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BJP SECURES HISTORIC WIN IN 156 SEATS IN GUJARAT; CONGRESS GETS MAJORITY IN HIMACHAL BY WINNING 40 SEATS; AAP ENDS BJP'S 15 YEAR-RULE IN DELHI MCD

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel took over in September 2021 after his BJP removed incumbent Vijay Rupani, and is set to be sworn-in again on December 12 after the party's landslide victory in the Assembly elections. The Patel ministry totalled 25, including the Chief Minister, but for the two-phase December elections, five ministers were denied tickets. Of the other 20, the Chief Minister and 18 others have got re-elected to the Assembly. While Patel has won with a massive margin of 1,92,263 votes, other colleagues who won with large margins are Purnesh Modi (104,637), Harsh Sanghvi (131,675), Kanu Desai (97,164), Naresh Patel (93,166), and Manish Vakil (98,597). Other ministers who have won are Jitu Vaghani, Rishikesh Patel, Raghavji Patel, Kirtisinh Rana, Arjunsinh Chauhan, Jagdish Panchal, Jitu Chaudhary, Mukesh Patel, Nimisha Suthar, Kuberbhai Dindor, Gajendrasinh Parmar, Vinubhai Moradia and Devabhai Malam. However, minister Kirtisinh Vaghela was the unlucky one, losing by a margin of 4,792 votes. The BJP, in a press statement, has given several reasons for its landslide victory – the Prime Minister Narendra Modi factor, water management, safe and secure Gujarat, uninterrupted electricity supply, agricultural growth, empowering poor and deprived, qualitative specialised education, women empowerment, empowerment of tribals, and 'Vibrant Gujarat'. The Congress on Thursday got an absolute majority in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections, winning 40 seats – six over than the half-way mark of 34 in the 68-member House, while the outgoing BJP was reduced to 25.



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US ANNOUNCES FUSION ENERGY SUCCESS 'THAT COULD REVOLUTIONIZE THE WORLD'

The US on Tuesday announced a breakthrough in clean energy for a warming globe through fusion technology that could transform the way the world is powered, imitating the process that makes the sun and stars shine. White House Science and Technology Policy Director Arati Prabhakar called it "an engineering marvel beyond belief". "This is such a wonderful example of a possibility realised, a scientific milestone achieved, and a road ahead to the possibilities for clean energy," she said at the announcement in Washington. Fusion technology is the process by which two or more smaller atoms are combined or fused into a bigger one and in nature, it is how the sun and stars are powered. What makes the breakthrough achieved at the National Ignition Facility (NIF) of the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory (LLNL) a gamechanger is that it produced more energy than it used for lasers to create fusion, unlike in current energy production methods that consume more power than they put out. Scientists Robbie Scott with the Central Laser Facility (CLF) Plasma Physics Group who was involved in the research explained to Science Media said that it is "a bit like striking a match (and) with this experiment the match kept burning" and "fusion has the potential to provide a near-limitless, safe, clean, source of carbon-free baseload energy". The administration of President Joe Biden has promoted the breakthrough as a momentous step forward in its push for fighting climate change by reducing the use of fossil fuels that currently produce most of the energy. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said that it "will help us solve humanity's most complex and pressing problems, like providing clean power to combat climate change". But, LLNL Director Kim Budil said that it would take a few decades of research to make power plants using the technology.

BANK OF CANADA INCREASES INTEREST RATE TO 4.25%, HIGHEST SINCE 2008

The Bank of Canada today increased its target for the overnight rate to 4¼%, with the Bank Rate at 4½% and the deposit rate at 4¼%. The Bank is also continuing its policy of quantitative tightening.

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SANRAJ SINGH, 24, FROM INDIA, SHOT DEAD IN LATEST HOMICIDE KILLING IN ALBERTA

An autopsy has been completed into the weekend death of a male in southeast Edmonton. At approximately 8:40 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, Southeast Branch officers responded to a report of gunshots in the area of 51 Street and 13 Avenue. Upon arrival, police located a male sitting in a vehicle in medical distress.



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JASVIR PARMAR, 23, OF SURREY, LOCATED DECEASED; INVESTIGATION TURNED OVER TO BC CORONERS SERVICE

Surrey RCMP is updating the public that the 23-year-old woman reported missing on November 22, 2022, was located deceased. On November 29, 2022, a deceased person was located in West Vancouver and later confirmed to be the missing Surrey woman. Criminality does not appear to be a factor in her death and the investigation has been turned over to BC Coroners Service. Surrey RCMP would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.



PAWANPREET KAUR, 21, SHOT DEAD: PEEL POLICE RELEASE NEW VIDEO OF ALLEGED SUSPECT, SAY THEY HAVE FOUND BICYCLE USED BY KILLER

Homicide Detectives provide additional information and an updated description of the suspect responsible for the shooting death of 21-year-old Pawanpreet Kaur. Updated Description: The suspect wore a three-quarter-length dark winter jacket with a hood, dark winter boots, dark pants, a dark winter toque and white gloves. It appears that the suspect was smoking a cigarette.



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HARPREET KAUR'S HUSBAND IN CUSTODY AFTER STABBING HER TO DEATH IN SURREY

A 40 year-old Sikh woman died in Canada after being stabbed multiple times at her home in Surrey, British Columbia, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said. Police said they found Harpreet Kaur suffering from multiple and life-threatening stab wounds in a home in the 12700-block 66 Avenue just before 9.30 pm on Wednesday, the CBC News reported.

WITH CONTROL ON 17,000-FT PEAK, INDIA HAS COMMANDEERING VIEW ON CHINA BORDER

After a clash between the Indian Army and Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) over the 17,000-ft high peak in Arunachal Pradesh, sources have confirmed that India has a firm control on the peak, and now both sides have disengaged from the area. The clash erupted on December 9. A source in the Indian Army said that India has a firm control of the peak. This 17,000-ft high peak provides a commanding view on both sides of the border and is very strategic. The location of the clash was important. China has been repeatedly trying to take control of the peak, he added.

Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: CIF & INVEST UP SIGN MOU TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN UTTAR PRADESH



FROM EXTREME LEFT TO RIGHT: SATISH THAKKAR, CHAIR, CIF; ABHISHEK PRAKASH, CEO OF INVEST UP; MAHESH KUMAR GUPTA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, ENERGY, UP GOVERNMENT; SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH, HON. MINISTER, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRY DEVELOPMENT; HON. SATISH MAHANA, THE SPEAKER OF THE UP ASSEMBLY; NINA TANGRI, MPP MISSISSAUGA-STREETSVILLE; DURGA SHANKAR MISHRA, CHIEF SECRETARY, UP GOVERNMENT; APOORVA SRIVASTAVA, INDIA'S CONSUL GENERAL IN TORONTO & ALOK KUMAR, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH.

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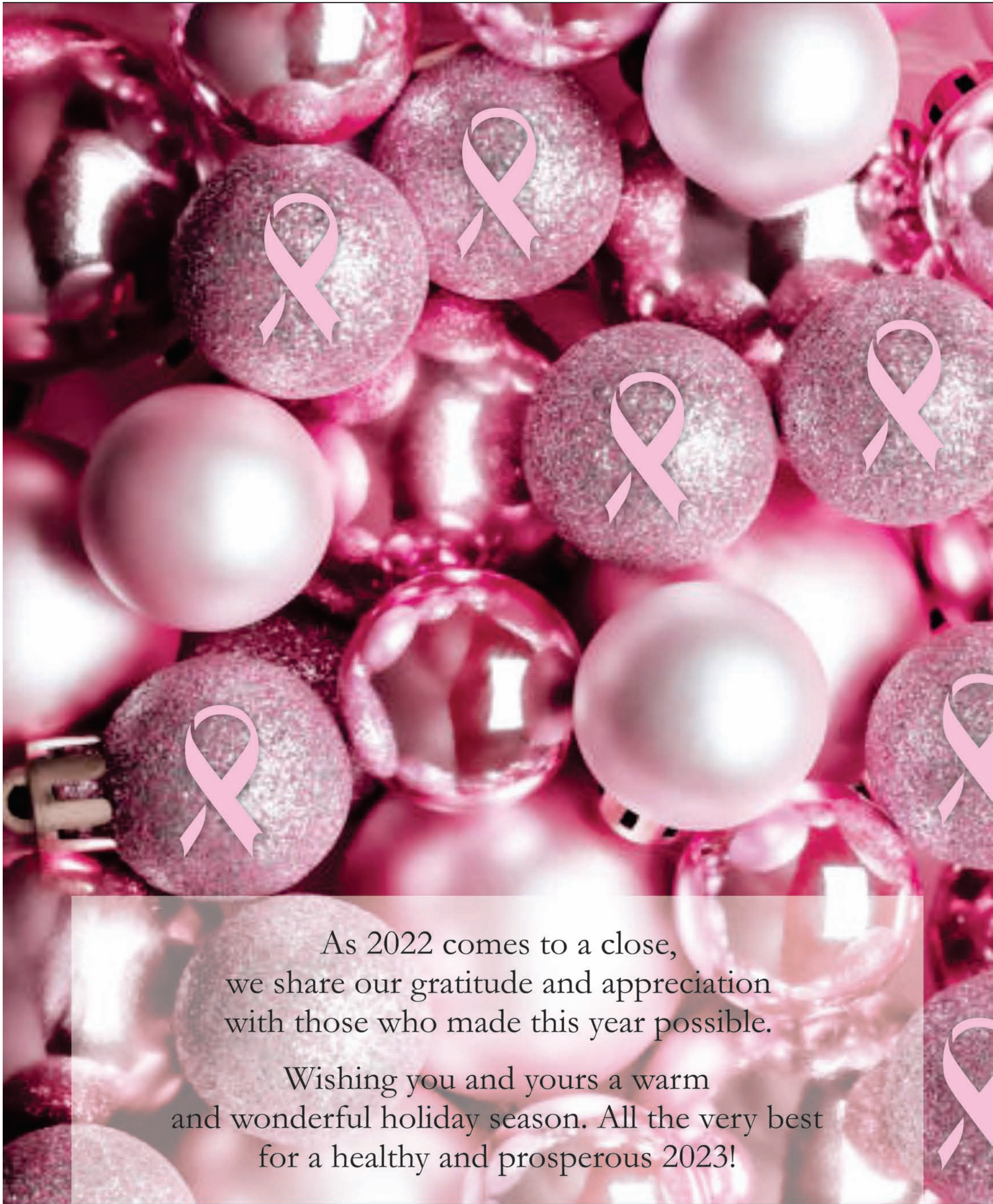
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CIF AND INVEST UP SIGN MOU TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT IN UTTAR PRADESH

Toronto, December 9, 2022: Canada India Foundation (CIF) and Invest UP, an arm of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP), India signed an MoU on December 9, 2022 in Toronto to jointly explore avenues of investment opportunities in UP for Canadian investors. This announcement was made at a reception hosted by CIF for the Invest UP delegation to Canada, led by the Hon. Speaker of the UP Assembly, Shri Satish Mahana. It included Shri Dharampal Singh, Hon. Minister, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development, D.S. Mishra, Chief Secretary, Government of UP, Abhishek Prakash, CEO, Invest UP and several top officials representing UP government, Confederation of Indian Industries, and Deloitte India. The high-level delegation was on a roadshow tour, seeking investment support from business leaders in North America. Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state with a population of 240 million, has set in motion an aggressive growth agenda. The Invest UP mission has projected an ambitious goal of \$120 billion in investment in the next five years.

Speaking at the occasion, **Satish Thakkar**, Chair, CIF, lauded the Invest UP delegation and the entire administration under the dynamic chief minister Yogi Adityanath for setting a searing pace for the economic growth of the state. He said: "UP is on an unprecedented growth trajectory. We extend our total support to UP government and Invest UP in particular in their efforts to become a \$1 trillion economy." Thakkar highlighted the sectors that find mention in Invest UP literature, identifying particular areas where Canada is in a unique position to make investments like Agro and Allied, Cold chain logistics; Renewable Energy and Electric Vehicles; Aerospace; Start-ups; Data Centres and Hospitality. Thakkar noted, "Many of our members are successful entrepreneurs in the hospitality sector. UP has some of the most compelling tourist attractions anywhere in the world, including spiritual tourism. This is an area that can benefit immensely from the expertise of Indo Canadian entrepreneurs."

Thakkar explained some of the current initiatives by CIF that find synergy with UP Invest vision. "We believe that we are in a unique position to spread the good news about UP to Canadian businesses and the larger mainstream. I hope this MoU will result in a very long and rewarding relationship between CIF and Invest UP."

Ms. Apoorva Srivastava, India's Consul General in Toronto, thanked CIF and the Invest UP delegation and urged the Canadian investor community to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Uttar Pradesh.



Hon. Satish Mahana, the Speaker of the UP Assembly, recalled that following PM Modi's setting a target of \$5 trillion for India, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath initiated UP's first Investors' Summit in 2018. "The economic activity picked up momentum. There has been a tremendous push towards development in the state since then."

Mr. Durga Shankar Mishra, Chief Secretary, UP Government, and the man generally credited with the successful execution of the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) project, shared with the gathering a very impressive and detailed presentation that highlighted the numerous sectors waiting to be tapped. He elaborated on the steps being taken to quadruple UP's current GSDP (Gross State Domestic product) of \$250 billion to \$1 trillion in five years. The Global Investors' Summit, according to him, has already received an investment commitment of \$30 billion. "This gives us enough confidence to raise our target from the current \$120 billion. We invite everyone of you to come to the Investor's Summit in Lucknow (February 10-12, 2023) and see for yourself the great opportunities we have for you."

Mr. Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Additional Secretary, Energy, UP Government, noted in his address that already 600 Canadian companies are active in India and more than a thousand are actively pursuing opportunities. "Canada and India are natural partners in each other's growth story," he said. He pointed out that Uttar Pradesh today has one of the fastest growing economies at 11%. "Our GSDP has grown by 65% since 2016. The state has a zero-tolerance policy towards crime and corruption. With an abundance of natural resources and the largest consumer market and the biggest MSME base in India, UP has a multitude of opportunities for the investors. We are expecting almost 10,000 participants at the UP Investors' Summit to be held in February 2023."

A lively Q&A followed during which members posed questions, seeking clarifications from the delegation on many aspects of investing in Canada. Among the many well-wishers who spoke in support of the delegation and welcoming the initiatives were: **MPP Nina Tangri, MPP Deepak Anand, former Canadian Senator, Dr. Asha Seth, and Honorary Col. Hari Panday** who presented tokens of appreciation from the Canadian Army to the delegation.

Nina Tangri presented the delegation with a Certificate of Recognition from the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford.

Sunita Vyas, National Co-convenor, CIF, emceed the evening.

Mr. Abhishek Prakash, CEO of Invest UP, thanked CIF and the participants and presented mementoes to the CIF team and its Canadian supporters.



CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA TAPS ARPAN KHANNA FOR NATIONAL OUTREACH CHAIR POSITION

Director of Communications for the Conservative Party of Canada, Sarah Fischer, issued the following statement regarding the appointment of Arpan Khanna as the National Outreach Chair: "Arpan Khanna, an Ontario Lawyer has nearly 15 years of experience in community engagement, optimizing media and stakeholder relations in both the public and private sectors. We are thrilled to have him join the team as National Outreach Chair for the Conservative Party of Canada." "Arpan will continue the work of building long-term relationships with communities across the country in an effort to establish meaningful connections with current and future Conservative supporters." "The focus of our Leader, Pierre Poilievre, and this Party is to address the affordability crisis that is ravaging communities across our country. Arpan will join us in the fight to put power back in the hands of Canadians, remove the gatekeepers off their backs so they can be free to work, build, and thrive. We want Canadians to take back control of their lives and make Canada the freest country on earth. We are building a team to make that dream a reality."



CANADA, ONTARIO, TORONTO ANNOUNCE JOINT FUNDING OF \$1.5 BILLION FOR EXPANSION & REHABILITATION OF TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION (TTC)'S BLOOR-YONGE SUBWAY STATION

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada and Minister of Finance; the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities; the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Minister of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs; and His Worship John Tory, Mayor of the City of Toronto, announced joint funding of up to \$1.5 billion for the expansion and rehabilitation of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)'s Bloor-Yonge Subway Station.

With the funding announced today, the City of Toronto will be able to expand and rehabilitate the existing subway station to improve efficiency and capacity and reduce overcrowding during rush hours. Work will include the construction of a second platform on Line 2 for eastbound service, an expansion of the Line 1 northbound and southbound platforms, new elevators, escalators and stairs, and construction of a new accessible entrance and exit on Bloor Street East.

Once complete, this project will increase the station's capacity and accessibility. These improvements will enable more Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) residents to use public transit to get to and from their destination, reduce gridlock on our roads, and help the TTC accommodate a projected growth in ridership.

WHAT DOES THE REAL ESTATE SECTOR LOOK LIKE IN 2023 IN INDIA?

Time tested and popularly believed to be immune to market volatilities; the Indian real estate sector has remained faithful to investor expectations through the many ups and downs in the last couple of years. Positive expectations and upwards momentum have shown to sustain themselves and many experts do believe that it would continue like this in the coming year. Although young investors would be quick to characterize real estate as "slow" or "boring", it could hardly be the case. Real estate has something for every kind of investor, except the ones that may actually be gamblers more than investors. Commercial real estate funds are making their presence felt in the market as the idea of earning a regular passive income from safe real estate investments has found a lot of appeal among small-time investors. The coming year may bring a lot more options for such investors who do not have a portfolio worth crores.

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Inflation around the world remains high and broadly based. Global economic growth is slowing, although it is proving more resilient than was expected at the time of the October Monetary Policy Report (MPR). In the United States, the economy is weakening but consumption continues to be solid and the labour market remains overheated. The gradual easing of global supply bottlenecks continues, although further progress could be disrupted by geopolitical events. In Canada, GDP growth in the third quarter was stronger than expected, and the economy continued to operate in excess demand.

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Police began administering CPR until EMS arrived and declared the male deceased. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, the Edmonton Medical Examiner completed an autopsy on the deceased, identified as Sanraj Singh, 24. The cause of death was gunshot wounds, and the manner of death is homicide. Homicide investigators are releasing images of a vehicle of interest that was seen leaving the area at the time of the homicide.

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The suspect did not pull the hood up over their head until shortly before shooting the victim at close range. Through extensive video canvassing and witness interviews, Investigators have determined that the suspect was on foot in the vicinity of the homicide scene three hours prior to the shooting, which occurred at a gas station located at the intersection of Creditview Road / Britannia Road. During that timeframe, the suspect was observed crossing over Britannia Road east of the intersection and crossing Creditview Road north of the intersection. The suspect may or may not have visited this location in the past. Following the shooting, the suspect was observed running from the scene westbound across Creditview Road, then westbound on Britannia Road, and then westbound onto Camgreen Circle.

MD. SHAHBAZ ANSARI ALIAS SHEZAD HELD FOR SUPPLYING GUNS TO LAWRENCE BISHNOI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested one Md. Shahbaz Ansari alias Shezad for supplying arms and ammunition to Lawrence Bishnoi which were used in killing of famed Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, an official said on Friday.

This was the ninth arrest in the Moosewala murder case. Earlier, eight people were held by the NIA from different parts of the country. The NIA arrested Md. Shahbaz Ansari alias Shezad in the case pertaining to a conspiracy hatched by members of criminal syndicate based in India and abroad, to raise funds and recruit youth to carry out terrorist acts in the different parts of the country.

The official said that the members of criminal gangs executed spectacular heinous crimes, including targeted killings, with an intention to strike terror in the minds of the people of the country. The case was initially registered at police station Special Cell, Lodhi Colony, Delhi and later the probe of the matter was taken over by the

AFTER GUJARAT ASSEMBLY POLLS, AAP SET TO JOIN CLUB OF INDIA'S NATIONAL PARTIES

After the vote counting for the Gujarat assembly polls started on Thursday morning, the Aam Aadmi Party got into a celebratory mode to welcome the achievement of national recognition irrespective of the poll results not going in their favour.

"Through the votes of Gujarat, the Aam Aadmi Party is becoming national party. For the first time, politics based on education and health is getting recognition in the country. Congratulations to the people of India", senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia said in a tweet on Thursday morning. Even with the early trends not favourable to the AAP in Gujarat, the party started celebrating the feat of becoming a national party.

However, the party is now all set to become the ninth national party after getting around 13 per cent vote share in the Gujarat assembly polls. A political party needs to be recognised in at least four states to become the national party. While to be recognised as a party in the state, it needs to win at least two seats and 6 per cent of votes. With the AAP's government in Delhi and Punjab and recognition as state party in Goa, the AAP has also achieved the status of a state party in Gujarat by securing five seats and 13 per cent vote share, which is enough to be recognised as a 'national party,' the ninth in the country. "Thanks to miraculous leadership of CM Arvind Kejriwal, Aam Aadmi Party has become a national party in just 10 years. Aam Aadmi Party is no longer limited to Delhi and Punjab, but has become the national party of India. Gujarat is called the fortress of PM Modi and Amit Shah, Kejriwal has breached their fortress today" said senior AAP leader Sanjay Singh while commenting on this. He said that ten years ago the AAP was formed, till now the people of



NIA. Earlier, on November 18, the NIA had searched the house of Shehzad and seized many incriminating documents, illegally acquired properties papers, digital devices, Star-brand Pistol. Further investigations in the matter are on.



Delhi formed our government thrice in Delhi and now we have our government in Punjab also".

After getting the national party status, important advantages among others will include that it's symbol broom will be reserved for party candidates across the country. The AAP's candidates will now appear on the top of EVM alphabetically and may also get office space in the heart of Delhi and the party can include as many as 40 star campaigners instead of the usual 20.

While AAP state convenor Gopal Rai in a function at the party headquarters said that despite being pressured by other political parties to not vote for us, Gujarat gave us their love and support. As many as 35 lakh people across the state supported us and due to this today we have become a national party.

"When we were on a protest against corruption in Delhi under the leadership of Anna Hazare, the ruling Congress party at the time promised that they would bring the Jan Lokpal Bill.

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Acknowledging the adverse mandate, outgoing Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, under whose leadership the BJP went into the polls, told the media here: “I respect the people’s mandate and I want to thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other Central leadership during last five years. We will stand for the development of the state irrespective of politics. We will also analyse our shortcomings and improve during the next term.”

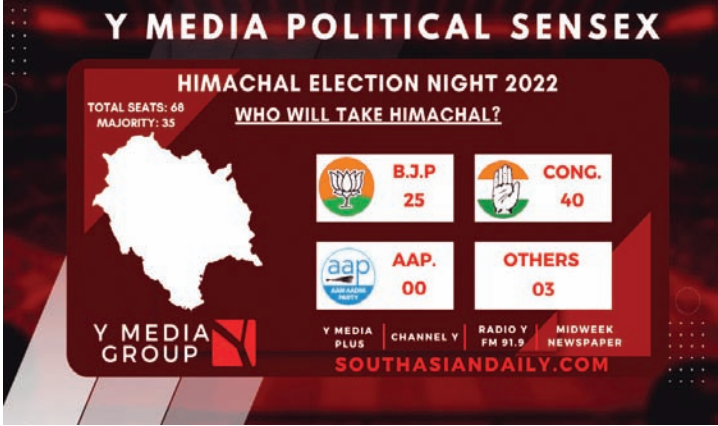
Thakur, who was banking on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s charisma, submitted his resignation to the Governor, who accepted it.

Many of the outgoing ministers including Suresh Bhardwaj, Ram Lal Markanda, Sarveen Chaudhary, Rakesh Pathania, Govind Thakur, Virender Kanwar, and Rajiv Saizal lost the election.

Three Independents, comprising two BJP rebels and one Congress, emerged victorious.

Himachal Pradesh has not voted any incumbent government back to power since 1985.

Thakur, 57, retained his stronghold Seraj in Mandi from where he has won six consecutive elections — 1998, 2003, 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022 — by a margin



of over 22,000 votes over Chet Ram of the Congress.

Prominent victorious Congress leaders included journalist-turned-politician and prospective Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, 60, from Haroli – for the fourth time, former state party chief Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, 58, from Nadaun, the seat he is representing fourth time in Hamirpur district, former Urban Development Minister Sudhir Sharma from Dharamsala, Rajinder Singh Rana from Sujanpur, Col. Dhani Ram Shandil, 82, from Solan, and second-time lawmaker Vikramaditya Singh, son of six-time Chief Minister late Virbhadra Singh.

Six-time Congress MLA Asha Kumari lost her stronghold Dalhousie from her nearest rival and BJP candidate D.S. Thakur by a margin of 9,918 votes. Asha Kumari was among the Chief Ministerial probables.

In the 2017 assembly elections, the BJP had won 44 seats and the Congress 21, with one seat going to CPI-M, and two to Independent candidates.

Responding to the poll outcome, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: “I thank the people of Himachal Pradesh for the affection and support for the BJP. We will keep working to fulfil the aspirations of the state and raise people’s issues in the times to come.”

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who didn’t campaign in the state, thanked the voters for the Congress’ win.

“Heartfelt thanks to the people of Himachal Pradesh for this decisive victory. Hearty congratulations to all Congress workers and leaders. Your hard work and dedication really deserves the best wishes for this victory. I assure you again, every promise made to the public will be fulfilled at the earliest,” he said.

Considering the family legacy and contribution, Congress state unit chief Pratibha Singh had sought votes in the assembly polls on development carried out by her husband Virbhadra Singh during his six terms as the Chief Minister.

Pratibha Singh, who has not contested the Assembly polls, has been projected as the prospective Chief Minister too.

Coming out openly after retaining his Shimla (Rural) seat for the second consecutive term, Vikramaditya Singh said: “We will form a government with a full majority... She (Pratibha Singh) is one of the contenders for the CM post.”

Pratibha Singh, who won the Mandi seat in the 2021 Lok Sabha bypoll, missed no opportunity to remind the electorate that the victory in assembly election “will be a tribute to him (Virbhadra Singh)”.

“Not only the Congress supporters but also from other parties voted for us as a tribute to Virbhadra Singh,” she said.

Mincing no words, Pratibha Singh told the media after the party’s straight win that the family of Virbhadra Singh has played an important role in this election and considering the contribution of Virbhadra Singh for the state, then party President Sonia Gandhi appointed her the state president.

Well ahead of the Assembly polls, the Congress had appointed the three-time MP as the state unit president.

GAURAVDEEP OF BRAMPTON ARRESTED FOR RUNNING POLICE CAR OFF THE ROAD

Police in Canada have charged and arrested a Sikh man after he "intentionally" ran a police cruiser off the roadway in a stolen vehicle in the city of Brampton.

In July 2021, Gauravdeep Singh was seen operating a stolen vehicle around Hurontario Street and County Court Boulevard in Brampton, the Peel Regional Police said.

Singh made "intentional contact with a police cruiser, causing it to leave the roadway and make good on his escape".

Following the incident, an arrest warrant was issued for Singh, and he was arrested late last month. Singh has been charged with 12 offences, including theft of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property and flight from a police officer.

"It is a miracle that there were no serious injuries in this incident as this individual attempted to harm our officers, who accept the inherent risks associated with their jobs to keep our community safe," Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief, Marc Andrews, said in a statement.



5 INDO-CANADIANS INDUCTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVT

Five Indo-Canadians with roots in Punjab have been sworn in as ministers in a recent cabinet reshuffle by British Columbia (BC) Premier David Eby. Harry Bains, Nikki Sharma, Jagrup Brar, Rachna Singh and Ravi Kahlon recently took oath at the Government House in BC capital Victoria.

Bathinda-born Brar was inducted as Minister of State in the New Democratic Party (NDP) government of British Columbia in Canada on Wednesday. He was first elected as an MLA in Surrey in 2004, and served until 2013. He was elected again as the MLA for Surrey-Fleetwood in 2017 and 2020.

"I am honoured to be appointed as the Minister of State for Trade. Thank you to Premier @Dave_Eby in putting your trust in me and my cabinet colleagues. I'm excited to get to work for the people of British Columbia!" Brar tweeted after his appointment.

In India, Brar was a member of the national basketball team and earned a master’s degree in Philosophy. He then moved to Canada to study Public Administration.

A three-time MLA from Surrey Green Timber, Rachna Singh became the first South Asian woman to be named Education and Childcare Minister of British Columbia. She is the second Punjabi after Moe Sihota to handle the portfolio. Rachna moved from India to Canada in 2001 and has worked as a drug and alcohol counsellor, a support worker for women facing domestic violence, and a community activist.

Niki Sharma, who was appointed as Attorney General, has worked across BC as an advocate on climate policy and reconciliation, and has been recognised for her advocacy to combat racism.

"It is an honour of a lifetime to serve B.C. as the Attorney General. I am so grateful to Premier @Dave_Eby and to all of you for your kind words of support. I commit to doing the best job I can for the people of this province," Niki tweeted.

Harry Bains, who was reappointed as Minister of Labour, said he wants



to make “BC workplaces the safest in the country”.

"I am so grateful to be sworn in once again as Minister of Labour this morning. We have accomplished big changes in BC such as bringing in paid sick leave, raising the minimum wage, repatriating our healthcare workers, etc. We still have so much more to do," tweeted Harry, who has an extensive background in community service.

Ravi Kahlon was named Minister of Housing and Government House Leader. He previously served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, where he championed the use of mass timber and innovation in BC’s forest sector.

A two-time Olympian, Victoria-born Ravi played field hockey for Team Canada at the 2000 and 2008 Olympics. Prior to his election as an MLA, Ravi spent seven years in banking, and another six years working with the New Democrat Caucus as Director of Stakeholder Relations.

TOP DIGITAL MARKETING TRENDS FOR HEALTHCARE IN 2022

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Artificial intelligence is the process of developing computer systems that are intelligent and capable of performing tasks similar to those performed by the human brain (AI). Businesses can utilise AI to determine the demand and needs of their clients. Furthermore, it may be utilised to track customer purchasing trends and give a solution in order to design a marketing plan. Persado, an AI assistant for writing content, has been embraced by large firms like JP Morgan and Chase, and many more are going to add AI to their toolkit. AI is perfectly efficient, precise, and economical.

METaverse

Metaverse, as its name suggests, refers to an immersive 3D virtual realm, shared with different users, that spans digital platforms and merges with the physical world. It is presently owned by Meta or Facebook. It is the idea of a digital environment where real and virtual worlds combine to produce a novel and highly promising universal experience. The hype around the Metaverse is well-deserved, and firms are planning to incorporate this virtual environment into their 2022 digital marketing plans. This is partly due to the possibility of introducing a completely new set of performance measures. The potential is

enormous, even though we haven’t yet reached the pinnacles of marketing in such a place!

LIVESTREAM COMMERCE

In India, Livestream commerce is still a relatively new marketing idea, but it has already grown into a \$1 billion industry in China. Brands choose social media channels to advertise their products live, and viewers can buy the things right away. Thanks to Instagram’s Shop feature, brands may use the “Show Now” button on live video content to save customers’ time. One of the top digital marketing trends for 2022 is Livestream commerce since it has shortened the time it takes to convert consumers from watching an advertisement to buyers.

AUGMENTED REALITY

In an interactive experience known as augmented reality, a real-world environment is made to come to life with the help of computer-generated perceptual data.

It comprises three crucial parts:

- . Real-time interaction
- . A fusion of the real and virtual worlds
- . Accurate 3D registration of both real and virtual objects

CANADA’S IMMIGRATION BACKLOG SHRINKS TO 2.2 MN: IRCC

Canada’s immigration backlog came down to just over 2.2 million from last month’s 2.4 million, according to new data revealed by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). With this, the citizenship inventory stands at 3,14,630 applicants as of November 30, compared to 3,31,401 on October 31, CIC News reported. The permanent residence inventory stands at 5,12,342 people as of December 2, compared to 5,06,421 as of November 3. The biggest reduction was seen in the temporary residence inventory, which stood at 14,16,125 people on December 2, compared to 15,37,566 persons as of November 3. As of December 2, there are 43,326 applications for Express Entry programs waiting in the queue — an increase of over 3,500 since November 3 data, which stood at 39,589. The inventory for all family class immigration programs has dropped slightly to 1,27,091 compared to November 3 when it was 1,28,112. The Spouses and Partners sponsorship program is among the largest inventories among all lines of business, at 62,106, a minimal increase compared with November 3. The Parents and Grandparents Program (PGP) has an inventory of 53,770 persons compared to 55,653 persons waiting for decisions in November. September 30 data showed that there were 1.5 million applications in the backlog, meaning that IRCC cleared over 3,50,000 applications from the backlog. This comes while the number of applications in inventory has risen for permanent residency, CIC News reported. IRCC says that between January and October 2022, they produced 4.3 million final decisions for permanent residents, temporary residents and citizenship compared to 2.3 million final decisions in the same period last year.

WRESTLER MURDER CASE: TWO ABSCONDING ASSOCIATES OF OLYMPIAN SUSHIL HELD

Two associates of jailed Olympian wrestler Sushil Kumar, wanted in connection with the murder of 23 year-old budding wrestler Sagar Dhankar in May 2021 but absconding, have been apprehended by the Crime Branch, a Delhi Police official said on Thursday.

Police had announced a reward of Rs 50,000 each for information leading to arrest of the duo, identified as Ankit Dabas, 28, a resident of village Sultanpur Dabas and Joginder alias Kala, 43, a resident of village Pooth Kalan. Both had been on the run since Sagar’s death. Sushil Kumar, along with others, is accused of allegedly assaulting former junior national wrestling champion Dhankar, a resident of Haryana’s Rohtak, and his friends in the parking lot of the city’s Chhatrasal stadium, on May 4, 2021 over an alleged property dispute. Dhankar later succumbed to injuries and, according to the post-mortem report, he died due to cerebral damage resulting from blunt object impact. In October this year, a Delhi court had framed charges against Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar and 17 others, setting the stage for their trial.

Additional Sessions Judge Shivaji Anand framed charges against Kumar and other accused under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, including those related to murder, rioting and criminal conspiracy. “During investigation, 18 were arrested but Joginder and Dabas were at large after committing the crime. Both were hiding themselves and continuously changing their hideouts,” Special Commissioner of Police, Crime, Ravindra Singh Yadav said.



PAKISTAN QUESTIONS US ON INDIA’S EXCLUSION FROM RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BLACKLIST

Pakistan on Thursday took strong exception to the US’ recent decision to add the country to its religious freedom blacklist and exclude India from it, saying the decision is “detached from ground realities of Pakistan”. In a statement attributed to Foreign Office (FO) spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, it was highlighted that Pakistan has a “multi-religious and pluralistic society with a rich tradition of inter-faith harmony”, The News reported.

Last week, the US added Pakistan, China, Cuba and Nicaragua, among others, to a blacklist — Countries of Particular Concern from 2021 — on international religious freedom, opening the path to potential sanctions.

The FO spokesperson expressed “deep concern and disappointment” on what she called the US State Department’s “unilateral and arbitrary” designation of Pakistan to the blacklist.

PUNJAB CM SEEKS PRESIDENTIAL ASSENT FOR BILLS ON SACRILEGE

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah here and sought the intervention of the Centre for getting Presidential assent for two important pending Bills of state stipulating harsher punishment for the perpetrators of heinous crime of sacrilege. The Chief Minister informed Shah that sacrilege of holy books is a major challenge in the state. He said in this context, it has been felt that the quantum of punishment for sacrilege of holy books as per existing provisions of Sections 295 and 295-A in the Indian Penal Code is too inadequate.

Mann apprised the Home Minister that the state Assembly had passed The Indian Penal Code (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2018 and The Code of Criminal Procedure (Punjab Amendment) Bill, 2018, which stipulates punishment up to life imprisonment for injury, damage or sacrilege to Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Srimad Bhagwatgita, Holy Quran and Holy Bible with the intention to hurt the religious feelings of the people. The Chief Minister said this amendment is in consonance with the principles of secularism enshrined in the Constitution. However, he said these Bills have been pending for assent of the President since October, 2018.

Asserting that Punjab, being a border state, it is necessary to maintain communal harmony, Mann sought the kind intervention of the Union government for getting early Presidential assent for the Bills as rigorous punishment is required to deter criminals trying to disturb communal peace and brotherhood in the state.

Flagging another important issue, the Chief Minister said as per international norms, construction can be made beyond 150 metres of Zero Line but at some places in Punjab, the border security fence is at a large distance away from the Zero Line.

India has to counter 'radicalisation' at home

D.C. PATHAK

The G20 Presidency offers India a rare opportunity of rising as a leading contributor to the global recovery from the Covid pandemic, as an advocate of collective action in tackling environmental challenges and climate change, and as an active participant in the efforts to pull the world out of economic stagnation in general and the food and energy crisis caused by the Ukraine-Russia military conflict in particular.

India's sane voice on various global issues has been heard and appreciated by the world community and there is little doubt that while steering the G20 Presidency through the year ahead, India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi would further strengthen its position as a major world power and as a trustworthy global counsel.

The country's handling of economic development has served our national interests well, however, a major challenge is to safeguard our internal security against the threats of terrorism and radicalisation.

Although the democratic world is united against the new faith-based terror, India is left on its own to strategise against the threats posed by the Sino-Pak alliance working specifically against the country. Even the US is not excessively bothered with the added threat of terrorism from the Pak-Afghan belt after the return of Taliban Emirate at Kabul - following the withdrawal of American troops from the war-torn Afghanistan - or with the adverse impact of the consolidation of strategic links between China and Pakistan in a situation where geopolitical hostility between US and China was coming to the fore.

The two adversaries of India are our neighbours as well, and apart from the mischief they can cause on the borders, they have every intention of using an opportunity of disturbing India's internal peace and cohesion. India has to take preventive measures on multiple fronts to deal with this situation. India is now militarily prepared to respond to any Chinese aggressiveness on LAC particularly in eastern Ladakh and is an active partner in the US-led Quad to work for 'rules-based order' in the Indo-Pacific and strategically counter Chinese designs against India on the marine front.

In regard to Pakistan, India wields the deterrent of a 'surgical strike' against any Pak mischief on LoC or International Border. Pak ISI is now more determined to encourage 'radicalisation' for instigating communal militancy in India and fomenting faith-based terrorism as its upshot. China is extending full support to Pakistan in the latter's covert operations in Kashmir and Punjab. To deal with the likely accentuation of the threat from Islamic radical outfits of Pak-Afghan belt, India has among other foreign policy initiatives, struck close bonds with Central Asian Republics (CARs) through meetings held by our NSA with his counterparts from these countries, at Delhi. These neighbours of Afghanistan, with predominantly Muslim population are firmly opposed to radicalisation and extremism and want to strengthen India's hands in countering the spread of terror in the name of Islam.

Apart from the global initiatives, however, India needs to take comprehensive steps to strengthen our internal security. Many of these suggest themselves. First, mobilisation of leaders and institutions of the

Muslim minority is required to get them to expressly declare that in democratic India - run on the triple guarantee of 'one man one vote', equal opportunity to everybody for economic development and the same protection of law for all citizens - there was no room for advocacy of Jihad for solving any problem facing the community or looking for support from outside of the nation for that purpose.

India can follow up on the statement of R20- the forum launched by Indonesia at Bali in the run up to G20- that favoured inter-faith dialogue, presented Islam as a religion of peace and sought to promote inter-religious harmony and respect for all faiths. This meet firmly rejected radicalisation.

The timely initiative of India's NSA to convene the bilateral security dialogue with his Indonesian counterpart at Delhi, to which Ulama and spokespersons of other religions from both sides were also invited, has laid the turf for a concerted effort in India - to get institutions like Darul Uloom Deoband and Nadwatul Ulama Lucknow to call for inter-faith harmony, highlight the commitment of Islam to peace and disapprove of radicalisation and terrorism.

Darul Uloom is a product of the unsuccessful Jihad that the Wahabi Ulama had launched against the British in the mid-Nineteenth century but after Independence this institution recognised India as a land of peace where Hindus and Muslims could live in harmony in a democratic dispensation. It carries an anti-West legacy however, and places emphasis on teaching of pure Islam in its Madrasas without favouring any call for Jihad.

The Hanafi Darul Uloom and the pro-Saudi Nadwatul subscribing to Ahle Hadis should be willing to record their opposition to 'radicalisation' in India in the interest of the minority community as also for the sake of Indian nation and say that any problem facing the community could be solved within the democratic framework of India.

Secondly, the state must reach out to families falling victim to adversary's planned attempt to indoctrinate vulnerable youth for recruiting them to the fold of terrorism and to formulate effective de-radicalisation programmes with the help of official and non-governmental resources. This is particularly important in Kashmir where encouragement to entrepreneurship and start ups will help to insulate the youth from subversive influences beamed at them from outside.

Any new business started with the state's help should employ both Muslims and non-Muslims to make the point against separatism and demonstrate an assimilative approach - matching the scenario in the rest of the country. Businesses that have a pan-India potential should be supported even more. At the same time there should be stringent action against elements including local leaders who connived with the enemy and furthered the anti-India narrative. For far too long the corrupt politicians of Kashmir had been allowed to promote separatist and pro-Pak trends in the valley. Policemen of Kashmir should live among the people - in clusters if necessary - so that they look different from the heavily armed contingent of para-military forces deployed in the state specifically for pursuing Intelligence-based counter-terror operations. The Thana Police in J&K must appear to be more on the side of the law abiding Kashmiris. This is necessary for enhancing the outreach of the state to the families. There is no reason why the Deputy Commissioners of districts should not be holding town hall meetings once in a while to assess the development and other needs of the people at the local level. These should provide the inputs for many of the state- level schemes in keeping with the idea that a democratic state connected with the people in service of the citizens. If this is not already being done a beginning should be made in this direction immediately, so that the focus was shifted from security to security-development interface.

Thirdly, the biggest new challenge to internal security is the rise of social media and cyber space as a powerful instrument of combat and as a weapon for 'information warfare'. India's Intelligence set up has stepped up social media scan and initiated a slew of measures for cyber security with the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) playing a prime role in studying new threats and researching for cyber security solutions. Social media is a public platform available also to the enemy not only for running 'covert' operations for creating sleeper cells for terrorism but for instigating radicalisation with the aim of recruiting 'lone wolves' as well. The medium is also available for terror funding through recourse to Dark Net and use of circuitous online fund transfers. Funding a 'low cost war' against India is not difficult for Pakistan. Terrorism has pushed the work of Intelligence gathering and prompt response to information, much closer to the ground. Time has come for the Central



Intelligence agencies to have functional oversight on District Intelligence Units(DIUs) for the purposes of both 'information' and 'action' on threats to internal security. State is the lead player in the management of law & order while the Centre has the overarching role in the maintenance of internal security. Moreover, organised crime is often an instrument of support for those behind terror offensives and police is directly responsible for unearthing it. The Centre has strengthened inter-state coordination through Police Modernisation schemes including computerisation of police stations.

The role of Dawood gang was clearly in evidence in the serial train blasts that occurred in Mumbai in 1993. Centre's role in the matters relating to police is all carried out within the Constitutional framework of Centre-State relations. The nation should in fact move towards making police a concurrent subject without diluting the state's responsibility for law & order.

The fourth task area is the inter-agency coordination that is constantly being improved upon, under the watchful eye of the National Security Advisor.

The NSCS is the organisation at the national apex that not only prepares national security estimates - the function of Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee has now become a part of it - but also ensures coordinated response to an external or internal threat. The NSA in the fitness of things now chairs the Strategic Policy Group(SPG) that worked under the Cabinet Secretary earlier. While coordination among the Intelligence agencies is a must, the added requirement now is to ensure that information of national security concern emanating from the probes into the Economic offences was promptly shared with the former.

Since national security is now inseparable from economic security, the enemy is focused also on damaging the target country economically - as part of the 'proxy war' that had replaced 'open warfare' in the post-Cold War era. It is known that Mumbai was the target of 26/11 as it is the financial capital of India. The entire gamut of security of establishments of strategic importance, information systems on which key sectors of the nation are run and cyber security protocols for data protection, has acquired a new found importance and there has to be a centralised oversight on these functions. And finally, since security of the nation encompasses security of its people, it follows that every citizen ought to be prepared to contribute to it- national security should not be deemed to be the responsibility of the government alone. In a situation where the enemy agents had got into the very fabric of society, it would greatly serve the cause of national security if enlightened citizens were provided with the facility of confidentially passing on information about a suspect activity or individual directly observed by them, to designated authorities. The concept of Fusion Centre evolved by Homeland Security in US is said to have provided for flow of information from the general public. This will happen if there is an effort to spread awareness of the country's security situation far and wide and project this as a part of the duty of patriotic citizens indicated by our Constitution itself. For India, internal security has assumed far greater importance because of the fact that the two adversaries of India on the borders are working in collusion to cause problems on our domestic front by exploiting communal, socio-economic and regional issues and encouraging anti-India narratives built by civil society forces often in conjunction with hostile lobbies outside.

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LOWER-INCOME RENTERS IN CANADA CAN NOW APPLY FOR A ONE-TIME \$500 TOP-UP TO THE CANADA HOUSING BENEFIT

For many Canadians, rising inflation and the high cost of living have made it even more challenging to find a safe and affordable place to call home. Renter households are four times more likely to experience core housing needs than homeowners. That is why the Government of Canada has taken concrete action to help renters who need it most. The Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, are taking action and announcing that applications for the new one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit are now open. This benefit is a one-time payment of \$500 to eligible lower-income renters experiencing housing affordability challenges. Canadians must meet all the following conditions to be eligible for the new benefit:

- * have filed a 2021 tax return;
- * be at least 15 years of age as of December 1, 2022;
- * be a resident in Canada in 2022 for tax purposes;
- * have an adjusted family net income of \$20,000 or less for individuals, or \$35,000 or less for families;
- * have paid at least 30% of their 2021 adjusted family net income on rent for their principal residence in the 2022 calendar year; and
- * be able to provide their 2022 address(es) and landlord's contact information.

Eligible applicants can quickly and easily apply for the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit through their Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) My Account. If applicants are registering for My Account for the first time, they will not need to wait for their security code in the mail; they can still access limited services in My Account and apply for this benefit immediately. Those who apply online and are signed up for direct deposit could receive their one-time top-up within five business days.

FREE DROP-IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER BREAK AT PAMA



Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) invites you to visit historic downtown Brampton and make colourful creations with us all Winter Break long. We kick things off on Tuesday, Dec. 27 with Apple Fun Puppetry, performing their Forest Trek show! Please note that PAMA will be closed on December 25 and 26, 2022 and January 1, 2023. PAMA will be closing at 2 p.m. on December 24 and 31, 2022.

Apple Fun Puppetry Forest Trek Show
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Boldly go where few puppets have gone before! The forest is a peaceful place... until some silly space explorers arrive. Join Applefun Puppetry for 45-minutes of interactive fun. Afterwards, everyone learns how to make a paper puppet to take home.

Space is limited and on a first-come-first-serve basis. Arrive early to reserve your spot! Recommended for children ages 4 – 12. Guardians must accompany children.

Winter Break Colourful Creations
Dec. 27 – 30 and Jan. 2 – 6

Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Warm up and get colourful at PAMA this Winter Break! Express your creativity with a variety of fun and artistic activities. Each day will feature a new project using different materials and techniques:

- Dec. 27: All about Puppets
- Dec. 28: Winter Prints
- Dec. 29: Fantastical Worlds
- Dec. 30: Countdown to 2023
- Jan. 2: Dots and Dashes
- Jan. 3: Creature Feature
- Jan. 4: Scenic Views
- Jan. 5: Cartoon Mania
- Jan. 6: Art and Science

Applicants who need to update their address, marital status or direct deposit information, are encouraged to apply through CRA My Account. Applicants who do not have My Account and do not need to update their personal or banking information, can also apply online using a web form. Those who are unable to apply online can call the CRA's new dedicated phone line at 1-800-282-8079 to complete their application with an agent. Eligible Canadians will need to retain receipts or documentation for six years to support their application in case the CRA contacts them to validate eligibility. Applicants that are found to be ineligible for the benefit during the verification processes will be required to repay the benefit they received.

By delivering targeted financial support to those who need it most, the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit represents just one of the many ways that the Government of Canada is working to make life more affordable for Canadians. Targeted measures, such as doubling the GST credit and creating the Canada Dental Benefit have also helped Canadian families with the cost-of-living this year. Today also marks the opening of the application portal for the Projects Stream of the Rapid Housing Initiative. The portal is available on the website of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The application window will be open for approximately 90 days (December 12, 2022, to March 15, 2023). Eligible applicants for this stream include provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations. The Rapid Housing Initiative has continually exceeded its targets to rapidly produce new, permanent affordable homes. The Government of Canada recently announced a new investment of \$1.5 billion dollars over two years for a third round of the program, of which \$1 billion is available through the Projects Stream. This round is expected to yield 4,500 additional homes for those who need them most.

Admission is free but donations are accepted. Recommended for children ages 4 – 12. Guardians must accompany children.

Connections Art and Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Literature and visual arts connect in this distinctive book club. Join Brampton Library and PAMA for an in-person discussion about In Your Face: Law, Justice, and Niqab-Wearing Women in Canada. This book by Natasha Bakht analyzes niqab bans in Canada and the violent exposures niqab-wearing women have endured. Our discussion will expose the complexities and multiple motivations for wearing this and other headaddresses. The book discussion will be paired with a tour of the exhibition UN/COVERINGS: Mennonite & Muslim Women's Heads and Hearts.

Registration required with Brampton Library

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DR. KLAR'S FIVE TIPS TO A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON



With the holiday season fast approaching, it is important to take steps to be safe and healthy. Here are five tips to a healthy holiday season:

Review your holiday health checklist.

Know your doctor's holiday hours and schedule any needed medical appointments. Discuss your care plan with your health care team and know how to reach them if needed. If you haven't already, get your flu shot and ensure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine or boosters. If necessary, refill your medications and medical supplies (e.g., blood testing strips, hearing aid batteries, etc.) so that you don't run out.

Avoid temptation and plan to eat healthy.

While entertaining or visiting with friends and family, we can't always control what food is available to us. However, we can control what goes on our plate or in our glass. Resist the temptation to take that extra serving and try to avoid high fat, salty or sweet foods. Moderation and portion control are key to a healthy and balanced diet.

Maintain an active lifestyle.

Staying active during the short, cold winter days can be a challenge, but is also very rewarding. Mix things up a little and take part in winter sports like skiing, skating, tobogganing or even go for a nice winter walk. Ensure you dress appropriately and always wear protective safety equipment. Stay warm, be active and have fun!

Be flu and cold season smart.

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time. If you are not feeling well, stay away from festive gatherings and avoid visiting others. When visiting friends and family, maintain social distancing and wear a mask if that is not possible or in poorly ventilated places.

Know where to go for care.

Make sure you know your care options this holiday season. Depending on the severity of your symptoms, options for care in our community include family doctors; community-based COVID, Cold and Flu Clinics; Osler's Virtual Urgent Care service; Osler's Urgent Care Centre; and Osler's Emergency Departments. Learn more about where to go for care at www.williamoslerhs.ca/healthcareoptions.

If you have a medical emergency, or aren't sure, always go to the nearest Emergency Department or call 9-1-1 immediately.

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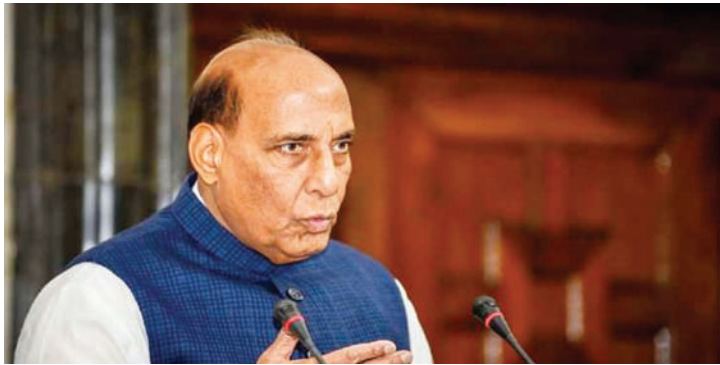
PUNJAB CABINET APPROVES RECRUITMENT OF 8,400 COPS IN 4 YEARS

To open new avenues of employment for the youth, the Punjab cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday approved recruitment of 8,400 police personnel, including 1,200 Sub-Inspectors and 7,200 Constables, in four years. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister here. Divulging details, a spokesperson for the Chief Minister's office said the Cabinet has approved recruitment of 1,800 Constables and 300 Sub-Inspectors every year for four years to overcome the scarcity of employees in wake of their superannuation in next years. As for these 2,100 posts, every year around 2.50 lakh candidates are expected to apply for these posts so all the aspirants will get involved in academics as well as in improving their physique for clearing the tests. "This will channelise their unbounded energy in a positive direction and help them in weaning away from the menace of drugs. Likewise, this recruitment will also open new vistas of employment for the youth of the state," the spokesperson said. A fixed schedule will be adopted for advertisement, conduct and declaration of results for these exams every year. As per this schedule, advertisement for exam will be issued in January, written exam will be conducted in May-June, physical test will be held in September and result will be announced in November every year. In order to ensure smooth functioning of the Revenue Department, the Cabinet also gave nod to fill 710 posts in the department. This will help maintaining and updating the new record as well as

maintaining old revenue records to facilitate the public in availing the services in a time-bound manner. To streamline the activities of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), the Cabinet also gave approval to allow the Department of Higher Education and Languages to hire 203 employees on an outsourcing basis. This will help immediately and urgently address the issue of acute shortage of manpower in the NCC units till regular recruitment. It will further facilitate smooth running of the NCC units and will result in higher enrolment of students as cadets. Giving a big relief to crusher owners as well as the end users, the Cabinet gave nod to amend the new crusher policy to get rid of the double charging of Environment Management Fund (EMF). As per the already notified new crusher policy, it is mandatory to charge EMF at the rate of Re 1 per cubic feet, which the crusher owners have to submit along with their returns. The EMF is ought to be charged both from the screening as well as crushing units on the same output as per new crusher policy. But the input cost of final product and material is increased substantially and the sale price of finished product is not economically viable at the rates fixed by the government due to increase in input cost as it amounts to charging the material twice as the output of the screening plants is consumed by the other crushers. In the public interest, it has been decided that if upon verification it is found that EMF amount has already been paid by the screening plant for the quantity that has not been sold in the open market or to the end users directly, the EMF amount will be refunded to the screening plant unit within two months.

INDIA-CHINA TROOPS CLASH: DEFENCE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH HOLDS MEETING WITH CDS, SERVICES CHIEFS IN DELHI

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Services Chiefs, on Tuesday, met with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on the security situation along the Line of Actual Control with China at his residence in Delhi. The crucial meeting came nearly three days following a clash between Indian and Chinese troops in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh. According to the latest development, Singh, while speaking in the Parliament, said there were no Indian soldiers killed or severely injured in the clash. Furthermore, he assured the House that not a single inch of land was encroached on in Arunachal Pradesh and added the "Indian Army is capable to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity". **What the Indian Army said** "On December 9, PLA troops contacted the LAC in Tawang Sector which was contested by own (Indian) troops in a firm and resolute manner. This face-off led to minor injuries to few personnel from both sides," the Indian Army said in a statement. "Both sides immediately disengaged from the area. As a follow up of the incident, own (Indian) commander in the area held a flag meeting with his counterpart to discuss the issue in accordance with structured mechanisms to restore peace and tranquillity," it said.



'Much more' injures on PLA side, says Arunachal MP Tapir Gao Ruling Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) MP from Arunachal-East, Tapir Gao on Monday said he heard that some injuries were reported on the Indian side but China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) suffered much more. "...I heard that a few injuries were reported on the Indian side but PLA suffered much more injuries...Indian soldiers at the border won't budge even an inch...The incident is condemnable..." news agency ANI reported quoting Tapir Gao as saying.

G7 COUNTRIES SUPPORT INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY, VOW TO ADDRESS MAJOR SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES, IMMEDIATE CRISES

Leaders of the G7 countries have backed India's G20 presidency and pledged to jointly address major systemic challenges and immediate crises while reiterating commitments towards an equitable world. India formally assumed the G20 Presidency on December 1. The next G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will work to further promote oneness, inspired by the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" and listed terrorism, climate change and the pandemic as the greatest challenges that can be best fought together. In a joint statement issued on Monday, the leaders of the G7 countries said they endorse a sustainable future for all. "Under the German Presidency, we, the G7, together with other international partners, have demonstrated our resolve to jointly address both major systemic challenges and immediate crises of our time. Our commitments and actions pave the way for progress towards an equitable world," the grouping said in the joint statement. "As we look to the 2023 G7 Summit in Hiroshima under the Japanese Presidency, and in our support to the Indian G20 Presidency, we stand strong, united and absolutely committed to rebuilding a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable future for all," the statement added. The Group of Seven (G7) is an intergovernmental political forum consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the USA. Additionally, the European Union (EU) is a "non-enumerated member". It is officially organised around shared values of pluralism and representative government. In an article that appeared in several newspapers and was posted on his website, Prime Minister Modi said India's G20 priorities will be shaped in consultation with not just its G20 partners, but also its fellow travellers in the global South, whose voice often goes unheard. India's G20 agenda will be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive, he said. The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.



It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union (EU). Together, they account for over 80 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product, 75 per cent of international trade and two-thirds of the world population. On Monday, leaders of G7 countries highlighted on the progress of their cooperation under Germany's Presidency to jointly address global challenges at a time of severe geopolitical crisis and critical moment for the world economy. The group was joined by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "This year in the face of Russia's illegal, unjustifiable and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine, we stood more united than ever, together with Ukraine and in an unwavering commitment to our shared values, the rules-based multilateral order and international cooperation," said the joint statement. Reaffirming their unwavering support for and solidarity with Ukraine in the face of the ongoing Russian war of aggression, the G-7 leaders condemned Russia's continuous inhumane and brutal attacks targeting critical infrastructure, in particular energy and water facilities, and cities across Ukraine.

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INDIAN-ORIGIN SUSHMITA SHUKLA NAMED FIRST VP OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has appointed Indian-origin insurance veteran Sushmita Shukla as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As First Vice President, Shukla, 54, will be the institution's second ranking officer. Her appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the New York Fed said in a statement on Thursday. "I am honored to have the opportunity to work for a mission-driven organisation like the New York Fed," Shukla said in a statement. "I look forward to applying all that I've learned in my career, including my technology, operations, and risk-focused experiences, to furthering the key activities and supporting the dedicated leadership of this critical institution," she added. Together with the Bank's President and Chief Executive Officer, Shukla will establish, communicate, and execute the strategic direction of the organisation. She will also serve as an alternate voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee. "Sushmita is a dynamic, inspiring, and highly effective leader who brings extensive experience leading large-scale enterprises and transformation initiatives to the Bank," said John C Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York Fed. "She has an in-depth knowledge of technology and agile innovation methods and is passionate about creating a truly diverse and inclusive culture," he added. Shukla has served in leadership roles in the insurance industry for nearly 20 years, primarily leading operations, technology, and enterprise-wide transformation efforts. For the past five years, she has been Senior Vice President and Chief Operations Officer for International Accident & Health at Chubb — the world's largest publicly traded property and casualty insurance company. Shukla, who resides in Connecticut, is an MBA from New York University and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Mumbai.



INDIAN-ORIGIN DRIVER, NITESH BISSENDARY, 31, GETS 16 YRS JAIL FOR KILLING FATHER, DAUGHTER IN UK

An Indian-origin driver has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for causing the deaths of a pregnant woman and her father when he hit a family of five with his car in the UK. Nitesh Bissendary, 31, lost control of his black Alfa Romeo in Leopold Street, Ramsgate, England on August 10, killing Yoram Hirshfeld, 81, and his pregnant daughter Noga Sella, 37, on the spot. Sella's husband, their son and daughter aged six and eight, were badly injured in the crash, which occurred when Bissendary's vehicle collided with the family's car. "Bissendary of Highlands Glade, Manston, admitted causing death by careless driving but denied the more serious offence of causing death by dangerous driving, in addition to causing serious injury by dangerous driving," a Kent Police statement read. He was convicted on Thursday following a trial at Canterbury Crown Court. He will also be disqualified from driving for 10 years following his release, the police statement added. The court heard how Bissendary returned to the scene of the incident after initially fleeing on foot, failing a roadside drug test that indicated traces of cocaine.



PAKISTAN PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF CONDEMNS 'UNPROVOKED' FIRING BY AFGHAN TALIBAN FORCES IN CHAMAN



Just a day after Afghan Taliban forces opened fire in Balochistan's Chaman area, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif condemned the 'unprovoked' act urging the government in Kabul to ensure that such violent incidents are not repeated in the future. Earlier, the Pakistani Army's media wing said that six people were while later the death toll rose to seven. At least sixteen others were injured in Sunday's shelling when Afghan forces opened 'unprovoked and indiscriminate fire' on civilians. The firing in Chaman, the main border crossing for trade between the two countries, follows a series of deadly incidents and attacks that have skyrocketed tensions between Islamabad and Afghanistan's Taliban rulers. The Dawn newspaper quoting unnamed officials said the exchange of fire on Sunday between Pakistani and Afghan troops prompted local authorities to shut the Chaman border crossing known as Friendship Gate. However, after half an hour, the border was reopened for traffic and pedestrians, it said. Condemning the incident, Prime Minister Sharif tweeted that the interim government in Kabul must ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the future. A senior Pakistan government official said that "it was unprovoked and indiscriminate gunfire which continued for a while and this included artillery shelling by Afghan Border forces." A senior Pakistan government official said that "it was unprovoked and indiscriminate gunfire which continued for a while and this included artillery shelling by Afghan Border forces." The Pakistani Army's media wing described the incident as "uncalled-for aggression" and said Pakistani troops had given a "befitting" but "measured response" and avoided targeting civilians on the other side.



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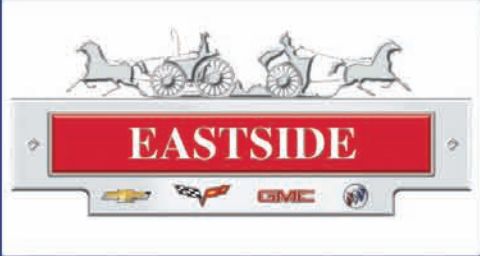
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AKSHAY KUMAR DROPS PIC IN COLOURFUL JACKET FROM SELFIEE SETS; FANS ADVISE 'RANVEER SINGH SE DOOR RAHA KARO'

It was in the month of March when Akshay Kumar announced the start of Selfiee shooting. Now, the actor has gone on to share another update about a song in the upcoming movie. Akshay Kumar gave a sneak peek as he shared a picture and revealed details about his new music video via his Instagram handle. In the picture, Khiladi Kumar is seen giving some tough looks as he sits on top of a red car. Giving fans an update, he wrote, "My mantra for today - Garmi, humidity aur faux fur... Sab chalega, bas kaam kar, kaam kar. Shooting a mast new song for #Selfiee. See you in cinemas, February 24."

Akshay Kumar donned a faux fur coat that consisted of colours such as purple, yellow, white, blue, white and pink. He paired the coat with black track pants and opted for black sneakers. He completed the look with black sunglasses and a long silver chain. He also opted for a well-done hairdo and minimal makeup. Fans were quite excited to see him in a quirky avatar. One of the users wrote, "Looking handsome". Another user wrote, "So excited for the song. All the best". A third user added, "Outstanding". At the same time, some social media users compared Akshay's fashion to Ranveer Singh who is known for stepping out in colourful clothes most of the time. A fan wrote, "Ranveer Singh apni ID se aao (Ranveer show your real identity)." Another said, "Ranveer singh



ki sanghat ka nateeja aaj dekhne ko mil hei gya (we are now seeing the result of you spending time in the company of Ranveer)." One more fan wrote, "Ranveer Singh, se door raha karo sir (keep away from Ranveer)." A comment also read, "Look like Karan Johar."

PATHAAN: DEEPIKA PADUKONE'S FIERY LOOK FROM BESHARAM RANG IS HOTNESS OVERLOADED



Deepika Padukone's hot and sizzling look from the song Besharam Rang is to die for. The golden monokini is making the diva dazzle like a queen. Whether she's rocking a trendsetting golden monokini or a bright yellow two-piece that fits her like a glove, Deepika's beach outfits in Besharam Rang are so on point. The peppy dance number features the lead pair-Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone-romancing each other in exotic locales in Europe. Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone ooze hotness in the song. Just look at how HOT they are looking together proving that they have the best chemistry onscreen. Besharam Rang song has been shot beautifully and Shah Rukh and Deepika will leave the world drooling with their hotness. They are simply stunning and sexy together.

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NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI POSTS STUNNING TRANSFORMATION FOR HADDI

Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui on Tuesday posted a video of his transformation for his upcoming project Haddi. Billed as a revenge drama thriller, Haddi features the versatile actor in dual roles, including that of a trans woman. Nawazuddin took to Twitter and posted a 38-second video showcasing his transformation, which starts off with kohled eyes, lipstick to the actor wearing a kurta and finally donning a long hair wig. "Here's a sneak peek into my transformation in #Haddi. #Haddi releasing in 2023," the actor captioned the video. Haddi is directed by debutante filmmaker Akshat Ajay Sharma. The film, backed by Zee Studios and Raadhika Nanda and Sanjay Saha of Anandita Studios, will be shot in areas around western Uttar

Pradesh, including Noida and Ghaziabad. Earlier, in an interview with Bombay Times, Nawazuddin had revealed that his daughter was upset when she saw him dressed like a woman for the first time but eventually realized that it was for a role. Nawazuddin also said that after this experience filming for Haddi, his respect for actresses grew multifold. "Now I know why an actress may take longer than her male counterpart to get out of her vanity van. It's absolutely justified." He added that women have a lot on their plates, including hair, makeup, clothes, nails, apart from just acting," he had said. After a relatively lowkey 2022 with just one feature film release—Heropanti 2—the actor is likely to have a packed next year with projects like Haddi, Tiku Weds Sheru, Noorani Chehra, Afwaah among others.

MALAIKA ARORA SAYS ARBAAZ KHAN'S FAMILY WAS THERE FOR SUPPORT AFTER HER ACCIDENT: 'I MAY NOT BE THEIR NUMBER ONE PERSON...'



Malaika Arora's reality show Moving In with Malaika is in its second week and with every new episode, the actor has been opening up about parts of her personal life that were previously unknown to her fans. In a recent episode, Malaika shared that after she met with a near-fatal accident earlier this year, Arbaaz Khan's entire family

showed up for her. Arbaaz and Malaika got divorced in 2017. In the episode, Malaika was in conversation with filmmaker Karan Johar and the director said, "I remember what was interesting which I took back home with me after your accident the whole family showed up. I mean they were there." Malaika met with a car accident in April when she was traveling on the Mumbai-Pune highway. Malaika, who co-parents son Arhaan with Arbaaz, said, "I may not be their number one person on their list but they do it because Arhaan is there. That's the right thing to do." Malaika, who has been dating Arjun Kapoor for a few years now, also spoke about her current equation with ex husband on the show. "I think it's lovely now. I think we are way better now," she told Karan. In an earlier episode too, she had shared how Arbaaz was by her side after the accident. "When I was wheeled out, one of the first faces that I saw was actually Arbaaz, at that moment. And he kept asking me, 'Can you see? How many numbers? How many fingers?' And I was like 'Why is he doing this?' It was very strange. For a second, I was like okay 'Have I gone back in time?' Something that really sticks out is in difficult times, you know that irrespective whatever it may be, past, present, future, jo bhi ho (whatever happened), he was there." Malaika and Arjun have been together for a few years now. Recently, there were speculations that Malaika might be pregnant and Arjun took to social media to object to such reports by a particular publication. "This is the lowest that you could have gone and you have done it by being casual, insensitive and absolutely unethical in carrying garbage news," he wrote. He concluded, "This is not done, don't dare to play with our personal lives."

ANANYA PANDAY, ADITYA ROY KAPUR JET OFF TO QATAR FOR FIFA WORLD CUP SEMI-FINAL AMID DATING RUMOURS

With the FIFA World Cup semi-finals around the corner, several Bollywood celebrities are jetting off to Qatar to witness the matches. On Tuesday, celebrities such as Ananya Panday, Chunky Panday, Sanjay Kapoor and Shanaya Kapoor were clicked at the airport. Ananya's rumoured beau Aditya Roy Kapur was also seen jetting off to Qatar for the world cup semi-finals. In the photos and videos shared by paparazzi, the Liger actress can be seen in a casual blue body-hugging dress which she paired with white sneakers. She was accompanied by her father Chunky Panday. Aditya, on the other hand, was seen dressed in a lavender sweatshirt which he paired with jeans. They were clicked separately. On the other hand, Sanjay Kapoor was also clicked with his daughter Shanaya Kapoor and son Jahaan Kapoor. Talking of Ananya and Aditya, their dating rumoured surfaced when Karan Johar teased that something is brewing between them on his show Koffee With Karan. At Kriti Sanon's Diwali party, there was a photo of them chatting in the background which further fuelled the rumours. They were also seen posing together at Manish Malhotra's Diwali bash this year. Back in July, it is reported that both the actors have a mutual affinity towards each other and this is a very recent



development in the lives of the two. However, there is always a possibility that the two had been keeping it extremely private earlier and the news slowly is seeing the light of day, according to ETimes. To top it off, Ananya confessed on Koffee With Karan 7 that she finds Aditya 'hot'.

PORN VIDEOS CASE: SC GRANTS PRE-ARREST BAIL TO RAJ KUNDRA, POONAM PANDEY, SHERLYN CHOPRA



The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted anticipatory bail to Bollywood actors Sherlyn Chopra and Poonam Pandey, and businessman Raj Kundra and others, in connection with a case against them for allegedly distributing pornographic videos. A bench comprising Justices K.M. Joseph and B.V. Nagarathna said, "Having heard the counsel for the parties, we are of the view that the petitioners may be granted anticipatory bail..." Senior advocate R. Basant, representing one of the petitioners, contended before the bench that a charge sheet has been filed in the case. Basant emphasized that the accused were cooperating with the police in the investigation. The bench also directed Kundra and other accused in the matter to cooperate with the police in the investigation. Earlier, Kundra had got interim protection from arrest from the apex court. The case also named Chopra and Pandey as co-accused.

'REPUTATION BEING TARNISHED': NORA FATEHI FILES DEFAMATION SUIT AGAINST JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ



Bollywood actor Nora Fatehi has filed a defamation case in a court here against actor Jacqueline Fernandez, alleging that the latter made defamatory allegations against her for "malicious reasons" and to destroy her career. According to Fatehi, Fernandez sought to criminally defame her in order to destroy her career to further her own interests, since they are both working in the same industry and have similar backgrounds, amongst other reasons. Contending that her image is being tarnished, Fatehi, stressing that artistes' career is solely based on their reputation, alleged that defamatory remarks were made against her by Fernandez to ensure her financial, social, and personal downfall. In the complaint accessed by IANS, she also claimed that Fernandez has also maliciously attempted to absolve herself from her actions in another criminal proceedings which are absolutely unrelated to her. "Jacqueline Fernandez is also an actress, and is pretty well known in the film industry. She has also been made an accused in the Suresh Chandrashekar Rs 200 crore money-laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate. That the defamatory imputations were made by Fernandez due to malicious reasons. Apart from that, Fernandez sought to criminally defame the complainant in order to destroy her career to further her own interests since she is also in Bollywood," read the complaint moved by Fatehi through her counsel advocate Vikram Chauhan. Fatehi has further alleged that Fernandez made a false statement against her despite being an actress too.

'RRR' LANDS TWO GOLDEN GLOBE NOMS IN A YEAR WHEN TOP NAMES ARE IN THE RACE



S.S. Rajamouli's epic period drama has earned a Golden Globes nomination for Best Picture, Non-English Language, category and it is up against serious competition: "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Germany), "Argentina, 1985" (Argentina), "Close" (Belgium) and "Decision to Leave", the South Korean romantic mystery that won for its celebrated helmer, Park Chan-wook, the Best Director award at this year's Cannes Film Festival. For "RRR", it is the penultimate shot at the Oscars, where it is being billed as a potential award-winner either for Rajamouli in the Best Director category, or for the movie in the Best Foreign Film section. The chart-topping "RRR" song, 'Naatu Naatu' (picturised on Ram Charan and Jr NTR), is in contention for the trophy in the Best Original Song, Motion Picture, category as well, up against Taylor Swift's "Carolina" ("Where the Crawdads Sing"), "Ciao Papa" from "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio", "Hold My Hand" ("Top Gun: Maverick"; Lady Gaga, BloodPop), and Rihanna's haunting anthem for "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" -- "Lift Me Up". If "Naatu Naatu" gets the final nod, then the trophy will be lifted by music composer M.M. Keeravani as well as playback singers Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj. Keeravani won the award for the Best Original Score on Sunday at the Los Angeles Film Critics Association, where Rajamouli was the runner-up for the Best Director prize. The creator of blockbusters, incidentally, was named Best Director at the New York Film Critics Circle awards. The honours are just piling up for "RRR".

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Urfi Javed lands in trouble: Lawyer submits complaint against her for obscene acts

A written complaint has been submitted against social media influencer Urfi Javed for allegedly committing illegal and obscene acts in public places and on social media, a police official said on Sunday. The written application was submitted by lawyer Ali Kashif Khan Deshmukh at Andheri police station, he said. "We received an application with this regard two days ago," the official said. Meanwhile, Urfi Javed's fashion choices may not get the approval of many, however, they do get the attention of many. From actors and politicians to authors, everyone has noticed her bold and risky outfits. She's been in the news for her sartorial choices ever since she appeared on Bigg Boss OTT.

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ALVAREZ'S BRACE, MESSI'S GOAL GUIDES ARGENTINA INTO FINAL WITH 3-0 WIN OVER CROATIA

Lionel Messi kept his World Cup dream on track as he scored one and set up another as Argentina romped home into the final of the FIFA World Cup with an emphatic 3-0 win over 2018 finalists Croatia at Lusail Stadium on Tuesday night. At the end of half time La Albiceleste led 2-0 as Messi converted a spot kick in the 34th minute to give them the lead and Julian Alvarez struck with a sublime solo effort to give the South American side a comfortable 2-0 lead going into the half time break. Argentina kept the scoring tempo to add a third one in the 69th minute with Alvarez netting his second of the match. The Argentina captain, who will be playing his second World Cup final on Sunday, having finished as runner-up in the 2014 final to Germany, will be keen to hold aloft the trophy on December 18 at the Lusail Stadium. The 35-year-old and his teammates will await the winner of Wednesday's second semi-final between defending champions France and rank outsiders Morocco to see whom they will take on in the title clash. The PSG striker's fifth goal in Qatar took him to 11 World Cup overtaking Gabriel Batistuta in the process and making him the all-time top scorer for Argentina. France's Kylian Mbappe too has scored five goals and both of them will be in the race for the Golden Boot award. Batistuta only needed 12 games to reach his tally, while Messi was making his 25th World Cup appearance on Tuesday - that saw him equal Lothar Matthaus' all-time record of 25 at the tournament. Nevertheless, Messi's strike highlights the Argentina star's remarkable longevity, playing his fifth World Cup. His first World Cup goal came in 2006 against Serbia and Montenegro. At 18 years and 357 days, it made him Argentina's youngest ever scorer in the competition. Coach Lionel Scaloni made two changes to the team that featured from the off against the Netherlands. With Marcos Acuna suspended, Nicolas Tagliafico was selected at left-back, while Leandro Paredes came into the midfield with defender Lisandro Martinez dropping out. Zlatko Dalic, meanwhile, stuck with the side that started against Brazil on Friday. Luka Modric became only the fourth player aged 37 or over to start six matches at a World Cup, after Brazil's Nilton Santos in 1962, Italy's Dino Zoff in 1982 and England's Peter Shilton in 1990.

Croatia were fully in control in the opening 25 minutes or so with Argentina not being able to make any telling breakthroughs, but once Argentina were awarded their penalty they did not look back as the momentum shifted quickly. Croatia dominated the ball, controlling more than 60 percent of possession. Still, they managed to do precious little with it, failing to register a single shot on target. Argentina were ready to sit back and battle as Croatia advanced up the field. Messi scored the opening goal of the game against Croatia 11 minutes before half-time, blasting into the top-right corner from the penalty spot after Alvarez was fouled by Dominik Livakovic. After Ivan Perisic failed to catch Emiliano Martinez off the line at the other end, the counter was sprung and Alvarez was soon one-on-one with the goalkeeper. The goalie had no choice but to bring down the striker after he tried to find the back of the net, 1-0. Alvarez's first goal of the evening had shades of Diego Maradona's greatest goal of the 1986 World Cup against England where he waved past a host of defenders from his own half to score one of the best individual goal of the Word Cup. The young striker scores a goal of some quality as a failed Croatia corner leads to an Argentinian break. The break soon finds Alvarez, who picks up the ball just past the halfway line and sets off on a run with a couple of Croatian defenders on him. As he gets closer to the box, he is almost dispossessed not once, but twice, before he pokes the ball past Livakovic to send the Argentina fans into delirium, 2-0. In the second half, Argentina continued to hold the fort down on their end, despite numerous Croatia advances. However, if there is any space afforded then Argentina were quick to act, and added to their advantage with a third goal. For Argentina's third goal Messi put in a masterclass as he rushed down near the right touchline, with Josko Gvardiol hot on his heels and after making his way to the penalty box, and as he neared the near post on the right side, he saw Alvarez slightly open. The number 10 slips in a quick pass and Alvarez was able to slot it past the right of the keeper to put Argentina one step closer to the final, 3-0.

'DIEGO MARADONA IS WATCHING US FROM HEAVEN'- LIONEL MESSI AFTER ARGENTINA'S THRILLING WIN

Lionel Messi's Argentina on Friday edged past the Netherlands in a nail-biting and ill-tempered quarterfinal match in the penalty shootout. The La Albicelestes were tested hard by a strong Dutch lineup and were made to do the tedious task even after leading the majority part of the match. As the scores were locked on 2-2 in full time and extra time, Argentina found victory in the penalties (4-3). After the victory, Argentina's captain Lionel Messi remembered former iconic player Diego Maradona. "Diego is watching us from the heavens. He is pushing us and I really hope this stays the same until the end of the tournament," Messi said after the match. The 35-year-old also highlighted the winning moment and the match against the Dutch. "When Lautaro scored and we qualified there was a huge joy. It was a weight off our chests. It was a very hard match. From the start it was a really tough match, we knew it would be hard. We leave that on the pitch with our people. We were really happy and we enjoyed the moment and that is what we can look at here and also in Argentina because people are really in joy, they are really excited and they are full of enthusiasm," Messi added. Messi also stated that the Netherlands made things difficult for them as they took the match in the extra time but he is relieved that the team is in the semifinals. The match witnessed some ugly scenes too where players from both teams confronted each other at times. The match saw 17 yellow cards being given-a record for a World Cup match — two of which went to Netherlands defender Denzel Dumfries, leading to him getting sent off after the game.

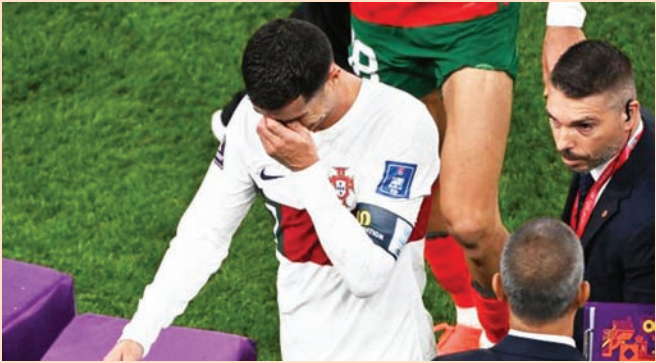


SHAKIB AL HASAN SPOTTED IN AMBULANCE AS BANGLADESH SKIPPER SUFFERS WITH STIFFNESS



Bangladesh could be dealt a huge blow in the first Test match against India on Wednesday (December 14) after skipper Shakib Al Hasan was spotted in an ambulance. It is reported that Shakib has been suffering from stiffness and as a precautionary measure from the medical team he was taken to the hospital. The first Test match between India and Bangladesh will take place on Wednesday at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram as the host's search for their first win against India in the red-ball format. "It is nothing serious. Since there were no other transportation available so he was sent by ambulance. He had some stiffness, and he went for a checkup," said a senior official from Bangladesh Cricket Board to the Daily Star. Later in the day, Shakib was spotted back in the team's dugout as they prepared for the first Test match. While the issue has been noted as 'not to be serious' the medical team will have a call to make with the Test match set to start in less than 24 hours. Shakib comes with tons of experience in his tank and missing a player of his ability could be a huge miss for the hosts.

CRISTIANO RONALDO RETIRES FROM INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL? HIS HEARTFELT LETTER HINTS SO



Cristiano Ronaldo was seen inconsolable after Portugal's loss to the Atlas Lions in the Quarterfinals of the World Cup. Many fans around the world were left heartbroken as almost everyone considered this to be his last dance at the biggest stage of football. A day after the loss, Ronaldo took to Instagram to share a heartfelt note where he wrote everything he felt. He started by saying that winning the World Cup was the most ambitious dream of his career.

The Dream

"Winning a World Cup for Portugal was the biggest and most ambitious dream of my career. Fortunately, I won many titles of international dimension, including Portugal, but putting our country's name on the highest foot in the World was my biggest dream," wrote Ronaldo.

He then wrote that he fought for that dream with everything he had.

The Fight

"I fought for it. I fought hard for this dream. In the 5 appearances, I scored in World Cups over 16 years, always by the side of great players and supported by millions of Portuguese, I gave my all. Leave it all out on the field. I never turned my face to the fight and I never gave up on that dream." Addressing the elephant in the room, Ronaldo wrote that he knows that much has been said and written about him, but his dedication to Portugal hasn't changed a bit.

The Heartbreak

"Sadly yesterday the dream ended It's not worth reacting to heat. I just want you all to know that much has been said, much has been written, and much has been speculated, but my dedication to Portugal hasn't changed for a moment. I was always one fighting for the objective of all and I would never turn my back on my colleagues and my country."

He ended the note by saying Thank you to Portugal.

The Goodbye?

"Not much more to say for now. Thank you Portugal. Thank you Qatar. The dream was nice while it lasted. Here's hoping that everyone is able to draw their own conclusions." Our own conclusions? Is Ronaldo hinting at international retirement? Time will tell.



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