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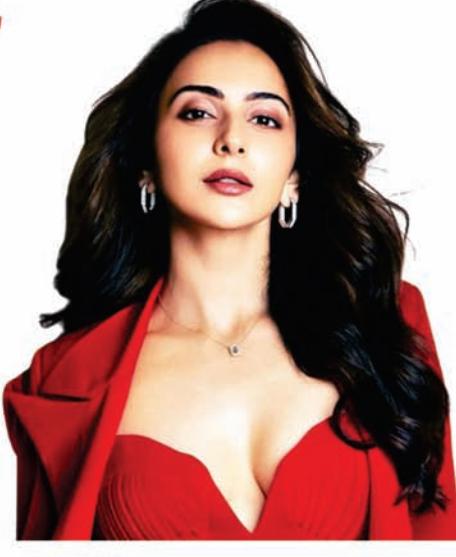
IT'S A GREAT TIME TO MAKE MOVIES
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I HOPE FAMILIES WATCH IT TOGETHER,
RAKUL ON HER FILM 'CHHATRIWALI'.

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AS AN ACTOR APPRECIATION IS MORE
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RAKUL PREET

Bollywood Actress

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CANADA ANNOUNCES 200 CANADIAN-MADE ARMOURED VEHICLES FOR UKRAINE

Defence Minister Anita Anand is visiting Kyiv, Ukraine, to reaffirm Canada's unwavering solidarity with Ukraine and to meet with Ukrainian officials, including Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov. Minister Anand announced that Canada will donate 200 Senator Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) to Ukraine. This new package of military assistance responds to a specific Ukrainian request for these vehicles, which are being purchased from Roshel, a Canadian company based in Mississauga, Ontario. This aid is valued at over \$90 million and is allocated as part of the additional \$500 million in military aid for Ukraine announced by Prime Minister Trudeau in November 2022. Senator APCs are security task vehicles that are easily maneuverable and adaptable. The vehicles offer state-of-the-art, best-in-class technology and weapons can easily be mounted on them. These vehicles allow for the safe transport of personnel and equipment, and medical evacuations. The vehicles' armour will help shield troops when they are unable to avoid danger. Minister Anand announced this news alongside her Ukrainian counterpart, Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov, with whom she held a productive bilateral meeting. During their meeting, Minister Anand and Minister Reznikov discussed how Canada can continue to meet Ukraine's pressing defence needs. Minister Reznikov commended Canada for the over \$1 billion in military assistance committed to Ukraine since February 2022. This assistance includes a National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) with associated munitions, 39 armoured combat support vehicles, anti-tank weapons, M777 Howitzers and associated ammunition, and more.

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25-YEAR-OLD WOMAN YASHIKA GUPTA, MISSING FROM BRAMPTON

REGION OF PEEL – Investigators from the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau seek the public's assistance in locating a missing 25-year-old woman from Brampton. Yashika Gupta was last seen on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at approximately 9:30 p.m. in the area of Steeles Avenue West and Clementine Drive in the City of Brampton.

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FORD GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW HEALTHCARE WORKERS LICENSED IN OTHER PROVINCES TO IMMEDIATELY BE ABLE TO WORK IN ONTARIO

WINDSOR – With new "As of Right" rules, the Ontario government will allow health care workers registered in other provinces and territories to immediately start working and caring for people in Ontario. "As we connect people to more convenient care, we need to be bold, innovative and creative," said Premier Doug Ford.



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4 TEENS ARRESTED, AFTER STEALING \$1.2M IN GOLD AND SILVER: YORK REGIONAL POLICE

Diligent work by York Regional Police investigators resulted in the recovery of more than \$1.2 million in gold and silver, a loaded handgun and a stolen vehicle, along with the arrest of four youths caught in the act of robbing a precious metals store in the City of Toronto.

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SOLIDARITY EVENT HELD FOR 9 AHMADI MUSLIMS MURDERED IN BURKINA FASO TERRORIST ATTACK



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INDIAN GOVT SLAMS BBC DOCUMENTARY ON PM MODI, CALLS IT 'BIASED PROPAGANDA PIECE'

The government on Thursday criticised a BBC series on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, terming it "a biased propaganda piece". "The documentary is a reflection on the agency that has made it. We think it is a propaganda piece designed to push a particular discredited narrative."



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GEN FAIZ, GEN BAJWA RESPONSIBLE FOR PAKISTAN'S MESS: NAWAZ SHARIF

Former Pakistan Prime Minister and PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif has singled out General (retd) Bajwa and Lt General (retd) Faiz Hameed for spinning the country around for their personal wishes and whims in the form of installing Imran Khan's PTI government in 2018.



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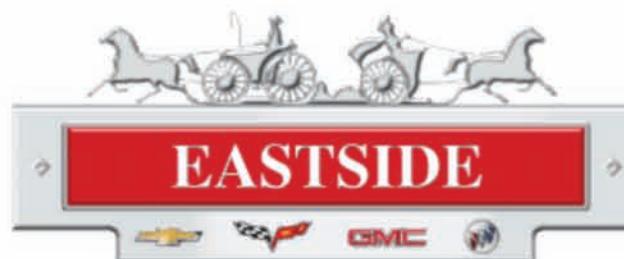


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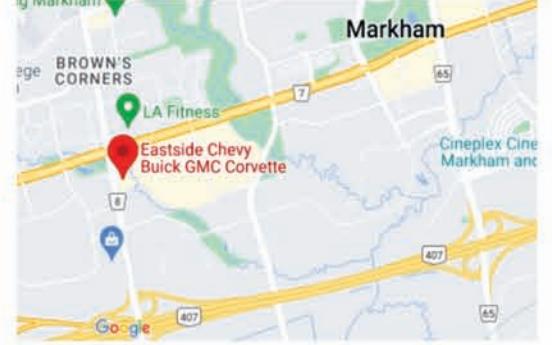


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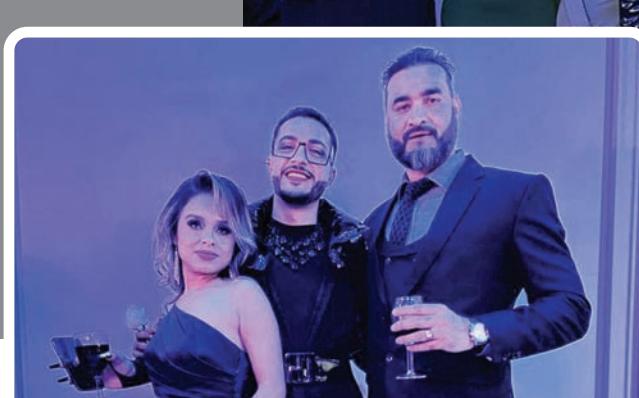
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'THERE IS NO PROOF': CONGRESS' DIGVIJAYA SINGH RAISES QUESTIONS OVER SURGICAL STRIKE AGAINST PAKISTAN

In a major development, senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh has now raised serious questions on Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government over the 2019 Pulwama attack wherein 40 CRPF personnel were killed in a terrorist attack. Also, Singh on Monday termed the surgical strike against Pakistan "a bogus claim" by the Bhartiya Janata Party and added "there was no proof" to authenticate their claims. It is worth mentioning that New Delhi, on September 2016, announced that it conducted surgical strikes against militant launch pads across the Line of Control in Pakistani-occupied Kashmir, and inflicted "significant casualties."

"There is no proof"

While addressing a public rally in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "They (Centre) talk about surgical strikes and that they have killed so many of them but there is no proof." "The Centre is ruling with the help of lies. I want to tell you that this country belongs to all of us," added the Madhya Pradesh former chief minister.

During the rally, the veteran Congress leader claimed that the 2019 terror attack could have been averted had the vehicle, which launched the attack on the CRPF been checked properly. "Why did they die? CRPF director had sought for airlifting of CRPF personnel from Srinagar to Delhi as the area was a sensitive one but PM Modi declined the

request. Why did he decline?" Singh questioned.

No information was given in the Parliament

Alleging that Pulwama has become the centre of terrorism, he said, "Every car is checked in the area. Why on that particular day was the Scorpio car not checked? A vehicle comes from the wrong direction. Why it was not checked? The vehicle was checked and soon it collided with the CRPF van and 40 of our CRPF were killed. "Until now, the information related to the incident had not been given in the Parliament, nor are the people aware of it," Singh said.

Congress distanced itself from DiGi's comments

Hours after Digvijaya's remarks sparked a major controversy, Congress distanced itself from its veteran leader's comments and said it was his personal opinion and did not reflect the stand of the grand old party. Taking to the microblogging site, senior leader Jairam Ramesh said that Congress has supported and will continue to support all military actions that are in the national interest. "The views expressed by senior leader Digvijaya Singh are his own and do not reflect the position of Congress. Surgical strikes were carried out before 2014 by UPA government. Congress has supported & will continue to support all military actions that are in the national interest," he wrote on Twitter.

US JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOUND SIX MORE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN JOE BIDEN HOME SEARCH, LAWYER SAYS

A new search of President Joe Biden's home in Wilmington, Delaware on Friday by the US Justice Department led to the discovery of six more classified documents, a lawyer for the president said in a statement Saturday night.

Some of the classified documents and "surrounding materials" dated from Biden's tenure in the US Senate, where he represented Delaware from 1973 to 2009, according to his lawyer, Bob Bauer. Other documents were from his tenure as vice president in the Obama administration, from 2009 through 2017, Bauer said.

The Department of Justice also took some notes that Biden had personally handwritten as vice president, according to the lawyer. The president offered access "to his home to allow DOJ to conduct a search of the entire premises for potential vice-presidential records and potential classified material," Bauer said.

Neither Biden nor his wife were present during the search, the attorney said. Biden is in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, for the weekend.

Other classified government records were discovered this month at Biden's Wilmington residence, and in November at a private office, he maintained at a Washington, DC, think tank after ending his tenure

as vice president in the Obama administration in 2017. The search shows federal investigators are swiftly moving forward with the probe into classified documents found in Biden's possession. This month, US Attorney General Merrick Garland named a special counsel to probe the matter. Special counsel Robert Hur, who was appointed during the process, is investigating how the president and his team handled Obama-era classified documents that were recently found in Biden's private possession.

10 KILLED IN LOS ANGELES MASS SHOOTING AFTER CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT, GUNMAN KILLS SELF



A gunman killed 10 people and wounded 10 others at a Los Angeles-area ballroom dance club following a Lunar New Year celebration, setting off a manhunt for the suspect in the latest mass shooting tragedy in an American community. Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna identified the suspect as 72-year-old Huu Can Tran. He said no other suspects are at large. On Sunday, the suspect killed himself after the police closed in on the van he used to flee the scene of an attempted second shooting. Capt. Andrew Meyer of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department said Sunday that the wounded were taken to hospitals and their conditions range from stable to critical. He said the 10 people died at the scene in the city of Monterey Park. Meyer said people were "pouring out of the location screaming" when officers arrived on the scene at around 10:30 p.m. He said officers then went into the dance ballroom as firefighters treated the wounded. The Lunar New Year celebration had attracted thousands. Monterey Park is a city of about 60,000 people with a large Asian population about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from downtown Los Angeles. It marked the fifth mass shooting in the U.S. this month and the deadliest since 21 people were killed in a school in Uvalde, Texas, according to The Associated Press/USA Today database on mass killings in the U.S. The latest violence comes two months after five people were killed at a Colorado Springs nightclub. Seung Won Choi, who owns the Clam House seafood barbecue restaurant across the street from where the shooting happened, told the Los Angeles Times that three people rushed into his business and told him to lock the door. The people also told Choi that there was a shooter with a gun who had multiple rounds of ammunition on him. Choi said he believes the shooting took place at a dance club. Wong Wei, who lives nearby, told The Los Angeles Times that his friend was in a bathroom at a dance club that night when the shooting started. When she came out, he said, she saw a gunman and three bodies. The friend then fled to his home at around 11 p.m., Wei said, adding that his friends told him that the shooter appeared to fire indiscriminately with a long gun. "They don't know why, so they run," he told the newspaper.

TURBAN OF SIKH COMMUTER KNOCKED OFF, OSGC CONDEMNS 'HATE-CRIME'

OSGC absolutely and strongly condemn the unfortunate incident that happened at Bloor and Yonge on the TTC Subway. A Sikh man was verbally abused and his turban which is a very important part of a Sikh was knocked off. It is continuing instances like these of visible minorities being targeted by people spreading hate which leads up to the assaults on those visibly different than the majority. Turban is an integral part of the Sikhs and presents an unique identity to who Sikhs are. TTC has failed in protecting its riders as this is in line with the continuous string of attacks on those riding the Subway, it has to end. We request the authorities to investigate, arrest and bring the attacker to face the full force of the law as tough punishment for this type of crime should be set as a deterrent for any further attacks. This need to be addressed ASAP to restore confidence in the mind of the riders, especially religious minorities who become easy target. We as Sikhs are being good citizens of Canada for the last 135 years and making contributions in every field. Something like this should never happen, the City and the Police should take responsible actions to make it very clear that something like this will never be tolerated in this country and in this great city. We are encouraged by the support in the media shown by Torontonians that has been voiced to condemn this tragic attack and it gives us hope that the good people of Toronto are with the community. Mayor John Tory has communicated his condemnation of the incident but the City has to take this as a wakeup call to do more to make the visible minorities safe and welcomed. We at OSGC would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Sikh community to report these kinds of hate crimes which target their appearance, beliefs, their right to practice ones religion and challenge their just place in the communities they live in. Reporting brings awareness, gives opportunity to tackle it and give us data to address them at every level of the Government. Please feel free to contact for any further information at 416 524 7330 or email secretaryosgc@gmail.com

ONTARIO BREAKS GROUND ON NEW LONG-TERM CARE HOME IN SIMCOE COUNTY

Construction is underway at the new Stayner Care Centre, a long-term care home in Simcoe County. This is part of the government's \$6.4 billion commitment to build more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds across the province. "Congratulations to Stayner Care Centre on their ground-breaking for a new home. Our government is fixing long-term care and a key part of that plan is building modern, safe, and comfortable homes for our seniors," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. "Two new long-term care development projects have been completed in Simcoe County since spring 2021. Today marks a significant milestone for Stayner Care Centre and will bring 79 new beds to the county. When building is completed, 128 residents will have a new place to call home, near their family and friends."

The redeveloped home is expected to welcome its first residents in summer 2025 and will provide 79 new and 49 upgraded beds, for a total of 128 safe, modern, long-term care beds in Stayner. This brand new building will have specific design improvements, including private and basic rooms, no ward rooms, larger resident common areas and air conditioning throughout the home. Stayner Care Centre Inc. has proposed to offer specialized health care and be part of a campus of care, which helps integrate the long-term care home into the broader health care system and ensures residents have access to the care they need. This upgraded home will help Ontario address the growing demand for long-term care, which has increased wait times for beds and contributed to hallway health care. Once built, the home intends to offer culturally appropriate services to Francophone and Indigenous communities. The developer also intends to provide housing options for older adults, such as seniors apartments. This approach helps ensure residents have the freedom to choose the lifestyle and home supports which are most suitable for their current and future needs. In addition to projects like Stayner Care Centre in Stayner, Ontario is supporting another 12 projects in Simcoe County, including the development of long-term care homes in Collingwood, Beeton, Elmvale, Penetanguishene, Innisfil, Barrie and Orillia. Together, these 13 projects will provide 1,061 new and 655 upgraded long-term care beds, for a total of 1,716 beds built to modern design standards. The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve both now and in the future. The plan is built on three pillars: staffing and care; accountability, enforcement, and transparency; and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for seniors.

FORMER ONTARIO LT.-GOV. DAVID ONLEY SET TO BE REMEMBERED AT STATE FUNERAL ON JAN. 30

An old church has been transformed into a Sikh place of worship -- the first in Canada's Red Deer city after requests from the local Sikh community since 2005.

The Cornerstone Gospel Chapel at 5911 63rd Street is now Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, and will open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It will serve around 150 families, 250 international students and temporary foreign workers from India, CBC News reported.

"The community is growing every day. So many people are moving here from B.C., Calgary and Ontario," Nishan Singh Sandhu, the gurdwara's president, told CBC News.

"It's very important, otherwise we don't have a place to get together. We struggled for the last 20 years to build a gurdwara," said Sandhu.

The community received donations from neighbouring Sikh communities in Calgary, Edmonton and Surrey, British Columbia, along with private donations to the tune of \$450,000, which allowed them to buy the building with no mortgage.

The gurdwara, which opened last month, includes a main floor with a large basement area and kitchen.

The centre's kitchen provides free vegetarian meals ('langar') to visitors and anyone who needs it.

"People don't know about the turban. People don't know about Sikhism. Now, at least they know who we are," Gurcharan Singh Gill, the gurdwara's vice-president, told CBC News.

Gill told the news channel that the community hopes to organise a 'Nagar Kirtan' parade this year and grow the community and its presence in the city.

The community members are planning a kitchen upgrade, construction of a perimeter fence, and installation of the Sikh flag, known as the Nishan Sahib, according to the report.

The Sikh community took over the building last month after the Red Deer County in Alberta province approved requests for a gurdwara in August last year.

Previously, Sikh families gathered once a month at the Bower Community Centre for prayers before the building purchase.

JAPAN PM FUMIO KISHIDA PRIORITISES ARMS BUILDUP, REVERSING LOW BIRTHRATE

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Monday that Japan faces the severest security environment in the region since the end of World War II and pledged to push a military buildup under a newly adopted security strategy over the next five years and beyond as well as tackle rapidly declining births so the country can sustain national strength.

Kishida's government in December adopted key security and defence reforms, including a counterstrike capability that makes a break from the country's exclusively self-defence-only postwar principle. Japan says the current deployment of missile interceptors is insufficient to defend it from rapid weapons advancement in China and North Korea.

In his policy speech opening this year's parliamentary session, Kishida said active diplomacy should be prioritised, but it requires "defence power to back it up." He said Japan's new security strategy is based on a realistic simulation "as we face the most severe and complex security environment since the end of World War II and a question if we can protect the people's lives in an emergency." The strategy seeks to keep in check China's increasingly assertive territorial ambitions, but it's also a sensitive issue for many countries in Asia that were victims of Japanese wartime aggression. Kishida said it's a "drastic turnaround" of Japan's security policy, but still remains within the limitations of its pacifist constitution and international law.



BJP CLAIMS WINNING ALL 80 SEATS IN UTTAR PRADESH, AKHILESH BACKFIRES SAYS SAFFRON PARTY WILL LOSE ALL

As the countdown begins for the general elections next year, major political players in Uttar Pradesh are beginning to make claims and counterclaims about the poll outcome. Uttar Pradesh BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary said that his target for 2024 would be to win all 80 seats in the state. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has to be re-elected as the Prime Minister and for this I call upon my spirited cadre to ensure that BJP wins all 80 Lok Sabha seats in the 2024 LS polls from UP," he said. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) may taste defeat in all 80 parliamentary seats in Uttar Pradesh in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "The party that claimed to rule for the next 50 years, is now counting its days. Its national president should visit two medical colleges in

the state and he will understand how many seats they are going to win," said Yadav. To underline his point, Akhilesh referred to the BJP's recent losses in Mainpuri Lok Sabha and Khatauli Assembly bypoll in Muzaffarnagar -- both west UP seats where the BJP is up against the Samajwadi Party-Rashtriya Lok Dal combine. The BJP had won 71 seats from UP in 2014 Lok Sabha polls and in 2019, despite the SP-BSP alliance, the party had swept the state with 64 seats. In 2019, there were 16 seats that the BJP failed to win in the state. Of these, the BJP has since won two in the Lok Sabha bypolls in June. The remaining 14 Lok Sabha seats are on the party's radar now. "It means that we have to work harder and our cadres will ensure that we win all 80 seats this time," said Bhupendra Chaudhary.

CHINA: COVID-19 OUTBREAK INFECTED 80% OF POPULATION, CHANCES OF CORONAVIRUS REBOUND UNLIKELY



A top government scientist stated on Saturday that since 80% of the Chinese population has already been infected with Covid-19, a large resurgence of the virus in the next two or three months is very improbable. Chief epidemiologist of China's Center for Disease Control and Prevention Wu Zunyou said on Weibo that a second Covid wave was unlikely in the near future, despite the fact that the pandemic may spread extensively and boost infections in a few locations owing to people's mass mobility during the country's current Lunar New Year vacation season.

Millions of Chinese individuals have been travelling for holiday reunions since the Covid-19 restrictions were recently removed,

raising concerns about new outbreaks of the virus in the country's rural regions, which are not prepared to manage such a significant increase in illnesses. A member of China's National Health Commission said on Thursday that the country has seen the worst of the coronavirus epidemic. Nearly a month after the Chinese government unexpectedly abandoned its zero-Covid policy, on January 12, 2019, official statistics showed that around 60,000 Covid-19 patients had died in hospitals. Many patients died at home, and many physicians have admitted that they were discouraged from listing Covid-19 as the reason of death, thus the government's estimate may be low, according to these specialists.

MARY KOM TO LEAD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO PROBE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WFI PRESIDENT

Former boxer Mary Kom to head five-member oversight committee that will probe sexual harassment allegations against WFI President. While briefing media personnel about the latest update, Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Monday asserted that an oversight Committee has been formed and announced boxer Mary Kom to head the Committee. "For the coming month, the committee will investigate the allegations put up by the wrestlers," said the Union Sports Minister. Notably, the Wrestling Federation of India and India's top wrestlers are in a face-off situation after the latter levelled allegations, including that of sexual harassment against the WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. The wrestlers protested at Delhi's Jantar Mantar and sought Singh's resignation, among other demands. However, the protest was called off by the grapplers after they met Sports Minister Anurag Thakur for the second time.



'NO AMOUNT OF BANNING PRESS...': RAHUL GANDHI ON BBC DOCUMENTARY ON PM MODI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday reacted over the ongoing controversy surrounding the BBC documentary on the 2002 Gujarat riots. The former Congress president said that 'truth has a nasty habit of coming out' while accusing the government of suppressing the press and using institutions like CBI and ED for targeting the opposition. "The truth always comes out. No amount of banning the press & using institutions like ED and CBI against people can suppress the truth from coming out," Rahul Gandhi, who is currently leading Congress' Bharat Jodo Yatra, told media persons during a press conference. The Centre has issued directions for blocking multiple YouTube videos and Twitter posts sharing links to the documentary "India: The Modi Question", according to sources. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had earlier slammed the documentary as a "propaganda piece" that lacked objectivity and reflected a colonial mindset. Reacting to the Centre's step, the Congress had criticised the government for the "censorship" of a BBC documentary, asking why had then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee reminded Modi of 'raj dharma' after the 2002 Gujarat riots. "malicious campaigns". Calling it 'malicious campaigns', Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has slammed the controversial BBC documentary and said, "India's image cannot be disgraced by malicious campaigns launched inside or outside India," he said, adding that Prime Minister Modi's voice is the voice of 1.4 billion Indians. "Some people in India have still not gotten over the colonial hangover. They consider BBC above the Supreme Court of India and lower the country's dignity and image to any extent to please their moral masters."

HARYANA: OUT ON PAROLE, GURMEET RAM RAHIM LAUNCHES CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN

Currently, out on parole, Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh virtually inaugurated a mega cleanliness campaign organised by his sect's volunteers across multiple locations in Haryana and in some other states. The event on Monday saw the participation of a few senior BJP leaders from Haryana, including Rajya Sabha MP Krishan Lal Panwar and former minister Krishan Kumar Bedi. The Sirsa-headquartered sect chief, who is serving a 20-year jail term for raping two of his disciples, walked out of the Sunaria prison in Haryana's Rohtak on Saturday after being granted a 40-day parole and reached Barnawa Ashram in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat. The BJP leaders and others, who virtually attended the launch, also extended their greetings on the birth anniversary of former Dera chief Shah Satnam Singh which falls on January 25. Bedi, who is also Chief Minister M L Khattar's OSD, and Panwar praised the cleanliness drive. The former minister said both he and Panwar visited the Sirsa Dera and handed over an invite to a February 3 state-level function connected with Sant Ravidas Jayanti in Narwana. "I and Panwar-ji had come to Sirsa to extend the invite," Bedi told the sect chief. "We pray for your good health and your blessings always be with us," Panwar told the Singh.

BLAST DERAILS TRAIN IN PAKISTAN, EIGHT INJURED

At least eight people were injured in an explosion near a railway track in Pakistan's Balochistan province on Friday, a senior Railways official said. Pakistan Railways spokesperson in Balochistan, Muhammad Kashif, told Dawn that the blast occurred when the Peshawar-bound Jaffer Express was passing by the Paneer area. The train was coming from Mach area. As a result of the blast, six bogies of the train derailed causing injuries to at least eight people, he added, Dawn reported. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital while an emergency has been declared across all hospitals in the district. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Kach Agha Samiullah also confirmed the incident and said it was a remote-control explosion that derailed multiple bogies of the train. He said rescue teams had been dispatched to the spot. Police have not yet issued a statement on the incident. On December 25, six security personnel, including a captain, were killed while at least 17 people suffered injuries in different incidents of terrorism across Balochistan. The military's media wing had said that an IED went off close to the leading party of the security forces. The statement further said that the sanitisation operation continued in the area to apprehend the suspects involved in the attack. In another statement, the ISPR had said that an operation against militants in the Sambaza area of Zhob left one security man killed. One terrorist was killed, while two personnel were injured. The ISPR had further said the forces were conducting an operation in Sambaza on the basis of intelligence reports to deny militants the use of suspected routes to move across the "Pakistan-Afghanistan border to sneak into KP along the interprovincial boundary and target citizens and security forces", Dawn reported.

BBC APOLOGISES AFTER PORN AUDIO PLAYED DURING LIVE FOOTBALL MATCH

The BBC on Wednesday apologised after a distorted audio from a porn video was played during the broadcast of an FA Cup (Football Association Challenge Cup) soccer match on Tuesday. BBC has issued a statement, saying "We apologise to any viewers offended during the live coverage of the football this evening. We are investigating how this happened." Studio staff were initially unable to locate the source of the noise, which started shortly after the show began and played repeatedly for around 15 minutes, reports The Verge. Host Gary Lineker (an English former football player) speculated while on air that "Somebody's sending something on someone's phone, I think". Later, Lineker tweeted an image of a mobile phone with adhesive pads attached, saying: "Well, we found this taped to the back of the set. As sabotage goes it was quite amusing." Furthermore, YouTuber Daniel Jarvis has claimed responsibility for the prank, posting a video on Twitter that appeared to show him outside the BBC studio at Molineux Stadium, said the report. "Yes, it was me that pranked the BBC Match of the Day with the sex Phone," he tweeted. Jarvis, a member of the YouTube prankster group Trollstation, was convicted of aggravated trespass last October after colliding with England cricketer Jonny Bairstow while invading the Oval pitch in south London during a Test Match, the report mentioned.

PAKISTAN PM'S SON CLARIFIES 'JOKER' REMARKS AFTER BACKLASH

Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) leader and Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's son Suleman Shehbaz on Saturday, attempted to clarify his 'joker' remarks against three former finance ministers of the country, local media reported. Suleman said that his "joker" remarks were about the last three finance ministers appointed by the Imran Khan government, Geo News reported.

The statement from the Prime Minister's son came in response to a journalist's query about his "joker" slur against ex-finance ministers which received a strong response from senior PML-N leader and former Pakistan prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Geo News reported.

"Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) changed five finance ministers and I called the last three [jokers]," the PM's son stated. At this, the journalist asked if the "last three" included Miftah Ismail as well. To this, Suleman said that he didn't name anyone. The PTI had changed four finance ministers, not five as he said. Asad Umar, Abdul Hafeez Sheikh, Hammad Azhar, and Shaukat Tarin served from 2018 to 2022 under the PTI government. On January 16, Suleman took to Twitter and termed the last three finance ministers, seemingly including their own ex-finance minister Miftah Ismail, as "jokers".

INDIAN-AMERICAN COUNCILLOR FACES HEAT FROM ANTI-DRAG PROTESTERS

Indian-American New York City Councillor Shekar Krishnan is facing the ire of protesters for supporting drag queens reading out to children in public libraries. Krishnan, who is the Council Member for District 25, came home last week to find anti-drag protesters shouting slurs and vandalising the sidewalk outside his home in Jackson Heights. "...after a meaningful day of reflection on Dr (Martin Luther) King, I came home to homophobic and transphobic protesters outside my door, again, vandalising the sidewalk & shouting slurs with my children inside," Krishnan wrote on his Twitter handle. The protesters screamed "Shekar is a pedophile, he is a groomer" when his wife and children were inside the house. "This disgusting behaviour is another reminder of the work ahead of us," Krishnan, the first Indian-American ever elected to the City Council in history, tweeted. A civil rights lawyer and a long-time community activist, he stated that the New York City Council is committed to Drag Story Hour and to LGBTQIA+ communities across the city. "This @NYCCouncil is committed to Drag Story Hour. With every display of hate, our commitment to love and inclusivity only grows," Shekar wrote in his tweet. The next Drag Story Hour in Jackson Heights is on February 24. Krishnan was also targeted in October last year when Drag Story Hour protesters defaced his district office with spiteful graffiti. He told CBS News that vile messages also clog his social media and phone lines because he supports Drag Story Hours, an activity parents can choose for their kids or they can avoid.

TIME FOR POJK TO REUNITE WITH INDIA?

In October last year, India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that India's northward development journey had just begun and would end only when "we... reached the remaining parts of (POK) Gilgit-Baltistan", illegally occupied by Pakistan since 1947.

Perhaps, residents of Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) heard his remarks.

Plagued by food and wheat shortages, power outages and well-known government apathy, the people of Gilgit-Baltistan have been protesting for quite some time. The world outside knows of this through videos and blogs on social media which have gone viral in the last few months. The latest instance is of a video from the region, that shows, a huge rally in Gilgit-Baltistan, where people are seen demanding the re-opening of the Kargil Road and reunion with their fellow Baltis in the Kargil district of the Union Territory of Ladakh in India.

More recently, former Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider of so-called "Azad Jammu and Kashmir" and PML-N leader, warned against alleged land grabbing in Gilgit-Baltistan and called for "restoration of the state subject rule (SSR)". He made this demand in the context of mass demonstrations in Gilgit-Baltistan under the banner of the Awami Action Committee, an alliance of various political, religious and trade associations, against electricity shortages, reduction in the wheat quota, taxation, and alleged land grabbing by the state.

Protests have been going on in the region at the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023.

Various issues, like the restoration of subsidies on wheat and other food items, load-shedding, illegal land occupation, and the exploitation of the natural resources of the region have been raised by the residents.

A report from Pakistan's vernacular media outlet Baad-e-Shimal (Urdu) highlighted the protests due to overload shedding, flour crisis and ownership of Khalsa Sarkar land. These protests over concerns raised by the Baltistan residents have been intensifying, the report claims, adding that Pakistan's military establishment continues to exert coercive claims over the land and resources of the area. Angry with discriminative policies of the Pakistan government that had been exploiting the region for several decades, the people of Gilgit-Baltistan are now demanding a reunion with India.

In a video that has gone viral on several social media platforms, a huge rally in Gilgit-Baltistan can be seen demanding the reopening of the Kargil Road and reunion with their fellow Baltis in the Kargil district of Ladakh in India.

Earlier in December last year, local traders and members of various political and social organisations observed a shutters-down strike (December 28) in different parts of Gilgit-Baltistan, with markets closed and vehicles off the roads.

These demonstrations have been held in Skardu, Gilgit, Hunza,



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and Ghizer. The locals have also been protesting at the open misuse of 'Khalsa Sarkar' laws for land-grabbing in Gilgit-Baltistan by the Army and Federal Government. The law states that the federal government in Islamabad can claim "ownership of barren or uncultivated land" in Gilgit-Baltistan, even if it was collectively owned by the local community. Pamir Times tweeted on December 30: "Massive protest demonstrations held in different parts of #Gilgit-#Baltistan yesterday against the "Khalsa Sarkar" colonial law, imposition of taxes and the wheat and power crisis."

The Chairman of National Equality Party, Jammu-Kashmir Gilgit-Baltistan and Ladakh said: "Ppl of #GilgitBaltistan protest for the 8th consecutive day at Yaadgaar #Skardu against #Pakistan on the issues of illegal land occupation, cutting subsidies, increasing electricity prices, black laws & imposing unfair taxes. #Pakistani govt & media have closed their eyes & ears."

Dawn newspaper editorially reports (January 9, 2023) that protests held across the region have united the region's geographically and religiously diverse communities, as well as supporters of different political parties. Further, traders' bodies in the northern region have also backed the demonstrations. The regions ambiguous constitutional status, as well as the lack of infrastructure compared to the rest of Pakistan, makes this region's plight unique. The protesters are not in favour of the GB Revenue Authority Bill, and have serious reservations about the state taking over land in the region that

they say belongs to the people. The state has been acquiring land in GB for CPEC as well as other projects.

Former PM Farooq Haider, while addressing (January 9) a public meeting in Hajira sub-division of Poonch district recently, called for the protection of the rights of the local people. "I want to ask the government of Pakistan not to evict the people of Gilgit-Baltistan from the Khalsa (Crown's) land they have been living on since the times of Dogra rule," he said.

A Human Rights Commission of Pakistan report states that the "Khalsa Sarkar" system violates international human rights standards, including the "UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", which protects indigenous peoples' "rights to their collective bio-cultural heritage as a whole, including, traditional knowledge and resources, territories, and cultural and spiritual values and customary laws".

Haider emphasised that Gilgit-Baltistan should be given an official set-up on the pattern of so-called AJK "so as to make good of its deprivations of the past more than seven decades". He also took strong exception to the AJK government, by saying that there did not exist anything by the name of government in the territory. There is thus a very strong narrative developing in PoJK towards disillusionment of people of the region with Pakistan. Despite being under the Pakistani jackboot for over 70 years, Islamabad has done little to give the people of PoJK any rights and development. This is the primary reason for people of the region protesting against Pakistan and more recently seeking reunification with India.

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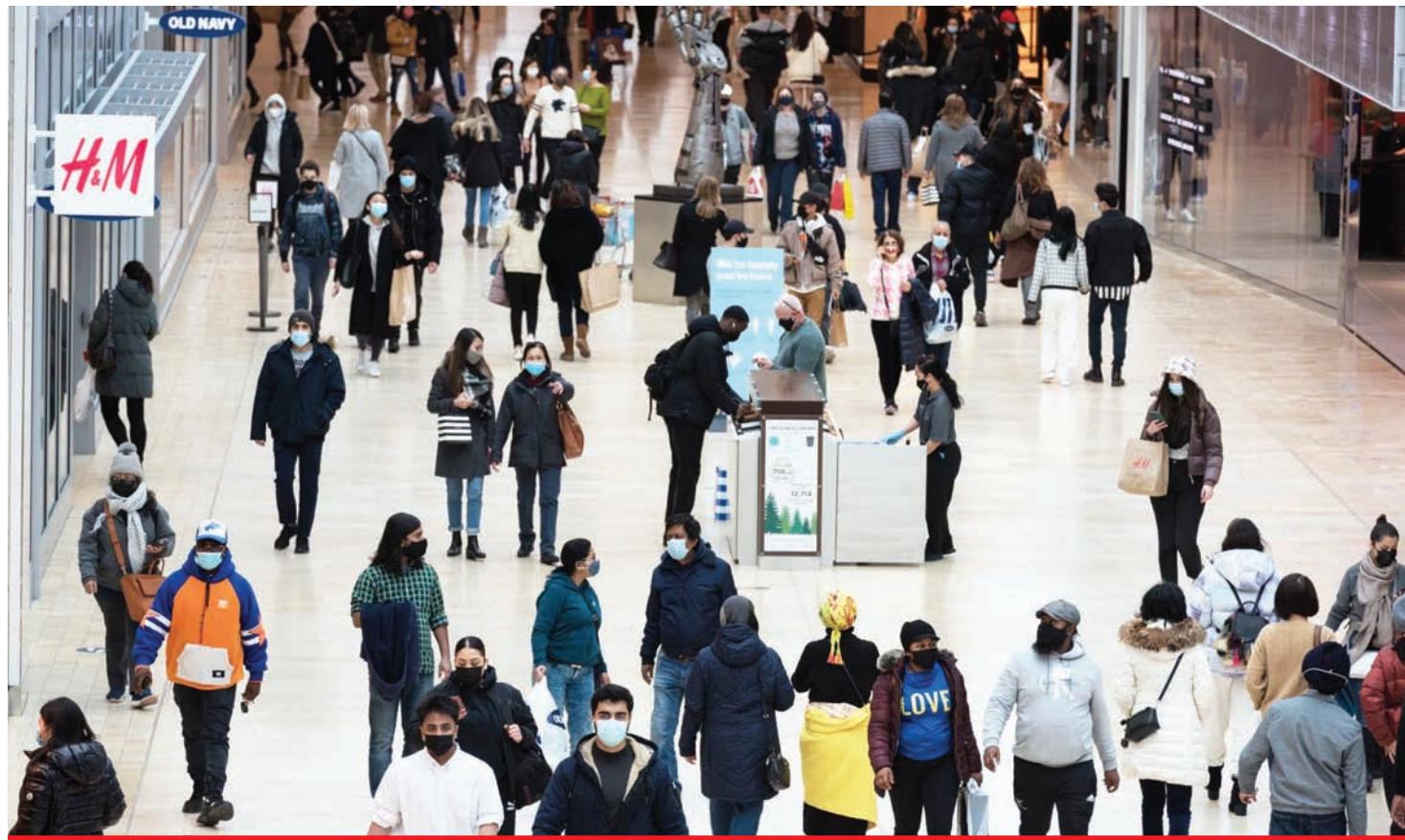
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RETAIL SALES IN CANADA FELL 0.1% TO \$61.8 BILLION IN NOVEMBER: STATS CAN

Retail sales decreased 0.1% to \$61.8 billion in November. Sales decreased in 6 of 11 subsectors, representing 47.4% of retail trade. The decrease was led by lower sales at food and beverage stores (-1.6%) and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (-3.8%). Core retail sales—which exclude gasoline stations and motor vehicle and parts dealers—decreased 1.1%, their largest decline in 11 months. In volume terms, retail sales decreased 0.4% in November. Given the continually evolving economic situation, Statistics Canada is providing an advance estimate of retail sales, which suggests that sales increased 0.5% in December. Owing to its early nature, this figure will be revised. This unofficial estimate was calculated based on responses received from 33.5% of companies surveyed. The average final response rate for the survey over the previous 12 months has been 90.3%.

Core retail sales posts its largest decline in 11 months

Posting their largest decrease in 11 months, core retail sales fell 1.1% in November, led by lower sales at food and beverage stores (-1.6%). Decreases were observed in all four store types in this subsector, led by lower sales at supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores (-1.3%). The Consumer Price Index (CPI) noted that prices of food purchased from stores rose 11.4% on a year-over-year basis.

Also contributing to the decline in retail sales in November were lower sales at building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (-3.8%), as this subsector recorded its largest decrease in seven months and coincided with deteriorating housing market conditions.

Sales at general merchandise stores decreased 0.8% in November. According to the Retail Commodity Survey Data Visualization Tool, food is the top commodity sold in this subsector and typically accounts for roughly one-third of sales.

Higher sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers

Sales were up 1.4% at motor vehicle and parts dealers in November. The increase was observed in all store types within this subsector but was led by higher sales at new car dealers (+1.2%), which saw their fastest pace of growth since June 2022. The increase at this store type followed higher imports of motor vehicles and parts in the second quarter of 2022. Sales at other motor vehicle dealers were up 5.4% in November, after declining in October 2022.

Following the increases seen in October, sales at gasoline stations were up 2.2% in November. In volume terms, sales at gasoline stations increased 3.7%. Gasoline prices fell 3.6% on an unadjusted basis in November following refinery reopenings in the western United States.

CANADA ANNOUNCES 200 CANADIAN-MADE ARMOURED VEHICLES FOR UKRAINE

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Minister Reznikov updated Minister Anand on the state of the conflict, and Minister Anand strongly condemned Russia's ongoing attacks on Ukrainian population centres and critical infrastructure. Minister Anand reiterated that Canada will continue to provide Ukraine with the defensive capabilities that it needs to fight and win. Minister Anand updated Minister Reznikov on the progress of Operation UNIFIER – Canada's training mission for Ukrainian personnel, currently active in the United Kingdom and Poland. Approximately 230 Canadian Armed Forces personnel are currently deployed on Operation UNIFIER, which has trained over 35,000 Ukrainian security forces personnel since its launch in 2015. Minister Anand highlighted ongoing efforts by the Royal Canadian Air Force Air Mobility Detachment based in Prestwick, Scotland to transport Ukraine-bound military aid donated by Canada, Allies, and partners, and noted that Canada has transported over six million pounds of Ukraine-bound military aid within Europe so far. The ministers also discussed their upcoming participation in this week's meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group (UDCG), scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2023, at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. The ministers agreed on the importance of the UDCG as a forum where Ukraine's partners can hear directly from Ukrainian officials about the country's most pressing defence needs, while initiating long-term strategic planning. The ministers resolved to continue frequent discussions on a bilateral basis. As Ukrainians fight heroically to defend their country from Russia's illegal and unjustifiable actions, Canada remains committed to providing them with the support they need.

CANADA UPGRADING DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE IN ITS NORTH

The Member of Parliament for the Northwest Territories, Michael V. McLeod, announced on behalf of the Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, that the Department of National Defence will be increasing its investment in the Inuvik Airport runway by \$80 million, for a total investment of \$230 million. Funding will be provided to the Government of the Northwest Territories and will be used to complete the remaining work required to extend and modernize the Inuvik Airport's 6,000-foot main runway. Upgrades to the Inuvik runway are primarily focused on improving the airfield's suitability to operate larger and heavier aircraft, which is an important enhancement to NORAD and the Royal Canadian Air Force's (RCAF) ability to operate in the North and Arctic. This work is vital to ensuring the Canadian Armed Forces continue to have the capability to meet emerging security challenges across the North and Arctic, and aligns with Minister Anand's June 2022 announcement of Canada's plan to modernize its NORAD capabilities. As a central transportation hub in the Western Arctic and a growing community, Inuvik is a key location to deliver on our goals in the Arctic while creating opportunities for Indigenous and Northern communities. Construction on the runway upgrades is expected to be completed in 2027.

FORD GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW HEALTHCARE WORKERS LICENSED IN OTHER PROVINCES TO IMMEDIATELY BE ABLE TO WORK IN ONTARIO

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"With our new "As of Right" rules, Ontario is the first province in Canada to allow health care workers from across the country to immediately start providing care. That's the kind of innovative solutions that will cut down unnecessary bureaucratic delays and help bring reinforcements to the frontlines of our health care system." The government will introduce legislative changes in February 2023 that, if passed, will allow Canadian health care workers that are already registered or licensed in another Canadian jurisdiction to practice in Ontario immediately, without having to first register with one of Ontario's health regulatory colleges. These changes will help health-care workers overcome bureaucratic delays that have made it difficult to practice in Ontario. "Our government is making health care more accessible for Ontarians, which means recruiting more health care professionals to bolster our health care system and making it easier for them to start working," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "A highly-skilled health care worker from British Columbia or Nova Scotia shouldn't have to pause their career or face barriers to practice here in Ontario."

ONTARIO EXPANDING LEARN AND STAY GRANT TO TRAIN MORE HEALTH CARE WORKERS

LONDON — The Ontario government is connecting over a dozen underserved and growing communities with more health care workers by expanding the Learn and Stay grant. The grant, which was announced in March 2022 for students who enrol in nursing programs, will also include paramedic and medical laboratory technologist programs in priority communities.

Eligible students will receive full, upfront funding for tuition, books and other direct educational costs in return for working and caring for people in the region where they studied for a term of service after they graduate. "Expanding Ontario's Learn and Stay grant to include nurses, paramedics and med-techs in more underserved and growing communities is another innovative solution that's connecting people to care, closer to home," said Premier Doug Ford. "It's also one more way we're making sure that all Ontarians in every corner of the province, no matter where they live, have more convenient access to the care and support they need." Grant applications for the 2023-24 academic year open this spring, targeting 2,500 postsecondary students who enrol in the following programs and regions: Nursing programs in northern, eastern and southwestern Ontario Medical laboratory technologist/medical laboratory sciences programs in northern and southwestern Ontario Paramedic programs in northern Ontario

"This is a historic investment in our students and in the future of our health care workforce in Ontario," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "By providing targeted financial incentives to encourage students to learn and work in priority communities, the expanded Learn and Stay grant will ensure that our health care professionals get the training they need to make immediate impacts in local hospitals, long-term care homes and other health care facilities after they graduate."

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SOLIDARITY EVENT HELD FOR 9 AHMADI MUSLIMS MURDERED IN BURKINA FASO TERRORIST ATTACK

WE ARE AGGRIEVED TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK ON A LOCAL AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY IN MAHDIABAD - A REMOTE VILLAGE IN BURKINA FASO.

The village is situated at a distance of 45km from Dori city towards the border of Niger.

According to the reports, Ahmadis were preparing for the Isha prayers on January 11, 2023, when terrorists took control of the mosque and started delivering a speech about their movement. They asked the community about their beliefs and showed discontent. They declared Ahmadis to be infidels. They took the Imam of the mosque Mr Bidiga BOUREIMA to a nearby community center and threatened him to renounce Ahmadiyyat. The terrorists also inquired about other Ahmadi concentrations in Burkina Faso. This is particularly concerning as this poses a similar threat to other Ahmadis.

The Imam was brought back to the mosque and all the elders were threatened that unless they renounced Ahmadiyyat, they would be killed. They all preferred martyrdom to leaving Ahmadiyyat. The Imam was the first one to die. The terrorists then mercilessly killed eight more elders one by one and each of them was given a chance to renounce Ahmadiyyat. To Allah do we belong and to Him shall we return. The terrorists further threatened to kill every Ahmadi in the village if they did not leave Ahmadiyyat or gathered at the mosque again. This led to more than 600 Ahmadis to migrate. The following persons embraced martyrdom.

There is another mosque in the village, which belongs to the Wahabi sect, however, the terrorists did not harm anyone belonging to that mosque.

We are deeply aggrieved by the incident. The spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community said;

"Our community, all around the world, is a family and we are heartbroken at the brutal murder of our brothers and grieve with their loved ones. We pray that God envelops the martyrs in His mercy. "We also pray for the security of Burkina Faso and that the Government fulfills its duty to protect all Burkinabe people, including Ahmadi Muslims, and that the perpetrators of this heinous

and evil crime be brought to justice" It is also noteworthy that, under its project to create model villages in Africa, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community provided this village with basic necessities such as water, solar energy, a community center, and a mosque. Such facilities are provided by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community regardless of one's religious beliefs, race, or color. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is at the forefront of providing basic necessities, health care, and education to the deprived regions. The National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Burkina Faso said; "Around the World, religious extremists are tarnishing the pure and beautiful teachings of Islam in order to further their censured agenda. The innocent & peace-loving Ahmadis of Burkina Faso have been subjected to such a horrific agenda that must be denounced with the greatest severity. We condemn all such dreadful acts of the extremist religious fanatics."

25-YEAR-OLD WOMAN YASHIKA GUPTA, MISSING FROM BRAMPTON

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Yashika Gupta is described as a female South Asian medium complexion, 5'3", medium build, black straight shoulder length hair, and dark brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a burgundy/maroon long sleepwear/tracksuit and black snow shoes.

Police and family are concerned for her well-being. To view photo of Yashika Gupta, please visit our website.

Anyone with information is asked to call investigators with the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905) 453-2121, ext. 2233. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca. For media inquiries, please contact the on-duty Media Relations Officer at (905) 453-2121, ext. 4039.

EXERCISE CAUTION AS COYOTE MATING SEASON BEGINS IN MISSISSAUGA

January is the start of coyote mating season. Coyotes search for mates and usually begin mating in February. During this time of year, you may see, hear or encounter coyotes as they look for their mates. You may also hear them howl and yip more as they communicate and establish their marked territory.

Within a coyote pack, only the breeding pair can reproduce. Others assist with caring for pups, hunting for food, guarding the pack and defending their marked territory.

Coyote pups are typically being born around the end of March through April. An average litter is around four to six pups. Pups are born blind, live within their den for about four to five weeks and are fully weaned after a month. They outgrow their den at the twelve-week mark and will be fully grown within a year. Coyotes play an essential role in an urban ecosystem as they help control rodents and other wildlife populations. You may see coyotes foraging during the day when their pups are born – as the need for food increases. They often move around in search of food. They are opportunistic and will eat what is readily available, including mice, rats, squirrels, raccoons, berries and nuts. They become attracted to communities because of food and shelter. While incidents with humans are rare, there may be a greater likelihood of a pet being involved in an incident during mating season. Coyotes will be more visible, protective and potentially be more defensive or bold to ward off threats and dangers to their pups and territory. See a coyote? Report a sighting using the City's online sightings map. The map helps Animal Services target areas for patrols and community outreach. If you see a coyote that is sick, injured or not keeping a safe distance, call Mississauga Animal Services at 905-896-5858.

4 TEENS ARRESTED, AFTER STEALING \$1.2M IN GOLD AND SILVER: YORK REGIONAL POLICE

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On December 10, 2022, at 2:15 p.m., three masked suspects entered a precious metals store on Bloor Street and committed a robbery with a firearm. The suspects obtained a quantity of gold and silver and made their way to a nearby vehicle, in which a fourth suspect was waiting. Members of the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit were in the area as part of an ongoing investigation into the same suspects. The officers contained the vehicle, which was determined to be stolen, and after a brief foot pursuit they arrested all four suspects without incident. Officers recovered a loaded handgun and \$1,295,000 worth of gold and silver. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the investigators, the precious metals dealer in this case had their gold and silver returned. A video of the recovered property is available on YouTube.

Investigators believe the suspects are part of a crime group that has been involved in a series of armed robberies at pharmacies, currency-conversion businesses and precious metal stores since November 2022. One 17-year-old is also charged in seven unrelated commercial robberies which took place in York, Toronto, Peel and Hamilton, while one 15-year-old is also charged in two of those incidents.



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HEROIN-CARRYING HEXACOPTER DRONE SHOT DOWN IN PUNJAB

In a joint operation with the Border Security Force (BSF), Punjab Police shot down a sophisticated hexacopter drone, loaded with 5 kg heroin, during a search operation launched along the border with Pakistan in Amritsar district on the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday. Director General of Police, Punjab Gaurav Yadav said that this is the sixth drone recovered in less than two months. He said this hybrid six-winged drone, worth Rs 10 lakh, was assembled with parts manufactured in the US and China and was equipped with hi-tech features, including long-lasting battery backup and infrared-based night vision camera and GPS system. Yadav said after noticing the drone movement in Indo-Pak border, police teams from Amritsar Rural district immediately shared

pinpointed inputs with the BSF and jointly conducted an intensive search operation in an area, just two km away from the India-Pakistan border. He said that the police teams had fired at least 12 bursts from an AK-47 to shoot down the drone. Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural, Swapan Sharma said the police have rounded up two persons from the spot when they were trying to escape. Investigations are on to ascertain the identity of the Pakistani smugglers, who sent the consignment via drone, and also their Indian associates, who were to receive this air-dropped consignment of heroin, he added.

SHRADHHA WALKAR CASE: DELHI POLICE MAY FILE CHARGE SHEET BY JANUARY END

Sources in the Delhi Police have said that they may file the charge sheet in the Shraddha Walkar murder case by the end of January. Walkar was killed by her live-in partner, Aftab Amin Poonawala in May last year. Poonawala was placed under arrest on November 12, 2023 and currently is in judicial custody. The police have tried to make the case watertight. They have collected all the possible evidence to make sure that Poonawala gets maximum punishment. Earlier, the police conducted a forensic analysis of the bones of Walkar. The autopsy report revealed that a saw was used to cut up her bones. The Delhi Police have got the forensic analysis report of her 23 bones, which were recovered during the course of investigation. According to sources, it is called Osteological study or biophysical study of the bone pieces which help the police in such cases. Walkar and Poonawala had met through the dating app 'Bumble' in 2018. They had come to Delhi on May 8, 2022, and shifted to the Chattarpur area on May 15. On May 18, 2022 Poonawala allegedly killed her and then chopped her body into 35 pieces. He threw her body parts across various places over a period of 18 days. He was reportedly inspired by the American crime show 'Dexter', which tells the story of a man with homicidal tendencies who lives a double life.

TWO ASSOCIATES OF KHALISTANI TERRORIST LANDA NABBED FROM PUNJAB

In its ongoing operation against the Khalistani terror-gangster nexus, the Delhi Police's Special Cell has arrested two associates of Khalistani terrorist Landa Harike in Punjab, an official said on Friday. The accused have been identified as Rajan Bhatti, a resident of Gurdaspur and Kanwaljeet Singh alias Chinna, a resident of Makhu, Ferozepur in Punjab. Bhatti has over 15 previous crimes to his name and was wanted in an FIR registered in Mohali, regarding target killings and disturbing communal harmony in Punjab on the directions of Khalistani terrorists Landa Harike and Harvinder Singh Rinda.

KEJRIWAL MEETS FOREIGN-TRAINED TEACHERS, HIGHLIGHTS 'CRUCIAL ROLE IN EDUCATION REVOLUTION'

Amid the ongoing tussle between the Delhi government and Lt Governor V.K. Saxena over sending teachers to Finland for training, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday interacted with foreign-trained teachers and underlined their role in Delhi's education system. The interaction was held at the Thyagraj Stadium and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who holds charge of Education, and MLA Atishi were also present. The teachers shared experiences of training they received in top foreign colleges and universities and listed the merits of such programmes. "Teachers have played the most-crucial role in Delhi's education revolution. Every Delhi government school is a symbol of change as 'tent-wale school' have become 'talent-wale school'. Teachers' training and world-class infrastructure changed the atmosphere and gave splendid results. Even our strongest critics agree that Delhi's education system has been revolutionised; this was made possible because of the teachers, students and 2 crore citizens of Delhi," said Kejriwal on the occasion. He said that a "feudal mindset" has prevailed since long over the larger section of the society where they look at the underprivileged in a bad light. "They do not want government schools to be improved because the underprivileged go there. They don't want government school teachers to get trained abroad. "You'd forget all the training once you left the stadium. But when you go on training and experience the labs of Trinity, the apple tree of Newton and the



Institute of Stephen Hawking, you're learning for life. Seminars may bring you powerpoint presentations and speeches, they don't impart life-long learning. Our teachers who went to Finland, Cambridge, and Singapore now have a lifetime's worth of learning with them to impart to their students. We have shattered this feudal mindset step by step by sending our educators on such training. "We won't compromise on the quality of education in Delhi. If we envision to be the best, we will do everything to make it a reality. If private schools can send their teachers abroad for training, why can we not? We will facilitate the exposure of the best practices of the world to our teachers" Kejriwal told the teachers.

AIR INDIA 'PEE-GATE': DELHI COURT EXTENDS SHANKAR MISHRA'S JUDICIAL CUSTODY BY 14 DAYS

The Patiala House Court on Saturday extended the judicial custody of Shankar Mishra, the man accused of urinating on an elderly female co-passenger in a drunk state on board a New York-New Delhi Air India flight in November last year, by 14 days. On January 7, the court had sent Mishra to 14-day judicial custody, which was extended till February 4 on Saturday. Earlier, in the wake of Air India banning Mishra from flying for four months on the basis of its internal committee report, his legal counsel had opposed the findings of the panel, saying that they are ready to file an appeal. "We respect the authority and mandate of the internal inquiry committee, but we disagree with its findings and are already in the process of challenging this decision in accordance with the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) civil aviation requirements for unruly passengers," Mishra's lawyers had said. Aviation regulator DGCA had also imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on Air India besides suspended the licence of the pilot-in-command for three months in connection with the Air India urination case. Moreover, the regulator had imposed a penalty of Rs 3 lakh on the director of inflight services of Air India for failing to discharge her duties on November 26, 2022. The incident of passenger misbehaviour which occurred on the AI-102 flight from New York to New Delhi came to the notice of DGCA on January 4. After Mishra claimed that the complainant had soiled her own seat, the latter had rubbed the allegation, saying it was "completely false and concocted".

CONGRESS LEADER BAJWA INSULTED EX-PM MANMOHAN SINGH: AKALI DAL

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Friday said the manner in which Punjab's Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa, of the Congress, insulted former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh by referring to him as "farzi" Prime Minister had hurt the sentiments of the Sikh community as well as Punjabis at large. In a statement here, SAD senior leader Prem Singh Chandumajra said Sikhs in Punjab had taken pride at the elevation of Manmohan Singh to the office of the Prime Minister. "Dr Manmohan Singh also conducted himself with immense dignity earning him recognition the world over. He cannot be termed 'farzi' by any stretch of imagination but if he is being referred to as that it indicates that sycophants like Partap Bajwa can go to any extent to please their masters." Asserting that Bajwa had acted in a shameful manner by insulting the persona of Manmohan Singh, the SAD leader demanded the Leader of Opposition apologise for this act immediately and withdraw his statement. Chandumajra also asked Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to take action against Bajwa, saying: "If the yardstick followed by Bajwa is to be taken into consideration then you are also a 'farzi' leader as per the Punjab Congress leader". He said the silence of Rahul Gandhi as well as the Congress over Bajwa's statement indicated that they also held Manmohan Singh in contempt. "Rahul's actions during the erstwhile UPA regime when he publicly belittled Manmohan Singh's decisions, also prove this point. One can deduce that this is why the Congress is a finished force now. The Gandhi family treated a Sikh Prime Minister as 'farzi' and now the people are calling the family 'farzi'," he added.

FIRST MADE-IN-INDIA INTRANASAL COVID VACCINE TO BE LAUNCHED ON R-DAY

Bharat Biotech will launch its intranasal Covid-19 vaccine iNCOVACC on January 26, the company's CMD Krishna Ella announced here on Saturday.

The vaccine manufacturer had already received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) earlier this month for the nasal vaccine, the first of its kind in India. "Our nasal vaccine will be officially launched on Republic Day on January 26," said Ella while participating in a session during the 8th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) that began at the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), here on Saturday.

The session was titled 'Face-to-Face with New Frontiers in Science'. The company had earlier announced that it would price the intranasal vaccine at Rs 325 per shot for procurement by the government, and 800 per shot for private vaccination centres. As per the vaccine manufacturer, the nasal route has excellent potential for vaccination due to the organised immune system of the nasal mucosa. Thus, intranasal immunisation of ChAd-SARS-CoV-2-S can create an immune response in the nose, which is the point of entry for the virus, thereby protecting against disease, infection, and transmission. The nasal vaccine can be taken after six months of the second dose.

WFI TO SUSPEND ALL ONGOING ACTIVITIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT: SPORTS MINISTRY

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) to suspend all ongoing activities with immediate effect, unless the Oversight Committee is formally appointed and takes over the day to day functioning of WFI, said an order from the Union Sports Ministry on Saturday. The development comes as a fallout of the grapplers' allegations of sexual harassment and corruption against the WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

"The Ministry of Sports has communicated to the Wrestling Federation of India on Saturday that in view of the Government's decision to appoint an Oversight Committee to investigate the various allegations raised by athletes against the Federation, WFI will suspend all ongoing activities with immediate effect, unless the Oversight Committee is formally appointed and takes over the day to day functioning of WFI," the ministry said in a statement. "In view of the direction to suspend all activities immediately, the Sports Ministry has asked WFI to also cancel the ongoing Ranking Tournament in Gonda, UP. The Ministry has directed WFI to return the entry fees charged to participants for the ongoing event," it added.

Noted wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and a number of other grapplers on January 18 staged a protest against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI). The 28-year-old Phogat alleged that Brij Bhushan Sharan had been harassing female wrestlers. The protesting wrestlers have also accused the WFI of arbitrariness, mismanagement, misgovernance and bias in selection as harassment of wrestlers by its coaches and president. The aggrieved grapplers called off their protest after a long meeting with Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Friday night and getting assurances from the government that their grievances would be addressed.

26 YEARS ON, VICTIMS' FAMILIES STILL KNOCKING IN VAIN ON DOORS OF JUSTICE

The legal route taken by Neelam and Shekhar Krishnamoorthy and the families of the other Uphaar cinema fire tragedy victims is full of twists and turns. It has been 26 years and the search for justice still continues.

The Krishnamoorthys' home is quiet with the photo frames of their two children, who perished in the fire, hanging on the wall. Unnati and Ujjwal seem to be looking for justice. It is their parents' hard work and courage that has kept them going to seek what they want from India's judicial system. They are determined to fight on until their last breath.

Neither they nor their kids knew that a movie on a Friday evening will turn Neelam and Shekhar's lives upside down. In a span of a few hours, a family of a cheerful four was reduced to two members. Twenty six years ago a fire broke out in Green Park's Uphaar cinema at New Delhi while the film "Border" was being screened. In June 1983, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Licensing, had suspended the cinema's license for four days due to structural and fire safety deviations.

The Green Park Theatre & Associated (P) Ltd. (which ran Uphaar cinema), obtained a stay order from the Delhi High Court. On account of the stay order, only temporary permits were issued to the cinema and the theatre owners -- Sushil and Gopal Ansar -- kept on obtaining temporary permits from the Licensing Authority for periods of two months each, for 14 years till June 13, 1997, the day the fire broke in Uphaar.

At 4.55 p.m., a swirling mass of thick smoke engulfed the balcony section of the hall. In the absence of fire exits and ushers to help the patrons, the people seated on the balcony found themselves trapped. By 7 p.m., 59 people from 28 families had died. This included Unnati (17) and Ujjwal (13).

GOVT SLAMS BBC DOCUMENTARY ON PM MODI, CALLS IT 'BIASED PROPAGANDA PIECE'

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The bias, lack of objectivity and continuing colonial mindset are blatantly visible. Can't dignify such a film," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

The two-part BBC series "India: The Modi Question" has evoked sharp reactions.

The outline summary of the series says that it's "A look at tensions between Indian PM Narendra Modi and India's Muslim minority, investigating claims about his role in the 2002 riots that left over a thousand dead".

Last year in June, the Supreme Court dismissed a plea filed by Zakia Jafri, widow of former Congress MP Ehsan Jafri, challenging a clean chit given by the Special Investigation Team to then Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi and several others in the 2002 Gujarat riots. The Supreme Court had said the case was "devoid of merits" and was filed "obviously, for ulterior design".



NIKKI HALEY ACCUSED OF PLOTTING A BID TO BECOME TRUMP'S VP

Nikki Haley, the Indian American Republican who is eyeing a bid for the White House in 2024, has been accused of plotting to become former President Donald Trump's vice-president.

Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who made this accusation in his memoir, goes on to claim in the book that Haley's co-conspirators were former President Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump and her husband Jared Kushner, who both held senior position in the White House at the time. Haley dismissed the charge as a stunt to sell the memoir.

Pompeo does not specify if Haley was supposed to replace Mike Pence as vice-president in this plot or join Trump as running mate in his 2020 re-election bid.

If the move was for Haley to replace Pence, it would have been her and not Vice-President Kamala Harris who would have gone down in history with a clutch of firsts - the first person of colour to rise so high in the US government, and the first Asian American and the first Indian American.

She would have made history as Trump's running mate as well - but jointly with Harris.

Neither situation happened.

Pompeo is himself considering a 2024 White House bid and takes swipes at others in the Republican party who he could face in the primaries, with the exception of his former boss Trump, who has already announced his intention to run a third time, and former Vice-President Pence, who is also mulling a run.

Pompeo's account of Haley's plot is not firsthand. He cites Mark Kelly, then chief of staff to the president, who felt "played" as the alleged

move came at a meeting he cleared for Haley with Trump. Haley, it turned out, was not alone, but was joined by the president's daughter and son-in-law. "As best Kelly could tell," Pompeo writes in his memoir, "they were presenting a possible 'Haley for vice-president' option. I can't confirm this, but [Kelly] was certain he had been played, and he was not happy about it. Clearly, this visit did not reflect a team effort but undermined our work for America."

The book is slated for release on January 24. This so-called plot was reported by The Guardian, which had early access to the book.

Pompeo sounds uncertain of his claims here.

And Haley hit it out the park predictably, calling the charge "lies and gossip to sell a book".

Haley was US ambassador to the UN at the time and a rising star in the Republican party on reputation made and burnished as two-term governor of South Carolina, one of America's most conservative states. As ambassador to the UN, Haley was accorded a federal cabinet position and could often call and meet Trump without going through the state department protocol.

Then she resigned unexpectedly in 2018, with two more years left of Trump's term. And she wasn't very convincing about her reasons. "There's no personal reason," she had said, appearing with Trump at a joint news conference. "It's very important for government officials to understand when it's time to step aside." And then, without being prompted, she said, "No, I am not running for 2020." True to her word, she did not run in 2020. But shortly after Trump lost the 2020 re-election bid, Haley signalled her intentions in an interview to a US media outlet, saying it was time for the Republican party to move on.

UKRAINE'S INTERIOR MINISTRY TOP BRASS KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH



The three main figures in Ukraine's interior ministry have been killed in a helicopter crash beside a nursery in an eastern suburb of the capital Kiev. Interior Minister Denys Monastyrsky, 42, died alongside his first deputy minister and state secretary, BBC reported.

Nine people were killed when the helicopter came down in Brovary and another nine died on the ground, including three children.

Monastyrsky is the highest profile Ukrainian casualty since the war began, BBC reported. The deputy head of Ukraine's presidential office, Kyrylo Tymoshenko, said the minister had been en route to a war "hot spot" when his helicopter went down. There is no indication the crash was anything other than an accident, although witnesses said Russia's war was to blame for the disaster. "It was very foggy and there was no electricity, and when there's no electricity there are no lights on the buildings," local resident Volodymyr told the BBC.

The 42-year-old interior minister was a prominent member of President Volodymyr Zelensky's cabinet. He played a key role in updating the public on casualties caused by Russian missile strikes since Ukraine was invaded.

Ukrainian reports said that those on board the helicopter included six ministry officials and three crew.

First deputy minister Yevhen Yenin died along with state secretary Yurii Lubkovich, whose task was to organise the work of the ministry. Before he moved to the interior ministry, Yenin helped represent

Ukraine's government abroad. National police chief Ihor Klymenko wrote on Facebook that the helicopter belonged to Ukraine's state emergency service, while other officials said that it appeared to be a French Super Puma aircraft.

"There was a huge flash," said a woman described as a kindergarten teacher, BBC reported. "Before that there was the sound of something flying in the air, and we all went quiet. Then, after the flash, we heard an explosion. We lay down, and then quickly evacuated to a shelter."

CHRIS HIPKINS CONFIRMED NEW ZEALAND'S NEW PM, TO FOCUS ON DOMESTIC ISSUES

The New Zealand Labor Party has confirmed Chris Hipkins as the party's new leader and New Zealand's 41st Prime Minister, said Chris Hipkins in a press conference on Sunday.

The Labor Party caucus meeting voted the Caucus member, Minister for Education, Police and Public Service and Leader of the House Chris Hipkins as the new party leader. Hipkins was the only nominee to replace Jacinda Ardern, who announced her resignation on Thursday, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Member of Parliament for Kelston and Cabinet minister Carmel Sepuloni was appointed deputy prime minister.

According to the New Zealand political system, the majority party of the Parliament forms the government and that party leader becomes the prime minister. Speaking at the press conference after the Caucus meeting, Hipkins said that he will be officially sworn in as the Prime Minister on Wednesday. Cabinet reshuffle will be also arranged in the coming week.

He vowed to focus on domestic issues, saying that high inflation, high housing prices and law and order issue will be the major policy focus for his government, while going to China would be high on the priority list but not locking in any international travel plans yet.

Ardern announced on Thursday that she will step down as the prime minister and the leader of the Labor Party in February and she will not be seeking re-election this year.

Meanwhile, New Zealand's 2023 general election will be held on October 14, Ardern said.

4 GENERATIONS OF A FAMILY KILLED IN 'CARTEL LIKE EXECUTION' IN CALIFORNIA

Four generations of a family were killed in what authorities have described as a "cartel like execution" at a private residence in California which was raided by police last week for drug-related activity, the media reported.

The victims have been identified as Rosa Parraz (72), Eladio Parraz Jr (52), Jennifer Analla (50), Marcos Parraz (19), Elyssa Parraz (16) and Nycholas Parraz (10 months), reports the BBC.

The house is located in Goshen, Tulare County.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, Tulare County Sheriff Mike Boudreux did not provide the names of the suspects, saying that it was due to the possibility that the killers were watching in order to avoid capture, but revealed that much was already known to authorities about the tragedy. Police had searched the residence just last week and found stashes of marijuana and methamphetamines, he said.

"None of this was by accident. It was deliberate, intentional and horrific," the BBC quoted the Sheriff as saying.

The FBI's San Francisco office is assisting in the investigation, and a \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.

Police are monitoring the Mexico and Canada border for the suspects, the Sheriff said, adding that the "very insecure border" has allowed Mexican drug cartel activity to grow in the central California area in recent years.

He said that the killings appear "similar to high-ranking gang executions, and the style of execution they commit", because the victims were "shot in places where a shooter knew that quick death would occur".

US COVERTLY SPONSORING IS, SAYS RUSSIA

The US has been reaching out to armed groups that oppose the Taliban and secretly giving money to Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS), as per Russia's Presidential envoy for Afghanistan, Zamir Kabulov, media reports said.

Asked if the US is in contact with the Afghan opposition, Kabulov, in an interview with Russia 24 TV on Friday, said: "Yes, there is such data", RT reported.

The Americans have been acting this way "because they really want to avenge their shameful military-political defeat in Afghanistan, and in retaliation they do everything so that peace isn't established in this troubled land".

"But worst of all is that, in addition to contacts with the armed opposition in Afghanistan, the Anglo-Saxons are covertly sponsoring Islamic State, who are aimed at undermining not only the stability of our Central Asian partners... but also the security of Russia," Kabulov added.

The US and its allies pulled out of Afghanistan in August 2021 after a two-decade intervention. The chaotic withdrawal, which saw billions of dollars' worth of American military equipment left behind, was carried out after the Taliban swept through the country and captured the capital, Kabul in a matter of weeks, facing little resistance from the Afghan military ? which US forces had trained to resist it.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO CHINA BEFORE GOING ABROAD

Tens of thousands of Chinese students studying overseas on government-backed scholarships are required to sign a document pledging loyalty to the ruling Communist Party, as well as putting up guarantors who could be forced to repay their funding should they break the agreement, before arriving at overseas universities, Radio Free Asia reported.

Sweden's Dagens Nyheter newspaper had reported on January 13 that 30 doctoral students arriving in the country had signed contracts pledging loyalty to their government while overseas, requiring them to serve China's interests during their stay.

A review of publicly available documents found evidence that this practice has been going on quietly for more than a decade, with several versions of the contract and related regulations freely available online, RFA reported.

"During your time studying abroad, you must hone your sense of responsibility and your ability to follow orders, and not engage in any activities that could harm your country's interests or national security," the contract states. "You must consciously protect the honor of the motherland and of your school, and abide by both the laws of China and the country where you are studying," it says. Students must also provide the names of two guarantors who countersign the document, in case a student fails to report to the local Chinese embassy or otherwise breaks the terms of the agreement, the documents revealed, RFA reported. Anyone who tries to resign from their scholarship without authorization or who "behaves extremely badly," or who just disappears or moves to another country or school without authorization will trigger the repayment of around one third of their funding by their guarantors, they show. China had said it would send 27,000 students to study overseas on public money for all of 2021, and that their scholarships were entirely conditional on their party loyalty, including a pledge to "come back and serve their country" on completion of their studies, according to another publicly available document, RFA reported.

INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY COMES AT CRUCIAL TIME, MODI'S LEADERSHIP CRITICAL: WEF'S KLAUS SCHWAB

Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, said that India's G20 Presidency has come at a crucial time and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "leadership is critical in this fractured world".

"I had the pleasure of meeting the Indian ministerial delegation and many of its top business leaders," Schwab was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the WEF amid the ongoing Davos Forum. "I commend the country's decisive action on the climate case for renewables, its contribution to the global healthcare ecosystem, the focus on an economic model for women-led development, and its leadership on digital public infrastructure. "India remains a bright spot amid global geoeconomics and geopolitical crises," he added.

This year's Forum, which is bringing together leaders from all over the globe, is convening under the theme, 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'. "The WEF shares a 38-year history with India and looks forward to continued partnership with the country during its G20 presidency under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," says the statement.

Schwab further says that "India is promoting a just and equitable growth for all in the world during its G20 presidency".

"India's G20 presidency comes at a crucial time, Prime Minister Modi's leadership is critical in this fractured world," he added.

GEN FAIZ, GEN BAJWA RESPONSIBLE FOR PAKISTAN'S MESS: NAWAZ SHARIF

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Speaking to the media in London on Thursday evening after holding talks with his party colleagues including Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, Sharif reminded people of his Gujranwala speech to a PDM rally on October 16, 2020 in which he shocked Pakistan by directly accusing former army chief General (retd) Qamar Bajwa and former ISI chief Lt General (retd) Faiz Hameed of rigging elections, installing Khan as premier in violation of the Constitution, removing his government, muzzling the media, pressurising the judiciary and victimising opposition politicians, The News reported.

Sharif said that he had pointed out in Gujranwala speech who was responsible for the mess Pakistan was in and how a group of people conspired to take over the country.

He said that Lt General (R) Faiz and General (R) Bajwa were responsible for making it all about their personalities, their wishes and desires, The News reported.

The News had reported recently that Sharif had decided to focus his attack on four persons for bringing Pakistan to near ruin --retired judges Saqib Nisar, Asif Saeed Khosa, General (retd) Bajwa, Lt General (retd) Faiz Hameed and Imran Khan.

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KATRINA KAIF REACHES 70 MILLION FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM, CELEBRATES WITH A RADIANT SMILE



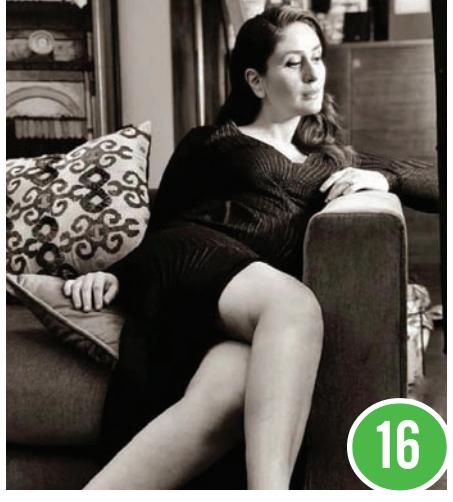
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BADE MIYAN CHOTE MIYAN: AKSHAY KUMAR AND TIGER SHROFF POKE FUN AT EACH OTHER DURING MAHURAT



Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff were present at the mahurat of their upcoming action film Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. Even though there were reports circulating earlier that the movie has been put on the back burner, turns out that was not the case. The film will go on the floors soon. At the mahurat ceremony, joining Akshay and Tiger were director Ali Abbas Zafar and producer Jackky Bhagnani of Pooja Entertainment. The stars were seen all smiles at the mahurat ceremony of their upcoming film. At the mahurat ceremony, Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff were seen in action avatars. Both actors donned all-black looks. Akshay wore a black T-shirt with trousers and boots, while Tiger complemented him in a tank top and cargo pants. In one of the images shared online by Akshay, they were seen doing kung fu gestures. Akshay poked fun at his co-star Tiger in the caption to his post as he wrote, "A film I've been most eager to start #BadeMiyanChoteMiyan!"

ALIA BHATT HEAPS PRAISE ON RANBIR KAPOOR'S TU JHOOOTHI MAIN MAKKAAR TRAILER: 'TRULY ONE OF MY MOST FAVOURITE'



Alia Bhatt showered praises on her husband and actor Ranbir Kapoor after the trailer launch of his upcoming movie Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar. Taking to Instagram, the Gangubai Kathiawadi actor shared the trailer video along with a caption, "Truly one of my most favourite trailers !! Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar releasing 8th March." The trailer of Luv Ranjan's upcoming romantic comedy Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar dropped on Monday, bringing in a breath of fresh air, with crackling chemistry between Ranbir and Shraddha Kapoor, stunning visuals and hilarious dialogues. The three-and-a-half-minute-long trailer also gave a glimpse of the fantastic music that will be in the film with the magic of Pritam, Amitabh Bhattacharya and Arijit Singh coming together. "Aaj kal relationship me ghusna aasaan hai, usme nikalna mushkil. Rishtey jodna aasaan hai, todna mushkil," says Ranbir's character in the trailer before he bumps into Shraddha Kapoor at a hotel. What ensues is a hilarious roller coaster ride. Shraddha Kapoor took to her Instagram handle and shared the trailer with the caption, "Relationship investments are subject to love risks. Please check compatibility before investing. #TuJhoothiMainMakkaarTrailer out now!"



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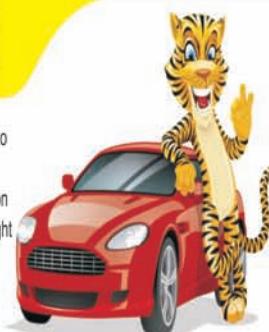
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SHRADDDHA KAPOOR TAKES HOTNESS TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL IN TU JHOOTHI MAIN MAKKAAR TRAILER

Shraddha Kapoor's looks in Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar trailer have become a talking point among her fans. She has upped the glam and hotness quotient in the upcoming movie. Shraddha Kapoor made jaws drop with her hot looks in the trailer of her upcoming rom-com Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar opposite Ranbir Kapoor. Shraddha's bikini looks have caught the attention of her fans on social media. The movie will feature her in a never-seen-before ultra glam look. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is an urban film and Shraddha gets the look right in every frame. She takes our breath away in her western attires. Most of the

scenes in Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar trailer have the setting of a beach and the actress has not shied away from putting her fit body on display in hot bikini tops. Fans are drooling over Shraddha's hot bod in a purple bikini. More of it will be seen when the film hits the big screens on March 8. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar will feature some foot-tapping numbers and in one of the song sequences, fans could not take their eyes off Shraddha in a silver bralette and a skirt with thigh-high slit. Not just the bikini, Shraddha knows how to get the saree look right as well. In one of the scenes from Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar, she turned up the heat in a yellow saree.

SHAH RUKH KHAN-DEEPIKA'S FILM SETS RECORD IN ADVANCE BOOKING, EYES A BUMPER OPENING



Given the enthusiastic response of movie-goers in advance booking, industry experts are confident that Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Pathaan" will open somewhere between Rs 45 to 50 crore at the box office. The Yash Raj Films project, which marks Shah Rukh's return to leading men roles after 2018's "Zero", is set to hit cinema halls a day before the Republic Day, which gives the Hindi film a five-day extended opening weekend. The advance bookings for "Pathaan", backed by Yash Raj Films, opened from January 20. The film is reportedly set to be released across India in 5,000 screens. It is a first Shah Rukh

Khan film to have 6 am shows. Trade expert Taran Adarsh said "Pathaan" will revive Bollywood and will mark the beginning of a fantastic 2023 for the industry, which went through a lean period during covid and in 2022. "The film is going to take a historic start at the box office with opening day collections of Rs 45 to Rs 50 cr. The box office revival will begin with 'Pathaan', especially looking at its advance booking, which is very rare. It is a great start to 2023 despite being a working day," Adarsh told PTI.

"Pathaan" will feature Shah Rukh in the role of the titular spy agent. According to the leading ticketing platform BookMyShow (BMS), over one million tickets have been booked. The advance sales for "Pathaan" have been opening up in phases with over 3,500 screens available on BMS so far, besides there is a surge in demand to open up early morning shows as well. "The response across India has been phenomenal with cinephiles choosing a cinematic experience as they opt for varied formats including 2D, IMAX and 4DX across cities," Ashish Saksena, COO, Cinemas, BookMyShow, said in a statement. Shah Rukh took a break from movies after the lukewarm performance of "Zero". In between, the actor has only made cameo appearances in R Madhavan's "Rocketry: The Nambi Effect" (Hindi version) and Ayan Mukerji-directed blockbuster "Brahmastra Part One: Shiva". Not just multiplexes, the film is enjoying bumper advance booking in single-screen theatres as well. Mumbai's popular single-screen theatre Gaiety, Galaxy and Maratha Mandir has ticket bookings of 70 to 80 per cent.

FUKREY 3: POSTERS OF RICHA CHADHA, VARUN SHARMA-STARRER RECEIVE MIXED RESPONSES, FANS ASK 'ALI FAZAL KAHA HAI?'



After entertaining the audiences with sleeper hits Fukrey (2013), and Fukrey Returns (2017), the Fukrey boys are back with Fukrey 3. The new posters of the upcoming crime-comedy have been released online. The film will mark the return of the OG cast, Richa Chadha, Pankaj Tripathi, Manjot Singh, Varun Sharma and Pukit Samrat. However, Ali Fazal, who was a prominent part of the series is missing from Fukrey 3. The production house Excel Entertainment launched the posters online, and promised, "Iss baar hoga chamatkaar, straight from Jamnapari! #Fukrey3 arriving in cinemas on 7th September, 2023." As soon as the posters were unveiled, netizens and filmgoers noticed Ali's absence. In the comment section, mostly the posters met with a query about Fazal. A user asked, "Ali kidhar hai?" Another user exclaimed, "Ali Bhai!" One of the users wrote, "Zafar bhai ke bina inn fukro ka kya kare." One of the netizen asked, "Ali Fazal nahi hai?" For the unversed, Fukrey 3 will be the third instalment in the crime-comedy franchise. The first part was released in 2013 with Ali, Richa, Pukit, Manjot, and Varun in primary roles. Pankaj Tripathi was seen in a supporting role. The super-success of Fukrey encouraged the makers to turn the film into a franchise, and they brought Fukrey Returns in 2017. The second instalment also met with positive responses from the masses and critics, and it went on to become a successful sequel. Fukrey 3 will also be Richa Chadha's first film after marrying Ali Fazal. The wedding reception of Bollywood actors Ali Fazal and Richa Chadha in October was a star-studded affair.

RANBIR KAPOOR'S TONED HOT BODY IN STILLS FROM TU JHOOTHI MAIN MAKKAAR IS SETTING TEMPERATURES HIGH

After a long wait, the makers of Ranbir Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor's upcoming film Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar have finally released the trailer. There was a lot of build-up regarding the film, ever since the news of Ranbir working in a Luv Ranjan film broke. Indeed one of the most anticipated films of 2023, the Luv Ranjan directorial sees Ranbir and Shraddha coming on the screen for the first time.

The trailer has already generated praise-worthy comments on social media and people are eagerly waiting to see Ranbir and Shraddha in different avatars. While the trailer showcases the different looks of Ranbir and Shraddha, some stills of Ranbir from the film have been doing the rounds. In the photos, the actor is seen donning yellow shorts paired with black sunnies. His stubble is surely complementing well with his look. He is seen showing off his chiseled abs and toned body, truly redefining hotness. Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar is directed by Luv Ranjan, produced by Luv Films' Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg, and presented by T-Series' Gulshan Kumar and Bhushan Kumar. The film hits screens worldwide on the Holi, 8th March 2023.



KATRINA KAIF REACHES 70 MILLION FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM, CELEBRATES WITH A RADIANT SMILE



Bollywood diva Katrina Kaif has been reigning over the hearts for almost 2 decades now and the count seems to be increasing day by day. Over the years the beautiful actress has managed to win a loyal fan base who follow her on social media platforms. For sure Katrina is not having Monday blues as the actress has reached 70 Million followers on Instagram. The Bollywood beauty woke up to this amazing news today and is all smiles. She took to her Instagram account to express her happiness and uploaded a cute photo showing her gratitude to her Insta family. She wrote, "Here looking at u.....my 70 mil #instafamily". Many fans dropped congratulatory messages for Katrina's achievement. Katrina's celebrity friends like Zoya Akhtar among others also reacted to her post. Katrina is among a few celebrities like Deepika Padukone, Shraddha Kapoor and Alia Bhatt who have crossed the mark of 70 million followers on Instagram. Reacting to the post one of Katrina's fans wrote, "You deserve every bit of success you have garnered. Here's to another 70 million." Another fan wrote, "How can she look so young?" One more fan commented, "Please post more pictures, we are already missing you a lot." A fan wrote, "Love you forever queen. God bless you, keep growing! Always stay happy." "Congratulations love", wrote another.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA REVEALS UNIQUE RITUAL THAT HELPS HER TO STAY CONNECTED TO NICK JONAS



Indian actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas praises her American pop-star husband Nick Jonas for being wise "beyond his years." Married to Nick since 2018, the actress revealed how he helps her to overcome her insecurities, reports aceshowbiz.com. "He's a wise man beyond his years ... I get affirmations from him all the time, to remind me of my value when I forget or when I get insecure. He just sees through the fog for me. He sees the best in people," the star said. Priyanka and Nick, 30, have both enjoyed huge success during their careers. And the couple, who have a 12-month-old daughter called Malti, have a unique ritual that helps them to stay connected. Priyanka told British Vogue magazine: "We didn't know each other's careers before we met. Like, didn't know them well. So we do a show and tell once in a while and share random things that we've done to show the other person what we were like when we were younger." The actress enjoyed significant success in the Indian film industry before she made the switch to Hollywood. The 'Baywatch' star hopes that she can become an inspiration for other aspiring actresses in Asia.

MALAIIKA ARORA LOOKS UBER GLAMOROUS IN FIGURE-HUGGING BLUE DRESS



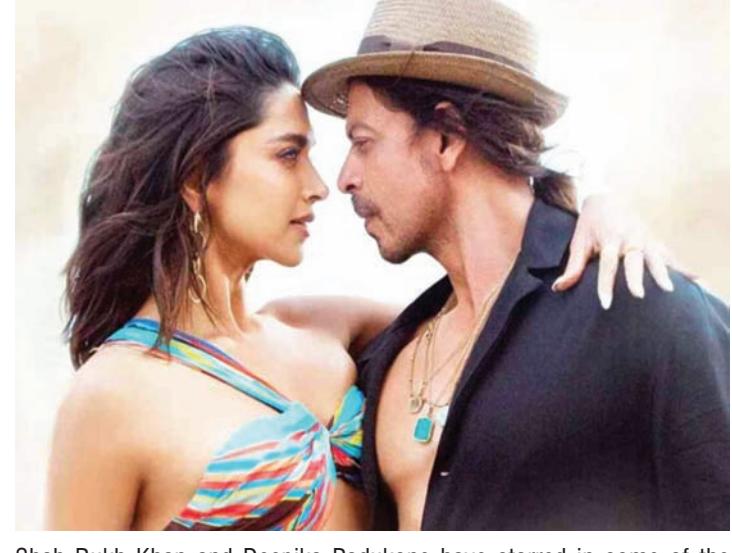
MALAIIKA ARORA LOOKS BREATHTAKING IN A ROYAL BLUE DRESS WITH A THIGH-HIGH SLIT. (IMAGE: INSTAGRAM).



KAREENA KAPOOR REACTS TO 'BOYCOTT BOLLYWOOD' TREND: 'IF THAT HAPPENS, HOW WILL WE ENTERTAIN...'

Kareena Kapoor Khan had a busy weekend as she attended the Indian Chamber of Commerce-Young Leaders Forum event in Kolkata on Sunday. At the event, Kareena was asked about the Boycott Bollywood trend and the ongoing cancel culture. Kareena said, "I don't agree with it at all." She added, "If that happens, how will we entertain, how will you have the joy and happiness in your life, which, I think everybody needs. Agar films nahi hogi toh entertainment kaisa hoga (What about entertainment if there are no films)?"

DEEPIKA PADUKONE SAYS SHE SHARES A 'BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP' WITH PATHAAN CO-STAR SHAH RUKH KHAN: 'MY FAVOURITE CO-STAR...'



Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone have starred in some of the biggest hits in Bollywood, including the 2007 film Om Shanti Om, which was incidentally Deepika's debut. The duo is ready to return with the spy-

thriller Pathaan, directed by Siddharth Anand. In a video shared by the production house Yash Raj Films, Deepika spoke about her chemistry with SRK. "Shah Rukh and I have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to work in some incredible movies starting with Om Shanti Om. I'm collaborating with my most favourite co-star. We have a beautiful relationship and I think the audience always see that in the movies that we do," said Deepika. Talking about their chemistry, she said, "Well, he and I can both take credit for that. Again, he was also on this intense diet and exercise. So, he and I can both take credit for the work we have put individually. But at the end of the day, it is the team that you work with." Deepika further said, "Whether it is the director (Siddharth Anand) and his vision or it's the cinematographer (Satchit Paulose) and how he is envisioning lighting us, whether it's the stylist (Shaleena Nathan) – how she envisions these characters, whether it is your hair and make-up team. So, it's your entire team that sort of comes together, so sure you can put in the work and do the best you can but you also have incredible world class professionals who come in and make us look the way we do." Pathaan, a part of Aditya Chopra's ambitious spy universe, will release in theatres on January 25, 2023 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

OSCAR 2023 NOMINATIONS TODAY: 4 INDIAN FILMS IN RUNNING FOR NOMINATIONS IN ACADEMY AWARDS, HERE'S ALL YOU SHOULD KNOW

The Academy Awards 2023 nominations are today and they are especially special for Indians as four titles from the country have been shortlisted. The final nominations will be announced today - January 24. The 2023 Oscar nominations will be announced by Riz Ahmed and Allison Williams. Here are all the details of the films and nominations this year.

Oscar 2023 nominations time in India

As per an official statement, the event will be aired on Tuesday at 5:30 am PST/8:30 am EST. As per Indian Standard Time (IST), it will air at 7 pm.

How can you watch Academy Awards 2023 online?

The presentation for Oscar nominations will be live-streamed on Oscar.com, Oscars.org, or on the Academy's social media channels, including YouTube.

Indian titles shortlisted for nomination in Oscar 2023

95th Academy Awards shortlist, India's official entry

Chhello Show

The Gujarati film Chhello Show has been selected as India's entry to the Oscars 2023 under the Best International Feature Film category. Chhello Show, or as it is called in English Last Film Show, is presented by Sidharth Roy Kapur under his banner Roy Kapur Films. Pan Nalin has co-produced the film under his own company Monsoon Films, along with Jugaad Motion Pictures.

As per the official website of the Academy, "Chhello Show" is set to contend with 14 other films, including "Argentina, 1985" (Argentina), "Decision to Leave" (South Korea), "All Quiet on the Western Front" (Germany), "Close" (Belgium) and "The Blue Caftan" (Morocco).

All That Breathes

Shaunak Sen's All That Breathes is an internationally co-produced Hindi title and is looking to gain the top spot produced Hindi title, is vying for

spot in the top five of the best documentary feature category.

The Delhi-based documentary follows two siblings, Mohammad Saud and Nadeem Shehzad, who have devoted their lives to rescuing and treating injured birds, especially black kites.

Other 14 shortlisted nominees in the category include, "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed", "Bad Axe", "Children of the Mist", "Descendant", "Fire of Love", "Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, a Journey, a Song", "Hidden Letters", "A House Made of Splinters", "The Janes", "Last Flight Home", "Moonage Daydream", "Navalny", "Retrograde", and "The Territory".

The Elephant Whisperers

Kartiki Gonsalves' The Elephant Whisperers is a documentary film that shows the unbreakable bond between two abandoned elephants and their caretakers. The film is produced by Oscar winner Guneet Monga of "Period. End of Sentence" fame.

Apart from the Tamil title, the other contenders include, "The Flagmakers", "Nuisance Bear", "Shut Up and Paint", "Angola Do You Hear Us? Voices from a Plantation Prison", "Anastasia", and nine other documentaries shorts in the section.

Naatu Naatu song from the blockbuster film 'RRR'

The hit song Naatu Naatu from the film RRR has secured a place in the best music (original song) shortlist. Naatu Naatu also recently won the Golden Globes this year and the Critics Choice Award. The song is composed by MM Keeravaani and written by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj

The pan-India film follows a pre-independence fictional story entangled around two real-life Indian revolutionaries - Alluri Sitarama Raju, played by Ram Charan, and Komaram Bheem, played by Jr NTR - in the 1920s.

Conman claims Nora took money from him to buy house in Morocco

Conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar, in a new statement, has revealed that he paid money to Nora Fatehi for a house in Morocco. This comes after Nora alleged that Sukesh promised her a big house and lavish lifestyle if she becomes his girlfriend. Nora Fatehi recently recorded fresh statements in connection to her alleged involvement in the Rs 215 crore exhortation case involving Sukesh. Actor Jacqueline Fernandez is also involved in the matter. In a recent statement to the media, Sukesh was quoted as saying, "Today she (Nora) talks about me promising her a house, but she already has taken a large amount from me to purchase a house for her family in Casablanca, Morocco, all these new stories are crafted by her to escape law after ED statement 9 months ago given by her."

PATHAAN HAS THE POWER TO ALTER THE INDUSTRY, BUT IS SHAH RUKH KHAN'S FILM TOO LATE TO THE SHARED UNIVERSE PARTY?



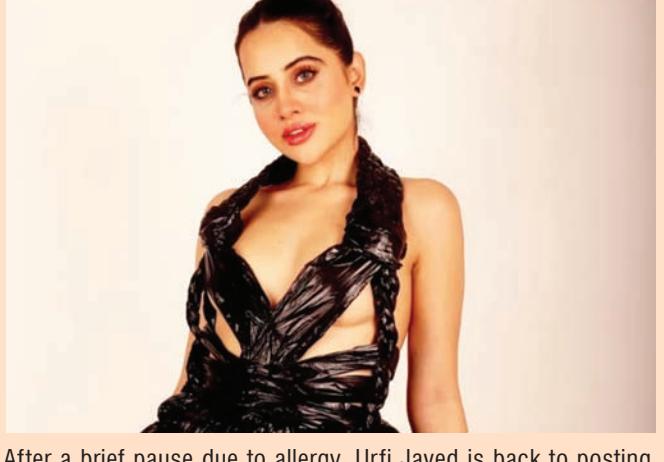
More than a decade after Kevin Feige and the folks at Marvel introduced modern audiences to the concept of shared universes in films, India is finally catching on. But while all eyes are on Pathaan mostly for Shah Rukh Khan-related purposes, it's important to remember that the film is practically an acid test for homegrown shared universes. Thus far, we've had two major attempts at crafting interconnected franchises, and both of them have been put together retroactively, probably around the time when Marvel was at its peak. Director Rohit Shetty's first Singham film was released in 2011, but it wasn't until 2018's Simmba that he first teased his grand plans. The build-up culminated with 2021's Sooryavanshi, which united stars Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh and Akshay Kumar on the big screen, and made a fair chunk of change. Shetty will continue expanding the franchise on streaming, with the Sidharth Malhotra-led Indian Police Force, and a new movie that Ranveer recently said in an interview will blow the audience's minds. Elsewhere, producer Dinesh Vijan decided to expand the universe first established in the hit horror comedy Stree, but this one hasn't quite taken off in the way that they would have liked. Roohi bombed and drew harsh critical reception, but it was the commercial underperformance of last year's Bhediya that really raised some eyebrows. Things got so out of hand that they stopped calling it a horror comedy at all, choosing to describe the film as a 'creature comedy', and insisting that a Rs 70 crore gross was worth boasting about, despite a reported budget in the Rs 80 crore range.

EMRAAN HASHMI SAYS AKSHAY KUMAR WAS A 'FARISHTA' DURING HIS SON'S CANCER BATTLE: 'HE WAS FIRST TO CALL, STOOD BY MY FAMILY'



Actor Emraan Hashmi on Sunday said his Selfie co-star actor Akshay Kumar was the first one to reach out to him like an "angel" when his son Ayaan was diagnosed with cancer. In 2014, Ayaan was diagnosed with first-stage cancer. In 2019, he was declared cancer free. During the trailer launch of his upcoming film Selfie, which features a face off between Emraan, playing an RTO officer, and Akshay Kumar, who plays a movie star, the former was asked how was it to work with the Ram Setu actor. "I felt bad mouthing those lines. I've followed him as a fan, I've adored him. I've gotten the privilege of knowing him in the past few years. He was there for me when there was a health issue with my son. He was the first one to call and stand by me, stand by family our family. "I didn't know him well back then. A lot of people surround you in your good times but bura waqt mein jo farishtey aate hai (the angels who come to you in your tough times), that's Akshay," Emraan said at the event.

URFI JAVID POSES IN DRESS MADE FROM GARBAGE BAG, SAYS 'CAN WEAR IT ON RED CARPET'; TWITTER TROLLS HER FOR WEARING TRASH



After a brief pause due to allergy, Urvi Javed is back to posting pictures of her quirky fashion choices. The model, known for her outlandish outfits, used a garbage bag to make a dress for herself this time. And as soon as Urvi posted the picture of herself in the dress, she was flooded with comments, both positive and slightly mean. On Tuesday morning, Urvi took to Twitter to share a picture of herself where she is wearing a black dress made of polyethylene bags. The bags have been fashioned to make a halter-neck short dress and Urvi stares at the camera wearing it in the picture. "Dress made from dustbin bag," the former Splitsville contestant captioned the post. In a longer video on Instagram, Urvi wrote, "I could literally wear this to a red carpet event not kidding." Urvi's latest bizarre fashion choice had the internet in splits. "That's good idea only two Rs cost," read one comment. Another wrote, "It's called wrapper not dress." Some Twitter users had a little fun at Urvi's expense in the comment section of the picture. One wrote, "Good one. Bag me kachra bhi hai (The bag has garbage too)."

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IND VS NZ 3RD ODI: INDIA BECOME NEW NO.1 ODI TEAM IN WORLD AS THEY CLEAN SWEEP NEW ZEALAND IN INDORE

The Indian Cricket team on Tuesday thumped the New Zealand side in the 3rd ODI by 90 runs to clean sweep the series by 3-0. With this win, the Indian team has become the new No.1 ODI team in the world as they have gone past England, who now stand on second. Meanwhile, New Zealand are pushed to fourth. Batting first, India posted a decent total of 385 as Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill scored their centuries. In reply, New Zealand were all out for 295 in 41.2 overs with Devon Conway scoring a 100-ball 138. Conway inflicted life in the match and kept his team in the hunt. While Rohit hit 101 off 85 balls, Gill scored a 78-ball 112, after the visitors asked India to bat at the Holkar Cricket Stadium. Virat Kohli chipped in with 36 off 27 balls after the opening duo added 212 runs in 26.1 overs. Later, Hardik Pandya smashed a 38-ball 54 to power India. In the bowling India started well as Pandya got Allen. However, Conway and Nicholls batted well, before the later departed. When New Zealand were proving hot for India, Shardul came and took three wickets in his two overs, sending Mitchell, Latham and Phillips back. When Umran got Conway and Kuldeep sent back Bracewell, it became a formality as India drew curtains.

India clean sweep New Zealand for third time

Notably, this is the third time that India have clean-swept New Zealand in an ODI series. The first of them came in 1988-89 when India defeated Kiwis by 4-0 in India. The second such occasion came in 2010 when



India won by 5-0, that too in India. India were on the third spot before the match with an equal number of rating points (113) with England and New Zealand but now have gone clear on the top spot. Rohit's men now have 114 ratings, while England are on second with 113, Australia take the third spot with 112 ratings, and New Zealand, who were No.1 before this series, are now on fourth with 111 ratings. For turning the match in the later part of the second innings, Shardul Thakur has adjudged as Player of the match. He took three wickets to send shockwaves in the New Zealand camp. Meanwhile, Shubman Gill is named the player of the series with 360 runs in the innings, including 2 hundred.

SHUBMAN GILL EQUALS BABAR AZAM'S RECORD AFTER CENTURY AGAINST NEW ZEALAND

India youngster Shubman Gill equaled Pakistan's modern-day maestro Babar Azam to become the joint highest run-getter in a three-match bilateral ODI series. Gill equaled the record set by Babar (360 runs) which he achieved in 2015-16 three-match ODI series against West Indies. Babar played, three games and scored centuries in all three, thereby scoring 360 runs at a stupendous average of 120. His highest was 123. Meanwhile, Gill completed the feat against New Zealand as he kicked off the series with a double century in Hyderabad. After slamming 208 runs, he accounted for 40 unbeaten runs in the second match in Raipur as India went past New Zealand with 8 wickets in hand. Moreover, in the third and final ODI match, he slumped 112 off 78 balls, hence aggregating exactly 360 runs. Had he scored one more, he would have overtaken Babar Azam. Meanwhile, in Indore, he came out to bat with Rohit Sharma as India won the toss. Both took the Kiwi attack to the sword as India had an opening stand of 212 runs. By the time Gill departed, India had already scored 230 runs on board.



ROHIT SHARMA, SHUBMAN GILL HIT CENTURIES TO GUIDE INDIA TO 385/9.

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SOUTH KOREA STUN GIANTS ARGENTINA, GERMANY REGISTER CAKEWALK OVER FRANCE AS QF TEAMS CONFIRMED

South Korea and Germany registered wins in their respective crossover matches on Monday. The Korean side stunned the 2016 Olympic Games champion Argentina in a penalty shootout, while the German team cruised past France easily to book their spot in the quarterfinals. With this, all eight teams of the quarterfinals are confirmed.

The South Koreans, who had finished third in Pool B, won 3-2 in the penalty shootout after the two sides were locked 5-5 in regulation time in an entertaining and high-scoring crossover match at the near-full Kalinga Stadium. They rode on an inspired performance from their 38-year-old veteran Jang Jonghyun, who converted two penalty corners. Veteran captain Lee Nam Yong, 39, was also among the scorers as he struck the equalising goal in the 56th minute while Kim Sunghyun (18th) and Jeong Junwoo (20th) scored the other goals for the South Koreans in the regulation time. Nicolas Keenan (21st and 47th minutes) as well as

Nicolas Della Torre (24th and 41st) struck twice each for Argentina while Maico Casella (8th minute) scored the other goal in the regulation time. South Korea remained the only Asian country in the quarterfinals and will face Pool C toppers the Netherlands on Wednesday. Argentina will play against Chile in their 9th to 16th classification match on January 26 in Rourkela. Earlier in the day, Germany pumped in three goals in the second quarter to beat France 5-1 in their crossover match and make it to the quarterfinals. Marco Miltkau (15th minute) gave Germany the lead in the first quarter with a field effort before a three-goal burst in the second. Niklas Wellen (19th), Mats Grambusch (23rd) and Moritz Trompert (25th) were on target in the second quarter. Gonzalo Peillat (60th), who had earlier represented Argentina, struck from the penalty in the last minute of the match. Germany earned as many as nine penalty corners from which they scored twice.

MICHAEL CLARKE QUESTIONS CA'S TACTICS OF NOT PLAYING TOUR GAME BEFORE TEST SERIES

Former Australia captain Michael Clarke cannot fathom why Pat Cummins' side is not playing practice or tour games ahead of the Border-Gavaskar series, beginning in India on February 9. Australia will be touring India for the four-Test series, with the opening game scheduled at Nagpur, and Clarke opined that not playing a tour game could have a "significant" impact on the outcome. "That's the part (not playing tour games) I don't understand," Clarke was quoted as saying by Big Sports Breakfast on Tuesday. "The no tour game before the first Test in India. I hope I'm proven wrong but I think that is going to be significant." Clarke, who played 115 Tests and scored more than 8,600 runs, added that playing 20-over or 50-over games in India was completely different from competing in the longest format, especially while countering spin. "You need a completely different plan to what you have (been) playing in Australia, the way you start your innings against spin bowling, the way you play reverse swing, through the Australian summer we didn't see any reverse swing, the games were over in two, three days," he said. Former Australia wicketkeeper Ian Healy too had recently expressed surprise at the side not playing a tour game, saying he was a "little bit worried". Clarke added that the probability of India playing at least two spinner in the four-Test series could well favour them, given that the Australians are predominantly playing quick bowlers. "So reverse swing is going to play a big part (in India), all these batters that walk out and play bowlers bowling 130-140ks -- there's every chance India is going to play at least two spinners, so it's a completely different game." Australia will likely arrive in India in the middle of next week, giving them around seven days to tune up for the gruelling series, and Clarke felt that wouldn't be enough.

CRISTIANO RONALDO MIGHT COME TO INDIA AND FACE INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE CLUBS

Cristiano Ronaldo is on the last leg of his legendary soccer career. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid stalwart has moved to Saudi Arabia and will possibly spend the last phase of his career in Asia. Ronaldo played his last FIFA World Cup in Qatar but he failed to claim the grand prize, the coveted World Cup trophy. Portugal were ousted from the tournament after their defeat to Morocco in the quarter-final stage. Ronaldo is currently a part of Al Nassar FC and he will continue to play for them till 2025. After his heroics for Juventus, the Portugal captain moved to Manchester United, but after his explosive interview with English journalist with Piers Morgan, CR7 had a massive fallout with the club.

'I CAN GO ALL THE WAY,' SAYS NOVAK DJOKOVIC AFTER OVERWHELMING ALEX DE MINAUR

In just a week, Novak Djokovic went from being uncertain about his ability to play a match due to his injured left hamstring to feeling confident in his chances of winning the Australian Open. A pain-free and nearly flawless performance in the fourth round on Monday greatly boosted his confidence. "Tonight, the way I played, the way I felt, gives me reason now to believe that I can go all the way," Djokovic said after completely overwhelming 22nd-seeded Alex de Minaur 6-2 6-1 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals for the 13th time at Melbourne Park and 54th time at all Grand Slam tournaments.

HARMANPREET KAUR, DEEPTI SHARMA AMONG NOTABLE GAINERS IN WOMEN'S T20I RANKINGS

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur jumped three places to reach the 11th position in the latest ICC women's T20I player rankings amid her stellar run in the ongoing tri-series in South Africa. While Kaur's 35-ball 56 not out against the West Indies saw her knocking on the doors of world's top 10, all-rounder Deepti Sharma's knock of 33 in the preceding win against South Africa has taken her to a career-best 25th position. Deepti has also moved up one place to second among all-rounders in the latest weekly update. India opener Smriti Mandhana, who was named Player of the Match against the Windies for striking 74 not out off 51 balls, remains the top-ranked batter from her country in third position, earning nine rating points to reach 736 points. Mandhana was ranked second in September last year and is now 24 points behind Beth Mooney in the list led by Tahlia McGrath with 814 points. South Africa captain Sune Luus's scores of 29 and 30 in two matches see her move from 47th to 45th position. Chloe Tryon and Marizanne Kapp have also progressed.

NEW ZEALAND TOUR OF INDIA, 2023

IND VS NZ

ODI

1 st ODI	18 th JANUARY	HYDERABAD
2 nd ODI	21 st JANUARY	RAIPUR
3 rd ODI	24 th JANUARY	INDORE
T20I		
1 st T20I	27 th JANUARY	RANCHI
2 nd T20I	29 th JANUARY	LUCKNOW
3 rd T20I	1 st FEBRUARY	AHMEDABAD

AUSTRALIA TOUR OF INDIA 2023

M. NO	MATCH TYPE	DATE	DAY	VENUE
1	1 ST TEST	FEB 9-13	.	NAGPUR
2	2 ND TEST	FEB 17-21	.	DELHI
3	3 RD TEST	MAR 1-5	.	DHARAMSALA
4	4 TH TEST	MAR 9-13	.	AHMEDABAD
5	1 ST ODI	MAR 17	FRIDAY	MUMBAI
6	2 ND ODI	MAR 19	SUNDAY	VIZAG
7	3 RD ODI	MAR 22	WEDNESDAY	CHENNAI

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MATCH SCHEDULE

POOL A			
AUSTRALIA			
ARGENTINA			
FRANCE			
SOUTH AFRICA			
POOL B			
BELGIUM			
GERMANY			
JAPAN			
KOREA			
POOL C			
CHILE			
MALAYSIA			
NETHERLANDS			
NEW ZEALAND			
POOL D			
ENGLAND			
INDIA			
SPAIN			
WALES			

DATE	PLACE	N°	POOL	TIME	MATCH
FRI 13 JULY	BHUBANESWAR	1	A	13:00	ARGENTINA VS SOUTH AFRICA
	BHUBANESWAR	2	A	15:00	AUSTRALIA VS FRANCE
	ROURKELA	3	D	17:00	ENGLAND VS WALES
	ROURKELA	4	D	19:00	INDIA VS SPAIN
SAT 14 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	5	B	13:00	BELGIUM VS KOREA
	BHUBANESWAR	6	B	15:00	GERMANY VS JAPAN
	ROURKELA	7	C	17:00	NEW ZEALAND VS CHILE
	ROURKELA	8	C	19:00	NETHERLANDS VS MALAYSIA
SUN 15 JAN					REST DAY
MON 16 JAN	ROURKELA	9	C	13:00	MALAYSIA VS CHILE
	ROURKELA	10	C	15:00	NEW ZEALAND VS NETHERLANDS
	BHUBANESWAR	11	B	17:00	KOREA VS JAPAN
	BHUBANESWAR	12	B	19:00	GERMANY VS BELGIUM
TUE 17 JAN	ROURKELA	13	A	13:00	ARGENTINA VS AUSTRALIA
	ROURKELA	14	A	15:00	FRANCE VS SOUTH AFRICA
	BHUBANESWAR	15	D	17:00	SPAIN VS WALES
	BHUBANESWAR	16	D	19:00	ENGLAND VS INDIA
WED 18 JAN					REST DAY
THU 19 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	17	C	13:00	NETHERLANDS VS CHILE
	BHUBANESWAR	18	C	15:00	MALAYSIA VS NEW ZEALAND
	ROURKELA	19	A	17:00	AUSTRALIA VS SOUTH AFRICA
	ROURKELA	20	A	19:00	FRANCE VS ARGENTINA
FRI 20 JAN	ROURKELA	21	B	13:00	BELGIUM VS JAPAN
	ROURKELA	22	B	15:00	KOREA VS GERMANY
	BHUBANESWAR	23	D	17:00	SPAIN VS ENGLAND
	BHUBANESWAR	24	D	19:00	INDIA VS WALES

DATE	PLACE	N°	POOL	TIME	MATCH
SAT 21 JAN					REST DAY
SUN 22 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	25	CO ¹	16:30	2nd POOL C VS 3rd POOL D
	BHUBANESWAR	26	CO ¹	19:00	2nd POOL D VS 3rd POOL C
MON 23 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	27	CO ¹	16:30	2nd POOL A VS 3rd POOL B
	BHUBANESWAR	28	CO ¹	19:00	2nd POOL B VS 3rd POOL A
TUE 24 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	29	QF ²	16:30	1st POOL A VS Winner match 25
	BHUBANESWAR	30	QF ²	19:00	1st POOL B VS Winner match 26
WED 25 JAN	BHUBANESWAR	31	QF ²	16:30	1st POOL C VS Winner match 27
	BHUBANESWAR	32	QF ²	19:00	1st POOL D VS Winner match 28
THU 26 JAN	ROURKELA	33	9/16 ¹	11:30	4th POOL A VS Loser match 25
	ROURKELA	34	9/16 ¹	14:00	4th POOL B VS Loser match 26
	ROURKELA	35	9/16 ¹	16:30	4th POOL C VS Loser match 27
	ROURKELA	36	9/16 ^{1</sup}		



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