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#### Y MEDIA POLITICAL SENSEX

#### **EXIT POLLS: BJP PROJECTED TO SWEEP GUJARAT; TIGHT CONTEST IN HIMACHAL; AAP** LOOKS POISED TO SWEEP MCD POLLS

The BJP looks all set to form the government in Gujarat for a record seventh time, according a slew of exit polls released.

In Himachal Pradesh, though, the exit polls have predicted a tight contest between incumbent BJP and opposition Congress, with the former holding slight edge.

The NewsX-Jan Ki Baat exit poll has projected BJP to sweep the Gujarat Assembly elections by winning 117-140 seats in the 182-member state Assembly, while Congress is expected to win 34-51 seats, followed by AAP with 6-13 seats.

Republic TV-P Marq too has suggested a sweep for BJP by predicting it to win 128-148 seats in Gujarat, while the Congress may get around 30-42 seats, followed by AAP with 2-10 seats.

TV-9 Gujarati has also projected 125-130 seats for the BJP in Gujarat, while the Congress is lilely to win 40-50 seats. AAP is likely to bag 5 seats.

Going by the exit poll predictions for Gujarat, Congress is set to come down considerably from its current tally of 80 seats, while the BJP looks set to cruise past the majority mark of 92 seats.

In the 68-member Himachal Assembly where the majority mark is 35, AajTak



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#### SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER: IS GOLDY **BRAR DETAINED OR FREE?**

Days after Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann claimed that Goldy Brar was detained in California, a purported interview of the gangster surfaced online on Monday wherein he claimed that he was not held and nor was he in the US.

- had been detained by the police in California and that he would "definitely be brought to India". He will be in the custody of the Punjab Police "very soon", Mann had told reporters.

However, Brar in a purported interview given to a journalist on YouTube denied these claims. Y Media, however, could not independently verify the authenticity of the voice in the video.

In the purported interview, the person calling himself Goldy Brar claimed that he had not been detained and also he was not in the US. In the audio clip of the interview, he could be heard contradicting Mann's claims

Brar was the alleged mastermind behind the killing of singer Sidhu Moosewala in May this year.

Mann has been under fire from the opposition parties over his claim of the detention of Brar.

Senior Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia had earlier asked the Punjab Police chief to confirm the news of detention of the gangster in the US, asserting that he did not trust the statement of the chief minister on the

matter. Majithia had accused Mann of lying to people and said he had information that Brar had not been held yet. He had claimed that the chief minister gave a misleading statement on the gangster.

## Mann on December 2 had confirmed in Ahmedabad in Gujarat that Brar -

- the alleged mastermind behind the killing of singer Sidhu Moosewala -

about his detention.

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#### PAWANPREET KAUR, 21, FROM BRAMPTON SHOT DEAD. PEEL POLICE RELEASE IMAGE OF SUSPECT

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. I CONTD. ON PAGE 4



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#### **CANADA'S FOOD PRICE REPORT 2023** PREDICTS CANADIAN FAMILIES WILL SPEND **UP TO \$1065 MORE ON FOOD NEXT YEAR**

Consumers can expect food prices to continue to rise. Canada's Food Price Report 2023 predicts a 5% to 7% food price increase in 2023, with the most substantial increases in vegetables, dairy, and meat. The report forecasts that an average family of four, including a man (age 31-50), woman (age 31-50), boy (age 14-18), and girl (age 9-13) will spend up to \$16,288.41 per year on food, an increase of up to \$1,065.60 from what was observed in 2022. | CONTD. ON PAGE 7

#### CANADA LEADS G7 FOR MOST EDUCATED **WORKFORCE: STATSCAN CENSUS**

A highly educated workforce is essential to maintaining our standard of living as a country, as well as meeting current and future labour market needs. Canada has a larger share of the population with a college or university credential than any other I CONTD. ON PAGE 7

#### CANADA'S EMPLOYMENT RATE UP 0.1% IN NOVEMBER, UNEMPLOYMENT **RATE FALLS TO 5.1%**

Employment was little changed (+10,000) in November, and the unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage points to 5.1%. Employment was up among women in the core working ages of 25 to 54, and declined among young men aged 15 to 24. It was little changed among the other main demographic groups. The employment rate among core-aged women reached a new record high of 81.6% in November. I CONTD. ON PAGE 7

#### SPOUSES OF OPEN WORK PERMIT HOLDERS NOW ELIGIBLE TO WORK IN **CANADA STARTING 2023**

In a bid to keep families of open work permit holders together, which include many Indians, Canada has announced that starting 2023 their spouses will be eligible to work in the country. Open work permits allow foreign nationals to legally work for any employer and in any job in Canada. "Today we are making an announcement that will make it easier for employers to find workers and for families to remain together while they're here," Sean Fraser, Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced on Friday.

#### CANADA'S FIRST ALL-ELECTRIC VEHICLE **MANUFACTURING FACILITY OPENS IN INGERSOLL, ONTARIO**

The Ontario government is celebrating the opening of General Motors of Canada's (GM Canada) first full-scale electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing plant in Ingersoll and the first BrightDrop Zevo 600s to be made at the facility. With support from the province, GM Canada has transformed its CAMI manufacturing plant into an all-EV manufacturing facility, the first of its kind in Canada. This project helps secure the province's position as a global automotive hub with the vehicles of the future being built in Ontario by Ontario workers, from start to finish.



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YudhvirJaswal: Please explain a little about your organization.

Tyler Fleming: Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) is an independent government agency responsible for overseeing Ontario's investment industry and capital markets. Our mandate includes the following:

- · Protecting investors.
- · Fostering fair, efficient and competitive capital markets.
- · Facilitating capital formation and preventing systemic risk.

My group at the OSC is the investor office. We are responsible for conducting investor policy and investor research, educating people about their finances, and helping them protect against fraud.

#### YudhvirJaswal: What are the warning signs of fraud? And why do people fall for it?

**Tyler Fleming:** It's important to say that anyone can become a victim of fraud. Fraudsters are always looking for ways to separate you from your hard-earned money. They're always trying to stay ahead of it. So even though there are different types of fraud and products they might approach you with, there are often some common warning signs of fraud that people should be aware of.

- 1. Too good to be true: If someone's offering you high returns guaranteed with little or no risk, that is a big red flag of fraud. Generally, high potential returns come with higher risk. And if someone's saving it's guaranteed, you'll get high returns without any trouble, that's a big
- 2. When you're being pressured to buy or make a decision on the **spot:** for legitimate investment opportunities, you must take time to think about it and do your research to do your homework before making
- 3. When someone's offering you insider information to invest: suppose they're saying it's a hot tip or only a select few insiders know. In that case, it's important to remember that insider trading is illegal in Ontario. So if someone's offering you that as the

basis for an investment, that's a big red flag.

4. Suppose the person offering you an investment or investment advice is not registered with the Ontario Securities Commission. In that case, that's a big red flag. Anyone offering investment advice or selling an investment must be registered at the Ontario Securities Commission. And so if they're not, that's generally a big red flag of

#### YudhvirJaswal: What is your organization doing to protect people from fraud?

**Tyler Fleming:** OSC's investor office engages with investors that give them information on how to protect their money, including how to spot the warning signs of fraud. The OSC also has an enforcement branch responsible for investigating and addressing fraud and misconduct issues. We work closely with our law enforcement and policing partners, including Peel region, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and Toronto Police Service.

#### YudhvirJaswal: How can Y Media's viewers protect themselves from

Tyler Fleming: Canadians reported over \$381 million in fraud last year, with about half of that being investment fraud, according to the Canadian anti-fraud center. This September, we've already reached the same amount as last year. However, fraud is an underreported crime. People can often be ashamed when they become a victim of fraud. They don't want to tell their family or their friends. If it's happened to you, there's nothing to be ashamed of. It's probably happening to other people as well. We'd encourage people to contact the Ontario Securities Commission as soon as possible and let us know about it; maybe there's something we can do to stop the fraud from happening to others. You can contact the Ontario Securities Commission at 1-877-785-1555.

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#### CHINESE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO SHOW SUPPORT AT MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL FOUNDATION'S INAUGURAL THE FORTUNE BALL



On Saturday, November 26, 2022, Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) Foundation hosted its inaugural The Fortune Ball presented by TD. Six hundred guests came together at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites to celebrate the modern tradition of Chinese culture during an enchanting evening filled with elegant charm and outstanding entertainment. The evening featured emcee, Jennifer Hsiung, host of CP24 Breakfast, along with other special guests including Sun Ling School of Dance.

Thanks to Entertainment Sponsor, Flato Developments Inc., Wushu Project kicked off with a lion dance followed by North America's premiere tribute band, Bee Gees Now, who brought the musical experience of the original Bee Gees to The Fortune Ball's stage in a captivating live tribute to the multi-platinum kings of disco.

MSH Foundation aims to promote community pride within the local Chinese-Canadian population and inspire Chinese business and philanthropic leaders to help bring abundant blessings to MSH through the sharing of their good fortune and prosperity.

"Generous support is essential for Oak Valley Health's Markham Stouffville Hospital to be able to remain on the cutting-edge of patient care, and prepared to provide life-saving treatment to every patient, in any scenario," said Suzette Strong, CEO, MSH Foundation. "Government can't fund all equipment and other priority needs. That is why events like The Fortune Ball are so important."

Community leaders and founding members of MSH Foundation's Fortune Leadership Council (FLC) have taken on the role as co-chairs of this inaugural gala. These members include Kenny Wan, Alan Kwong, Gordon Chan, David Ho and Stephen Li. FLC is a network of local Chinese business leaders who came together in 2016 with a mission to give back to the hospital.

"All families, no matter young or old, need medical services," said Alan Kwong, MSH Foundation's Fortune Leadership Council Co-Chair and Past Board Director, MSH Foundation. "Making a lasting impact on the hospital benefits the entire community."

Access to the most state-of-the-art equipment is essential for MSH to continue providing the exceptional, patient-centred care the community needs and deserves, close to home. Urgent and emerging needs within surgery, diagnostic imaging and emergency medicine are directly related to the rapidly expanding and aging population that MSH serves. Community support is the reason patients can count on MSH for exceptional, life-saving care, regardless of what brings them through the doors.

Elsie Lui shared how her family has seen first hand the difference MSH makes as she recounted her father's run with heart disease as well as her sister's long history of care, having been diagnosed with McCune Albright Syndrome, a condition that made her bones very brittle. "We have lived in this community for over 30 years. MSH has always been our family hospital," said Lui, grateful patient family member and Manager, Health information Management, Coding, and Data Quality, Oak Valley Health.

"The clinical team at Oak Valley Health always ensures patients are sincerely and genuinely cared for. Being able to access all the services right here close to home allowed both my dad and sister to have a fulsome quality of life."

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, volunteer committee, and the entire community - over \$550,000 has been raised to date! Relive moments of the evening or donate at www.mshfortuneball.ca Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation exists to enable the growth of Oak Valley Health's Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH) by raising funds and awareness for its ongoing priorities and needs. Donations from the community fund life-saving medical equipment that helps to ensure the delivery of first-class health care at MSH.



#### **ONTARIO CUPE EDUCATION WORKERS** UNION VOTED TO ACCEPT NEW DEAL **WITH GOVERNMENT**

The Ontario education support workers have voted to accept a new contract with the provincial government, ending a lengthy and contentious negotiation process.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), representing about 55,000 employees, announced the contract's ratification on Monday. The tentative agreement was accepted by 73 percent of members, according to the bargaining committee.

"For the first time in a decade, education workers have achieved a collective agreement that did not impose terms through legislation," the union said in a statement.

The union said they had "unprecedented member engagement," with about 76 per cent of its members participating in the ratification vote. Under the new agreement, all workers would receive a \$1 flat rate hourly wage increase, or about 3.59 per cent annually. The government has said this would result in a "significant pay increase" for the union's lowest paid members.

#### PAWANPREET KAUR, 21, FROM **BRAMPTON SHOT DEAD, PEEL POLICE** RELEASE IMAGE OF SUSPECT

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It appears that the suspect was smoking a cigarette.

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. As investigators continue to canvass for more video and witnesses, they are urging anyone with information on this incident, surveillance or dashcam footage that may have captured the moments leading up to, during, or after the incident to contact investigators at 905-453-2121 extension 3205. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR CANADA DENTAL **BENEFIT NOW OPEN; ELIGIBLE FAMILIES TO RECEIVE UP TO \$650 PER CHILD - SONIA SIDHU**

New dental benefit is estimated to support more than 500,000 children in Canada. MP Sonia Sidhu let Brampton families know that applications for the new interim Canada Dental Benefit are now open. The Canada Dental Benefit will give eligible families direct payments of up to \$650 per eligible child under 12 for two years



(up to \$1,300) to support the costs of dental care services.

"Having access to quality dental care is an integral part of our overall health, but it can be expensive," said MP Sidhu. "This new benefit will help families that need it most. Tooth decay is the most common, preventable childhood chronic disease and often starts in preschool. Addressing dental health issues early can prevent more expensive health issues down the road".

The benefit is tax free and can be used for any dental care services provided by any regulated dental professional in your area.

The benefit will be in place until 2024, while the work towards a long-term, national dental care program continues. In the meantime, eligible families are encouraged to apply and reminded to keep their receipts. The qualifying families are who has a child or children under 12 as of December 1, 2022 and are currently receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for that child; they have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000; the child/children do not have access to private dental insurance; they have filed their 2021 tax return; and they have had or will have out of pocket expenses for their child's dental care services incurred between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, for which the costs are not fully covered or reimbursed by another dental program provided by any level of government. Eligible families may apply online by logging into their CRA My Account online, or by calling 1-800-715-8836.

If you apply online and are signed up for direct deposit, you can get your payment within 5 business days.

#### **NOVEMBER GTA HOME SALES DOWN 49%**, **AVERAGE SELLING PRICE REACHES \$1.08** MILLION, DOWN 7.2% FROM NOV. 2021

Homeownership market activity in November continued to be influenced by the impact of higher borrowing costs on affordability. Sales were down markedly compared to the same period last year, following the trend that unfolded since the commencement of interest rate hikes in the spring. New listings were also down substantially from last year, and at a very low level historically. The fact that the supply of homes for sale has remained low, has supported average selling prices at the \$1.08 to \$1.09 million mark since August.

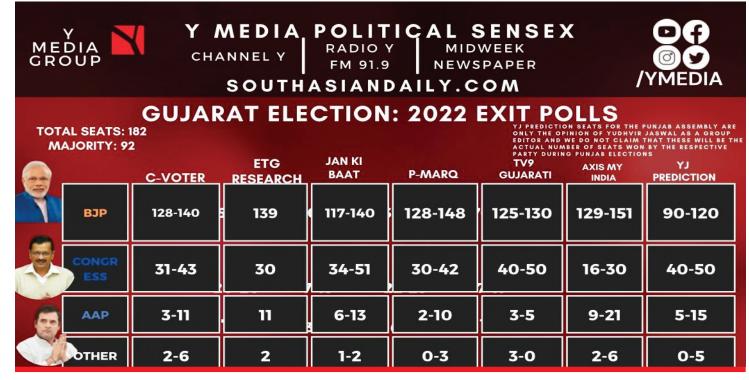
Greater Toronto Area (GTA) REALTORS® reported 4,544 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in November 2022 - down 49 per cent compared to November 2021, but remaining at a similar level to October especially after considering the recurring seasonal downward trend in the fall. New listings, at 8,880, were down on both a year-over-year basis and month-over-month basis.

The MLS® Home Price Index Composite Benchmark was down

by 5.5 per cent year-over-year in

November 2022. The average selling price for all home types combined was down by 7.2 per cent yearover-year. Annual price declines continued to be greater for more expensive market segments,

including detached and semi-detached houses.



#### **EXIT POLLS: BJP PROJECTED TO SWEEP GUJARAT; TIGHT CONTEST IN** HIMACHAL: AAP LOOKS POISED TO SWEEP MCD POLLS

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The NewsX-Jan Ki Baat exit poll has predicted Congress to win 27-34 seats in Himachal Pradesh, while the BJP is tipped to win between 27 and 34 seats.

The Republic TV-P Marg exit poll has predicted identical projections of 28-33 seats for both the parties, suggesting that AAP may open its account in Himachal with a solitary seat.

Times Now-ETG too has predicted both Congress and BJP to win around 24-32 seats in Himachal Pradesh.

Zee News-BARC has also predicted both the main parties to win between 20 and 25 seats each, while AAP may win around 3 seats. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is all set to sweep the civic polls held in Delhi on December 4, and end BJP's 15-year stronghold in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), as per the exit poll findings

of different agencies released on Monday. According to India Today-Axis My India survey, in the 250-ward MCD, the AAP is projected to

win 149-171 wards, followed BJP at 69-91, Congress at 3-7, while others may get 5-9 seats.

In Chandani Chowk, which has 30 wards, 20 may go to AAP while BJP is projected to win 10 wards. In East Delhi, where there are 36 wards, AAP may win 22, followed by BJP at 14.

Out of the 25 wards in New Delhi, AAP may win 21 followed by BJP at

The exit poll further predicted that of the 41 wards in North-East district, 21 will go to BJP, followed by AAP at 17. Congress at 2, while 1 ward will go to others.

As per the India Today exit poll, AAP is set to get 43 per cent of vote share while 35 per cent votes will go the BJP. Congress will finish a distant third with 10 per cent vote share.

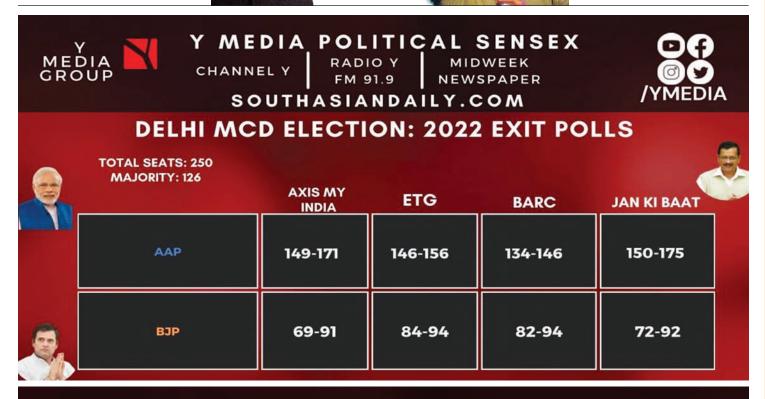
India News-Jan Ki Baat exit poll gave AAP 159-175 wards, while the BJP is projected to win 70-92 wards.

The Times Now exit poll predicted AAP winning between 146 and 156 wards, followed by BJP at 84-94 wards. The exit poll projected Congress to win just 11 wards.

> The Zee News-BARC exit poll projected AAP to get 134-146 wards, while 82-94 wards will be won by the BJP. Congress is likely to win 8-14 wards while others will win 14-19 wards.

The MCD elections held on Sunday had witnessed a low voter turnout of 50 per cent. The results will be declared on December 7.

The BJP has been in power in the MCD since 2007.





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#### **HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTION: 2022 EXIT POLLS**

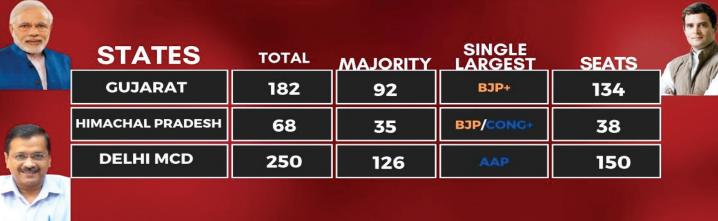
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**INDIAN STATES ELECTION EXIT POLLS 2022** 

#### **BJP TO FARE WELL IN CENTRAL. NORTH GUJARAT; AAP MAY OPEN ACCOUNT IN SOUTH**

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party's (AAP) is expected to perform well in three regions -- Central, South and North Gujarat, while new entrant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) may open its account in South Gujarat by winning 1 to 3 seats.

This was revealed by an IANS analysis of ABP-CVoter Exit Poll with a sample size of 30,000 spread across 182 Assembly seats in Gujarat, where the second and final phase of Assembly elections concluded on Monday. The results will be declared on December 8, along with that of Himachal Pradesh where polling was held on November 12. As per the findings. BJP will have an advantage of 2.7 per cent vote swing as compared to 2017 Assembly elections in North Gujarat, which may translate into 23 seats, 9 more than the 14 seats it bagged in the region in 2017. However, the Congress seems to be losing ground and is projected to win 8 seats in North Gujarat, down from the 17 seats it had won in 2017. Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party is projected to get 8.2 per cent vote share in the region, with the probability of win 0 to 1 seat.In Central Gujarat, BJP is projected to get 4.4 per cent more vote share as compared to 2017. Its seat share is projected to rise to 47 from 37 it had won in the region in 2017. The IANS analysis has projected 45 to 49 seats for the BJP in the region. The Congress is projected to to win 11 to 15 seats, down from the 22 seats it won in the region in 2017, with its vote share dropping by 9.8 per cent. As per the IANS analysis, AAP is likely to win 0 to 1 seat in the region with a vote share of 10.7 per cent. In South Gujarat, the BJP may lose around 6.2 per cent of its vote share, from 54.1 per cent in 2017 to 47.9 this time. However this doesn't seem to affect its seat share in the region where it is projected to win 24 to 28 seats. The party had won 25 seats in South Gujarat in 2017. The Congress' vote share is likely to shrink by 13.5 per cent in South Gujarat, where it is projected to win 6 seats, down from the 8 seats it had won in 2017. New entrant AAP is likely to make some gains in the region with a vote share of 27.1 per cent, which may translate into 1 to 3 seats.

#### PRO-INCUMBENCY BEATS ANTI-INCUMBENCY FACTOR IN GUJARAT. HIMACHAL

Elections in India in contemporary times have become a showcase of pro-incumbency verdicts.

This was revealed by an IANS analysis of ABP-CVoter Exit Poll for the Assembly elections held in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, with the findings showing BJP retaining power in both the states.

In Himachal Pradesh, the Congress put up a spirited challenge while it was a lacklustre show in Gujarat for the Grand Old Party.

The incumbent government in Himachal is usually voted out during Assembly elections. But it doesn't seem to be the case this time.

In Gujarat, the BJP looks set to tide over 27 years of accumulated antiincumbency and anger. Something similar was seen in Uttarakhand and Goa during the Assembly elections held earlier this year.

The BJP faced severe anti-incumbency sentiments after 10 years of rule in Goa. Yet, it won the elections comfortably, leaving the Congress way behind. The prospects of Congress regaining power in Uttarakhand were even brighter. The BJP had changed three Chief Ministers in six months in the run-up to the elections, and the Congress had a popular local leader in Harish Rawat, Yet, it failed to dislodge the BJP.

Even in Uttar Pradesh, the BJP defied all odds when Yogi Adityanath won a second consecutive term in 2022.

#### BJP TO MAKE BIG STRIDES IN KUTCH-SAURASHTRA REGION, AAP TO GAIN TOO

Going by the trends of the Gujarat Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is poised to make big gains in the Kutch-Saurashtra region, while the Congress is projected to lose the battle where it had an upper hand in the 2017 elections.

This was revealed by an IANS analysis of ABP-CVoter Exit Poll with a sample size of 30,000 spread across 182 Assembly seats in Gujarat. In the Kutch-Saurashtra region, the BJP is projected to win 40 out of the 54 seats, marking a gain of 17 seats as compared to the 23 seats it had won in 2017, the survey findings showed.

However, its vote share is projected to dip from 45.9 per cent in 2017 to 43 per cent this time. The Congress is projected to win 10 seats, down by 20 from the 30 seats it had won in the Kutch-Saurashtra region in 2017. Interestingly, debutant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is projected to win five seats in the region with a vote share of 17.1 per cent, damaging Congress' prospects. According to the survey findings, the incumbent BJP, which has already ruled Gujarat continuously for 27 years barring a brief revolt by Shankar Singh Vaghela, is projected win between 128 and 140 seats in the 182-member Assembly. Despite 27 years of antiincumbency, the vote share of the BJP is expected to improve slightly from 49.1 per cent in 2017 to 49.4 per cent in these elections.

#### 'SERIOUS ISSUE': SC PULLS UP PUNJAB OVER SALE OF SPURIOUS LIQUOR

The Supreme Court on Monday pulled up the Punjab government over the issue of sale of spurious liquor in the state, saying "Punjab is a border state and this is a very serious matter".

The top court asked the state government to come up with specific steps to curb the menace of spurious liquor, while adding that the youth will be finished. A bench headed by justice M.R. Shah orally observed that drugs are a problem and also the illegal manufacture of alcohol and they adversely affect the health of the people. The bench said this is unfortunate, and "Punjab is a border state", adding that if somebody wants to finish the country, they will start at the borders. It added that every effort should be taken to save the country, and it is very easy to ruin the youth. The bench, also comprising justice C.T. Ravikumar, was hearing a plea in connection with allegations of large-scale illegal liquor manufacturing and sale in Punjab. The top court noted that several FIRs were registered in the past two years and added that funds seized by authorities, during clamp down on illegal manufacturing units, should be utilised for awareness campaigns. The bench sought reply from the state government on steps taken to combat domestic and commercial production of illegal liquor and suggested that the state may also come out with a circular on effective investigation and enquiry, when an illegal manufacturing unit is found. Concluding the hearing, the bench noted that nobody knows the plight of the affected families and added people like labourers, because they are tired after work, they consume it. The top court has scheduled the matter for further hearing next Monday. On November 21, the apex court, in its order, said it cannot be disputed that because of the illegal manufacturing of liquor and that too sub-standard manufacture and transportation of liquor, hooch tragedies are taking place and the poor people are the sufferer because ultimately either it affects their health or even in many cases many people have lost their lives.

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar defining its agenda for G20 and UNSC has said that New Delhi would like to use the presidency of the group to reflect interests and concerns today of the global south.

As India formally assumed the G20 presidency Prime Minister Modi said he will work to further global good through an inclusive, action-oriented and decisive agenda. In a write-up Modi said India could catalyse a fundamental mindset shift to benefit humanity as a whole? "I believe we can", he wrote. The Prime Minister stressed that India's G20 presidency theme --'One Earth, One Family, One Future' -- is not just a slogan as it takes into account "recent changes in human circumstances", adding that India's G20 presidency will work to promote a universal sense of one-ness.

India looks forward to working on encouraging sustainable lifestyles, depoliticising the global supply of food, fertilisers and medical products among other subjects, the prime minister said. For imbuing hope in our future generations, India will encourage an honest conversation among the most powerful countries on mitigating risks posed by weapons of mass destruction and enhancing global security, in addition to climate change, terrorism, and pandemics, which could be solved not by fighting each other, but only by acting together he wrote.

#### INDIA'S FORWARD PLAN

Indeed, the issues outlined by the prime minister and the EAM sound impressive, yet the real challenge will be on how to transform these into real achievements over the next one-year. How India could contribute to changing the global stand on various pressing issues, including; controlling inflation, affirmative action on climate change and pandemic threats, besides producing an inclusive governance model. There is hope that India can make meaningful contributions to the global economy and can help improve the current unstable



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geopolitical state of affairs during its reign as G-20 president. The world is staring at a recession following the Covid induced economic downturn and supply chain issues which have been further exacerbated by the Russia-Ukraine war, fuelling runaway inflation. Global growth has hit a major roadblock. While the world grew at 6 per cent in 2021, the growth rate is projected to drop to 3.2 per cent in 2022 and will further slip to 2.7 per cent in 2023.

The global inflation rate, which stood at 4.7 per cent in 2021, is expected to rise to 8.8 per cent by the end of 2022. India, however, is expected to grow by 6.8 per cent in the current fiscal year and by 6.4 per cent in the following year. India is a model for others in achieving similar economic growth and stability. The G20 declaration, which predominantly echoed Indian ideas, vowed to push for global macro-economic stability by giving nations, particularly disadvantaged ones, a platform to improve their financial resilience.

Indian economists have a better understanding of middle-income and low-income countries. India, with its unique perspective, can help the G20 achieve its goal of enhancing the financial resilience of these nations. India's economic model, which has advocated for open, liberal markets that provide opportunities to even the most vulnerable, has garnered praise from countries and organisations throughout the world.

#### **DIPLOMATIC TIGHTROPE**

Over the last one year particularly India, has been able to maintain cordial relations with two US administrations, in to addition to Russia and Iran, and despite mounting global pressure, has been able to maintain positive diplomatic ties with all countries and factions.

This is also a historic time for the G20, which will now be led by a nation that has always placed "dialogue and diplomacy" at

the centre of its approach to international relations. India's diplomatic and economic policies have helped the country achieve significant growth at a time when other economies have failed or are struggling.

The Indian presidency has received support from various quarters, the latest being from the US and France. The American and French Presidents in their tweets have declared their support to India's chair at these two fora.

Thus, India seems to have the has full support of the global powers also, for initiating new thinking on tackling the global issues besides also an opportunity to become the voice of the Global South and help the UN to achieve more on its SDGs. Thus, at the moment the plate seems full for India and we really hope that India will be able to leave its mark both diplomatically and politically on the G20 by acting in a pragmatic manner to solve the issue facing the global world.

It would be prudent for the Indian leadership to pursue those issues which will have a bearing on the future of the world, like climate change related activities, pursuing net zero, to find ways to establish a modified economic system which considers poor countries much more benignly and also empower the world organisations like the UN and make sure that it leaves a new apparatus through which voices of the poor could be heard and action taken on them, much more effectively.

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#### Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: 'COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF US,' SAYS PIZZA NOVA'S PRESIDENT PRIMUCCI

**POOJA LUTHRA** 

In an exclusive interview with Y Media's Group Editor and CEO, Yudhvir Jaswal, Domenic Primucci, president of Pizza Nova, discussed the philanthropic projects done by Pizza Nova to make a difference in the community. Pizza Nova has recently donated \$41,600 to Student Nutrition Ontario. Primucci explained Y Media Pizza Nova had partnered with Student Nutrition Ontario (SNO) in 2015 with 'Coins for Breakfast,' a program that supports Student Nutrition Ontario with instore donation boxes throughout all participating Pizza Nova locations. It is still an "ongoing project."

"We strongly believe in making our food with quality ingredients and love. And it is important for us that children across Ontario start their days with a nourishing, sustaining breakfast and have successful days at school," Domenic Primucci said.

To date, Pizza Nova has raised \$223,142 for Student Nutrition Ontario. 4,450 Student Nutrition Programs are serving nearly 1 million students across the province each school day.

Apart from this, Pizza Nova has started a two-year partnership with SickKids Foundation, Primucci said in an exclusive interview with Y

Media. "This holiday season, we have created a limited-edition Vespa ornament to honour Italian roots, proceeds of which will go to SickKids Foundation." Intending to raise over \$15,000, Pizza Nova has made these ornaments available at all participating Pizza Nova locations while quantities last. The funds will go to SickKids Foundation to help build a new state-of-the-art hospital and patient support buildings, continue breakthrough research, and build partnerships across the country. The future lies in kids' hands, and we can make a positive impact on kids, Pizza Nova's president Primucci said.

Primucci further added that community is a pillar and has always been a part of Pizza Nova. Making a difference is essential to Pizza Nova, not only this holiday season but throughout the year. "Giving back to the community is one of Pizza Nova's core values and is important to its business and customers."

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#### **ONTARIO GOVERNMENT INVESTING OVER \$4.6 MILLION IN MICHENER** INSTITUTE TO REMOVE FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR NURSES

The Ontario government is investing over \$4.6 million in the Michener Institute to remove financial barriers for nurses wanting to upskill to work in critical care areas of hospitals.

"While there is still more work to do, our plan to expand Ontario's health workforce is adding thousands of new nurses, with nearly 14,000 new nurses registered to work in the province so far this year," said Premier Doug Ford. "We're breaking down barriers for internationally educated nurses to work here in Ontario and are providing more opportunity for all nurses to grow in the job. It's all hands on deck as we use every tool we have to get more nurses working in Ontario right now.'

The funding provides free tuition for students and all college and hospital costs, including backfilling their current roles to ensure continuity of care, and allows nurses to train to work in critical care areas of hospitals. By spring 2023, close to 600 registered nurses will have completed their upskilling education and will be ready to support critical care in hospitals across Ontario.

"With a record number of new nurses registering in Ontario this year, our plan to bolster our health care work force and ensure high quality health care is there for patients when they need it is working," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We will continue to invest in programs to recruit, retain, and train more nurses as we build a stronger, more resilient health care system for generations to come." In addition to the Michener Institute, the government is also investing more than \$9.4 million to support accelerated critical care nursing at Centennial College, Conestoga College, George Brown College, Laurentian University, Mohawk College and St. Lawrence College.

#### CANADA'S EMPLOYMENT RATE UP 0.1% IN NOVEMBER. **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO 5.1%**

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Employment rose in finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing; manufacturing; as well as in information, culture, and recreation. At the same time, it fell in several industries, including construction and wholesale and retail trade. While employment increased in Quebec, it declined in five provinces, including Alberta and British Columbia.

Year-over-year growth in the average hourly wages of employees remained above 5% for a sixth consecutive month in November, up 5.6% (+\$1.71 to \$32.11) compared with November 2021 (not seasonally adjusted).

After increasing 0.7% in October, total hours worked were little changed in November. Compared with 12 months earlier, total hours worked were up 1.8%. In November 2022, more than 1 in 10 (11.2%) workers were employed in the retail trade industry (not seasonally adjusted). One-third (33.5%) of workers aged 25 to 54 in Canada engaged in some form of training outside of the formal education system over the last 12 months, by participating in courses, seminars, conferences, or private lessons (not seasonally adjusted).

#### CITY OF GUELPH REPLACING THREE **PLAYGROUNDS IN 2023**



Have your say on designs and accessibility features by December 15 You're invited to help the City of Guelph design the three playgrounds we'll be replacing next year: Dovercliffe Park, Howitt Park and University Village Park, pending 2023 budget approval by Council. Tell us your neighbourhood playground vision. We'd like to know: What kind of equipment you would like to see,

What you like about the existing playground, and

If there are any specific accessibility features you would like to see included. Phase one of engagement is open until December 15, 2022. In early 2023, we'll share two design options for each playground with you and the neighbourhood to vote on.

You will see contractors surveying and drilling next spring to help better understand park conditions. Timeline for construction will be communicated during the second phase of engagement.

About the playground replacement process When we replace play equipment, we consider available budget, maintenance, how to make the play equipment fun for everyone and comments from community members. Your participation helps us choose the right play equipment for your neighbourhood. Playgrounds are replaced approximately every 20 years, pending Council approval. If your local playground isn't on our list, chances are, it's not quite time for it to be replaced.

#### PROJECT BARBELL-FIREARMS TRAFFICKING **INVESTIGATION: TORONTO POLICE SAY 6** PEOPLE ARRESTED, 62 FIREARMS SEIZED, 260 **CRIMINAL CHARGES LAID**

Police Chief James Ramer was joined by Superintendent Steve Watts of Organized Crime Enforcement to announce the results of Project Barbell, an eight-month long firearm trafficking investigation that has resulted in multiple arrests and guns seized. In the fall of 2021, members of the TPS Integrated Gun and Gang Task Force launched an extensive investigation into an armed criminal group suspected of firearms trafficking in Toronto. On May 28, 2022, officers conducted Criminal Code Search Warrants for addresses and vehicles associated with the involved parties, resulting in six arrests, 260 criminal charges laid, and evidence seized, including 62 firearms. In addition to the firearm investigation, one of the individuals arrested has also been identified as a suspect in a reckless shooting incident that occurred in a crowded bar on October 19, 2021, in the Queen Street West and Portland Street area. "Gun violence continues to be the most significant public safety concern for the people of Toronto. Every one of these ouns was destined for our streets; our communities," said Chief James Ramer. "Toronto Police remain fully committed to working with our partner agencies, and all levels of government, on prevention and addressing root causes for those who are at-risk.

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#### CANADA'S FOOD PRICE REPORT 2023 PREDICTS CANADIAN FAMILIES WILL SPEND UP TO \$1065 MORE ON FOOD NEXT YEAR

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"To say that it's been a challenging year for Canadians at the grocery store would be an understatement." says Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, project lead and Director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University. "Consumers will continue to get smarter about grocery shopping as they navigate through this so-called food inflation storm." Canada's Food Price Report is an annual collaboration between research partners Dalhousie University, the University of Guelph, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of British Columbia. This cross-country research team uses historical data sources, machine learning algorithms, and predictive analytics tools developed over many years to make predictions about Canadian food prices. A new forecasting model was used for the 2023 report. "It includes historical data plus the additional variables of forecasted inflation and Canadian-US exchange rate," says Dr. Kelleen Wiseman, UBC campus lead. "This resulted in a rebalance between past data and future forecasts. Forecasting food prices is challenging!"

"Each year, the Canadian Food Price Report provides consumers with important information on how the coming year might affect them in terms of food prices and affordability," says Andrea Rankin, the Master of Public Administration candidate at Dalhousie University who worked on the 2023 report.

#### CANADA LEADS G7 FOR MOST EDUCATED WORKFORCE: STATSCAN CENSUS **CONTD. FROM PAGE 1**

The share with a bachelor's degree or higher continues to rise with an influx of highly educated immigrants and a growing number of young adults completing degrees. However, we may be leaving talent on the table with the educational qualifications of some foreign-educated workers being underused. Leveraging these credentials is important as more of the population nears retirement age. Moreover, Canada faces a labour crunch, with high employment, record-low unemployment and record-high job vacancies. Capitalizing on our highly educated population is key to ensuring that Canada has enough trained workers to fill the spaces left by retirements.

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### PUNJAB TOPS WITH 49,922 CROP RESIDUE **BURNING INCIDENTS BETWEEN SEP 15-NOV 30**

Punjab has topped with 49,922 crop residue burning incidents during the period between September 15 and November 30 this year. However, the state has recorded nearly 30 per cent decline in crop residue burning incidents this year as compared with the respective period of the last year. However, as per the figures based on Standard ISRO Protocol for monitoring paddy crop residue burning events, the total paddy crop residue burning events during the above period in Punjab. Haryana, Delhi and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have come down from 78,550 in 2021 to 53,792 in 2022, reflecting a reduction of 31.5 per cent.

The Central government, under its CRM Scheme, has released more than Rs 3,062 crore, to the government of Punjab, NCR state governments and GNCTD during the five-year period from 2018-19 to 2022-23 towards effective management of stubble in the region. Of the total releases, more than Rs 1,426 crore has been released to

As per the Environment Ministry, the total crop residue burning events in Haryana have come down from 6,987 in 2021 to 3,661 in 2022, with a reduction of 47.60 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Similarly, total crop residue burning events in Punjab have come down from 71,304 in 2021 to 49,922 in 2022, with a reduction of 29.99 per cent. The total crop residue burning events in the NCR

districts of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi have come down from 259 in 2021 to 209 in 2022, a reduction of 19.30 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Out of 23 districts of Punjab, the five hotspot districts with maximum number of crop burning events during the current year are Sangrur, Bhatinda, Firozpur, Muktsar and Moga, recording a total of 21,882 fire counts, which is 43.83 per cent of total fire counts during current year. Only one district reported more than 5,000 fire counts during the current year. In comparison, in 2021, five districts of Punjab reported more than 5,000 fire counts totalling 32,053 contributing to 44.95 per cent of fire counts.

Though there is an overall reduction in the area monitored, 2 districts of Punjab (Bhatinda and Fazilka); 1 NCR District of UP (Bulandshahr); and one district of Haryana (Yamuna Nagar) have reported significantly higher number of farm fire counts as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

Maximum contribution of farm fires to the daily PM2.5 levels in Delhi was 34 per cent in the current year (on November 3) as against 48 per cent last year (on November 7).

The daily Average AQI of Delhi in November, 2022 registered an improvement at 320.60 as compared to 376.50 in November 2021, i.e., a reduction of about 56 points.

#### **JTEST IN UP BY POLLS**

The stage is set for a direct contest between the BJP and Samajwadi Party-Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) alliance in the bypolls to one Lok Sabha and two assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh on Monday.

The BSP and the Congress are not contesting from the seats.

Polling will be held from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, while the results will be declared on December 8. According to a statement issued by the office of Uttar Pradesh's Chief Electoral Officer, 24.43 lakh people will exercise their voting rights in the bypolls. This includes 13.14 lakh male voters, 11.29 lakh female voters and 132 third category voters, it said.

Voting will take place at 3,062 polling booths located in 1,945 polling centres. While the bypoll to the Mainpuri parliamentary seat is taking place due to the death of Samajwadi Party (SP) founder Mulayam Singh Yadav, in Rampur Sadar and Khatauli, the polls were necessitated after SP MLA Azam Khan and BJP MLA Vikram Singh Saini were disqualified following their conviction in different cases. While Khan was disqualified after a court awarded him three-year imprisonment in a 2019 hate speech case, Saini lost his membership of the assembly after his conviction in a 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots case. The outcomes of the bypolls will not have any impact on the central or the state governments as the BJP enjoys a comfortable majority at both levels. However, the victory would provide a psychological advantage, ahead of the 2024 general elections. In Mainpuri, there are six candidates in the fray, 14 candidates are contesting from Khatauli and 10 from Rampur Sadar, according to the Election Commission. In Mainpuri, Mulayam Singh Yadav's elder daughter-in-law and SP president Akhilesh Yadav's wife Dimple Yadav is pitted against BJP's Raghuraj Singh Shakya. The BJP candidate, who was once a close associate of Pragatisheel Samaiwadi Party chief and Akhilesh Yadav's uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav, joined the saffron party ahead of the Uttar Pradesh assembly polls held earlier this year.

The BJP in Rampur Sadar has fielded Akash Saxena, who is the son of former party MP Shiv Bahadur Saxena, against senior SP leader Azam Khan's protege Asim Raja, while in Khatauli, the fight is between Vikram Singh Saini's wife Rajkumari Saini and Madan Bhaiya from the RLD. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister



Pathak, and UP BJP president Bhupendra Chaudhary have been among the top campaigners for the BJP. SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has also led an aggressive campaign for his wife in Mainpuri and attended a rally along with Azam Khan and Dalit leader Chandrasekhar Azad in Rampur Sadar to seek votes for the party's nominee Asim Raza.

Meanwhile, the election commission has arranged webcasting at polling booths in the three constituencies. The webcasting will be supervised at all three levels -- the district election officer, the chief electoral officer and the Election Commission of India.

Video camera teams have been also deputed in the three constituencies. Central Armed Police Forces have been deployed as well. They will also keep vigil on strong rooms in which EVMs will be kept after polling. The ECI has deputed three general observers, three expenditure observers and three police observers. In addition, 288 sector magistrates, 48 zonal magistrates, and 636 micro-observers have been deputed. Along with 13,777 polling personnel, 778 heavy vehicles and 1004 light vehicles have been pressed into service to complete the election process, he said.

#### RAHUL GANDHI BLOWS FLYING KISSES TO PEOPLE CHANTING 'MODI, MODI' ATOP BJP OFFICE

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is spearheading party's Bharat Jodo Yatra, was seen giving flying kisses to people who were standing atop the building having BJP flags, PM Modi, Vasundhara Raje's poster and were chanting Modi, Modi. It happened when Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra was passing through Agar Malwa district in Madhya Pradesh.

Rahul Gandhi began his yatra on Tuesday morning on a rather interesting note, giving flying kisses to people who gathered at the BJP Jhalawar office's rooftop to catch a glimpse of the march. This comes a day after he targeted the saffron party and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, asking why they were not chanting 'Jai Siyaram' and 'Hey Ram'.

The yatra resumed from Khel Sankul, where Gandhi had stopped on Monday night, and crossed Jhalawar city in the morning. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Pradesh Congress Committee chief Govind Singh Dotasra, former deputy chief minister Sachin Pilot, several ministers and MLAs are accompanying Gandhi.

After covering approximately 12 km, the yatra is scheduled to reach Devarighata at around 10 am. After lunch, it will resume from Suket at 3. 30 pm. The night stay has been planned at Moru Kalan Khel Maidan.

Even as Gandhi is taking out his yatra in Rajasthan, the party high command appointed senior Punjab Congress leader Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa the state's in-charge after Ajay Maken tendered his resignation from the post.

#### SIDHU MOOSEWALA MURDER: IS GOLDY BRAR DETAINED OR FREE?

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Shiromani Akali Dal spokesman Arshdeep Singh Kaler on Monday asked Mann why he was mum after his claims on the detention of Brar had fallen flat as the purported interview of the gangster appeared in public domain.

Kaler said it was shocking that more than three days had passed since the chief minister made a "tall claim" on the detention of Brar in Gujarat with the sole motive to garner votes for the AAP.

Hitting back, Aam Aadmi Party chief spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang slammed SAD leader Majithia for raising questions over the CM's statement on Brar.

It is amusing that Majithia is backing a notorious gangster's statement and raising questions over Punjab CM's statement, he said. "My question to Majithia is that you are going by the claims of Goldy Brar about his detention but doubting the statement made by CM Bhagwant Mann," Kang said here. Earlier, Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring had also asked the Punjab Director General of Police to clear air on the detention of Brar. Brar, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, had moved to the US from Canada, where he was based since 2017. He claimed responsibility for the brutal murder of Moosewala on May 29, on behalf of the gang.

Addressing the media in Gujarat, Mann said: "It is confirmed news, and I say this being the head of the state, that Canada-based gangster Goldy

Brar, who was indulging in anti-social activities and was involved in funding such activities, has been detained in the US."

Punjab Police had recently got a Red Corner Notice (RCN) issued against him after taking up the matter with the Union Home Ministry, he added. On Thursday, Moosewala's father, Balkaur Singh, appealed to the Punjab government to announce a reward of at least Rs 2 crore for any information that led to the arrest of Brar. "Recently, a Punjabi man fled from Australia after murdering a woman. The Australian government announced a reward of 1 million dollars for giving information about him. Resultantly, he was arrested in six days. I pay Rs 2 crore in a year as tax to the government. Still, if the government is not able to pay such an amount as a reward, I am ready to pay it from my pocket, even if I have to sell my land for it. I just want the reward to be announced by the government," he said.

#### PAKISTAN'S FORMER PREMIER IMRAN KHAN ACCUSES GEN BAJWA OF PLAYING **'DOUBLE GAME' AGAINST HIS GOVT**



Pakistan's ousted prime minister Imran Khan has accused former army chief Gen (retd.) Qamar Javed Bajwa of playing a "double game" against his government and said that he committed a "big mistake" by extending the tenure of then military chief in 2019. Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, made the comments during an interview with a local TV channel where he also regretted that he put his trust in the then army chief Gen (retd.) Bajwa. "I would believe in everything General Bajwa would tell me because our interests were the same... that we had to save the country," said 70-year-old Khan, who was ousted from power through a no-confidence motion in April this year. Khan also claimed that he received reports from Intelligence Bureau (IB) on "what games were being played against his government." He claimed that then military establishment was in contact with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz supremo Nawaz Sharif to topple his government and the plot against him became clear following the removal of Lt Gen (retd.) Faiz Hameed as ISI chief in October 2021. "Gen Bajwa was playing a double game and I discovered later that even PTI's members were being given different messages," he claimed. Gen Bajwa, 61, retired on November 29 after getting a three-year extension in 2019 by the then Prime Minister Khan, who turned out to be the biggest critic of the Pakistan Army. Nawaz Sharif, who was disqualified and imprisoned when Bajwa was the army chief, has also criticized him by name at public rallies on a couple of occasions.

#### **'EARLY FLU SEASON, COVID, RSV CAUSES** FOR CONCERN IN EUROPE': OFFICIALS

European health leaders have voiced their concern over a potential surge in respiratory virus infections across the region this winter, and called for better protection of the population, especially the most vulnerable. As concerns over the spread of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) increase and Covid-19 remains a threat, the 2022-2023 influenza (flu) season has gotten off to an early start in the European region, Xinhua news agency reported, citing a joint statement issued by European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides, World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Europe Hans Kluge and Director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Andrea Ammon.

"The World Health Organization Europe region is currently experiencing increasing circulation of influenza and RSV. Together with Covid-19, these viruses are expected to have a high impact on our health services and populations this winter," the statement said. It highlighted the current influenza viruses (A and B), which are rising in circulation in different parts of the region, among all age groups. Those aged 55 years and older are particularly vulnerable. They have accounted for almost half of all reported influenza hospital admissions since October. Another cause for concern is the spike in RSV, a common respiratory virus that causes bronchitis or pneumonia and can be fatal, particularly in infants and the elderly. RSV cases have "also been on the rise since October, with some 20 countries and areas experiencing intensified RSV activity."

#### INDIAN-AMERICAN FIRED BY MUSK AS TWITTER LEGAL HEAD AT CENTRE OF CENSORSHIP CONTROVERSY

The Indian-American fired by Elon Musk as the head of Twitter's legal affairs is at the centre of a censorship controversy following the disclosure of emails and internal communications showing her role in blocking on the social media outlet reports about President Joe Biden's son Hunter.

Musk, who bought Twitter for \$44 billion last month and promptly fired Chief Legal Officer Vijaya Gadde from her \$17 million job, provided copies of the communications to journalist Matt Taibbi, who broke the story in a long series of tweets on Friday.

Based on the communications, Taibbi also made the disturbing disclosure that politicians from both parties could get Twitter to censor tweets. Indian-American member of the House of Representatives Ro Khanna emerges as a hero of freedom of expression as he is shown to have advised Gadde against the censorship of the news reports by Rupert Murdoch-owned New York Post saying that while he was a "total partisan of Bidena he saw the action as a violation of the constitutional principle of free speech". He warned that the move "will invite more backlash than do good".

Musk, who says he is for freedom of expression, had criticised Twitter alleging it was partisan and said that he would release the communications on the Post censorship.

He handed them over to Taibbi, an iconoclastic journalist who takes on both the left and the right and writes for Rolling Stones and has a podcast. usk reinstated former President Donald Trump's account that had been blocked. The episode showed how a small group of executives at a social media outlet with outsize power over political discourse can try to influence elections and politics. Days before the 2020 elections, the Post had obtained through then-President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani the contents of a computer that Biden's son Hunter had abandoned at a repair shop and published stories based on its contents. Some of the pictures in it showed Biden in lewd postures and what appeared to be involvement with drugs.



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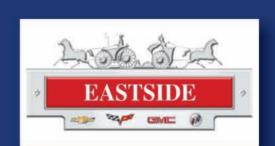
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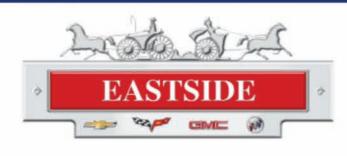
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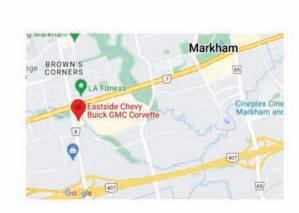
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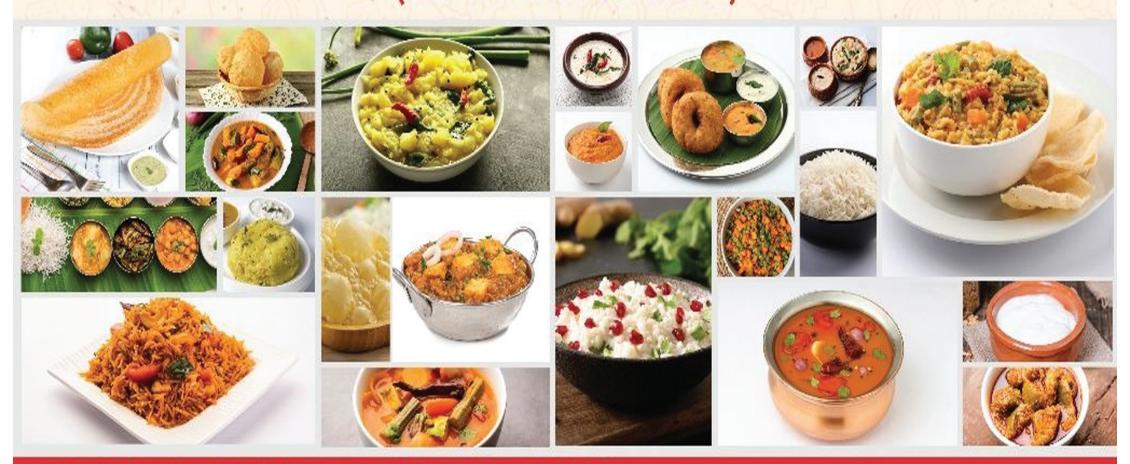
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#### WHO IS DILJIT DOSANJH BLAMING FOR SIDHU MOOSEWALA'S MURDER?

Actor-singer Diljit Dosanjh has blamed "politics" and "government incompetence" for the murder of Punjabi rapper Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, better known as Sidhu Moosewala.

"Hundred per cent ye sarkaar ki nalaykihai aur ye politics hai. Politics bahut gandihai," Dosanjh said in an interview with Film Companion, while speaking about the killing where six shooters waylaid Moosewala's jeep and shot him dead in Mansa district on May 29.

Dosanjh said the pain of Moosewala's parents who lost their only son could not be described in words or even felt by anyone else, "Only his (Moosewala's) father or mother knows how they are dealing with this," said Dosanjh, noting with anguish that killing someone was "a bajjarpaap (gross sin)". He added, "You cannot end someone's life. It is very bad."



#### IN DOC SERIES TRAILER, HARRY AND MEGHAN HINT PALACE 'LEAKED, PLANTED' STORIES AGAINST THEM

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, are about to pull back the curtain on their love story and subsequent retreat from life as working royals for a global audience, reports 'Variety'. (And looking at the trailer, it seems quite apparent that the six-part Netflix documentary series may not amuse the UK royals.)

Netflix revealed on Monday that the series will premiere in two installments — the first volume of three episodes will drop on December 8, followed by a second batch of three episodes on December 15. The series, which is directed by 'What Happened, Miss Simone?' helmer Liz Garbus, promises an intimate account of the couple's courtship — and unprecedented access to their tumultuous years as senior royals. In the second trailer, released on Monday, Markle says at one point, according to 'Variety': "I realised, 'They're never gonna protect you'." She was presumably referring to the royal family. In the minute-long trailer, Markle and Harry seem to indicate that the British media was supportive of the couple until they were married, at which point things changed. "And then [snaps fingers]," says Markle in an



interview with Garbus. "Everything changed," adds Harry. "There's a hierarchy in the family," he continues, "You know, there's leaking, but there's also planting of stories." Towards the end of the trailer, the Duke of Sussex says: "No one knows the full truth. We know the full truth."

#### MALAIKA SAYS SON ARHAAN WAS MOST SUPPORTIVE OF HER FOR 'MOVING IN WITH MALAIKA'

Actress Malaika Arora said her son Arhaan was very supportive as he said yes to her to take forward her reality show 'Moving In With Malaika'. In the opening episode of the much awaited show – Moving In With Malaika, producer, director, choreographer and a dear friend Farah Khan Kunder comes over to Malaika's place for a friendly visit. The two go back in time and reminisce about the making of Malaika. They talk about her past, present and much more.

In the conversation, Farah asks how Malaika's close ones have reacted to the news of her doing a reality show, first being Malaika's son, Arhaan, "How come Arhaan has agreed to this?"

To which the gorgeous diva Malaika Arora smiles and responds, "He was the most supportive, Farah. He said mom, go for it.

Somewhere for me I think half that battle was won. He's a kid. I should be able to do something where he feels proud of what I'm doing, he's comfortable with what I'm doing."

Created by Banijay Asia and Malaika Arora, the series will start streaming from December 5 onwards on Disney+ Hotstar.

#### POPULAR INDO-CANADIAN TIKTOKER **DIES 'UNEXPECTEDLY' AT 21**

Indo-Canadian TikToker Megha Thakur, known for spreading messages of body positivity and selfconfidence, passed away "suddenly" and "unexpectedly" last week, an Instagram post by her parents said. The Brampton-based influencer with 93,000 followers on TikTok died last week at the age of 21.



She hailed from Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

"It is with heavy hearts we announce the light of our life, our kind, caring, and beautiful daughter, Megha Thakur, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on November 24, 2022 in the early morning hours," Megha's parents wrote, sharing the tragic news on Instagram. "Megha was a confident and independent young woman. She will be dearly missed. She loved her fans and would have wanted you to know of her passing. At this time, we request your blessings for Megha. Your thoughts and prayers will be with her in her onward journey." The cause of her death was not revealed.

A funeral service was held in her memory on Tuesday.

"Megha knew how much of a force she was in the influencer space and how many women looked up to her, I told her all the time. We lost an angel too soon," an Instagram fan wrote in reply to the post.

"Her posts brought so much confidence and light when I was struggling. She was always an angel, and beautiful inside and out. I am sorry for your loss and may she rest in peace," another Instagrammer wrote. Megha was also active on Instagram with close to 101,000 followers. Her last TikTok video, posted on November 18, was captioned: "YOU'RE in charge of your destiny. Remember that."

In the video, Megha wore a grey and beige mini dress, white sandals and dark sunglasses, and was walking through the streets of New York. She finished her graduation from Mayfield Secondary School and started making TikTok videos in 2019.

Her first video garnered around 3,000 likes and 60,000 views.

#### **AKSHAY KUMAR COULD RETURN TO** 'HERA PHERI' UNIVERSE AS RAJU

Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, who did not have a very successful year at the movies, may well be returning to the 'Hera Pheri' universe. Earlier, it was widely reported in the media that the superstar had left the franchise after the film's producer and he could not reach a common ground. Following Akshay's exit, Kartik Aaryan, who delivered superhit 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' earlier this year, was brought into the film - a development which was confirmed by the film's very own Babu bhaiyya - Paresh Rawal on Twitter. The development led to a huge uproar on social media and rightly so because the franchise is one of the pillars of Hindi cinema in the comedy genre. As per a media report, the film's producer Firoz Nadiadwala has re-initiated the conversations with Akshay Kumar, who recently graced the Red Sea International Film Festival. The producer agreed that Akshay's character of Raju is what makes the 'Hera Pheri' franchise so special along with his fellow actors Suniel Shetty and Paresh Rawal.

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#### VICKY KAUSHAL: BEING IN LOVE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FEELING IN THE WORLD

Happily married to the dream girl of his life actor and national crush in love is the most beautiful feeling in the world and that only can bring Vicky Kaushal has explained how love evolves a person into becoming better professionally and personally. He minces no words when he says being with that special one is the most beautiful feeling in the world. Vicky married his lady love Katrina Kaif in December 2021 after dating

for almost over three years. How does love evolve a person? Lover boy Vicky told IANS in a conversation: "I think if you r with the right person who really gives you peace and happiness in your heart and mind it just makes you the best version of yourself and that best version of yourself is personally professionally anywhere you go it creates positive vibes and create positive energy and you give out the best that you have because you know you are with the right person and that peace of mind and happiness is here there in every cell body." The 34-year-old star added: "I think definitely being with that person is the most beautiful feeling in the world and being and 'The Great Indian Family'.

out the best in you."

Currently, he is gearing up for the release of his film 'Govinda Naam Mera', which is slated to release on Disney+ Hotstar, where he is stuck between his girlfriend played by Kiara Advani and wife essayed by Bhumi Pednekar.

Vicky is the son of Sham Kaushal, an action director in Indian films and Veena Kaushal, a homemaker. His family is Punjabi, who hail originally from Hoshiarpur.

Just like any other person, Vicky too is an ardent fan of Punjabi music. "I listen to Punjabi music a lot. Punjabi music is my go to music for working out, for happiness and sadness."

After 'Govinda Naam Mera', Vicky has a slew of films lined up for release, which includes 'Sam Bahadur', Laxman Utekar's untitled next

### AKSHAY SHARES 'FASCINATING' PICS OF FIRST BATCH OF NDA WOMEN CADETS

Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, who was most recently seen in 'Ram Setu', has shared a picture of the first batch of women cadets undergoing training at the National Defence Academy (NDA).

The actor took to his Twitter and shared the picture on his feed with the comment: "This pic is fascinating! The first-ever batch of women cadets undergoing training at the National Defence Academy Khadakwasla. More power to you, girls! God bless."

NDA, the worlds first tri-service academy located in Khadakvasla, Pune, is where cadets aiming to be officers of the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force train together. After completing their training the cadets progress to their respective service academies for further pre-commission training. Admitted in June this year, the first batch of women cadets at the NDA has a strength of 19 (10 for the Army, six for the Air Force and three for the Navy). This batch, which is part of the 148th course, is set to graduate in May 2025. Coming back to Akshay, 2022 proved to be guite disappointing for the 'Hera Pheri' superstar as none of his four theatrical releases this year — 'Bachchhan Paandey', 'Samrat Prithviraj', 'Raksha Bandhan' and 'Ram Setu' — lived up to the hype and people's expectations



from them. The actor's next films include 'Selfiee' (a Hindi remake of the Malayalam comedy drama 'Driving Licence'), 'OMG 2' (the sequel to the hugely popular OMG - Oh My God!) and the Hindi remake of Tamil drama film 'Soorarai Pottru', which was inspired by Capt. G.R. Gopinath, who introduced the concept of budget airlines in India.

#### WHO DOES KJO WANT TO PLAY HIM IN HIS BIOPIC? RANVEER SINGH OF COURSE

Filmmaker Karan Johar said that he wants Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh to be part of his biopic as he can play his part perfectly. Apart from this he also revealed that he wants his childhood to be depicted onscreen because he has amazing childhood memories and his parents taught him a lot of good lessons. During the live show on Roposo, when the 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' director was asked who can portray his part best in his biopic, he said: "I think Ranveer Singh. He is like a chameleon, and he will do his best." Karan was born to film producers Yash Johar, and Hiroo Johar and made his directorial debut with 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai'. Later, he also directed 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham', 'Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna', 'My Name Is Khan', 'Student Of The Year', and many more. He shared that he wants his childhood to be shown in his biopic. As it was not only amazing but in a way unusual too and because of that he faced certain challenges. "My childhood, I had a wonderful childhood; my parents were so good to me and taught me the most amazing life lessons. However, it was also a little bumpy as I was an unusual kid and there were a few emotions that I festered as a kid. I was also different



compared to the others, so I had to pay the price for it. It was tough, but also a very energizing time because when I look back, I feel like I learned a lot in that phase." Karan also revealed that even though he is called KJo, he dislikes the nickname and would like people to call him Karan. He shared his wish to have international stars Ellen DeGeneres and Meryl Streep as guests on his talk show someday.

#### BOTTLE BATTLE: ANGELINA JOLIE LOCKED IN WINERY LEGAL BATTLE WITH BRAD PITT



'Girl, Interrupted' star Angelina Jolie has hit out at her ex-husband Brad Pitt in bombshell court documents as they continue to battle it out over the ownership of their \$28.4 million Chateau Miraval Winery. Back in July, the actress, 47, filed a petition in Los Angeles calling for the removal of a temporary restraining order on their assets automatically in place since their divorce got underway in 2016, so she could sell her share, reports 'The Mirror'. But Brad, 58, claimed Angelina's decision to sell her share of the winery to a complete "stranger" was to "inflict harm" on the business and also violated their agreement. Now, in court documents, Angelina has labelled his allegations against her as "frivolous, malicious, and



Angelina is also said to have claimed she didn't want to be in the alcohol industry when "alcoholic behaviour harmed our family so deeply". According to court documents obtained by RadarOnline.com, the 'Maleficent: Mistress of Evil' actress slammed Brad's "frivolous, malicious, and part of a problematic pattern" claims, with her own legal team providing an update. 'The Mirror' further states that Brad had previously claimed both he and his former wife made an agreement not to sell their parts of the property without one another approving it. The court documents go on to add: "Pitt's allegations that he and Ms. Jolie had a secret, unwritten, unspoken contract to a consent right on the sale of their interests in the property is directly contrary to the written record and, among other legal defects, violative of the Statute of Frauds and public policy."

#### **OSCARS 2023 WILL INCLUDE ALL 23** CATEGORIES PRESENTED LIVE ON AIR



All 23 categories will be aired during the Oscars 2023 telecast. Bill Kramer, CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, announced the news exclusively to 'Variety' on Tuesday.

"I can confirm that all categories will be included in the live telecast," he said. The news comes after eight different Oscar categories original score, makeup and hairstyling, documentary short, film editing, production design, animated short, live action short and sound were cut from the main telecast at the 2022 Academy Awards, leading to much outrage across the film industry.

"We are committed to having a show that celebrates the artisans, the arts and sciences and the collaborative nature of moviemaking. This is very much what the mission of the Academy is, and I am very hopeful that we can do a show that celebrates all components of moviemaking in an entertaining and engaging way," Kramer told 'Variety'. Since his appointment in June, Kramer said he's had many conversations about restoring the missing categories. "We are thrilled to be in a position to execute that."

Jimmy Kimmel will return for the third time to host the Oscars. Kramer said he was excited to have the late-night host back. "I love having someone hosting the show who knows live television. I think that's so critical," he said. When asked about what else audiences can expect from the telecast, Kramer said: "All I will say right now is that our anniversary, the 95th Oscars, is extremely important to us. I think it sets a really interesting rhythm for our 100th. You see this in the museum, I think we are able to celebrate our legacy while bringing the Academy into the future and the show will reflect that."

Executive producers and showrunners Glenn Weiss and Ricky Kirshner of White Cherry Entertainment will produce the Oscars, and Weiss returns, for the eighth consecutive year, as the show's director. The 95th Academy Awards will take place on March 12, 2023, live from the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood. The ceremony will be televised live on ABC and in more than 200 territories worldwide.

#### **'EXCUSES' IS TOP SONG, ARIJIT SINGH** TOP ARTIST IN INDIA ON APPLE MUSIC

Apple Music on Monday launched a new replay experience revealing 2022's top charts, in which Arijit Singh is the top artist in India whereas 'Excuses' song by AP Dhillon and Gurinder Gill is listed as the



top song in the country. "Beginning today, Apple Music subscribers can learn their top songs, artists, albums, genres, and more in a redesigned Replay experience," the company said in a statement. Replay follows the tech giant's standard privacy throughout the experience despite the focus on data. Users' insights are never sold. shared, or utilised in promotional materials.

"When we first launched Replay, the feature became an instant fan favourite on Apple Music, and we really wanted to develop the experience further and make it even more special, personal, and unique for subscribers," said Oliver Schusser, Apple's vice president of Apple Music and Beats.

"The music we enjoy throughout the year becomes like a soundtrack, and it's really fun to be able to go back and relive those meaningful and memorable moments over again," Schusser added.

#### **KANYE-KIM SETTLE DIVORCE SUIT:** KIM TO GET \$200K EVERY MONTH FOR CHILD SUPPORT





Rapper Kanye West and reality TV star Kim Kardashian have settled their divorce. As a part of the settlement, the 'Donda' artist has been ordered to pay Kim \$200,000 monthly in child support, reports aceshowbiz.com

In the court documents, it is stated that the former couple will get joint custody with "equal access" to their four kids - 9-year-old North, 6-year-old Saint, 4-year-old Chicago and 3-year-old Psalm. TMZ additionally reported that the SKIMS founder will continue to have their children 80 per cent of the time.

Aside from the living cost of their four children, Kanye will be responsible for 50 per cent of their educational expenses. They include tuition and security expenses.

If the now-exes ever have a dispute regarding any one of their four children, they have to attend mediation, as per the settlement. However, if one of them fails to participate, the other party becomes the decision maker. As for property, the division of assets is in alignment with Kanye and Kim's prenuptial agreement. Both the Yeezy designer and the SKIMS founder waived spousal support. Kanye and Kim have had a tumultuous relationship since they parted ways last year. However, earlier this month, the former spouses put on a united front when attending their son Saint's flag football game at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. In some pictures surfacing online, the two looked pretty chatty during the game. The ex-girlfriend of Pete Davidson smiled as she spoke to her former husband alongside their first child North on the sidelines. She kept a considerable amount of distance from the Atlanta native as she kept her arms crossed with another man standing between her and the emcee.



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#### HISTORY BOOKS REWRITTEN AS ENGLAND SECURE FAMOUS **WIN AGAINST PAKISTAN IN 1ST TEST IN RAWALPINDI**

Led by Ben Stokes, the England cricket team displayed a jaw-dropping smashed 225 runs for the opening wicket in the first innings. style of cricket in a Test match against Pakistan in Rawalpindi. The English side was seen all in bravery in the first test and championed in all three departments of the game. In their process of registering a historic 74-run win, the England team played a big role in shattering World records in Test cricket. The Test match saw 1768 runs getting scored. England smashed 657 runs in the first innings, while the Pakistan side scored 579. The three lions then went on to amass 264 runs in the second innings at a run rate of over 7, while Pakistan managed to score 268 in their chase. This saw the first Test between these two sides becoming the match with the most runs scored in a Test match where a result has come. Before this, Australia and England had scored record 1753 runs in a match in 1921.

#### Record double-century opening stands

The Test match has also become the only contest where two doublecentury opening stands were registered. England's Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett notched a mammoth 233-run stand in the first innings before the Pakistani pair of Imam-ul-Haq and Abdullah Shafique

All openers scored hundreds in the first innings

The match is also the only contest where all four openers have scored hundreds in the first innings. Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett smashed 122 and 107 runs, respectively, while Imam-ul-Haq and Abdullah Shafique hit 121 and 114, respectively.

#### Record runs scored on opening day

The England cricket team inked its name in the history books as it became the team to smash the most runs on an opening day of a Test match. England's 506/ 4 is 12 runs more than Sri Lanka's 494 on Day 1 of a Test match.

#### Most tons on a single day of a Test match

The England batters have also achieved the record of most hundreds in a single day of Test Cricket. Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope and Harry Brook all smashed tons on a flat Rawalpindi pitch. They now hold the record for most tons in a single day.

#### Most runs in the opening session

The English team now also hold the record for most runs in an opening session of Test cricket. They scored 174 runs in the first session of Day 1.

#### 'INDIANS WANT TO SEE PAKISTAN PLAY CRICKET IN INDIA'-SHAHID AFRIDI

Former Pakistan cricketer Shahid Afridi has said that Indian fans want to see Pakistani cricketers as soon as possible especially on their very grounds as the bilateral ties between the two nation remains suspended for almost ten years now. Pakistan last toured India for a bilateral series back in January 2013 and both teams have played just once in India that was in 2016 T20 World Cup at the iconic Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Coming back to Afridi, the former cricketer said Indian fans would like to welcome cricketers from across the border as they are big fans. "The relations between Pakistan and India have always improved due to cricket," Afridi was quoted as saying by CricPakistan.com. "Indians want to see Pakistan play cricket in India," he added.

Afridi's statements come on the back of both Boards going neck-and-neck over 2023 Asia Cup and it all began when BCCI Secy Jay Shah had confirmed in October that they will not send its team to Pakistan for the tournament. This triggered PCB chief Ramiz Raja to respond in a tit-for-tat manner as he said they will pull out of 2023 ODI World Cup if BCCI doesn't change its stance. Former Pakistan captain

Shahid Afridi lashed out at PCB chairman Ramiz Raja for his comments about the Rawalpindi pitch for the ongoing first Test against England. The pitch suffered scrutiny on Day 1 of the match where England scored over 500 runs in an emphatic fashion as Pakistan bowlers struggled miserably against a counter-attacking batting approach.

#### HARIS RAUF RULED OUT OF ENGLAND TEST SERIES WITH STRAIN IN RIGHT QUAD

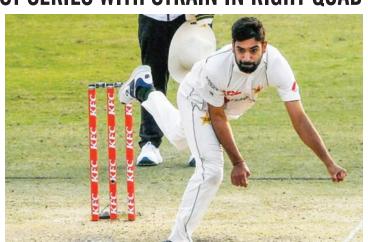
Pakistan speedster Haris Rauf has been officially ruled out of the Test series against England after he sustained a strain in his right quad. Initially ruled out of the Multan Test, Rauf will now miss the final Test match against England at the National Stadium in Karachi. The Pakistan side lost a crunch battle in the final session of the Rawalpindi Test on Day 5 as England won by 74 runs. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is yet to announce a replacement for the injured bowler.

The scans and the subsequent assessment by the PCB medical staff concluded that the fast bowler suffered a grade-II strain. Haris will travel to Lahore where he will begin his rehabilitation at the National High-Performance Centre. The fast bowler underwent an MRI during the first day's play of the Rawalpindi Test after he rolled over the ball while fielding.

#### **HOW DID RAUF SUSTAIN INJURY?**

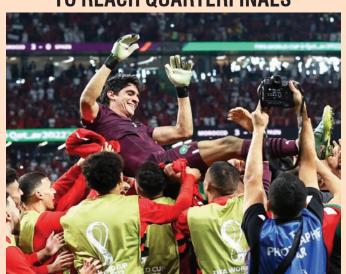
The 29-year-old, who made his debut in the first Test, stepped on the ball while fielding on the first day in Rawalpindi, leading to a grade-II strain in his right quad. Rauf was sent for MRI scans and did not bowl again for the rest of the game. He endured a forgettable debut, conceding 78 runs in 13 overs, and was the most expensive fast bowler on the first day when England scored 506 runs. He batted in both of Pakistan's innings and made scores of 12 and 0.

The fast bowler's absence was a big blow for Pakistan who had to at one point all the 11 players were seen in one frame.



deal without the pacer's services for the rest of the four days. In bizarre circumstances, Rauf despite being ruled out of the Multan Test had to come out to bat on the final day of the Rawalpindi Test to save the Test match. Pakistan will now travel to Multan for the second Test where they will try to level the series at 1-1 having lost the Rawalpindi Test. The win for England the in first Test match came in an interesting manner where they had to play orthodox cricket where

#### **MOROCCO STUN SPAIN VIA PENALTIES** TO REACH QUARTERFINALS



A resilient Morocco shocked a bungling Spain 3-0 in a FIFA World Cup Round of 16 match decided via a penalty shootout here on Tuesday. With the surprising victory, Morocco became the only African and Arab nation to reach the quarterfinals in Qatar. Spanish team members and fans were devastated at the end of the shootout at the Education City Stadium in the Qatari capital when their team failed to convert even one shot from the spot -- Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou saved efforts by Carlos Soler and Sergio Busquets while Pablo Sarabia struck the post.

#### **SURPRISE PACKAGE RAMOS NOTCHES** HAT-TRICK AS PORTUGAL ROUT SWITZERLAND 6-1. REACH QUARTERS



A hat-trick from Benfica striker Goncalo Ramos helped Portugal to coast to an emphatic 6-1 win over Switzerland and set up a quarterfinal clash with dark horses Morocco. On Tuesday at Lusail Stadium in Qatar, the 21-year-old striker, who replaced Cristiano Ronaldo in the starting lineup, scored three decisive goals in the 17th, 51st and 67th minute to notch the first hat-trick of the tournament and to live up to the faith reposed by Portugal coach Fernando Santos.

#### MBAPPE'S BRACE HELPS FRANCE DESTROY POLAND, STORM INTO QUARTERS



Defending champions France eased to a comfortable 3-1 win over Poland to make it to the quarterfinals of the FIFA World Cup.

On Sunday at the Al Thumama Stadium, a brace from KylianMbappe and a record-breaking goal from Olivier Giroud helped Didier Deschamps' team's cause. Poland's Robert Lewandowski managed to get a consolation strike in injury stoppage time from the penalty spot.

Giroud (44th minute) scored just before half-time to open the door, and Mbappe (74 and 90'+1) marched through it with two scorchers in the second half. Lewandowski (90+9) scored in the ninth minute of stoppage time to salvage some pride. Poland, in the knockout stage for the first time since 1986 and looking for a first quarterfinal appearance since 1982, was the better team in the first half but could not convert their chances in the first while France managed to latch on to the chance to score with a minute left for the first half. France's goal-scoring move started with DayotUpamecano, who gave the ball to Mbappe, 25 yards out in the inside-left channel. He threaded it down the side to Giroud, who essayed a left-footed drive across Wojciech Szczesny and into the corner. It was Giroud's 52nd goal for Les Bleus, which puts him one ahead of Thierry Henry and etched his name into the France history books as the all-time top scorer for the Les Blues.



#### Brazil cruise past S.Korea 4-1; set up Last 8 clash with Croatia

A fabulous show of football by Brazil sent South Korea packing in their FIFA World Cup 2022 Round of 16 match at the 974 Stadium in Doha on Monday. The Koreans were completely outplayed by the Brazilian side in the first half as the South Americans scored 4 goals in a span of 29 minutes. The Asian side could salvage its reputation in the second half, but just, with the help of a 76th minute goal. The match ended 4-1 with Brazil set to take on Croatia in a quarter final clash. The men in yellow began the assault on their Asian rivals when Vinicius Junior, assisted by Neymar Jr netted home in the seventh minute by a right foot shot. As a sea of vellow cheered their side incessantly in the 40,000-capacity stadium made with shipping containers, Brazil scored the second goal with the help of a penalty taken by Neymar Jr in the 13th minute. Brazil's third goal came in the 29th minute when Richarlison shot from the centre of the box to make it 3-0. He was assisted by Thiago Silva. Lucas Paqueta, assisted by Vinicius Junior, made no mistake in the 36th minute to make it 4-0 for the South American side. Several South Korean fans left the stadium in tears as their team became the



#### CROATIA'S LIVAKOVIC STOPS JAPAN'S MARCH WITH SUPERLATIVE SAVES IN PENALTY SHOOTOUT

Goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic was the hero, saving three penalties in the shootout, as Croatia edged past Japan after a 1-1 draw to reach the FIFA World Cup quarterfinals at Janoub stadium. The Russia 2018 runners-up held their nerve and won the penalty shootout 3-1 as Livakovic kept out the first two efforts before stopping Maya Yoshida's kick, then Mario Pasalic converted the vital effort to take his side through. At the end of full-time play, the teams were locked one-all and the 30 minutes of extra time also failed to break the deadlock. Croatia will take on the winners of Monday's late match between Brazil and South Korea in the quarterfinals.

last Asian side to exit from the tournament on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the last round matches of the last-16 stage will take place between Morocco and Spain followed by Portugal and Switzerland. The Samurai Blue started badly in the penalty shootout with Takumi Minamino and Kaoru Mitoma unable to beat Livakovic, while Marko Livaja's effort hit the post, it did not make much of a difference as Livakovic proved outstanding in the Croatian goal. Earlier, Croatia came back from a goal down to draw level through Ivan Perisic. The 33-year-old's 55th-minute equaliser was his sixth goal at the World Cup and the first one in Qatar taking his individual tally of international goals to ten. The Tottenham Hotspur striker, currently playing in his third World Cup, is now tied with Davor Suker as the top goal-scorer at



the World Cup, which he scored in the 1998 and 2002 World Cups. Japan proved beyond any reasonable doubt that they are capable of giving any side a strong game and looked dangerous on the break. The Europeans have had more possession and an equal amount of shots on target as the Japanese in the first half. Japan were the livelier side and took a deserved lead two minutes before half-time when Celtic forward Daizen Maeda wherein a whipped cross bounced around in the box and fell to Maeda, who got to the end of the cross to give Japan the much-deserved lead.

#### KANE ENDS QATAR WORLD CUP GOAL DROUGHT AS ENGLAND DOWN SENEGAL 3-0 TO REACH QUARTERS

A goal apiece from Jordan Henderson, Harry Kane and Bukayo Saka helped England to an impressive 3-0 win over African champions Senegal and move into the quarterfinals of the FIFA World Cup.

On Sunday at the Al Bayt Stadium, Gareth Southgate's side went into the half time break leading 2-0, opening the scoring in the 38th minute and adding a second in injury stoppage time of the opening session.

England netted a third one 13 minutes into the second half to take the game away from AliouCisse's side and set up a quarter-final clash with France, which earlier on Sunday defeated Poland 3-1. England and France have met twice before at the World Cup, both in group games which England won 2-0 en route to the 1966 title and 3-1 in 1982 and thus France will be looking for a positive result when the two meet on Sunday December 10 at Al Bayt Stadium. Two other teams, Netherlands and Argentina which have already qualified, on Saturday, for the last-eight stage will clash on December 9 at Lusail Stadium. Two more teams will join the already qualified four after Monday's clashes between Portugal vs Switzerland and Spain vs Morocco. On Sunday, England made just one change for the game as Bukayo Saka was preferred in attack to three-goal scoring Marcus Rashford, while Raheem Sterling was unavailable for England, as he was dealing with some family issues back home. Saka, who netted a brace against Iran, was rested against Wales, where Rashford also scored twice in a 3-0 victory. Southgate also preferred to retain Phil Foden and Henderson in the side.







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