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CANADA NEEDS TO BE FULLY AWARE, INVOLVED & PRESENT IN INDO PACIFIC AS IT IS THE WORLD'S FASTEST-GROWING REGION

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ANITA ANAND
DEFENCE MINISTER, CANADA

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CANADA LAUNCHES NEW INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY, FOCUS ON 'DISRUPTIVE' CHINA

As a Pacific nation, Canada recognizes that the Indo-Pacific region will play a significant and profound role in Canada's future. Every issue that matters to Canadians—national security, economic prosperity, respect for international law and human rights, democratic values, public health, protecting our environment—will be shaped by the relationships that Canada, along with its partners, have with countries throughout the Indo-Pacific. Decisions made in the region will impact Canadians for generations, and it is critical that Canada be at the table. The Honourable



Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today launched Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. This strategy presents a comprehensive road map to deepen our engagement in the Indo-Pacific over the next decade, increasing our contributions to regional peace and security, strengthening economic growth and resilience, enhancing our significant people-to-people ties, and supporting sustainable development across the region.

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PAKISTAN-CANADA BASED TERRORISTS BEHIND TARGETED KILLINGS IN INDIA, REVEALS NIA PROBE

Sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), who on Tuesday conducted raids at more than 13 locations belonging to gangsters across the country in connection with the terrorist-gangster nexus case, have recovered a number of incriminating documents along with various types of contraband and ammunition.

According to information, the NIA raided more than 13 locations in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, UT Chandigarh and the Delhi-NCR region. The districts targeted were Fazilka, Tarn Taran, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Mohali in Punjab, Yamunanagar of Haryana, Sikar in Rajasthan and the Outer North District of Delhi. "We conducted raids to dismantle and disrupt the emerging nexus between terrorists, gangsters and drug traffickers based in India and abroad," said a NIA official.

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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: WE NEED TO STAND ON OUR FEET: POILIEVRE ON CANADA-CHINA TENSE RELATIONS

POOJA LUTHRA

In an exclusive interview with Y Media, Federal Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre said Canada needs to stand on its feet when asked about the tense relations between Canada and China. He said, "we need a Prime Minister who stands up for our country and sanctity of our democracy, protect our minerals from foreign acquisition and takeover."



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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SHARIFA KHAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO AT BALMORAL MARKETING INC.

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In an exclusive interview with Y Media Group Editor and CEO Yudhvir Jaswal, Sharifa Khan, President and CEO at Balmoral Marketing Inc., openly discussed the developing landscape of media and the significant role played by the ethnic media agencies.

Yudhvir Jaswal: How do you see the media landscape today?

Sharifa Khan: It's very fragmented. However, in your part as an ethnic media, you have an essential role to play. For example, recent numbers by Statistics Canada reveal 26.5% of Canadians are an ethnic minority and landed immigrants.



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BRAMPTON BANS FIREWORKS, RESTRICTS ELECTION SIGNS

Brampton Committee of Council approved a recommendation, to be ratified by City Council at its November 28 Special Meeting, to amend the Fireworks By-Law to immediately prohibit the use, purchase, discharge, possession, sale and offer to sell of fireworks in Brampton.



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MEHAKPREET SETHI, 18, DIES IN HOSPITAL AFTER STABBING OUTSIDE SCHOOL IN SURREY; SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

An Indian-origin teen died after being stabbed in a scuffle at the parking lot of a high school in Surrey, Canada, media reports said. Mehakpreet Sethi, 18, died in the hospital after being attacked outside Tamanawis Secondary School, located at 12600 66 Avenue in the Newton area, on Tuesday, Vancouver Sun reported.



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NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES IN CANADA UP 3.8% IN SEPTEMBER: STATSCAN

The number of employees receiving pay or benefits from their employer—referred to as "payroll employees" in the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours—rose by 85,300 (+0.5%) in September. Gains were largest in Quebec (+39,100; +1.0%), Ontario (+15,300; +0.2%), British Columbia (+10,500; +0.4%) and Alberta (+10,400; +0.5%). Newfoundland and Labrador (-900; -0.4%) was the sole province to see a drop in payroll employment.

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RAJWINDER SINGH FROM PUNJAB, WHO HAD \$1 MILLION REWARD ON HIS HEAD FOR KILLING AUSTRALIAN WOMAN IN 2018, HELD BY DELHI POLICE

A 38-year-old man, who had been absconding since 2018 after allegedly killing an Australian woman in Queensland, was arrested by Delhi Police's Special Cell on Friday. Recently, the Australian police had declared a million dollar reward for any information leading to his arrest.



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'SECOND TERM SYNDROME' HITS BIDEN AND TRUMP FOR 2024 RUN TO WHITE HOUSE



The 'second term syndrome' seems to have sunk into the minds of both the current US President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump, anxious to occupy the White House again from where power flows, global attention follows and decisions affecting the world are made.

CANADA OUSTED FROM FIFA WORLD CUP, 2022

Croatia recovered from an early goal to script an emphatic 4-1 win over Canada to go top of Group F in the FIFA World Cup.

On Sunday evening at the Khalifa International Stadium in Qatar, Alphonso Davies needed only 68 seconds to write his name into history as Canada's first goalscorer at a men's World Cup to give his team the lead.

The Croatians fought back through Andrej Kramaric double (36 and 70 minute) besides goals from Marko Livaja (44) and Lovren Majer (94).

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DUBAI BLING – LJ AND PAKISTANI MODEL HASNAIN LEHRI AFFAIR

Pakistani model Hasnain Lehri shared an intimate photo with Dubai Bling star Loujain 'LJ' Adada, hinting at a possible romantic alliance.

Taking to Instagram, Hasnain posted a picture with her. Putting his and Loujain's initials, Hasnain wrote:

"I thought fairy tales would never come true until I met my princess."



PIZZA NOVA DONATES \$41,600 TO STUDENT NUTRITION ONTARIO



DOMENIC PRIMUCCI, PRESIDENT OF PIZZA NOVA, PRESENTS A CHEQUE FOR \$41,600 TO STUDENT NUTRITION ONTARIO AT CEDARBRAE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN WATERLOO, ONTARIO.
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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: BRAMPTON SOUTH MP SONIA SIDHU HOSTS WORLD DIABETES DAY FLAG RAISING



During the month of November, Bramptonians recognize Diabetes Awareness Month and the many contributions and achievements of researchers in this area, dating back to the Canadian discovery of insulin more than 100 years ago. Every 5th resident in Brampton lives with Diabetes and one in three Canadians is affected. Since her election in 2015, MP Sonia Sidhu has been a tireless champion for those living with diabetes and their families. In 2019, MP Sidhu's motion to declare November as Diabetes Awareness month was passed unanimously in the House of Commons. Municipal partners followed suit and proclaimed November as Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14 as World Diabetes Day in the City of Brampton. MP Sonia Sidhu said, "Diabetes continues to be a major health concern for many residents in Brampton and all of us know someone who has been impacted by this disease. That is why we must continue to work with partners to spread awareness and coordinate a common response to lessen the burden of diabetes on individuals, families, communities and our health care systems. Today's flag raising at Brampton City Hall will enhance public awareness about this devastating disease."

In June of 2021, MP Sidhu's Private Members Bill C-237 passed unanimously through Parliament. In October of 2022, alongside the federal Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos, the National Framework for Diabetes in Canada was tabled. That is why today, MP Sidhu was pleased to join Deputy Mayor Harkirat Singh and community partners to raise the flag and recognize the significant achievement that is the tabling of the national framework. During Diabetes Awareness Month, MP Sidhu invites all Canadians to learn more about this chronic condition so we can take action to prevent it and better support people living with diabetes. Jennifer Buccino, Executive Director, People Affected by Diabetes (PAD) Knowledge and Connection, Diabetes Canada, said, "Diabetes Canada is honored to join Brampton community partners to recognize Diabetes Awareness Month and celebrate the recent tabling in the House of Commons of the Framework for Diabetes in Canada. We believe this Framework lays the foundation for collaborative and complementary action by all sectors of society to improve access to diabetes prevention and treatment and ensure better health outcomes for people living in Canada."

PIZZA NOVA DONATES \$41,600 TO STUDENT NUTRITION ONTARIO

A total of \$223,142 has been raised for Student Nutrition Ontario throughout this partnership with Pizza Nova

Pizza Nova marks its seventh year of partnership with Student Nutrition Ontario with a donation of \$41,600. Today, Domenic Primucci, president of Pizza Nova, presented a cheque to Student Nutrition Ontario at Cedarbrae Public School in Waterloo, Ontario.

Pizza Nova's partnership with Student Nutrition Ontario (SNO) found proud beginnings in 2015 with 'Coins for Breakfast,' a program that supports Student Nutrition Ontario with in-store donation boxes throughout all participating Pizza Nova locations. To date, Pizza Nova has raised \$223,142 for Student Nutrition Ontario.

"We strongly believe in making our food with quality ingredients and love. And it is important for us that children across Ontario start their days with a nourishing, sustaining breakfast and have successful days at school," said Domenic Primucci. "We are grateful to our loyal customers for their generosity—they help keep children well fed and able to focus at school."

There are 4,450 Student Nutrition Programs serving nearly 1 million students across the province each school day.

"Pizza Nova's generous donation through the 'Coins for Breakfast Program' is greatly appreciated," said Catherine Parsonage, Chair of Student Nutrition Ontario. "There are so many children in need across this province and school nutrition programs play a crucial role in ensuring that children have access to the nourishment they need to start their day."



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For more information on Pizza Nova, visit us at www.pizzanova.com.

For more information about Student Nutrition Ontario, visit <https://www.studentnutritionontariotoronto.ca>

About Pizza Nova

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

About Student Nutrition Ontario

Student Nutrition Ontario exists to nourish students across the province. We are a network of 14 not-for-profits that support over 1,000,000 students aged 3-18, who receive healthy meals at school. We support their success by offering nutritious foods, teaching healthy eating habits and building supportive communities. We believe that every child deserves equal opportunities and must begin their day nourished – a foundation for success. With the support of 39 community partners, and over 56,000 dedicated volunteers, we are addressing student hunger in Ontario.



CEDARBRAE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ENJOYS SNACKS FROM THE STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM, NOVEMBER 21, 2022, WATERLOO, ONTARIO.

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BALMORAL PRESIDENT SHARIFA KHAN HONOURED WITH PRESTIGIOUS QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL.

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The data clearly shows that the landscape of Canada has changed and will continue to change. Ethnic media plays an imperative role in an immigrant's journey. When someone first comes to Canada, they embrace this country as they get benefits like free healthcare, good education and an environment. At the same time, immigrant gravitates toward their ethnic media because they want to be connected back home. An immigrant will stick with ethnic media if it has good programming and content resonating with them. So if the media has the offerings of targeting different age groups, an agency like us will be very helpful in assisting and guiding the clients on which program or platform within your group is suitable for brands.

YudhvirJaswal: We didn't see many corporate ads in ethnic media 30-35 years ago. But now all corporate houses, from Walmart to Amazon to Zoom to Samsung to Rogers to Bell, are all advertising in ethnic media, and you've played a significant part in that. How did you do that?

Sharifa Khan: It's with determination and passion that come from within because I'm an immigrant. When I came here, I landed a job at a mainstream agency, and we were servicing Canadians targeting Canadians, and I saw a gap there ready. Brands were not talking to immigrants at all. Many brands and even corporations, way back 20-30 years ago, think immigrants lack perception, resources, talents, and skill sets. Of course, that's wrong. Look at the immigrants we have right now. Canada is recruiting and letting immigrants that are professionals, skilled workers and entrepreneurs. They are resource rich in talents and the money they bring in. So this is a low-hanging fruit for many corporates never considered earlier, but I felt the tide change 15 years ago. The corner changed, and they realized to capture new market share,

they had to start talking to immigrants as they are low-hanging fruits. These people have consumption power and would be banking, buying cars, condos and consumer product groups. So now, finally, many brands target immigrants as these people have enormous buying power.

YudhvirJaswal: What is Balmoral Marketing Inc.'s secret sauce?

Sharifa Khan: I am an immigrant, so that's already a plus edge because I understand the immigrant journey. I was already convinced years ago that, as immigrants, we're being ignored. My mission in my life is to build bridges of understanding between the mainstream media and the immigrant group. That's what I have followed throughout my 30 years at Balmoral. Ethnic community entrepreneurs need to be passionate about what they do. You've got to have a conviction, and you're going to ride the waves, and there will be ups and downs. I'm not saying it is a smooth ride. But definitely, you need to stay the course, know what you want to do and measure expectations, look at the trends in the market and understand what things you can achieve in a specific environment. So, I decided to stay the course and would do a lot of good if I could bring brands into the community together because they would enjoy the products they were or were not used to at home. It would be to convince and expose them to good brands.

YudhvirJaswal: What are the different community services that Balmoral provides? What are the things that you do to build your brand and give it back to the community?

Sharifa Khan: For Balmoral, it doesn't matter what nationality the community belongs to. We're part of groups of hospitals and nonprofit organizations helping communities. We donate and support many causes. I also care about hiring immigrants because it's challenging to get a job in Canada without Canadian experience. So I have been helping them a lot.

YudhvirJaswal: You were honoured with the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Congratulations on that. What do you have to say?

Sharifa Khan: I'm very honoured. From the beginning, it was my conviction to start a multicultural agency, which was very difficult 33 years ago. I had to make a lot of effort because mainstream media agencies were not focusing on immigrants. They were not targeting existing immigrants like the Portuguese, the Greeks, and the Italians. It was my conviction in life to turn the dial to ensure that immigrants are being paid attention to, and that's what my passion has always been.

YudhvirJaswal: Anything else you would like to share?

Sharifa Khan: Congratulations to Y Media for expanding over 20 years and offering such good content via different platforms to audiences. Also, immigrants need to know Canada is a land of opportunities. It has been perfect for me. One has to work hard. If you are studious and hard-working, doors will open for immigrants in Canada. So if you're patient, it might not be that rosy in the first year. But before you know it, there's always a door opening.

CANADA TO STRENGTHEN VISA PROCESSING CAPACITY IN DELHI, CHANDIGARH

As a Pacific nation, Canada constituted an ambitious plan, which initially provides for an investment of nearly \$2.3 billion over the next five years as it recognises that the Indo-Pacific region will play an important and fundamental role in Canada's future.

To foster greater diversity among those seeking to work and study in Canada, the government will invest in strengthening the visa processing capacity within the centralised Canadian network as well as in New Delhi and Chandigarh.

Each issue of importance to Canadians such as national security, economic prosperity, respect for international law and human rights, democratic values, public health and environmental protection will be defined by the relations that Canada and its partners maintain with the countries of the Indo-Pacific, an official statement said.

Decisions made in the region will affect Canadians for generations, and Canada absolutely must play an active role.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malanie Joly on Sunday launched Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy. This strategy presents a comprehensive roadmap to deepen its engagement in the Indo-Pacific over the next 10 years, increasing its contribution to regional peace and security, consolidating economic growth and resilience, strengthening close ties between its people and supporting sustainable development throughout the region. The central principle of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy is that Canada acts for its national interests, while defending its values. The Strategy positions Canada as a reliable partner for the region, now and in the future. It constitutes an ambitious plan, which initially provides for an investment of nearly \$2.3 billion over the next five years, said the statement. This whole-of-society strategy outlines how Canada intends to work actively with its allies and partners to shape the region's future in the context of global generational change.

To promote Canada's regional peace and security interests, the government will invest more than \$720 million. This investment includes, among other things: \$492.9 million to strengthen Canada's naval presence in the Indo-Pacific and increase Canadian Armed Forces' participation in regional military exercises; and \$47.3 million to launch a new interdepartmental initiative to build the cybersecurity capacities of selected regional partners.

To foster open, rules-based trade and support the country's economic prosperity, Canada will invest \$240.6 million. This investment includes, among other things: \$24.1 million to create the Canadian Southeast Asia Trade Gateway to expand Canada's business and investment networks in the region; \$31.8 million to establish Canada's first agricultural office in the region to increase and diversify agriculture and agri-food exports to the Indo-Pacific; and \$13.5 million to expand natural resource linkages with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region in the areas of trade, investment, and science, technology and innovation.

To strengthen the close ties between Canadians and the people of the Indo-Pacific, Canada will contribute \$261.7 million.



This investment includes, among other things: \$100 million to fund development programmes related to the Feminist International Assistance Policy to support the Indo-Pacific; \$74.6 million to strengthen Canada's visa processing capacity within the centralised Canadian network as well as in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Islamabad and Manila, to strengthen the close ties between its people.

As part of its commitment to building a clean future, Canada has pledged a total of \$913.3 million. This investment includes, among other things: \$750 million will strengthen FinDev Canada's ability to expand into the Indo-Pacific and accelerate its work in priority markets to support the development of high-quality and sustainable infrastructure; and \$84.3 million to contribute to a healthier marine environment in the Indo-Pacific region, which includes strengthened measures against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

To strengthen its presence, visibility and influence in the region, Canada has pledged a total of \$143.3 million. This investment includes, among other things: \$92.5 million to significantly increase the capacity of Canada's missions abroad and within Global Affairs Canada; \$24.5 million for the opening of a new Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada office in the region to help build and strengthen relationships with local partners.

"The future of the Indo-Pacific is ours; we have a role to play in shaping it. To this end, we must be a genuine and reliable partner. Today we are presenting a truly Canadian strategy -- one that addresses every aspect of our society. This strategy sends a clear message: Canada is present in the region and it is here to stay," said Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs. Responding to investment to strengthen visa processing capacity, Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, said, "The Indo-Pacific region is critical for immigration to Canada and will continue to be so in the future." "Today's announcement brings significant new funding to strengthen Canada's visa processing capacity at home and abroad. As we anticipate record growth in admissions in the years to come, this funding will help foster greater diversity among those seeking to work and study in Canada."

INDIA TO FOCUS ON GLOBAL GOOD, WORLD WELFARE AS G20 PRESIDENT, SAYS PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India will have to focus on global good and world welfare during its presidency of G20. In his monthly radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat', the prime minister said that India was set to assume the presidency of G20 from December 1 onwards, which is a "big opportunity" for the country. "The Presidency of G-20 has arrived as a big opportunity for us. We have to make full use of this opportunity and focus on global good, world welfare. Whether it is peace or unity, sensitivity towards the environment, or sustainable development, India has solutions to challenges related to these. The theme that we have given "One Earth, One Family, One Future" shows our commitment to VasudhaivaKutumbakam," Modi said in his address. He further said that "in the coming days, many programmes related to G20 will be organised in different parts of the country. During this period, people from different parts of the world will get a chance to visit your states. I am sure that you will bring the diverse and distinctive colours of your culture to the world and you also have to remember that the people coming to the G20, even if they come now as delegates, are tourists of the future". Referring to the recent launch of the country's first private rocket 'Vikram-S', Modi said, "On November 18, the whole country witnessed new history being made in the space sector. On this day, India sent its first such rocket into space, which was designed and prepared by the private sector of India. The name of this rocket is - Vikram-S. As soon as this first rocket of the indigenous space startup made a historic flight from Sriharikota, the heart of every Indian swelled with pride." Vikram-S rocket is equipped with many features, he said, adding that it is also lighter than other rockets, and also cheaper. "Its development cost is much less than the cost incurred by other countries involved in space missions. In space technology, World class standard at a low cost, has now become the hallmark of India. Another modern technology has been used in making this rocket. You will be surprised to know that some crucial parts of this rocket have been made through 3D Printing. Surely, the name 'Prarambh' given to the launch mission of 'Vikram-S', suits it perfectly. This marks the dawn of a new era for the private space sector in India," he informed.



PIZZA NOVA PARTNERS WITH SICKKIDS FOUNDATION AND INVITES CUSTOMERS TO SHARE THE LOVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

A LIMITED-EDITION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ON SALE AT PIZZA NOVA WILL HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SICKKIDS



Pizza Nova announces the start of a two-year partnership with SickKids Foundation. To help share the love this holiday season, the Toronto-based pizza company has created a limited-edition vespa ornament to honour its Italian roots, proceeds of which will go to SickKids Foundation. With a goal of raising over \$15,000, Pizza Nova has made these ornaments available at all participating Pizza Nova locations, while quantities last.

Community is a pillar for Pizza Nova and making a difference is important to the Primucci family, not only this holiday season but throughout the year. Giving back to the community is one of Pizza Nova's core values and is important to its business and customers. "The holiday season is a time for love, family, and the joy that children bring. We are proud to be a partner of SickKids Foundation and want to share the love this holiday season," said Domenic Primucci, president of Pizza Nova. "Our franchisees are happy to support this campaign and give these brave kids the care they deserve."

Funds will go to SickKids Foundation to help build a new state-of-the-art hospital and patient support buildings, continue breakthrough research, and build partnerships across the country. "We are so grateful to Pizza Nova and its customers for joining our fight to improve children's health and for standing behind us," said Stacey Robinson, Director of Cause Marketing, at SickKids Foundation. "We're building a new SickKids and we can't do that alone. It is through partnerships like Pizza Nova's that SickKids is able to make an impact on children's health."

The Limited-Edition ornament can be purchased in all participating Pizza Nova locations and online at pizzanova.com.

ONTARIO PASSES HOUSING BILL AMID CRITICISM; 1.5 MILLION HOMES TO BE BUILT OVER NEXT 10 YEARS

The More Homes Built Faster Act was given Royal Assent, supporting the government's efforts to tackle the housing supply crisis and get 1.5 million homes built over the next 10 years. More Homes Built Faster removes unnecessary costs and cuts through red tape and other bottlenecks that stand in the way of new homes being built.

"More Homes Built Faster helps fulfill our government's promise to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs and budget," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "I am proud of the action this plan takes to increase the supply of housing of all types and restore the dream of homeownership for a generation of Ontarians."

Key actions in the plan include:

Freezing and reducing government fees to support the construction of new homes and reduce the costs of housing, particularly affordable and not-for-profit housing, inclusionary zoning units and purpose-built rentals. Creating a new attainable housing program to drive the development of housing across all regions of Ontario.

Increased the Non-Resident Speculation Tax rate to 25 per cent – the highest level in Canada – effective October 25, 2022, to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. Protecting new home buyers by increasing consumer protection measures and consulting on ways to help more renters become homeowners. The plan also supports the development of "gentle density," which will create more rental housing while minimizing the impact on existing neighbourhoods. These changes will give most urban residential property owners the right to build up to three units on their land – including a basement apartment or a laneway home – without lengthy planning approvals or development charges.

"Too many Ontario families are chasing too few homes that meet their needs. The bold changes passed today are laying the foundation for those currently trying to find a home that is right for them, and for generations to come," said Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing.

Quick Facts

* Ontario is expected to grow by more than two million people by 2031, with approximately 1.5 million of those new residents expected to settle in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region.

* Ontario's first housing plan, More Homes, More Choice was released in 2019. It was followed by More Homes for Everyone in spring 2022. Ontario is seeing strong progress resulting from these plans, with annual housing starts well above average for the past 30 years.

* In fall 2022, the government passed the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act and introduced the Better Municipal Governance Act which gives the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa more powers to work effectively with the province to move forward on shared provincial-municipal priorities, including building 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

* Ontario has asked the 29 of the province's largest and fastest-growing municipalities to pledge to address the housing gap over the next 10 years. These pledges are in addition to existing, longer-term targets in municipal land use plans and will help kick start development by highlighting the need for municipal infrastructure, like roads and sewers. The government strengthened the More Homes Built Faster Act and listened to feedback to allow municipalities to address green standards.

Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: BRAMPTON MPS DISCUSS CANADA'S INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY: SUPPORTING LONG-TERM GROWTH, PROSPERITY, AND SECURITY FOR CANADIANS



Y MEDIA'S TEAM CORRESPONDENT IMRAN MAHMOOD WITH BRAMPTON CENTRE MP SHAFQAT ALI.

As Honorable Minister Melanie Joly has announced in Vancouver, the Government of Canada is moving forward with a new Indo-Pacific Strategy that will bring in \$2.3 billion in investments over the next 5 years to strengthen Canada's relationship with the Indo-Pacific region. This plan involves every facet of our society. This policy can be accessed here: Canada's strategy for the Indo-Pacific.

"The future of the Indo-Pacific is our future; we have a role to play in shaping it. To do so, we need to be a true, reliable partner. Today, we are putting forward a truly Canadian strategy—one that involves every facet of our society. It sends a clear message to the region that Canada is here, and they can trust we are here to stay," Minister Joly said.

The Indo-Pacific Strategy targets five main objectives:

1. Peace, resiliency, and security
2. Expanded trade, investment, and supply-chain resilience
3. Investing in and connecting people
4. Building a sustainable and green future
5. Canada as an active and engaged partner in the Indo-Pacific

Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, said, "The Indo-Pacific region is vital for

Canada's immigration and will continue to be in the future. Today's announcement brings significant new funding to help boost Canada's visa application processing capacity at home and abroad. As we look to record growth in admissions in the years ahead, this funding will help promote greater diversity among those looking to work and study in Canada."

6. Member of Parliament for Brampton Centre, Shafqat Ali, organized a round table at his constituency office this evening with local ethnic media and community stakeholders. MP Maninder Sidhu, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Sonia Sidhu, and MP Ruby Sahota also joined. MP Maninder Sidhu updated the media on the announcement.

The media roundtable was focused on Canada's investment in enhancing visa processing center in Islamabad, Pakistan, to support stronger people-to-people ties. \$74.6 million will be invested to enhance the visa processing capacity within Canada's centralized network in the Indo-Pacific region including the cities of Islamabad, New Delhi, Chandigarh, and Manila.

Further, MP Ali discussed the impact of the new Indo-Pacific Strategy on the Pakistani community in Canada and its effects on the South and Southeast Asian Diaspora. After MP Maninder Sidhu's details regarding the policy, MP Ali thanked the media and stakeholders for their time.

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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: CANADA WILL CHALLENGE CHINA WHERE IT NEEDS TO: MINSTER ANAND DISCUSSES INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY

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In an exclusive interview with Y Media Group Editor and CEO Yudhvir Jaswal, Anita Anand, Canada's Minister of National Defence, discussed Canada's newly unveiled Indo-Pacific strategy that termed China as "increasingly disruptive" and India as a "crucial partner."

On the new Indo-Pacific policy, Minister Anand told Y Media, "the global environment is evolving. The Indo-Pacific is the world's fastest-growing region and is home to six of Canada's top 13 trading partners. Many Canadians, including me, have roots in the area. One in five immigrants to Canada was born in India alone. From a domestic person-to-person standpoint and an economic perspective, we need to be fully aware and involved and present in the Indo-Pacific."

When asked how Canada is dealing with China, Minister Anand said Canada "will challenge China where it needs to, and cooperate where it must. Canada must and will take this very seriously, including from a defence perspective." She further added Canada is increasing naval deployments in the Indo-Pacific to contribute to global peace and security. "We are doing Indo-Pacific strategies across several areas- trade, immigration, enhanced diplomacy, defence. Canada will continue to respond as we need to the world's fastest-growing region," Minister Anand told Y Media.

On Canada-India's growing relationship, Minister Anand said, "India is becoming the world's most populous country, and it is looking to expand

its commercial relationships, especially in the area of food, technology and energy. Canadian businesses and diaspora are looking to ensure that trade relationships can grow."

Canada is developing those businesses by enhancing and ensuring a trade agreement with India.

"We are moving towards a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with India by ensuring we have a Canada-India desk within the Trade Commission service to facilitate questions and reach out to Canadian businesses," Minister Anand told Y Media. Minister Anand confirmed that Canada is strengthening visa processing capacity in Delhi and Chandigarh by investing nearly \$2.3 billion over the next five years.

On the Khalistan referendum, Defence Minister Anand told Y Media, "Canada will always stand up for free expression and freedom of the press. And we need to ensure that we allow the exercise of those values. Canada will respect and always stand up for every country's territorial integrity, including India."

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JASVIR PARMAR, 23, MISSING; SURREY RCMP REQUESTING PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE

Surrey RCMP is requesting the public's assistance with locating a missing 23 year-old woman.

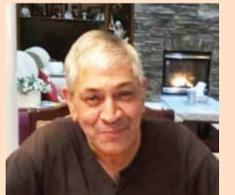
Jasvir Parmar was last seen on November 21, 2022 in the 6600-block of 133rd Street. Her last contact with family was in the early morning hours of November 22, 2022. Since then, efforts to find her have been unsuccessful. Police and family are concerned for Parmar's well-being. Jasvir Parmar is described as a 23 year-old South Asian woman, 5'5, 130 pounds, with long straight black hair and brown eyes. She is currently driving a gold-coloured 2013 Toyota Corolla, license plate AN9 26V. Anyone with information that could assist police with locating Jasvir Parmar is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.



SATPAL LANJI, 65, MISSING; SURREY RCMP REQUESTING PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE

Surrey RCMP is requesting the public assistance with locating a 65-year-old man last seen in Vancouver.

On November 15, 2022, Satpal Lanji was reported missing. He was last seen in Vancouver in the 300-block of Powell Street on November 15, 2022. Although it is not uncommon for Satpal to be out of contact, the length of time that has passed is concerning to family. Surrey RCMP Missing Persons Unit has been following up on all investigative avenues since he was reported missing, but have not been able to locate Satpal, so they are requesting the public's assistance. Satpal Lanji, who also goes by Rai and Ray is described as a South Asian male, 5'7", 140 lbs., slim build, short grey hair, and brown eyes. Anyone with information that could assist police with locating Satpal Lanji is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca.



CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, TORONTO WILL BE ORGANIZING CONSULAR CAMP IN TORONTO ON SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Consulate General of India, Toronto, will be organizing Consular Camp in Toronto on Saturday, 10 December, 2022 to address and resolve various queries related to Consular matters viz, Passport, Visa, OCI, PCC, Surrender Certificate, Attestation, Life Certificate, etc as per details given below :

Venue for Consular Camp: Ismaili Centre, 49 Wynford Drive, Toronto ON M3C 1K1

Date & Time: Saturday, 10 December, 2022 10.00 AM – 2.00 PM



CANADA LAUNCHES NEW INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY, FOCUS ON 'DISRUPTIVE' CHINA

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The central tenet of the Indo-Pacific Strategy is acting in Canada's national interests, while defending our values. It positions Canada as a reliable partner to the region, now and into the future. It is an ambitious plan, beginning with an investment of almost \$2.3 billion over the next five years. This whole-of-society strategy puts forward how Canada intends to actively work with allies and partners to shape the future of the region, in the midst of a generational global shift.

Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy includes 5 interconnected strategic objectives:

1. Promoting peace, resilience, and security

To advance Canada's regional peace and security interests, the Government will invest over \$720 million. This includes, but is not limited to:

- * \$492.9 million to reinforce Canada's Indo-Pacific naval presence and increase Canadian Armed Forces participation in regional military exercises;
- * \$47.3 million to launch a new multi-department initiative to help develop cyber security capacity in select regional partners.

2. Expanding trade, investment, and supply-chain resilience

To foster open, rules-based trade and support Canada's economic prosperity, Canada will invest \$240.6 million. This includes, but is not limited to:

- * \$24.1 million to establish the Canadian Trade Gateway in Southeast Asia to expand Canada's business, investment and networks in the region;
- * \$31.8 million to establish Canada's first agriculture office in the region to increase and diversify agriculture and agri-food exports to the Indo-Pacific;
- * \$13.5 million to expand natural resource ties with Indo-Pacific partners

- in trade, investment, and science, technology and innovation.

3. Investing in and connecting people

To forge stronger people-to-people ties with the Indo-Pacific, Canada will contribute \$261.7 million. This includes, but is not limited to:

- * \$100 million in Feminist International Assistance Policy development funding to support the Indo-Pacific;
- * \$74.6 million to enhance Canada's visa processing capacity within Canada's centralized network as well as in New Delhi, Chandigarh, Islamabad, and Manila to support stronger peoples-to-people ties.

4. Building a sustainable and green future

As part of its commitment to build a clean future, Canada has committed a total of \$913.3 million. This includes, but is not limited to:

- * \$750 million to enhance the capacity of FinDev Canada to expand its operations into the Indo-Pacific and accelerate its work in priority markets in order to support high-quality, sustainable infrastructure.
- * \$84.3 million to help reinforce a healthy marine environment in the Indo-Pacific region including enhanced measures against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

5. Canada as an active and engaged partner in the Indo-Pacific

To strengthen its presence, visibility and influence in the region, Canada has committed a total of \$143.3 million. This includes, but is not limited to:

- * \$92.5 million to significantly expand capacity at Canada's missions abroad and within Global Affairs Canada.
- * \$24.5 million for a new office of the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada in the region to help build and strengthen relations with local partners.

Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: WE NEED TO STAND ON OUR FEET: POILIEVRE ON CANADA-CHINA TENSE RELATIONS

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On the ongoing FIFA World Cup, Poilievre said Canada "should champion soccer as we have a diverse population that contributes to our soccer culture."

When asked if he liked anything about Trudeau's foreign policy, Pierre laughingly said, "Trudeau is generally on the wrong track." You can watch this exclusive interview only on Channel Y Bell 828, Telus 2418, Rogers 857, Ignite 707 and Y Media Plus. For more information, you can also visit our website, southasiandaily.com or ymediaplus.com. 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 is happening in Canada and worldwide.

DECISION TO BECOME APOLITICAL WILL HELP ENHANCE PAKISTAN ARMY'S PRESTIGE: GEN BAJWA

Pakistan's outgoing Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Qamar Javed Bajwa believes that the army's decision to become "apolitical" will help enhance its prestige in the long term.

"Pakistan Army has always remained a dominant player in national decision-making. Due to its historic role in country's politics, the military drew severe criticism from public and politicians alike," Geo News quoted Gen Bajwa as saying in an exclusive interview with the UAE-based publication Gulf News.

The COAS will hand over command of the army to General Asim Munir on Tuesday who was appointed as his successor by the government last week.

The general reiterated that the army has restricted its "role to its constitutional mandated task only by deciding to make it 'apolitical'". "This decision, though being viewed negatively by a segment of society and led to personal criticism, will facilitate in reinvigorating and strengthening democratic culture, assist in supporting state organs to effectively perform and deliver. Above all, this decision will help enhance army's prestige in the long term," he was quoted as saying by Geo News.

The outgoing army chief said that the military has enjoyed unmatched respect and trust of the Pakistani nation throughout the country's history. "Army's positive and constructive role in Pakistan's national security and development has always received unwavering public support. I believe that public support and affinity towards the armed forces tends to erode when the military is seen to be involved in political affairs, and, therefore, I considered it prudent to shield Pakistan Army from the vagaries of politics in Pakistan," said Gen Bajwa. He assured that despite the "some criticism and undue vilification of the armed forces through mass propaganda and meticulously crafted false narratives", the institution will remain committed to its apolitical role.

WORLD'S 1ST INTRANASAL COVID VAX FROM BHARAT BIOTECH GETS CDSCO APPROVAL

Leading vaccine maker, Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) on Monday announced that world's first intranasal vaccine for Covid-19, iNCOVACC (BBV154), has received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under Restricted Use in Emergency Situation for ages 18 and above, in India, for heterologous booster doses.

iNCOVACC is a recombinant replication deficient adenovirus vectored vaccine with a pre-fusion stabilised SARS-CoV-2 spike protein. This vaccine candidate was evaluated in phases I, II and III clinical trials with successful results, the Hyderabad company said. iNCOVACC has been specifically formulated to allow intranasal delivery through nasal drops. The nasal delivery system has been designed and developed to be cost-effective in low- and middle-income countries. Bharat Biotech said that launch dates, pricing and availability will be announced in due course of time. iNCOVACC is stable at 2-8 degrees Celsius for easy storage and distribution. Bharat Biotech has established large manufacturing capabilities at multiple sites across India, including Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana, with operations pan India. iNCOVACC was developed in partnership with Washington University, St. Louis, which had designed and developed the recombinant adenoviral vectored construct and evaluated in preclinical studies for efficacy.

PAKISTAN-CANADA BASED TERRORISTS BEHIND TARGETED KILLINGS IN INDIA, REVEALS NIA PROBE

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This was the third round of raids and searches by the NIA on organised criminal syndicates and networks, top gangsters, their criminal and business associates based in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan and arms suppliers based in Rajasthan and Delhi.

Other gangsters whose houses were raided included Kaushal Chaudhary of Gurugram-Rajasthan, Vishal Maan of Pahalpur-Delhi, Binny Gurjar of Sangrur-Punjab, Ravi Rajgarh of Ludhiana-Punjab and their associates.

The NIA said that it will continue to dismantle such terror networks as well as their funding and support infrastructure. The official said that preliminary investigations revealed that these gangs were carrying out targeted killings and were also raising funds for their criminal activities through smuggling of drugs and weapons.

"The recent sensational crimes and extortion calls by criminal syndicates and gangsters to businessmen, professionals, including doctors etc, had created widespread scare among the people. These gangs were using cyber space to publicise these crimes to create terror among the public at large," the NIA said.

The NIA has also learnt during the investigation that such criminal acts were not isolated local incidents but there was a deep rooted conspiracy amongst terrorists, gangsters and drug smuggling cartels and networks, who were operating from both within and outside the country. Many gang leaders and members had fled from India and are operating from foreign countries, including Pakistan, Canada, Malaysia, Australia. Most of these conspiracies were being hatched from inside the jails in different states and were being executed by an organized network of operatives based abroad.

TORONTO POLICE ARREST JOSEPH GEORGE SUTHERLAND, 61, IN 1983 SLAYINGS OF SUSAN TICE, 45, & ERIN GILMOUR, 22

Toronto Police Chief James Ramer was joined by Deputy Chief Pauline Gray, Specialized Operations Command, Pauline Gray and Detective Sergeant, Homicide and Missing Persons Unit Cold Case section, Steve Smith, to update the media and the public on an arrest made in the 1983 cold case homicides of 45-year-old Susan Tice and 22-year-old Erin Gilmour.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1983, a relative of Susan Tice, 45, went to her home on Grace Street to check on her, where he discovered her body in an upstairs bedroom. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed numerous times.

Four months later, on December 20, 1983, a friend went to the home of Erin Gilmour, 22, on Hazelton Avenue and located Erin's body in a bedroom. She had also been sexually assaulted and stabbed numerous times.

The women were not known to one another.

The Toronto Police Homicide and Missing Persons Unit, Cold Case section, has been actively investigating the sexual assaults and murders of these two women since 1983. In 2000, DNA obtained at the crime scenes linked the cases and investigators determined the same man was responsible for both homicides.

Toronto Police made an appeal to the media and the public in November 2008, announcing a reward for information about the homicides, and in March 2016, investigators sent out a YouTube video appealing for any information leading to the identification of a suspect. In 2019, investigators

began a Genetic Genealogy investigation into these two cases with the assistance of OTHRAM Inc. Through the use of this technique as an investigative tool, the homicide team was able to identify a suspect in these murders, residing in Moosonee, Ontario.

On Friday November 25, 2022, Joseph George Sutherland, 61, of Moosonee, was arrested with the assistance of the O.P.P.

He is charged with:

Two counts of First Degree Murder (Please note: he is charged under Section 218 (1) of the 1983 Criminal Code)

He was remanded in custody in Toronto. He appears in court December 9, 2022, at Old City Hall, courtroom 101 at 2:00 p.m.

"As pleased as we are to announce this arrest, it will never bring Erin or Susan back, and on behalf of the Toronto Police Service, I want to again express my condolences to their families," said Chief James Ramer. "After 39 years of dogged

police work, our investigators have made sure this individual will answer for these heinous crimes. The Toronto Police Service will never give up on finding people who commit crimes in our city and who show a flagrant disregard for people's lives." Toronto Police would like members of our Homicide & Missing Persons Unit, and in particular, our Cold Case team and Forensic Identification team, past and present, for their commitment to bringing this person to justice. TPS would also like to acknowledge our colleagues at the O.P.P for assisting with the investigation.



CANADA'S ECONOMY GREW 0.7% IN THIRD QUARTER

Real gross domestic product (GDP) rose 0.7% in the third quarter, the fifth consecutive quarterly increase. Growth in exports, non-residential structures, and business investment in inventories were moderated by declines in housing investment and household spending. Final domestic demand, composed of expenditures on final consumption and capital investment, edged down 0.2%, following a 0.6% increase in the second quarter.

GOLDEN ERA OF UK-CHINA TIES OVER: UK SUNAK

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that the so-called "golden era" of relations with China is over as "we need to evolve our approach" towards Beijing. He made the remarks while addressing Lord Mayor's Banquet in London on Monday. In his address, which was his first foreign policy speech, Sunak said: "Let's be clear, the so-called 'golden era' is over along with the naive idea that trade would automatically lead to social and political reform. But nor should we rely on simplistic Cold War rhetoric. "We recognise China poses a systemic challenge to our values and interests, a challenge that grows more acute as it moves towards even greater authoritarianism." Referring to the ongoing rare and widespread protests across China against the country's 'zero-Covid policy', the Prime Minister said that "instead of listening to their people's protests, the Chinese government has chosen to crack down further, including by assaulting a BBC journalist". "The media, and our parliamentarians, must be able to highlight these issues without sanction, including calling out abuses in Xinjiang, and the curtailment of freedom in Hong Kong." Sunak further stressed that "we cannot simply ignore China's significance in world affairs — to global economic stability or issues like climate change". He added that the UK would work with allies including the US, Canada, Australia, and Japan to "manage this sharpening competition, including with diplomacy and engagement". "It means standing up to our competitors, not with grand rhetoric but with robust pragmatism," he added. Regarding the UK's ties in the Indo-Pacific, Sunak said that "we're joining the Trans-Pacific trade deal, the CPTPP... ddelivering a new FTA with India and pursuing one with Indonesia". Also in his address, the Prime Minister promised to continue support for Ukraine, adding: "We will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes. Next year we will maintain or even increase our military aid. "We will provide new support for air defence, to protect the Ukrainian people and the critical infrastructure they rely on... By protecting Ukraine, we protect ourselves."

PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES BEFORE INDIA AS G-20 CHAIR

India will assume the Presidency of the powerful grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1. The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the U.K., the U.S. and the European Union. "India's tenure as the G-20 chair comes at a time when the world order is facing an increasing threat of global recession looming large and intensifying energy and food shortages causing unprecedented inflationary pressure and making cost of living unaffordable in both advanced and developing nations while Russia-Ukraine war continues unabated. The world is looking up to India to find decisive but conciliatory solutions to all these problems." "The task becomes further difficult due to uncertainty regarding China's role in the global order and Indo-Pacific region including South China Sea and South Asia as it is aspiring to become a global power. It is not only because of the resurgence of Covid pandemic in China but also lack of its synchrony with international laws and conventions and apparently irreconcilable differences with the Western countries on human rights of the ethnic minorities and democratic movements in Hong Kong and Taiwan. India has its own issues with China despite the latter being the biggest trade partner of India, albeit with a much skewed trade balance." "India is a beacon in these uncertain times because of its pacifist and cooperative image. Its leadership of G-20 raises hopes because it is equally acceptable to the advanced nations as well as the global South, i.e., the developing countries due to its past track record of finding solutions to geostrategic and bilateral issues through discussions, negotiations and consensus within the bounds of international laws and conventions. Other two most important reasons for India's high credibility in international arena is its adherence to independent foreign policy and adoption of peaceful and responsible means rather than force or military power to resolve differences." "India is most likely to prioritise global economic recovery through a synchronised response of the G-20 members as soon as possible. In a recent interview, former Deputy National Security Advisor Pankaj Saran and now member of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) said that India's number one priority during its upcoming G20 Presidency should be to restore the economic order that provides stability and creates an atmosphere conducive to the growth of an economy such as itself. He added that another important priority for India during its Presidency would be to address the issues of concern to the developing world such as energy, food, climate securities, and to see how India's voice and perspective can be infused into the G20.

IDENTITY POLITICS REACHES G20

D.C. PATHAK

In a first of its kind event, Indonesia, hosting the G20 Summit this time, prefaced it by organising a global meeting of religious and intellectual leaders called R20 - short for G20 Religious Forum - in Bali purportedly to decry radicalism and extremism and 'promote moderate Islam' and to help ensure that in the 21st century, religion becomes part of 'global solutions rather than problems'. In keeping with the origin of R20 as an adjunct of G20 that focused on climate change issues, the Bali meet on November 2-3 was also called 'Spiritual Ecology Movement' to which leaders of all faiths were invited for joining in the efforts to solve global economic, political and humanitarian problems including poverty, Covid-19 and the ongoing Russian-Ukraine war. R20 was jointly sponsored by Nahdlatul Ulama, the leading Islamic organisation of Indonesia, and the Mecca-based RabitaeAlamelslami (Muslim World League). Incidentally, the well-known Nadwatul Ulama Darul Uloom in India was also largely funded by Saudi Arabia.

The invitees included leaders of Catholic church, Anglican denomination, World Evangelical Forum, Chief Rabbi of UK as also the RSS from India, which is known to be the world's largest Hindu cultural organisation. The preamble of R20 spelt out that the forum will mobilise diverse religious, political and economic leaders from G20 Member States and elsewhere throughout the world, to 'prevent the weaponisation of identity, curtail the spread of communal hatred, promote respect among the diverse peoples and cultures and work for a world order upholding the equal rights and dignity of every human being'.

Nahdlatul Ulama, said to be the world's largest Muslim organisation, spearheaded the idea of R20 as the 'first inter-faith communication group in the history of the world's most powerful economies', in collaboration with Muslim World League headquartered at Mecca.

Together they represent the predominant part of Sunni Islam covering all the sects - from Hanafi to Hanbali - and seek guidance and support from Saudi Arabia which leads the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) too. Ever since the rise of Islamic radicals such as Taliban, Al Qaeda and ISIS subsequent to the victory of Afghan Jihad against the Soviet army - that led to the collapse of USSR as a superpower - there has been an escalation of conflict within the Muslim world between the radicals who consider US-led West as their prime enemy and the Saudi-led fundamentalists who believe in the Islamic State but who also want to be on the right side of the US politically. R20 marked the centennial anniversary of Nahdlatul Ulama whose chief, Yahya Khalil Thaqouf, invited Shaykh Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa, Secretary General of Muslim World League, to be the Chairman of the R20 conference. The whole show helped demonstrate unity of the Muslim world and assert the credence of Islam as a religion of peace in a world currently getting destabilised because of the global terror unleashed by radicals. Saudi Arabia, though subscribing to the extreme puritanical line of Ahle Hadis, has been at the receiving end of violence of Islamic radicals because of its traditional closeness to the US. R20 thus had a political message too for the G20 summit led by the world's most developed countries.

President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, in his inaugural address emphasised that 'unity in difference' is what had brought together Indonesians as one

“EVER SINCE THE RISE OF ISLAMIC RADICALS SUCH AS TALIBAN, AL QAEDA AND ISIS SUBSEQUENT TO THE VICTORY OF AFGHAN JEHAD AGAINST THE SOVIET ARMY - THAT LED TO THE COLLAPSE OF USSR AS A SUPERPOWER - THERE HAS BEEN AN ESCALATION OF CONFLICT WITHIN THE MUSLIM WORLD BETWEEN THE RADICALS WHO CONSIDER US-LED WEST AS THEIR PRIME ENEMY AND THE SAUDI-LED FUNDAMENTALISTS WHO BELIEVE IN THE ISLAMIC STATE BUT WHO ALSO WANT TO BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE US POLITICALLY. R20 MARKED THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF NAHDLATUL ULAMA WHOSE CHIEF, YAHYA KHALIL THAQOUF, INVITED SHAYKH MOHAMMAD BIN ABDUL KARIM AL-ISSA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE, TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE R20 CONFERENCE. THE WHOLE SHOW HELPED DEMONSTRATE UNITY OF THE MUSLIM WORLD AND ASSERT THE CREDESCENCE OF ISLAM AS A RELIGION OF PEACE IN A WORLD CURRENTLY GETTING DESTABILISED BECAUSE OF THE GLOBAL TERROR UNLEASHED BY RADICALS. SAUDI ARABIA, THOUGH SUBSCRIBING TO THE EXTREME PURITANICAL LINE OF AHLE HADIS, HAS BEEN AT THE RECEIVING END OF VIOLENCE OF ISLAMIC RADICALS BECAUSE OF ITS TRADITIONAL CLOSENESS TO THE US. R20 THUS HAD A POLITICAL MESSAGE TOO FOR THE G20 SUMMIT LED BY THE WORLD'S MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

nation despite the country's multiple religions, languages and tribes and added that 'activities in mosques, churches and temples are needed for national unity'.

Al Issa, Secretary General of Muslim World League, envisaged R20 as a forum for building bridges 'between East and West' and establishing peace and declared that the 'text of Islam refuted clash of civilisations'.

Yahya Thaqouf, chief of Nahdlatul Ulama, stressed that the G20's R20 initiative stemmed from the faithful's sincere concern for the future of humanity and hoped that it would make important contributions to the global efforts to solve multifarious problems.

Sheikh Muftah Al Akhyaar, Chairman of the Indonesian Scholars Council, wanted R20 to present religious values as a solution to global conflicts and help build a global civilisation based on respect for human rights and human dignity of all.

It may be mentioned that the Muslim World League, which is represented in the UN as an observer member for economic and social council, works for defining Islam and explaining its pure values as revealed in the Holy Quran and Sunnah, pays special attention to Muslim minorities and their issues and utilises the Hajj season for interaction with Muslim scholars and chiefs of Muslim organisations for the purpose of 'elevating the status of Muslims in the world and safeguarding the identity of Muslim societies'. The Mecca Declaration of 2019 had called for addressing the practices of 'injustice, aggression and racist slogans' and favoured a civilised dialogue to reach just and comprehensive peace. The Muslim World League has warned against diversity being turned into 'fear, hatred and conflict'. It has since established a Council for Southeast Asia under its umbrella to promote 'tolerance and respect for the rights of others'.

In his valedictory address at the R20 handover ceremony on November 3 - India is the host of the G20 summit next year - Ram Madhav, Member, RSS Karyakarini Samiti, praised Indonesia for organising a meet that brought together 'God the heavenly, Allah the merciful, Bhagwan the omnipresent and Buddha the enlightened' to bless the mankind and guide it through the turbulent times ahead. Pointing out that R20 was held in a province of Indonesia with 83.5 per cent Hind majority in a country with over 86 per cent Muslim population, he declared that there cannot be a better country than India - a mosaic of religions and the mothership of spiritualism - to carry the Bali mission forward. Referring to the fact of India having the second largest Muslim population in the world, Ram Madhav stated upfront that far from the baseless propaganda about persecution, India 'has always sheltered the persecuted' and installed Muslims as Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chief Justices. He summarised India's concerns in today's world when he said that 'not just the traditional challenges of hatred, disharmony, terror and war, but also the new age challenges like climate change, healthcare crises, overpowering technologies and woke social ideologies are posing a serious threat to mankind in the 21st century'. In a pithy comment on what divides the world in the name of religion, Ram Madhav stated that while R20 discussed about the concept of 'One God', Hindu philosophy talks of the concept of 'Only God' and believes that whatever exists is divine, that this entire creation is manifestation of God and that since divinity is all pervading, there should be little scope for conflict and hatred. He did well to implicitly tag the issues of 'exclusivism' and claim of 'superiority' over other religions that have surfaced because of the stand of Islamic fundamentalists. The final communique of R20 issued on behalf of the religious leaders of member countries and elsewhere expressed deep

concerns over global challenges such as environmental degradation, natural and man-made disasters, poverty, unemployment, displaced persons, extremism and terrorism and held that the situation has been rendered more difficult because of rivalry among major powers, resurgence of identity-based conflict world wide and erosion of public commitment to ethical and spiritual values. It declared its resolve, among other things, to develop concrete initiatives for building bridges between nations and civilisations, prevent the political weaponisation of identity, curtail the spread of communal hatred, safeguard human beings from violence and suffering precipitated by conflict and foster the emergence of a truly just world order founded upon respect for equal rights and dignity of every human being. All of this is unexceptionable and it is expected that the Islamic states would begin by putting all their citizens, regardless of faith, on the same footing, giving everybody freedom of worship and in fact treating all religions at par with their own - beyond of course presenting the universally applicable precepts of morality and human values embodied in Islam. The pull of exclusivism originating from the claims of a religion of being the only 'perfect' faith and that too the 'last one' - since Prophet Mohammad was the 'KhatimulAnbia' - has to be understood. In today's world, a democratic secular state - deemed to be the best system of governance - has to rest on 'one man one vote', equal opportunities to all as well as the same protection of law for everybody and avoidance of putting a religious stamp on the state. India is the perfect example of a state that has secularism built into its Constitution. India's approach to domestic governance and international relations reflects this outlook. India opts for bilateral relations that brought in mutual gains for both security and development and adhered to the cause of global peace. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already released the logo for the G20 Summit of 2023 to be held in India. India has to steer the mission of R20 forward and ensure that beyond the advocacy of moral values prescribed by various faiths, there is no projection of religion in international politics as such because that would tend to divide rather than unite the world community. Also, considering that in recent times an anti-India narrative has been built by forces within and outside the country about 'majoritarianism', 'authoritarianism' and safety of minorities and that Pakistan with its closeness to Saudi Arabia and influence on OIC has charged Modi government with following the 'Hindutva' agenda and putting the Muslim minority in jeopardy, India has to check any attempt of the Pak sympathisers in R20 to use the forum for running down this country on the pretext of advocacy of human rights and preservation of communal harmony. G20 in Bali, meanwhile, has done well to focus on post-pandemic recovery and the energy and food security impacted by Ukraine- Russia military confrontation. Prime Minister Modi too gave special attention to the global problems in keeping with the rise of India as a major world power under his leadership and in particular stressed the importance of bridging the digital gap in the world. The summit reiterated the call for a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine-Russia conflict through diplomacy and dialogue and endorsed Prime Minister Modi's stand that 'this must not be the era of war'.

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BRAMPTON BANS FIREWORKS, RESTRICTS ELECTION SIGNS



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The safety of residents is the City's top priority, and the Fireworks By-law aims to mitigate the risk of injury and damage to property. Under the amended by-law, the fine for discharging fireworks would be increased to a minimum of \$500, and the fine for selling or offering to sell fireworks would be increased to a minimum of \$1000. The current firework permit process would be amended to only be applicable to the film industry and events run by the City.

Under the existing Fireworks By-law, short-range fireworks are currently allowed on private property in Brampton without the need for a permit on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and New Year's Eve. The City has received significant growth related to the number of fireworks related complaints since 2019, with safety, noise and debris being common concerns in the community.

Under the recommended amended Fireworks By-law proposed, fireworks would not be permitted in the City.

Brampton City Council unanimously passed a motion at a Special Council Meeting on November 28th in response to overwhelming resident complaints associated with election signs on private property. The motion was moved by Councillor Rowena Santos and seconded by Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor and amends the city's Sign By-law to only permit the display of election posters in windows or in windows in doors with this restriction applying to all private property, including residential and non-residential lands.

Rowena Santos, Regional Councillor, Wards 1 and 5, City of Brampton, said, "Lawn signs are an outdated, expensive and ineffective campaign tactic which has become a nuisance for residents, and a huge expense for candidates, their municipality, and the environment. There is no

data that shows lawn signs are effective in increasing voter turnout for any candidate or overall in any election. With this change to the sign bylaw, residents will still be able to express their political support for candidates without the drama, distractions and financial and environmental costs. Traditional door to door canvassing together with printed and online materials combined with visual support on windows will make for exciting platform based campaigns and end the sign wars."

The motion will reduce proliferation of signage throughout the City that causes visual clutter and driver distraction, mitigate the environmental impact of signage and reduce the cost associated with enforcement of the Sign By-law.

"The changes to the election signs by-law are a welcome move to being environmentally conscious as a city. With most election signs being short-term use plastics, it is time to adapt and be innovative with how we campaign and express our political views while being ecologically responsible," said Gurpartap Singh Toor, Regional Councillor, Wards 9 and 10, City of Brampton.

The motion is consistent with a city staff report (see references below) which provided additional options instead of a complete ban of election signs and the potential for charter rights implications. As stated in the report, the selected option continues to permit the expression of political speech through the posting of election signs, and has several other advantages including:

Allows renters to display election posters inside of their dwelling and who may have been previously restricted by landlords or condo boards from showing support of a candidate.

Reduces visual clutter and minimizes driver distraction while still providing residents, property owners and third party advertisers with a means to express their support for individual candidates and/or support/opposition related to a question on the ballot.

Continues to provide candidates with an opportunity to secure the consent of a property owner to promote their candidacy.

Eliminates the opportunity for signs to be tampered with or relocated without the consent of the candidate or occupant.

Eliminates the opportunity for unlawful posting without consent of the property owner or resident.

Eliminates the need to determine the extent of the private property boundaries which may be difficult to determine without reference to a survey. The motion also requires city staff to recommend an increase to fines associated with illegal election signs in order to deter and recuperate costs associated with illegal signs.

With this motion, council expects to finally end the "sign wars" that have plagued the city during election periods.

PM TRUDEAU ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATION ROCKED BY MASS KILLING



In September, the horrific attacks that took the lives of 11 people and injured 18 others in James Smith Cree Nation and the nearby community of Weldon, Saskatchewan, shocked Canadians from coast to coast to coast. We came together to mourn those whose lives were taken and support their loved ones. The Government of Canada is continuing to support community members who are coping with the loss and trauma from this tragic and senseless violence.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, visited James Smith Cree Nation to meet with community leaders, families of victims, and survivors and announce \$62.5 million over six years, starting this year, and \$4.5 million ongoing to support the healing, mental health, and well-being of community members impacted by the tragic events of September, and to support Indigenous-led approaches to community safety. Everyone should have access to the type of support they need, and today we're taking action to improve access to culturally grounded mental health and addictions care for the people of James Smith Cree Nation.

From this new funding, \$42.5 million will help support mental wellness and healing, including through the building of a new wellness centre in the community and repurposing the existing Sakwatamo Lodge. It will also enable James Smith Cree Nation to develop and design programs that best serve the needs of their members including increasing access to mental health, trauma, and substance use services. This will ensure that both immediate and long-term supports are available for James Smith Cree Nation community members to continue their healing journey. The Prime Minister also announced an additional \$20 million over four years to top-up the Pathways to Safe Indigenous Communities Initiative, which builds on our work to implement the Federal Pathway, and end violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ people. This initiative is supporting James Smith Cree Nation and other communities in developing and delivering community-based safety and wellness projects.

Access to quality mental health care that is culturally relevant and trauma-informed is critical to the well-being of communities and to support recovery from the pain, trauma, and loss inflicted by tragedies such as the horrific violence this past September. The Government of Canada will continue to work in partnership with Indigenous Peoples across the country to advance Indigenous-led approaches to mental wellness. Our priority is for everyone in Canada to have access to the mental health care they need, when they need it.

NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES IN CANADA UP 3.8% IN SEPTEMBER: STATSCAN

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Payroll employment increases in both the goods-producing and services-producing sectors

In September, payroll employment increased by 61,400 (+0.4%) in the services-producing sector, accounting for 72% of the overall monthly increase. Overall, 9 of the 15 sectors in the services-producing sector recorded gains, led by health care and social assistance (+20,700; +0.9%), followed by accommodation and food services (+8,400; +0.7%) and retail trade (+8,200; +0.4%). Management of companies and enterprises (-600; -0.5%) was the lone sector to record a decline in payroll employment.

Meanwhile, payroll employment in the goods-producing sector increased by 21,700 (+0.7%). Construction (+18,500; +1.7%) and mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction (+800; +0.4%) saw increases, while there was little change in forestry and logging, manufacturing, and utilities.

Payroll employment increases in health care and social assistance

Payroll employment in the health care and social assistance sector increased by 20,700 (+0.9%) in September, following a decline of 1,900 (-0.1%) in August. In total, seven provinces recorded gains in payroll employment, led by Quebec (+11,200; +2.1%), Ontario (+5,300; +0.7%) and Alberta (+1,700; +0.7%). Manitoba (-400; -0.4%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-100; -0.2%) recorded losses,

while British Columbia showed little change.

On a year-over-year basis, payroll employment within the health care and social assistance sector increased by 74,600 (+3.5%) in September. Nationally, child day-care services (+17,600; +11.7%) and general medical and surgical hospitals (+9,800; +1.7%) recorded the largest year-over-year increases within the sector in September.

Payroll employment continues to increase in accommodation and food services in September

Payroll employment in the accommodation and food services sector increased by 8,400 (+0.7%) in September. This brought the total gains since February 2022, following the initial wave of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, to 173,100 (+15.6%). In September, gains were observed in Ontario (+3,500; +0.7%), Quebec (+2,600; +1.0%), Manitoba (+1,200; +2.7%) and Prince Edward Island (+200; +2.7%), while the remaining provinces recorded little change. Despite the monthly gains observed in September, payroll employment in the accommodation and food sector was 4.5% (-60,700) below its pre-pandemic level.

In September, nationally, two-thirds of the industries within the accommodation and food services sector recorded monthly payroll employment growth, led by full-service restaurants and limited-service eating places (+5,100; +0.5%), recreational vehicle parks and recreational camps (+1,900; +10.8%), and traveller accommodation (+1,600; +1.0%).

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COUNCIL APPROVES GUELPH CITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR CHANGES STEMMING FROM BILL 109 AND BILL 23

At a special meeting today, Council received an update and heard from delegates about anticipated impacts associated with Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, and Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act. In response, Council approved staff's requests to immediately fund an increase in staff, as well as changes to the development application fee structure. Council will also call on the Province to reconsider its plan to defund growth, which further pushes costs of growth onto local tax and ratepayers.

"Housing is unattainable for too many people in Guelph, and we're committed to doing what we can to create more homes and improve housing affordability," says Jayne Holmes, the City's deputy chief administrative officer, Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services. "We support the Province's goal of increasing housing supply across Ontario, however the pace at which we're mandated to comply cannot compromise quality, liveability and safety, nor should it put the burden of paying for growth on our local taxpayers. We need all levels of government, and our development industry partners, to work together to meet these targets."

Staffing requirements

The costs associated with these additional approved staff will be included in the 2023 budget update which will be presented to Council for confirmation on January 25. Additional requests to support Bill 109 and Bill 23 may be brought back to Council through the 2024-2027 multi-year budget process.

New development approval fees

Council also approved staff's proposed changes to the fee structure for pre-submission review meetings to ensure the additional costs associated with the application review process are not borne by Guelph's residents. The updated fee structure is based on a benchmarking review of fees charged by surrounding municipalities and Council directed staff to undertake a full fee study with an objective of full cost recovery in 2023.

Council will call for development charges to be maintained

Lastly, Council will call on the Province to fund financial gaps resulting from the proposed legislation within Bill 23.

Currently about 80 per cent of development growth is funded through

development charges and 20 per cent is funded through property taxes. Should the Province pass the proposed Bill 23 legislation as is, it will significantly reduce development charges, parkland dedication fees and community benefit charges which are important revenue sources to support growth related infrastructure. This would increase the portion of growth-related costs funded through taxes and significantly impact existing property taxpayers.

In addition, Council supported staff's request for the Province to review policies and penalties related to approved, yet unbuilt, housing in Guelph. Data shows there are thousands of approved, unbuilt units, which jeopardizes the City's ability to meet the Province's target of 18,000 new homes by 2032.

"While the City continues to do what it can to improve the development approval process and expedite application approvals, developers must also be held accountable to meeting targets by pulling permits and building approved homes within a reasonable timeframe," adds Holmes. "We encourage the introduction of timeframes for developers to ensure we get shovels in the ground faster, and get approved, unbuilt homes ready for move-in."

Next steps

The City will review and respond to 18 open consultations related to Bill 23.

About Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

Bill 109 aims to address housing shortages by mandating municipalities to expedite approvals to build homes faster. This includes forcing municipalities to partially refund zone change application fees and site plan application fees if decisions are not made within new legislated timelines.

About Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Bill 23 introduces municipal housing targets based on population size and growth. The City of Guelph has been assigned a housing target of 18,000 by 2032 as part of the provincial goal to build 1.5 million homes in 10 years. To meet this target, the bill proposes to exempt developers from paying development charges, parkland dedication fees and community benefit charges.

STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP RELEASES OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR A WELCOMING AND SAFE DOWNTOWN GUELPH



The Council-endorsed Strategic Advisory Group on downtown Guelph, a subcommittee of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness and Community Safety, has released the first iteration of the operational plans, laying out potential tasks and solutions to keep downtown welcoming and safe.

The operational plans provide a high-level, tactical roadmap to achieving the objectives of the six priority areas. The priorities are:

1. accelerating permanent supportive housing;
2. expanding daytime and overnight services and facilities;
3. enhancing safety;
4. strengthening resilience and prevention;
5. making service changes for acute needs and;
6. advocating for policy and system change (including funding from upper levels of government).

The operational plans will further guide the Advisory Group in developing detailed activities and tasks which will be shared with the public at every step of the way. You can read the operational plans and more information about the Advisory Group, including meeting summaries and the membership list, at guelph.ca.

The Advisory Group is co-chaired by Mayor Cam Guthrie and Guelph Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shakiba Shayani and is comprised of community leaders including Guelph's Member of Parliament Lloyd Longfield, Member of Provincial Parliament Mike Schreiner, Chief of Police Gord Cobey, directors of front-line service agencies, and staff from the County of Wellington.

"The Advisory Group remains focused on tangible actions to address the issues facing people our downtown core. We'll keep City Council, other levels of government, and the community updated on plans to unite around these stated short, medium, and long term steps, and our progress," said Mayor Guthrie.

Added Shakiba Shayani, "Navigating the many systems of services, government jurisdictions and folks tasked to intervene on the issues we're discussing has been a challenge. I will continue to support the group and help hold us accountable for as long it takes to create better outcomes for everyone."

RAJWINDER SINGH FROM PUNJAB, WHO HAD \$1 MILLION REWARD ON HIS HEAD FOR KILLING AUSTRALIAN WOMAN IN 2018, HELD BY DELHI POLICE

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The accused, identified as Rajwinder Singh from Buttar Kalan, Punjab, used to work as a nurse in Innisfail, Queensland.

On November 4, via twitter, the Australian High Commission had declared a reward of one million Australian dollars on the arrest of Singh, an Indian-origin Australian citizen, who had committed the gruesome murder of an Australian woman on October 21, 2018 in Queensland and had been absconding ever since, said police. The 24 year-old Toyah Cordingley was walking her dog on Wangetti Beach, 40 km north of Cairns in Queensland, when Singh killed her. According to a senior police official, Interpol had also issued Red Corner Notice (RCN), regarding the said accused and the CBI/Interpol, New Delhi had also issued a non-bailable warrant, under the Extradition Act, against his name from the Patiala House Court on November 21, 2022. "On November 25, at around 6 a.m, specific inputs were shared by CBI/Interpol and Australian counterparts following which in an intelligence-based operation, the accused was apprehended by the team of Special Cell from near GT Karnal Road," said the official. "The accused is being produced before the concerned court as per law for further proceedings," the official added.

Singh had fled the country two days after Cordingley was killed, leaving behind his job, wife and three children in Australia.

As per Australian police, the day after Cordingley was murdered, Singh departed Cairns on October 22, and then flew from Sydney to India on the October 23. His arrival in India was confirmed by the authorities.



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CITY OF BURLINGTON READY FOR WINTER WEATHER

The City of Burlington is ready for snow and cold and is sharing helpful information for residents to know for this winter season. Residents wanting to stay informed on snow event declarations, facility closures due to inclement weather should subscribe to respective newsfeeds at burlington.ca/subscribe and follow the City of Burlington on Facebook and Twitter.

Plows will clear primary and secondary roads when accumulation of 5 cm is reached. When accumulation reaches 7.5 cm, the City will declare a "Snow Event". During a snow event, road clearing updates will be sent to Snow Control Update subscribers at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. To receive Snow Control Updates by email, visit burlington.ca/subscribe.

When weather events such as snow or freezing rain become more extreme and safe travel becomes more challenging, the City may decide to close some or all City facilities such as community centres, pools, arenas and City Hall.

It is important for people to know that a declared snow event does not automatically mean all City facilities are closed or programs are cancelled.

When City facilities are closed due to weather, residents can stay informed by subscribing to Facility Closure updates at burlington.ca/subscribe, or by checking our website at burlington.ca/facilityclosures. The recorded message at 905-335-7738 will also be updated when recreation facilities are closed due to inclement weather.

On occasion, a recreation program may be cancelled when City facilities remain open. If a program is cancelled when the facility remains open, staff will make all efforts to contact the participants in advance when possible.

Denise Beard, Acting Director of Recreation, Community and Culture said, "We strive to keep our facilities open but we have to ensure it is safe to travel for our staff, program providers and participants. If facilities are closed, we will work with the renters and user groups to make arrangements for rescheduling."

Snow Clearing Service Levels

Residential roads are not maintained to bare pavement but are sanded as required at intersections, hills and sharp curves to enhance traction.

All sidewalks are plowed after 5 cm of accumulation and salted or sanded as required.

Roads will generally be cleared 24-hours after the snowfall has ended. Heavy snowfalls or successive storms can sometimes extend this period longer than 24 hours. Please be patient as our crews work to clear the busiest streets first.

The City is not responsible for clearing windrows left on driveways when the plow passes. If you think you will need help clearing the windrow, please make arrangements such as speaking with your neighbours, family members or hire a contractor.

Parking During the Winter

When a snow event is declared, there is no parking on any city streets

until after the snow event has been declared over. The City thanks residents for their cooperation to move their vehicles off city streets to help with snow clearing operations. Residents who park their cars on streets blocking snow removal could be faced with a \$120 parking ticket or be towed regardless of actual amount of snowfall. The declaration of a snow event means that we expect a large volume of snow that will require clearing. Residents may still be subject to a ticket despite the actual snow volume.

All existing parking exemptions are invalid during snow events.

Snow events and parking restrictions are announced through the City's social media as well as through Snow Control Updates which can be found at burlington.ca/snow. Snow Control Updates can also be emailed to any resident who subscribes.

Rico Scalara, Director of Roads, Parks and Forestry, said, "Winter weather is an unavoidable part of life when living in a municipality subject to winter weather conditions such as Burlington. When it does snow, our crews will be ready, day or night to clear the roads and sidewalks of snow and ice. Residents can help by not parking cars on residential roads and blocking our trucks from clearing snow. I also ask that you do not push snow onto the road when clearing your driveway as this creates a driving hazard and is against the highway traffic act."

What Residents Can Do

During the winter season, the City of Burlington maintains 1,900 lane kilometres of roads and 850 kilometres of sidewalks. Residents can help with the removal of snow from streets and sidewalks by following road safety and parking rules:

Please wait until 24-hours after the snowfall has ended before calling or emailing your concerns. It takes time to clean up after a storm; please give us 24-hours after the snow has ended to do this work. Your patience is appreciated.

Do not park vehicles on the street during a snowfall or declared Snow Event. Also, please do not leave vehicles over the sidewalk while in your driveway as this can prevent the sidewalk plow from completing its work.

Do not shovel, plow or blow snow from residential or commercial properties onto the road or across the road. This poses a hazard to motorists and is prohibited by the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and City bylaw.

Snow plows need room to clear the snow. Please stay back 20 meters as sand and salt may be dropping from the trucks. This also gives you room to stop safely.

Do not pile snow in the bike lanes in front of your residence or business. Give snow plows plenty of space at intersections. The snow plow may need two or more lanes to turn or to get through the intersection. If a snow plow is waiting to turn left at an intersection, do not pull up and stop underneath or in front of the wing plow (the plow attached to the right side of the truck). Your vehicle could be struck by the plow when the truck pulls forward.

REGION OF PEEL ANNOUNCES PETER PARSAN AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

The Region of Peel announced today that Peter Parsan has been appointed to the position of Director of Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. Peter has extensive experience leading Information Technology (IT) strategy within the Public Sector and has been providing excellent leadership in advancing the Region's digital strategy. He has been serving in the capacity of Acting CIO and Director, Information Technology since March 2022 and will continue to lead the IT Division in a permanent capacity.



Reporting to the CFO and Commissioner of Corporate Services, Peter is responsible for leading the development and execution of the enterprise-wide Information Technology strategy that will ensure the implementation of innovative Information Technology solutions to support the Region's goals and objectives.

In this role, he will also be responsible for leading the modernization and optimization of the organization's Information Technology processes and tools, protecting the organization from cybersecurity risks and threats, and ensuring that the corporation has the appropriate, future-oriented technology solutions in place to deliver strong business outcomes.

Peter joined the Region in 2019 as the Director, IT Solutions responsible for the design, development, and delivery of IT solutions in alignment with the Region's strategic objectives and digital strategy. Prior to joining the Region, Peter has an extensive record of service and leadership experience in the broader public sector; including over 15 years spent in progressive leadership roles at Sick Kids Hospital in the areas of both Finance and Information Technology. Peter is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA), a Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP, AICPA), and a Project Management Professional (PMP). He is a graduate of the University of Toronto (Bachelor of Commerce); and has also served there as Adjunct Lecturer at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, said, "Peter's extensive knowledge and expertise in developing Information Technology solutions and advancing Digital Strategy will continue to be invaluable to the Region as we work to transform our technology systems to better serve residents and deliver a Community for Life!"

MEHAKPREET SETHI, 18, DIES IN HOSPITAL AFTER STABBING OUTSIDE SCHOOL IN SURREY; SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

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Police said it arrived within minutes after multiple calls received by its emergency unit about the stabbing, and began immediate life-saving measures.

Sgt Timothy Pierotti of Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (HIT) told the Vancouver Sun that a fight broke out between Sethi and a 17-year-old boy that ended with the teen being stabbed.

"At this time, it is believed that the suspect and the victim were known to each other and that this was an isolated incident, not believed to be associated with the Lower Mainland gang conflict," Vancouver Sun quoted Pierotti as saying.

The suspect was taken into custody after being identified by the witnesses.

Sethi was not a member of the school community, according to a statement released by the acting principal of Tamaranaviv Secondary School.

The school added that additional support will be provided to students who may have been affected by the incident, or who may have seen it.

Police said that the school was placed in hold and secure status — where everyone remained inside the building and the exterior doors were locked. "We know there were many students in the area around the time this tragedy took place," Sgt Pierotti wrote in a statement, requesting witnesses to come forward and share information.

The killing comes just after a shooting incident outside the Castlebrooke Secondary School in Brampton last week in which an 18 year-old student was shot at.

The suspect, a 17 year-old Indian-origin student, remains at large.

PEEL POLICE URGING PUBLIC TO USE INCREASED VIGILANCE TO PREVENT THEIR VEHICLES FROM BEING STOLEN

After seeing an increase in vehicle thefts overnight, suspects have been targeting Range Rovers from residential driveways. Investigators are urging the public to use increased vigilance to prevent their vehicles from being stolen.

To help reduce these instances of crime, here are some safety tips to consider:

- * Park vehicles in a locked garage.
- * Consider a steering wheel lock, an automatic engine shut-off, and a tracking device.
- * Cover or block your vehicle identification number when parked
- * Store vehicle keys/fobs away from the windows and doors of your home
- * Consider installing security cameras
- * Ensure you always lock car doors and roll up your windows
- * Ensure there is adequate lighting in the area of driveways and entranceways
- * If you have a second vehicle, park it directly behind the targeted one
- * Install aftermarket products like GPS trackers, remote vehicle shut-off devices, and on-board data port locks to prevent thieves from cloning keys

Homeowners are encouraged to become familiar with their neighbours, be mindful of suspicious activity, and report that to the police.

Ritu Khullar appointed as the new Chief Justice of Alberta: PM Trudeau The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced the appointment of the Honourable Ritu Khullar, a judge of the Court of Appeal of Alberta, as the new Chief Justice of Alberta, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories, and Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut. Chief Justice Khullar replaces the Honourable Catherine A. Fraser, the first woman appointed Chief Justice of a province in Canada, who retired earlier this year.

"I wish the Honourable Ritu Khullar every success as she takes on her new role. She is a respected member of the legal community and brings a wealth of experience in multiple areas of law to the bench.



CANADIAN MPS REQUEST FOR DIRECT FLIGHTS TO AMRITSAR

Given the demographic dominance of Sikhs and Punjabis in Canada, Conservative MPs have called upon the the country's flag carrier to establish direct flights between their country and Punjab state.

In a letter addressed to Air Canada, MPs Tim Uppal, Jasraj Singh Hallan, Bradley Vis and Mark Strahl called for direct flights between Canada and Amritsar to bolster tourism and empower families to stay connected.

"As Canadian MPs representing vast and diverse communities, we write to highlight the significant economic and social value in establishing direct flights between Canada and the state of Punjab," the MPs wrote last week.

According to estimates, as many as five lakh passengers travel annually from India to Toronto alone, the majority of them Punjabis.

The MPs stated that "direct flights between Canada and Amritsar would symbiotically bolster tourism, trade and empower families to stay connected".

There are currently no direct flights between Canada to Amritsar, India, requiring travellers to make multiple stops along, making the journey "lengthy and arduous".

Canada recently announced an expanded air transport deal with India, allowing designated airlines to operate an unlimited number of flights between the two countries.

But the pact gives Canadian airlines access to Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai, excluding Amritsar, despite demands from passengers from both sides.

There are approximately 950,000 Punjabis in Canada, accounting for roughly 2.6 per cent of the country's population, as per the 2021 census.

Many of these families have direct ties to family, friends and businesses in Punjab.

India is Canada's fourth-largest international airport market, and hundreds of thousands of Punjabis travel to the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Over 14,000 Canadian citizens and permanent residents joined an official parliamentary petition this year calling for the creation of a direct flight from Canada to Amritsar, the letter noted.

The MPs said that the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the significant need for flights from Amritsar directly to Canada.

At the time of initial pandemic lockdowns, when 30,000 Canadians were in India, border closures and flight cancellations forced the federal government to institute 37 repatriation flights — many directly out of Amritsar's Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport to Pearson International Airport in Toronto.

"The pandemic has shown us that direct flights from Amritsar to Canada is both feasible for airlines and met by a high demand for travellers," the letter read.

"So many of my constituents and Canadians have been asking our office for flights like these for years. This will help our seniors, those most in need and parents of small children with access to direct flights," MP Hallan, one of the signatories of the letter, wrote on Twitter.

According to media reports, Canadian Transport Minister Omar Alghabra has raised the issue with Indian counterparts. In India, MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney has also written a letter to Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia requesting him to commence direct flights from Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal to Amritsar and Mohali airports.



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COVID VACCINES MANUFACTURED BY THIRD PARTIES, GOVT CAN'T BE HELD LIABLE FOR DEATHS: CENTRE TO SC

The Centre has told the Supreme Court that the vaccines in use under the Covid vaccination programme are manufactured by third parties and they are recognised as safe and effective, and there is no material to suggest how the state can be fastened with strict liability for the tragic deaths of the respective children of the petitioners.

The Centre also emphasised that there is no legal compulsion to get Covid-19 vaccine.

The Centre's response came on a plea filed by the parents of two girls who had passed away owing to side-effects of the Covid vaccine.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in an affidavit, said: "There is no material to suggest how the state can be fastened with strict liability for the tragic death of the respective children of the petitioners which is the requirement in law to sustain a claim for compensation against the state under Article 32 of the Constitution."

The ministry said the vaccines in use under the vaccination programme are manufactured by third parties and have successfully undergone regulatory review in India as well as other nations, being recognised globally as safe and effective.

"Under these facts, it is most humbly submitted that holding the state directly liable to provide compensation under the narrow scope of strict liability for extremely rare deaths occurring due to AEFI (Adverse Events Following Immunisation) from the use of vaccines may not be legally sustainable," it said. The Health Ministry added that if a person suffers

physical injury or death from an AEFI, appropriate remedies in law are open to the vaccine beneficiaries or their family, including approaching civil courts for a claim of damages/compensation for negligence, malfeasance or misfeasance.

Such claims may be determined on a case-to-case basis in an appropriate forum, it said, adding that the deaths were tragic but the government could not be held liable.

In the affidavit filed on November 23, the Health Ministry said that though the government strongly encourages all eligible persons to take vaccine in public interest, there is no legal compulsion for the same.

The government's response came on a plea filed by the parents, represented by advocate Satya Mitra, of two girls who had passed away owing to side-effects of Covid vaccine.

In August, the apex court had issued notice to the Centre on the parents' plea, which sought a probe by an independent committee into the deaths, along with the release of the autopsy and probe reports in a time-bound manner. The petitioners also sought monetary compensation, and directions for guidelines for early detection and treatment of persons suffering from adverse side-effects of Covid vaccines.

The counsel for the petitioners submitted that the 18-year-old daughter of the first petitioner received the first dose of Covishield in May 2021 and died in June 2021. The 20-year-old daughter of the second petitioner received the first dose of Covishield in June 2021, and died in July 2021.

FM SITHARAMAN URGED TO INTRODUCE POLICIES TO AID ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROCESS

'Policies are needed to encourage the recent economic recovery process', was the underlying message which was conveyed to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman by a slew of economists who interacted with her as part of pre-budget consultations on Monday.

Sources aware of the development said that the Finance Minister was suggested to tone down tax mobilisation, which is quite high currently. Though beneficial in the short run, it may hamper economic growth prospects in the long run, and therefore, there is a need to look at the tax structure, the economists are learnt to have informed her during the meeting. A suggestion was made to provide a stimulus on taxation, sources added. A section of economists also suggested doing away with the customs notification on import duties, which they said was not good for an emerging economy like India.

On one hand, the focus is on propelling economic growth, while at the same time, import duties are imposed on various commodities, which will affect supplies, so it was suggested that the government should do away with import duty notification, a source aware of the developments said. India has imposed import duty on various commodities like palm oil, chickpeas and Bengal gram to list a few.



Another suggestion was made to reinstate the revenue deficit target in the FRBM Act, which was done away with in 2018.

Sitharaman has held pre-budget consultations with a varied group of stakeholders like states' finance ministers, farm bodies, social sector organisations, financial institutions, business chambers and trade bodies among others. The exercise is part of the budgetary exercise. The Union Budget for 2023-24 is likely to be presented by the finance minister on February 1, 2023.

MORE EMOTION THAN POLITICS IN UP BYPOLLS

There is more of emotion than politics in the upcoming by-elections to two Assembly seats and one Lok Sabha seats.

The campaign revolves around emotional bonds, betrayal and promises instead of political and social issues that should have been dominating the elections. In the Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency, Samajwadi Party candidate Dimple Yadav is invoking memories of her father-in-law Mulayam Singh Yadav, whose demise necessitated the bypoll.

Her speeches remind the voters of the bond they shared with the late leader and promises to continue the tradition.

The patch-up between Akhilesh Yadav and his estranged uncle Shivpal Yadav continues to remain in focus of the campaign.

"We have decided to remain united and those who wanted to take advantage of the strained relationship, are in for a rude shock. The family and party are fully united and we will work together to realise the dreams of Netaji (Mulayam)," he said.

The BJP candidate Raghuraj Shakya, a former Shivpal acolyte, has received a jolt with Shivpal hitting out at him.

"If he is my 'chela' (disciple), he should not have contested against Dimple," he said.

Shakya replied with, "People are watching. They unite when it is about their family and then separate again."

In Rampur, the by-election that comes after Mohd Azam Khan was disqualified following his conviction in a hate speech case, is also riding high on emotions. Azam Khan is whipping up a sympathy wave and reminding voters about the 'atrocities' that he and his family have faced in the past three years. "They (the BJP) took away my membership of the Assembly, then they took away my voting right. If this is what elections are all about, they should simply declare the BJP candidate as winner," he tells his voters.

TWO AIDES OF GANGSTER BHATTI HELD IN PUNJAB

Punjab Police on Thursday said they have arrested two aides of gangster Rajan Bhatti at a raid in Bathinda town.

Bhatti, a resident of Gurdaspur, is close-aide of Canada-based terrorist Lakhbir Singh, alias Landa.

The arrested have been identified as Harjasneet Singh and Kamaljeet Singh. Two illegal weapons -- .315 bore rifle and .30 bore Star make pistol -- along with ammunition were seized from their possession.

Divulging details, AIG Ashwani Kapur said during investigation, a case was registered against Landa for disturbing peace and harmony in the state. Accused Bhatti was found to be in direct contact with Landa and carrying out illegal activities at his behest.

He said Bhatti, who has a notorious past and facing criminal cases including attempt to murder, has been on the surveillance. He said Bhatti assisted Landa in narcotics smuggling and weapon supply.

'ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN INDIA ARE HINDU': RSS CHIEF

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that all Indians were Hindus in the past. Hence, they are still Hindu.

Bhagwat is on a two-day tour of Bihar and he participated in a yoga event in Darbhanga district on Monday.

"Whatever the religion of the people have at present in the country but their ancestors were Hindu in the past. Hence, they are still Hindu," he said while addressing the followers of RSS.

"Sangh has a dream to unite every person in the country. People who are connected with RSS have an identity which is revealed through a unique band ('RSS Band'). We want to build our country in such a manner that there would be no requirement for that band. I also want to say to the people of the country that they don't get influenced by anyone's statements. You should evaluate the situation and then take the decision," Bhagwat added. During the event, Jibesh Mishra, former Cabinet Minister in the Nitish Kumar government, said that the arrival of Mohan Bhagwat will give new energy to the country.

"The way Bhagwat appealed to the people, they will join RSS in large numbers. The strength of RSS will increase more in the country and the organisation will expand more," Mishra added.

PUNJAB WITHDRAWS ORDER TO MARK RED ENTRY IN LAND RECORDS FOR STUBBLE BURNING



Punjab's Agriculture Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal said on Sunday that an order to withdraw red entries in land records of farmers for stubble burning has been issued.

The government won't let any farmer suffer losses, he said.

Dhaliwal said the red entries are not in the interest of the farmers of the state. Due to the red entry, the farmers would be deprived of taking loans, government facilities and subsidies, etc.

The minister emphasised on the need for farmers to adopt alternative methods for stubble management and this is the need of the hour that farmers support the government in making the state pollution free. Talking about alternative methods of stubble management, the minister said the Indian Agricultural Research Institute has developed a solution for stubble burning in the form of a bio-enzyme called Pusa.

He said the state government this year provided 19,393 machines to the farmers on subsidy for stubble management, while in the last four years 90,433 machines were given.

He said a total of 109,815 machines are available with the farmers. According to the satellite information, from September 15 to November 26 in 2020, 2021 and 2022; 76,619, 71,122 and 49,876 cases of stubble burning, respectively, have been registered, which is 30 per cent less than the last year.

CENTRE TO SCRAP OVER 15-YEAR-OLD GOVT VEHICLES

Aiming to decongest Indian roads of millions of worn out government vehicles, the Centre has issued a draft notification proposing mandatory non-renewal of registration of government vehicles older than 15 years.

This will be applicable from April 1, 2023, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said. Also, it would be mandatory for buses and vehicles of corporations and transport department to scrap vehicles older than 15 years. Suggestions have been sought on the notification within 30 days, the ministry said. Last week, Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari had said all vehicles belonging to the Central government that have completed 15 years will be scrapped, and a policy to that effect has been sent to states. On September 14, he had announced plans of having at least three registered vehicle scrapping facilities in every district of the country.

'IT'S A MENACE': CENTRE TO SC ON FORCED RELIGIOUS CONVERSION

The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that the issue of forced religious conversion "is a menace", and it is cognizant of the gravity and the seriousness of the issue.

A bench comprising justices M.R. Shah and C.T. Ravikumar, at the beginning of the hearing, said "this is a serious issue". Citing Centre's reply in the matter, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said, this "is a menace".

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing on behalf of an intervenor, submitted that the petition is not maintainable and pointed out that the same petition was filed twice earlier and then withdrawn. Petitioner advocate Ashwini Upadhyay opposed the plea for intervention saying that there will be a flood of applications if the present application is allowed.

The bench scheduled the matter for further hearing on December 5, as the matter came up for hearing when court was rising for the day. The Ministry of Home Affairs, in an affidavit, said it is cognizant of the gravity and the seriousness of the issue raised in the present writ petition and enactments are necessary for protecting cherished rights of vulnerable sections of the society including women and economically and socially backward classes.

"It is submitted that that public order is a state subject and in pursuance to the same various states over the course of the years passed enactments seeking to curb the practices highlighted in the present petition."

The Centre said nine state governments have already have legislations in place on the present subject -- Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Haryana.

It said that the reliefs sought in the present petition would be taken up in all seriousness by it and appropriate steps shall be taken as it is cognizant of the menace.

The Centre's response came on a plea by Upadhyay against fraudulent religious conversion and religious conversion by intimidation, threatening, deceivingly luring through gifts and monetary benefits, as it offends Articles 14, 21, and 25.

The plea claimed that if such conversions were not checked, Hindus would soon become a minority in India.

In the affidavit, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs said: "It is submitted that the right to freedom of religion does not include a fundamental right to convert other people to a particular religion. The said right certainly does not include the right to convert an individual through fraud, deception, coercion, allurement or other such means."

The Central government said the petitioner has highlighted a large number of instances carried out in an organised, systematic and sophisticated manner of conversion of vulnerable citizens in the country through fraud, deception, coercion, allurement or other such means. It further added that the meaning and purport of the word 'propagate' falling under Article 25 of the Constitution was discussed and debated in great detail in the constituent assembly and the inclusion of the said word was passed by the constituent assembly only after the clarification that the fundamental right under Article 25 would not include the right to convert. The Centre said the apex court has held that the word 'propagate' does not envisage the right to convert a person rather is in the nature of the positive right to spread once religion by exposition of its tenets.



XI JINPING FACES UNPRECEDENTED DISSENT AS PROTESTS GRIP CHINA

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday faced unprecedented dissent after thousands of demonstrators protested in cities across the country over the weekend against his zero-Covid strategy, with some daring to openly call for his removal in the streets.

"Step down, Xi Jinping! Step down, Communist Party," some protesters yelled among hundreds who gathered in the financial hub Shanghai, one of multiple major cities where protests broke out following a deadly fire on November 24 at an apartment block in the far western region of Xinjiang, reports CNN. The fire appeared to act as a catalyst for searing public anger over China's strict zero-Covid measures after videos emerged that seemed to suggest lockdown measures delayed firefighters from reaching the victims.

From Shanghai to the capital Beijing, residents gathered to grieve the 10 people killed in the blaze in Xinjiang's capital Urumqi, speak out against zero-Covid and call for freedom and democracy. On dozens of university campuses, students demonstrated or put up protest posters.

In many parts of the country, residents in locked-down neighbourhoods tore down barriers and took to the streets, following mass anti-lockdown protests that swept Urumqi on Friday night.

Such widespread scenes of anger and defiance, some of which stretched into the early hours of Monday morning, are exceptionally rare in China, where the ruling Communist Party ruthlessly cracks down on all expressions of dissent, CNN reported.

But three years into the pandemic, many people have been pushed to the brink by the government's incessant use of lockdowns, Covid tests and quarantines, as well as ever-tightening censorship and continued onslaught on personal freedoms.

The ratcheting-up of restrictions in recent months, coupled with a series of deaths blamed on an over-zealous policing of the controls, has brought matters to a head.

Chinese stock markets and the yuan tumbled in early trade Monday amid concern about the government's potential response to the protests, which varied from city to city and in some areas became more heavy-handed as the weekend progressed, CNN reported.

Though the protests made headlines in international media, Chinese state media carried stories and opinion pieces stressing the severity of the Covid outbreak and the need to persevere with methods to stamp it out.

UK DELIVERING ON NEW FTA WITH INDIA, SAYS RISHI SUNAK

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has reiterated the UK's commitment to a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with India as part of the country's wider focus on enhancing ties with the Indo-Pacific region. Delivering a talk Monday night at the Lord Mayor of London's Banquet -- his first major foreign policy speech since taking charge at 10 Downing Street last month -- the British-Indian leader reflected upon his heritage and committed to promoting British values of "freedom and openness" around the world. He also pledged to "do things differently" when it came to China, which he said poses a "systemic challenge" to British values and interests. "Before I came into politics, I invested in businesses around the world. And the opportunity in the Indo-Pacific is compelling," said Sunak. "By 2050, the Indo-Pacific will deliver over half of global growth compared with just a quarter from Europe and North America combined. That's why we're joining the Trans-Pacific trade deal, the CPTPP, delivering a new FTA with India and pursuing one with Indonesia," he said.

"Like many others, my grandparents came to the UK, via East Africa and the Indian subcontinent and made their lives here. In recent years, we've welcomed thousands of people from Hong Kong, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. We're a country that stands up for our values, that defends democracy by actions not just words," he noted. On China, Sunak said he wants to "evolve" the UK's approach as he distanced his government from a slogan used by the previous Conservative Party led government to describe UK-China bilateral relations just over seven years ago.

"Let's be clear, the so-called 'golden era' is over, along with the naive idea that trade would lead to social and political reform. But nor should we rely on simplistic Cold War rhetoric. We recognise China poses a systemic challenge to our values and interests, a challenge that grows more acute as it moves towards even greater authoritarianism," he cautioned. The 42-year-old former chancellor admitted that the UK cannot simply ignore China's "significance" in world affairs, something he pointed out that other leading economies such as the US, Canada, Australia and Japan also acknowledge. "So together we'll manage this sharpening competition, including with diplomacy and engagement. Much of this is about dramatically improving our resilience, particularly our economic security," said Sunak.



Reiterating his pro-Brexit vision, Sunak ruled out any alignment with European Union (EU) law in favour of cooperation on shared issues such as illegal migration. He also committed the UK to standing by Ukraine in its conflict with Russia as part of Europe's "collective resolve" to protect democratic values. "After years of pushing at the boundaries, Russia is challenging the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. China is consciously competing for global influence using all the levers of state power. In the face of these challenges, short-termism or wishful thinking will not suffice. We can't depend on Cold War arguments or approaches, or mere sentimentality about the past. So, we will make an evolutionary leap in our approach," he declared. Sunak confirmed that further detail on the UK's foreign policy outlook will be laid out in an updated 'Integrated Review' in the new year, which will also cover closer collaboration with the Commonwealth. "Under my leadership, we won't choose the status quo. We will do things differently. We will evolve, anchored always by our enduring belief in freedom, openness and the rule of law and confident that in this moment of challenge and competition our interests will be protected... and our values will prevail," he concluded. The Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall in the financial heart of London is an annual event where the UK prime minister addresses business leaders, international dignitaries and foreign policy experts on the subject of foreign policy.

IMRAN KHAN CLAIMS THREE SHOOTERS TRIED TO KILL HIM IN WAZIRABAD

Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan has claimed that there were three shooters involved in the failed assassination attempt on him during a protest march in the eastern city of Wazirabad earlier this month.

The chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party suffered bullet injuries in the right leg when the gunmen fired at him in Punjab's Wazirabad area on November 3, where he was leading the march against the government to press for snap elections. Addressing a massive rally of his party on Saturday night in this garrison city, which houses the headquarters of the powerful Army, Khan said the two attackers previously identified were the one who fired at him and other PTI leaders and the second shooter fired at the container's front, while the third attacker was tasked to eliminate the first gunman.

Khan, 70, claimed that this third shooter actually killed a person at the rally while trying to kill the would-be assassin. Addressing the nation from the Shaukat Khanum Hospital in Lahore a day after the attack, Khan had said he was hit by four bullets in his right leg by two shooters. He said he was on a container when a "burst of bullets" was directed at him. "Then a second burst came, there were two people," he said.

NEPAL ELECTIONS: INDUSTRIALIST BINOD CHAUDHARY WINS BIG

Winning Nepal's parliamentary elections was only the first step in the list of daunting tasks that Binod Chaudhary had prepared for himself. The real work begins now for Nepal's top industrialist.

Binod Chaudhary, Nepal's only billionaire industrialist who features in Forbes Rich List, has been elected as the member of the House of Representatives, the lower house of the federal parliament, from Nawalparasi (Bardaghat Susta West). He defeated Hridayesh Tripathi, his nearest competitor, by a margin of 7,178 votes. Soon after results were announced Chaudhary organised a public gathering to thank people for supporting him. "It is your faith on me that counts. I promise to capitalize my commitments and work for betterment of Nawalparasi district and people," said the Nepali Congress central committee member.

"Victory and defeat is a part of democracy. I take this victory as the victory of development and prosperity in Nawalparasi and the entire country. I will work closely with all stakeholders for transformation in Nawalparasi and the whole country," said Chaudhary.

Chaudhary believes in 'politics for prosperity' and he has already made plans to use his status as a parliamentarian to uplift the downtrodden and develop Nepal on all aspects. The industrialist-turned-politician said that he will immediately start work to materialize his commitments to people in Nawalparasi and the country.

NAWAZ SHARIF TO RETURN TO PAKISTAN BEFORE YEAR END



Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Friday that former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will return to Pakistan before the end of the year, according to a media report.

While addressing the National Assembly, the minister also said that protests by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) have violated people's rights, adding that everyone has the right to protest but the limits of the Constitution and law should not be crossed, Express Tribune reported. He said that no development work was done during the past four years under the PTI government, and the incumbent government has explained these circumstances to the people, the report said.

Asif also said that the government withdrew money from other sectors and gave it to the flood victims who were undergoing great difficulties due to cold winter nights.

The minister maintained that the federal and provincial governments should provide assistance to disaster victims without discrimination and that the government is not acting on political priorities. Earlier this week, Asif said that former premier Imran Khan should not "target" the institutions that "supported him unconditionally" during the last four years, adding that the chief of the former ruling party could not deliver despite the assistance extended to him. "After 75 years, we are at a point where we can say that all the institutions are playing their constitutional role. These institutions extended 'unconditional support' to Imran Khan," he said, Express Tribune reported. "He (Imran) should not attack these institutions but rather should be ashamed of himself that despite their assistance he could not perform."

SOMALIA: AT LEAST 4 PEOPLE KILLED IN ATTACKS BY AL-SHABAB AT MOGADISHU



At least four people were killed after Somali forces tried to flush out armed assailants who attacked a hotel in Mogadishu on Monday. There were reports of sporadic gunfire on Monday afternoon, more than 18 hours after the attack on the Villa Rose hotel started. Reportedly, the Islamic extremist group al-Shabab has claimed responsibility for the attack. There has been no official report on the death toll at present. The attack is believed to have started with an explosion before gunmen penetrated the hotel's gates. The latest attack comes amid a new, high-profile offensive by the Somali government against the al-Shabab extremist group, which still controls large parts of central and southern Somalia. Extremist fighters loyal to the group have responded by killing prominent clan leaders in an apparent effort to dissuade support for the government offensive, and attacks on public places frequented by government officials and others persist. At least 120 people were killed in two car bombings at a busy junction in Mogadishu last month.

PAKISTANI TALIBAN ENDS CEASEFIRE WITH GOVT; ORDERS ITS MILITANTS TO CARRY OUT ATTACKS

The banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) on Monday called off an indefinite ceasefire agreed with the government in June and ordered its militants to carry out attacks across the country. "As military operations are ongoing against mujahideen (militants) in different areas... so it is imperative for you to carry out attacks wherever you can in the entire country," the militant group said in a statement. The statement was issued a day after the English cricket team landed in Pakistan after 17 years to play the first test-series, and day before the new army chief was set to assume his office. The TTP, also known as the Pakistan Taliban, was set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007. Its main aim is to impose its strict brand of Islam across Pakistan.

The banned group said that the decision to end the truce was taken after "a series of non-stop attacks were launched by the military organisations" in Bannu and Lakki Marwat areas of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province. It also said it had repeatedly warned the people about violation of the ceasefire but showed patience so that the negotiation process was not "sabotaged at least by us".

"But the army and intelligence agencies did not stop and continued the attacks. Now our retaliatory attacks will also start across the country," it read. There was no immediate reaction from the government and intelligence agencies. The TTP announced a ceasefire with the government in June but the attacks on the security forces never stopped. The group never claimed responsibility and instead blamed splinter groups for those attacks. Pakistan last year launched talks with the TTP with the facilitation of the interim Afghan government but no headway has been made. The two sides resumed talks again in May this year and it was followed with a ceasefire in June, but no headway was made as the government refused to revoke the merger of the tribal region into the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The timing of TTP statement is crucial as last year the New Zealand cricket team cancelled its tour of Pakistan after arriving in the country following a terrorist threat. It is not clear how the English team would respond to the announcement by the TTP to end the ceasefire.

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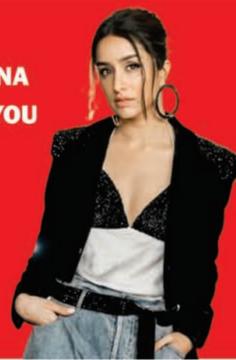
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RANBIR-ALIA NAME NEWBORN DAUGHTER 'RAHA'; ALIA SHARES FIRST PIC



BOLLYWOOD STAR COUPLE RANBIR KAPOOR AND ALIA BHATT, WHO BECAME PROUD PARENTS TO A BABY GIRL EARLIER THIS MONTH, HAVE NAMED THEIR DAUGHTER RAHA. ALIA TOOK TO HER INSTAGRAM HANDLE TO REVEAL THE NAME OF HER BABY GIRL ON THURSDAY. SHE UPLOADED A PICTURE OF HERSELF WITH RANBIR IN THE FRAME. THE IMAGES OF RANBIR, ALIA AND RAHA ARE NOT VERY CLEAR IN THE PICTURE OWING TO THE DEPTH OF FIELD OF THE LENS, BUT ONE CAN CLEARLY SEE THE NAME 'RAHA' ON THE FC BARCELONA JERSEY HANGING ON THE WALL BEHIND THEM. RANBIR IS KNOWN TO BE A FAN OF THE SPANISH FOOTBALL CLUB, WHICH IS AT THE TOP OF LA LIGA FOOTBALL THIS YEAR. EXPLAINING THE MULTIPLE MEANINGS BEHIND HER DAUGHTER'S NAME, ALIA WROTE IN THE CAPTION: "RAHA, IN ITS PUREST FORM, MEANS DIVINE PATH; IN SWAHILI SHE IS JOY; IN SANSKRIT, RAHA IS A CLAN; IN BANGLA — REST, COMFORT, RELIEF; IN ARABIC, PEACE; IT ALSO MEANS HAPPINESS, FREEDOM & BLISS." SHE ADDED: "AND TRUE TO HER NAME, FROM THE FIRST MOMENT WE HELD HER — WE FELT IT ALL! THANK YOU RAHA FOR BRINGING OUR FAMILY TO LIFE, IT FEELS AS THOUGH OUR LIVES HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN."

KAJOL: 'SALAAM VENKY TOOK EVERYTHING OUT OF ME AND CLEANSED ME'



Fear should not override the spirit of celebrating life, says Kajol about her upcoming feature Salaam Venky, a film she initially was unsure about becoming a part of. Helmed by actor-director Revathy, the movie is inspired by the true story of the young chess player Kolavennu Venkatesh, who had Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD). He died in 2004. Kajol, who is a mother of two, said working on Salaam Venky drew so much out of her that she shot the majority of the scenes without glycerin. "It's not the kind of film that you can ever do without feeling. I wasn't sure whether I wanted to do the film because it's a subject that is everyone's nightmare. It was difficult for me to say yes to it. The great thing about Revathy is she made it easy as we were in the same situation day in and day out and it takes that fear away, besides Salaam Venky is written so beautifully. It is a celebration of life and the film teaches you that life should be a celebration," the 48-year-old actor told PTI in an interview.

GIORGIA ANDRIANI ON MARRIAGE PLANS WITH ARBAAZ KHAN: 'IT IS SOMETHING WE AREN'T LOOKING AT'



Post his divorce from Malaika Arora, Arbaaz Khan found love with Giorgia Andriani. While the two have till now stayed mum about their relationship, they are slowly opening up. After the Tanaav actor spoke about the age difference between the couple, Giorgia has now opened up about their marriage plans. Speaking to Bollywood Hungama, the model-actor said, "Like I said we're very good friends. But coming to wedding or marriage, to be honest, it is something that we're not really looking at." She, however, added that the pandemic did change a lot about her bond with him, as she added, "The lockdown has made us think. In fact, it has made people either come closer or to drift apart."

COSTA RICA REGISTER FIRST WIN OF TOURNAMENT, SET GROUP E WIDE OPEN AFTER BEATING JAPAN



The Costa Rica football team on Sunday outclassed the Japanese side in the first contest of the 8th day of FIFA World Cup 2022. Luis Fernando Suárez's Costa Rica defeated Hajime Moriyasu's Japan by 1-0 as Keysher Fuller scored a late goal. With this win, Group E has been opened wide. The match witnessed not only Costa Rica's first win of the tournament but also their first shot in the tournament. Japan, who outclassed Germany in their first encounter could not achieve the same outing in the second match. In the 81st minute, Japan's Hidemasa Morita gifted the ball to Costa Rica's Yeltsin Tejeda, who then found Keysher Fuller. The right-back then sent the ball high on the far corner and the ball went past a jumping Shuichi Gonda (goalkeeper). It followed big celebrations from the Costa Rica side. The first half of the contest was scrappy for both teams. In the second half, Japan had their share of chances but could not convert them. All over, Japan hit 13 shots out of which 3 were on target, while Costa Rica smashed 4 shots and 1 was on target. Japan enjoyed 57% of possession, while Costa Rica shared 43%.

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KATRINA KAIF LOOKS LIKE A GODDESS IN UNSEEN PICTURES FROM WEDDING IN JODHPUR

Katrina Kaif is one of the most celebrated actors in the Tinsel Town. The actress made her Bollywood debut with the 2003 release Boom. The film tanked at the box office. Since the debacle, the actress has appeared in several films and captured millions of hearts with her craft. Apart from her acting chops, Katrina Kaif is one of the finest-looking actresses in the industry. The actress is now making waves on the internet after her pictures went viral from a wedding function. On Sunday, the Ek Tha Tiger actress was spotted attending a wedding function in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Her pictures from the event went viral on the internet, and her fans couldn't stop gushing over the pictures. Speaking about her look, Katrina Kaif donned a greyish-silver saree with minimal makeup and she was a sight to behold. Katrina Kaif also took to her Instagram account and shared pictures

from the wedding. She wrote, "Aaj ka din." The post received over 1.5 million likes. Soon after that, the actress dropped a video from the event on the viral song Mera Dil Ye Pukare Aaja. The clip shows the actress showing her look in slow motion. The post received over 6.5 million views within a few hours after it was posted. Meanwhile, on the work front, Katrina Kaif was last seen in the film Phone Bhoot this year alongside Ishaan Khatter and Siddhant Chaturvedi. The film couldn't fare well at the box office. The actress is now shooting for the third instalment in the Tiger franchise, where she will be seen alongside Salman Khan in the lead role. Apart from this, the actress will also be seen in Merry Christmas with a renowned actor of South Cinema, Vijay Sethupathi, in the lead role. The film is helmed by Sriram Raghavan.

DRISHYAM 2 BOX OFFICE COLLECTIONS: AJAY DEVGN-AKSHAYE KHANNA'S FILM PERFORMS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL

Ajay Devgn and Akshaye Khanna's film is growing to list itself into the list of best performing films of 2022. The film has been doing exceptionally well at the ticket window in its second week too. The film has already crossed the Rs 100 cr mark and it continues to soar high. The sequel of the 2014 hit film earned in double digits over the weekend. Drishyam 2 has reportedly raked in close to Rs 17 crore nett on Sunday. This will take the film's second weekend collection over Rs 38 crore nett. The total ratings of the film till yet are expected to be at Rs 141 Cr.

"The final collections may well be a record for second weekend post pandemic for original Hindi films not counting The Kashmir Files. The final numbers in the morning could come out ahead of Brahmastra second weekend," reports Box Office India. "It is cruising to the 200 crore nett plus and it looks like a question of how more than 200 crore nett," the report adds. Meanwhile, the sequel to Ajay's 2015 runaway success is racing ahead to the effect of a raging bull. The film is running to packed hall in the iconic Maratha Mandir cinema of Mumbai, which interestingly is known for running the shows of Ajay's wife - Kajol's blockbuster movie 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge'.

'Drishyam 2' is based on the 2021 Malayalam film of the same name,



also serving as a sequel to the 2015 film Drishyam, which in turn was adapted from the eponymous 2013 Malayalam film. 'Drishyam', which saw Vijay Salgaonkar be successful in saving his family from police custody, its sequel brings a new twist with the case being reopened and Vijay making a confession but is he really going to do the same is what the movie is about. Tabu again is back in a more aggressive way to take revenge on him. Shriya Saran and Ishita Dutta have also reprised their roles as Vijay's wife and daughter respectively.

DISNEY DROPS 'PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN' SPIN-OFF; NO CHANCE OF JOHNNY DEPP'S RETURN



Actor Johnny Depp is not on board a new 'Pirates of the Caribbean' movie despite report stating otherwise. Sources debunk an earlier report which said that the actor is set to reprise his role as Captain Jack Sparrow for the upcoming sixth instalment of the Disney film series, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The Sun floated the rumour of Depp's alleged return to the franchise, claiming that his name has been spotted on a call sheet for a supposed new "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie. According to the U.K. news outlet, the 59-year-old actor is scheduled for a test shoot in the U.K. in February 2023.

Insiders told the site that the movie's current working title is 'A Day at Sea'. One of the sources dished, "Johnny is set to return as Captain Jack Sparrow and is scheduled to start filming at the beginning of February at a top secret location in the U.K." "Everything is in the early stages and there is still no director attached to the project, which is being called 'A Day at the Sea'," the source further spilled.

"Johnny is expected to do a test shoot in early February before the production gets fully underway."

"A call sheet has been distributed among those in the know," it additionally claimed.

"Bruce Hendricks, who worked on the first three films, is named as the Executive Producer on the new project."

The source added, "All the other details are being kept under lock and key. The whole project is shrouded in secrecy and Disney wants to keep everything under wraps as best they can." However, Daily Mail's sources beg to differ, saying that the information is false. Disney has not commented on the report of Depp's return to the "Pirates of the Caribbean" franchise. Back in 2020, Disney confirmed it was developing a new female-focussed version of "Pirates of the Caribbean" that would star Margot Robbie. The project would reunite the "Suicide Squad" star with her "Birds of Prey: And the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn" writer Christina Hodson, with franchise producer Jerry Bruckheimer producing.

Disney was also developing a second reboot written by franchise veteran Ted Elliott and "Chernobyl" creator Craig Mazin.

In an interview with The Sunday Times in May, Bruckheimer said that both films remained in development, while Depp, who starred in all five past "Pirates" instalments, was not involved in any future projects at the moment amid his legal battle with Amber Heard. However, Robbie said earlier this month that the studio is no longer interested in making a female-led "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie.

CHINESE-CANADIAN STAR KRIS WU SENTENCED TO 13-YEAR JAIL TERM BY CHINA COURT



Kris Wu, the Chinese-Canadian music and acting star, was sentenced to a 13-year jail term by a Chinese court on Friday. He was found guilty of rape and group licentiousness. The court said that he will be deported after serving his sentence. Wu was arrested and formally charged in August last year, reports Variety. His case was heard in June in a case without media access. Allegations against Wu were made in July 2021 by Du Meizhu, 18, a beauty industry influencer. The woman used social media to accuse the musician and actor of date-raping her while she was 17 and at a time when she was drunk.

Du later also accused him of doing the same to other young women, including two minors. (China's age of consent is 14.) Wu denied the charges at the time and police initially appeared to side with the star. But two weeks later, the Chaoyang District People's Procurator in Beijing issued an official statement saying that it had approved Wu's arrest "after investigation in accordance with the law."

In China, the crime of rape normally incurs a sentence of three to ten years in prison, though in particularly egregious cases the sentence can run to life imprisonment or even the death penalty. Group licentiousness, defined as sex involving three or more participants over the age of 16, carries a jail sentence of up to five years. Media reports at the time of the trial in June suggested that Wu risked a jail term of three to ten years. The 13-year sentence is longer than that and may point to aggravating factors or a decision by the court to make an example of a celebrity. The June hearing was held behind closed doors, apparently to protect the victim's identity. It also served to keep fans and press attention at bay for the trial of one of the country's biggest celebrities. Wu was born in China, but has Canadian nationality. He rose to fame as part of the Chinese-language offshoot of Korean boyband EXO, before focusing on his career in China. The rapper became a TV fixture as a judge and mentor on shows including "The Rap of China." In 2018, he signed an exclusive distribution deal with Universal Music. Previously represented by UTA and CAA, Wu has appeared in Hollywood films including 'XXX: Return of Xander Cage' and 'Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets', as well as Chinese films such as Guan Hu's 'Mr. Six' and 2016 fantasy 'L.O.R.D. Legend of Ravaging Dynasties' and its 2020 sequel.

DID KIARA ADVANI HINT AT WEDDING BELLS WITH RUMORED BOYFRIEND SIDHARTH MALHOTRA?

The gorgeous diva of Bollywood, Kiara Advani teased her fans by dropping a brief clip on her Instagram handle. The clip sparked speculations among fans of her hinting at wedding bells with her rumored boyfriend Sidharth Malhotra. In the video clip, Kiara is seen smiling, blushing, posing, and looking at someone behind the camera. She is seen standing between white curtains as the wind blew her hair. The actor kept the look subtle wearing an off-white outfit.

Kiara captioned the post, "Can't keep it a secret for long! Announcing soon... stay tuned... 2nd December." Reacting to the clip, a fan asked, "Pre-wedding shoot is it?" "She's getting married or what?" read a comment. "I guess it's a wedding announcement," said another person. A few fans also commented about her rumored boyfriend, Sidharth Malhotra. A person said, "@kiaraaiaadvani am expecting a wedding with handsome @sidmalhotra." "Apka aur Sid ka shaadi ... Yeh toh already puri desh ko pata chalgaya hai koiee dusra secret batana (Your and Sidharth's wedding...everyone knows about this, tell another secret)," read one comment. Recently, both Kiara and Sidharth made headlines when they appeared on different episodes of Koffee With Karan season 7. The actors indirectly accepted they were dating. In an interview with India Today, Sidharth said that if he got married, it would be very difficult to keep it a secret. As per several unconfirmed reports, Sidharth and Kiara are set to tie the knot next year. Sidharth and Kiara were seen in the movie 'Shershaah', they first met each other at the warm-up party of the 2018 film 'Lust Stories'. Kiara will be seen next in 'Govinda Naam Mera', helmed by Shashank Khaitan. The film, which also stars Vicky Kaushal and Bhumi Pednekar, is touted to be a quirky murder mystery. It is all set to stream on the OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar from December 16. She will also be seen in the upcoming romantic drama film Satyaprem Ki Katha alongside Kartik Aaryan. It marks the second collaboration of Kartik and Kiara after their blockbuster hit horror comedy film Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2.





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CIRKUS TEASER: RANVEER SINGH, JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ PROMISE MADCAP COMEDY WITH ROHIT SHETTY FILM

Cirkus teaser video: The newly released video of Ranveer Singh starrer 'Cirkus' directed by Rohit Shetty, gives an insight into the actor's double role in the film. It also features actors Johnny Lever, Varun Sharma, Jacqueline Fernandez, Pooja Hegde, Siddhartha Jadhav, Mukesh Tiwari, Vijay Patkar, Tiku Talsania, Ashwini Kasekar, Sanjay Mishra, Vrajesh Hirjee, and more. The film is based on the 1982 released Hindi film 'Angoor', which in turn was a loose adaptation of William Shakespeare's play 'The Comedy of Errors'. Ranveer will be seen playing a double role in the film which revolves around two sets of identical twins, who were accidentally

separated at birth. While Cirkus doesn't give away much details about the film, it does share details of the film's trailer. The actor recently took to his Instagram to share a picture with Shetty from the sets of 'Cirkus'. The two were seen sharing a light moment with actor Varun 'Choocha' Sharma and members of the crew in a retro set up with colourful cars, a signature of Shetty, all around. Rohit, true to his role of the director in the film, can be seen sitting on the grass with a walkie talkie tucked into his pocket. Ranveer also hinted in his caption that the 'master of mass blockbusters' (Shetty) has some promotional 'master plans' up his sleeve.

PHOTOS OF DEEPIKA PADUKONE, XXX RETURN OF XANDER CAGE ACTOR KRIS WU RESURFACE AFTER HE WAS JAILED



Deepika Padukone made her Hollywood debut with XXX: Return of Xander Cage. The actress played the lead female role of Serena Unger, opposite Vin Diesel in the film. Recently, the film came into the limelight, after Chinese-Canadian music and acting star, Kris Wu was sentenced to a 13-year jail term by a Chinese court. The actor was played the role of Nicks in the film was found guilty of rape and group licentiousness. Soon after the sentence was announced, photos of Krus Wu and Deepika from XXX: Return of Xander Cage resurfaced on social media. In the viral pics, the two actors can be seen shooting and enjoying along with other cast and crew members of the film. Take a look: Kris Wu was arrested and formally charged in August last year, reports Variety. His case was heard in June in a case without media access. Allegations against Wu were made in July 2021 by Du Meizhu, 18, a beauty industry influencer. The woman used social media to accuse the musician and actor of date-raping her while she was 17 and at a time when she was drunk. Du later also accused him

of doing the same to other young women, including two minors. (China's age of consent is 14.) Wu denied the charges at the time and police initially appeared to side with the star. But two weeks later, the Chaoyang District People's Procurator in Beijing issued an official statement saying that it had approved Wu's arrest "after investigation in accordance with the law." In China, the crime of rape normally incurs a sentence of three to ten years in prison, though in particularly egregious cases the sentence can run to life imprisonment or even the death penalty. Group licentiousness, defined as sex involving three or more participants over the age of 16, carries a jail sentence of up to five years. Media reports at the time of the trial in June suggested that Wu risked a jail term of three to ten years. The 13-year sentence is longer than that and may point to aggravating factors or a decision by the court to make an example of a celebrity. The June hearing was held behind closed doors, apparently to protect the victim's identity. It also served to keep fans and press attention at bay for the trial of one of the country's biggest celebrities.

WATCH: HUGH JACKMAN THANKS NICOLE KIDMAN FOR BIDDING \$100,000 FOR HIS SIGNED HAT ON BROADWAY



LOS ANGELES: Hollywood star Nicole Kidman received a warm welcome on Broadway Saturday evening when she made an appearance at a performance of Hugh Jackman's 'The Music Man' revival. During an auction for the charity Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Kidman made her presence known when she bid a hefty sum of \$100,000 for a hat signed by Jackman, reports Variety. Jackman shared a video of the meeting on Twitter, thanking his fellow Australian thespian for her support. "I love you. I love Broadway. And I love what they do, Broadway Cares, but I also want to say this show is extraordinary," Kidman said, taking the microphone after approaching the stage at the Winter Garden Theatre. "I've known Nic for almost 30 years. I've worked with her. I can tell you this is not a surprise to me. She is one of the most generous souls I know," Jackman said, quoted by Variety. "You're a beautiful person. I love you. Thank you." According to Variety, Kidman's shouted bid of \$100,000 drew an enthused response from the crowd, leading Jackman to joke "I just want to be clear, this is not Australian dollars." (Under current conversion rates, Kidman's bid

amounts to \$148,744 Australian dollars.) The 'Music Man' cast had been raising funds for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS at the conclusion of recent performances. "Ms Kidman's remarkable support of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS on Saturday night was wonderful to see and her extraordinary generosity will be deeply appreciated by the entire Broadway community," Kate Horton, producer of 'The Music Man', shared in a statement. "Broadway Cares is blessed with friends across Broadway. But we have no greater champion than Hugh Jackman. This extraordinary gift from his pal Nicole Kidman is by far the largest donation for any one auction item ever. That's 20,000 meals and 2,000 doctor visits this holiday season for those living with HIV/AIDS, struggling with COVID-19 or facing other life-threatening challenges," Tom Viola, Broadway Cares executive director, said. "Donations made at 'The Music Man', all across Broadway, Off-Broadway and at national touring productions will provide meals and medication, health care and hope this holiday season," Viola noted.

AMITABH BACHCHAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO VIKRAM GOKHALE, TABASSUM; SAYS 'ARTISTS OF HUGE MERIT LEAVE US...'



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Sunday said the stage is desolated by the absence of artists of huge merit like Vikram Gokhale and Tabassum. Gokhale, known for several Marathi and Hindi films including the Bachchan-starrer "Agnepath" (1990), passed away on Saturday due to multi-organ failure at a Pune-based hospital where he was undergoing treatment. He was 77. On the other hand, Tabassum, known for her work as a child artiste in several Hindi classics such as "Baiju Bawra" and "Mughal-e-Azam", and also as host of the popular Doordarshan talk show "Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan", died last week following cardiac arrest. She was 78. Bachchan took to his blog to remember Gokhale and Tabassum. "The days are lined with sadness, friends and colleagues, artists of huge merit, leave us day by day and we listen, see and pray, Tabassum, Vikram Gokhle and some dear ones that are close and known. They came to us in our lives, they played their parts and left the stage empty forlorn and desolate by their absence(sic)," the veteran star wrote on his blog. After "Agnepath", Bachchan and Gokhale also co-starred in the 1992 film "Khuda Gawah". In 2020, Bachchan played himself in the Marathi film "AB Ani CD" starring Gokhale. The duo played childhood friends in the Milind Lele directorial. In a previous blog post, Bachchan had described Tabassum as an "effervescent" all-rounder. "they all leave us one by one and it is beyond comprehension you only recollect the times of their presence and life before the eyes and the mind and they ever remain an image of the time unchanged, unfettered and in the freedom of free and then they leave, and it cannot be fathomed." he had written. Meanwhile, Vikram Gokhale left all of us on November 26 (Saturday). The actor was hospitalised at Pune's Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital for some time and now has succumbed to it after suffering from multiple organ failure.

ALIA BHATT SHARES UNSEEN PHOTOS FROM WEDDING WITH RANBIR KAPOOR TO WISH SISTER SHAHEEN ON BIRTHDAY



The new yummy mummy of Bollywood, Alia Bhatt has shared a heart-melting wish for her dearest sister Shaheen Bhatt. The actress shared some throwback unseen pictures from the wedding with Ranbir Kapoor. Alia took to her Instagram handle to wish Shaheen and penned the cutest wish ever. Alia wrote in her note: "happy birthday to the BEST person ever .. my sweetie .. my little melon smiggle pop. I love you so much that no amount of cute and sweet-sounding words will ever be enough Okay bye calling you in one hour". In the picture, the Bhatt sisters are seen in a happy mood as Alia adorably hugged the birthday girl. Alia and Shaheen are the daughters of filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt and actress Soni Razdan. Shaheen is also an author, she has written the book 'I have Never Been Happier' in which she opened up about dealing with depression. As we all know, Alia and Ranbir welcomed their baby girl to this world on 6th November. The couple recently revealed the name of their little princess. She posted a blurry picture of her with Ranbir and their daughter, in which a cute little jersey was focused and the name written on it was 'Raha'. She captioned the post explaining the meaning of the name 'Raha' in different languages. The name Raha (chosen by her wise and wonderful Dadi) has so many beautiful meanings... Raha, in its purest form means divine path, in Swahili she is Joy, In Sanskrit, Raha is a clan, In Bangla - rest, comfort, relief, in Arabic peace, it also means happiness, freedom & bliss. And true to her name, from the first moment we held her - we felt it ALL! Thank you Raha, for bringing our family to life, it feels as though our lives have only just begun.

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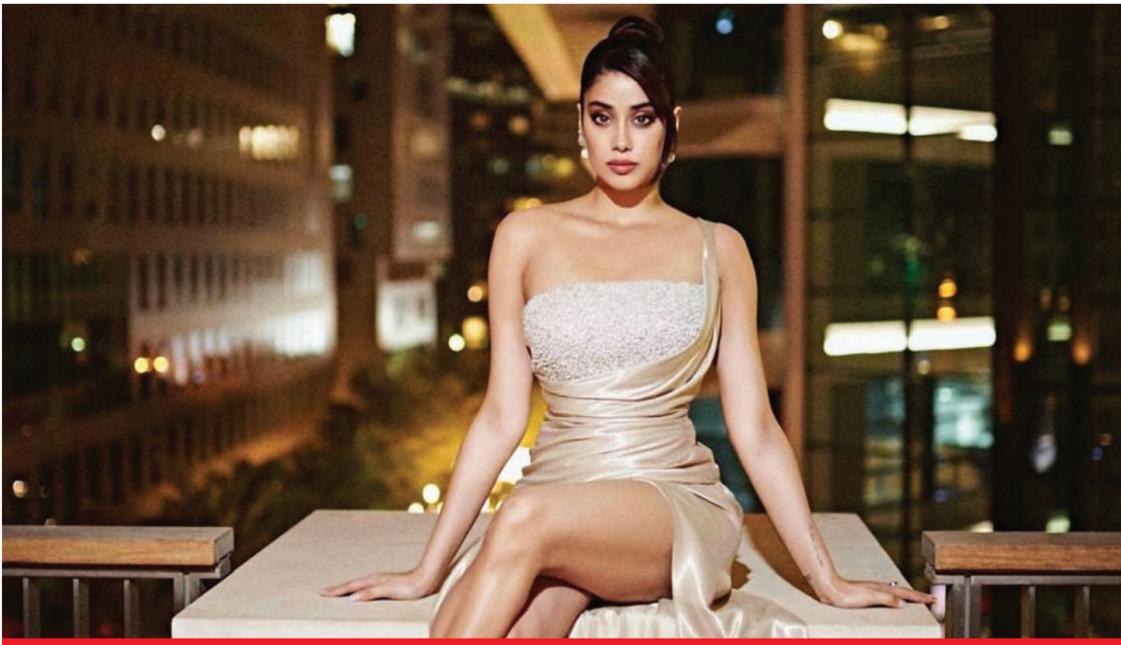


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JANHVI KAPOOR'S WALLPAPER CATCHES THE ATTENTION OF PAPARAZZI, CHECK IT OUT HERE

Janhvi Kapoor is often clicked by the paparazzi on her way to her gym or during any of her outings with her friends. The actress never fails to shell out fashion goals whenever she steps out be it for workouts or parties. Her sartorial choices are always a discussion of the town whenever she is clicked. However, this time, something else caught the attention of the paparazzi. The Mili actress was recently clicked in the city after she stepped out of her gym.

She was seen wearing a black tank top paired with shorts. As soon as she stepped inside her car and switched on her phone, the paparazzi captured the wallpaper on her screen and it is with her late mother, actress Sridevi. The wallpaper is a throwback photo from Janhvi's

childhood. She can be seen sitting on Sridevi's lap.

Janhvi often talks about her mother Sridevi. Earlier this month, when she was promoting her film Mili, the actress was asked about leading a biopic on her mother and she said that she wouldn't be a part of it. She evaded detailing her reason. "I wouldn't be," she said, speaking at a press conference for Mili. When asked to detail the reason behind refusing to do a biopic on Sridevi, Janhvi said that she didn't want to delve into it because it would prolong the event and that she doesn't want to break down on stage while talking about it. "Sir wo abhi bahut lamba answer hai aur mujhe bhook lagi hai, aur mujhe rona nahi hai stage pe. Acha din hai toh avoid karte hai," she said.

URFI JAVED VS CHETAN BHAGAT: CHAHATT KHANNA BACKS AUTHOR, SAYS 'KUCH GALAT NAHI BOLA'

Television actress Chahatt Khanna has reacted to the war of words between Urfi Javed and Chetan Bhagat. During a recent interaction, the Bade Achhe Lagte Hain hai actress backed Bhagat and sarcastically mentioned that he has only praised the Bigg Boss OTT fame. Chahatt also added that the author has not said anything wrong. "Chetan Bhagat is a very known and respected person. I am happy that people have started saying it. Someone has started talking about it, people have started opposing it. I don't know but I had read one line (of what Chetan Bhagat said) that she is a distraction for youth. He has said it in a very refined way. She has been doing several things. It's okay. I think he has praised her. Girls want to be distraction. In a mild way, he has praised her and I don't think he has said anything wrong," she told Instant Bollywood. For the unversed, the entire fight between Urfi Javed and Chetan Bhagat started after the latter took a dig at the actress recently and called her a distraction for youth. "Boys are liking photos of women, commenting on them. Urfi Javed's pictures garner crores of likes. On one side, there is an Indian youth who is protecting our nation at Kargil and on another side, we have another youth who is seeing Urfi Javed's photos hiding in their blankets," he said. Later, Urfi also gave a befitting reply to Bhagat and asked him not to promote the rape culture. She also accused him of 'misguiding' youth and questioned him for always blaming the opposite gender. "Stop promoting rape culture you sickos out there. Blaming women's clothes for the behaviour of men is so 80s Mr. @chetanbhagat. Who was distracting you when you messaged girls half of your age? Always blame the opposite gender, never accept your own shortcomings or faults. People like you are misguiding the youth, not me. Encouraging men to put the blame on the women or her clothing when are at fault," she wrote on Instagram.



SHRADDHA KAPOOR TO PLAY A KASHMIRI GIRL NAMED RUKHSANA KAUSAR IN HER NEXT FILM - DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS?



Shraddha Kapoor has several projects in her pipeline but if a recent report is to be believed, the actress is all set to step into the role of a brave Kashmiri girl - Rukhsana Kausar, for her next movie. As reported by Pinkvilla, Shraddha will soon be playing Rukhsana - the girl who killed a Lashkar-E-Taiba (LeT) militant in one of her upcoming projects.

While no further information regarding the movie has been shared so far, a source cited by the entertainment portal claimed, "Makers of the film wanted someone who would look like a 20-year-old onscreen to play Rukhsana. Shraddha undoubtedly will do justice to the role. And hence she has been roped into the movie. Shraddha's role in the film is completely opposite of what she has portrayed in most of her movies."

Who is Rukhsana Kausar?

Rukhsana Kausar is a Kashmiri girl who became an overnight hero and was praised for her braveness after she killed a LeT terrorist in September 2009. Back then, a group of terrorists barged into Rukhsana's house but the girl snatched one of the terrorists' AK-47 and shot him dead. She left another terrorist injured. Meanwhile, on the work front, Shraddha Kapoor recently made a cameo in the Bhediya song Thumkeshvari which took the internet by storm and left everyone completely impressed. Next, the actress has two big projects in her pipeline - Stree 2 and Luv Ranjan's yet-to-be-titled movie along with Ranbir Kapoor.

Besides this, it was recently reported that Disha Patani has been removed from Ektaa Kapoor's KTina. A report by Bollywood Hungama claimed that after ousting Disha from the project, Ektaa is now planning to approach Shraddha Kapoor for the lead role. "Talks with both are on to replace Disha Patani. In light of this change, filming has ground to a halt, and will resume once the change in the cast is made," a source said. However, there is no official confirmation to this so far.

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DID VARUN DHAWAN HINT AT KRITI SANON DATING PRABHAS? HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW

A few days ago, Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon appeared on the famous dance reality show Jhalak Dikhla Jaa for the promotions of their movie 'Bhediya'. A clip from the episode is going viral of Varun dropping a major hint about Kriti dating Prabhas. In a video, Karan Johar can be seen asking Varun about some lists and why Kriti's name is missing from that list. To this, Varun replies, "Kriti ka naam isiliye nahi tha kyunki Kriti ka naam kisi ke dil me hai. Ek aadmi hai jo Mumbai me nahi hai, vo iss waqt shooting kar raha hai Deepika Padukone ke saath. (Kriti's name is not here because her name is in someone's heart. That man is not in Mumbai because right now he is shooting with Deepika Padukone)."

Now, this statement sparked speculation among netizens as Prabhas is currently shooting with Deepika Padukone for their upcoming movie

'Project K'. Kriti and Prabhas will be seen sharing the screen in Om Raut's directorial 'Adipurush'. Earlier, in an interview, Kriti said that she would marry Prabhas if she gets a chance. This also stirred social media and now Varun dropping such hints made netizens connect the dots. Prabhas and Kriti Sanon will play Lord Rama and Sita in 'Adipurush', which will now release in June 2023. The movie faced various criticism for its VFX and also landed in court for the alleged inaccurate portrayal of Hindu gods. After the release of the promo on Dussehra, it has hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindu community by depicting Hindu gods in an "unwarranted" and "inaccurate" way. After facing the backlash, the makers of the movie decided to postpone the release of the movie. The movie also features Saif Ali Khan and Sunny Singh in pivotal roles.

RICHA CHADHA'S GALWAN TWEET ROW: COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST ACTRESS; RAVEENA TANDON & SWARA BHASKER REACT

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra said he has received a complaint against the actress for her tweet in which she referred to the 2020 Galwan Valley clash, and he has forwarded the same to the police for legal opinion. He also criticised the actor saying her tweet showed her "tukde-tukde" mentality.

The actor had tweeted "Galwan says hi" in response to the Northern Army Commander Lt General Upendra Dwivedi's statement that the Indian Army is "waiting for orders from the govt (sic)" in reclaiming Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Chadha's tweet caused a severe backlash on Twitter, with netizens including celebrities, criticising her for mocking the sacrifice of the Indian Armed forces.

In a video statement on Saturday, Mishra said the actor should learn to differentiate between the Army and cinema. "There is a difference between reel and real life," the minister said, daring Chadha to lead the life of a soldier, who lives in extreme weather conditions to protect the country. "Your comment has hurt the patriots. This comment shows her 'tukde-tukde' mentality. I have received a complaint against her and have sent it to the police for legal opinion," Mishra said. For the unversed, "Tukde-Tukde" is a term often used by right-wing parties to attack the opposition, particularly Left and Left-backed outfits as well as those who support them. Taking to Twitter, a journalist shared a screenshot of Richa Chadha's tweet and wrote, "For last four decades, ISI money has flown into Bollywood. Sometimes overtly through the underworld, sometimes



covertly through its assets. Nothing else explains the existence of such blood traitors... Richa Chadha. Responding to him, Raveena replied, "Please do not club together all or generalise. This generates hate towards the Hindi film industry. All along there have been and are strong patriots in the industry who get thrown under the bus by a few and all good work done, is then met with spite and venom."

BHEDIYA BOX OFFICE COLLECTION DAY 3: VARUN DHAWAN-KRITI SANON'S FILM JUMPS HIGH OVER THE WEEKEND

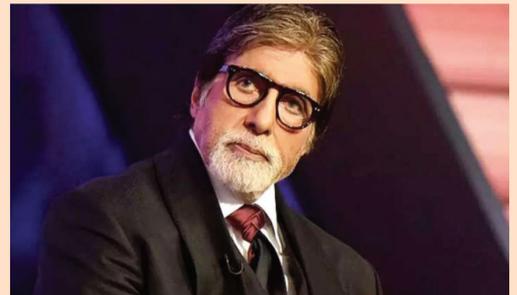


Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon's film is the latest Bollywood film to hit the theaters last weekend. The creature-comedy film is enjoying decent footfall in cinema halls and managed to register growth on Sunday. The film will mint close to Rs 44 Cr in three days with the highest earnings on Sunday. If reports are to be believed, Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon starrer is going strong at the box office and is registering growth too. However, the numbers have not been very promising. It needs better performance to beat Drishyam 2.

Horror comedy "Bhediya" has earned approximately Rs 44 crore in gross box office collection worldwide in the first weekend of its release, the makers said Monday. Fronted by Varun Dhawan, the film opened to mostly positive reviews and raised Rs 12.06 crore on Friday. It collected Rs 14.60 crore on day two and posted its highest numbers

on day three with Rs 17 crore. Maddock Films, the production house behind the Amar Kaushik-directed horror comedy, said the first weekend box office total (worldwide gross) of "Bhediya" stood at Rs 43.67 crore. "#Bhediya jumps higher and howls louder at the box office, all thanks to your love!" the banner said in a tweet. The film, based on ancient Arunachali folklore, tells the story of an ordinary man who begins to transform into a wolf after being bit by a mythical animal. Staying true to the roots, the film is set in Arunachal Pradesh. Varun Dhawan plays a young man named Bhaskar who gets bitten by a wolf in the forest and starts transforming into a shape-shifting werewolf. He along with his friends looks for answers to find a cure and uncover an age-old mystery. The film, directed by Amar Kaushik, released on November 25. The film also stars Deepika Dobbriyal, Abhishek Banerjee and Saurabh Shukla.

DELHI HC: AMITABH BACHCHAN'S NAME, VOICE AND IMAGE CAN'T BE USED WITHOUT PERMISSION



The Delhi High Court on Friday passed an interim order in favour of veteran Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan, restraining various individuals and entities from infringing his personality and publicity rights.

The actor had filed a suit against the people conducting fake 'Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC)' lottery scam, mobile application developers misusing his name, image and voice, book publishers, T-shirts vendors, and various other businesses. It was also brought to the notice of the Delhi HC that infringers have illegally registered Bachchan's name as web-domain names such as www.amitabhbachchan.com and www.amitabhbachchan.in.

Justice Navin Chawla observed that the defendants appear to be using the celebrity status of the actor without his authorisation or permission.

"It cannot seriously be disputed that the plaintiff is a well-known personality and is also represented in various advertisements. The plaintiff is aggrieved by the defendants using his celebrity status to promote their own goods and services without his permission or Authorisation. Having considered the plaint, I am of the opinion that a prima facie case is made out and balance of convenience also lies in his favour," Justice Chawla stated in his order.

The judge also noted that Bachchan is likely to suffer irreparable loss and harm and that some of the activities may even bring him to disrepute if the order is not passed.

Senior lawyer Harish Salve, along with Ameet Naik and Pravin Anand, appeared for Bachchan in the High Court.

SHAH RUKH KHAN FILM PATHAAN'S MUSIC TO RELEASE NEXT MONTH, DIRECTOR PROMISES 'TWO SPECTACULAR SONGS'



Shah Rukh Khan's comeback vehicle Pathaan, bankrolled by Yash Raj Films, will release next year. But ahead of its release, the makers are keeping the internet buzzing by releasing tiny hints about the movie, its scope and of course its soundtrack, which has been composed by Vishal-Shekhar.

Speaking about the actioner's music, Pathaan director Siddharth Anand confirmed that at least two dance tracks from the movie will release sometime next month, therefore creating further buzz for the highly anticipated movie. "Pathaan has two spectacular songs, and fortunately, both are so incredible that they are potential chartbuster anthems of the year. Hence, we have decided to give people ample of time to enjoy the songs before the film releases. December is a party and holiday season for people across the globe, so we will release the songs of the film before the theatrical trailer. This is also a part of our strategy to hold back the plot of Pathaan to as close to the release as possible. So, get ready to dance to the music of Pathaan," the filmmaker said in a statement. Apart from Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone, Pathaan will also see John Abraham in a negative avatar. The film will release in January next year.

AYUSHMANN KHURRANA ON ANEK, DOCTOR G BOX OFFICE PERFORMANCE: 'NEED TO GET AWAY FROM FILMS ON TABOO SUBJECTS'



After attaining critical and commercial success with more than half a dozen taboo and issue-based films, Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana says he needs to break away from the genre. Right from his 2012 acting debut Vicky Donor to films like Dum Laga Ke Haisha, Shubh Mangal Saavdhan, Badhaai Ho and Article 15, the actor has emerged as the go-to artist for playing ordinary men battling social norms. However, the pandemic made him reconsider his criteria of selecting scripts, he said. His 2022 releases Anek and Doctor G are pre-pandemic choices, said Khurrana, adding he signed his upcoming feature An Action Hero post the pandemic. "I need to break (away) from it. I need to get away from taboo subjects and make a film that is more relatable if I aspire for a theatrical release. That's the evolution or maybe learning I've got from the last two years. This film (An Action Hero) is devoid of any messaging as such. It's just pure thrill, entertainment," Khurrana said.



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KUDUS' BRACE GIVES FULL POINTS TO GHANA AGAINST SOUTH KOREA

A brace from Mohammed Kudus helped Ghana register a fighting 3-2 win over South Korea in the Group H match of the FIFA World Cup at the Education City Stadium here on Monday.

At the end of half time play, the Koreans were trailing by two goals but came back strongly in the second half to draw level until Kudus scored his second goal of the match and ended the Koreans resistance.

Ghana, having lost their first match against Portugal 3-2, got their first points with Monday's win in a group where Portugal and Uruguay clash later in the day. South Korea, who drew their opening game with Uruguay and will take on Portugal in the last round match, while Ghana will face Uruguay. South Korea star Son Heung Min, coached as a young player by Ghana boss Otto Addo at SV Hamburg, again wore a protective mask following a broken eye-socket. But he again struggled and his side now risk going out in the group stage for the third straight World Cup. A 10-minute spell in the first half by the African nation gave them a 2-0 lead courtesy of goals from Southampton defender Mohammed Salisu and Ajax's Mohammed Kudus as they brushed aside some early pressure from South Koreans. Both sides made three changes from their opening game in Qatar, where the

Koreans drew 0-0 with Uruguay and Ghana lost 3-2 to Portugal. The opening exchanges were cagey until Salisu netted following Jordan Ayew's free-kick into the box. A lengthy video assistant referee check took place as the ball struck older brother Andre Ayew on the hand before dropping for Salisu, but the officials deemed it to be unintentional. The noisy celebrations by Ghana fans at half time were dampened by a South Korean comeback after the break. Two stunning headers in three minutes from Cho Gue-sung, top-scorer in his domestic league, levelled the game after 61 minutes and threatened to cause another incredible World Cup comeback.

But the impressive Kudus, who had deftly headed in Ayew's cross in the first half, added a final twist when he thumped in a third for Ghana to break South Korea's hearts in the 68th minute.

South Korea applied some heavy pressure in the final minutes as chances continued to fall South Korea's way as they searched for another equalizer but, despite 10 minutes of added time, Ghana held on. More drama followed the finish, with South Korea coach Paulo Bento sent off for protesting that the final whistle had been blown when his side were about to have a corner.

CAMEROON RALLY TO HOLD SERBIA IN SIX-GOAL THRILLER

CAMEROON VS SERBIA MATCH DRAW

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Cameroon came back from a two-goal deficit to force a 3-3 draw with Serbia in a FIFA World Cup Group G thriller at the Al Janoub Stadium here on Monday. With the draw, arguably the most exciting game of the World Cup in Qatar so far, Cameroon kept their hopes alive of reaching the World Cup last 16 Stage.

Both sides lost their opening match so the result leaves them two points adrift of Brazil and Switzerland, who meet later on Monday. The winner of Monday's late match qualifying for the next stage, having won their respective first round matches against Cameroon and Serbia respectively. It now all goes down to Friday matches with both teams needing a win from their next match, with Brazil next up for Cameroon, and Switzerland facing Serbia.

It was a classic intercontinental encounter and a great contest between two different styles. It looked to be Serbia's game but Cameroon got better and stronger as the game went on and no one knew right up until the last few seconds who would take three points, in the end the 3-3 draw was a fair reflection of the thrilling game.

Serbia started brightly and Mitrovic twice went close to giving his side the lead. The Fulham striker struck the post inside the first ten minutes, setting the tone for a match that would soon turn into a goal-packed blockbuster.

However, Cameroon took the lead much against the run of play when Nicolas N'Koulou flicked on a corner and Castelletto tapped home

from close range for his first international goal in the 29th minute. Serbia did not panic though and turned the game on its head in first half stoppage time.

Two quick goals from Strahinja Pavlovic and Sergej Milinkovic-Savic just before the break saw Serbia head into half-time with a 2-1 lead. Aleksandar Mitrovic then added a third in the 53rd minute in what would be any coach's delight as Mitrovic finished off a brilliant Serbia passing move to give them a two-goal cushion and Dragan Stojkovic's side looked to be heading for a comfortable victory.

But Cameroon had other ideas and staged a remarkable second-half comeback. The Indomitable Lions bounced back, scoring twice to level. Substitute Vincent Aboubakar scored an outrageous lob that was initially ruled offside until VAR intervened to award the goal for Cameroon in the 63rd minute.

Aboubakar raced clear and, perhaps thinking he was offside, cut inside past a defender and casually scooped the ball over Vanja Milinkovic-Savic for one of the tournament's best goals, 3-2.

Two minutes later the striker again beat the offside trap but this time Aboubakar drove down the right and passed it to Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting who equalized to make it 3-3.

The suspense continued for the remainder of the match with Serbia coming close to scoring when Mitrovic curled a shot wide in the closing moments after being fed up by Dusan Tadic.

FANTASTIC FELIX FIRES CANADA TO FIRST DAVIS CUP FINALS TITLE



Felix Auger-Aliassime fired Canada to their first Davis Cup Finals title on Sunday when he defeated Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-4 to give his country an unassailable 2-0 lead against Australia, here.

The World No.6 won his singles and doubles match to secure Canada a place in the final and he backed that up with a dominant display against de Minaur.

Auger-Aliassime fired 22 winners and held his nerve at crucial moments, saving all eight break points he faced to triumph after one hour and 42 minutes.

"The emotions are tough to describe. Denis [Shapovalov] and I grew up together, dreaming of these types of stages, dreaming of winning the Davis Cup. It's a great moment for myself and the country," Auger-Aliassime was quoted as saying by daviscup.com.

It is the first time Canada have won the Davis Cup Finals after they reached the championship match for the first time in 2019. On that occasion, Auger-Aliassime and Shapovalov were beaten by Roberto Bautista Agut and Rafael Nadal, respectively, to fall agonisingly short of winning the first Davis Cup crown for their country.

However, they ensured history didn't repeat itself this week, with Shapovalov downing Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-2, 6-4 in the opening match of the tie to move Canada ahead.

CANADA OUSTED FROM FIFA WORLD CUP, 2022

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With Sunday's win, Croatia moved to the top of Group F alongside surprise package Morocco and sent Canada crashing out of their second-ever World Cup, nearly four decades.

Morocco's shock 2-0 win over Belgium earlier on Sunday, their first World Cup victory in 24 years and the Belgium's first group-stage defeat since 1994, had given John Herdman's Canada's a glimmer of hope of qualifying for the knockout stage, which was further reinforced by Bayern Munich winger Davies' second-minute opener.

Canada went into the lead courtesy of a header from Davies, who darted into the box and powerfully converted from Tajon Buchanan's cross. After a blistering start from Canada it was then Croatia who went through the gears playing some composed football. They were brutal at times with the way they kept the ball and counter-attacked. They'll be more than happy with their performance on Sunday. All credit to Croatia for the clinical finish. Croatia, though, did not panic after falling behind and created numerous chances, with striker Andrej Kramaric seeing a goal ruled out for offside. But the former Leicester striker equalised with a first-time angled shot from Ivan Perisic's pass, and Marko Livaja put them ahead with a rasping drive from the edge of the box. Canada early hopes vanished as the game progressed as the 2018 runners-up took full control of the proceedings to go into the half-time break leading 2-1. Canada now have suffered back-to-back defeats in their first two group matches and have since crashed out.

PORTUGAL JOINS BRAZIL, FRANCE INTO KNOCKOUTS STAGE OF WORLD CUP

A brace from Bruno Fernandes helped Portugal to a 2-0 win over Uruguay and a place in the knockout stage of the FIFA World Cup.

On Monday, in the last match of the day at Lusail Stadium in Qatar, Portugal's second successive win took them to six points and to the top of the Group H standings leaving Uruguay, Ghana and South Korea to fight for the second qualification spot from the group.

Portugal joins Brazil and France, the other two teams which have made it to the knockout stage so far.

Portugal started well on the ball, enjoying the lion's share of possession but Uruguay fashioned the best chance. Rodrigo Bentancur worked his way brilliantly through Portugal's defence but squandering the game's best chance in the 33rd minute, firing straight at Diogo Costa from a one-on-one situation. At the other end Bruno worked hard, winning 100 per cent of his tackles, registering a 93 per cent pass accuracy rate and generally stringing play together for his side and with Joao Felix looking lively for Portugal on the left, Uruguay had a handful to deal with. An attempt from distance from Joao flew wide but marked a warning shot for Uruguay, from the 23-year-old Atletico Madrid star.

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With Rohit & Rahul returning in BAN series, where does Shubman Gill stand? Gujarat Titans opener reacts

The Indian team currently is eyeing the One Day International (ODI) World Cup that will be played in their backyard in 2023. As of now, they are now playing against New Zealand in a 3-match ODI series and are lagging by a margin of 1-0. The Kiwi team led by New Zealand won the first match as they secured the lead. Much to India's misfortune, rain denied them the chance to level the scores and they now head towards Christchurch for the final match of the series. Before rain played spoilsport, India were batting quite well and they looked to register a huge total for the Kiwis to chase. The right-handed batter

from Mohali scored a gritty 45 off 42 deliveries. Gill looked in quite a good touch as he registered a strike rate of 107.14. Shubman hit 4 boundaries and 1 six in his innings. The Mohali-based batsman who shot to fame with 418 runs at an average of 104.50 in the 2018 ICC U19 World Cup has always been an option for the opener's slot and has continued to play there even for his IPL (Indian Premier League) franchise Gujarat Titans. Interestingly, Gill isn't a part of India's ODI squad that will be visiting Bangladesh as stalwarts such as KL Rahul, Rohit Sharma, and Virat Kohli return.

NOVAK DJOKOVIC ENDS YEAR ON HIGH, EQUALS ROGER FEDERER'S TALLY WITH 6TH CAREER TITLE



21-time Grand Slam Champion Novak Djokovic added another feather to his impressive cap on Sunday after clinching his 6th career ATP tour finals title. The 7-5, 6-3 win over Norwegian Casper Ruud now sees Djokovic go level with Roger Federer for most wins, having secured his sixth title in Turin. Djokovic had an unforgettable year on the tour where he missed two Grand Slams due to vaccination issues. Novak Djokovic beat Casper Ruud 7-5 6-3 to win the season-ending Nitto ATP Finals for a record-equaling sixth time in his career. Djokovic's title means that he equals Roger Federer for the tournament record of titles and becomes the oldest champion at the season finale. The 35-year-old's victory ensured he maintained his unbeaten run against Ruud. He walks away with a record payday of more than \$4.7 million, as well as 1,500 ATP Rankings points. The title is Djokovic's first at the season-ending competition since 2015.

CRISTIANO RONALDO GETS HUGE \$225 MILLION OFFER FROM SAUDI ARABIA'S CLUB AFTER PARTING WAYS WITH MAN UNITED



After making an exit from his boyhood club Manchester United, Cristiano Ronaldo has reportedly received a huge offer from a Saudi Arabian club. Ronaldo, who is currently on national duty with Portugal parted ways with United when the FIFA World Cup 2022 began. The exit came after the 37-year-old gave an explosive interview with Piers Morgan. Notably, the forward star currently stands as a free agent but the clubs are likely to go all guns blazing behind him. According to a report from CBS Sports, Ronaldo has received an offer of \$225 million from Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr club. The report states that Ronaldo will receive \$75 million per year if he accepts the offer. Notably, it also states that after extensive talks with his representatives the interest of the club is stronger than ever and if the Portuguese captain accepts the offer, it would not take long to finalise the offer.

WASIM AKRAM MAKES 'SHOCKING' REVELATIONS, SAYS HE WAS FORCED TO WASH CLOTHES OF HIS SKIPPER

The Pakistan cricketing landscape has been a very strange one and it has continued to remain so for many years now. In a fresh set of controversy, former Pakistan speedster Wasim Akram has made revelations about his initial playing days in the Pakistan Cricket team. In his biography 'Sultan: A Memoir', Akram has written or rather revealed a few things that haven't gone down well with his former skipper Salim Malik. The former left-arm pacer has revealed that Malik used to take advantage of his seniority and treated him like a servant on tours.

An excerpt from Akram's book reads:

He would take advantage of my junior status. He was negative, and selfish and treated me like a servant. He demanded I massage him, he ordered me to clean his clothes and boots. I was angry when some of the younger team members in Ramiz, Tahir, Mohsin, and Shoaib Mohammad invited me to nightclubs.

It is a well-known fact that both Malik & Akram continued to remain teammates for several years, but they certainly were not on very good terms. The Pakistan stalwart played under Malik's captaincy from 1992-1995 and won 7 out of 12 Tests and 21 out of 31 One Day Internationals (ODIs). Previously Malik has been very vocal and critical about the harsh treatment that he received from both Akram and Waqar Younis. Malik who was held guilty of match-fixing in 2000 didn't mince words and said that Akram wanted the captaincy role for himself.

Malik has now come out in his defence and has said:

I was trying to call him but he did not answer. I will ask him what was the reason for writing what he did. If I was narrow-minded, I would not have given him the chance to bowl. I will ask him why he wrote such remarks about me.



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TESLA OPENS ITS EV CONNECTOR DESIGN TO OTHER AUTOMAKERS



Elon Musk-owned electric vehicle company Tesla has started to allow other automakers to use its EV connector design. The Tesla charging connector, which combines AC charging and up to 1 mega-watt of DC in a "slim package", is the most well-known connector in North America, the company said in a blogpost. It is half the size, twice as powerful, and has no moving parts compared to Combined Charging System (CCS) connectors. "We invite charging network operators and vehicle manufacturers to put the Tesla charging connector and charge port, now called the North American Charging Standard (NACS), on their equipment and vehicles," the EV maker said. "Tesla's Supercharging network has 60 per cent more NACS posts than all the CCS-equipped networks combined," it added. NACS is the common charging standard in the US. Tesla owners can expect charging at other networks without adapters as network operators already have plans in place to implement NACS at their chargers.

EATING WALNUTS EVERY DAY CAN CONTROL BLOOD PRESSURE



Walnuts are said to be a rich source of Omega-3. In fact, it is claimed that it is the only nut that contains Omega-3 alpha-linolenic acid (ALA). As per a report in Dail Mail, the findings published in the journal Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases, claim that the ones consuming walnut were reported to have had lower blood pressure than those who did not eat them. Not just this, but walnuts are also said to have many other health benefits too:

Lowers blood pressure

Some studies claim that walnuts can help to lower blood pressure. It is believed that those who suffer from high blood pressure saw benefits in regulating their BP when they consumed walnuts. Also, it helped some to manage their BP when they were under stress.

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Gut health is managed by microbes that reside in our body. Studies suggest that if you have an ample number of health-promoting bacteria in the gut, you'll lead a healthy life. Walnuts are said to promote the same. According to a research in The National Center for Biotechnology Information, those who consumed walnuts had healthier guts in comparison to the ones who did not.

AVERAGE HOME PRICE IN CANADA DOWN BY 9.9% TO \$644K, SALES DOWN BY 36% IN OCTOBER FROM LAST YEAR

Home sales recorded over Canadian MLS® Systems edged up by 1.3% between September and October 2022. While not a large increase, it was significant in that it was the first monthly gain since February.

About 60% of all local markets saw sales rise in October, although both gains and declines were generally small across the board. The largest gain, a 6% increase in Greater Vancouver, was offset by a 2.4% decrease in activity in Montreal. The actual (not seasonally adjusted) number of transactions in October 2022 came in 36% below that same month last year, and stood about 15% below the pre-COVID-19 10-year average for the month. "In October, sales across the country increased for the first time since before interest rates started to rise last winter," said Jill Oudil, Chair of CREA. "Of course, we've known the demand was there, so it's just been a matter of some playing the waiting game as borrowing costs and prices have adjusted. Moving into 2023, sellers and buyers will likely continue coming off the sidelines, but it's a very different market compared to just one year ago. As always, for information and guidance about how to navigate the current marketplace, your best bet is to contact your local REALTOR®," continued Oudil. "October provided another month's worth of data suggesting the slow down in Canadian housing markets is winding up," said Shaun Cathcart, CREA's Senior Economist. "Sales actually popped up from September to October, and the decline

in prices on a month-to-month basis got smaller for the fourth month in a row." The number of newly listed homes was up 2.2% on a month-over-month basis in October, with gains in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the B.C. Lower Mainland offsetting declines in Montreal and Halifax-Dartmouth. With sales up by a little less than new listings in October, the sales-to-new listings ratio eased back to 51.6% compared to 52% in September. The long-term average for this measure is 55.1%. There were 3.8 months of inventory on a national basis at the end of October 2022, up slightly from 3.7 months at the end of September. While the number of months of inventory is still well below the long-term average of about five months, it is also up quite a bit from the all-time low of 1.7 months set at the beginning of 2022. The Aggregate Composite MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) edged down 1.2% on a month-over-month basis in October 2022, the smallest decline since June. The non-seasonally adjusted Aggregate Composite MLS® HPI edged down 0.8% on a year-over-year basis in October. The actual (not seasonally adjusted) national average home price was \$644,643 in October 2022, down 9.9% from the same month last year. The national average price is heavily influenced by sales in Greater Vancouver and the GTA, two of Canada's most active and expensive housing markets. Excluding these two markets from the calculation cuts almost \$125,000 from the national average price.



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FIVE DIETARY SWITCHES FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

'Healthy lifestyle' a common phrase that has come under much scrutiny over the last couple years, has some of us checking our calorie count with every meal intake, and most of us aiming to achieve it, but never being able to. Despite alarming facts that reveal the sorry state of the Indian population's heart health, and India accounting for approximately 60 per cent of the world's heart diseases, it becomes an important consideration.

We know that hypertension, high cholesterol, diabetes, or obesity can impact our health negatively. These can be caused by our poor lifestyle choices. Our sedentary lifestyles have led to reduced levels of physical activity, coupled with the lack of moderation and imbalance in our food habits that include excess consumption of processed foods high in refined sugar, salt and high-in fat consisting of saturated and trans-fat. The key to minimising health risks is not as hard as you may think. Starting small and adopting simple dietary and lifestyle changes can help in maintaining overall heart health.

Choose granola bars over Indian dessert

We Indians have a sweet tooth and crave for something sweet with our meals, but most of the time we go overboard with the consumption of desserts which have excessive amount of sugar. Over consumption of sugar for long period of time accumulates as fat in the body causing weight gain. Even though sugar is part of our regular diet one needs to be mindful about the consumption pattern, portion sizes and should go for a snack which is more ideal.

Granola bars are a quick snack for those who need a power boost but make sure you use low amounts of sugar. Homemade granola bars can be made at home with oats, berries, edible seeds and dry fruits that are high sources of fibre and protein. Soluble fibre helps to reduce LDL levels i.e., bad cholesterol and blood pressure which will keep your heart healthy.

Swap fruit juices with whole fruits

Consuming whole fruits in the morning helps in better absorption of vitamins from the fruits. However, people choose the convenient option and consume fruit juices.

Natural and canned fruit juices are a concentrated sources of sugars without the benefit of fibre. Hence, it is advisable to include whole fruits as part of your breakfast, which have nutrients like fibre, vitamins, minerals, and phytonutrients. Seasonal fruits can be a good way to include fruits in your breakfast every day.

Choose blended oils over single seed oils

Our day-to-day cooking requires oil in almost all our meals, therefore choosing the right oil is a simple change for overall health. Though single seed oils like ground nut, soybean, canola etc. do have health benefits, they are not enough to provide the right balance of fatty acids

which are recommended in our diet.

A healthier switch would be opting for multi-source oils, also known as blended oils. Blended oils with antioxidants have multiple benefits like providing nutrition from fats and improving immunity. It is prepared by combining two or more oils into one to obtain benefits of two oils in one. They are scientifically blended to provide good balance of MUFAs and PUFAs that help manage cholesterol.

Choosing a blended oil like Saffola Gold Blended Oil as part of your everyday diet can help in keeping your heart healthy. It has natural antioxidants that help build immunity and gives you benefits of oryzanol that helps lower your cholesterol. Additionally, it has LOSORB technology which helps in absorbing lower quantities of oil during frying compared to other cooking oils. The oil is a blend of Rice Bran Oil which is rich in MUFA and Sunflower Oil which is rich in PUFA; and hence, gives you a good balance of MUFA and PUFA, which is beneficial for your heart health.

Lower sodium and saturated fat rich snack foods

The American Heart Association and Indian Council of Medical Research recommend ideal consumption of sodium to be no more than 2000 mg a day. Processed foods like chips, crackers or white bread as an evening snack has become a norm amongst adults these days and these foods are usually high in sodium and saturated fat. It is important to check nutritional labels before purchasing processed foods to assess the amount of sodium and saturated fat you are consuming. You can also opt for a healthy switch and consume foods like fruits, sprouts, oats, yogurt or millet based foods for snacks.

Swap fast food with healthy alternatives

Working professionals living sedentary lifestyles tend to depend on fast food to satisfy their hunger pangs. Fast food could have excess amounts of saturated fats, refined sugar and sodium, increasing the possibility of obesity, diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol imbalance.

To counter this, a simple habit of eating healthy alternatives like hummus wrap, savoury oatmeal, and millet dosas can be relished. Chickpeas, oats, millet flour and veggies have great source of plant-based protein and fiber which improves your good gut bacteria and have low glycemic Index that helps to control blood sugar levels. Leafy vegetables like spinach, cabbage, fenugreek leaves, kale and collard greens are high in fibre, vitamins and minerals that promote overall health and heart health.

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle can seem overwhelming, especially with all the information out there. However, breaking down your health goals and making simple, easy changes to your everyday habits can help achieve a healthy lifestyle.

SOME IMPRESSIVE BENEFITS OF VITAMIN C SUPPLEMENTS



Vitamin C is a very important vitamin that plays a number of roles in the human body. Packed with a wide range of impressive health benefits, the water-soluble vitamin is present in numerous fruits and vegetables such as oranges, strawberries, kiwi fruit, bell peppers, broccoli, kale, and spinach. Nutritionists recommend a daily Vitamin C intake of 75 mg for women and around 100 mg for men. Although it's generally suggested that one should meet their vitamin C requirement from the food one eats, a number of people switch to supplements to address their nutritional needs. Before you consume any type of Vitamin C supplements, it is essential to consult a medical practitioner to avoid any discrepancies. Here are some highly significant medically-tested advantages of consuming vitamin C:

Vitamin C is necessary for collagen synthesis. As we know, Collagen is an integral structural component of connective tissue, blood vessels, tendons, ligaments, cartilage, gums, skin, teeth, and bones. It helps in maintaining the skin natural elasticity to render a younger-looking skin and reduce skin-sagging.

Vitamin C also assays a cardinal role in the synthesis of the neurotransmitter, 'norepinephrine' which is crucial for optimal brain functioning and impacts mood sensations.

Vitamin C also has a critical role in enhancing the body's immune function, which can get hindered on account of nutritional scarcity.

Vitamin C is also an extremely efficient antioxidant. Even in small traces, vitamin C aids in safeguarding various essential molecules in the body like proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, and nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) from damage by free radicals. The free radicals damage can be produced during routine metabolism as well as through contact with various toxins and air pollutants i.e. smoking.

It has also been ascertained that vitamin C can also restore other antioxidants like vitamin E. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), which extends scientific recommendations to facilitate medical policymakers, has corroborated the following health benefits that come with the regular dietary intake of vitamin C in one's diet:

It assists in safeguarding essential cell constituents from the damage caused by free radicals

It improves the rate of collagen formation and assists in the normal functioning of blood vessels, skin, bones, cartilage, gums, and teeth It further helps in increasing the rate of non-heme iron (found in plant-based foods) absorption

It also regulates the standard operation of the nervous system

Vitamin C also proves instrumental in bolstering the body's natural immunity It also assists in preserving the routine functions of the immune system both before and after an intense physical workout.

It also supports the redevelopment process of the abridged form of vitamin E Furthermore, it also aids in curtailing tiredness and fatigue levels in the body. Having understood the importance of Vitamin C in our lives, we must strive to include Vitamin C in our everyday diet to ensure the proper functioning of the body and enjoy healthy disease-free living. If you are unable to receive the prescribed amount of Vitamin C from your conventional diet, you can also resort to using over-the-counter and safe-to-use Vitamin C supplements. However, it is prudent to consult a doctor or a nutritionist before consuming any form of supplements. (Shikha Dwivedi is an Msc. clinical nutrition and dietetics and in-house nutritionist of OZiva)

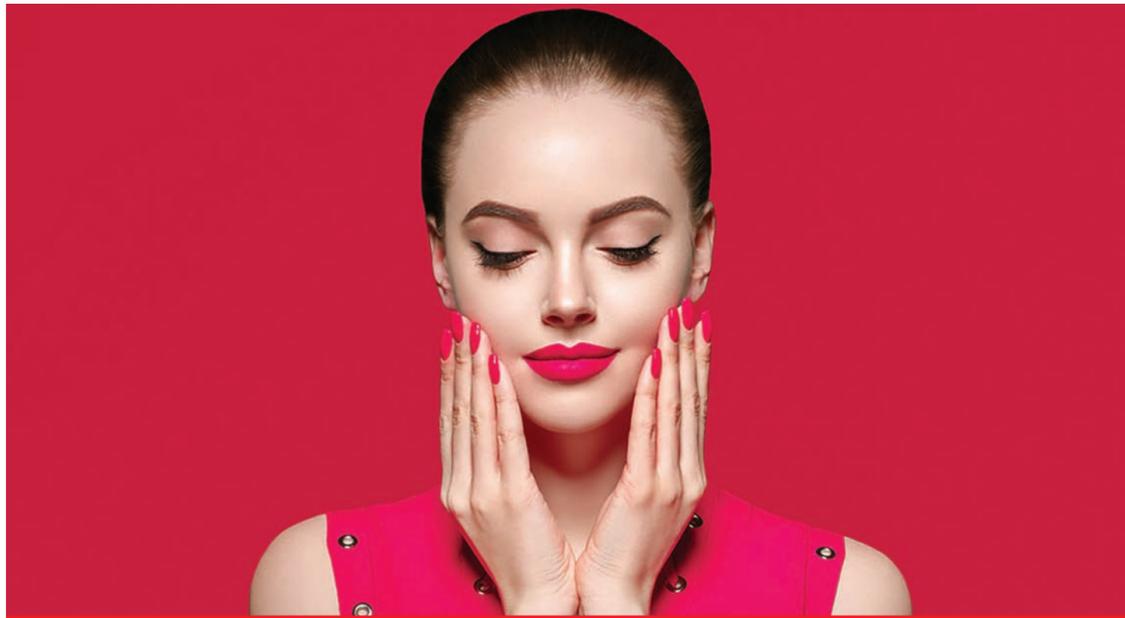
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DIY WINTER SKIN CARE ROUTINE FOR UNEVEN, DRY SKIN

Winter has arrived, and it is now time to take extra care of our skin. This season, in particular, demands a strict and consistent beauty regimen that can assist us in getting rid of dry, uneven, and unsightly skin. Here are some of the most economical and trustworthy DIY winter regimes one may follow to achieve a highly sophisticated and hydrated winter look.

Coconut Oil: Winter season calls for extra care, and applying coconut oil all over your body definitely gives you a wonderful beauty treatment and naturally moisturized skin with a boosted metabolism. For ages, coconut oil has been used and is doing wonders on the skin, giving the right amount of softness and glow all over your face and body. Applying regularly helps in restoring damaged skin and removes dry and irritated patches. Not just this, but applying the oil with little sugar or turmeric on your face or body can help you to remove all the tanning and also dark patches easily and effectively.

Apply Tints with vaseline: Chapped lips or dry lips are the most common problem faced by most of us, so to get rid of this problem, start applying your glossy and pink tints with a mix of petroleum jelly. Applying both together will instantly soften and soothe dry lips; you

can also use this on your cheeks to give a glowy and pinky look. Using these together easily removes the lips and dry cheeks from discomfort. If you often go out to your office, applying this can also protect your lips from UVA and UVB rays with SPF 15.

Homemade Face Oils: Undoubtedly face oils have recently become popular, and people are super using them on an everyday basis. Face oils have the best moisturising abilities than face creams. Also, these oils have natural nutrients that provide skin with several vitamins and minerals. You can make homemade avocado, rose, and lavender oil and use them during your makeup. These face oils can be used as a primer to give an even base and won't give your makeup clog skin pores.

Face mist: Face mist helps your skin to be super hydrated and fresh; rose mist is a natural astringent and keeps the skin refreshing with the natural fragrance. One can also use face rice water mist, cucumber mist, green tea mist, and the easiest to use and make aloe vera mist.

Honey Pack: Applying honey with yogurt and a pinch of turmeric is an amazing way to remove all the tan and prevent the skin from unwanted dryness. It even boosts your performance and endurance and reduces muscle fatigue.

WHAT IS KADHA? HOW DOES IT HELP IN BOOST IMMUNITY

We've all learned over the last two years how important it is to strengthen the body's natural defence system. If there's one thing we've learned from the pandemic, it's not to take our health for granted and that the best way to fight sickness is to strengthen our defence, i.e., our immune system.

The age-old Vedic Kadha, the mystical combination that has been a well-known part of history, is a fantastic place to start when adding immunity-boosting foods and beverages to our normal diet even if our immune system is skilled at fighting off infectious diseases.

WHAT IS KADHA?

Created by ancient sages with profound knowledge of herbs and spices, this decoction is used all over India as a general precaution to prevent colds and boost immunity. It is made using simple ingredients available in every kitchen.

Kadha is being re-discovered by the world as yet another powerfully potent superfood from the timeless tradition of ancient Indian wellness as it improves the body's natural ability to fight common ailments. Before discussing the preparations and proportions of Kadha, let's take a quick look at a few important benefits.

BENEFITS OF KADHA

Highly effective against common cold and cough, Anti-viral and anti-inflammation, Natural adaptogen that helps in all eviating stress, Reduces mucus, Throat decongestant and soother, Boosts immunity, Strong detoxification, Fights internal infection, Reduces blood pressure, Regulates blood sugar, Aids digestion and acidity.



BOOKS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

We still struggle to articulate our feelings when people ask us why we enjoy reading or books, or why we beam with joy whenever we pass a library or bookstore. Fortunately, a number of people have already completed it for us. These new novels are ones to keep an eye out for this month:

Samsara: Enter the Valley of Gods (By Saksham Garg)

Phones stop working. Smartwatches die. And arms start glowing with blue scars. This is what happens to Aman Chandra and ten other Souls of Samsara when they are kidnapped from modern-day India and transported to a hidden valley in the Himalayas. In this realm of magic, home to Hindu gods, immortal yogis and mythical beasts, the mission is clear for the Souls of Samsara: to learn the ancient art of yogic sorcery and prepare for a treacherous journey not many can survive.

But why must they go on this journey? And how are the gods connected to it all?

It Was Always You (By Sudeep Nagarkar)

Sudeep Nagarkar has authored nine bestselling novels and is the recipient of Youth Achievers Award. He has been featured on the Forbes India longlist of the most influential celebrities for three consecutive years. His books have been translated into various languages, including Hindi, Marathi and Telugu.

Popular Indian author Sudeep is best known for writing romances and Young Adult fiction. His debut book 'Few Things Left Unsaid' was published in 2011, and since then over 40 of his novels have been published so far— the latest being 'It Was Always You'. A Tale of love, marriage, friendship, and everything in between.

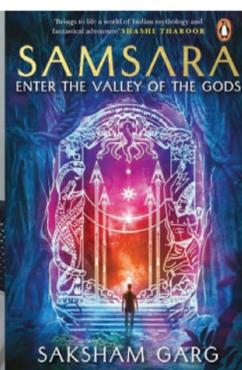
They say that old love is like old wine. But, if an old love comes back into your life when you are married, that same old wine can give you a terrible hangover for the rest of your life.

Will Karan let his past come in between his present? Will he be able to keep his marriage afloat?

Finding Answers to the World's Oldest Questions with Nimish Dayalu in Caveman's Secret Sauce

One evening, a strange man called Adi, who does mysterious things, makes his way into Jeet's cave. The two develop a friendship that will help Jeet unravel the secrets of the wild. In his pursuit to grow, Jeet travels to a mountain village that has been untouched by time and then up a sacred mountain, meeting some fascinating characters along his journey. On this quest from the surreal to the supernatural, Jeet untangles some of the most complex mysteries of the world, which often kept him awake at night in the city.

Nimish Dayalu, ex-Moody's, global head of people development, is passionate about bringing a positive change in people's lives. A



certified yoga teacher on a path of mind training, he has yoga in his DNA-his direct lineage is from the world-famous Iyengar yoga family. Nimish is the co-founder and CEO of Zoga Wellness, a high-tech mobile application designed to help users learn and practise ancient Indian yoga and meditation.

Intriguing, adventurous and containing the pearls of forgotten ancient Indian myths and legends, Caveman's Secret Sauce has the right ingredients that are missing in society today.

Fifteen Judgements By Saurabh Kirpal

It is an endeavor to examine fifteen judgments that have shaped the financial landscape of India and offer an insight into judicial thinking in matters concerning the economy since independence.

With significant macroeconomic dimensions, these judgments, when explored, show a long-term impact on the economy. In doing so, judgments from different times of history have been examined to give the reader a flavour of the jurisprudential philosophies at different times in the country since Independence.

The 15 judgments also trace the long path of the economic history of the country. From the almost laissez-faire conception of the economy in the fifties to the socialism of the seventies and eighties; from the recognition of the effects of liberalization in the 90s to the attempt to reign in the perceived excesses of liberalization, the judgments reflect the sentiment of the era that they were delivered in.

This book is an endeavour to educate the common man and woman about some of the legal issues in the world of finance. After all, the ultimate control of arbitrary power is an informed electorate. The book is not a legal text aimed solely at lawyers but is an attempt to demystify the process of judicial adjudication. The law as well as the historic and socio-economic context of the issues at stake are discussed in a language accessible to the lay reader.

THESE SUPER FRUITS WILL HELP YOU RECOVER FASTER FROM DENGUE

Dengue fever is rampant and its incidents have grown over time. Each year, mosquito bites cause dengue fever to strike millions of people around the world. With the arrival of monsoon, cases in India begin to climb and experience a dramatic increase in the months that follow. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi reported around 900 dengue cases in the city in October, based on its statistics.

In order to promote speedy healing and strengthen immunity, it's critical to keep a mindful diet and consume foods that are strong in vitamins and nutrients.

"While patients are advised to take proper rest and drink plenty of fluids in order to recover fast and prevent dehydration, there are some super foods that help regain one's strength. Varun Khurana, Founder & CEO Otipy shares below the list of superfruits that help one recover faster from the illness and support overall health.

Kiwi - As per various studies Kiwi fruit has been found to have a strong therapeutic effect on dengue fever and other concomitant symptoms. It contains copper, which is particularly important for the production of healthy red blood cells and enhancing resistance to infection. It is also a rich source of potassium, vitamin E, and vitamin A which maintains the body's electrolyte balance. We can talk about immunity also since Kiwi has good amount of Vitamin C & natural immunity is important in fighting against Dengue etc.

Pomegranate - Pomegranate stands out for its high iron content. It aids in preserving a healthy blood platelet count, which is necessary for recovering from dengue. Its consumption has an overall positive impact on the body; it combats fatigue and exhaustion, which is common in dengue and persists for several weeks after recovery in the acute stage.

Malta - Citrus fruits are proven to be beneficial for dengue patients. Malta has a high concentration of antioxidants and vitamin C. Patients with dengue infection are susceptible to dehydration and Malta helps the body stay hydrated along with fighting fatigue, and boosting immunity. A simple cup of Malta juice added to the patient's daily meal can significantly strengthen their immune system.

Papaya - Papaya extract is a good source of the digestive enzymes papain and chymopapain, which help with digestion, stop bloating, and treat other digestive issues. Papaya leaves are the highly recommended remedy to fight dengue and consumed widely. 30ml of freshly squeezed papaya leaf juice aids in the treatment of dengue by boosting platelet count.

Coconut Water - It is a natural source of water which provides essential minerals and electrolytes. In most cases, dehydration follows dengue and coconut water has adequate minerals and salts which keeps the body hydrated. A Lot of fluid intake is recommended for quick recovery and coconut water is one of the essential and readily available fluids that helps the body heal faster.

Dragon Fruit - Along with being packed with potent antioxidants, high fibre and iron content, it is also a rich source of vitamin C. It boosts cellular immunity of the patients and protects against dengue hemorrhagic fever. Dengue fever often causes acute pain in the bones and dragon fruit helps in restoring bone strength and increases hemoglobin due to its powerful antioxidant properties.

Banana - Bananas come under the category of easily digestible fruits. In order to recover fast from dengue's consequences, the patients are advised to consume food that is easy to digest and has sufficient amounts of nutrients and maintain a balanced diet. In addition to being one of the best foods that help with digestion, they are rich in Potassium, vitamin B6, and vitamin C which acts as a booster in recovering from the disease. While the primary need is to get the necessary medical care, the aforementioned superfoods being a rich source of vital vitamins and minerals are highly recommended as they act as a booster for a quick recovery.

TEN THINGS TO CARRY WHILE TRAVELLING WITH A BABY

It might be difficult to decide what to bring on a trip with a baby and what to leave behind. Most of the time, you probably need exactly what you may have left at home.

However, it is impossible to bring everything on your list with you. The baby bag checklist is being scrutinised for all these reasons, including weight restrictions, the sheer difficulties of lugging around so much luggage with a baby, and the feeling that you've packed your entire house for a two-day trip.

Here are ten things that are must carry when travelling with a baby:

Carrier/Stroller

'Wear your baby!', an infant carrier comes as a blessing in disguise making you hands free and keeping your little one securely strapped onto you as well. Not only is this a convenience during the travel journey, it also serves as a must have in your bag while vacationing during sightseeing and shopping.

Noise free/Quiet toys

Any mode of travel, air, road or sea in most cases comes with fellow passengers around. For the sake of their privacy along with the avid engagement purpose of your child, it is a good idea to invest in some noise free toys.

White noise machine

Travel often plays truant with a baby's sleep routine. Add to that an unfamiliar surroundings. One can never be sure of the noise levels on an airplane or hotel room overlooking a busy street. A portable white noise machine can prove to be god sent in such times. (Use a white noise app on your phone if you do not have a machine)

Nursing Cover

If you are breastfeeding mum, this one is your bestfriend while travelling. A hungry baby can never be soothed without a quick session at the breast. While travelling this could mean having to feed anywhere. A nursing cover can make you feel comfortable about having to feed in public or may just be the need of your surroundings when you need to get down to feeding your baby.

Silicone Mat/Snack Cup

For infants that are on finger foods or toddlers too during regular meal times, a silicone mat or silicone snack cup could make it easier to have them snack on the go at their convenience while you tour through your said sightseeing attraction for the day or indulge in a meal at one of the local eateries at your travel destination.

Lightweight Baby Cover Up

This single item could serve multiple purposes, it could work as a blanket for your baby when they could be cold, it could act as a nursing cover, a swaddle, a shield against the scorching sun or a spread on the floor in case of the need to perform a quick diaper change.



4 MUST-HAVE SKINCARE INGREDIENTS FOR A PERFECT WINTER GLOW

Winter looks to be the ideal season because of the crispness of the air, the warmth of comfortable sweaters, and the impending holiday season with the start of the New Year. The skin on your face and body may encounter some harsher weather impacts even if the winter may seem like the finest time of year because the season brings about decreased humidity and dryness in the air. Understanding the best ways to deal with them is crucial. The founder of Deconstruct, Malini Adapureddy, is here to give you a breakdown of the components you should be using in your skincare regimen to keep your skin looking and feeling its best throughout the chilly winter.

Lock in the moisture with Hyaluronic Acid

Hyaluronic Acid has emerged as a must-have ingredient in serums, moisturisers, and even body washes for people who want their skin to appear significantly softer and more nourished. In order to provide people the chance to experience this ingredient's utmost efficacy, it has been included into a variety of skincare products. The hydration that hyaluronic acid provides for the skin is one of its key qualities. It binds to water molecules in the skin when applied externally, enhancing hydration, holding onto the moisture, and preventing the skin from drying out.

Pro Tip: Use Hyaluronic Acid right after your shower to lock in the most amount of moisture during winter.

Get that citrus boost with Vitamin C

Adding a regular, healthy dose of Vitamin C is important to maintain that winter glow, especially with the wide range of benefits that this active brings along. For starters, maintaining a good body temperature through improved blood circulation is important during the colder months, and ensures that the cold winter doesn't impact your skin too much. Vitamin C is also incredibly beneficial for taking care of many skincare ailments such as dull, dry and tired skin. It is also known to aid in the production of collagen, which helps maintain the skin's elasticity, giving your firmer skin.

Pro Tip: Use a product that contains both Vitamin C and Ferulic Acid such as Deconstruct's Vitamin C Serum - 10% Vitamin C + 0.5 per cent Ferulic Acid to ensure that the ingredients are working at their highest potency.

Indulge in some Ceramides

Ceramides play a role in skin's barrier function, which serves as our body's first line of defense to external pollution and toxins, which makes it a brilliant choice for those who want to lock in moisture and prevent their skin from drying out during the cold winter months. Ceramides work best when they are used twice a day, and can be utilised in many skincare products such as serums, moisturisers, body washes, and even scrubs.

Pro Tip: Use a ceramide-based moisturiser immediately after using a face serum to lock in the moisture and provide intense hydration while strengthening the skin barrier.

Turn that winter skin around with AHA

AHA (Alpha Hydroxy Acid), while not a moisturising agent, performs a different role in a winter skincare routine. AHA is best known for its exfoliating properties and is a chemical exfoliator that works to scrub off the dead skin cells from the body, revealing visibly brighter and nourished skin beneath. The process of removing the dead skin cells from the body also helps the body produce more evenly pigmented skin cells, preventing uneven skin tone woes. However, care must be taken to not overuse AHA in one's skincare routine to prevent the skin from peeling, or causing any kind of damage.

Pro Tip: Use a Lactic or Glycolic Acid Exfoliating Serum and Body cream once/twice a week if you are a beginner in chemical exfoliation.

While the winter months are truly a magical time of the year, no one wants to go through them unprepared, with skin concerns and woes. Using a combination of these three ingredients is a great way to live through these months with a beautiful glowing skin, and avoid the dryness and damage that comes along with lowered temperatures.

AIR POLLUTION DAMAGE TO LUNGS IS IRREVERSIBLE



Every year the third Wednesday of November is observed as COPD Day, the day strives to raise awareness on the condition, risk factors and also on the importance of a pollution free environment for healthy living. The COPD theme this year rightly proclaims "Healthy Lungs -Never More Important" as the Covid 19 infection has not only created havoc on environment and human life but also compromised our lung health hence the time to fix them is most certainly now before it is too late. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is broad term for a range of progressive lung diseases. Any form of lung damage can result in a multitude of problems including chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The bad news is that lung deterioration is a condition that is non-reversible and also there is no treatment option available. Lifestyle changes and medical intervention can simply help the patient to avoid flare ups and improve their quality of life. Children especially premature kids, and those with weak immune system and asthma are more prone to develop COPD at a later stage in life. According to WHO, every day almost 93% of the world's children under the age of 15 years (1.8 billion children) breathe air that is so polluted it puts their health and development at serious risk. WHO estimates that in 2016, 600,000 children died from acute lower respiratory infections caused by polluted air. The Delhi government's recent order on the closure of primary schools in Delhi owing to the dangerous level that the AQI has dipped to, has brought the debate back to the environmental concern of cleaner and safer air and finding sustainable solutions to the pollution problem. Instead of opting for short-term knee jerk solutions it is imperative that we ensure long term sustainable solutions to the ever-growing problem of pollution. The adverse health impact of air pollution is an immediate public health concern in the country and the government should look for addressing the concern in the most effective manner. In India industrial emission is majorly responsible for air pollution, followed by combustion by vehicles and then household emissions and burning of crop waste in rural areas. With Indian metros topping the list of most polluted cities in the world, the problem can no longer be overlooked. The government has already taken noteworthy steps when it comes to environmental degradation - from promoting cleanliness drives of rivers to banning the usage of plastic, the government has time and again shown its commitment towards environmental causes.

CAN FLAX SEEDS GIVE YOU THE SAME AMOUNT OF OMEGA 3 AS FISH?

Many believe that flax seeds can give you the same omega three as a fish. This is not entirely true because the body does not convert all of the ALA found in flaxseeds to the longer-chain omega-3 fatty acids (EPA and DHA) found in fish. Some research suggests that men who consume flaxseed oil have slightly higher levels of EPA and DHA in their blood than men who don't, and the stories are still low compared to those achieved by fish consumption.

Did you know that flax seeds contain omega-3 fatty acids? These acids are essential for the human body and can be found in fish in high concentrations. Many people take flaxseed oil capsules as a dietary supplement, but can flax seeds give you the same amount of omega three as a fish? In this article, we will explore the benefits of flax seeds and how much omega-3 they contain.

The question of whether flax seeds can give you the same omega three as a fish is interesting. To answer this question, we must first understand what omega 3 is and where it comes from. Omega 3 is a type of fatty acid essential for human health, and it can be found in various foods, including fish, nuts, and seeds.

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Flaxseeds are a source of soluble and insoluble fibre, minerals, lignans, and omega-3 fatty acids. In addition to their nutritional value, flaxseeds contain phytochemicals that may reduce the risk of cancer, heart disease, and stroke. A single tablespoon of ground flaxseed contains about 3 grams of fibre and 2.6 grams of omega-3 fatty acids.

Types of omega-3 fats

There are two primary kinds of omega-3 unsaturated fats -

eicosapentaenoic corrosive (EPA)

docosahexaenoic corrosive (DHA)

EPA and DHA are found in fish and other seafood, while ALA is found in plant sources such as flaxseeds. The body can convert some ALA to EPA and DHA, but the conversion is inefficient. For this reason, it is generally recommended that people consume omega-3 fatty acids from fish or fish oil supplements rather than from plant sources.

There are two main types of omega-3 fatty acids -

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docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)

EPA and DHA are found in fish oil, while alpha-linolenic acid (ALA) is located in plants such as flaxseed oil. The body can convert ALA to EPA and DHA, but the conversion is inefficient. For this reason, it is generally recommended that people consume EPA and DHA directly from fish or fish oil supplements rather than from plants such as flaxseeds.

ALA is found in plant-based foods, such as flaxseeds, while EPA and DHA are found in animal-based foods, such as fish. The body can convert ALA into EPA and DHA, but the conversion is inefficient. For this reason, consuming foods rich in EPA and DHA is essential. Flaxseed is a type of plant that has a lot of health benefits. It has been used for centuries and is often considered the most nutritious plant on earth.

Why should you eat flax?

Many people have been using flaxseed for their health because it provides many benefits, such as lowering cholesterol, improving digestion, reducing inflammation, and more. The seeds are also rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which are great for the heart and brain.

Flaxseeds are a rich source of alpha-linolenic acid, an omega-3 fatty acid essential for health. It is often used to produce vegan mayonnaise and other vegan products. Flaxseed oil is also used as a cooking oil and an ingredient in some baked goods.

Flax is a plant that can be consumed in the form of seeds, oil, or flour. It's rich in Omega-3 fatty acids and fibre. The benefits of consuming Flax are -

It helps to control cholesterol levels and blood pressure

It has anti-inflammatory properties, which help to reduce pain and swelling associated with arthritis

Reduces risk of heart disease

Helps to maintain a healthy weight.

Flax seeds are a source of protein and fibre with a variety of uses. As a result, the popularity of these seeds has grown in recent years. It has been concluded that eating flaxseed can improve cardiovascular health, and it is a good idea to add flaxseed to your diet. Not only can flaxseed improve cardiovascular health, but it can also improve cholesterol levels and help protect against cancer.

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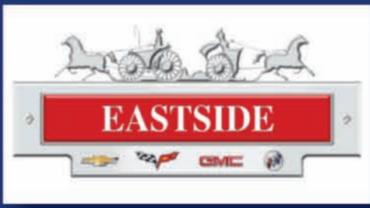
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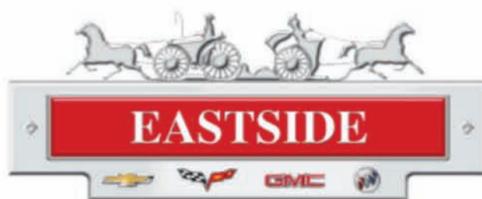


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