Nandu, Rohit Moi, Deepak Boxer, Prince Tewtia, Rajesh Bawania and gangster Ashok Pradhan.

The Mahagathbandhan of gangsters has created havoc in many states and they are also indulging in gang wars. The Home Ministry was keeping an eye on their activities after which meetings were held in New Delhi with the Special Cell, NIA officials and IB officers. It was decided that the gangs were acting like terrorist organisations. Union Home Minister Amit Shah was not happy and reportedly directed the NIA to look into the issue and if possible lodge fresh cases to stop their activities. After getting a nod, the NIA geared up to uproot the networks of these gangsters.

WORLD

PAKISTAN PM TO ATTEND UNGA, TO BE IN NEW YORK ON SEP 19

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif along with other senior officials is expected to arrive in New York on September 19 to attend the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, UN sources told Dawn. Sharif is scheduled to address the General Assembly on September 23 and is expected to return to Pakistan the same evening.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Federal Minister for Broadcasting and Information Maryam Aurangzeb will accompany Sharif.

The delegation will also include the Foreign Secretary and other senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other departments, Dawn reported. The Pakistan Prime Minister is expected to attend the inaugural session of the UN General Assembly on September 20, a day after he reaches New York. The same day, he will address a summit meeting on education reforms, which will also consider how to deal with the pandemic's negative impact on education.

Sharif will attend two more meetings on food insecurity and climate change, Dawn reported. Bhutto and Khar will travel to Washington on September 25 for bilateral meetings with US officials. They are expected to stay in the US capital until September 27.

While the visit to the United Nations has its own significance, one major item on the Prime Minister's agenda -- a bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden -- is still undecided.

This year's General Assembly is particularly significant because this will be the first in-person summit of world leaders at the UN since 2019. The 2020 and 2021 sessions were converted into virtual meetings because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

FAO, WFP WARN 30% OF SRI LANKAN

POPULATION FACING ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY

Two United Nations organisations warned on Monday that nearly 30 per cent of Sri Lanka's population is experiencing acute food insecurity, which is likely to worsen if adequate life-saving assistance and livelihood support is not provided.

In its latest report, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) cautioned that an estimated 6.3 million people in the South Asian island nation are facing moderate to severe acute food insecurity, mainly due to poor agricultural production, price spikes, and the ongoing economic crisis. In a joint statement, the world's leading two humanitarian organisations stated that two consecutive seasons of poor harvests led to a nearly 50 per cent drop in production, coupled with reduced imports of food grains due to foreign exchange constraints.

Without assistance, the food security situation is expected to deteriorate further, particularly during the October 2022 to February 2023 lean season, driven by poor harvests of staple foods, in particular, paddy rice, and the ongoing economic crisis.

The report noted that immediate food assistance and livelihood programmes - including through existing social assistance mechanisms - are critical to enable households to access nutritious food - particularly moderately and severely acute food insecure ones. "In order to avert a further deterioration of food security conditions and to support restoration of agricultural production, livelihood assistance targeting smallholder farmers should remain a priority," FAO Representative in Sri Lanka Vimlendra Sharan said.

"Months into this crippling economic crisis, families are running out of options - they are exhausted. More than 60 percent of families are eating less, and eating cheaper, less nutritious food. This comes at a time when financial constraints have forced the government to scale back on nutrition programmes, such as school meals and fortified food to mothers and undernourished children. WFP's top priority is to provide immediate food and nutrition assistance to the most at-risk communities to prevent a further deterioration of their nutrition," WFP Representative and Country Director in Sri Lanka, Abdur Rahim Siddiqui, said. Production of paddy rice, the main food staple, is forecast at 3 million mt in 2022, the lowest level since the 2017 drought-affected harvest, mostly due to low yields following reduced application of fertilisers, the report finds.

"Production of maize, mostly used as animal feed, is about 40 per cent below the past five-year average, with negative effects on poultry and livestock production. Likewise, production of vegetables, fruits and export-oriented crops, such as tea, rubber, coconut and spices, is well below average, causing a significant decline in households' income and export revenues."

Prices of most food items have been on a steady rise since the last quarter of 2021 and reached a new record high in August 2022, with the year-on-year food inflation rate at nearly 94 per cent.

The worst ever macro-economic crisis in Sri Lanka has caused acute shortages and spikes in the prices of essential products, including food, agricultural inputs, fuel and medicine, severely compromising the economic activity, with major disruptions to agricultural production.

FLOODS, ECONOMIC CRISIS & POLITICAL BICKERINGS: A SAGA OF PAKISTAN'S MISMANAGEMENT AND INSENSITIVITY

The worst floods in several decades have wrecked havoc in Pakistan, one of the most populous countries of South Asia. The floods have touched the country's 220 million people's lives directly or indirectly. More than 1,300 people have died with 81 out of 160 districts directly affected by the floods, leaving at least 33 million people homeless. The heatwaves followed by rains and glacial melting has been a global trend this year bringing out the stark reality that despite all talks and conventions, the world community has failed to contain and reverse climatic change. But Pakistan's case is unique. Beyond the human losses, the country's economic managers have the most challenging task ahead as floods ravaged the country's road and communication network, damaged an incalculable number of houses, and destroyed millions of hectares of crops. Niaz Murtaza, a political economist, describes present crisis as "a triple whammy", putting together economic, political and 'natural'. "The poor had been suffering the first two months because of inflation, job loss and political paralysis. Now the floods have pushed millions into ruin," he said. Despite this, the political masters are not only busy in bickering and allegations against each other, but have also triggered a blame game on social media as usual, pointing fingers on India for the flood havoc. The bombardment of propaganda, nevertheless, cannot change the reality that Pakistan government and its institutions have utterly failed in fulfilling their duties towards its citizens. Ludicrous as it is, it cannot absolve the leadership of Pakistan that has failed people in terms of economic mismanagement, entrenched corruption and naked cronyism in the system. Added to these are the wrong policies and priorities of Islamabad which have been instrumental in bringing economic crisis and political instability.

INDIA'S STRATEGY OF FISCAL PRUDENCE HAS PAID OFF WHILE US AND EUROPE'S MASSIVE STIMULUS BACKFIRED

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Over 2022-23, India's growth will average 7 per cent, the strongest among the largest economies, contributing 28 per cent and 22 per cent to Asian and global growth, Morgan Stanley said in a report. India is best positioned within Asia to deliver domestic demand alpha. Its cyclical recovery will be sustained by structural factors. The recent strong run of data increases our confidence that India is well positioned to deliver domestic demand alpha, which will be particularly important as developed markets growth weakness percolates into Asia's external demand, Morgan Stanley said. Some observers argue that while the Russia-Ukraine war has definitely contributed to the misery of the west, this was set into motion during Covid-19 when the governments in these countries went on a massive spending spree to give economic stimulus, pushing inflation at a time when growth was slowing. These observers argue that the so-called economists were "pushing" India to follow the same path that these western countries took. They remind that some were glorifying USA's \$3200 to everyone, Germany's stimulus and UK's furlough scheme -- trying to create dissatisfaction among Indian public and pushing the Indians to demand something similar. Eminent international economists were putting pressure on Indian government to spend 5, 10 or even 15 per cent of entire GDP as stimulus. Other economists provided other varying and large amounts to be distributed without worrying for inflation. Despite repeated pressures from "fancy economists", intelligentsia, freeloaders, the government was fiscally prudent and knew the dangers that uncontrolled inflation can wreak on Indian economy and public. It repeatedly prioritised very careful spending and targeted stimulus only to those sections that desperately required it. Observers argue that today, India is the only large country which is not just at the minimum risk of inflation, but also exhibited a growth of 13 per cent this quarter. The Central government under the economic adviser Sanjeev Sanyal repeatedly maintained the stand of fiscal prudence and providing stimulus to boost economy at "right time" and to "appropriate groups". Even Arvind Panagariya was in favour of government policies to maintain fiscal prudence. Observers say that strategy has paid off in a huge way. The fancy economists and intellectuals were prescribing policies to India that have now spelled a doom for the west. Fortunately, the team of economists under the government of India assessed the situation much better and did not cave into the immense pressure. Experts say that with passing time, more and more evidence as well as consensus is emerging that mindless stimulus did more harm in the long run even in those large economies which were fiscally surplus before the pandemic or were highly advanced. Morgan Stanley said the key change in India's structural story lies in the clear shift in the policy focus towards lifting the productive capacity of the economy. Policymakers have taken up a series of reforms which will catalyse an upswing in the private capex cycle, helping to unleash a powerful productivity dynamic, leading to the onset of a virtuous cycle.



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ALIA BHATT'S BABY SHOWER: BOLLYWOOD COUPLE ALIA BHATT AND RANBIR KAPOOR ARE ALL SET TO WELCOME THEIR FIRST CHILD TOGETHER. THE COUPLE RECENTLY HAD THEIR BABYMOON AND NOW THEY ARE REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO HAVE AN INTIMATE FUNCTION FOR ALIA. THE ACTRESS' MOM SONI RAZDAN AND HER MOTHER-IN-LAW NEETU KAPOOR ARE REPORTED TO HOST A BABY SHOWER FOR ALIA. THEIR GUEST LIST IS SAID TO HAVE ONLY GIRLS. FROM ALIA'S SIBLING, SHAHEEN BHATT TO RANBIR'S COUSINS KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN AND KARISMA KAPOOR ARE SAID TO JOIN THE FAMILY FOR 'ALL GIRLS' BABY SHOWER. APART FROM THEM, ALIA'S CLOSE FRIENDS AKANSHA RANJAN AND ANUSHKA RANJAN AND FAMILY INMATES NAVYA NANDA, SHWETA BACHCHAN, AARTI SHETTY & ALIA BHATT'S GIRL GANG ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE A PART OF IT. ALIA AND RANBIR GOT MARRIED ON APRIL 14 AFTER DATING FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS. THE TWO EXCHANGED VOWS IN AN EXTREMELY PRIVATE WEDDING CEREMONY IN FRONT OF ROUGHLY FIFTY GUESTS. IN JUNE, ALIA BHATT AND RANBIR KAPOOR ANNOUNCED THEY ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST BUNDLE OF JOY. ALIA TOOK TO INSTAGRAM TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH HER FANS AND FRIEND. SHE SHARED A PICTURE, WHERE THE ACTRESS IS SEEN GETTING HER SONOGRAPHY DONE WHILE HER HUSBAND RANBIR IS SEEN LOOKING AT THE BABY ON THE SCREEN. SHE CAPTIONED THE IMAGE: "OUR BABY .COMING SOON."

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TAAPSEE PANNU HAD AN ALTERCATION WITH A REPORTER WHO ASKED HER ABOUT THE NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HER LAST RELEASE, DOBAARAA.

HOW NOT TO PROMOTE A FILM



What exactly is happening in the Mumbai film industry? A sense of uncertainty prevails. There is an all-round nervousness and lack of confidence. The bigger the film due for release, the more the confusion between the makers, the exhibitors and the others concerned. This situation has prevailed since before the pandemic and has only amplified after the industry reopened post lockdown. The films are failing to draw audience. The films of the biggest of stars are being rejected. What's worrisome is that these films are being rejected wholesale, not even being given the privilege of the initial audience that used to throng the cinemas for any film with big stars. It would be understandable if a film failed because of bad word of mouth. A lot of filmgoers decide whether to watch a film or not after getting audience reports. But that has not been happening recently. The film critics (if such a tribe exists in India) have become the line of first defence for films that have failed. Not only do they not accept the fact, they try to find excuses on behalf of the filmmakers and stars.

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TIFF: HARRY STYLES' BODY, SOUL-BARING PERFORMANCE IN 'MY POLICEMAN' CHARMS TORONTO

Former One Direction member Harry Styles has finally debuted his dramatic chops, charming the Toronto International Film Festival at the world premiere of 'My Policeman'. An emotional, decade-spanning drama about a 1950s cop juggling an idealistic wife and a secret male lover, Styles turned up with his costars Emma Corrin and David Dobson to unveil the long-awaited project, reports 'Variety'. The company of actors and their director, Michael Grandage, received a standing ovation at Toronto's Princess of Wales theater following the Sunday night premiere. Applause was cut short thanks to Styles' schedule, the singer had to catch a plane immediately after the screening to resume his world tour. At a brief Q&A, Styles discussed how he and his costars built an authentic bond as on-screen friends, and navigated some soul- and body-baring love scenes with both.



"Having a base of a real friendship outside of the characters it doesn't require much acting. In the more intense scenes, there's a lot of trust and safety there," he said. The premiere audience was clearly stacked with Styles fans, pleased by his departure from pop star in sequined jumpsuits and a six pack to a middle class cop in corduroys and slacks. The script makes several references to how average Styles' character is meant to look, all moments met with laughter by the crowd. Before the lights went down at top, director Grandage expressed gratitude for the progress made in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, but said there is "still room for further debate, alluding to current threats to gay marriage and anti-trans legislation. Along with the main trio, the cast includes Gina Mckee, Linus Roache and Rupert Everett.

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PAKISTAN REGISTERS HEAVY DROP IN CURRENT STANDINGS AFTER LOSS TO LANKA



Babar Azam-led Pakistan team has taken a huge hit in the latest ICC standings. Their loss to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup finals has taken a huge toll on their position as they have slipped to the 4th position. Before the tournament started, Pakistan was comfortably stationed at the second spot but now the scenario has completely changed. As of now, Pakistan has 258 rating points and they had to take this beating because they suffered a loss at the hands of Dasun Shanaka-led Sri Lankan team who were lingering at the bottom half of the table. Certainly, someone's loss is someone's gain, and teams like England and South Africa have hugely benefitted from it. Before their loss against Sri Lanka, Pakistan was comfortably placed at number 2 with 262 rating points as they had defeated Afghanistan by 2 wickets.

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'ZWIGATO', PRESENTED BY APPLAUSE ENTERTAINMENT AND NANDITA DAS INITIATIVES, TO HAVE ITS WORLD PREMIERE AT THE 47TH TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The film, written and directed by Nandita Das, starring Kapil Sharma and Shahana Goswami will premiere in the 'Contemporary World Cinema' section at the festival Applause Entertainment and filmmaker Nandita Das' highly anticipated film 'Zwigato' would make its World Premiere at the prestigious 47th Toronto International Film Festival [TIFF] 2022.

An official selection, the film will be screened under the 'Contemporary World Cinema' section. Written and Directed by Nandita Das, the film features Kapil Sharma, who is a new food delivery rider, exploring the world of gig economy. Shahana Goswami plays his wife, a homemaker, who to support his income, starts to work for the very first time. Set in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, the film captures what an 'ordinary' family faces in the post-pandemic world. It is the story of relentless struggle of life, but not without shared moments of joy. It is life like – bitter-sweet. Sameer Nair, CEO Applause Entertainment said, "Zwigato depicts the lives of the often unseen people who are the heart and soul of this nation and its economy. Whilst the film is set in urban India, we believe that the themes of this film transcend geographical boundaries and will resonate with the global audience. It has been a pleasure to collaborate with Nandita, and we are delighted that Zwigato will have its world premiere at the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival." Director Nandita Das said, "Zwigato is finally ready! A story about new urban India that is not just about the gig economy, but also about everything that we normalise around us. I found the perfect producing partner in Sameer Nair to tell this simple yet complex slice-of-life film. I am thrilled that it will premiere soon at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). This means a lot to me personally as I have debuted there both as an actor and director, with Fire and Firaq, respectively. Over the years, several other films have taken me to TIFF. I hope the universality of the



theme of the film will resonate with the amazing audiences that the festival attracts from all over the world."

Ecstatic TIFF reception to Daniel Craig-starrer 'Knives Out' sequel 'Glass Onion'

Rian Johnson once again wowed crowds at the Toronto Film Festival with 'Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery', the highly anticipated sequel to 2019's hit whodunit.

Johnson addressed the audience briefly before the film began playing, and offered a sweet greeting to his grandfather. "My grandfather Howard Johnson travelled here tonight, he's in the audience," Johnson revealed, reports usatoday.com.

"Grandpa, you are my role model. You are the reason I make films today, I love you so much and I am so happy you are here."

Of course, the Princess of Wales Theater also hosted Daniel Craig, who returns as an eccentric private investigator with a southern twist, and his co-stars Edward Norton, Janelle Monae, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr. and Kate Hudson. Dave Bautista, who also stars in the film about a group of wealthy friends who receive a mysterious invitation to the private island of a reclusive millionaire – wasn't at the screening.

Netflix chief Ted Sarandos and Bryan Lourd, CAA, who helped orchestrate the film's megawatt switch to streamer, were among the packed house. The two-hour film played to gasps, cheers and roars of laughter, culminating in a short, one-minute standing ovation.

The cast then took the stage and answered questions from the crowd, though viewers were encouraged not to discuss spoilers.

After a few quick requests (no, Johnson wasn't using 35mm cameras. Yes, production took place at a resort in Greece), someone asked the entire cast to go around and share their favourite scene to film.

"Tell everyone in the audience," Cock cracked.

"Every damn it," Craig said.

Hudson added: "I loved seeing us all get together. We shot everything separately." Monae got sentimental, saying it was the "scene you didn't see." The scene where we're all working together on this movie." Call out the audible "aww" – and then giggles – from the crowd. A film lover asked Johnson what it was like to make a film that is smarter than the audience.

"My grandfather, ladies and gentlemen," joked the director. But he rejected the hypothesis.

"It's meant to take them on a ride rather than a game of chess. At the



end of the day, movies are for sitting in a big crowd and having fun." The ecstatic TIFF reception for 'Glass Onion' is familiar to Johnson, who debuted the first "Knives Out" at the festival in pre-pandemic times. The critically acclaimed crime thriller became a box office hit, grossing \$165 million in North America and \$311 million worldwide on a budget of \$40 million. Johnson, who wrote the screenplay as well as directed, received an Oscar nomination in the Original Screenplay category.

How do you manage to at least let cinematic lightning strike twice?

"The phrase I kept coming back to talking about the first movie is, 'It's a roller coaster ride, not a crossword,'" said writer, director and producer Rian Johnson in an interview with Netflix's Tudum.

"It's a common mistake in writing whodunits to think that you're doing a crossword and that the fun is that the audience is actually going to analyse it all and figure it out."

Craig, whose scene-chewing performance received particular praise, is the only actor to return for the follow-up. It's only been three years since the original, but Craig felt he needed to brush up on the sly detective's strong intonation.

"Before we started filming, I worked with an accent coach for three or four months," Craig previously told Empire magazine.

"I forgot the accent and didn't want to do pastiche. I wanted to make it as grounded and grounded in reality as possible."

Although Lionsgate brought the first film to theaters, Netflix is now the legal owner of the Knives Out franchise, having bought the rights for \$450 million last year.

'Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery' starts streaming on Netflix December 23.

The film hits theatres before that date, but Netflix has yet to announce the theatrical release date.

But a limited theatrical release may be a mistake judging by the reception in the room.

Rian Johnson has more 'Knives Out' sequels in mind.

"I'll do that until Daniel (Craig) blocked me on his phone," he told the audience.

BRAHMASTRA: MOUNI ROY REACTS TO #BOYCOTTBRAHMASTRA TREND, SAYS 'IT DIDN'T BOTHER ME BUT...'



Brahmastra Part One: Shiva has been a blockbuster success with collections of over Rs 225 crore in the opening weekend and the fantasy-adventure epic has also crossed the Rs 150 crore mark in India. The audience has been thrilled by the film's gripping narrative, amazing VFX, and star performers including Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna, and Shah Rukh Khan in a cameo appearance. But the one actor who is garnering huge praise for her brilliant act as the antagonist Junoon, the Queen of Darkness in Ayan Mukerji's film is Mouni Roy. The actress, who married the Dubai-based businessman Suraj

Nambiar in January this year, is being called as the surprise package of Brahmastra.

It wasn't an easy journey for the film, which took nearly a decade to get completed from its inception stage to its theatrical release on September 9. And before the release, the #BoycottBrahmastra trend also went viral on social media. In a recent interview, Mouni opened up on this cancel culture against her film.

Talking to News18, she said, "It didn't bother me but I would wonder why somebody would write such things even without watching the film first. If you watch it and then don't like it, you can express so. But these are all phantom people, who are hiding behind their screens. They don't have anything else to do and have surplus amount of time. So, they waste it doing these things." She was even trolled for her look being too similar to that of Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch, played by Elizabeth Olsen, in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and was called as 'desi Wanda'. Speaking about such reactions, Mouni said, "I read those comments but I forgot about them the next moment. They didn't affect me."

Brahmastra Part One: Shiva is the first part of the planned trilogy in the Astraverse created by Ayan Mukerji around the ancient Indian astras. The title of the second part Brahmastra Part Two: Dev was revealed in the film's climax. Ayan in a recent interview has revealed that the team is planning to release the next part in December 2025.

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Some of them said that 'Laal Singh Chaddha' and 'Raksha Bandhan' failed because they were bad films. And, to think that most of these so-called critics had rated both the films with four stars each!

What is happening recently is that rather than have fun watching a film at the cinemas, people, the netizens, are having fun at the cost of films and filmmakers. They are being trolled mercilessly. The latest subject of ridicule in social media is the film 'Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva'. The film stars Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna, Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt. Like with many other Hindi films, social media groups have taken a strong stand against the film. And there are many takers for such groups and the stand they take! Those connected with films would keep quiet for some time. Instead, they come out with statements that get the trolls started.

The example is the PVR multiplex chain's social media post on Monday before the release of 'Brahmastra' that it had already sold 1,00,000 tickets in advance. This claim was followed by the chain saying that they were offering one ticket free against three bought for 'Brahmastra'! Wasn't the chain's management contradicting its own claim on the demand for the film?

The responses that followed this announcement were anything but complimentary. They were humiliating, if one may say so. For a film claiming to have been made at a budget of Rs 400+ crore, the multiplex chain was claiming a sale of 1,00,000 tickets on Day One. This was a contradiction. And why the discount even before the film opened to the public?

'Brahmastra', between its announcement and hitting the screens, has taken a long time, say, seven years. When you take such a long time, you need to be careful about the information you release. Especially in this era of social networks.

That the film's production was either not planned with foresight, or that things were going out of hand, was first noticed when the special effects costs started ballooning. As a solution, the provider was roped in as a partner.

Later came this Rs 400+ crore cost appeal to raise the admission rates. What it means is that the film has cost Rs 400+ crore, so please bear with us and pay extra. What is this? An exercise in crowd funding? Further, a claim is made that the film will give you your money's worth! Now, who guarantees that, the filmmaker or the cinema management, which wants to raise the admission rates?

Money's worth is a phrase used in Hindi as 'paisa vasool' and it was always the audience that decided it. The more reasonable the admission rates, the better the chances of that happening. The 1975 film, 'Sholay', had gone heavily over budget, so should the producers or the cinemas have raised the admission rates? No, they remained the same at Rs 2 to Rs 5 even after it became an all-time blockbuster after a slow start! There have been many films that went over budget, but there was no system of increasing the admission rates at whim!

The word was out that there is not going to be much provision for the pre-release promotion of the film, the budget for it having been cut down drastically. Such news has the tendency of trending on social media and proves to be detrimental.

The film promotions got weirder by the day. Earlier, the filmmaker and stars launched a film's promotion in Mumbai with all the television, web and print media present. The media networks being what they are today, your message reaches all corners of the world within hours. It is covered all over, be it any media. Next, you travel to Delhi, followed by some other place, such as Ahmedabad or Pune. Follow the same routine; address the media. What purpose does it serve? None. It has all been covered. And, they used the expression Road Show for this silly exercise.

A couple of weeks back, the unit of 'Raksha Bandhan' travelled to London and Dubai to promote the film! If a film does well in India, it works well in these countries, too. If you promote your film in Indian media, it is covered all over the world. So what was the idea? Such ideas come only from the stars for whatever the reason. A producer knows there is no benefit in this for him or the film, but he has to comply. Finally, what is this new fashion of temple runs by stars on the eve of a release? The stars never did this, though a film's producer and director did go to seek divine blessings. It was very personal for them and a matter of beliefs. Now, it is more a part of a promotional strategy. The visit is well-publicised in advance with the media following closely! It backfired on the stars of 'Brahmastra' on their visit to Ujjain's Mahakal temple.

Now that the film, 'Brahmastra' has hit the screens, the final stage of promotion will start now. Trade experts will be convinced to praise the film with half-a-dozen posts. Of course, they have their rates, but, sadly, no credibility. Then there will be critics gifting four-to-five stars to the film. Looks like the best minds in the film industry have stopped working. The way the release strategy of the film has been handled shows total lack of confidence. The people concerned come across as a confused lot. Why, in the first place, release this cost-heavy film now, during a dull period? Why not wait for the more opportune Diwali release?

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NORA FATEHI-SIDHARTH MALHOTRA SET INTERNET ABLAZE WITH STEAMY MOVES IN THANK GOD'S SONG MANIKE TEASER

Nora Fatehi never fails to impress people with her killer dance moves. After giving back-to-back hit dance videos, the actress will be seen performing a special item song in an upcoming family entertainer film Thank God. She will be joined by actor Sidharth Malhotra shaking a leg to the tunes of the remake of the popular song Manike Mage Hithe. Taking to Instagram, Nora Fatehi shared the teaser of the song, which she captioned, "Get ready to experience the never-seen-before side of love and lust with #Manike! Song out on 16th September. #ThankGod in cinemas on 25th October." In the teaser, actors Sidharth Malhotra and Nora Fatehi could be seen twinning in white outfits and the post reads that the full song will be out on September 16. Sung by the Sri Lankan singer Yohani and Jubin Nautiyal, 'Manike' is a recreated version of 2021's viral song 'Manika Mage Hithe'. Last year, the makers of Thank God made an announcement that Yohani, will be

making her singing debut with the Hindi version of her hit song 'Manike Mage Hithe'. Earlier, director Indra Kumar said, "Yohani's song has become a super sensation and I am extremely thankful to Bhushanji for giving me this blockbuster track to be part of 'Thank God'! We are all very excited about this version and will begin shooting soon for the track. 'Thank God' is a unique slice of life comedy, and me and my whole team are looking forward to presenting it to audiences next year!" Helmed by Indra Kumar, the film stars Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra and Rakul Preet Singh in the lead roles and is all set to hit the theatres on October 25, 2022. Recently, the makers unveiled the official trailer of the film which gathered positive responses from the audience. 'Thank God' will be facing a big Bollywood clash, on the occasion of Diwali 2022, with Akshay Kumar's upcoming film 'Ram Setu' which also stars Jacqueline Fernandez and Nushratt Bharuchha in the lead roles.

MONA SINGH TO BREAK SILENCE ON DOMESTIC ABUSE IN HER UPCOMING FLICK 'EK CHUP'

Mona Singh, who is still remembered as the 'Jassi Jaissi Koi Nahin' lead actress, is going to raise her voice against domestic violence in her upcoming short film 'Ek Chup', directed by Sonya V. Kapoor. Mona talks about her experience of working in the short film, which centres on domestic violence during the lockdown. Mona said, "Ek Chup is based on the idiom 'ek chup sau sukhi' (stay quiet, earn a hundredfold happiness). You know, as Indians, most mothers tell their daughters to keep quiet and everything will work out. However, it's important for women to stand up for their rights and I think this movie and the script was just absolutely perfect to talk about this topic." The actress, who was recently seen in 'Laal Singh Chaddha', is all praise for



Sonya, who is a winner of the British Film Fellowship for her documentary 'Once there was a Purple Butterfly'. Mona shared, "Sonya was very cool, calm, composed and with a vision regarding the script. She knew exactly what she wanted. So it was a lot of fun working with a person who knows what the person wants so everything just comes out very beautifully." The director talks about her short film and the entire idea behind making it which is to highlight a very relevant topic of violence against women. "The film is based on a very important issue, namely, the shadow pandemic of violence against women and domestic abuse during the Covid-19 lockdown days. It was UN Women that first termed it as the 'shadow pandemic' - a pandemic within a pandemic," she said. "In this film, the female protagonist also believes in the philosophy of life that says 'Silence is Golden' and that is the base of the quirky story," said the director, explaining the essence of the story.

Maja Ma: Madhuri Dixit shines in first poster of family entertainer, film to release on this date

After making her OTT with the family thriller The Fame Game on Netflix India, Madhuri Dixit is set to headline Prime Video's first Indian Original film Maja Ma. The family entertainer is helmed by actor-filmmaker Anand Tiwari, who made his directorial debut with the 2018 romantic comedy Love per Square Foot starring Vicky Kaushal and Angira Dhar. The first poster of the Maja Ma was released by the streaming giant on its social media handles on Wednesday, September 14 which showed the Devdas actress smiling wide in her dancing pose. The poster was shared with the caption, "the dancing diva is back and how! blessing your screens to do away with your mid-week blues - now we're feeling Maja Ma watch #MajaMaOnPrime, Oct 6" Set to release on October 6, the upcoming film is a family entertainer set against the celebratory backdrop of a traditional festival and a quintessential, colorful Indian wedding.

KATRINA KAIF AND VICKY KAUSHAL'S PICS FROM FIRST AD SHOOT TOGETHER GO VIRAL, 'VICKAT' FANS CAN'T KEEP CALM



Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal are all set to share the screen space for the first time together. If you are wondering if the fan-favourite Bollywood couple 'VicKat' will be seen in an upcoming film together, you will be left disappointed. But know that the actors, who got married in December 2021, will be seen in an upcoming commercial together. Katrina and Vicky have shot for their first project and even though it may not be for a movie, it is a good enough teaser of their solid chemistry.

'VICKAT' SHOOT FOR COMMERCIAL

Some BTS images from Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's advertisement have gone viral on Twitter. They are being widely circulated among the fan clubs and have been receiving loving comments. It is common for celebrity couples to feature in advertisements together. Virat Kohli-Anushka Sharma, Saif Ali Khan-Kareena Kapoor, Ranbir Kapoor-Alia Bhatt, Ranveer Singh-Deepika Padukone and many other celebrities couples have been doing commercials together for years now. With Katrina and Vicky shooting for their first commercial together, fans have been excited.

'VICKAT' AD PICS GO VIRAL

Fans who have been waiting for Katrina and Vicky to be working together will be happy to know that they have teamed up with Cleartrip for their first-ever joint collaboration. Several pics from the shoot showing the couple posing together are circulating online. The two actors are dressed in comfy holiday outfits as they urge fans to embark on their next trip.

TIFF: HARRY STYLES' BODY, SOUL-BARING PERFORMANCE IN 'MY POLICEMAN' CHARMS TORONTO

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It is directed by Grandage, who is best known for his work helming stage productions. Producers are Greg Berlanti, Sarah Schechter, Robbie Rogers, Cora Palfrey and Philip Herd. Adapted for the screen by Ron Nyswaner from Bethan Roberts' novel of the same name, 'My Policeman' follows three young people - a gay policeman Tom (Styles), a teacher named Marion (Corrin), who he marries, and a museum curator named Patrick (Dawson), with whom he is having an affair.

The story unfolds in 1950s Britain.

Flashing forward to the 1990s, Tom (Roache), Marion (McKee), and Patrick (Everett) are still reeling with longing and regret, but now they have one last chance to repair the damage of the past. 'My Policeman' is one of two movies starring Styles to debut on the fall film festival circuit. The actor's role opposite Florence Pugh in Olivia Wilde's 'Don't Worry Darling' world premiered at the Venice Film Festival. 'My Policeman' opens in theatres on October 21 and debuts on Prime Video on November 4.

WHEN SHAH RUKH KHAN'S JAWAN MET RAJINIKANTH'S JAILER



Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, who is shooting for his upcoming movie Jawan in Chennai, reportedly had an opportunity to catch up with superstar Rajinikanth. Both the actors were shooting at Aditya Ram Film City, ECR. Shah Rukh Khan has never missed an opportunity to show his love for Rajinikanth. It's worth noting that when he made Chennai Express, he included a special dance number, Lungi Dance, as a tribute to Rajinikanth, who is fondly called 'Thalaiva.' Rajinikanth has also made no secret about his admiration for SRK. He had made a cameo appearance as a super-humanoid Chitti in Shah Rukh Khan's 2011 sci-fi movie Ra.One. According to reports, Shah Rukh Khan is camping in Chennai to shoot a crucial action scene for Jawan. Written and directed by Atlee, the film is mounted on a huge scale. The director has roped in Vijay Sethupathi to play the main antagonist in the movie. The film also stars Nayanthara as the female lead.

BRAHMASTRA FAN THEORIES CLAIM SHIVA AND JUNOON ARE TWINS, ALIA BHATT'S ISHA IS WEARING DEV'S RING, AND GURUJI IS THE VILLAIN

Now that fans have had a chance to watch Brahmastra, they've begun sharing theories about the film's lore and the future of the franchise. Intended as the first instalment in a planned trilogy, Brahmastra was in the making for several years before being released in theatres last week. In the film, Ranbir Kapoor plays an average Mumbai man named Shiva, who discovers that he is involved in a battle between good and evil that has been raging forever. Spoiler alert. The film opens with an animated sequence explaining the backstory of the universe, in which several sages harnessed the power of 'astras' and formed a secret society called the Brahmansh, designed to protect the world from the forces of evil. After the interval, Shiva is told by Amitabh Bachchan's Guruji that his parents were also a part of the society, but that his father was lured - like Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars - by the dark side. His mother, who had the ability to harness the power of water, died in a fire that left him unscathed, because Shiva has always been immune to flames.

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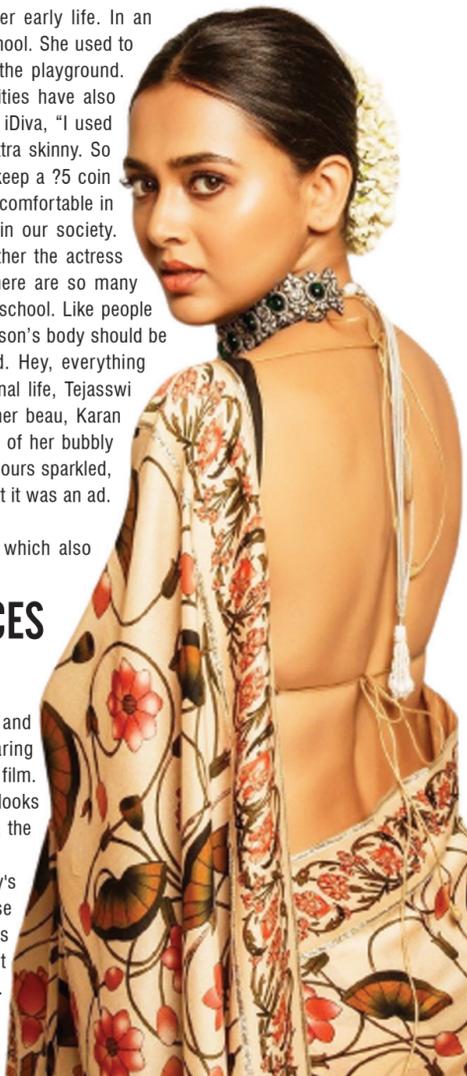
JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ BEING PROBED IN SUKESH CHANDRASHEKHAR CASE: KNOW LIST OF QUESTIONS BY DELHI POLICE

Jacqueline Fernandez has been making waves for a long time due to her connection with the Rs 200 crore extortion case allegedly involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekar. The actress is being interrogated by the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing today, September 14. According to a senior police officer, Jacqueline is attending investigation at the EOW headquarters on Mandir Marg which started at 11 a.m. The same police officer stated that they have a list of questions they want Jacqueline to answer. The questions revolves around her relationship with Sukesh and the things she received from him. The officer stated that she is also being questioned about how frequently she spoke with or met with Sukesh over the phone during that time. Pinky Irani has also been called to the probe by the economic crimes wing. Irani, who knew both Sukesh and Jacqueline Fernandez, reportedly assisted Sukesh in getting in touch with her. According to sources, Pinky and Jacqueline may be confronted during interrogation to gain additional clarity on the matter. Jacqueline has been informed that her inquiry may take longer than expected and has been asked to schedule her stay in Delhi accordingly. Jacqueline was previously mentioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in their charge sheet in the Sukesh-related money laundering investigation. According to the enforcement agency's charge sheet, Jacqueline was accused of engaging in financial transactions with Sukesh despite being aware

of his involvement in criminal cases. Another officer said, "The set of questions prepared for Jacqueline is different from that were asked to Nora Fatehi, who was earlier called for questioning into the case". He further said, "They have to also find out if both the actresses involved in the case were unaware of each other receiving gifts." In September-October 2021, the enforcement agency recorded Nora's statements in which she admitted to receiving presents from the alleged conman and his actress wife Leena. In connection with the alleged scam and the FIR that the Delhi Police had filed, the ED had opened a money laundering case. The agency had previously stated that Jacqueline Fernandez's remarks, in which she acknowledged receiving gifts from Chandrashekar, were recorded on August 30 and October 20, 2021. It also stated that the actress used proceeds of crime and purchased items with them for herself and her family members in India and overseas, which amounted to a money laundering offence under Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002. For the unversed, Sukesh Chandrashekar is a resident of Bengaluru in the state of Karnataka, is presently held in a jail in Delhi and is charged in more than 10 criminal cases. Chandrashekar has been accused of extorting Rs 200 crore when he was lodged in Rohini jail, from Aditi Singh, the wife of jailed former Ranbaxy owner Shivinder Singh, while posing as an official from the union law ministry and the PMO, on the pretext of getting her husband out on bail.

Tejasswi Prakash was body shamed in school; here's what people used to call her

Even a gorgeous actress like Tejasswi Prakash has faced body shaming in her early life. In an interview, the Naagin fame actress opened up about being body shamed in her school. She used to be too skinny and people used to make fun of her whenever they went out to the playground. Recently, actresses like Sonam Kapoor, Chhavi Mittal, and several other celebrities have also shared their experiences of body shaming. The Bigg Boss 15 winner shared with iDivya, "I used to be extremely skinny in school. Like people used to call me a hanger. I was extra skinny. So when we used to play on our school's playground then people used to tell me to keep a 25 coin in my pocket or you'll fly away.". The actress went on to inspire all women to be comfortable in their own skin. She also added that being skinny or fat should be normalised in our society. "Always be extremely comfortable breathing in your skin", Tejasswi shared. Further the actress added, "Listen, your body is ever-changing, especially if you are a woman. There are so many changes we go through, changes in our bodies. I used to be extremely skinny in school. Like people used to call me a hanger. Everybody is different and everything about the other person's body should be normal. The tummy should be normalised, being skinny should be normalised. Hey, everything should be normal, it's another human for god's sake". Apart from her professional life, Tejasswi has been seizing a lot of media glares owing to her romantic relationship with her beau, Karan Kundrra. The Naagin 6 actress has been winning the hearts of millions, courtesy of her bubbly and bindaas nature. The actress recently made headlines after her engagement rumours sparked, though she cleared the air that she and Karan are not engaged yet. "It was clear that it was an ad. It was mentioned in the post. I am not engaged", the actress told E-Times. Currently we can see our loving diva in Ekta Kapoor's superhit show Naagin 6 which also stars Mehek Chahal, Simba Nagpal and Pratik Sehajpal among others.



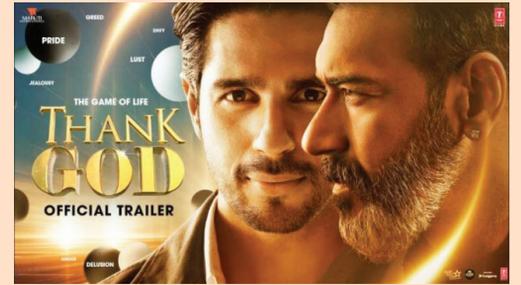
EMERGENCY: KANGANA RANAUT INTRODUCES VISHAK NAIR AS SANJAY GANDHI

Kangana Ranaut is going all out and about, donning the hats of actor, director and producer at the same time for her upcoming flick. The actress has been sharing glimpses from the sets on a regular basis and has been giving her all to make the film. Kangana is slowly unveiling the characters of her film and has been sharing their looks on social media. She has now introduced Vishak Nair in the role of Sanjay Gandhi, the son of politician and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

On Tuesday, Kangana posted a picture of Vishak wearing a white outfit and Sanjay's iconic wide-rimmed spectacles. Introducing the actor, she called him 'the powerhouse of talent'. Her caption read, "Presenting the powerhouse of talent @nair.vishak as #SanjayGandhi; Sanjay was the soul of Indira, the man she loved and lost #Emergency." Vishak Nair also took to his Instagram account and shared his look. Sharing the post, he wrote, "Truly honoured to essay the role of #SanjayGandhi - an enigma whose ambition eclipsed all. Humbled to be a part of such a great team in @kanganaranaut 's directorial #Emergency."



AJAY DEVGN-SIDHARTH MALHOTRA'S 'THANK GOD' LANDS IN LEGAL TROUBLE, CASE FILED IN UP AGAINST THE FILM



Ajay Devgn-Sidharth Malhotra's 'Thank God' had landed itself in legal trouble. A case has been filed against director Indra Kumar, actors Ajay Devgn and Siddhartha Malhotra, in a Jaunpur court by lawyer Himanshu Srivastava. The petitioner's statement will be recorded on November 18. According to the petitioner, the film's trailer which has been released mocks religion and has hurt religious sentiments.

In his petition, Srivastava said that Ajay Devgn, wearing a suit, is seen playing Chitragupta and in one of the scene he is seen cracking jokes and using objectionable language. "Chitragupta is regarded as the Lord of Karma and keeps a record of a man's good and bad deeds. Such depiction of Gods can create an unpleasant situation since it hurts religious sentiments," the petition said. The over three minute trailer of the film starts with Sidharth's character getting into a car crash and then stepping into the game of life hosted by Chitragupt, essayed by Ajay, who counts all his weaknesses, which eventually decides his fate to go to either hell or heaven. The trailer also features Nora Fatehi, who plays an "apsara", to check "vasana" or "lust" in Sidharth. Ajay is then heard saying: "Parayi aurat ko behen aur maa ki nazar se dekhna chahiye". Known for his intense dialogue delivery, Ajay also tells Sidharth in the trailer that: "Tum jaante ho insaano ki sabse badhi galti kya hai? Tum bhagwaan ko toh maante ho, lekin bhagwaan ki ek nahi maante." The trailer ends with a joke cracked by the "Singhama actor, leaving Sidharth all confused.

LATA MANGESHKAR AWARD TO BE BESTOWED ON SINGER SHAILENDRA & MUSICIANS ANAND-MILIND ON HER BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



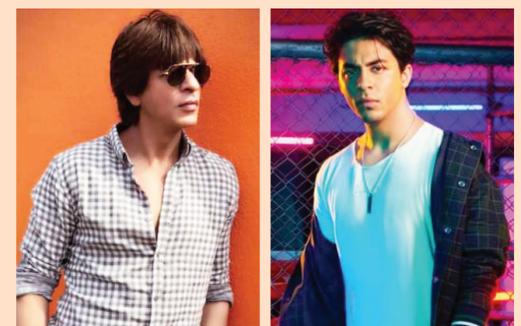
Renowned playback singer Shailendra Singh and music composer duo Anand-Milind will be conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award on September 28, the birth anniversary of the late singer, at her birthplace Indore in Madhya Pradesh, an administration official said on Wednesday.

The award is given annually by the Madhya Pradesh culture department to promote excellence in the field of music. It carries a cash prize of Rs two lakh and a citation. Shailendra Singh, who is known for his distinct voice and sang many of the popular numbers in 1970s and 80s, will be given the Lata Mangeshkar Award for the year 2019. Anand-Milind, who have composed music for more than 200 films, will be conferred with the prestigious award for the year 2020, the official said.

The Madhya Pradesh government last time organised the Lata Mangeshkar Award function on February 7, 2020.

It could not be held after that due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar was born in Indore on September 28, 1929. Mangeshkar passed away on Sunday due to multiple organ failure at the age of 92. The iconic singer got admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital on January 8 after she was diagnosed with COVID-19 and pneumonia.

ARYAN KHAN RESPONDS TO SHAH RUKH KHAN'S 'THAT T-SHIRT IS MINE' REMARK WITH EQUAL WIT AND HUMOUR



Aryan Khan surprised everyone by sharing his pictures from a recent photoshoot. The starkid looked supercool flaunting colourful jackets. As Aryan posted pictures from the ad shoot on his Instagram handle, his father -- Shah Rukh Khan -- showered love on him by commenting on the post, "Looking really good!!!...and as they say, that whatever is silent in the father....speaks in the son. By the way is that grey t-shirt mine!!!" As Shah Rukh Khan made sure to shower him with love and roast his son a bit, Aryan was not backing down. He gave it back to the Bollywood star in the same spirit. SRK's son responded to him with equal wit and humour. Replying to his comment, Aryan wrote, "Yout genes and t-shirt haha." Among others who commented on Aryan's post was Suhana Khan, who shared star-eyed emojis admiring her brother. Filmmaker Karan Johar wrote, "Woah!," along with heart emojis and Gauri praised her son by writing "My Boy.... love love love."



HUSH HUSH TRAILER: SOHA ALI KHAN, JUHI CHAWLA IN INTENSE CRIME THRILLER WILL GIVE YOU BIG LITTLE LIES VIBE

Hush Hush is the latest crime thriller from Amazon Prime Video starring Juhi Chawla, Soha Ali Khan, Shahana Goswami, Kritika Kamra, Karishma Tanna, Ayesha Jhulka and others. The trailer of the upcoming series was revealed at an event in Mumbai. The seven-episode thriller is created by filmmaker Tanuja Chandra, known for films such as Dushman, Sangharsh and Qarib Qarib Singgle. It will stream from September 22. The trailer looks promising and will seek to build thrill and chills in equal measures.

HUSH HUSH: WHAT IS THE NEW SHOW ABOUT?

Hush Hush revolves around a set of women whose picture-perfect lives begin to come undone when an unexpected event brings to the fore secrets from their past and threatens everything that's dear to them. "Knitted in a web of lies, deceit and fighting patriarchy, the story explores the storm that brews behind the seemingly quiet facade of the privileged lives of these women," the official plotline read. Hush Hush is an emotional and intriguing story with nuanced, flawed and

complex women who light up the screen.

IS HUSH HUSH INDIA'S VERSION OF BIG LITTLE LIES?

Undeniably, Hush Hush trailer has the vibe of the hit Hollywood web series Big Little Lies. The female protagonists caught up in a secret from their past, the cold setting of the show, and some other elements do reflect here. The murder mystery angle from Big Little Lies and how everything is being covered up is also revealed in the trailer that was launched ahead of the series premiere. It will be interesting to see how the Hindi web series caters to the audience's sensibilities and whether or not it delivers to the expectations.

PICTURES FROM HUSH HUSH TRAILER LAUNCH

Soha Ali Khan, Shahana Goswami, Kritika Kamra, Karishma Tanna, Ayesha Jhulka and director Tanuja Chandra gathered at the trailer launch event of Hush Hush on Tuesday. The actresses spoke about their characters at length and Tanuja shared her experience of filming the new show. Check out pictures from the event below.

ANUSHKA SHARMA SHARES ANOTHER SNEAK PEEK FROM CHAKDA XPRESS; STEPS INTO JHULAN GOSWAMI'S SHOES



Anushka Sharma has been enticing the fans with little sneak peeks from her upcoming sports biopic Chakda Xpress. In the film, the actress will be seen stepping into the shoes of women's cricket's all-time greatest fast bowler Jhulan Goswami. Anushka has been making sure that her fans enjoy the journey as much as she does and keeps sharing photos on Instagram. On Tuesday, she shared another glimpse of recreating the life journey of the sporting icon.

In the post, Anushka is seen sitting on a bed with a pair of shoes and it looks like she is cleaning as she prepared herself for a crucial game of cricket. The image tells the story of the struggles Jhulan had to go through and her perseverance to become a global phenomenon. The hugely-mounted Netflix film, which is tracing the glorious journey of one of the fastest female pacers in the history of world cricket, Jhulan, will showcase how the pacer moves up the ladder despite

countless hindrances to fulfil her only dream: to play cricket. Jhulan went on to captain the Indian women's national cricket team and is a role model for aspiring cricketers in the country.

In 2018, an Indian postage stamp was issued in her honour. Jhulan holds the world record for the highest number of wickets taken by a woman in an international career.

Anushka has started shooting for the 2nd schedule of Chakda Xpress in the UK recently. The film is being produced by Clean Slate Filmz. Anushka has already put in months of preparation to get into the skin of the celebrated Indian fast bowler.

Anushka is one of the most successful and influential actors of her generation. She is the only actress to have three 300 crore plus films – Sultan, PK and Sanju - under her belt. She will go all out to make this project the biggest tribute to a woman sporting icon of our country.

VARUN DHAWAN DOUBTED HIMSELF AFTER KARAN JOHAR DIDN'T CAST HIM IN RECENT FILMS: 'AM I SLIPPING IN MY GAME?'

Actors Varun Dhawan and Anil Kapoor are all set to feature on Karan Johar's controversial chat show, Koffee With Karan. Apart from much laughter, jokes and banter, the duo will also open up about their marriages and other aspects of their personal lives. Varun Dhawan will also be rather frank about his acting journey, which began with KJo's film, Student Of The Year in 2012. During the course of the conversation, Varun was asked about not being cast in KJo's recent films. He revealed that this made him doubt his abilities. "It definitely made me think, am I slipping in my game? Have I not created that right body of work or image as an actor for Karan to consider me in his films? Sometimes it was also along the lines of why Karan thinks I can't do these roles. For me, it is more in terms of introspection of my competencies. It never leads to me feeling envious or defeated by your selection. I take it as an opportunity to analyze where I can possibly improve," he said. Varun was last seen in the film Juggjugg Jeeyo, which featured Anil Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor and Kiara Advani. The film enjoyed moderate success. Karan Johar's next film is Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahaani, which stars Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt in the lead roles. Karan Kapoor is asked what makes him feel younger, to which he has a rather quirky answer. Varun will also roast his close friend Arjun Kapoor, with whom he had appeared on the show in Season 5. Koffee with Karan is well into its seventh season and several prominent celebrities have featured on the show, including Ranveer Singh-Alia Bhatt, Samantha Ruth Prabhu-Akshay Kumar, Kareena Kapoor-Aamir Khan, Arjun Kapoor-Sonam Kapoor, Sidharth Malhotra-Vicky Kaushal and Shahid Kapoor-Kiara Advani.

KAMAAL R KHAN RULES OUT AKSHAY KUMAR, SHAH RUKH KHAN, AAMIR KHAN AS BEING BEHIND HIS ARREST

Social media rabble-rouser Kamaal R Khan has eliminated suspects whose names were floated as allegedly having a hand in his recent arrest. KRK, as he is popularly known, has broken bridges with several high-profile film industry personalities with his incendiary commentary and film reviews. He was arrested in Mumbai last month for allegedly posting derogatory tweets in 2020 related to the movie Laxmii starring Akshay Kumar. Ruling out Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn, Shah Rukh Khakn, Aamir Khan, and Akshay Kumar himself, he tweeted on Wednesday, "Many people are saying that @karanjohar was behind my arrest. No, it's not true. #Karan #SRK #Aamir #Ajay #Akshay etc have nothing to do with my arrest." KRK was also arrested in connection with a molestation case from 2021. As per PTI, the molestation case was registered in June 2021. The report was made by a 27-year-old woman under sections 354(A) (sexual harassment of the nature of unwelcome physical contact) and 509 (word or gesture intending to insult the modesty of any woman) of the IPC. After securing bail, KRK had tweeted that he is seeking 'revenge'. But he soon backtracked, and wrote in a follow-up tweet, "Media is creating new stories. I am back and safe at my home. I don't need any revenge from anyone. I have forgotten whatever bad thing happened with me. I believe, it was written in my destiny."

BRAHMASTRA: AYAN MUKERJI'S FILM IS AN AFFRONT TO THE ACTING TALENTS OF ALIA BHATT



The film Sadak 2 (and Alia Bhatt's performance in it) is something that everyone seems to have silently agreed to sweep under the rug. Two years and a well-earned stardom later, it remains the sorriest blot on a filmography that also includes Student of the Year and a film literally called Kalank. But while everybody acknowledged that she put herself in a compromised position on Sadak 2, considering that it was directed by her father Mahesh Bhatt decades past his prime, there is no excuse for the manner in which Bhatt — often described as her generation's most talented actor, someone who is incapable of delivering a bad performance even in Manyavar commercials — was treated in director Ayan Mukerji's fantasy epic Brahmastra. Released in theatres this past weekend eight solid years after it was first announced, Brahmastra is an excruciating theatrical experience that has the power to shatter both your eardrums and your will to live. It's an overlong, incoherently plotted movie that routinely steals from all the obvious sources — Harry Potter, the MCU, Star Wars, even Avatar: The Last Airbender — and appears to have convinced itself that nobody will notice. In fact, director Ayan Mukerji has such little respect for the audience (and so little faith in his own film) that he feels the need to spoon-feed every last drop of exposition so loudly that by the time you're exiting the theatre, dazed silly, you will be thinking to yourself in Sanskrit. And nobody screams louder than Bhatt's Isha, who, when she isn't calling for her boyfriend Shiva at the top of her lungs, is tearfully expressing her Parvati-like devotion to him, literally within 24 hours of their first meeting. In these 24 hours, Shiva (played by Ranbir Kapoor), has creepily chased her around a party, manipulated her into giving him brownie points by telling her that he cares for orphan kids, and subsequently abandoned her on a rooftop. The following day, he reveals the big 'raaz' of his life to Isha — that for as long as he can remember, he's had worrying visions — and promises that he won't ever keep a secret from her again. Shiva immediately breaks this promise, when Isha catches him messing with fire on a trip to Varanasi. He tells her, by way of explanation, that he has a 'rishta' with 'aag'. And going by the pained look on Isha's face, he may as well have told her that he has a 'rishta' with another woman. To be fair, her anger is justified. She was expressly promised that there would be no more secrets between them, and then Shiva told her that he is immune to flames! But what happens next is even more stunning.

TAAPSEE PANNU LOSES HER COOL AT A REPORTER WHO ASKED HER ABOUT DOBARAA'S FAILURE



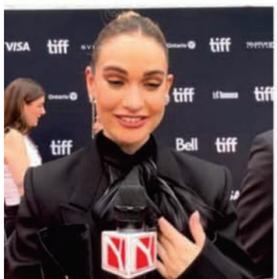
Actor Taapsee Pannu got into a war of words with a reporter when she was addressing the media on the red carpet of the OTT Play Awards 2022. She lost her cool after the reporter asked her about her latest release, Dobaara's failure. She told the person to do some research before asking her a question.

In a video, which was shared on social media, a person from behind the camera asked Taapsee about the 'negative campaign' that ran around her film Dobaara. In response, she asked, "Kaunsi film ke against nahi chalaya gaya (Which film was spared)?" When the person didn't answer Taapsee's question and continued to ask his question, the actor told him, "Aap mere sawaal ka jawab de dijiye, main aapke sawal ka jawab de dungii. Kaunsi film ke saath nahi chalaya gaya (You answer my question and I'll answer yours. Tell me which film was spared)?"

Then the person told Taapsee that even film critics ran a 'negative campaign' against Dobaara. This made Taapsee tell him to come prepared before asking her a question next time. "Sir, thodi research karke aana merse question poochne se pehle, please (Please do some research before asking me a question)," she was heard saying. When the man raised his voice, Taapsee told him, "Chillao mat bhai, fir ye logg bolte hain actors ko tameez nahi hai (Don't shout. Then you will say actors have no manners)."

Recently, Taapsee had another experience with a paparazzo who was upset with her for not stopping for a photo-op at Dobaara's promotional event. Reacting to the incident, Taapsee had told Bollywood Hungama, "We are not morons. We are not illiterates to lose our cool on video without reason. I refuse to accept I was disrespectful to anyone. I was calm I kept smiling respectfully although that gentleman did not respect me at all."

At the OTT Play Awards 2022, Taapsee won the award for Best Actor Female – Popular (Film) for her performance in the Netflix film Haseen Dairuba.



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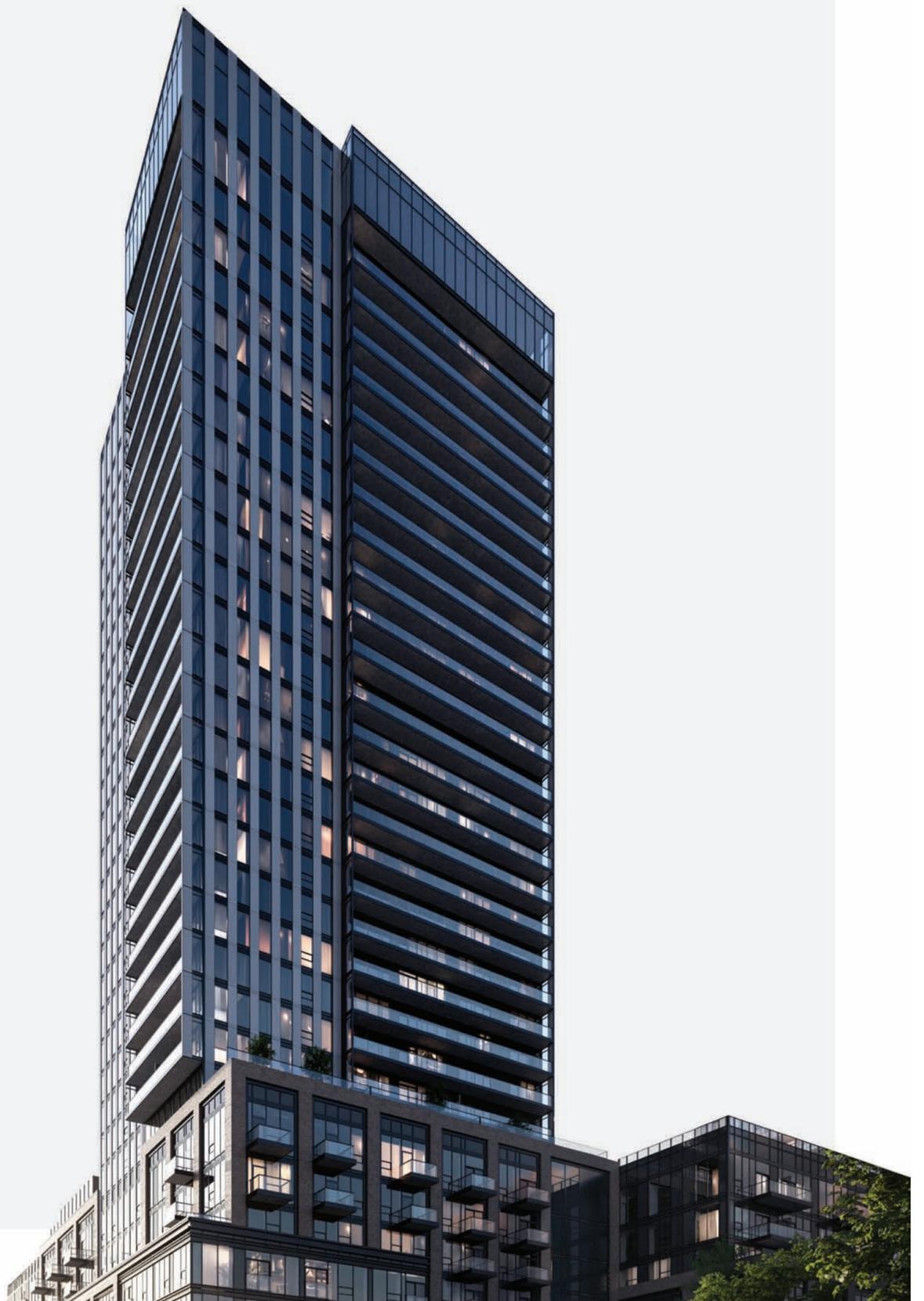
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SRI LANKA'S RAJAPAKSA DEDICATES TITLE TO 'CRISIS-HIT' COUNTRYMEN

Sri Lanka's Asia Cup winning hero Bhanuka Rajapaksha, who played an important role in his side's Asia Cup victory, has dedicated the title to his crisis-hit island nation.

Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 23 runs in the final clash on Sunday to clinch the Asia Cup title for the sixth time.

Batting first, Sri Lanka were reduced to 67/5 but Rajapaksha (71 off 45 balls) and Wanindu Hasaranga (36 off 21 balls) turned the tables to reach a competitive 170/6.

"We always wanted to show the world - a couple of decades back, we had aggression on our side, and we wanted to create those moments (again) as a unit," Rajapaksha said at the post-match press conference. "Looking forward, we want to keep up this momentum ahead of the World Cup. With the crisis happening back home, this is a tough time for all the Sri Lankans, but hope we brought some smiles on the faces of our people."

"This is to the whole nation; they were waiting for this for so long," he added. Earlier, the Asia Cup was scheduled to be played in Sri Lanka. However, amidst the political unrest in the country, the Asia Cup was shifted from the island nation to UAE.

Sri Lanka clinched the much-needed Asia Cup title against the backdrop of the country's worst economic crisis coupled with political unrest. Sitting beside Rajapaksha was Sri Lanka's captain Dasun Shanaka and the 31-year-old praised his teammates for responding

so well throughout the tournament despite losing to Afghanistan in their tournament opener.

"After that first loss, we had a serious discussion," Shanaka said. "We knew we had the talent, but it was about applying those in the game scenarios and all the players stood up. It's the environment we created as a team and coaching staff that has paid off," he added.

The Sri Lankan skipper also had a message for the fans back home following the title win.

"Believe in our cricketers. A lot of bad things are going around. As cricketers, they too should enjoy their lives as well, not spreading bad things. They have private lives too. Keep believing, that is the key. As a captain, I give confidence to the players, (whatever) I can. I can't ask more than that," Shanaka said.

Shanaka further said that the Asia Cup win could be a stepping stone for greater things to come for Sri Lanka cricket, which is going through a transition phase for a long time.

"Even two-three years back, the team used to play good cricket, but the winning factor wasn't there," he said.

"This could be the turnaround in our cricket, this lot can continue to play for five-six years, which is a very good sign as well.

"The World Cup qualifiers will also help because it will allow us to play in that conditions before the main tournament happens. It will be a really good (opportunity for us)," he added.

NEERAJ CHOPRA BECOMES FIRST INDIAN TO CLINCH DIAMOND LEAGUE TROPHY

Neeraj Chopra clinched the historical Diamond League Trophy here on Thursday, becoming the first Indian to win the trophy. The ace javelin thrower started his night off with a foul throw. However, he registered a throw of 88.44m in his second attempt and that was enough for him to seal the contest for himself. The Tokyo Olympics gold medallist registered an 88m throw in his third attempt and 86.11m in his fourth attempt. His fifth attempt was 87m while his last attempt was 83.6m. Olympic silver medalist Jakub Vadlech of the Czech Republic finished second with a best throw of 86.94m. Rounding off the podium places was Julian Weber of Germany, with a best throw of 83.73m. Earlier, Chopra had made a spectacular return from a one-month injury lay-off by winning the Lausanne leg of the Diamond League series and qualifying for the two-day finals. He had missed the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (July 28 to August 8) due to a minor groin injury he had suffered during his silver-winning performance in the World Championships in the US in July. The 24-year-old Indian superstar hit form immediately on return as he hurled the spear to 89.08m in his first attempt to seal the win in style in Lausanne on July 26.



TEAM INDIA NEEDS MULTI-FACETED BOWLING LINE-UP WITH INJECTION OF PACE FOR MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP



After a disappointing campaign at the Asia Cup 2022, Indian cricket team needs to rethink their strategy especially in the bowling lineup, which is lacking sheer pace and penetration, before leaving for Australia next month for the all important Men's T20 World Cup. At the Asia Cup, in absence of injured Jasprit Bumrah and Harshal Patel, the Indian fast bowlers looked flat, lacked that penetration and killer instinct — required to seize crucial moments in a big game. Against slightly weaker opponents, they seemed to do a decent job but when quality batters put them under pressure, they faltered.

As always, the experienced campaigner Bhuvneshwar Kumar looked lethal with the new ball in the Asia Cup except the one game against Sri Lanka. But, his poor outing in the 19th over in the two consecutive games against Pakistan and Sri Lanka (he leaked 19 and 14 runs), cost India the game.

There is no doubt that Bhuvneshwar has evolved as a death bowler over a period of time and also fetched success both in IPL and at the international level. But, the lack of pure pace does not make him as feared as someone like Bumrah, which will be a worry for India on true Australian pitches. During his five-wicket haul against Afghanistan, Bhuvneshwar showed his mastery with swing but as a senior bowler, he is expected to provide wickets with both new and old ball without being one-dimensional.

SMITH, BOWLERS SHINE AS AUSTRALIA COMPLETE 3-0 SWEEP OF NEW ZEALAND; GIVE FINCH WINNING SEND-OFF



INDIA IN POOL D WITH ENGLAND, SPAIN AND WALES FOR ODISHA 2023 MEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Host India have been placed in Pool D along with old nemesis England and an upcoming Spain for the FIH Senior Men's Hockey World Cup to be held in Odisha in January 2022.

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup will be in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29, 2023. Wales is the fourth team in Pool D. Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist India and England have been engaged in many exciting battles in recent times, the latest of which was fought at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games — a 4-4 draw in which the hosts scored twice in the last few minutes of the match. India and Spain, who fought for gold in the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games in which India emerged the winner, have also played some exciting matches. The Spanish team is bouncing back in the rankings after going through a slump. With Wales, another exciting team from Europe, Pool D promises to produce some eye-catching action. Pool A comprises Australia, Argentina, France and South Africa; Pool B has reigning World and Olympic champions Belgium, European powerhouse Germany, South Korea, and Asian Games winner Japan while Pool C will see World No 3 The Netherlands battle it out with New Zealand, Malaysia and Chile.

The Pool to watch is Pool B involving Belgium, Germany, Korea and Japan. Though on paper Belgium and Germany look favourite to qualify for quarterfinals as the top two teams from this pool, Korea and Japan could throw a spanner or two in the works and cause upsets.

Pool C looks the easiest of them all with the Netherlands having to contend with New Zealand besides minnows Malaysia and Chile. Going by their rankings and recent form, Australia and Argentina from Pool a, Belgium and Germany (Pool B), Netherlands and New Zealand from Pool C, and India and England from Pool D should qualify for the quarterfinals. But the World Cup is known to throw some surprises and the upcoming edition is unlikely to disappoint the fans as many of the teams are still recovering from the pandemic and have not played enough matches in the last couple of years.

This is the second successive World Cup being hosted by Odisha, which held the event in 2018 at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Overall, this is the fourth World Cup to be held in India after the 1982 edition in Mumbai and the 2010 one in New Delhi.

The draw was conducted by FIH CEO Thierry Weil at Bhubaneswar on Thursday in the presence of Odisha Chief Minister Navin Patnaik, the state's Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Tusharkanti Behera and Hockey India Committee of Administrators (CoA) members Zafar Iqbal and S. Y. Quraishi and other dignitaries.

Attending the draw ceremony, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said, "We are always very proud to welcome the best hockey teams and players of the world for such an outstanding event. This time, the appetite is even bigger since, on top of our magnificent Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar — where so many wonderful sports stories have already been written — we are inviting the world to a brand-new arena, namely the Birsra Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela."

The new stadium is a further testimony of our strong commitment towards hockey, he said.

FIH acting president Seif Ahmed said, "We can't wait to see the best teams in the world in action in the new 'jewel' of hockey, the Birsra Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, which, alongside the iconic Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar, will play host to the World Cup." He thanked Hockey India and Odisha for hosting the 15th edition of this World Cup. "With their commitment, experience and passion, you can expect nothing else but an amazing event coming our way in 4 months time!," said the acting president.

The detailed match schedule will be released in the next few days.

Hockey World Cup pools:

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T20 WORLD CUP, INDIAN SQUAD: PANT RETAINS PLACE, SHAMI IN STANDBY; AVESH KHAN MISSES OUT

BCCI declared a 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia.

The Rohit Sharma-led team will include Jasprit Bumrah and Harshal Patel who missed out on the recently concluded Asia Cup. On the other hand, Avesh Khan and Sanju Samson missed the cut in the World Cup squad.

Ravindra Jadeja's absence will also be a point of concern for the team. He was already ruled out of the tournament owing to injury.

The likes of Mohammad Shami, Ravi Bishnoi, Deepak Chahar and Shreyas Iyer were named as the standby players.

Full squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh. Apart from the World Cup team, the teams for T20Is against Australia and South Africa have also been declared.

India Squad for Australia T20Is:

Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar

Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohd. Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Jasprit Bumrah.

India squad for South Africa T20Is:

Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd. Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahar, Jasprit Bumrah.

The World Cup is scheduled to begin in October with the warm-up matches starting on 10th October.

The main tournament will begin on October 16, when Sri Lanka will lock horns with Namibia. The final will be played on the 13th of November.

The warm-up matches will be held in Melbourne and Brisbane for all 16 teams. The First Round teams will play their warm-up games between the 10th of October and the 13th of October. On the other hand, the teams that qualified to play the Super 12 round directly will play their warm-up games in Brisbane on 17th October and 19th of October.

MOHAMMAD RIZWAN SURPASSES VIRAT KOHLI TO BECOME LEADING RUN-SCORER IN TOURNAMENT



Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan overtook India's star batter Kohli to become the leading run-scorer of the 2022 Asia Cup.

Kohli who smashed his 71st century after 1020 days, was leading the list of leading run-scorers. However, Rizwan surpassed him in the final against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

In the match, Rizwan scored 55 runs off 49 deliveries. He hit four boundaries and a six before getting dismissed by Hasaranga.

While Rizwan scored 281 runs from six matches with the highest score of 78 runs, Kohli scored 276 runs in five matches with the highest score of 122.

Following is the list of the top 5 run-scorers of Asia Cup 2022:

Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan) - 281 runs

Virat Kohli (India) - 276 runs

Ibrahim Zadran (Afghanistan) - 196 runs

Bhanuka Rajapaksa (Sri Lanka) - 191 runs

Pathum Nissanka (Sri Lanka) - 165 runs

In the final clash, Pakistan won the toss and opted to bowl. Sri Lanka set a target of 171 runs. Pakistan's batting line-up kept struggling and they kept on losing wickets. Sri Lanka ended up winning the tournament. They lifted the trophy for the first time since 2014.

SUNIL GAVASKAR BACKS DEEPAK CHAHAR SELECTION, SAYS 'HE IS THE ONE I WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK AT'

Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has backed the selection Deepak Chahar for the T20 World Cup in Australia. The former skipper believes the conditions in Australia are favorable for him and will suit, while the bouncy pitches will also help his cause. The selectors will select the Indian team for the T20 World Cup in coming days as the anxious wait continues for Indian players. "I would say Deepak Chahar. He is the one I would certainly look at because it will be Australia and there will be extra bounce. And with the kind of movement that he generates with the new ball." According to Gavaskar, the fast-paced tournament will suit Chahar and will help Team India down under. He further illustrates the nature of pitch could also play a key role in deciding India's fortunes in the T20 World Cup. "He is somebody who's got to factor in if? you know we've always picked about 4-5 bowlers for the Australia or South Africa tour and one if them gets wasted.

ENGLAND BEAT SOUTH AFRICA BY 9 WICKETS, CLINCH TEST SERIES BY 2-1

The England cricket team on Monday defeated the South African team in the 3rd and final Test by 9 wickets to wrap the series by 2-1. The Ben Stokes-led side was clinical in the match that was reduced to three days and dominated the visitors at Kennington Oval, London. England chased the target of 130 in the final innings, riding on the back of openers- Zak Crawley and Alex Lees. However, the foundation was built by the England bowlers, who were clinical in both innings. Ollie Robinson scalped a five-wicket haul in the first innings while Stuart Broad picked four. In the second innings too, England bowlers tasted success. Resultingly, Robinson was awarded player of the match. Also, Kagiso Rabada showed his class throughout the series and was adjudged as the Player of the series. He is the joint highest wicket-taker of the series with 9 wickets. Broad has also achieved a historic feat as he surpassed Glenn McGrath in the list of highest wicket-takers in test cricket. Talking about the match, England had won the toss and invited South Africa to bat on a pitch that offered help to the bowlers. But even before the batters could have acclimatised to the pitch, the bowlers sent them packing. Within the first 70 minutes of the match, South Africa lost half a dozen players, sending shockwaves into the camp. Robinson was breathing fire as he claimed four of them. The visitors managed only 118 in the first innings as Robinson scalped a five-for and Broad picked four wickets.



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RADHIKA MADAN LOOKS SMOKING HOT IN BLACK SHIRTLESS BLAZER RULING THE STREETS OF TORONTO



ACTRESS RADHIKA MADAN IS CURRENTLY IN TORONTO WITH THE WHOLE TEAM FOR HER NEW FILM 'KACHEY LIMBU'. AS THEIR FILM IS SOON GOING TO MAKE ITS INTERNATIONAL DEBUT AT THE FAMOUS 47TH TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (TIFF), RADHIKA IS PAINTING THE TOWN RED WITH HER GLAMOUR. THE RED CARPET OF THE FESTIVAL WITNESSED SOME OF THE BEST FASHIONABLE PICKS. EVEN OUR BOLLYWOOD BEAUTY, RADHIKA SET THE TEMPERATURE SOARING WITH HER SMOKING HOT LOOKS. ONE CAN'T TAKE THEIR EYES OFF THE LEADING ACTRESS OF 'SHIDDAT'. SHE LOOKED SIZZLING AS SHE CHOSE TO GO SHIRTLESS IN AN ALL-BLACK CROP JACKET AND MATCHING PANTS ENSEMBLE.

SOARING ENERGY COSTS THREATENING FUTURE OF ELECTRIC CARS



Soaring energy costs are threatening the future of the electric car, industry bosses in Germany have warned, media reports said. A rise in electricity prices as well as in raw material costs and availability, a chronic shortage of parts, and a widespread reduction in disposable income are having a considerable impact on the production and sales of cars, The Guardian reported. If the trend continues, there is also concern that there will be a knock-on effect on investors who will lack incentives to build charging facilities, making electric cars less attractive -- because they would be more impractical -- to run, it said. Until recently ownership of electric cars had been gaining in attractiveness as the cost of petrol rose. But since recent rises in electricity prices -- in Germany of around a third compared with a year ago -- the price differential has shrunk. Electric car owners, whether charging their cars at home or through contracts with charging operators, have seen price rises of 10 per cent or more. Further price rises are expected, owing to the fact that the price of electricity is linked to that of gas, which has become ever scarcer since Russia turned off its gas supplies to Germany almost two weeks ago. Altego, one of Germany's largest charging station operators, raised its prices at the start of this month from 43 cents a kilowatt hour to 47 cents.

HOME PRICES DOWN IN BRAMPTON, INCREASE IN MISSISSAUGA IN AUGUST

According to the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board, the average price of a home in Brampton was \$1.02 million in August 2022. It's down 0.9 per cent or \$8,896 from July 2022 and down 3.9 per cent or \$41,638 from August 2021. The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board reports that the average price of a home in Mississauga was \$1.08 million in August 2022. It's up \$8,288 or 0.8 per cent from July 2022 and up \$114,413 or 11.9 per cent from August 2021. As of August 31, Brampton had 508 home sales after an average of 21 days on the market and 1,037 active listings. Compared to last year, sales were down 42.5% and active listings were up 139.5%. In Mississauga, 487 homes sold after an average of 23 days on the market, and 1,349 active listings were on the market. A year ago, sales were down 40.5% and active listings were up 83.8%.



MONKEYPOX VACCINE EXPECTED TO INDUCE STRONG IMMUNE RESPONSE: STUDY



MELBOURNE: The recommended vaccinia virus (VACV)-based vaccines will mount a robust immune response against the monkeypox virus observed in the current outbreak, according to a study. Vaccinia virus is a large, complex, enveloped virus belonging to the poxvirus family. Since the new virus was first observed in early May, over 52,000 cases have been confirmed in more than 90 countries and regions, the researchers said. The team undertook genomic research to find out if the genetic mutations observed in monkeypox virus observed in the current outbreak (MPXV-2022) may affect vaccine-induced immune responses against the disease. "Specific VACV-based vaccines have demonstrated high efficacy against monkeypox viruses in the past and are considered an important outbreak control measure," said Matthew McKay, from the University of Melbourne, Australia.



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TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (TSO) CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A FREE CONCERT AND ALL-ACCESS OPEN HOUSE AT ROY THOMSON HALL ON SAT. SEPT. 24TH



THIS INITIATIVE WILL CELEBRATE DIVERSE TORONTO-BASED ENSEMBLES AND FOSTER ENGAGEMENT WITH TSO'S PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is commemorating its 100th anniversary with an invitation for all Torontonians to attend its highly-anticipated TSO100: Open House & Free Concert, an all-access event and celebration at Roy Thomson Hall (60 Simcoe Street) on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

The TSO will be celebrating the diversity of this city, and a century of serving Toronto, with an impressive line-up of diverse, highly-accomplished local ensembles, offering free, engaging music-themed fun, performances and programming.

"We are your orchestra and we belong to you—getting to know Torontonians is essential to the work that we do," says TSO Chief Executive Officer Mark Williams. "Whether visitors stay for the free concert or simply immerse themselves in the activities we have planned throughout the day, we want Toronto—all of Toronto—to feel welcome."

The TSO is taking a community-oriented approach to its repertoire and activations, highlighting artists and themes that are important to the city. It wants to attract guests from historically under-represented groups, and have them see themselves reflected among its featured artists. This day is about cultivating meaningful, mutual connections with the TSO and its performance space.

TSO100: Open House & Free Concert Programming

All-access Open House: The TSO will welcome visitors to Roy Thomson Hall from 10:00am to 2:00pm for the all-access Open House experience—an engaging way for Torontonians of all diverse backgrounds and ages to celebrate and get to know their orchestra. The Open House will feature a range of culturally diverse artists including:

* Winston "Pappy" Frederick: This Trinidadian-born steelpan artist, music producer, and teacher, will be sharing his talent and passion for this emblematic instrument

* Iranian-Canadian Composers of Toronto (ICOT): Bridging Canadian and Iranian culture through music and art, ICOT will perform intriguing, melodic piano works by Iranian artists

* Medusa: This all-female, chamber folk ensemble will intertwine the sounds of Scandinavian, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, and Celtic music in a riveting string performance

* Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra (TSYO) – Guests will be able to listen to the musicians of the TSYO performing works by Mozart, Dvorák, and more

* TSO Musicians – Torontonians will experience the much-loved children's story *Kiwis Can't Play* the Violin narrated by artist Pierre Rivard, and featuring TSO musicians

Visitors of all ages can curate their day from a suite of fun drop-in activities centered around the orchestra experience—from create-your-own-sheet-music stations, to a musical instrument discovery zone hosted by the TSO's Education & Community Engagement team, to guided building tours and a historical exhibition celebrating the TSO's storied 100-year history. Full programming information is available at [TSO.CA/openhouse](https://www.tso.ca/openhouse). No RSVPs are required for this open house and walk-ins are welcome.

Free Afternoon Concert at Roy Thomson Hall: This concert will be hosted by the TSO's Barrett Principal Education Conductor & Community Ambassador, Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser, who will engage with the audience from the stage—introducing the works, and sharing fun-facts and musical details about the composers, the artists and the orchestra. TSO Music Director Gustavo Gimeno has put together a masterworks program with a mixed repertoire that both celebrates and reflects the city's diversity—a signature style of the TSO's programming under his leadership.

The concert program will open with Winnipeg-based composer of Cree descent Andrew Balfour's *Kiwet-in-Achohkos* and also feature original TSO commissions from Toronto-based award-winning Iranian-Canadian composer Afarin Mansouri, and Mexican-Canadian composer Luis Ramirez. These modern creations by contemporary artists are anchored alongside excerpts of Chopin's *Piano Concerto No. 2*—played by Canadian phenom of Chinese heritage, and International Chopin Competition champion (one of the most prestigious competitions in classical music globally), Bruce Liu. The program will also feature Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, the thrilling musical retelling of the Middle Eastern tales known as the *1,001 Nights*, and a third piece, *Danzo'n No. 2* by contemporary Mexican composer Arturo Márquez.

Guests are being asked to reserve their seats in advance for this mesmerizing, free, one-hour concert that will begin at 2pm following the open house. Tickets will be available to the public beginning on Thursday September 15, 2022. Complete programming and more information to RSVP and reserve tickets, are available at: <https://www.tso.ca/concerts-and-events/events/open-house-and-free-concert/>.

The TSO passionately believes in the transformative power of art and it wants to attract as many first-time guests as possible, so they too, can personally experience the lasting impact of live orchestras. About the TSO: One of Canada's most respected arts organizations, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is celebrating its centennial season in 2022/23, and has played a vital role in the city's dynamic cultural life for 100 years. Music Director Gustavo Gimeno brings an expansive artistic vision, intellectual curiosity, and sense of adventure to programming the 93-musician Orchestra. The TSO is committed to serving local and national communities through vibrant performances, extensive educational activities, and impactful community relationships. It has a notable recording and broadcast history and has been celebrated internationally during its many tours. The TSO remains synonymous with musical versatility and growth, and artistic distinction. Funding for the TSO100: Open House and Free Concert is provided by the Government of Canada and Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, with additional support from Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Toronto Arts Council, and Toronto Symphony Foundation. The TSO acknowledges Mary Beck as the Musicians' Patron in perpetuity for her generous and longstanding support. The TSO Season Presenting Sponsor is BMO Financial Group. The TSO is also grateful for the support of the Toronto Symphony Foundation and all levels of government, including the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, the Toronto Arts Council, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Ontario.



ARE NEW-AGE MILLENNIAL MANAGERS CHANGING COMPANY CULTURE FOR BETTER?

The largest and fastest-growing group of workers in the workforce today are millennials. India is one of the youngest nations in the world, with a millennial population of over 400 million. Indian millennials, who number over 440 million and were born between 1981 and 1996, are without a doubt the largest millennial group in the world. India's median age is predicted by the CIA World Factbook to be 28 in 2021. This indicates that, compared to thirty-eight, thirty-seven, and forty-seven years in the United States, China, and Japan, half of its population is under the age of twenty-eight. They are also among the newest managers we have. Millennials are creating a new workplace culture as they go up the corporate ladder. The majority of managers today are millennials, according to a new LinkedIn research. The ramifications are obvious: Millennial managers are changing the workplace and the organisation, which will have an effect for years to come. As older generations start taking permanent retirements from the workforce, millennials are increasingly taking up mid-level managerial positions, and some are rising into positions of decision-making. This change may be seen clearly in the way millennial managers guide their teams. Here are several ways that millennial executives, as they move through the management ranks, are improving corporate culture, from open communication to collaborative work settings.

Millennials work for a purpose

Millennials require purpose in their employment. According to a study by the Society for Human Resource Management, 63 per cent of millennials, the majority of whom are under 35 years, prefer to make a profit over improve society. As many as 57 per cent of millennials want more company-wide service days, and 94 per cent want to use their abilities to help a cause. The report shows that millennials are the first generation to expect that their employment be more than just places to work, despite the fact that they are frequently characterised as entitled, lazy, distracted and worse. They anticipate that the organisation's mission and purpose will be in line with their own. For this generation, the focus has shifted from a wage to a purpose, and the culture must follow suit.

Millennials managers pursue development

The majority of millennial managers are aware that sophisticated coffee makers and ping pong tables do not motivate employees or produce job happiness. This generation is driven by progress and purpose. Millennials make up the majority of the workforce. The unique traits and attitudes of this generation regarding work and careers are reflected in changes at the workplace. They anticipate that policies, principles, and development programmes will support their vision, principles and the professional future they envision.

Millennials don't want to be bosses

They aspire to be trainers. They don't seem to care about the conventional methods of command and control. Millennials enjoy coaching because it

helps them recognise and develop their skills as people and as employees. Instead of being bosses, they prefer to be leaders. They value cooperation and desire to establish connections with the C-Suite as well as their reporting manager's leadership teams. They want to set an example by being accessible to everyone, regardless of position or authority.

They don't want to fix weaknesses

Millennial managers place more emphasis on enhancing employees' strengths than addressing their flaws. Weaknesses shouldn't be overlooked by organisations. Instead, they should focus on enhancing strengths while minimising weaknesses in order to build healthy work cultures. They would like that the company give its workers more chances to develop and advance their skills so they can overcome and counteract any limitations they may have.

Will to change

Millennials have the ability to affect significant change in businesses with millennials in leadership roles as well as in the teams they lead. Many millennials are moving into leadership roles. Millennials, a generation often known for looking for a sense of meaning in their work, are now assuming leadership positions. According to Gallup, an American analytics and advice firm, millennials are pursuing development rather than just working for a wage in their most recent survey. Does this organisation recognise my strengths and my contribution? is the inquiry they ask before joining a company. Perform I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day at this company?

To learn and grow

More learning and growth opportunities are stressed by millennial managers, which is something that Generation Z employees value in a mentor. Managers and leaders must promote an inclusive culture that values Millennial employees and what they bring to the table in order to win their loyalty. As a significant portion of an organisation, millennials demand a diverse, inclusive workplace with an energising atmosphere. While we have previously talked about how important corporate culture is to millennials, it's crucial to keep in mind that their beliefs are just as significant. Millennials are the first generation that have incorporated that thinking into their workplace because they are the generation who acquired them. In the workplace, millennials are consumers, and they are prepared to investigate and apply for jobs at other businesses. As millennials begin to hold senior positions, they bring a distinct perspective to how firms run and handle their personnel. As the 21st century progresses, Millennials are fundamentally altering the way we work. Millennial managers will set the standard for future generations on what they may expect in the workplace, in their careers, and from their firms management.

WHY YOU MUST NOT SQUEEZE LEMON ON STEAMING HOT FOOD

Regular consumption of vitamin C — an essential antioxidant nutrient — helps improve immunity, iron absorption, bone health, skin, hair, and eyes. Some people also enjoy a tangy flavour and often add lemon juice to their meals — many a time while the dish is still cooking or is steaming hot. But it is something you have been doing wrong all these years?

Yes, according to nutritionist Juhi Kapoor, who shared that one should avoid putting lemon juice in steaming hot dishes.

"The use of lemon is really important in your daily cooking routine because lemon is loaded with vitamin C which is an essential nutrient that your body needs on a daily basis. Our body does not store or produce vitamin C, hence a daily intake of vitamin C is really important for good health and longevity," she wrote on Instagram.

But, it must be noted that vitamin C is extremely heat-sensitive, and the nutrient gets easily destroyed by heat. "This is why you should never put lemon juice on food which is still hot, or still cooking on the flame. Unknowingly, this habit is causing the vitamin C from lemon to get destroyed and you are not able to get the full benefit," she added. "Especially when we are making meals like curry, dal, upma, or poha, lemon tea – we tend to squeeze the lemon while the food is still being cooked. So, make sure whenever you're using lemon on any food preparation, keep the food off the flame and let it cool down little bit before you squeeze lemon on to it," added Kapoor.



Agreed Dr Sawinder Kaur, deputy dean, Head of Department (Food Technology and Nutrition), Lovely Professional University and told indianexpress.com that lemon, which is a good source of vitamin C, helps in iron absorption when included in the meals.

"But, vitamin C or ascorbic acid is a temperature and light sensitive vitamin. The degradation of vitamin C can happen at temperature as low as 30°C and it is highest at temperature ranging from 85-95°C depending upon time of exposure. This vitamin is also water-soluble and normally leaches in cooking water. Putting lemon juice on hot food can destroy the vitamin and its enzymatic activity," she noted.

'YOU CAN REINVENT AND REDEFINE AT ANY AGE': SAMEERA REDDY

We are taught that life has to have a definite plan that adds certainty to its uncertain nature, something that establishes balance and stability. Not having a life map drawn out, however, is often met with scrutiny and disregard from society. But the one thing we should let ourselves know is that it is "okay to not have a plan sometimes".

Actor Sameera Reddy agrees as she says that "It is okay to feel lost sometimes." She recalls how three years ago she did not have a life plan and all that she was left with was going with the flow. In an Instagram post, she says people kept asking her about her future endeavours as an actor, but she was clueless. She did not, however, give up and instead decided to "be unique, unfiltered and with no fear of judgment."

Sameera says in the video that she focused on slowly rebuilding herself. "I decided not to cave in, but just follow my heart."

"You can reinvent and redefine at any age," she adds, stating that while it is not an easy feat, it is not impossible to achieve. From juggling being an actor, a content creator, a mother, and a daughter-in-law, Reddy truly has reinvented herself. "I hope this helps anyone out there who needs a dose of positive energy that we all are finding our way together," she says, adding that we may get it slowly but we all will find our way surely. "Just have faith," she concludes.



DIETARY DRINKS CAN UP HEART DISEASE RISK: STUDY



A new study has found a link between consumption of artificial sweetener, generally found in dietary beverages, and increased cardiovascular disease risk like stroke.

Artificial sweeteners like aspartame, acesulfame potassium, and sucralose emerged as an alternative to added sugar that enabled the sweet taste but reduced the calorie content.

"Aspartame intake was associated with increased risk of cerebrovascular events, and acesulfame potassium and sucralose were associated with increased coronary heart disease risk," said the researchers.

The findings were published in the journal BMJ.

The study was based on volunteers aged 18 and above from the NutriNet-Sante e-cohort, launched in France in May 2009. The main objective was to investigate the relations between nutrition and health over the years. It studied early markers of cardiovascular health like weight status, hypertension, inflammation, vascular dysfunction, or gut microbiota perturbation in association with consumption of artificial sweeteners or artificially sweetened beverages, the researchers revealed. "The main vectors of artificial sweeteners are products that are generally consumed on a regular basis as part of daily dietary habits, including artificially sweetened beverages, table top sweeteners, and dairy products," said the researcher. Previously, Several studies have linked the consumption of artificial sweeteners to potential adverse effects while others suggested it to be neutral or beneficial. Although the results were mixed, artificial sweeteners currently represent a \$7200m market globally, with a 5% annual growth projected to attain \$9700m by 2028. Artificial sweeteners remain a controversial topic and are currently being re-evaluated by the European Food Safety Authority, the World Health Organisation, and other health agencies.

'I'M NOT GETTING PAID EVEN HALF OF WHAT TIGER IS TO LOOK THE WAY HE DOES!': KRISHNA SHROFF



There was a time when Krishna Shroff, in her own words, "was extremely lazy and lacked direction in life". But instead of giving in to the feeling, she decided to do something "life-changing". Thus began her fitness journey. Needless to say, there has been no looking back since, and in fact, she is a successful fitness entrepreneur today. But, it's not just Krishna, her brother Tiger is equally admired for his passion for fitness, and the many workout goals he sets and aces with effortless ease!

In an exclusive email interview with indianexpress.com, Krishna, who features in MuscleBlaze's latest campaign 'Ladies Who Lift', opened up about her love for working out, busts myths around weightlifting for women, body-shaming, her equation with Tiger Shroff, and a why despite being born with a "silver spoon" there was immense pressure. Read on to know more.

Fitness has given me a purpose in life and a place in society — an identity of my own, which I thought was impossible given my background.

I prefer to start my day with a workout because it sets the tone for the rest of the day. I feel more energised, not just for the workout, but for the rest of my day. It really gets me going on a positive note. I combine weightlifting and cardio, but in order to maintain muscle tone in my body, I keep my cardio slow and steady, so even a light 40-minute walk on the treadmill to start my day and get my blood flowing is enough to see the results I want. But it is not only you, even your brother — Tiger Shroff — is a fitness enthusiast. Do you often work out together, and even challenge each other at the gym?

We've worked out together a few times and even shared the same trainer for a while, so it's a complete myth that women can't work out the same way a man does. He's also someone I look up to, and keeping up with him (being the superhero he is) is difficult enough.

Tiger and I have always had a special bond. He is my greatest source of support in all aspects of my life, and he is the person I feel the safest and most secure around no matter what.

Weightlifting is often believed to bulk up a woman's physique, making many stay away from the exercise. What, according to you, are some of the biggest myths surrounding fitness, especially when it comes to women?

That has to be the most significant. As previously stated, a woman and a man can train in the same way and achieve the same results. Because we don't naturally produce the same amount of testosterone as men, it's physically impossible for women to gain the same amount of muscle as men (unless they use certain enhancers). The heavier you lift, the more calories you burn, and if your nutrition supports your goals, the more lean muscle mass you gain. In the end, muscle takes up less space in your body than fat, making you appear more snatched overall.



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