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MARKHAM HONOURS INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ENTERTAINER A.R. RAHMAN WITH STREET DEDICATION

On Saturday August 27th, the City of Markham named a street in the Robinson Glen community after acclaimed international music director and lyricist, A.R. Rahman. The multiple Academy Award and Grammy Award winner was in the GTHA region for a concert. A.R. Rahman Street will be an East-West collector road located in the future Robinson Glen community North East of Kennedy Road and Major Mackenzie Drive East. The name was previously approved by Markham Council to be included in the list of roads scheduled to be dedicated. "As Canada's most diverse city, the City of Markham is delighted to bestow this honour on an exceptionally talented and universally recognized entertainer," says Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti. "A.R. Rahman has visited and performed in our region on several occasions and is beloved by many in our South Asian community." Allah-Rakha Rahman, also known as A.R. Rahman is a universally celebrated music composer

whose extensive body of work for film and stage earned him the nickname "the Mozart of Madras." The multiple Grammy and Academy Award winner is best known for producing the soundtrack for the 2008 hit film, Slumdog Millionaire.

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In an exclusive interview with Yudhvir Jaswal, Y Media Group Editor and CEO, Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Punjab Assembly Speaker & AAP's MLA for Kotkapura, discussed his journey of entering politics and AAP. He even discussed his relationship with AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and his priorities for Punjab. Read some of the main highlights of the interview here.

Punjab Assembly Speaker tells Y Media

- **He wants to serve humanity.**
- **Beliefs AAP passed the litmus test during the Sangrur by-election.**
- **Justice is getting delayed in Sacrilege incidents in Punjab.**
- **He has massive respect for former IPS officer & Punjab MLA Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh.**
- **Arvind Kejriwal's credibility can never be questioned; he has delivered all his promises.**
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PEEL POLICE SEEKING WITNESSES TO MULTI-PERSON SWORD FIGHT IN BRAMPTON

Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau seek the public's assistance in providing video for an incident where numerous victims were assaulted with a weapon. On Sunday, August 28, 2022 at approximately 1:30 a.m., Peel Regional Police responded to a fight involving weapons between a large group of people in a parking lot at McLaughlin Road and Steeles Avenue West in the City of Brampton. There were numerous victims who suffered non-life threatening injuries. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 12**

RAHUL SAINI, 25, FROM CALEDON CHARGED IN SERIES OF ROBBERIES ACROSS GTA

Investigators from the Central Robbery Bureau, in collaboration with the 21 Division Criminal Investigations Bureau and 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau, have identified and arrested a man allegedly responsible for a series of robberies in July and August of 2022. This investigation was a collaborative effort with York Regional Police, Toronto Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 12**

MISSISSAUGA LAWYER, SHAHID MALIK, ARRESTED FOR DEFRAUDING PUBLIC

Investigators from the Fraud Bureau have arrested and charged a Mississauga lawyer, Shahid Malik, who is alleged to have defrauded victims related to real estate transactions resulting in losses in excess of \$10 million dollars. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 12**



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PFIZER COVID VACCINE SHOWS 73% EFFICACY IN CHILDREN UNDER 5

The Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine was 73 per cent effective in protecting children ages 6 months through 4 years during the time when the Omicron strain was highly prevalent, Pfizer has announced. The vaccine was granted Emergency Use Authorisation by the US Food and Drug Administration for this age group on June 17. Participants in the study received either three 3-g doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or placebo.



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SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER: KEY ACCUSED SACHIN THAPAN BISHNOI HELD IN AZERBAIJAN, LAWRENCE'S BROTHER ANMOL TRACED TO KENYA

One of the key conspirators of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala's sensational killing, Sachin Thapan Bishnoi, who fled India before the crime on a fake passport, has been arrested in Azerbaijan, Punjab Police officials said on Tuesday. The location of another plotter, Anmol Bishnoi, has also been traced to Kenya. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 13**



GAUTAM ADANI IS FIRST ASIAN TO BECOME WORLD'S THIRD RICHEST

Gautam Adani was already Asia's richest man and now he is also the world's third richest person, overtaking LVMH chairman Bernard Arnault and becoming the first Asian person to take that spot, according to Bloomberg and its Billionaires index. Adani, who runs one of India's top conglomerates, is now believed to be worth approximately \$137 billion, the tracker shows. **| CONTD. ON PAGE 14**



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MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS STILL IN BACKLOG AS MINISTER SEAN FRASER PROVIDES UPDATE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, today highlighted ongoing work to strengthen Canada's immigration system and reduce application backlogs, with a focus on addressing labour shortages, improving client experience, and reuniting families. As part of this plan, the Minister announced that Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will have hired up to 1,250 new employees by the end of the fall to increase our processing capacity and tackle the backlogs in the short term, while we take action to make our system more sustainable in the long term. These new hires, as well as support provided through the \$85 million from the Economic and Fiscal Update 2021, have allowed us to reduce wait times and return to pre-pandemic service standards for new clients in critical areas, including the six-month service standard for the Express Entry permanent residence pathway, the 12-month service standard for family reunification through spousal sponsorship, and permanent resident cards.

With unprecedented interest in Canada from applicants all over the world, IRCC continues to set the bar higher for immigration processing. In 2021, we set a historic record by admitting more than 405,000 new permanent residents to Canada. Our target for 2022 is to welcome 431,000 permanent residents, and we are well on our way to achieving it, with approximately 275,000 admissions from January 1 to July 31—a number reached faster than in any previous year. IRCC was able to issue more than 199,000 work permits in 2021. This year, we issued over 349,000 new work permits from January 1 to July 31, compared to approximately 112,000 issued during the same period in 2021. These include over 220,000 open work permits, which allow permit holders to work anywhere in Canada in almost any occupation. These work permits mean up to 1,700 new people every day are able to come work in Canada and help grow our economy. Canada is also a top destination for international students. In 2021, IRCC finalized almost 560,000 study permit applications, surpassing our previous record from 2019 by 31%. IRCC is already outpacing that number in 2022, with almost 360,000 study permits finalized between January 1 and July 31, 2022, compared to about 306,000 finalized in the same period in 2021.

However, responding to humanitarian crises and updating aging technology to meet demands have led to processing delays and longer wait times. Our focus is on reducing existing backlogs, which are the applications that have been in our inventories longer than our service standards. At the end of July, about 54% of applications in our inventories were considered in backlog. We are aiming to process 80% of all new applications within these standards, accounting for expected delays in complex cases. Continuing to improve Canada's immigration system will increase our ability to attract top talent from around the world, and help solve key labour shortages in sectors like tourism, health care, agriculture, transportation, and the skilled trades. To keep Canadians up to date on our progress toward reducing the backlogs, IRCC will publish monthly data on our website. We will share more information in the coming weeks and months on additional measures that will help get workers into the economy, reunite families, and ensure that our immigration system works for everyone.

QUICK FACTS

Supported by additional funding of \$85 million from the Economic and Fiscal Update 2021, IRCC has taken a number of measures to reduce wait times. We have hired new processing staff, digitized applications and implemented technology-based solutions. At any given time, IRCC is managing over 1 million applications from our inventories. In 2021, we finalized 1.7 million applications across all lines of business. On April 22, 2022, the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced measures to address labour shortages in Canada, including the resumption of Express Entry draws in July 2022 new temporary policy that will give recent international graduates with expiring temporary status the opportunity to stay in Canada longer extending a temporary public policy that allows foreign nationals in Canada as visitors to apply for an employer-specific work permit without having to leave Canada until the end of February 2023 policy changes benefitting those who applied for permanent residence via the temporary resident to permanent resident pathway in 2021

PAKISTAN COULD CONSIDER IMPORTING VEGETABLES, EDIBLE ITEMS FROM INDIA AFTER FLOOD HAVOC: PAKISTAN FINANCE MINISTER

Pakistan Finance Minister Miftah Ismail said on Monday that the government could “consider importing vegetables and other edible items from India” to facilitate people after floods destroyed crops across the country, media reports said. Ismail was addressing a press conference in Islamabad and made the comment in response to a question, Radio Pakistan reported. Pakistan had formally downgraded its trade relations with India in August 2019 to the level of Israel with which Islamabad has no trade ties at all. The decision had come as a reaction to India's decision to revoke Article 370 of its Constitution that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. According to a source, former security advisor Moeed Yousuf was working on some proposals regarding trade with India. On record, former commerce advisor Razak Dawood also spoke on several occasions for resumption of trade with India, Dawn reported. In March 2021, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) had announced it would allow the private sector to import 0.5 million tonnes of white sugar from India and cotton via the Wagah border. However, the decision was reversed within days following severe criticism from the main opposition parties— PML-N and PPP — which are now in a coalition government. With a change in the federal government this year, the Ministry of Commerce in May ruled out the possibility of a resumption of stalled bilateral trade, Dawn reported. The response came from the Commerce Ministry over the widespread speculation on social media that the government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was considering a proposal to resume trade with India. “There is no change in Pakistan's policy on trade with India,” an official announcement from the Commerce Ministry had said. However, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in June had advocated the case for trade and engagement with other countries, especially India. The minister had put greater emphasis on engaging India, saying it is time for pivoting to economic diplomacy and focusing on engagement. The Foreign Office had subsequently issued a clarification on Bilawal's comments, saying that there was no change in Pakistan's policy towards its eastern neighbour and there was a “national consensus” on this, Dawn reported.



PM MODI INAUGURATES AMRITA HOSPITAL IN FARIDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated 2,600-bed Amrita Hospital in the presence of spiritual leader Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) in Faridabad. With 2,600-beds, 534 of which are ICU, the facility will be one of the largest hospitals in the country. The Prime Minister formally inaugurated the hospital by unveiling a plaque marking the momentous occasion. Speaking on the occasion of inauguration, the Prime Minister stated that as the country is entering the Amrit Kaal and collective aspirations and resolutions are taking shape, it is fitting that it is getting the nectar of blessings of Sri Mata Amritanandamayi. The hospital, he said, is a blend of modernity and spirituality and will become a medium of accessible and affordable treatment for needy patients. “Amma is the embodiment of love, compassion, service and sacrifice. She is the carrier of India's spiritual tradition”, he said. Dwelling on the great tradition of service and medicine of the country, PM Modi said: “India is a nation where treatment is a service, wellness is a charity. Where health and spirituality, both are related to each other. We have medical science as a Veda. We have also given the name of Ayurveda to our medical science.” He further added that this system of discharging the responsibilities related to education and medicine by the religious and social institutions is in a way the PPP model of old times. “It is called Public-Private Partnership but I also see it as ‘Paraspar Prayas’ (mutual effort)”, the PM said. Recalling his address to the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort, the Prime Minister said that he has placed a vision of the five vows of Amrit Kaal in front of the country and one of these five vows (Pran) is the complete renunciation of the mentality of slavery. He remarked that it is also being discussed a lot in the country at this time. The Prime Minister said: “When we give up this mindset, the direction of our actions also changes.” This change, he continued, is visible in the healthcare system of the country as there is growing faith in the traditional knowledge of the country. Yoga has global acceptance today and the world will celebrate International Millet Year next year,” added PM Modi.

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8. Inappropriate political interference is the root cause of many problems.
9. The people of Punjab will feel the change in 5 years under AAP.
10. He wants peace, brotherhood, prosperity & development in Punjab.
11. Singer Sidhu MooseWala's untimely death was very unfortunate.
12. 'The rule of law' is now the priority of the Punjab government.
13. Quality education & health are the principal focus of the Punjab government.
14. It will be Modi vs Kejriwal in 2024.

In the end, Punjab Assembly Speaker Kultar Sandhwan thanked NRIs for their immense support and appealed to people to make Punjab as 'Rangla Punjab.'

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CANADA'S WONDERLAND HIRING FOR HALLOWEEN HAUNT

From monsters to make-up artists, applicants can apply online or attend job fairs at the park every Sunday until Sept. 18

Spooky season is just around the corner and Canada's Wonderland is looking to fill hundreds of positions for Halloween Haunt, ranging from monsters to make-up artists to food and beverage associates. Applications are now being accepted online and the park is hosting in-person job fairs every Sunday through to Sept. 18.

Come be a part of the Greater Toronto Area's biggest Halloween event! All available Haunt positions are posted on the Canada's Wonderland jobs site. They include:

- o Monsters (minimum age to apply is 17 years)
 - o Maze/ Scare Zone Attendants (minimum age is 16 years)
 - o Atmosphere Performers (minimum age is 17 years)
 - o Ushers (minimum age is 16 years)
 - o Make-up Artists (minimum age is 18 years)
 - o Food & Beverage Service Associates - Evening Shift (minimum age is 15)
- No experience necessary for the monster positions, except the ability to scare! Monster rates pay up to \$18/hour. Rates for other positions vary, please visit our jobs site.

Job fairs take place at the park's Human Resources building (1 Amusement Drive) every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Sept. 18. Candidates are asked to apply online prior to attending and Monster applicants should be prepared for a short audition.

Halloween Haunt runs from 7 p.m. to midnight on select dates between Sept. 23 and Oct. 30.

Canada's Wonderland is committed to fostering a workplace culture in which diversity, equity and inclusion are embraced and promoted. Associate benefits include free and unlimited use of the park and water park during off hours, free promotional tickets for friends and family, access to exclusive employee events and activities throughout the season, discounts to partnering Ontario attractions, employee discounts on food, merchandise and more.

About Canada's Wonderland

Canada's Wonderland, located in Vaughan, Ontario (just outside Toronto), is a 300-acre theme park with more than 200 attractions including 17 rollercoasters, and is the home to Splash Works, a 20-acre water park. Canada's Wonderland is owned and operated by Cedar Fair Entertainment Company (NYSE: FUN), a publicly traded partnership and one of the largest regional amusement-resort operators in the world. The Company owns and operates 11 amusement parks, four outdoor water parks, an indoor water park and resort accommodations totaling more than 2,300 rooms and more than 600 luxury RV sites. For more information, see www.cedarfair.com

US PRESIDENT BIDEN CANCELS STUDENT LOANS UP TO \$10K AS 45 MN BORROWERS OWE \$1.7 TN IN STUDENT DEBT



US President Joe Biden's administration announced on Wednesday it will cancel up to \$10,000 in student debt for borrowers who earn \$125,000 a year or less and up to \$20,000 for recipients of Pell Grants that roughly follows his Education Department's demand for a student debt forgiveness programme. A total of 45 million borrowers owe \$1.7 trillion in student debt. NBC news reported Wednesday that couples who earn \$250,000 a year or less who file taxes jointly will also qualify for cancellation of up to \$10,000 for each partner. The administration is also extending the payment pause on federal student loans for a final time till December 31. This follows a decision taken by the Education Department. In a tweet, Biden said that he would have more details on the announcement later this afternoon. Biden had come under criticism from student debt relief advocates for waiting until just days before the August 31 deadline to announce an extension, leaving millions of borrowers unclear about whether they would have to start making payments for the first time in more than two years. Although the President made good on his campaign promise to address student debt, the move falls short of the \$50,000 in cancellation that some Democrats have called for. The narrow scope of the cancellation is also likely to frustrate student debt relief advocates who were pushing for broader action. Some advocates warned that means testing would make implementation more challenging and have argued that extending the payment pause for a few months would not be enough time to make adjustments to borrowers' balances, NBC news said. “While this announcement is a major win for many, it is important to stress that the \$10,000 limit will leave many others still crushed by debt, and important details will determine who has access to much-needed relief,” said Natalia Abrams, the President and founder of the Student Debt Crisis Center. Federal student loan holders haven't been required to make payments since March 2020, when then President Donald Trump signed into law the CARES Act, which paused payments till September 2020 and stopped interest from accruing in an effort to alleviate the economic impacts of the pandemic.

AN IMPORTANT COVID FALLOUT: COMMUNICATION SKILLS PUT TO TEST

D.C. PATHAK

'Work from home', zoom meetings and a drastic cut down on physical interactions across the table have compelled business organisations to search for a 'hybrid model' of running the enterprise, resetting the paradigms for performance evaluation and maintaining the efficacy of human resource development.

Both in India as also in the developed West, organisations are said to be facing a situation where the employees have got used to not going to place of work so much so that they often allow their personal convenience to prevail over the requirements of their organisations. Employees could even choose to ignore the call from above for a physical or virtual meeting. Evolution of the 'new normal' for organisational functioning is work in progress, but many testing points for leadership are already cropping up, demanding a revised strategy for business management and productivity enhancement - in the scene left behind by the Covid onslaught.

Flexible working hours, participative supervision by leaders at various levels, who earlier just gave orders and looked for compliance reports, and a changed framework of boss-subordinate relationship in which the senior would now be required to have some idea of the challenges an employee could be facing on family front, are some major reforms that the organisations have been made to adopt for their own good. The HRD people in any organisation have found their tasks multiplying and becoming onerous on account of the new-found importance of upskilling and re-skilling, revision of methodology for performance evaluation and the need for working out ways and means of preserving confidentiality of information exchanged by employees on line.

A very crucial test of leadership in a situation of dispersed and distant location of the work force is the effectiveness of communication sent top down on digital media. The days of lengthy letters and notifications despatched in hard copies are over and online communications are the norm now, but this is precisely the reason why a senior today is going to be judged for his or her ability to choose the right words and expressions in organisational communications.

It is important that the messages are concise, to the point and clear in their intent. It is said that if you can speak on a subject - as in a conference across the table - you are a master of its content and that if you can write about it, you are the close second best.

Online communications are, therefore, an indicator of a certain perfection of knowledge and the ability of the sender to impart that knowledge to the person at the other end.

Apart from communications primarily meant for exchanging data, anything that a leader conveys must be meaningful, must have connectivity with the larger objectives of the organisation and must evoke interest of the reader.



The communication should be drafted so as to show that it has a purpose. Limitation of space in a tweet or a short WhatsApp message cannot be the excuse for arid, arrogant or incomplete communications. A paragraph can be condensed into a line by a competent communicator. Poor communication skills devalue leadership, while good messaging enhances the image and respectability of the leader. Covid is a reminder to all organisations that flawless communications are a must for keeping up productivity.

Importance of communication also comes out in the formulation of an organisation's mission, drafting of the ethical framework and defining of the parameters for performance evaluation. These functions all connect with the leadership and logically make the quality of communications a hallmark of the latter.

It is not adequately realised that communication is a product of the individual's education and innate wisdom and also a measure of the leader's 'emotional quotient' - considering that all business is 'human activity'. Therefore, it becomes the prime mover of the organisation's success.

One of the earliest business advertisements - 'Lipton's means good tea' - remains the benchmark of brief, intelligible and complete messaging.

Three principles of good communication which will be always relevant are - 'brevity should not be at the cost of clarity', 'it should not lend itself to more than one interpretation' and 'the communication should not hurt human sensitivity'.

Success of a senior today depends a great deal on participative supervision, which basically allows a free two-way communication with the juniors, discourages buck passing and establishes an internal transparency that keep the working environ free of favouritism. Hierarchy-driven organisations often bred the malady of seniors avoiding the responsibility of taking a decision and pushing the 'files' up to their superiors - Covid intervention has on the other hand further strengthened the progressive trend of successful organisations becoming 'flat' in the sense of delegating the power of decision-making. A welcome upshot of the Covid era is the greater hands-on involvement of seniors in work as team leaders and a greater recognition of merit of the individual as the centre of all productivity. This is going to stay as a learning from the past. At the base of all these reforms is the skill of all round communication.

As already mentioned, it is the HRD leaders who face the challenge of reframing the strategy of recruitment, continuing with in-house training in the new environ and changing deployment of the personnel in keeping with the demands of Covid contingency. Remote handling called for new protocols, new modes of communication and special measures to prevent security breach in a situation of wider online sharing of information. Programmes of re-skilling for multi-tasking, enhancing organisational

loyalty and strengthening quality controls have to be reframed as Covid proved to be a great 'equaliser' for business organisations on one hand and putting the focus on competition built around 'quality' of product and service on the other.

Communication skills again are central to Social Media Marketing (SMM), which uses the digital outreach to intelligently use personal data to cater to the choices of customers.

Preserving the confidentiality of proprietary information of the organisation requires security orientation programmes for the employees working from remote locations, framing of instructions that were easily understood and a new methodology for conducting the security audit.

HRD-related communications will test the leadership in a more demanding, way but once the organisation gets them right, it would also stand to gain substantially.

Information is the anchor of communication. In an environ of declining physical interactions within the organisation, difficulty about creating a common information grid for employees dispersed in remote locations and the paucity of reliable information itself because of the rise of the phenomenon of fake news on social media, importance of business intelligence has increased manifold and the function of analysis has also gained momentum.

Leadership of the organisation has to measure up to the maxim 'imagination is more important than knowledge' -given by no less a thought leader than Albert Einstein.

The capacity to look beyond what the facts in front indicate would set a new benchmark of success for leadership in all spheres - more so for those who are heading business enterprises in the Covid era of uncertainties of both demand and supply and the challenge of 'delivery' facing them.

Technology that has brought a new kind of success to global players handling retail, is essentially about meaningful and timely communication.

Broadly speaking, Covid restrictiveness has put a premium on communication and since good communications are a product of intelligent minds, it has ultimately brought overriding importance to the intellectual qualities of farsightedness, total devotion to the mission at hand and - what is equally crucial - compassion, in the leadership guiding the enterprise. It has proved once again that a good leader is a good communicator too.

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PM TRUDEAU LAUNCHES CANADA'S FIRST FEDERAL 2SLGBTQI+ ACTION PLAN

The Government of Canada has taken historic action in recent years to build a better, more inclusive future for Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and additional sexually and gender diverse people (2SLGBTQI+), and we know there is more to be done. The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, joined by the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, Marci Ien, today launched Canada's first Federal 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan... Building our future, with pride, a whole-of-government approach to achieve a future where everyone in Canada is truly free to be who they are and love who they love.

The Action Plan will:

- Prioritize and sustain 2SLGBTQI+ community action by supporting 2SLGBTQI+ community organizations in advocating for and serving the communities they represent;
- Continue to advance and strengthen 2SLGBTQI+ rights at home and abroad including by building on the criminalization of conversion therapy and launching consultations on additional criminal law reforms, as well as continuing to invest in projects abroad through Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy;
- Support Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ resilience and resurgence including by continuing to fund Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ community organizations, placing the "2S" to represent Two-Spirit people at the front of the 2SLGBTQI+ acronym, and creating a dedicated Two-Spirit Senior Advisor position within the 2SLGBTQI+ Secretariat;
- Engage everyone in Canada in fostering a more inclusive future by investing in awareness campaigns to improve understanding of 2SLGBTQI+ communities and issues;
- Strengthen 2SLGBTQI+ data and evidence-based policy making by improving data collection, analysis, research, and knowledge on 2SLGBTQI+ communities and the barriers they face in Canada; and

Embed 2SLGBTQI+ issues in the work of the Government of Canada by ensuring coordinated action to advance 2SLGBTQI+ priorities across federal government organizations. Budget 2022 committed \$100 million over five years to develop and implement the Action Plan to benefit 2SLGBTQI+ people. The Prime Minister today also announced that this includes:

- Up to \$75 million for 2SLGBTQI+ community organizations that advocate for and serve their communities;
- \$40 million in new capacity-building support, prioritizing funding for 2SLGBTQI+ communities experiencing additional marginalization, such as Black, racialized, and Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ communities, 2SLGBTQI+ persons with disabilities, seniors, youth, official language minority communities, and those living in rural communities; and
- \$35 million in new project-focused support aimed at addressing specific barriers to 2SLGBTQI+ equality.

\$11.7 million for the 2SLGBTQI+ Secretariat to oversee and implement the Action Plan;

\$7.7 million for data collection and community-led policy research to support federal action on 2SLGBTQI+ issues; and

\$5.6 million to develop and implement awareness campaigns that focus on breaking down stigma and ending discrimination for 2SLGBTQI+ Canadians.

The Action Plan was developed with community leaders, researchers, and organizations. It speaks to the concerns of diverse members of 2SLGBTQI+ communities across the country and uses an intersectional, holistic, and long-term approach to breaking down barriers and fighting the discrimination and oppression of 2SLGBTQI+ Canadians. Building on the historic action already taken, the Action Plan is an evergreen document that continues to celebrate Canadians for who they are. While it is a historical first, the work does not end here – this Action Plan will continue to guide our work into the future.

PREMIER FORD, MINISTER DUNLOP, MINISTER WILLIAMS VISIT SKILLS ONTARIO SUMMER CAMP AT SHERIDAN COLLEGE ONTARIO

Today, Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop, and Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmaine Williams, visited a Skills Ontario Summer Camp at Sheridan College. Skills Ontario Summer Camps are week-long day camps hosted across the province that provide youth with fun, interactive activities to build skills and learn about the rewarding and fulfilling opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies.

"We're thrilled to welcome Premier Ford, Minister Dunlop, and Minister Williams," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "Skills Ontario delivers career exploration programs to youth through many initiatives, including our Summer Camps program. It is crucial for youth to not only explore opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies, but also to build their skills for the workforce and consider what career path is right for them. The skilled trades and technologies offer incredible pathways, and it is Skills Ontario's mission to highlight

that to youth and to help support Ontario's future leaders' career exploration journeys." "Sheridan was honoured to welcome Premier Ford, Minister Dunlop and Minister Williams to our Magna Skilled Trades Centre and to showcase this terrific collaboration with Skills Ontario," says Gregory Royal, Acting Associate Dean of Sheridan's Magna School for the Skilled Trades. "By introducing local youth to some of the many exciting career paths available in the trades, we are planting seeds for the next generation of skilled trades professionals." Sponsored by the Government of Ontario, Sheridan College, and Magna, the Summer Camp program runs over the months of July and August, providing students with the chance to participate in skilled trade and technology workshops and tours. Skills Ontario also hosts camps for French-speaking youth and Indigenous youth. In conjunction with in-person camps, Skills Ontario is offering virtual workshops this summer, as well.

INFLATION, GAS PRICES, 'FREEDOM CONVOY' TOP CANADA'S 'RAGE INDEX:' POLLARA STRATEGIC INSIGHTS SURVEY

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Across the six questions forming the Rage Index, an average of 49% of Canadians report being annoyed or angry – but this includes just 14% who are very angry. Frustration about the type of changes happening in Canada and the latest stories in the news is especially widespread. When asked about specific news stories, inflation, gas prices, and the trucker convoy are flashpoints of anger, with the majority also annoyed or angry about airport delays and the housing market. The Rage Index also identifies which groups are most angry. At the moment, anger is highest among residents in the Prairie provinces, middle aged Canadians, lower income earners, and those born in Canada. Men and women score comparably on the Rage Index, as men are more angry about governments and women are more angry about economic issues.

PFIZER COVID VACCINE SHOWS 73% EFFICACY IN CHILDREN UNDER 5

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Vaccine efficacy was 73.2 per cent among children 6 months through 4 years of age without evidence of prior Covid-19 infection, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the results announced by the two companies. "While these results confirm that three 3-g doses of our Covid-19 vaccine provide young children with a high level of protection at a time when the Omicron BA.2 strain was highly prevalent with a favorable safety profile, we are also developing an Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine in this age group to address these sublineages," said Ugur Sahin, CEO and Co-Founder of BioNTech.

PM TRUDEAU ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT OF OVER \$2 BILLION TO HELP CREATE 17,000 HOMES ACROSS CANADA



The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced a major investment of over \$2 billion to support three key initiatives that, together, will help create nearly 17,000 homes for families across the country, including thousands of affordable housing units. This investment, which includes funding from Budget 2021 and Budget 2022, will go toward: Creating 4,500 additional affordable housing units by extending the Rapid Housing Initiative for a third round. This will include women-focused housing projects and projects supporting those experiencing or at risk of homelessness; Creating at least 10,800 housing units, including 6,000 affordable units, through the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund, which encourages new funding models and innovative building techniques in the affordable housing sector; and Creating a new, five-year rent-to-own stream under the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund to help housing providers develop and test rent-to-own models and projects, with the goal to help Canadian families across the country transition from renting to owning a home.

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Premier Doug Ford met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at Queen's Park today to discuss the current pressures on the health care system, as well as housing, labour market shortages, immigration, and other shared priorities.

The premier and prime minister spoke about the current state of health care in Ontario and across the country, and the strains on health systems that have been heightened by the pandemic. They agreed on the importance of continuing to work closely as governments, as well as with our partners on the front line, to implement innovative solutions to problems that have been decades in the making. The premier raised the need for the federal government to work together with provinces on ensuring the long-term sustainability and accessibility of high-quality health care services for all Canadians and asked for a First Minister's meeting to be held as soon as possible. The leaders discussed solutions to tackle the housing crisis, including Ontario's progress on building 1.5 million homes over 10 years. Recent actions taken include giving municipalities the tools to speed up housing construction and leveraging surplus provincial lands. They

agreed that all three levels of government must work together to do what they can to get more homes built faster.

The two leaders also discussed Ontario's desire to welcome more economic and skilled immigrants to the province and the premier raised that removing barriers to immigration would significantly help Ontario respond to current labour and workforce shortages, including in the health care sector.

The premier and prime minister also discussed the recent passage of the United States' Inflation Reduction Act, and the economic growth resulting from the production of electric vehicles (EV) and batteries in Ontario. Ontario is making incredible strides toward becoming a reliable global supplier of responsibly sourced critical materials and building an end-to-end EV supply chain in the province. Both leaders agreed to continue to discuss critical minerals and collaborate on ways to support Ontario's auto-manufacturing sector and the hardworking men and women who make it the success that it is. Both leaders agreed to continue working together on delivering for the people of Ontario.

Region of Peel offices and non-emergency services will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday on Monday, September 5, 2022.

The following non-emergency services are closed and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2022:

- * Access Peel Counters (by appointment only)
 - * Dental Services Contact Centre
 - * Early Years and Child Care Services
 - * Family Health Call Centre
 - * Healthy Sexuality Clinic
 - * Needle Exchange Program - Mobile Van
 - * Ontario Works in Peel
 - * Peel Living Office
- Vaccination Clinics

All public and community clinics will be closed Monday, September 5, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

To book your appointment, check COVID-19 vaccine.

Human services

Early Years and Child Care Services

Child Care Subsidy units will be closed on Monday, September 5, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

Ontario Works in Peel

Ontario Works will be closed on Monday, September 5, and will reopen on

Tuesday, September 6.

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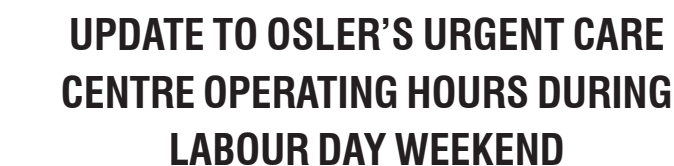
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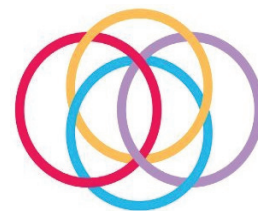
- * TransHelp will operate from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. (vendor service only).
 - * All subscription trips will be cancelled, with the exception of dialysis trips.
 - * No flexible trips will be accommodated on this day.
 - * The TransHelp office will be closed and unable to process applications, payments, or feedback.
 - * TransHelp office will re-open on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:30 a.m.
- If you have any questions, email transhelp@peelregion.ca or call 905-791-1015.

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William Osler Health System (Osler) is temporarily adjusting operating hours at its Urgent Care Centre (UCC) located at Peel Memorial Centre for Integrative Health and Wellness (Peel Memorial) for the upcoming Labour Day weekend. Beginning September 2 through to September 5, the UCC will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily to provide care to patients in need of immediate but non-life threatening care. Regular operating hours will resume at the UCC at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. In addition to the UCC, a variety of health care options will continue to be available should residents need care. Osler's Emergency Departments at Brampton Civic Hospital and Etobicoke General Hospital remain open 24/7 for patients in need of emergency care. Residents can also connect with a physician from the comfort of their home using Osler's Virtual Urgent Care Service, available weekdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments can be booked by visiting <https://www.williamoslerhs.ca/virtual-urgent-care/>. In case of an emergency, residents should immediately call 911.



Pakistan has experienced heavy monsoon rains and floods since mid-June, causing the deaths of over 1,000 people and affecting the lives of 33 million people across the country. To support the international response to this emergency, the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, today announced \$5 million in funding for humanitarian assistance.

Canada's support will help scale-up the humanitarian response to provide critical emergency assistance, including food and cash assistance for the most severely affected people. The funding will support the work of trusted and experienced partners on the ground. The funding announced today is in addition to Canada's existing support provided through the Emergency Disaster Assistance Fund and its contributions to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund.

Over the past 3 months, Pakistan has experienced 375.4 mm of rainfall, nearly 3 times higher than the country's average amount. As heavy rains have continued over the past 2 weeks, flooding and landslides have caused massive displacement, damage and devastation. Canada will continue to work with its partners on the ground to provide food, clean water and essential services. Canada stands with the people of Pakistan as they respond to impacts of the flooding; we Canada continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure it is able to support the emergency response.

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WASTE COLLECTION BRAMPTON, MISSISSAUGA, CALEDON

There will be no waste collection on Monday, September 5. Waste will be collected one day later that week. Check your collection calendar to find your pickup day or sign up to receive free waste collection reminders.

All Community Recycling Centres are closed on Monday, September 5, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA)

Explore, connect, and create this Labour Day weekend at PAMA with free general admission. Currently the Art Gallery and Historic Courthouse buildings are open, and the Archives and Museum are closed for construction. PAMA will be closed on Monday, September 5 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 6.

PEEL REGIONAL POLICE RELEASES ANNUAL USE OF FORCE REPORT

On Aug. 26, 2022, Peel Regional Police released results of the 2021 Use of Force Report.

Peel Regional Police and Professor Akwasi Owusu-Bempah presented a report at the Peel Police Services Board meeting that identified the following key findings:

- * Since 2020, there has been a 15.62 % decrease in the number of times a type of force was applied on a member of the public. In Black individuals, use of force applications have reduced by 21.68% and by 30.41% for South Asian.
- * The number of Peel Regional Police officers involved in use of force interactions has been decreased by 13.61%. In 2021, 400 officers were involved in use of force interactions versus 463 in 2020. Data also shows that the amount of force used in interactions was consistent across racial groups.
- * In 2021, de-escalation strategies were used as an alternative measure in 88% of incidents prior to force being used.
- * Less than 1% of interactions with a person in crisis involved use of force.

RAHUL SAINI, 25, FROM CALEDON CHARGED IN SERIES OF ROBBERIES ACROSS GTA

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From Wednesday, July 13, 2022, until Friday, August 23, 2022, it is alleged that the suspect committed 20 robberies in the Greater Toronto Area, including 11 in Peel Region. The suspect generally targeted commercial businesses, gas stations and fast food establishments between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. throughout the week. The suspect often brandished a firearm when robbing these businesses while making demands for money.

Investigators conducted a detailed criminal investigation and identified the above suspect as Rahul Saini, a 25-year-old man from Caledon. On August 26, 2022, Mr. Saini was arrested and charged with:

- Robbery x20
- Wear disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence x20
- Use Imitation Firearm x11

A search warrant was executed at a residence in the Town of Caledon. A number of offence-related items were seized from the residence, including a replica firearm, clothing and the vehicles used to commit the robberies. The accused was held for a bail hearing and appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice on August 27, 2022.

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

MISSISSAUGA LAWYER, SHAHID MALIK, ARRESTED FOR DEFRAUDING PUBLIC

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It is alleged that Shahid Malik received millions of dollars in trust for real estate transactions to allow the victims to pay off their outstanding mortgages. It is further alleged that despite the victims' numerous requests, Shahid Malik did not allocate these funds towards the outstanding mortgages. As such, each victim has suffered a significant financial loss.

On Wednesday, August 24th, 2022, Shahid Malik, the 41-year-old male from Brampton, was arrested on the strength of an outstanding warrant at Pearson International Airport upon returning to Canada. He has been charged with Defraud the Public and Breach of Trust.

He appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton and was held pending a bail hearing scheduled for August 25th, 2022.

"Mr. Malik used his position of trust to defraud a substantial amount of money from hard-working people in our community. This investigation and arrest demonstrated our commitment to pursuing offenders, preventing further victimization and the value of collaboration with the Canada Border Service Agency." - Superintendent Hubie Hiltz

Investigators believe that additional victims may exist. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Fraud Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 3335. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting [peelcrimestoppers.ca](https://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca).

PEEL POLICE SEEKING WITNESSES TO MULTI-PERSON SWORD FIGHT IN BRAMPTON

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Anyone with information is asked to call investigators with the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2233. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting [peelcrimestoppers.ca](https://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). Peel Police are aware of the video circulating social media, however, any additional video of the incident can be uploaded using this link: <https://prp.ca.evidence.com/axon/citizen/public/pr220285096>



SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER: KEY ACCUSED SACHIN THAPAN BISHNOI HELD IN AZERBAIJAN, LAWRENCE’S BROTHER ANMOL TRACED TO KENYA

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The Bishnois had fled India before the daylight killing of Moosewala on May 29 in the Moosa village in Mansa district.

It is believed that Sachin, a nephew of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, and Brar hatched the conspiracy to kill the famed Punjabi singer.

According to the police, Sachin and Anmol hired shooters and provided them legalistic support, besides arms and ammunition. The other two gangsters involved in the killing and hiding abroad are Goldy Brar and Lipin Nehra. The Interpol has earlier issued a red-corner notice against Goldy Brar who claimed responsibility for Moosewala’s killing.

As per the police, the arrested accused were acting on the directions of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, Brar, Sachin Thapan, Anmol Bishnoi and Vikram Brar, who is believed to be in Dubai.

Punjab Police and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) are working for the extradition of Sachin, who belongs to Fazilka from Azerbaijan, an official confirmed to IANS. The MEA has asked the state police to prepare a dossier comprising his criminal history and arrest warrants facilitating hassle-free

and speedy extradition. According to the Special Investigating Team (SIT) 1,850-page charge sheet filed in the court this week, mastermind Goldy Brar a day before the killing informed sharpshooters to carry out the crime as the government has trimmed the security cover provided to the singer.

The first charge sheet comprising 122 witnesses was filed against 24 accused, including gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi, Jagdeep Singh alias Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and Goldy Brar. The police have recovered seven pistols, seven mobile phones and four vehicles, including the Corrola and Bolero cars used in the crime. The SIT led by Anti-Gangster Task Force chief Pramod Ban has said Lawrence Bishnoi, the main conspirator, confessed that the execution planning was hatched in August last year to avenge the murder of youth Akali Dal leader Vicky Middukhera. He had said the shooters reached Mansa on May 25, the scene of crime close to Moosa village. “Some of the weapons were provided to them on reaching Punjab. AK series assault rifles were used in the killing,” he had said. On May 29, six shooters shot dead Moosewala when he was driving in a jeep in Jawaharke village in Mansa, some 10 km away from his native village Moosa.

G-23 PLANNING TO FIELD CANDIDATE IN CONGRESS PRESIDENTIAL POLL?

Leaders of the Congress’ G-23 are planning to contest the presidential polls, slated for October 17 with former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan being seen as candidates, sources said.

However, there was no clarity on the situation while the G-23, which had sought wide-ranging reforms in the party, has been hit by the departure of senior leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad, and others.

Tharoor had advocated for contest for the top party post in an article on Monday. As Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot emerges as front runner as the Congress President, being seen as choice of interim chief Sonia Gandhi, even as some want the return of Rahul Gandhi - with Gehlot too proposing his name, the G-23 was understood to have made up its mind to field a candidate if no Gandhi stood.

However, it remained to be seen if it would do so as it seemed unlikely as Sonia Gandhi’s choice would be challenged.

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India warns of 'significant increase' in terror presence in Afghanistan

India has warned of a “significant increase” in the presence of terrorist groups in the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan and threats to other countries emanating from the war-torn country.

“We need to see concrete progress in ensuring that such proscribed terrorists, entities, or their aliases do not get any support, tacit or direct, either from Afghan soil or from the terror sanctuaries based in the region,” India’s Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj told the UN Security Council on Monday.

India’s concerns about terrorist threats from Afghanistan were widely shared by participants at the Council meeting held on the eve of the anniversary of the US withdrawal from the country.

Kamboj said that there was “a significant increase” in the presence of the Islamic State-Khorasan (IS-K) terror group in Afghanistan and its “capacity to carry out attacks”. The IS affiliate “continues to issue threats of terrorist attacks on other countries”, she said. Kamboj drew attention to the attack on a gurdwara in Kabul in June and the bomb explosion near it the next month, which she said were “hugely alarming”. IS-K had claimed responsibility for the attack. “The linkages between groups listed by the UN Security Council such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Jaish-e-Mohammed, as well as provocative statements made by other terrorist groups operating out of Afghanistan pose a direct threat to the peace and stability of the region,” she added. The UK, France, the US, Albania, Kenya and, even, China and Russia acknowledged the terrorism threats from Afghanistan. The meeting was convened at the request of Russia, which, along with China, Iran and Pakistan, wanted the sanctions on the Taliban eased. They used the terrorism threat to make their case, asserting that engaging with the Taliban, lifting travel bans on their leaders and releasing the country’s frozen funds would pave the way for finding solutions to terrorism and other issues like women’s rights.

China’s Permanent Representative Zhang Jun said the US should “immediately return the frozen assets”, and Pakistan’s Permanent

Representative Munir Akram duly echoed it.

US Permanent Representative Linda Thomas-Greenfield countered: “No country that is serious about containing terrorism in Afghanistan would advocate to give the Taliban instantaneous, unconditional access to billions in assets that belong to the Afghan people.”

United Arab Emirates Permanent Representative Lana Zaki Nusseibeh said that the Council should use the tools available to it to make the Taliban combat terrorism.

Albania’s Permanent Representative Frid Hoxha noted that pervasive ties between the Taliban and international terrorist organisations continue, while Kenya’s Counsellor Gideon Kinuthia Ndung’u said that it should ensure that Afghanistan will not be a base for terrorist groups like IS and Al Qaeda to launch attacks.

Russia, joined by China, Iran and Pakistan, blamed the US for the terrorism in Afghanistan. Russia’s Permanent Representative VasilyNebenzya said”

“The US came to Afghanistan with a special mission, to fight against terrorism... In reality, their arrival to the country only strengthened its status as a hotbed of terrorism and a centre for the production and distribution of drugs.” He and Zhun said that the US and other Western countries should make up for their mistakes in Afghanistan.

Kamboj said that India has sent Afghanistan 32 tonnes of medical assistance, which includes essential life-saving medicines, anti-TB medicines and 500,000 doses of Covid vaccine, and over 40,000 tonnes of wheat. These were being distributed through the World Health Organisation and the UN’s World Food Programme to ensure they reached the people. She expressed “concern at developments in Afghanistan which directly impact the well-being of women and girls”.

“We join others in calling for the protection of the rights of women and girls, and to ensure that the long-fought gains of the last two decades are not reversed.” The Taliban has severely restricted employment, education and participation in public life by women.

PUNJAB COURT STAYS RELEASE OF MOOSEWALA’S SONG ‘JAANDI VAAR’



A court in Punjab on Monday restrained the release of the song “Jaandi Vaar” of late Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, along with a direction for taking down all promotional content and advertisements with respect to the song on all media platforms.

The order came after arguments at length before the district court of Mansa on the plea of the parents of Moosewala, who were successful in securing an ex-parte ad-interim order against Salim Sadruddin Moledina Merchant and Sulaiman Sadruddin Moledina Merchant, popularly known as Salim-Sulaiman. The parents of Moosewala were represented by senior advocate Amit Jhanji, briefed by a team from Karanjawala & Co, lead by partners Samarjit Pattnaik and Meghna Mishra along with their teams.

The parents have instituted a suit for permanent injunction against Salim-Sulaiman and their company Merchant Records Pvt Ltd along with certain other entities and digital platforms. The suit has been filed seeking restraint from the unauthorised proposed release of Moosewala’s song “Jaandi Vaar” on various social media and online platforms on account of copyright infringement as well as illegal and unauthorized use of late Moosewala’s name and image to generate publicity. The release was announced by Salim-Sulaiman on their YouTube and Instagram accounts. They had further announced sale of merchandise as well as digital signature of Moosewala along with sale of NFT rights to the song for the public at large.

DELHI CM KEJRIWAL FLAGS OFF 97 HIGH-TECH ELECTRIC BUSES



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday flagged off 97 high-tech electric buses. Flagging off these electric buses from the Rajghat Depot, he also announced that 8,000 e-buses are in the pipeline to arrive by 2025 and Delhi will have the highest number of e-buses in India with 1,800 e-buses by November 2023. “We are phasing out old-polluting buses and replacing them with electric buses. We have developed world-class education and healthcare models in Delhi; it is now time to transform Delhi’s transport sector into a model for the world to reckon with,” Kejriwal said.

The Chief Minister said that 153 e-buses are already plying on the roads of Delhi, and the new fleet of 97 will take the number to 250 and 50 more are to be added by September. “By November 2023, 1,500 more electric buses will be acquired to take the number of e-buses to 1,800, Delhi will soon boast of the highest number of electric buses in any Indian city,” he said.

By the end of 2025, the number of buses in Delhi will increase to 10,380 of which about 80 per cent (8,180) will be electric buses. At present, 7,373 buses are running in Delhi including DTC and Cluster buses, this is the highest number of buses in the fleet of the Transport Department in the history of Delhi, he said.

About women drivers in DTC buses who were given appointment letters on Tuesday, he congratulated all drivers and said that 200 more women will be trained as bus drivers and join work very soon.

WITH G-23 LEADERS ON EXIT MODE, WHO WILL CHALLENGE LOYALISTS IN CONGRESS?

Leaders of the Congress’ G-23, which had sought wide-ranging reforms in the party, seem to be on an exit mode with veterans like Ghulam Nabi Azad quitting and Anand Sharma raising questions on electoral rolls, seemingly giving the loyalists a free run in the presidential polls with no one to challenge the official candidate.

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While some G-23 leaders have left the party and some even joined the BJP while some others had distanced themselves, Azad had said that he has been forced to leave and Manish Tewari has reiterated that he is not a tenant but a shareholder in the party. However, the G-23, after exit of Azad, seems to have become rather leaderless.

Meanwhile, Congress General Secretary, Organisation, K.C. Venugopal said that the schedule for the party chief’s election has already been announced, and those who want to contest for the post should file the nomination before September 30. A section of Congress leaders say that Rahul Gandhi should again take over as President, with Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge saying that this is his personal opinion, and Salman Khurshid has also expressed support for him. Rahul Gandhi has indicated that he is not willing and instead, wants a non-Gandhi to be party President.

JUSTICE SOUGHT FOR JHARKHAND GIRL ANKITA WHO WAS BRUTALLY BURNT TO DEATH

Tension and anger persisted in Jharkhand’s Dumka over the brutal killing of class 12 student Ankita by a youth who was harassing her and finally burnt her alive by throwing petrol on her after she spurned him and complained against him to her family. The severely injured Ankita struggled for five days at RIMS in Ranchi before breathing her last late on Saturday night. She was cremated in Dumka on Monday morning. The city of Dumka, the sub-capital of Jharkhand, remained closed for the second day in protest against this incident. Accused Shahrukh, who set Ankita afire, is now in jail, but people are on the streets demanding that he should be punished as soon as possible. A campaign is also going on social media regarding this incident. The hashtag ‘Ankita Hum Sharminda Hain’ is trending on Twitter.

On Monday morning, Ankita’s last journey from Jaruadih locality of Dumka was taken under heavy security. Thousands of people who attended the funeral, were demanding capital punishment for Ankita’s killer.

When her grandfather Anil Singh lit the fire, the eyes of the people present there became moist. Her father, brother and other family members started crying inconsolably. Deputy Commissioner Ravi Shankar Shukla and Superintendent of Police Amber Lakkar were also present in the last journey.

India breaks streak of UN abstentions on Ukraine, votes in opposition to Russia

Breaking its streak of abstentions on votes related to Ukraine, India has voted for a procedural matter that Russia opposed at the UN Security Council. Going against Moscow’s stance, India on Wednesday joined 12 other members of the Council to vote for inviting Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to speak via a remote video link.

China abstained on the vote and Russia naturally voted against the invitation, but because it was a procedural matter it did not count as a veto. When the meeting began, Russia’s Permanent Representative VassilyNbenzia, objecting to Zelensky’s video link arrangement, demanded he should come in person to the Council chamber and asked for the vote, which ended up showing Moscow’s isolation.

Although this was the first time India had not abstained on a matter linked to Ukraine and voted with the west, a diplomatic source played down its significance.

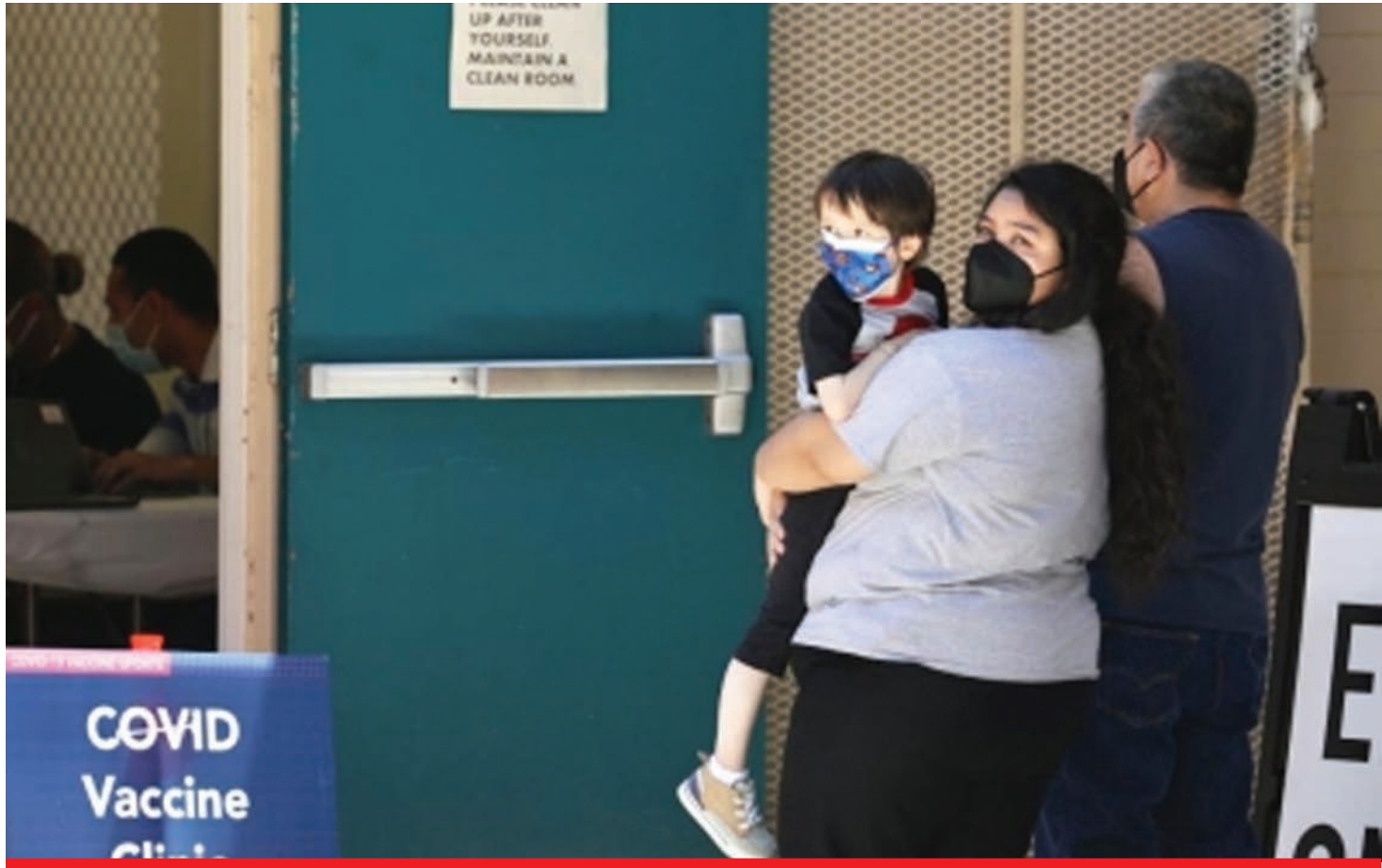
The source said Wednesday’s vote was different from the issues India had abstained on and those were more substantial.

“It was (only) for or against Zelensky’s participation” in the meeting through a video link, the source pointed out.

While speaking at the meeting, India’s Permanent Representative Ruchira Kamboj stuck to New Delhi’s distinctive version of neutrality in the Ukraine conflict. The meeting took place on a day of twin import for Ukraine -- its independence day as well as six months since Russia launched its ongoing invasion of Kiev on February 24.

Allowed to speak by video link after the vote, Zelensky warned that the world’s security depended on how Russia’s invasion is handled. “It is on the territory of Ukraine that the world’s future will be decided,” Zelensky said, “our independence is your security”.

Kamboj did not name Russia as she spoke of the war’s toll on Ukraine and its impact on the rest of the world.



US reports nearly 350K child Covid cases in a month

The US has reported nearly 350,000 child Covid-19 cases in the past four weeks, according to the latest report by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Children's Hospital Association. About 86,600 child Covid-19 cases were reported for the week ending August 25, an increase of 9 per cent from the week prior, Xinhua news agency quoted the report as saying on Monday. Over 14.4 million children have been reported to have tested positive for the virus since the onset of the pandemic in early 2020, according to the report. Approximately 6.6 million reported cases have been added in 2022.

There is an urgent need to collect more age-specific data to assess the severity of illness related to new variants as well as potential longer-term effects, said the AAP. "It is important to recognize there are immediate effects of the pandemic on children's health, but importantly we need to identify and address the long-lasting impacts on the physical, mental, and social well-being of this generation of children and youth," said the AAP. The US has so far reported a total of 96,091,120 Covid-19 cases and 1,069,499 deaths. The two tallies currently account for the highest in the world.

US CONCERNED ABOUT INDIA'S PARTICIPATION IN RUSSIAN MILITARY EXERCISE 'VOSTOK 2022'

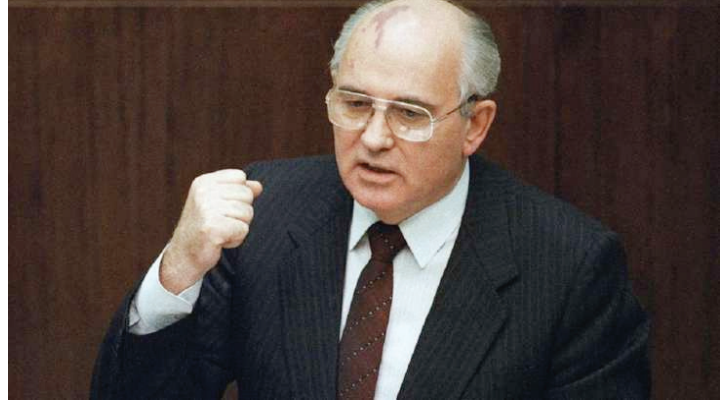
The United States is concerned about India's plans to participate in joint military exercises with Russia, which has waged an unprovoked and brutal war against Ukraine, the White House said Tuesday. The White House's statement came in response to a question on a multinational military exercise -- "Vostok 2022" -- from September 1-7 in Russia which among others would be attended by India and China. The exercises were announced last month by Moscow, in which China, Belarus, Tajikistan and Mongolia will also be seen as participants. This will be the first large-scale multinational military exercise in Russia since the beginning of its offensive in Ukraine. According to Russian News Agency, TASS, the Vostok-2022 strategic command and staff exercise will be held under the command of the chief of Russia's General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, at 13 training grounds in the Eastern Military District. The exercises are expected to take place till September 5. "The United States has concerns about any country exercising with Russia while Russia wages an unprovoked, brutal war against Ukraine. But, of course, every participating country will make its own decisions. And I'll leave it at that," White House Press Secretary Karen Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard the Air Force One. When she was specifically asked why "not put any pressure on India", Jean-Pierre said, "My first sentence there is saying that we have concerns over any country exercising with Russia while Russia is waging this unprovoked war." When the reporter further asked if the US planned to take any action or do anything about it, the press secretary said, "I don't have anything else to share."



"But we have -- we have been pretty public -- I've been asked this question with other countries as well, and we've been pretty consistent in our -- in our statements," she said. **India-Russia ties** The Russian Defense Ministry had earlier stated that during the drills, the participating forces would practice measures to maintain military security in the eastern region. India had inked the USD 5.43 billion deal with Russia for five squadrons of S-400s in October 2018. Marking the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Russian-Indian diplomatic ties, Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov in June said that the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system is proceeding well and in accordance with the schedule. According to Washington-based experts, India remains important to US strategy. They also pointed out that India-US security relations have grown rapidly over the last decade and a half.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, FORMER SOVIET PREZ WHO ENDED COLD WAR, DIES AGED 91

Mikhail Gorbachev, former Soviet President responsible for producing extraordinary reforms that led to the end of the Cold War, died of a long illness aged 91, reported to Russian media on Tuesday. He managed to end the Cold War without bloodshed but failed to prevent the collapse of the Soviet Union. The official news agency Tass reported that Gorbachev will be buried at Moscow's Novodevichy cemetery next to his wife. Though in power for less than seven years, Gorbachev unleashed a breathtaking series of changes. But they quickly overtook him and resulted in the collapse of the authoritarian Soviet state, the freeing of Eastern European nations from Russian domination, and the end of decades of East-West nuclear confrontation. **Waht led to Mikhail Gorbachev's decline?** Mikhail Gorbachev's decline was humiliating. His power hopelessly sapped by an attempted coup against him in August 1991. He spent his last months in office watching republic after republic declare independence until he resigned on December 25, 1991. The Soviet Union wrote itself into oblivion a day later. A quarter-century after the collapse, Gorbachev told The Associated Press that he had not considered using widespread force to try to keep the USSR together because he feared chaos in a nuclear country.



"The country was loaded to the brim with weapons. And it would have immediately pushed the country into a civil war," he said. Many of the changes, including the Soviet breakup, bore no resemblance to the transformation that Gorbachev had envisioned when he became the Soviet leader in March 1985. By the end of his rule, he was powerless to halt the whirlwind he had sown. Yet Gorbachev may have had a greater impact on the second half of the 20th century than any other political figure.

UK PM RACE: RISHI SUNAK CAMP ACCUSES LIZ TRUSS OF AVOIDING SCRUTINY

UK politician Rishi Sunak's camp has accused rival Liz Truss of avoiding scrutiny as she pulled out of a planned interview. Foreign Secretary Truss, who is the current frontrunner according to pre-poll surveys and bookie's odds, was due to face tough questions from veteran BBC political journalist Nick Robinson in a one-on-one interview -- already done by Sunak earlier this month. But the Cabinet minister pulled out of the interview hours before it was to air on Tuesday evening, with her team saying she could no longer spare the time. "Liz Truss has cancelled her BBC One interview with Nick Robinson which was due to air this Tuesday evening (30th August) at 7 pm. Ms Truss' team say she can no longer spare the time to appear on 'Our Next Prime Minister'," the BBC said in a statement. "The other candidate for the Conservative leadership, Rishi Sunak, was interviewed by Nick on 10th August. We regret that it has not been possible to do an in depth interview with both candidates despite having reached an agreement to do so," it notes. Robinson himself took to Twitter to say he was "disappointed & frustrated" at the cancellation. "It's important that candidates face proper scrutiny so that [party] members and the public know what they are offering," an unnamed ally of Rishi Sunak was quoted by 'The Times' as saying. "Avoiding that scrutiny suggests either Truss doesn't have a plan at all or the plan she has falls far short of the challenges we face this winter," the ally said. The newspaper notes that this is the second time that the Foreign Secretary has avoided an interview with a veteran broadcaster, after she refused to speak to Andrew Neil for a Channel 4 television show earlier in the contest. When the broadcaster recorded a 30-minute interview with the British Indian former finance minister, he concluded the show with a challenge to Truss to follow Sunak. The Opposition also criticised Truss backing out of Tuesday's BBC interview, which comes just before the deadline for Tory members to register their online or postal ballots in the leadership contest by Friday evening. "The British public don't get a say in choosing the next Tory Prime Minister and now it seems Liz Truss wants to avoid any public scrutiny whatsoever," said Labour Party shadow minister Conor McGinn.

NASA SCRUBS ARTEMIS I MOON ROCKET LAUNCH DUE TO FUEL LEAKS; PUTS MOON MISSION ON UNPLANNED HOLD



US space agency NASA on Monday scrubbed Monday its historic Artemis I mission to the Moon due to fuel leaks. It was scheduled to launch Monday in a time frame of 8.33 a.m. to 10.33 a.m. (local time) to take an Orion capsule with three test dummies to the moon and back from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. This was NASA's first unmanned space mission to the Moon in the last 50 years since 1972. NASA has reportedly rescheduled the next flight window for Friday depending on the rocket's readiness. The weather was said to be generally cloudy with a little storm here and there but good enough to launch the rocket, but fuel leaks led to the cancellation of the launch for which countdown started on Sunday. Its gigantic Space Launch System rocket is considered to be the agency's most powerful when it's ultimately launched. The countdown teams of NASA had two options for a two-hour launch window -- from 8:33 a.m. until 10:33 a.m. Eastern, but elected not to go forward, USA Today reported. NASA's Artemis I launch is part of a larger space program to take astronauts back to the moon sometime after 2025. A 1st round trip test mission is to take place in about 42 days, USA today reported. In a tweet, NASA announced that Artemis I Launch "is currently in an unplanned hold as the team works on an issue with engine number 3 on the @NASA_SLS core stage. Fuel leaks threaten to force postponement. Suspected fuel leaks during the final liftoff preparations risked the launch to be aborted Monday". NASA was engaged in a stop and start procedure for fueling the rockets of Artemis I with nearly 1 million gallons of super-cold hydrogen and oxygen because of a leak. The fuelling was already behind the clock by an hour due to thunderstorms near Florida's Kennedy Space Center. Coincidentally, Monday's leak of the highly explosive hydrogen was reported in the same place that witnessed seepage during a drill last spring. A second hydrogen leak surfaced in a valve that had caused trouble in June even as NASA thought it had fixed the bug, officials said. The rocket is claimed to be the most powerful to be launched in 50 years since 1972. NASA's Artemis 1 is described as a behemoth, more powerful than preceding rockets launched from Florida's Space Coast in decades. An orange core stage, flanked by bright white solid rocket boosters, helps make it visually unique. And its height is imposing at 322 feet -- about the same as a 30-story building, USA Today said. At least 100,000 visitors were expected to crowd areas around Kennedy Space Center for the mission. In the event of a delay, two backup opportunities -- September 2 at 12.48 p.m. and September 5 at 5.12 p.m. EDT -- are available. The aborted launch was streamed live from Houston to millions in America on its website, but they were disappointed at its scrubbing.

COVID SET BACK PROGRESS ON POVERTY IN ASIA-PACIFIC BY 2 YRS: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

CONTD. FROM PAGE 1 Participants in the study received either three 3-g doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine or placebo. Vaccine efficacy was 73.2 per cent among children 6 months through 4 years of age without evidence of prior Covid-19 infection, Xinhua news agency reported, citing the results announced by the two companies. "While these results confirm that three 3-g doses of our Covid-19 vaccine provide young children with a high level of protection at a time when the Omicron BA.2 strain was highly prevalent with a favorable safety profile, we are also developing an Omicron BA.4/BA.5-adapted bivalent vaccine in this age group to address these sublineages," said Ugur Sahin, CEO and Co-Founder of BioNTech.

GAUTAM ADANI IS FIRST ASIAN TO BECOME WORLD'S THIRD RICHEST

CONTD. FROM PAGE 1 That's after a surge this week placed him just behind Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, whose own fortunes are estimated at \$251 billion and \$153 billion, respectively, CNN reported. Like other billionaires around the world, Adani has seen his wealth skyrocket during the pandemic. The founder of the eponymous Adani Group controls companies ranging from ports and aerospace to solar energy and coal. His fortune has grown exponentially since the start of the global health crisis, as investors bet on his ability to grow his business in sectors that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has prioritized for development. Adani has also benefited from an uptick in coal usage, which has catapulted his ascent in recent months, according to Bloomberg. He overtook fellow Indian tycoon to become the region's wealthiest person in February, CNN reported. His shot up the global wealth rankings comes as some members of the world's 1 per cent give away more of their resources. In July, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates announced he would devote \$20 billion to the endowment of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and reiterated his intention to move "off of the list of the world's richest people". Bill Gates is currently ranked the world's fifth most affluent person, according to Bloomberg's index, with a net worth of \$117 billion, CNN reported.

CHINA SHUTS DOWN WORLD'S LARGEST ELECTRONIC MARKET AFTER COVID SPIKE

China's technology hub Shenzhen on Monday ordered the closure of the world's largest electronics wholesale market to contain a recent spike in coronavirus cases in the southern city, amidst a call by a leading Chinese think tank for a change in the country's 'zero-COVID' policy that it said was causing widespread disruption of business. Merchants in the Huaqiangbei district, home to the world's largest electronics market, received an official notice that the market will be closed till Thursday to contain the COVID spread. All tenants are required to work from home during the period and take a nucleic acid test every day, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post quoted one of the district's biggest operators, Huaqiang Electronics World. Key manufacturing enterprises, including telecommunications equipment giant Huawei Technologies Co, China's top chip maker Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp and Apple supplier Foxconn Technology Group, were ordered to follow a "closed-loop" system for a week that restricted movement of employees, while keeping their production schedules on track.



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Anushka Sharma pads up as Jhulan Goswami in Chakda Xpress, first look out; Virat Kohli is all hearts



ANUSHKA SHARMA HAS BEEN PREPARING AND SHOOTING FOR THE UPCOMING FILM CHAKDA XPRESS, BASED ON THE LIFE AND TIMES OF INDIAN PACER JHULAN GOSWAMI. THE MOVIE WILL RELEASE ON NETFLIX. ANUSHKA SHARMA'S FIRST LOOK AS THE INDIAN PACER JHULAN GOSWAMI IN THE LATTER'S BIOPIK CHAKDA XPRESS HAS BEEN REVEALED IN A TEASER VIDEO SHARED BY NETFLIX ON MONDAY. THE ACTRESS WELCOMED HER BABY VAMIKA WITH HER HUSBAND VIRAT KHOLI IN JANUARY LAST YEAR. NOW, ANUSHKA IS ALL SET FOR CHAKDA XPRESS, WHICH WILL BE HER FIRST FILM SINCE 2018. A VIDEO CLIP SHOWED ANUSHKA UNDERGOING RIGOROUS TRAINING AS JHULAN GOSWAMI. INTERESTINGLY, DURING VARIOUS INSTANCES, HER LOOK FROM THE UPCOMING FILM IS ALSO SHOWN. ANUSHKA SHARMA'S SPORTS FILM CHAKDA XPRESS IS EAGERLY AWAITED BY THE FANS. FROM UNDERGOING A GRUELLING FITNESS REGIME TO LOOK LIKE A PROFESSIONAL CRICKETER TO MASTERING HER ON-GROUND SKILLS, THE ACTRESS HAS BEEN PUTTING HER HEART AND SOUL INTO THE MOVIE. NOW, IN A SPECIAL VIDEO RELEASED BY NETFLIX, NOT ONLY IS ANUSHKA'S LOOK FROM THE FILM REVEALED, WE CAN SEE HER ON AND OFF THE FIELD IN ACTION AS SHE SHOOTS AS HER CHARACTER JHULAN. IN INSTANCES, WE CAN SEE JHULAN ALSO HELPING ANUSHKA GET HOLD OF CRICKETING SKILLS AS SHE ASSISTED THE ACTRESS DURING HER TRAINING SESSIONS.

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

BRAHMASTRA: RANBIR KAPOOR FIGHTS FIRE IN NEW PROMO BUT IS THAT DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S VOICE WE HEAR?



Is Deepika Padukone lending her voice in the new promo of Brahmastra? Well, that's what the internet debating over. On Tuesday, Alia Bhatt, Karan Johar and Ayan Mukerji took to their respective social media handles to kick off the 10-day countdown for the film along with a new promo. The promo features Ranbir Kapoor in an action scene, fighting the element of fire. While Ranbir held the spotlight, it is the voiceover that caught everyone's attention. Fans took to the comments section of the promos and speculated that it was Deepika's voice in the background. The speculation is also a result of rumours that she would be seen in a cameo in the film. It is also claimed that Deepika would play a pivotal role in the Brahmastra Part 2. "That's Deepika's voice right?" a fan asked. "This is DEEPIKA'S VOICE!!!" added another. "Am I the Only One Hearing Deepika?" added another. However, a few argued that it was Mouni Roy's voice. The Naagin actress plays the role of an antagonist in the film.

FROM JIMMY FALLON TO HK CRICKETERS, WHY'S THE WORLD JIVING TO 'KAALA CHASHMA'?

The film was a dud, but the Badshah song, picturised on Katrina Kaif and Sidharth Malhotra, has garnered 1.2 billion (and counting!) YouTube views. And today, the world seems to be dancing to its perky Punjabi rap tune. Be it Team India, American night TV host Jimmy Fallon, singer-actress Demi Lovato, Hong Kong cricketers, children from Africa or Indian aunties, everyone seems to have been gripped by the 'Kala Chashma' fever that has been raging on the Internet. Recently, as Team India registered its revenge win against the Pakistan in the ongoing Asia Cup, Bollywood stars Ayushmann Khurrana and Ananya Panday, too, vibed to the track to celebrate the victory. What explains this sudden rage over an old song? The song in question is from the 2016 sci-fi comedy 'Baar Baar Dekho' starring Katrina Kaif and Sidharth Malhotra. The track is a remake of London-based Punjabi singer Amar Arshi's hit 1990s track of the same name. The film, directed by Mira Nair's acolyte and 'Life of Pi' and 'The Namesake' screenwriter Nitya Mehra, barely made a profit. The song gained prominence on the Internet after a video of the Norwegian hip-hop/urban dance group called Quick Style grooving to the song during a wedding went viral. Indians and the diaspora across the world connected with Quick Style's gig because of the relatability factor and a group from an unrelated part of the world grooving to a homegrown track. Quick Style also performed to a bunch of other songs from the sub-continent, including 'Kana Yaari' from Coke Studio Season 14, 'Chura Ke Dil Mera' from the Akshay Kumar, Shilpa Shetty and Saif Ali Khan-starrer 1990s hit 'Main Khiladi Tu Anari', 'Tumse Milke Dil Ka Jo Haal' from the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer 'Main Hoon Na' and 'Saddi Gully' from Kangana Ranaut and R. Madhavan's 'Tanu Weds Manu' (2011). Quick Style's 'Kaala Chashma' video, meanwhile, has garnered more than 2.4 million likes as of August 2022.



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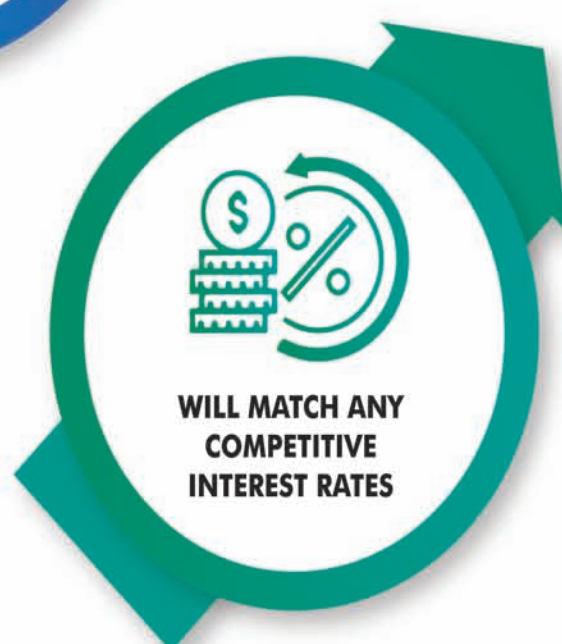
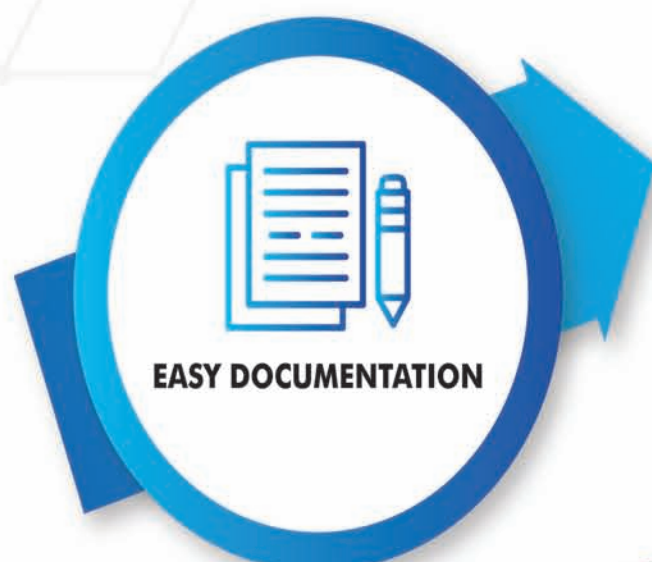
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TORONTO - Cameron Bailey, CEO of TIFF, is delighted to announce that Academy Award®-winning Icelandic artist and composer HildurGuðnadóttir will be honoured with the Variety Artisan Award, and that Award-winning Welsh Egyptian filmmaker and screenwriter Sally El Hosaini will be honoured with the TIFF Emerging Talent Award presented by MGM at the annual TIFF Tribute Awards. Now in its fourth year, the TIFF Tribute Awards presented by BVLGARI will return to an in-person gala fundraiser during the 47th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday, September 11 at Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Guðnadóttir composed the score for Sarah Polley's highly anticipated film Women Talking, a fearless adaptation of Miriam Toews' acclaimed novel set in 2010 rural America, where the women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling their reality with their faith, starring Rooney Mara, Claire Foy, Jessie Buckley, Judith Ivey, Ben Whishaw, and Frances McDormand. Women Talking from MGM's Orion Pictures will have its International Premiere at the Festival on September 13 and is distributed by Universal Canada. Writer-director El Hosaini's The Swimmers, which dramatizes the true story of two sisters who left their home in war-torn Syria for a new life in Europe and the chance to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics, co-written by multi-award-winner Jack Thorne, will have its World Premiere as the Opening Night Gala Presentation on September 8.

"Both HildurGuðnadóttir and Sally El Hosaini are singular artists who continue to expand the horizons of their disciplines," said Bailey. "We're proud to present TIFF Tribute Awards to Guðnadóttir for her remarkable score for Sarah Polley's Women Talking, and El Hosaini for directing one of the most urgent, moving films of the year in The Swimmers."

The TIFF Variety Artisan Award recognizes a distinguished creative who has excelled at their craft and made an outstanding contribution to cinema and entertainment. Previous recipients of the TIFF Variety Artisan Award include Ari Wegner in 2021; Terence Blanchard in 2020; and Roger Deakins in 2019. "Variety is honoured to be presenting HildurGuðnadóttir with our annual Artisan Award at the TIFF Tribute Awards," said Variety co-editor-in-chief RaminSetoodeh. "We are looking forward to returning to an in-person awards programme at one of the most important festivals in the world. Highlighting Hildur's work is a testament to Variety's commitment to celebrating artisans."

The TIFF Emerging Talent Award presented by MGM, is presented in the spirit of Torontonian Mary Pickford, the groundbreaking actor, producer, and co-founder of United Artists, whose impact continues today. Previous recipients of the TIFF Emerging Talent Award include Danis Goulet in 2021; Tracey Deer in 2020; and Mati Diop in 2019.

"MGM is thrilled to join TIFF in honouring Sally El Hosaini with the 2022 TIFF Emerging Talent Award and championing this harrowing story," said Chris Brearton, MGM's Chief Operation Officer.

Guðnadóttir and El Hosaini join the recently-announced list of 2022 TIFF Tribute Award honourees, including Brendan Fraser, who will receive the TIFF Tribute Award for Performance presented by IMDbPro; Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Sam Mendes, who will receive the TIFF Ebert Director Award; and the ensemble of My Policeman, who will receive the TIFF Tribute Award for Performance presented by Polestar. Stay tuned for more information on the 2022 TIFF Tribute Awards event and honoree announcements.

The TIFF Tribute Awards have served as an awards-season bellwether, with past honourees such as Jessica Chastain, Roger Deakins, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Joaquin Phoenix, Taika Waititi, and Chloé Zhao going on to win awards on the international stage. The TIFF Tribute Awards honour the film industry's outstanding contributors and their achievements, recognizing leading industry members, acting talent, directorial expertise, new talent, and a below-the-line artist and creator. The Awards event also serves as TIFF's largest annual fundraiser to support TIFF's Every Story fund, which promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in film and TIFF's core mission to transform the way people see the world through film.

HILDUR GUÐNADÓTTIR: BIOGRAPHY

HildurGuðnadóttir is an Academy Award-, Golden Globe-, Emmy-, two-time Grammy-, and BAFTA-winning Icelandic artist, who has been manifesting herself at the forefront of experimental pop and contemporary music. In her solo works, she draws out a broad spectrum of sounds from her instrumentation, ranging from intimate simplicity to huge soundscapes.

Her work for film and television includes Sicario: Day of the Soldado, Mary Magdalene, and the critically acclaimed HBO series Chernobyl, for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award as well as a Grammy Award. Guðnadóttir received a multitude of accolades for her work on Joker, directed by Todd Phillips and starring Joaquin Phoenix, including an Academy Award, Golden Globe, BAFTA, and Grammy. In addition, her body of work includes scores for films such as Tom of Finland, Journey's End and 20 episodes of the Icelandic TV series Trapped, streaming on Amazon Prime. With Sam Slater she co-composed the videogame score Battlefield 2042 for Electronic Arts' massively successful Battlefield franchise. The score won a



Society of Composers & Lyricists Award. Her latest projects include the Todd Field film TÁR, starring Cate Blanchett, and the Sarah Polley film Women Talking.

Guðnadóttir began playing cello as a child, entered the Reykjavík Music Academy, and then moved on to musical studies/composition and new media at the Iceland Academy of the Arts and Universität der Künste Berlin. She has released four critically acclaimed solo albums: Mount A (2006), Without Sinking (2009), LeyfðuLjósinu (2012), and Saman (2014). Her records have been nominated a number of times for the Icelandic Music Awards. Her albums are all released on Touch. She has composed music for theatre, dance performances, and films. The Icelandic Symphony Orchestra, Icelandic National Theatre, Tate Modern, The British Film Institute, The Royal Swedish Opera in Stockholm, and Gothenburg National Theatre are among the institutions that have commissioned new works from her. Currently, she is curating an exhibit for the opening of the new Academy Museum in Los Angeles, set to open on September 28.

Guðnadóttir has performed live and recorded music with SkúliSverrisson, Jóhann Jóhannsson, múm, Sunn O))), Pan Sonic, Hauschka, Wildbirds&Peacedrums, Ryuichi Sakamoto, David Sylvian, The Knife, Fever Ray, and Throbbing Gristle, among others.

SALLY EL HOSAINI: BIOGRAPHY

Sally El Hosaini is an award-winning feature-film writer-director. Her acclaimed debut feature, My Brother the Devil, premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival and played at more than 40 international festivals; winning 12 awards, 17 nominations, and an honourable mention. The film won Best European Film at Berlinale, Best Newcomer at the BFI London Film Festival, Best Screenplay at the Writer's Guild of Great Britain Awards, and was nominated for Best Debut at the British Independent Film Awards. The film was released theatrically in the UK, US, and Canada.

Following this, she was chosen by Danny Boyle to direct the final three episodes of Babylon, the TV series he co-created and produced with Jesse Armstrong (Succession) for Channel 4 and Sundance TV. An alumna of the Sundance Institute's Screenwriters and Directors Labs, El Hosaini has been profiled by The Guardian; BBC America; Variety, who featured her as one of their "Brits to Watch"; and IndieWire, who named her one of their "10 Most Exciting Young Female Directors in the World Today."

El Hosaini's upcoming feature The Swimmers will open the Toronto International Film Festival. Based on the true life story of Syrian refugees and competitive swimmers Yusra and Sara Mardini, it was co-written with Jack Thorne and produced by Working Title Films and Netflix, with Stephen Daldry (Billy Elliot) as an executive producer. It will be released theatrically and on Netflix in the fall 2022. El Hosaini is represented in the UK by Sayle Screen and in the United States by CAA and Anonymous Content.

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2022 AWARD CATEGORIES

The Toronto International Film Festival® is delighted to announce its Award categories for 2022. All awards will be announced on September 18 at an Awards Breakfast at TIFF Bell Lightbox. Details to follow in the coming weeks. "Awards are a part of the film industry's ecosystem, and TIFF's annual awards are committed to celebrating creativity, originality, and authentic voices and stories," said Cameron Bailey, TIFF CEO. "Year over year we come together to celebrate all voices in film, and this year will be no different."

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

A longstanding tradition at TIFF, the People's Choice Award is celebrating its 45th year, and TIFF's audience members are encouraged to vote for their favourite films online via tiff.net. All feature films in TIFF's Official Selection are eligible for this Award. TIFF has two other Awards also voted on by the audience: the People's Choice Documentary Award and the People's Choice Midnight Madness Award.

IMDbPro SHORT CUTS AWARDS

The 2022 IMDbPro Short Cuts Awards are for Best Film, Best Canadian Film, and the Share Her Journey Award for best film by a woman. Each winning film will receive a bursary of \$10,000 CAD and a one-year membership to IMDbPro, the essential resource for entertainment industry professionals, to help them continue achieving success in their careers. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, IMDbPro empowers entertainment professionals to discover new talent and projects and has an ongoing commitment to supporting and collaboratively working with organizations that create greater diversity, equity, and inclusion in the entertainment industry, including TIFF's Share Her Journey campaign.

AMPLIFY VOICES AWARDS PRESENTED BY CANADA GOOSE

Canada Goose embraces diversity in all its forms and definitions, including the technique and passion that transports storytelling to the screen. This year, Canada Goose will present the Amplify Voices Awards to the three best feature films by under-represented filmmakers.

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MICHELLE YEOH TO RECEIVE INAUGURAL TIFF SHARE HER JOURNEY GROUNDBREAKER AWARD AT THE 2022 TIFF TRIBUTE AWARDS

Cameron Bailey, CEO of TIFF, is delighted to announce that celebrated actor Michelle Yeoh will receive the inaugural TIFF Share Her Journey Groundbreaker Award presented by BVLGARI. The TIFF Tribute Awards presented by BVLGARI will return to an in-person gala fundraiser during the 47th edition of the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday, September 11 at Fairmont Royal York Hotel. "Michelle Yeoh is the definition of groundbreaking," said Cameron Bailey, TIFF CEO. "Her screen work has spanned continents, genres and decades. This year she delivered a performance in Everything Everywhere All at Once that shows her limitless abilities. We're so proud to honour her with the Share Her Journey Groundbreaker Award."



Spanning a nearly 40-year career, Yeoh is one of the most accomplished and versatile actors in the world. She has broken barriers and inspired generations of audiences with her performances, including her most recent lead role in the hit Everything Everywhere All at Once, as well as Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, Tomorrow Never Dies, and Crazy Rich Asians, among others. Everything Everywhere All at Once is distributed by Elevation Pictures in Canada.

"BVLGARI has a long history of championing women, in front of and behind the camera, in the cinematic arts. Supporting this TIFF Tribute Award is a continuation of this legacy of cultivating future talent and their groundbreaking work that enriches the world we live in," said Jean-Christophe Babin, CEO, BVLGARI Group. "We are thrilled to play such an integral role in the future of women in cinema." The TIFF Share Her Journey Groundbreaker Award is presented by BVLGARI and recognizes a woman who is a leader in the film industry and has made a positive impact for women throughout their career. The inaugural award is inspired by TIFF's Share Her Journey initiative, which was created to address gender parity in the film industry, to champion women at every stage of their creative journey, and to shine a spotlight on women creators making a significant difference in the industry. Yeoh joins the recently announced list of 2022 TIFF Tribute Award honourees, including Academy Award®-winning Icelandic artist and composer HildurGuðnadóttir, who will be honoured with the TIFF Variety Artisan Award; Award-winning Welsh Egyptian filmmaker and screenwriter Sally El Hosaini, who will be honoured with the TIFF Emerging Talent Award presented by MGM, acclaimed actor Brendan Fraser, recipient of the TIFF Tribute Award for Performance presented by IMDbPro; Academy Award®-winning filmmaker Sam Mendes, who will be honoured with the TIFF Ebert Director Award; and the ensemble of My Policeman, who will receive the TIFF Tribute Award for Performance presented by Polestar. More information on the 2022 TIFF Tribute Awards event and this year's honourees will follow in the coming days. The TIFF Tribute Awards have served as an awards-season bellwether, with past honourees such as Jessica Chastain, Roger Deakins, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Joaquin Phoenix, Taika Waititi, and Chloé Zhao going on to win awards on the international stage. The TIFF Tribute Awards honour the film industry's outstanding contributors and their achievements, recognizing leading industry members, acting talent, directorial expertise, new talent, and a below-the-line artist and creator. The Awards event also serves as TIFF's largest annual fundraiser to support TIFF's Every Story fund, which promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in film and TIFF's core mission to transform the way people see the world through film. Launched in 2017, and now a permanent initiative as part of TIFF's broader Every Story fund, Share Her Journey is TIFF's commitment to address gender parity by broadening opportunities for women at every stage of their careers. To date, TIFF has raised more than \$3 million to provide direct support to women along their creative journeys, from inspiration to a finished product showcased on TIFF platforms.



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MAYOR FRANK SCARPITTI AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WITH A.R. RAHMAN AT MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE.



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A.R. Rahman has also received various international humanitarian awards for causes dear to him. In 2009, A.R. Rahman was included in Time Magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people and still remains a top music personality across borders for more than three decades. He has been awarded one of India's highest civilian honours and has famously composed India's national song on the 50th Anniversary of India's independence. The original track he composed also holds two Guinness World Records for being the song performed in the most languages. For his invaluable contribution to music, he has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates from a selection of world-renowned

universities. Y Media, the biggest South-Asian media house in North-America, was on ground to present this exclusive coverage, which was later shared by A.R. Rahman on his Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages. You can watch this exclusive event coverage on Channel Y Bell 828, Telus 2418, Rogers 857, and Ignite 707, Y Media's 24*7 an all-English channel: Y Media Plus, and listen on Radio Y 91.9 FM. You can also visit our website southasiandaily.com for more information about the same. Follow us on our Twitter and Facebook pages: Y Media, to stay updated with the latest events. Read our 'Midweek' newspaper published every Tuesday to know what's happening in Canada and worldwide.



Kapil Sharma shares pictures with golden girls of Birmingham 2022

Kapil Sharma is back with the new season of ‘The Kapil Sharma Show’ and in the recent promo the makers introduced many new faces that will be seen on the show. Now, Kapil took to his Instagram handle to share a picture with the guests, who are going to be seen in the first episode and they include sports personalities, who won gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022. Kapil posted several pictures from the sets posing with Badminton champion P.V. Sindhu, gold medalist in lawn bowls Lovely Choubey, boxer Zareen Nikhat, Gold medalist lawn bowlers Rupa Rani Tirkey, Pinki Kaushik Singh and Nayanmoni Saikia. In his caption he wrote: “It was a pleasure hosting our Golden Girls on

#tkss who made the whole Nation proud in Commonwealth Games 2022 Pic 1 – @pvsindhu1 gold medal in badminton Pic 2 – #lovelychoubey Gold Medal in Lawn Bowl. Pic 3 – @zareennikhat Gold Medal in Boxing Pic 4 – #ruparantirkey Gold Medal in Lawn Bowl Pic 5 – #pinkisingh Gold Medal in Lawn Bowl. Pic 6 – #nayanmonisaikia Gold Medal in Lawn Bowl. Pic 7 – Me with no medal but New shades. Coming soon on 10th September only on @sonytvofficial @team.kapilsharma#commonwealthgames2022 #tkss #thekapilsharmashow #comedy #sports.” ‘The Kapil Sharma Show’ is going to start from September 10 with new contestants, including Srishty Rode, Gaurav Dubey, Shrikant Maski and Siddharth Sagar.

SHEHNAAZ GILL JOINS JOHN ABRAHAM AND NORA FATEHI IN SAJID KHAN'S FILM



Shehnaaz Gill, John Abraham, Riteish Deshmukh and Nora Fatehi have come together to share screen space in a multi-starrer directed by Sajid Khan. The film, which has been titled ‘100%’, will be produced by Bhushan Kumar and Amar Butala. It is slated to release on Diwali 2023. Taking to his social media accounts, John dropped a video and announced “A roller coaster comedy packed with action, music and spies! We guarantee you a #100Percent entertainer!! Diwali 2023 just got bigger!! Are you ready??” Although the look of the actors has not been disclosed but the video reads “20% Comedy, 20% Romance, 20% Confusion, 20% Music, 20% Action, together we’re 100%” The family entertainer is set against the backdrop of a big Indian wedding and a crazy world of spies. Sajid Khan’s directorial promises full-on comedy, action and turmoil! Expected to hit the floors in early 2023, the film is slated to release on Diwali 2023. Gulshan Kumar and T-Series presents a Guilty By Association Media production ‘100%’. Apart from this, John Abraham will be seen in Pathaan opposite Shah Rukh Khan. Recently, he took to his social media and impressed fans with glimpses of his character from Pathaan. The poster hinted at Abraham’s role as a cop as he stood with a gun in his hands and

flames surrounding him. Sharing the poster, he wrote, “The mission of a lifetime is about to start. Celebrate #Pathaan with #YRF50 only at a big screen near you on 25th January, 2023. Releasing in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu. @iamsrk @deepikapadukone #SiddharthAnand @yrf #5MonthsToPathaan.” On the occasion of Independence Day, Abraham announced another film, titled Tariq. The film will be released next year on Independence Day. The actor took to his official Instagram handle and shared the update with his fans. Sharing the first poster of his next project, John wrote, “Aazadi ki ‘Tariq’, 15 August, 2023. ‘Tariq’ is our next creative collaboration with Bake My Cake Films after Tehran and Batla House. Time to celebrate the freedom to tell good stories. #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav. Directed by #ArunGopalan, Produced by @thejohnabraham, @sandeep_leyzell and @shobhnayadav. Written by @writish1 and #LalitMarathe (sic).” On the other hand, Shehnaaz Gill is set to make her Bollywood debut with Salman Khan’s Kabhi Eid Kabhi Diwali. However, an official announcement of the same is yet to come from the actor and the filmmakers. Helmed by Farhad Samji and produced by Sajid Nadiadwala. The movie, which will have Pooja Hegde as the female lead, is scheduled to release on December 30, 2022.

'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' seems like someone is dissecting my life, says Ananya Panday

Working on her upcoming film “Kho Gaye Hum Kahan” has been a “cathartic” experience for Ananya Panday and the actor says she is hopeful that the coming-of-age story will resonate with the people of her generation. Backed by Excel Entertainment and Tiger Baby, “Kho Gaye Hum Kahan” chronicles the story of three friends in Mumbai. The movie, directed by debutant filmmaker Arjun Varain Singh, also features Siddhant Chaturvedi and Adarsh Gourav. “It is relevant to someone especially of my age because it has a lot to do with social media. It’s a coming-of-age story about friendship. There are emotions that we all go through. It is quite cathartic,” Ananya told PTI. “There are times when you read a scene and you feel that has happened to me, it seems like someone is dissecting my life. I have had my own bit to this film, you almost feel like it’s real,” she added. Ananya, 23, said working on Shakun Batra’s “Gehraiyaan” acted like a training ground for her, an experience she has utilised on “Kho Gaye Hum Kahan”. “When I started out, I was completely a director’s actor and I loved spending time with the director and the way they had thought of a scene. I would go with that mostly. It was a great way of working,” said the actor, who made her debut with “Student of the Year 2”, in 2019. “‘Gehraiyaan’ was a game changer because Shakun had faith in me and helped me find my voice as an actor. I learnt a lot from the film and I see the difference in me,” she said. Since her debut, the actor has starred in movies “Pati Patni Aur Woh”, “Khaali Peeli” and her latest release “Liger”, led by Vijay Deverakonda. For the sports drama, Ananya said, she relied completely on director Puri Jagannadh’s vision. “I went with the vision of Puri sir, which is so strong. ‘Liger’ is a film where you have to have fun without inhibitions or fears. I spent a lot of time observing Puri sir because he knows the best,” she said. Ananya said she feels grateful to have got the opportunity to be a part of a pan-India movie like “Liger” at an early stage in her career. “I am grateful and lucky that they (makers) chose me as a lead in this movie. As actors, we aspire to reach a wider audience. I want to garner as much love as possible from this movie,” she said.



MTV VMAS 2022: BIG WINS FOR TAYLOR SWIFT, HARRY STYLES, BILLIE EILISH

The 2022 MTV VMA concluded at the Prudential Centre in New Jersey. In addition to the awards, host Nicki Minaj was honoured during the show with the Video Vanguard Award, while the Global Icon Award was given to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, reports Variety. Nominees throughout the categories include Madonna, who is the most-awarded artiste in VMAs history with 20 wins, Beyonce, Harry Styles, Bad Bunny, Adele and more. According to Variety, performers for the show included Rap icons Eminem, Snoop Dogg, K-pop sensation Blackpink, Bad Bunny, Anitta, Jack Harlow, Kane Brown and others. Taylor Swift’s ‘10 Minute Version’ of ‘All Too Well’ bagged the video of the year award and also named the best long-form video. Billie Eilish was feted with Song of the Year for ‘Happier Than Ever’. Iconic American rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers were awarded in the Best Rock category for ‘Black Summer’ with Artist of the year being conferred upon Bad Bunny. Jack Harlow won the Song of the Summer for his ‘First Class’ as Nicki Minaj ft. Lil Baby bagged the Best Hip-Hop award for ‘Do We Have A Problem?’. Korean girl band Blackpink created history as Lisa won Best K-Pop at the 2022 VMA’s for her song ‘Lalisa’. Harry Styles walked away with the trophy for Best Album for ‘Harry’s House’. The roster of winners also included: Lil Nas X and Jack Harlow for ‘Industry Baby’ in the Best Collaboration category; Seventeen’s December 2021 performance of ‘Rock With You’ for Push Performance of the Year; Blackpink The Virtual and PUBG for Best Metaverse performance; Best Pop for Harry Styles’ viral track ‘As It Was’; Best R&B for The Weeknd’s ‘Out Of Time’; and Best New Artist award for Dove Cameron.



PRIYANKA JONAS JOINS NICK JONAS FOR MEXICO CONCERT; COUPLE SETS INTERNET ON FIRE WITH SASSY PICS



Priyanka Jonas has joined beau Nick Jonas for the Jonas Brothers’ Mexico Tour. The actress never steps back from standing by her husband’s side and has been a part of his previous tours. The ‘Last Man Standing’ actor is all set for his new tour with his brothers and ladylove on the side. Recently, Nick Jonas took to his social media and shared pictures from the tour, titled ‘The Remember This Tour’. On Tuesday, Nick Jonas shared a post that stirred the internet as the Jonas couple looked all the way classier. He shared two pictures. The first picture featured Priyanka and Nick. The duo could be seen casually seated with an artistic backdrop. Nick donned a retro shirt and brown pants, while Priyanka wore a black outfit and matching black boots. In the second picture, Nick can be seen posing solo and looking uber cool. The picture posted by Nick was clicked by his brother, Kevin Jonas. Sharing the post, he wrote “Mexico City night 1”. As soon as the Jonas couple dropped the picture, fans flocked to the comment section to hail them. Priyanka Chopra also took to her Instagram stories and shared glimpses of the grand concert, and it looked all amazing. She also posted a clip in which she flashed her concert “family pass.”

RANVEER SINGH NUDE PHOTOSHOOT ROW: ACTOR GRILLED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS BY MUMBAI POLICE



Ranveer Singh recorded his statement with the Mumbai Police on Monday in the nude photoshoot case. He was summoned in a case registered against him for posting clothless photographs of himself on social media. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against Singh at Chembur police station here last month on the basis of a complaint filed by an office-bearer of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). The police subsequently served him a notice to join the probe into the case. The actor appeared before the investigating officer around 7 am on Monday and his statement was recorded, the official said. Singh left the police station around 9.30 am, the official said adding that the actor will be called again, if required. The complainant had claimed the actor “hurt the sentiments of women in general and insulted their modesty through his photographs.” Based on the complaint, the police had registered the FIR against Singh under various Indian Penal Code Sections like 292 (sale of obscene books, etc), 293 (sale of obscene objects to young people), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult modesty of a woman) and provisions of the Information Technology Act, an official earlier said.

Festival Street 2022 to ignite Toronto with free screenings, interactive activations, and musical performances; TIFF 2022 Cinematheque Programme announced



Back for its seventh year, the excitement and fun of the Toronto International Film Festival pours out from the theatres onto Festival Street and over to David Pecaut Square. King Street West between Peter Street and University Avenue will transform into the TIFF street party. Festival Street celebrations take place September 8-11, and activities in David Pecaut Square take place September 8-18. TIFF is also delighted to announce this year's selection for the Cinematheque programme, featuring five films.

"The excitement of the Festival is something we want to share with the entire city," said Cameron Bailey, TIFF, CEO. "Festival Street is where everyone can enjoy and experience the excitement of the Festival and its celebration of film. Family-friendly events, great musical performances, and movies in the park - all for free - are just some highlights you can expect, and we invite everyone to join us."

MORE MOVIES AND MUSIC FOR FREE

The beating heart of Festival Street is the people of Toronto. There is something for everyone to participate in, from performances to open-air screenings at OLG Cinema Park in David Pecaut Square.

Kicking off on September 8 bright and early and running throughout the day, the public is invited to witness art being made, as StreetARToronto will be creating a live art walk generously supported by The Micki Moore Foundation.

Audiences won't want to miss the Festival Street Kick Off event on the Slight Music Stage. Back better than ever for its sixth year, the kick-off event will be hosted by Kardinal Offishall with special guests and musical performances to get the party started even before the films get rolling. Beginning at 7pm on September 8, join Cameron Bailey, Buffy Sainte-Marie, and special guests as TIFF welcomes the world back to Toronto to kick off the festivities.

Special performances will take place on the Slight Music Stage inspired by some of the most talked-about films coming to TIFF this year including: Buffy Sainte-Marie, Kardinal Offishall, Wolf Saga, Lido Pimienta and Friends featuring Bear Witness and special guests, Thompson Egbo-Egbo, The 99s, Toronto Dance Theatre, Honey Jam Special Performance: Celebrating Women, JESSIA, Elijah Woods, Jess and Tay, and Slight Music artists Roslyn Witter and New Friends. Also taking the stage with RBCxMusic is Zenesoul, DESIIRE, Kennen, and Jhyve.

TIFF's new open air cinema, OLG Cinema Park located in David Pecaut Square, will feature the following fan favourites showcasing stars in TIFF 2022 Official Selections films: The Greatest Showman, UHF, West Side Story (2021), The Mummy, a 30th-anniversary screening of A League of Their Own (1992), plus School of Rock and Love & Basketball, both presented by the Next Wave Committee. Visitors are also welcome to grab a drink at one of the extended patios, sample delicious treats from an array of food trucks, and have fun with the many engaging partner activations. In 2019, Festival Street saw 200,000 visitors in four days and was a driving force behind increased revenue for local businesses.

While at OLG Cinema Park and the Slight Music Stage, visitors can check out TIFF's Every Story tiptap displays and support TIFF's efforts to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in film.

For the first time on Festival Street, TIFF will be hosting its community partner festivals and supporting these partners by providing booths on Festival Street so they can promote their programming and initiatives. Joining TIFF on the street are Inside Out, imagineNATIVE, and REEL CANADA.

Torontonians and the City of Toronto are an integral part of TIFF and the Festival. Quite simply, Festival Street would not exist without their tremendous support. To say thank you to the city and the people who call it home, TIFF has once again partnered with the TTC to give Torontonians more access to Festival films. On Saturday September 17, members of the public are invited to Roy Thomson Hall for the TTC Free Screening of a Festival title. More details will be announced closer to the date.

FESTIVAL STREET PARTNER ACTIVATIONS

Bell? Celebrating the best audience in film: Bell is celebrating the best audience in film with great experiences and access during Opening Weekend. Get the star treatment and show off your best angles with the Bell 360o Cam, or test your TIFF movie knowledge at the Crave Movie Trivia Booth for a chance to win great prizes. Speaking of stars, TIFF fans can see them up close and snap selfies all Festival long from the Bell Red Carpet Viewing Deck in David Pecaut Square.

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House of Peroni Nastro Azzurro: Peroni Nastro Azzurro, the world's No. 1 premium Italian beer brand and the official beer of TIFF, is bringing a taste of Italian passion and flair to Toronto. The House of Peroni Nastro Azzurro, an Italian-styled open-house, will pop up in the heart of TIFF's beloved Festival Village for the first time. Guests can enjoy the very best of Italian hospitality and snack on an exclusive menu curated by international celebrity chef David Rocco. The red-carpet-adjacent experience will allow consumers to immerse themselves in the star-studded Festival while providing a unique and elevated opportunity to try the crisp and refreshing taste of Peroni Nastro Azzurro.

The Nespresso Café: At the heart of TIFF, the Nespresso Café aims to delight Festival-goers with a roster of fantastic coffees and products.

Since we all know that a Nespresso moment is a quality moment meant to be savoured, Festival-goers will also be invited to spend time on the Nespresso rooftop terrace. A unique space where art and life come together, the rooftop offers a place to enjoy your coffee, share a few stories, and watch the stars swagger down the red carpet. The Nespresso Café offers all this and so much more. Join us at TIFF for the full experience!

Kim Crawford ? Make the Moment: Make the Moment at Kim Crawford's Glitz and Glam booth where you can try a free sample of one of Crawford's top-selling wines. Along with this, you will have a chance to relax at our lounge, touch up at our beauty stations, and go to our second deck to receive your personal glam cam experience that you can share on social media!

Air France ? La Bulle de Cinéma: Air France presents "La Bulle de Cinéma" ? a place for Festival-goers to rest and relax from the screenings and Festival parties. After experiencing a director-style photo op against the plant wall, our visitors are invited to indulge in a movie-inspired beverage accompanied by a sweet treat. Once inside, guests will recharge and enjoy a cultural experience all about cinema. With culture being as impactful through the screen as through travelling, Air France will offer film trivia for a chance to win top prizes such as cinema and Festival passes, as well as a pair of tickets to Europe to fly to the cultural destination of their choice. After experiencing a moment of discovery and relaxation in a shaded garden oasis, guests will leave with great memories and be ready for more TIFF festivities!

TikTok's Unapology Booth: This summer, TikTok is unapologetically celebrating Canadian creation from coast to coast. Drop by our unapologetic mobile studio to share your story with the community! Bombay Sapphire presents ImaGIN: Beyond The Glass: Bringing together art and friends, "ImaGIN: Beyond The Glass" activates your senses through an immersive and intimate cocktail tasting experience. Bombay Sapphire is touring a custom-built theatre across Canada to inspire new and existing creative drinkers to Stir Your Senses. Guests will experience the bright, balanced, and fresh taste of Bombay while we bring a canvas to life on your table.

Street Style Portraits by The Bay: The Bay is celebrating the street style of Festival-goers. Strut and pose in The Bay's unique and immersive photo studio, where photographers are ready to make you feel like the star that you are. You will also take away a digital capture of your A-List moment.

The Be Unstoppable Film Project: UPS believes all voices should be heard and will be at TIFF to promote the Be Unstoppable Film Project. UPS has partnered with The Black List to help two emerging filmmakers tell their stories by awarding them \$100,000 in production grants. Together we'll provide the resources, time, and expertise necessary to work with the underrepresented and diverse talent, crew, and small businesses behind the scripts to direct and make a short film that will be submitted to TIFF in 2023.

Across Festival Street from September 8-11, there will be a variety of food trucks for all to enjoy. Alijandro's Kitchen will offer a variety of Medi-Mexi fusion food, putting a spin on traditional Mexican and Mediterranean dishes. Rick's Good Eats will be bringing their handmade, fresh ingredients and bold flavours to Festival Street with their homestyle Punjabi Canadian cuisine with a fusion twist. Get Your Own Taters will be frying up tater tots to a perfect crisp with fresh and unique handcrafted toppings and signature sauces. The Arepa Republic specializes in Venezuelan arepas, so you can indulge in the best Venezuelan flavours that will surprise you bite by bite.

TIFF CINEMATHEQUE

TIFF Cinematheque is proud to bring five classic films to TIFF 2022 audiences, including many 4K restorations. TIFF Cinematheque screenings are free of charge for all audiences. For more information on schedules and screening venues, please visit tiff.net.

"We're excited to relaunch the Festival Cinematheque programme after two years," said Robyn Citizen, Director Festival Programming and Cinematheque. "This curated lineup includes beautiful 4K restorations as well as a classic title long out of circulation from our Closing Night filmmaker Mary Harron. Audiences will find I Shot Andy Warhol as fresh and irreverent as they did in its initial release."

The Stranger (Agantuk) Satyajit Ray | India, France

World Premiere 4K Restoration

I Shot Andy Warhol Mary Harron | United Kingdom, United States

Strictly Ballroom Baz Luhrmann | Australia, United Kingdom

4K Restoration

Werckmeister Harmonies (Werckmeisterharmóniák) Béla Tarr, Ágnes Hranitzky | Hungary, Italy, Germany, France

World Premiere 4K Restoration

Tales from the Gimli Hospital Redux Guy Maddin | Canada

World Premiere 4K Restoration

The 1988 cult classic and first feature film by Guy Maddin was remastered to digital 4K from the original film negative and includes a long-lost scene. Produced by Sphinx Productions in association with TIFF and with the generous support of Telefilm Canada, Tales from the Gimli Hospital Redux is a foundational work of prairie surrealism and, in the director's words, "a picture inspired by the need to wake all my dead Icelandic loved ones with slaps to their cadaverous faces."

This restoration was made possible through Canadian Cinema ? Reignedit, a Telefilm Canada initiative announced in 2021 alongside partner film organizations. The initiative was developed to reinforce the importance of Canadian films in cinemas, festivals, and on digital platforms, and to support the curation, digitization, and preservation of influential Canadian feature films.

OSCAR-WINNING FILMMAKER JORDAN PEELE'S NOPE WILL SCREEN AT TIFF 2022



SPECIAL SCREENING OF NOPE FOLLOWED BY A Q&A WITH THE WRITER-DIRECTOR TAKES PLACE SEPTEMBER 12 AT THE CINESPHERE THEATRE

Rounding out this year's 2022 Toronto International Film Festival lineup is a special screening of Nope, writer-director Jordan Peele's latest boundary-breaking cinematic experience. Nope will screen as a special IMAX® presentation at the Cinesphere Theatre at Ontario Place, which has the distinction of being the world's first permanent IMAX® theatre. Following the screening, TIFF CEO Cameron Bailey will lead an engaging Q&A session with Jordan Peele.

"Nope, like all of Jordan Peele's brilliant films, invites and rewards repeat viewings," said Bailey. "We're excited to offer TIFF audiences the chance to watch Nope in the spectacular setting of the world's first IMAX® cinema, and to hear insights from Peele himself on one of the most original, exciting films of the year."

Nope is the story of OJ and Emerald Haywood, who have inherited a horse ranch from their father, carrying the torch of his craft as an animal wrangler for film and television. When they observe unexplained phenomena on the ranch, they attempt to capture the mystery on camera, drawing them into the eye of an irreversible storm. Written and directed by Peele (2017's Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay winner Get Out; 2019's Us), Nope stars Daniel Kaluuya, Keke Palmer, Steven Yeun, Michael Wincott, and Brandon Perea.

Tickets for this special screening and Q&A session with Jordan Peele go on sale to TIFF Members beginning September 3 at 10am, and to the public September 5, at tiff.net/tickets.

KAMAAL R KHAN SENT TO JUDICIAL CUSTODY AFTER ARREST AT MUMBAI AIRPORT FOR 2020 CONTROVERSIAL TWEET



Actor and self-proclaimed film critic Kamaal R Khan has been sent to 14-day judicial custody after he was arrested by Malad Police over a controversial tweet he had shared in 2020. Popularly known as KRK, he was arrested after he landed at Mumbai Airport and will be presented before Borivali Court today.

Kamaal R Khan's tweets and his open jibes at Bollywood films and actors often land him in trouble. Police was looking for Kamaal for two years, but he wasn't in Mumbai. On August 29, as soon as KRK landed at the airport he was detained. The complaint was filed against Kamaal R Khan at Malad Police Station.

In the year 2020, KRK had made an objectionable tweet on the late actor Rishi Kapoor being hospitalised, after which Shiv Sena leader Rahul Kanai lodged a complaint against Kamaal. Rahul had said in the FIR that a person named Kamal R Khan is regularly spreading hatred on social media. "He came into Bollywood with a movie named 'Deshdrohi' and is really acting like one. Even when the world is going through a pandemic, I can't understand his inhumane behaviour and spreading hatred in all spheres of life. The complainant said KRK was making hateful comments against late actors Irrfan Khan and Rishi Kapoor. "After Irrfan Khan, who is India's pride, passed away, he was making poor claims and statements on him. He was also talking crap about senior actor late Rishi Kapoor also," he said in the complaint.

DILJIT DOSANJH FIGHTS FOR HIS COMMUNITY IN ALI ABBAS ZAFAR'S NETFLIX THRILLER ABOUT 1984 ANTI-SIKH RIOTS



Netflix on Tuesday unveiled the first trailer for director Ali Abbas Zafar's upcoming drama film Jogi, set during the Delhi riots of 1984 and starring Diljit Dosanjh in the title role. The film tells the story of three friends fighting for survival across three tumultuous days of violence. The trailer opens with Jogi enjoying breakfast with his family, seemingly during the calm before the storm. But as gunshots ring through their neighbourhood, which is soon invaded by violent mobs, the protagonist attempts to flee the city with his family and travel to Punjab, which is the safest place they can be in. We see shots of riot-ravaged streets, and the mass exodus of Sikhs trying to find safety. The trailer suggests that the exodus was 'the biggest human heist' ever witnessed. The trailer also projects Jogi as a saviour figure of sorts. The 1984 anti-Sikh riots were fuelled by the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards, and resulted in the deaths of thousands of Sikhs across the country, but mainly in the capital. The riots were previously portrayed on film in 2014's Punjab 1984, also starring Diljit, and in 31st October, starring Vir Das.

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ASIA CUP 2022, AFG VS BAN: NAJIBULLAH ZADRAN CARNAGE IN SHARJAH POWERS AFGHANISTAN TO SUPER 4S

With two matches gone by, the Asia Cup, so far looks like an event that will be closely contested among the six Asian teams. With the action shifting to Sharjah Cricket Stadium from Dubai International Stadium, Bangladesh and Afghanistan locked horns with each other in what promised to be a blockbuster match. Bangladesh was playing their first match in the Asia Cup whereas the Afghans came into this match with a convincing victory against the Lankans. As expected and as their expertise is, the Afghanistan spinners completely dominated the game. Later some fireworks from Najibullah Zadran helped Afghanistan to register a seven-wicket partnership over Afghanistan.

Afghan spinners such as Mujeeb Ur Rahman (3/16) and Rashid Khan (3/22) were at their complete best and broke the back of the Bangladesh batting lineup. The Shakib Al Hasan-led side could only score 127 but a stellar bowling performance from them ensured that Afghanistan was reeling on 62/3 by the end of 13 overs. Before Bangladesh could even pave their way to victory, Najibullah Zadran walked in and was destined to play a gem of an innings. Displaying high-quality hitting, the Afghanistan batsman ended up scoring 43 off 17 deliveries comprising six sixes. The impact of Zadran's innings was such that the Afghanistan team chased this target down in 18.3 overs. On the other hand, there was a patient inning of Ibrahim Zadran



too who scored 42 off 41 balls and he shared an unbeaten 69-run stand of 36 balls with Najibullah. Afghanistan now has two wins in two games and has entered the super 4 stages. They are the first team in the tournament to register this feat.



AUGUST 13-14 CFHCC PARTICIPATED IN THE UNITED BROTHERS TORONTO CUP TOURNAMENT. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 8 TEAMS. CFHCC WAS UNDEFEATED THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT AND CAME FIRST PLACE TO WIN THE TORONTO CUP AND THE \$3100 CASH PRIZE.

AUSTRALIA DEFEATS ZIMBABWE BY 8 WICKETS, WINS SERIES BY 2-0



The Australian team have done what was certain and was asked of them. After facing a heavy defeat at the hands of Sri Lanka in the ODI series earlier this year, Australia has turned up and won an ODI series against Zimbabwe in their backyard. The Aaron Finch-led Australian team came into this match with a 1-0 lead and the job for them was pretty clear and cutout, to register a victory and win the 3-match ODI series by 2-0. The Aussies faced a major setback ahead of this particular match as they lost Mitchell Marsh to a "minor ankle soreness". Marsh has been ruled out of the New Zealand series too and might make a comeback when the Aussies travel to India next month. Aaron Finch won the toss and intending to win the series, invited the visitors to bat first. Zimbabwe openers Innocent Kaia and Tadiwanashe Marumani started the proceedings for their team but their stay was shortened by Mitchell Starc who sent them packing for 6 runs combined. Zimbabwe's number 3 Wesley Madhevere too couldn't make any kind of valuable contribution and departed on 0.

I'M IN THAT TEAM FOR T20 WORLD CUP FOR SURE: SMITH

Former Australia captain Steve Smith is enjoying his revamped batting role and believes he can play a significant part if he continues in the same vein at the upcoming T20 World Cup. Smith was pigeonholed as a sheet anchor in T20 cricket even during Australia's maiden T20 World Cup-winning campaign in the UAE last year. Although his role changed recently during the tour of Sri Lanka from the "Mr. Fix it" tag by the team management giving him the green light to go and play freely.

SHAHEEN AFRIDI INJURY: PAKISTAN PACER MIGHT HIT TRAINING NETS SOON

Just before the start of the 2022 edition of the Asia Cup, team Pakistan was jolted by a huge setback. A knee injury to their star pacer Shaheen Afridi ruled him out of the Asia Championship. The left-handed bowler had sustained this injury on Pakistan's tour to Sri Lanka where they played two Test matches. The Asia Cup which is a dress rehearsal for the T20I World Cup is being played in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this year. With Shaheen ruled out, Pakistan is lacking a certain amount of fire in their bowling which might cost them the championship in the future.

SEVEN RUNS DIDN'T LOOK VERY BIG TO ME: HARDIK PANDYA

In the first match between India and Pakistan at the Asia Cup 2022, Hardik Pandya's heroics led the men in blue to a five-wicket victory. Hardik Pandya powered Team India's innings with the bat as well as the ball. He took a 3-wicket haul and scored 33 off 17 balls with four boundaries and one six. Pandya had a dream game, first scalping 3 wickets for 25 in his four overs and then finished the match with a six off Mohammed Nawaz.



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1	Saturday	27-Aug	Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan	B	Dubai	10:00
2	Sunday	28-Aug	India vs Pakistan	A	Dubai	10:00
3	Tuesday	30-Aug	Bangladesh vs Afghanistan	B	Sharjah	10:00
4	Wednesday	31-Aug	India vs Qualifier	A	Dubai	10:00
5	Thursday	1-Sep	Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh	B	Dubai	10:00
6	Friday	2-Sep	Pakistan vs Qualifier	A	Sharjah	10:00
7	Saturday	3-Sep	B1 vs B2	Super 4	Sharjah	10:00
8	Sunday	4-Sep	A1 vs A2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
9	Tuesday	6-Sep	A1 vs B1	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
10	Wednesday	7-Sep	A2 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
11	Thursday	8-Sep	A1 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
12	Friday	9-Sep	B1 vs A2	Super 4	Dubai	10:00
13	Sunday	11-Sep	Final 1 st Super 4 vs 2 nd Super 4		Dubai	10:00

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'KILLING IT WITH THE SIDE PLANK-TREE POSE VARIATION': WHEN KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN SET FITNESS GOALS



"THE ONE IS REALLY CHALLENGING, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE WITH THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND PRACTISE," YOGA EXPERT ANSHUKA PARWANI WROTE ON INSTAGRAM. THERE IS NO END TO LEARNING AND BECOMING BETTER AT ONE'S PRACTICE. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN ALSO BELIEVES IN, AS IS REFLECTED IN A PHOTOGRAPH SHARED BY YOGA TRAINER ANSHUKA PARWANI. IN THE PICTURE, THE LAAL SINGH CHADHA ACTOR CAN BE SEEN DOING THE SIDE PLANK-TREE POSE VARIATION. "KILLING IT," WROTE PARWANI LAUDING KAREENA'S FLEXIBILITY. ACCORDING TO PARWANI, IT HELPS STRENGTHEN THE CORE, ARMS, AND ALSO IMPROVES THE SENSE OF BALANCE AND COORDINATION. SHE ALSO SHARED THE MANTRA TO ACE DIFFICULT OR CHALLENGING ASANAS. "THIS ONE IS REALLY CHALLENGING, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE WITH THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND PRACTICE. BALANCE, BREATH, CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS — KEEP THESE WORDS IN MIND AND YOU CAN NEVER GO WRONG WITH YOUR YOGA ASANAS," SHE ADDED.

CANADIAN HOME PRICES COULD DROP 25% BY 2023, PREDICTS TD BANK

According to a new TD Bank report, the average home price in Canada could decline between 20 and 25 per cent by the first quarter of 2023. According to the report released Monday, the mortgage and interest rates rose in the summer, leading to a decrease in prices. The drop is expected to continue into the fall and even into the winter.

Prices in July reached \$629,971, down 5 percent from \$662,924 a year earlier, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA). Compared to June, it fell by 3 percent to \$650,760 on a seasonally adjusted basis.

According to TD economist Rishi Sondhi, the report's projected drop represents an unprecedented decline going back to the late 1980s, when the data began. Still, it follows an unequally unprecedented rise during the pandemic.

"Our forecasted decline in national home prices would only partially retrace the 46 per cent run-up throughout the pandemic," said Sondhi. "As such, our forecast can be more aptly described as a recalibration of the market instead of something more severe."

Long-term, TD remains more optimistic about housing because it believes population growth will remain healthy, underpinning fundamental demand.



By the end of 2023, Desjardins projected a drop in prices of nearly 25 percent, which TD's report follows.

CANADA'S NEW ALL-ELECTRIC TRAIN-PLANE HYBRID TRAVELS FASTER THAN A JET



Imagine travelling in a train that's three times faster than the famed Bullet Train. A Canadian startup recently unveiled the FluxJet, a hybrid between an aircraft and a train, capable of riding at more than 621 mph sans emissions. That's a little quicker than the average private jet or about three times faster than a high-speed train. The plane without wings, as the company TransPod calls it, is based on a new field of physics called "veilliance flux" and features an innovative "contactless power transmission". It is also equipped with aerodynamic and propulsion systems designed specifically to reduce friction. Essentially, a vacuum tube setup allows the magnetically levitated pods to travel at a faster speed than trains, cars and jets, said Robb Report, a leading voice in the global luxury market. The FluxJet can carry up to 54 passengers plus two wheelchairs. It's also fitted with four luggage racks and can transport up to 10 tons of cargo. It will travel along a dedicated tube system known as the TransPod line to alleviate congestion on main roads and highways. It's not dissimilar to Virgin's Hyperloop network of 600 mph pods that is set to roll out in 2030. The TransPod line will have stations in key locations and major cities, with pods expected to depart every two minutes. The passenger ticket is expected to cost approximately 44 per cent less than a plane ticket.

STUDY REVEALS RISK OF HEART DISEASE, STROKE LOW AMONG GOOD SLEEPERS



BARCELONA (SPAIN): A survey found that nine out of ten Americans do not get enough sleep at night. Inadequate sleep has been associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Seven out of ten of these cardiovascular disorders could be avoided if everyone slept well, according to the researchers. "The low prevalence of good sleepers was expected given our busy, 24/7 lives," said study author Dr. Aboubakari Nambiemba of INSERM (the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research), Paris, France. "The importance of sleep quality and quantity for heart health should be taught early in life when healthy behaviours become established. Minimising night-time noise and stress at work can both help improve sleep." Previous studies on sleep and heart disease have generally focused on one sleep habit, such as sleep duration or sleep apnoea, where breathing stops and starts while sleeping. In addition, prior studies have often assessed sleep at baseline only. The current study used a healthy sleep score combining five sleep habits.



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‘Keep moving, no matter what’: Injured Shilpa Shetty demonstrates upper body exercises

Shilpa Shetty is not going to let a leg injury stop her from doing what she loves the most: exercising. The actor, who sets massive fitness and health goals on social media by demonstrating several yoga asanas, workouts, and healthy eating from time-to-time, is now confined to a chair, owing to an injury she suffered on set while shooting for an upcoming project. And while it can be a frustrating feeling for someone who is otherwise active, Shilpa has not been deterred in any form or manner. A few days ago, she posted a video of herself performing some yoga asanas while on her chair, writing, “After 10 days of resting in, I realised no reason is good enough to not stretch. So, even though the injury needs me to take it easy for a few weeks, inactivity can make you rusty. So I decided to practise the routine of Parvatasana, followed by Uthtita Parsvakonasana, and concluded with Bharadvajasana.” She added that these asanas are for anyone “who is unable to sit on the floor, or is suffering from knee or back pain”. Now, she took to Instagram

once again to display her grit and will to stay active. The actor performed some upper-body exercises, and in the accompanying caption, she wrote: “Keep moving. No matter what. That’s the policy I’m living by, especially these past couple of weeks.” She further shared that she is “putting the time to good use”, since her leg will need some more time to make full recovery. “...decided to ensure I follow a routine that works on strengthening the upper body.” The 47-year-old explained that she performed dumbbell overhead presses for her shoulders and triceps, half-range hammer curls for her arms and forearms, and lateral raises for the shoulders. “However, I performed these under the expert supervision of @yashmeenchauhan,” she tagged her trainer. She injured her leg earlier this month and wrote in the caption accompanying a cheery hospital photograph, “Out of action for 6 weeks, but I’ll be back soon stronger and better.”

WHY YOU (ESPECIALLY, DIABETICS) SHOULD EAT AN APPLE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING



There is an old adage, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away”, which is as true as it gets. This wonder fruit can be especially beneficial for your health and immunity, and there are several reasons why health experts and nutritionists suggest you eat it every day. According to healthline.com, apples are not only nutritious, but they also help with weight loss, since they are rich in fibre and water that make them filling. The fruit is also said to be good for the heart, because it has polyphenols that may lower the blood pressure. In addition to that, apples are also linked to a lower

risk of diabetes, the publication states, adding that consuming them may reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes. The presence of pectin — a type of prebiotic — also helps with good gut health. If the aforementioned health points were not enough to turn you into an apple lover, nutritionist Nmammi Agarwal also suggested that consuming the fruit first thing in the morning, right after you wake up, can do wonders for your health. She took to Instagram to explain in a video that while many people choose coffee in the morning to wake themselves from the long slumber, it may be a wise idea to switch to something healthier instead — and that healthy-something is an apple. “Apples contain no caffeine, but [are loaded with] natural sugar that wakes you up in the morning,” the expert said, adding that any kind of natural sugar will give you “sustainable energy throughout the day”, as opposed to a sudden burst of energy and restlessness that accompanies artificial sweeteners. Agarwal also said that apples contain a lot of fibre that can balance your blood sugar levels. If you do not like to consume an apple in its raw form, you can turn it into a smoothie or make it a part of a salad. Indianexpress.com had previously reported that a drink called ‘ABC’ may be great for your overall health. It is an abbreviation for ‘apples, beetroots and carrots’, which can be combined to make an appetising drink that should be had at least once a day, so as to boost immunity and to give the skin a natural glow.

RAW, COOKED, RIPE: CAN PREGNANT WOMEN HAVE PAPAYA IN ANY FORM?

It is extremely important to consume a nutritious diet during pregnancy. But, within the realm of nutritious foods, there are many dos and don'ts that women must follow when they are expecting a baby. Also, there are many myths about what foods they can or cannot consume during this time. One such controversial food is the humble papaya. To clarify our doubts, we reached out to experts to understand the link between pregnancy and papaya. Find out what they had to say. Dr B Gowthami, consultant, obstetrician and gynaecologist at Milann Fertility and Birthing Hospital said that like all other fruits, papayas are also packed with rich nutrients, minerals, and water. “But, raw or unripe papaya consists of latex and papin, a kind of chemical substances which have similar action as a group of compounds called prostaglandins and oxytocin. Hence, if a pregnant woman consumes unripe papaya, it may induce miscarriage, preterm labour, and PROM (Prelabor Rupture of Membranes) by weakening membranes around the baby. So, it’s wise to avoid raw papaya during pregnancy,” Dr Gowthami told.

INSIDE A ‘CORE BURN KIND OF DAY’ WITH SARA ALI KHAN



A strong, tight core helps improve stability with strength. And looks like Pilates trainer Namrata Purohit believes in conditioning the core with planks, as she recently shared a glimpse of actor Sara Ali Khan impressing us with her plank moves on the Pilates reformer. “Planks and then some more planks. Just a core burn kind of day with @saraalikh95.” she captioned the post in which Sara can be seen doing plank variations including hip drops and plank saw. The post was re-shared by Sara on her Instagram Stories with the caption: “Go, Go, Go”. Previously, Purohit had also demonstrated three plank variations — alternate knee taps, hip drops, and plank saw. For alternate knee taps, she wrote, “Feel those obliques and try not to rock the pelvis.” For hip drops, she suggested: “focus on the lift and the drop”. She also advised that while doing plank saw, practitioners should get their “entire body moving forward and back, and work the shoulders too”.

What are core muscles?
Abdominal muscles along with pelvic floor muscles, back muscles, and the diaphragm form the base that supports the entire body. Collectively, these are known as core muscles.
Here’s why core training with planks must be a part of your fitness routine.
Aerobic activity not only helps stabilise the torso which, in turn, helps with form and posture, it also helps reduce belly fat, and tighten abdominal muscles. “Other than helping you attain a flat stomach or six/eight-pack abs, the primary function of core muscles is to provide stability to the spine. They help in stabilising the body for upper body movement and also act as a link between the lower half and upper half of the body. So, no matter what movement you do — walking, running or lifting your arm — core muscles are essential,” said Dr Nandlal Pathak, principal physiotherapist and co-founder Synchrony Orthopedic and Sports Physiotherapy Clinic, Noida.

A COMBINATION OF THESE TWO INGREDIENTS WILL ENSURE YOU ‘GAIN HEALTHY WEIGHT’

Many of us strive hard to lose weight, which is definitely not easy. But gaining weight is no cakewalk either. And those on a weight gain journey need to ensure that all the kilos gained are healthy. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, if your Body Mass Index (BMI) is between 18.5 to 24.9, it falls within the normal or healthy weight range. Anything less or more than this range falls into the underweight or obese range, respectively. As such, Dr Dixa Bhavsar Savaliya, an Ayurveda expert, took to Instagram to share a “super-easy and effective weight gain recipe”. “Want to gain a healthy weight? All you need is ghee and jaggery,” she captioned the post. Recipe: Mix 1 teaspoon of desi/chemical-free jaggery (4-5 gm) with 1 teaspoon of desi cow ghee (5 ml). She added that “for weight gain and debility, jaggery should be had with equal quantity of ghee (it’ll provide you instant energy).” The expert also suggested that one can double the quantity once they get habitual in consuming it. “Only after constantly and comfortably consuming it for a month, you can switch to buffalo ghee (for people who usually don’t eat buffalo ghee daily),” she wrote, adding that people with good metabolism or those “who have been consuming buffalo ghee for a long time, can begin with buffalo ghee.” But, she cautioned those who cannot digest ghee or have diabetes to not try this combination. “The best way of consuming it is with meals or post meals,” she added. Agreed Karishma Shah, a nutritionist and holistic life coach, and said, “Ghee and jaggery, taken in small quantities every day post meals, do not cause any weight gain. In fact, the combination helps detoxify the body because of their properties.” Calling it a “magical combination”, she told indianexpress.com that as per Ayurveda, this combination “will help detoxify the body, keep your skin, nails, and hair healthy”. She further said that ghee and jaggery together can satisfy sugar cravings and uplift mood. “It can also cure anaemia which occurs due to iron deficiency,” she said.

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PANORAMA INDIA, WITH SUPPORT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, TORONTO CELEBRATED INDIA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



TORONTO: After two years of pandemic, Toronto, the largest city in Canada, especially the Nathan Phillips Square, was transformed into a festive spot with lively parade, visuals, ambience, and flavors of India. The India Day parade, organized by Panorama India in connection with the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' attracted a huge crowd. The weather forecast showed thunderstorms and showers the whole day but it was the Indian Diaspora, irrespective of ages, from all over the states poured into the heart of the city waving and wearing tricolors, which turned to be a splendid display of 'Unity in Diversity'.

The event kicked off with the opening ceremony, flag hoisting and the national anthems of Canada and India sung by the Panorama India Junior idols. Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence and Chandra Arya, Member of Parliament, who drove all the way from Ottawa graced the occasion with their presence. All the dignitaries emphasized the long-standing relationship between Canada and India which is built on shared traditions of democracy, strong ties of friendship & multiculturalism. They praised the cultural diversity and democratic values of India as well as the contribution of Indian diaspora towards the Canadian economy.

Apoorva Srivastava, Consul General of India, remarked that Canada and India both believe in restoring the multicultural environment promoting the culture and heritage that various communities inherit from generations. Vaidehi Bhagat, Chairperson, Panorama India welcomed the audience. Deepak Anand MPP, other elected officials, a large number of prominent Indo-Canadians and other Nationalities were also present. The Annual Magazine launch that features our sponsors, supporters and media partners was also published at the event.

The cultural segment comprised of phenomenal performances that are showcased the culture & heritage of India. The parade Marshalls Rahul Dev and Mugdha Godse, Bollywood stars, joined the Panorama India float with full energy and vigour. The parade had a lot of trucks representing all the 28 States of India that depicted the culture and heritage of the largest democracy in the world, with desi music, dance, and cultural artifacts. In addition to the floats, many marching organizations joined the parade with their banners, flags of India and Canada, chanting slogans.

The Festival and Grand Parade was organized by Panorama India with the support of the Consulate General of India, Toronto. Being the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence Day the organizers ensured a memorable parade for every Indian to cherish. TD Canada Group was the premium sponsor of the event. All the trucks for the state floats were arranged by TransEmerge. Representatives of other corporate sponsors SBI Canada, Sunray Group, Nanda Lawyers & Associates, ICICI Bank of Canada, Air Canada were also present. The historic event was carried out successfully with the guidance of City of Toronto, Toronto Police, other official authorities and NGOs.

Panorama India is a not-for-profit umbrella organization established in 1999, that bonds various Indo-Canadian organizations and groups, to celebrate and depict unity in diversity with their rich culture and heritage. Also provides a platform for the Indian cultural diaspora to exhibit and showcase their arts and culture. The organization fosters a better understanding between India and Canada and is proud to build bi-lateral relations through culture.



KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI & NAND UTSAV CELEBRATED AT NAVAL, RASHI BAJAJ PLACE
IN BRAMPTON WITH THIS YEAR SPECIAL THEME OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV



Krishna Janmashtami & Nand Utsav was celebrated at Rashi and Naval Bajaj's place in Brampton, they are putting up this celebration in Brampton itself in more than decade, and in Canada more than 15 years on every Janmashtami. This year was special as it concoded with 75 Years of India's Independence, so to Celebrate along with 75 Years of India's Independence also were Lord Krishna was born, the entire event was put together as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The entire decoration was done with Tri Color.

Krishna Janmashtami, also known simply as Janmashtami or Gokulashtami, is an annual Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu. It is observed according to Hindu luni-solar calendar, on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) in Shraavana of the lunar Hindu Calendar and Krishna Paksha in Bhadrpad of the lunisolar Hindu Calendar, which overlaps with August and September of the Gregorian calendar.

It is an important festival particularly to the Vaishnavism tradition of Hinduism. Particularly those of the Gaudiya Vaishnavism tradition as he is considered the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Lord Krishna is born in an area of chaos. It's a time when persecution was rampant, freedoms were denied, evil was everywhere, and when there was a threat to his life by his uncle King Kansa. Immediately following the birth at Mathura, his father Vasudeva takes Krishna across Yamuna, to foster parents in Gokul, named Nanda and Yashoda.

Based on History Lord Krishna was born 5252 Years ago in 3228 B.C. in month of Shraavana on Ashtami. Lord Krishna birth is celebrated as Lord Krishna's showed the path of Dharma, and Dharma wins over Evil deeds, Lord Krishna stated that whenever there will be prominence of evil deeds in this universe, he will reincarnate in various looks and attire to show the path of right and peace to people.

The sole reason of celebrating this festival is bringing people together so that principles of unity strengthens. Throughout the evening was celebrated by Dance-drama enactments of the life of Krishna according to the Bhagavata Purana (such as Rasa lila or Krishna Lila), devotional singing through the midnight when Lord Krishna was born, fasting (upavasa), a night vigil (ratri jagaran), and a festival (mahotsava) on the following day are a part of the Janmashtami celebrations. Krishna Janmashtami was followed by the festival Nandotsav, which celebrated the occasion by distributing gifts in honour of the birth. Overall celebration included Performances, Ras, Garba, devotional songs, delicious food/Prasad.

There were performances from renowned singer's Hemant Panwar, Vaishali Panwar, Vaishnavi Panwar, Vedant Panwar, Ajay Tyagi and team, Sachin Joshi, entire Sound system and Music was handled by Sachine Joshi, Sachin Joshi in his Melodious voice also singed many Garba's.

Tiny footprints were drawn outside the house doors and kitchen, walking towards the house, a symbolism for Krishna's journey into our home.

The offerings made to Krishna include sweets, fruits, betel and butter. Savories believed to be Krishna's favorites are prepared with great care. On this occasion more than 256 different type of sweets were

prepared with great care, 101 type of fruits, 31 types of dry fruits were offered to Lord Krishna and after the celebrations, these sweets are distributed as Prasad.

On Janmashthami, many parents dressed up their children's as characters in the legends of Krishna, such as gopis and as Krishna.

Janmashthami is celebrated throughout the world, especially in entire India, particularly in Mathura and Vrindavan, along with Major Vaishnava and non-sectarian communities found in Manipur, Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and all other states of India.

The celebration of Janmashthami in Brampton wasattended by hundreds of people, was also attended by Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria President of Treasurer Board, MP from Calgary Jasraj Singh Hallan, Ontario, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown, MPP Deepak Ananad, MPP Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Hardeep Garewal, Senator Asha Seth, Brampton City Regional Councillor Gutpreet Dhillon, City Councillor Harkirat Singh, Peel Police Chair Ron Chatha, Many organization heads, many religious intuitions heads, and community leaders and Friends of Media. Function was attended not only by people all across globe including U.K., India, Australia, U.S., and all across from Canada. This event has become a Signature event and many guests all across the globe look forward and wait to attend the event.

On the occasion Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown gave his best wishes on Janmashthami, he mentioned that Brampton is one of the most diverse city in Canada, and it is always a pleasure to see how all the different diversities made Brampton religiously, Culturally so strong, and applauded community playing a key role in the fabrication of the diverse Canadian society also thanked Rashi Bajaj for hosting this beautiful celebration in the city of Brampton and adding more color's to the colorful city of Brampton from more than a decade and making it a larger scale year over year, President of Treasury Board Minister Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria gave his best wishes on Janmashtami, thanked Bajaj family to organize this celebration every year and keep the tradition live, he always looks forward for the event, All attending MPP's and guest gave their best wishes. MP from Calgary Jasraj Singh Hallan, gave his best wishes to the family and thanked them to put such a wonderful celebration together, Conservative Party leadership team for Pierre Poilievre including MP Jasraj Singh Hallan, Arpan Khanna, Angelia, James and many others were also in attendance and prayed for his victory in the upcoming conservative party leadership, this year been the year for Brampton City council election, many candidates running for the council also attended the event for provide their best wishes for the function.

On this occasion Community leader Naval Bajaj gave his best wishes on Janmashthami, take the learnings from the life of Lord Krishna, his preachings from Bhagwat Gita and implement in life to make it more peaceful and beautiful. We all are blessed that we live in most beautiful county in World and blessed to celebrate different festivities throughout the year from around the globe as Canada is a country with full of diversities. Also added looking forward to welcome everyone to 2023 Janmashtami. Also thanked friends of Media for covering the event.

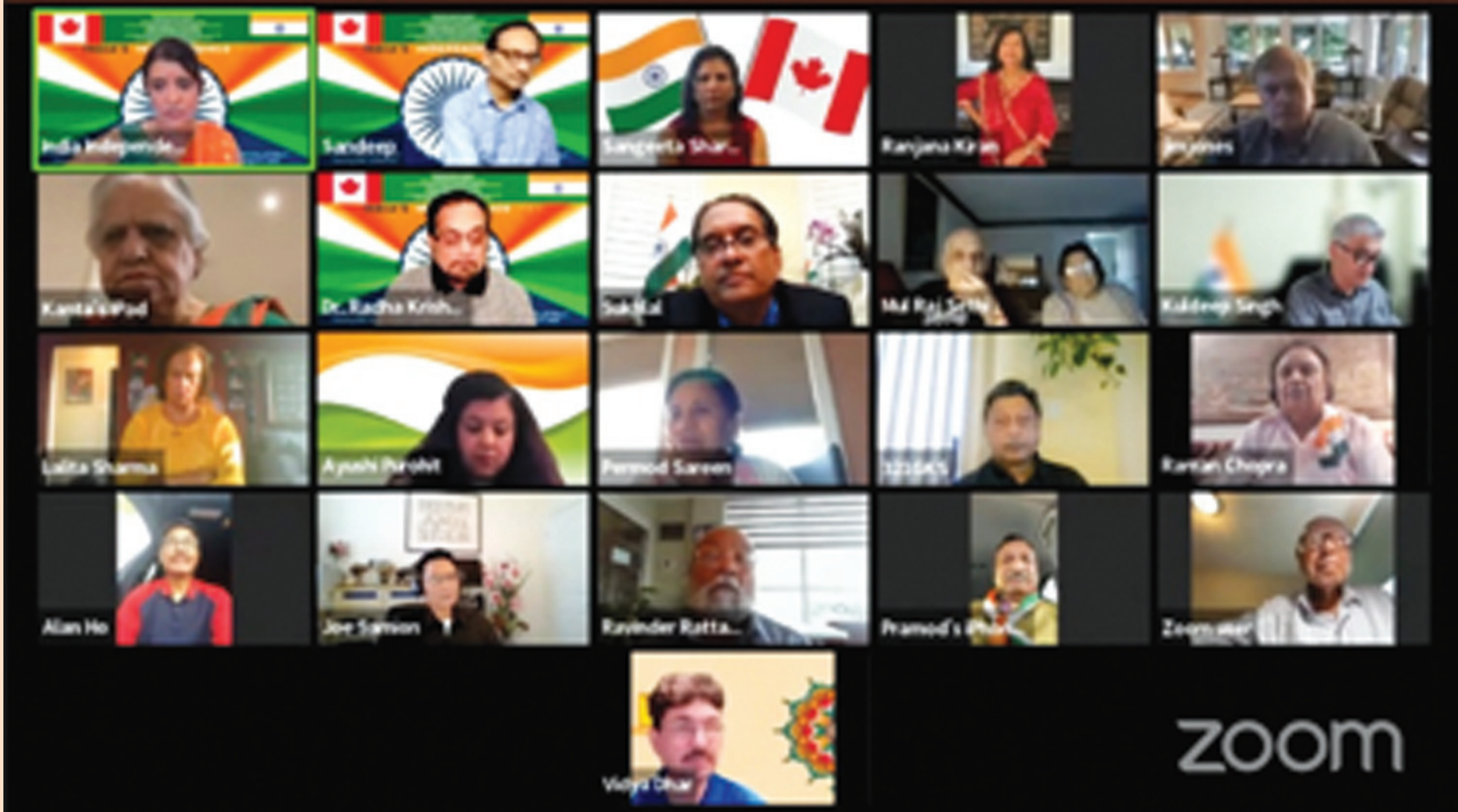
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INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA JOINTLY CELEBRATED
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India's Independence Day of India was jointly celebrated virtually on Wednesday August 17, 2022 by the following India Day Committee organizations:

- Voice For Safe Schools (VSS) - Director Yogendra Chahal & Director NeeraChakravorty
- Toronto Arya Samaj (TAS) - Vice President SatyanandSarju
- SanatanMandir Cultural Centre (SMCC) - Vice PresidentPramod Patel
- Rajasthan Association Of North America, Canada - (RANA) - President Rashi Bajaj
- Hindu Community Of Canada - Director Kuldeep Singh & Director Mahendra Bhandari (Director-Vishwa Hindu Parishad Canada)
- Hakka Canadian Association (HCA) - President Joe Samion
- Canadian Hindu Awareness Foundation (CHAF) - Director, Shuklal Patel
- CASEC (Canadian Academy Of Sports, Education & Culture) - President Mahendra Bhandari & Director Vidhya Bhushan
- Agarwals Based In Canada (ABC) - President Amit Goyal

Consulate General of India Shrimati Apoorva Srivastava ji welcomed the community and congratulated everyone on India's historic 75th Anniversary marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Congratulatory messages were received from Honourable Minister Mary NG & City of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti. Regional Councillor Jim Jones & Councillor Alan Ho attended the event. The Heads of Organizations spoke and stressed the importance of celebrating such significant moments in our history.

Respected Lieutenant Colonel Sandi Banerjee was the special Guest of Honour to mark this auspicious occasion. Masters of ceremony Ayushi Purohit and NeeraChakravorty kept the audience engaged throughout the entire event.

The cultural program began with musical artists Ms. Sangeeta Sharma singing the Canadian Anthem on behalf of Canadian Academy Of Sports, Education & Culture and Mr. Pradeep Arora singing the Indian National Anthem for Hindu Community Of Canada. Artist Director SanjiPiranthapan presented a semi classical dance for Canadian Hindu Awareness Foundation. President Bhandari, President Samion, Vice President Sarju performed patriotic songs. Ms. Ruchi Khandelwal choreographed a beautiful patriotic dance by Rajasthan Association Of North America, Canada kids. Nritya Kala Mandir Inc. displayed a variety of colourful folk performances for Sanatan Mandir Cultural Centre, and Agarwals Based In Canada presented a patriotic dance and a beautiful poem by Seema Bagala.

Heartfelt thank you to a wonderful team of organizers, performers, volunteers, and supporters for making this joint community event a grand success.



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