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Showdown is set: Trump and Harris plan to debate in September

By Nadine Yousif & Nadine Yousif

ABC News has said it will host the first debate between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris on 10 September. The network confirmed the showdown in a post on X, formerly Twitter, after Trump said on Thursday that he would be open to debating his Democratic rival multiple times before the November election.

"We think we should do three debates," Trump said, suggesting two additional debates that he said would be hosted by Fox News and NBC, respectively.

Ms Harris confirmed that she will attend the ABC debate while at an event in Michigan on Thursday, and said later that she would be open to additional debates.

The network said the debate will be moderated by World News Tonight anchor and managing editor David Muir and ABC News Live Prime anchor Linsey Davis.

"I am looking forward to debating Donald Trump and we have a date of September 10. I hear he's finally committed to it and I'm looking forward to it," Ms Harris said at the event in Detroit.

Mr Trump, the Republican candidate, debated President Joe Biden once in June.

The two were slated to do so again on 10 September but Mr Biden withdrew from the presidential race after a disastrous performance against Trump in the televised matchup. That paved the way for Ms Harris to become the Democratic nominee.

The confirmation of the debate on ABC marks an end to a back-and-forth that followed Mr Biden's decision to leave the race between the Trump and Harris campaigns over



that planned showdown. Trump had previously said that he wanted a debate hosted by the conservative network Fox News, saying it would take place in Pennsylvania, "at a site in an area to be determined". The Harris campaign had maintained they would still like to debate Trump on 10 September.

At a news conference on Thursday at his Mar-a-Lago resort, Trump also said he would like to debate Ms Harris two additional times - on 4 September on Fox News and on 25 September on NBC.

Trump said that CBS will host a debate between the two vice-presidential nominees, Republican JD Vance and Democratic Tim Walz.

NBC News is reportedly in discussions with both campaigns about a potential debate this autumn, the New York Times reported.

Fox News said it sent formal letters to both campaigns last month proposing a September debate in Pennsylvania, though the Harris campaign said on Thursday that "Trump has to show

up" to the ABC debate before they confirm any further showdowns. Trump also criticised Ms Harris for not taking reporter questions or doing an interview since she became the likely Democratic nominee just over two weeks ago.

He called her "barely competent" and criticised her intelligence.

Later on Thursday, Ms Harris told reporters that she has asked her team to "get an interview scheduled" before the end of the month.

Trump's hour-long event was held amid reports that his campaign is feeling the pressure from Democrats, who have new enthusiasm under Ms Harris and have been dominating headlines.

National and battleground state polls suggest her campaign has gained ground in recent days, though the race for the White House remains a close contest.

The former president denied he had "recalibrated" his campaign to challenge Ms Harris instead of Mr Biden, and he appeared to prickle when

asked about the audience Ms Harris draws at rallies.

"Oh, give me a break," he said, arguing that crowds at his rallies were larger than at hers.

His Thursday news conference is the first he has held in several months, as his campaign has previously focused on holding rallies across the country.

Trump also praised his running mate Mr Vance, who was recently under fire for comments he made in 2021 when he said those without children shouldn't be leading the country and that women who don't have children are "miserable" and "childless cat ladies".

"I have to tell you, JD Vance has really stepped up," Trump said. "He's doing a fantastic job."

He took aim at Ms Harris' track record on immigration and the economy.

He said that 20 million people had come over the US's southern border with Mexico, possibly many more, during the Biden-Harris administration.

Since Mr Biden took office, the US Customs and Border Protection agency says almost 10.1 million crossings have been recorded.

While this is a significant increase on Mr Trump's time in power and the highest figure recorded under any US administration, the 20 million figure does not seem probable.

The former president also said his tax cuts were "the biggest in history".

But according to analysis by the independent Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, they were the eighth-largest since 1918 measured as a percentage of the size of the economy (GDP), and the fourth-largest in dollar terms since 1940 adjusted for inflation.

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- make reliable and good information available to prospective students and their families



- have pre-arrival and post-arrival supports in place for international students to maximize their chances to succeed in Canada
- foster greater collaboration between sectors, partners and stakeholders who are part of and/or connected to the international education ecosystem
- encourage transparent and open dialogue about serious problems and work together to find meaningful solutions that address the root causes of problems

Media Participants
The event featured media lead-

ers from Asian Journal, Asian Star, Canada Tabloid, Darpan Magazine, Drishti Magazine, Entertainment Magazine, Leader Now Newspaper, Link Newspaper, Red FM, Times of Canada, and VOICE Newspaper. Appeal and Impact of International Students in Canada Canada is a top choice for international students due to its quality education, safety, respect for diversity, work options, and pathways to careers and permanent residency. Over the past decade, international student numbers have surged, with a 43% increase in the last five years and a 170%

increase over the last decade. These students contribute more than \$22 billion annually to the economy and support over 370,000 jobs.

Challenges and the Way Forward

Despite the growth, resources have not always kept pace, leading to concerns about ethics, compliance, and student exploitation. The recent reforms announced by the Canadian government aim to address these issues.

Dr. Gopal highlighted the importance of collaboration, stating, “Together, with our partners and stakeholders, we will overcome challenges and uphold Canada’s reputation as a premier destination for world-class education. By collaborating, we can ensure that Canada remains a welcoming and top-tier choice for international students, strengthening Brand Canada globally.” Ms. Jaya-Madhavan committed that the dialogue initiated by MSM Group today will continue and the future sessions will include invitations to senior government officials, student and organizational leaders across Canada.

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India's Vinesh Phogat out of Olympics after failing weigh-in

India's top female wrestler Vinesh Phogat has been disqualified after failing the weigh-in ahead of the final match at the Olympic Games. The 29-year-old was scheduled to face the US's Sarah Hildebrandt in the 50kg freestyle category on Wednesday - which would have guaranteed her at least a silver medal.

But Phogat weighed in a few grams above the 50kg limit on the morning of the contest, the Indian Olympic Association said.

Her disqualification means she will not win any medal and will be ranked last in the competition.

The announcement has sparked heartbreak in India, where there has been an outpouring of disappointment.

This was Phogat's third appearance at the Olympics, and the closest she had ever been to winning a medal. On Tuesday, she became the



first Indian female wrestler to make it to the final, after she defeated Cuba's Yusneyls Guzman 5-0.

Her performance also included one of the biggest upsets at the Games so far, after she beat reigning world champion Yui Susaki from Japan to progress to the quarter-finals.

Reports say the wrestler was above the weight limit by 2kg on Tuesday night, following which she tried everything to shed the pounds - from cycling and jogging to skipping.

But "despite the best efforts by the team through the night, she weighed in a few grams over 50kg this morning", the Indian Olympic Association said in a statement.

Drastic weight loss before a bout is not uncommon as wrestlers go through an extreme process to meet the category limit, sometimes with just hours to go.

But this can be dangerous as it involves losing large amounts of fluids very quickly. The practice also occurs in other combat sports like boxing and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

In the previous two Olympics, Phogat had competed in the 53kg category. This was her first outing in the 50kg category and the wrestler reportedly struggled to meet the weight requirement during her Olympic qualifiers as well.

"The Indian team requests you respect Vinesh's privacy. It would like to focus on the competitions on hand," the association said, refusing to comment further.

Last year, Phogat had become the face of a months-long protest by wrestlers against their federation chief Brij

Bhushan Singh who was accused of sexually harassing female athletes - a charge he denies. The row made headlines globally, especially after the police detained Phogat and other wrestlers when they tried to march to India's new parliament building. After Wednesday's announcement, support poured in for the wrestler as fans said she was still a hero to them.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called her a "champion of champions" and said she was an inspiration for all Indians.

"Today's setback hurts. I wish words could express the sense of despair that I am experiencing," he wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

"At the same time, I know that you epitomise resilience. It has always been your nature to take challenges head on. Come back stronger! We are all rooting for you," he said.

By Cherylann Mollan

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER TO LEAD BANGLADESH INTERIM

By Kelly Ng & Gianluca Avagnina

Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus - a longtime political foe of Bangladesh's ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina - has been named the country's interim leader.

The 84-year-old was appointed a day after Ms Hasina fled the country following weeks of deadly protests that brought her resignation.

While Prof Yunus has been lauded for his pioneering use of microloans, Ms Hasina regarded him as a public enemy - he is currently on bail, appealing against a six-month jail term in what he has called a politically-motivated case.

Students who led the mass protests that unseated Ms Hasina refused to accept a military-led government and pushed for Prof Yunus to lead the interim administration.

The decision to name Prof Yunus as chief adviser of the interim government followed a meeting between President Mohammed Shahabuddin, military leaders and student leaders.

"When the students who sacrificed so much are requesting me to step in at this difficult juncture, how can I refuse?" Prof Yunus had said.

He is returning to Dhaka from Paris where he is undergoing a minor medical procedure, his spokesperson said.

The protests in Bangladesh began in early July with demands from university students to abolish quotas in civil service jobs, but snowballed into a broader anti-government movement.

In all, more than 400 people are reported to have died in clashes between government forces and protesters - mostly

civilians shot by police.

On Monday alone, more than 100 people died across the country, making it the single deadliest day in the movement. Hundreds of police stations were also torched.

Hours before protesters stormed and looted the former PM's official residence in the capital Dhaka, Ms Hasina resigned and fled to neighbouring India. That brought a swift and abrupt end to her nearly 15-year rule.

Even as Bangladesh's economy grew in the past decade, the former PM came under increasing criticism for silencing her critics and jailing her political opponents.

Some of them, such as ex-PM Khaleda Zia and activist Ahmad Bin Quasem, were released soon after Ms Hasina's hasty exit.

Ms Zia chairs the main

opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, which boycotted elections in 2014 and again in 2024, saying free and fair polls were not possible under Ms Hasina.

The 78-year-old was imprisoned in 2018 for corruption - charges, she said, were politically motivated.

Rights groups say Mr Quasem was detained in 2016, one of hundreds of forced disappearances during Ms Hasina's tenure. Prof Yunus, who was sentenced to six months in jail in January for violating labour laws, has said he too was a victim of Ms Hasina's ire.

He has faced other allegations in the past, going back to 2011 when he was accused of defaming Bangladesh's politicians.

In 1983, he started Grameen Bank, which offers micro, long-term loans to help poor

people start small businesses - a concept that has since taken off around the world.

He was accused of tax evasion and serving at Grameen Bank beyond the mandatory retirement age, which led to him being sacked - but Prof Yunus maintained that these were baseless charges. He, along with the bank, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for showing that "even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development".

He became known internationally as the "banker to the poor", but Ms Hasina called him a "bloodsucker" of the poor and accused his bank of charging exorbitant interest rates.

It was never clear what was the origin of the feud with Ms Hasina, but many believe it was his unsuccessful efforts to set up a political party.

Can 24-hour drinking zones transform a city?

When Frank Sinatra sang about “a city that never sleeps”, he probably wasn’t thinking about the economic boost that busy nightlife can provide to a metropolis.

Yet a growing number of cities around the world are increasingly homing in on ways to strengthen their night-time economy.

Around 100 cities now have some form of “night mayor” or “night tsar” in place, to spur this work.

But most of those cities, including London, Sydney, and Sinatra’s beloved New York, are not up all night. In other words, they don’t allow bars and nightclubs to remain open, and serve alcohol, 24 hours a day.

Nonetheless, later this year, Montreal - Canada’s second-largest city - is planning to take the leap into 24-hour nightlife.

Following in the footsteps of Berlin and Tokyo, venues in a new all-night district in Montreal’s city centre will be licensed to remain open, and serve alcohol, throughout the night.

City officials say the move will bring in hundreds of millions of dollars in additional revenue. Currently bars and clubs in the city have to close by 3am.

Montreal will become the first city in Canada to allow 24-hour drinking. In Toronto venues have to close by 2am, and it is 3am in Vancouver.

In the US, Las Vegas and New Orleans have long allowed



bars and clubs to stay open all night. While in New York the cut off time is 4am, and in Los Angeles it is 2am.

On the other side of the Atlantic, pubs in London still typically close at 11pm. The city does, however, have a handful of nightclubs and bars that stay open all night, thanks to flexible licensing laws.

On a warm Friday evening in July, the centre of Montreal is bustling; busy bars and restaurants line the wide, pedestrianised streets.

“This is an opportunity for economic growth,” says Erica Alneus, the city councillor behind the 24-hour plan.

“But it’s also to present, and reinforce, the cultural scene.”

In 2022, the annual financial value of Montreal’s nightlife was estimated to be worth C\$2.25bn (\$1.6bn; £1.3bn), according to advocacy group MTL 24/24. It says that from this, C\$121m went in tax to the government.

Clearly, Ms Alneus hopes those figures will increase when venues are allowed to

stay open all night.

But not everyone is supportive of the change: “We don’t have enough security for it,” says one concerned reveller.

A fellow citizen is worried about the practical implications: “It’s nice for people who like to party, but the Metro closes at 1.30am,” she says. “There has to be some kind of way people can go back home.”

Sergio Da Silva’s live music bar, Turbo Haus Club, is located on Saint Denis Street in Old Montreal. He says the planned changes haven’t been sufficiently considered.

“You can’t just say, ‘here are some 24-hour bars, go nuts!’” “There’s no infrastructure to uphold it. There’s no 24-hour public transport, there’s no extra security.”

“Then, there’s the cost of living. If people can’t afford to go out, no matter what 24-hour policy you put in, it doesn’t change anything,” he adds.

As the sun sets outside a different bar, L’île Noire, owner Michel Lavallée disagrees - he has a different take on the

closing-time situation.

“In Montreal, we close at 3am. People are drunk at 1am - and they’re super-drunk at 3am.”

“One of the problems we have is, at 3am it’s like madness. But if you expand the hours, there’s less problems, less demand for security,” he explains.

Ms Alneus agrees. She says the fact that so many bars and clubs all currently close at 3am presents problems for the police.

She believes by allowing 24-hour drinking, those venues that don’t wish to stay open all night will be able to close at different times across the night.

She maintains staggering closing time will bring “a bit more safety in nightlife areas”.

Mirik Milan, a club promoter and festival organiser, was appointed as night mayor for Amsterdam in 2012.

He says that during his six years in charge, alcohol-related violence and reports of nuisance fell by 20% and 30% respectively. Those statistics, he says, were vital for local politicians to demonstrate to voters that “we really managed the night in a better way”.

Mr Milan has gone on to co-found VibeLab, a nightlife consultancy advising governments around the world.

He says that when a city embraces nightlife as one of its key cultural assets, it can have billions of dollars of

positive impact on the local economy.

“It drives tourism. It brings in a lot of creative operators and businesses that want to be located in that city. And that has a huge impact on the city as a whole.”

Lutz Leichsenring, co-founder at VibeLab, has been instrumental in promoting nightlife as part of Berlin’s Clubcommission - the organisation which, since 2000, has represented approximately 280 nightclubs in the German capital.

“One of the strongest arguments for nightlife is that it attracts talented and skilled workers,” he says.

“It’s just a very important factor why people would relocate to a city, or would like to stay in a city and not move away.”

Mr Leichsenring adds that the increased temperatures brought about by climate change will only make the nighttime economy more important during summer months for many cities.

He maintains everything “from construction, to education, and cultural gatherings” will increasingly move to cooler nighttime hours.

“The night needs to be governed better, because the more you shift to that - to the night - the more conflicts you create, because people also want to sleep at night.”

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welcoming places," said Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, and chair of the Medal of Good Citizenship selection committee. "I am incredibly grateful for the dedication and passion of these extraordinary individuals. They exemplify the true spirit of community service, touching the hearts of all they meet." The 2024 Medal of Good Citizenship recipients are:

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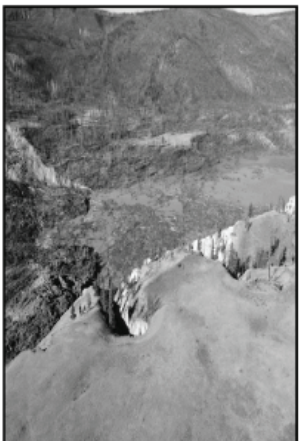
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Safety prioritized as water begins to overflow Chilcotin River landslide



if the water elevation in an area may be similar to freshet (spring flooding) levels, the water will react differently, with greater momentum and force, than a gradual increase in water levels.

Teams are on site assessing the movement of the landslide and the Province will provide a further update later today.

Additional BC Emergen-

cy alerts will be issued to people downstream on and along the Fraser River as peak flows progress. People must follow the instructions noted in the alert. Real-time water-level monitoring information is publicly available through the Water Survey of Canada: <https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/> People in communities along the Chilcotin and Fraser rivers should stay

up to date with their local government or First Nation regarding evacu-

ation alerts, orders and routes to safety. This information is also ampli-

fied here: <https://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca/>

Water has begun to overflow the landslide blocking the Chilcotin River near Farwell Canyon.

A BC Emergency alert has been issued to cell-phones, radio and television to advise people in the area on or along the riverbanks of the Chilcotin River from Hanceville to the Fraser River, and the Fraser River from the Chilcotin River to the Gang Ranch Road bridge to evacuate immediately due to flooding and debris flow. People unable to evacuate themselves should call 911.

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Bangladesh parliament dissolved after PM flees country

Bangladesh's parliament has been dissolved, a day after prime minister Sheikh Hasina was forced from power.

Ms Hasina resigned and fled the country after weeks of student-led protests spiralled into deadly unrest.

The dissolution of parliament, a key demand of protesters, paves the way for establishing an interim government.

Bangladeshis are waiting to see what comes next, as the country's military chief is holding talks with political leaders and protest organisers.

According to local media, more than 100 people died in violent clashes across Bangladesh on Monday, the single deadliest day since mass demonstrations began.

Hundreds of police stations were also torched, with the Bangladesh Police Service Association (BPSA) declaring a strike "until the security of every member of the police is secure".

The group also sought to place the blame at the door of authorities, saying they were "forced to fire".

Overall, more than 400 people are believed to have died, as protests were met with harsh repression by government forces.

The protests began in early July with peaceful demands from university students to abolish quotas in civil service jobs, but snowballed into a broader anti-government movement.

Weeks of unrest culminated in the storming of the prime minister's official residence, not long after Ms Hasina had fled



to neighbouring India, ending nearly 15 years of rule.

Bangladeshi leaders are under pressure to establish an interim government to avoid a power vacuum that could lead to further clashes.

Within hours of her resignation, Bangladesh's army chief Gen Wakeruz-Zaman pledged that an interim administration would be formed, adding on state television that "it is time to stop the violence".

Student leaders have been clear they will not accept a military-led government, pushing for Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus to become the interim government's chief adviser.

Mr Yunus, who agreed to take up the role, said: "When the students who sacrificed so much are requesting me to step in at this difficult juncture, how can I refuse?" He is returning to Dhaka from Paris, where he is undergoing a minor medical procedure, according to his spokesperson.

Meanwhile, ex-prime minister and key oppo-

sition leader Khaleda Zia was released from years of house arrest, a presidential statement said. She chairs the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), which boycotted elections in 2014 and again in 2024, saying free and fair elections were not possible under Ms Hasina.

The BNP wanted the polls to be held under a neutral caretaker administration. This has now become a possibility after the departure of Ms Hasina, who had always rejected this demand.

Ms Zia, 78, served as prime minister of Bangladesh from 1991 to 1996, but was imprisoned in 2018 for corruption, although she said the charges were politically motivated.

She was not the only opposition figure to be released after years of detention.

Activist Ahmad Bin Quasem was also released from detention, according to his lawyer Michael Polak.

Rights groups say Mr Quasem was taken away by security forces in 2016, just one of hundreds of

forced disappearances in the country under Ms Hasina's rule.

"There were many points during his detention that he was feared dead, and the uncertainty was one of the many tools of repression utilised by the regime," Mr Polak explained, adding they hoped the decision to release political prisoners "is a positive sign of their intentions".

"Unfortunately, the good news won't be shared by all," he told the BBC, stating that a number of political prisoners had died in custody.

At least 20 other families of political prisoners gathered outside a military intelligence force building in the capital Dhaka earlier in the day, still desperately waiting for news about their loved ones, AFP news agency reports.

"We need answers," Sanjida Islam Tulee, a co-ordinator of Mayer Daak (The Call of the Mothers) campaign group, told the news agency.

Across the border in India, Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said he was "deeply concerned till law and order is visibly restored" in Bangladesh,

with which India shares a 4,096-km (2,545-mile) border and has close economic and cultural ties. He gave the first official confirmation that Ms Hasina made a request to travel to India at "very short notice" and "arrived yesterday evening in Delhi".

India also deployed additional troops along its border with Bangladesh. "Our border guarding forces have also been instructed to be exceptionally alert in view of this complex situation," Mr Jaishankar said.

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PUNJAB: CM BHAGWANT MANN QUESTIONS IOA'S INACTION ON VINESH PHOGAT'S PARIS OLYMPICS DISQUALIFICATION, CALLS IT 'CONSPIRACY'



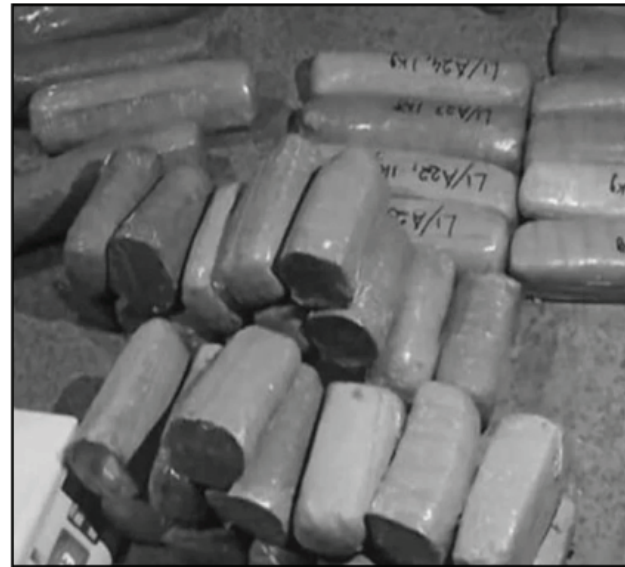
Chandigarh: Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann who visited the star wrestler Vinesh Phogat's family at her native village in Charkhi Dadri district of Haryana on Wednesday in the backdrop of the decision against her before the final bout at the Paris Olympics, expressed shock as to why did not the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) did not object to her disqualification. Mann, who was in poll-bound Haryana to hold election rally, said that Vinesh had made it to the finals by defeating three top grapplers in one day and defeated the defending champion in the first match, and rued that IOA officials should have expressed strong protest on this issue. I do not want to link it with politics...But tell me our IOA members, who have gone there, for what work they have gone... Why did they not raise this issue and should have asked for one more chance, he asked expressing surprise over the developments. We want to become 'Vishwa Guru', but the IOA did not raise an objection even for once, he said.

TRIPURA: 11 BANGLADESHI NATIONALS ARRESTED, 70 LAKH WORTH OF YABA TABLETS SEIZED IN JOINT BSF-POLICE OPERATIONS

Agartala: Amidst the unrest in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force (BSF), along with Tripura Police, arrested 11 Bangladeshi nationals along with an Indian tout and also seized Yaba tablets worth Rs 70 lakh in four separate operations.

In the night intervening on August 6 and 7, 2024, on specific information from BSF regarding the presence of Bangladeshi nationals in the general area of Gajaria under Police Station AD Nagar, West Tripura.

A joint operation was planned and carried out along with a team of PS AD Nagar near Jama Masjid, Muslim Para, Gajaria, with a total of eight Bangladeshi nationals, including 1 fe-



male tout. During initial questioning, it was revealed that they were planning to enter Bangladesh. In another case, 3 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended at the Mobile

Check Post in the general area of Amtali, jointly laid out by BSF troops and a PS Amtali team. In a third separate incident, 10,000 yaba tablets worth Rs 50 lakhs were recovered jointly from

a Motorcycle in area of BOP by BSF troops and a team of PS Kalamchoura, District Sepahijela. And in another fourth case, on specific information from BSF, a joint operation was carried out by BSF troops of BOP Srinagar and a team of PS Srinagar near Indian village Krishna Nagar. During joint operation, 9,500 packets of Cigarette (PATRON and ORIS) worth Rs 20 lakhs, 63 thousand recovered from a rubber bagan. BSF, with active assistance of Tripura Police and other sister agencies, has intensified its domination on the border and hinterland to prevent attempts of infiltration exhilaration and trans border crime.

BANGLADESH CRISIS: WHAT POSSIBLE OPTIONS DOES EX-PM SHEIKH HASINA HAVE NOW?

Bangladesh's ex-prime minister Sheikh Hasina's dramatic escape from the country has sent shockwaves through South Asian politics. The longest-serving female prime minister in the world resigned just when the entire country was boiling with fierce protests which initially sought abolishment of quotas in government jobs. At the time of publishing

of this story at least, Sheikh Hasina was in New Delhi. India was her first destination after escape from her own country. So what are the options before Sheikh Hasina? Sheikh Hasina was for decades considered sympathetic towards India. Her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, called father of the nation of Bangladesh, was supported by India in the run-up to 1971 war with Pa-

kistan and even later. The importance Sheikh Hasina accords to India is evident in her choice of first destination after escaping dangers in her own country. India would be happy to grant her space, given the warm ties. But this would possibly mean antagonizing Khaleda Zia, who looks set for a political comeback. Zia, the nemesis of Sheikh Hasina, is widely per-

ceived to be anti-India and at least till the initial picture becomes clear, India may not want to make an overt political statement by granting asylum to Hasina. But if India decides to take a stand and hosts Hasina, the latter would definitely be in safe hands as India is capable of providing adequate security to the former Bangladesh premier.

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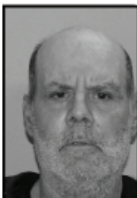


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UK RIOTS: 'STAY VIGILANT', INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON ISSUES ADVISORY FOR INDIANS IN UK



The Indian High Commission in London has issued advisory for Indian citizens in the UK to perform utmost precautions while travelling and be vigilant. The advisory comes amidst the violent anti-immigrant protests going across the towns and cities in the UK after three girls were killed in a knife attack at a children's dance class in Southport in north-west England last week. "Indian travellers would be aware of recent disturbances in some parts of the United Kingdom. The High Commission of India in London is closely monitoring the situation. Visitors from India are advised to stay vigilant and exercise due caution while travelling in the UK. It is advisable to follow local news and advisories issued by local security agencies, and to avoid areas where protests are underway: High

Commission of India in London," reads the advisory. Killing of three young girls at a dance party by a 17-year-old man of Rwandan heritage started the protests, widely associated with the far-Right. The protests soon turned violent across UK. The 17-year-old killer, Axel Rudakubana, has been arrested and is not an immigrant as many online posts claimed. He was born in Cardiff. He has now been charged with three counts of murder and ten counts of attempted murder. But as the anger was fuelled further by disinformation online, situation across the country became violent. On Sunday, two hotels in northern England, which are housing asylum seekers were attacked. One of them is in Rotherham while the other is in Tamworth.

PARIS OLYMPICS 2024: MANU BHAKER'S INSTAGRAM FOLLOWING SURGES TO 1 MILLION AFTER TWIN BRONZE



Indian shooter Manu Bhaker has indeed become a sensation and the nation's pride in the ongoing Paris 2024 Olympics. The 22-year-old athlete creating history in this edition by clinching two bronze medals has witnessed a drastic jump in her Instagram followers count and it currently stands at 1 million. The Haryana-born shooter became the first athlete in Indian

Olympic history to clinch two medals in a single edition. She first clinch bronze in the women's 10m Air Pistol event and replicated the same feat in the mixed event of 10m Air Pistol alongside Sarabjot Singh. She was inches away from a hat-trick of medals when competing in the women's 25m Air Pistol event, but fell narrowly short by finishing 4th.

WHAT DOES SHEIKH HASINA'S FALL MEAN FOR INDIA-BANGLADESH RELATIONSHIP?

The four-time elected Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, had to resign after Bangladesh experienced one of its deadliest violent protests, which lasted for weeks. As the situation deteriorated, people vandalised Sheikh's official residence, forcing her to leave Bangladesh and resign from her post on August 5th, seeking refuge in India. India and Bangladesh have developed friendly relations since Sheikh Hasina became the prime minister of Bangladesh in 2009. India has supported Bangladesh throughout with substantial support and cooperation since Hasina's first term. The bonds shared by the countries flourished further under the Modi government since 2014, as the policies for international relations were valued in forming strategic partnerships to combat military and



border issues in India's northeastern state, as well as granting access to the Bay of Bengal. The past few weeks have been stressful for Bangladesh. Which started off as an anti-quota protest, became a widespread fire, leading to Sheikh Hasina's resignation on August 5, 2024, merely months after her fourth consecutive win as prime minister. She had to abruptly leave the country and seek refuge in India as

an angry mob vandalised her residence. Multiple reports from news agencies have confirmed that the anti-India sentiments among the locals played a vital role in fuelling the violence that took place in Bangladesh for several weeks. The perception that Hasina's ties with India contributed to her being in power worsened the situation during the ongoing protests. After Hasina's resigna-

tion, there has been a shift in Bangladesh's political landscape. The former Prime Minister, Khaleda Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), is expected to play a significant role in the military-controlled Bangladesh, along with the support of Jamaat-e-Islami. Both parties have previously been associated with anti-India sentiments and are known for their support of Pakistan and China.




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2024 Honda Passport Black Edition: Versatile family V6 SUV

Review by Veeno Dewan

The 2024 Honda Passport is a popular mid-size SUV from the Japanese company. The Passport was introduced in 2019 as a SUV to slot in between the compact CR-V and the midsize Honda Pilot. The Passport seats five and there is no third-row option. Highlights include: a powerful V6 engine, rugged good looks, improved off-road capability, higher ground clearance and torque-vectoring all-wheel drive. It also comes with a decent number of standard features, excellent technology, smartphone integration and plentiful interior storage.

2024 updates include subtle changes. The TrailSport gets all-terrain tires and an off-road-tuned suspension offering better control and traction. Also new is new top of the range Black Edition (As tested) that replaces the previous Touring version. The

Black Edition offers an all-black exterior finish, upgraded grille, large dual exhaust finishers, and 20" Berlina Black aluminum-alloy wheels with all-season tires. Inside, the black themed style continues with Black Edition-debossed leather-trimmed seating surfaces with red contrast stitching and matching red ambient lighting. There is also newly designed centre console with an armrest.

The 2024 Honda Passport model comes in 3 trim levels ranging from m \$48,480 to \$55,940 MSRP. The entry-level, Sport model starts at \$48,480 with : 3.5L V-6 engine. The mid-range TrailSport trim is \$52,480. The top-tier Black Edition is priced at \$55,940. Freight and PDI is \$2,000.

All three trim levels come fairly well-equipped, including automatic LED headlights, a power sunroof, an auto-dimming mirror, tri-zone au-

tomatic climate control, a heated steering wheel, a 10-way power driver's seat, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The top-line lack Edition adds auto-leveling headlights, auto-dimming exterior mirrors, a 115-volt outlet, GPS navigation, a premium sound system, and rain-sensing wipers. Passport models also include high-tech safety features, and the standard Honda Sensing suite of driver assistance tech features; including adaptive cruise control, lane-keep assist, automatic emergency braking, and more.

The 2024 Passport trim models use the same carryover 3.5L V6 engine producing 280 horsepower and 262 lb-ft of torque. Its paired with a nine-speed automatic transmission. Honda's i-VTM4 torque-vectoring AWD system automatically sends up to 70 per cent of the engine's torque to the rear wheels and can split 100 per cent of that torque between the rear wheels based on driving conditions and traction needs.

The engine also has Cylinder deactivation to help save fuel at cruising speeds and automatic start/stop, shutting the engine off completely when you're stopped at a light and starting back up again when you take your foot off the



brake. There's a button to temporarily disable that function. The Passport's maximum towing capacity ranges from 3,500 to 5,000 lbs depending on trailer equipment.

Interior wise, the Passport is spacious and seats five in relative comfort. The interior is upscale and uses excellent materials, especially in the upper trim versions. The front seats are heated on all trims, while the rear seats are heated on the TrailSport and Black Edition versions. The reclining rear seats are also quite comfortable. Interior storage is excellent with twin front door pockets, a large glovebox, and a redesigned wide, deep centre console bin. The rear seats fold flat for carrying extra-long items. There is a total

of 1,430 litres of cargo space that can be expanded by 71 litres thanks to multiple under-floor storage compartments. A power tailgate is standard on all trims, with hands-free access on the Touring model.

On the road, the Passports V6 engine delivers punchy acceleration, and the nine-speed transmission shifts smoothly. The Passport also exhibits good for its class handling characteristics. Its nicely weighted steering makes the SUV feel responsive and light in turns. The ride is not as smooth as the bigger Honda Pilot with a slightly stiffer ride, but its suspension setup handles dips, bumps potholes fairly well. The cabin is well insulated and there is little wind and

tire noise when on the road. Honda's fuel consumption estimates for the Passport are 12.5/L/100 km highway, 9.8 L/100km Combined, 11.3 L/100km (city/highway).

To sum up, the Honda Passport is more expensive than its rivals, but the higher equipment spec, excellent fit, and finish and powerful V6 engine reflect this. The roomy versatile interior, safety tech and standard equipment make it a very comfortable, practical family hauler with sport pretensions. The Black version adds that extra low key, dramatic style and set it apart. Highly recommended.

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Canada's housing markets look for deeper rate cuts to ramp up activity

The Bank of Canada's interest rate cuts in June and July likely marked a turning point for struggling housing markets across the country, but so far the impact has been mixed. After a small uptick between May and June, home resales fell again in some markets including Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto in July, according to early reports from local real estate boards. However, activity picked up slightly in Edmonton and Montreal. It will take deeper rate cuts to meaningfully reduce ownership costs and stimulate

homebuyer demand more broadly. Supply, on the other hand, continues to grow. In some cases, such as in Toronto, it reflects the completion of many newly built units (mainly condos) that owners (mainly investors) are looking to offload. In other cases, it could be sellers betting lower rates will spur buyer interest and improve sale outcomes. In some, it may be a sign of homeowner distress arising from high rates. The balance between supply and demand varies considerably from market to mar-

ket. Conditions in Calgary, Edmonton and to a lesser extent Montreal favour sellers. It's the opposite in the Toronto area where buyers have the upper hand—albeit just barely. A tenuous equilibrium holds in Vancouver. Still, home prices have generally levelled off since spring. Calgary—Canada's housing hotspot—remains an exception, though gains have moderated recently. We see flat price trends persisting until larger rate cuts heat up demand more materially.



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HOW TO SUCCEED WITH THE SALESFORCE DATA MIGRATION PROJECT

Have you ever thought about the need for Salesforce data migration? Well, you are not alone. Many businesses have considered the need to transfer their customer support service to one vendor - Salesforce. Executing a successful Salesforce data migration demands meticulous planning, expertise, and strategic execution. Factors such as data volume, quality, and source complexity significantly influence the effort required. Without a well-defined strategy and comprehensive understanding of the systems involved, the migration process risks being prolonged or necessitating repetitive operations. Meticulous planning, thorough evaluation of challenges, and selection of the most suitable migration strategy are imperative to ensure a smooth transition. Proper data mapping plays a pivotal role, in safeguarding critical data integrity and essential functionalities. Let's find out the benefits, challenges, and solutions that will help you to import all your data to the desired Service Cloud securely and efficiently.

Understanding Salesforce Data Migration
Salesforce Service Cloud migration involves the seamless transition of data within the Service Cloud platform. It encompasses extracting data from existing systems, potentially transforming it as needed, and loading it into the Service Cloud environment. Organizations typically undertake Service Cloud migration during system upgrades, consolidation of support data from various sources, or when transitioning from legacy support systems to Salesforce Service Cloud. The primary objective is to ensure the accurate and secure transfer of support-related data, preserving its integrity and usability in the new Service Cloud environment.

Professional services for Salesforce Service Cloud migration are available through Salesforce or its partners, pro-



viding specialized expertise and assistance. Salesforce offers a range of tools, resources, and best practices to facilitate the migration process, including data loaders, APIs, and integration tools tailored for support data. In essence, Salesforce Service Cloud migration is a critical step for organizations seeking to optimize their support operations within the Salesforce ecosystem, empowering them to fully leverage the capabilities of the Service Cloud platform for enhanced customer service delivery and efficiency.

Key Benefits of Salesforce Data Migration
Implementing Salesforce data migration yields several notable advantages: **Data Integrity:** Salesforce data migration ensures the accuracy and reliability of data by validating and consolidating it into a single repository, reducing the risk of errors.

Enhanced Data Governance: Centralizing data simplifies governance, making tracking and management more efficient. This unified approach enhances data integrity and facilitates effective management practices.

Informed Decision-Making: Accurate data is crucial for informed strategic decisions. Salesforce data migration improves data clarity and accuracy, leading to valuable insights that enhance sales and service quality.

Efficiency and User-Friendliness: The user-friendly interface of Salesforce makes post-migration adoption seamless, saving time and enhancing customer service. As a cloud-based system, Salesforce ensures easy access to resources, freeing up time for other business objectives. **Digital Accessibility:** Salesforce's accessibility across devices empowers employees to address customer needs promptly, enhancing productivity and efficiency.

Facilitated Growth: Salesforce offers advanced tools for personalized customer communication and relationship building. Transitioning to Salesforce Service Cloud can significantly enhance business strategy planning and execution by effectively tracking, organizing, and processing data, fostering continuous growth.

Best Practices for Salesforce Data Migration
Prior to initiating the migration process, it's crucial to establish a robust foundation by configuring the new Salesforce Service Cloud environment appropriately. Throughout the migration journey, organizations may encounter challenges spanning organizational and technical realms, necessitating meticulous management and resolution.

To ensure a seamless transition, it's advisable to engage seasoned Salesforce consul-

tants who are well-versed in migration best practices within the Salesforce ecosystem. Their expertise plays a pivotal role in navigating potential hurdles and ensuring a successful migration endeavor.

Define Data Scope: Begin by identifying the specific data elements slated for migration, such as customer contact information or account details. Determine whether the data needs updating or replacing, and tailor the migration strategy accordingly. **Create Data Templates:** Leverage tools like Data Loader to generate Excel templates for each object, facilitating the export of data. Establish the migration order based on object relationships and specify essential fields for each object.

Validate Data: Before populating templates, conduct a rigorous review and validation of the data. For extensive datasets, consider adopting a phased approach, loading records incrementally, and verifying results to proceed effectively.

Prepare Destination Environment: Customize fields to accommodate data misaligned with standard fields in the source organization. If required, designate custom fields as "External IDs" to enable indexing. Ensure the readiness of the target environment, preserving relationships and enabling personalized reporting for data validation.

Verify Data Transfer: Conduct a comprehensive review of migrated data to confirm its accuracy. Before commencing migration, a well-defined plan, ownership, and use cases are essential prerequisites. Utilize validation methods such as spot-checking, reviewing exception reports, and creating custom reports to validate record counts and overall migration status.

Tools for Salesforce Data Migration
Several ETL (extract, transform, load) tools facilitate data migration, each offer-

ing distinct capabilities. The selection of an appropriate tool hinges on organizational objectives and the tool's functionality. Here are three recommended tools for Salesforce data migration, along with their key features:

Salesforce Data Loader: Recognized for its security and efficiency in handling large data volumes, Salesforce Data Loader boasts a user-friendly interface. It supports various operations such as insert, update, upsert, delete, export, export all, and hard delete. The tool generates CSV files containing records of successes and errors for verification. Moreover, Salesforce Data Loader accommodates all Salesforce objects, including custom ones.

Salesforce Data Import Wizard: The Data Import Wizard offers a unified interface and is accessible directly from Salesforce. It facilitates importing data from standard Salesforce objects and custom objects, with support for up to 50,000 records per operation. While it features field mapping capabilities, saved mappings are not supported.

Help Desk Migration service: This automated data migration tool simplifies the task of moving data from one help desk platform to another and consolidating sme platform accounts. It offers specialized options and expertise to ensure a smooth transition of required and custom fields, built-in customizations and options to filter data for migration, and unlimited Demos without workflow disruptions.

In conclusion, Salesforce emerges as an exemplary choice for data migration, leveraging advanced features to optimize storage systems, records, and databases. This comprehensive guide equips readers with the insights and best practices essential for navigating the Salesforce data migration landscape efficiently.



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Rogue Warrior!

Hollywood for years has been accused of doing nothing new. So studios have art divisions in hopes of finding new original material. Leave it to Sony Pictures Classics to scour the earth and come up with Kneecap, a jarring thought-provoking Irish shot movie that shines a new light on that part of the world. Presented in British Columbia by Mongrel media this movie is bound to set of a stir - in a nice kind of way. It will be opening at select Cineplex Cinemas as well as Landmark Theatres across B.C.

For years Ireland has been producing good movies with Irish themes to them. Those themes resonated with global audiences since their thoughts can be embraced universally. Ever

since the 1980s the Emerald Isle has produced some great movies. To this list must now be added Kneecap.

Smartly set over the years in Belfast its themes can't be denied. Especially with the long lasting tradition of English French friction in Canada seemingly at odds since Confederation. Naturally in Northern Ireland the struggle is all about British rule over the land. Only in this case the pivotal provocation relates to the Irish language itself.

Said to be partly based on facts Kneecap decisively delves deep into the politics of the day and in particular a family with a very determined dad. But it's the kids in later years who "graduate" into expressing

their political and everyday living views through music. So a punk rock group called Kneecap is formed with these two disillusioned lads and a guiding maestro music school teacher whose own family is caught up in the language debate.

Graphic and exciting Kneecap thrusts you head first into the turmoil just bubbling beneath the surface. Throw in the odd corrupt cop or two, age-old grudges and undeniable stage presence along with a raucous bedside manner befitting a rock star and you've got a pretty appealing, original and eventful movie that's sure to leave you awestruck no matter whose side you're on.



EVENTS

South Asian Adults & Seniors - Bingo on the House for members & In Person Yoga Classes at Shanti Niketan hall for members, Bingo on June 2nd 2024 (Sunday), from 2.00 pm to 3.30pm at Shanti Niketan hall. In Person Yoga classes for members only, Every Monday & Every Thursday from 10.00 am to 11.15 am. Pure Vegetarian Lunch on Thursdays after the Yoga session.

Vedic Seniors Parivar Centre of Vedic Hindu Cultural Society of BC invites South Asian Adults and Senior members only to join and play Bingo on the House on June 2nd 2024 (Sunday) from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm at Shanti Niketan hall. Please bring only 2 dollars with you for 2 games, don't worry if you do not know how to play, members seating next to you will explain the game to you just for the sake of fun. Please keep the social distance while seating for personal & other's safety. Tea and light snacks will be served after the two games are over. In Person Yoga classes for members only, on Every Monday & Every Thursday will continue by Mr. Ashwani Bansal expert Yoga Instructor from 10.00 am to 11.15 am & will help to observe & guide the seniors to do correct yoga. Pure Vegetarian lunch will be served in the dining hall at 11.30 am to all the senior members who attend yoga class on Thursdays. Project funded by Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for Hindi speaking seniors. In-case you are eligible to file Income Tax returns Free of cost, Please contact Surendra Handa Coordinator , Vedic Seniors Parivar Centre, & Coordinator - APNI South Asian Community Response Networks, Lakshmi Narayan Temple, 8321 - 140th street Surrey V3W5K9, BC Tel. 604 - 507 - 9945 or email: surendra_handa@hotmail.com, for registration & for appointment for Tax filing.



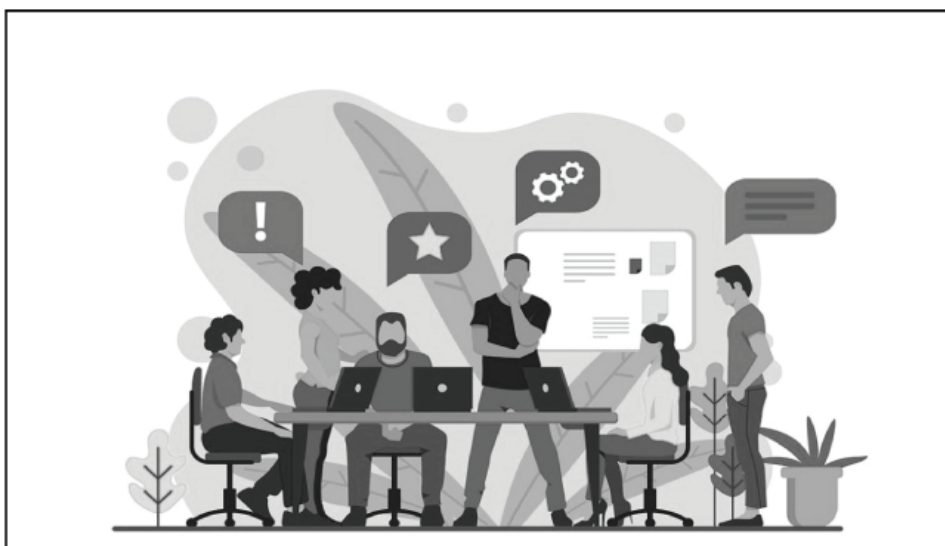
SIDHARTH MALHOTRA IS SHOOTING HIS NEXT TITLED MITTI IN UTTARAKHAND

For Sidharth Malhotra, 2024 has not been too kind so far. His only successful film during the last eight years is Shershaah on Amazon. This year his much-delayed film Yodha produced by Dharma Productions proved to be a non-starter. And we have it from reliable sources that Karan Johar has no plans of doing another film with his Student Of

The Year protégé anytime soon. We also hear that Sidharth is no longer a part of Meghna Gulzar's next. Negotiations apparently fell through as Sidharth asked for a fee that the producers were not willing to pay. Sidharth now has one new project in hand: Mitti directed by Balwinder Singh Janjua is an action film being shot in Uttarakhand.

Business

THE ADVANTAGES OF HIRING A DEDICATED DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR YOUR BUSINESS



In today's fast-paced digital world, businesses of all sizes are constantly striving to stay ahead of the competition. One of the most effective ways to achieve this is by leveraging technology to streamline operations, enhance productivity, and innovate products or services. A key strategy in achieving these goals is by employing a dedicated development team. But what exactly is a dedicated development team, and how can it benefit your business? Let's delve into the details.

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What is a Dedicated Development Team?

A dedicated development team is a group of skilled professionals who work exclusively for your company, focusing solely on your projects. Unlike traditional in-house teams or outsourcing models, this arrangement allows for a close partnership where the team integrates deeply with your business. The team typically includes developers, project managers, quality assurance experts, and other necessary roles, all working under one cohesive unit to meet your specific requirements.

Benefits of a Dedicated Development Team

Cost Efficiency

One of the primary advantages of hiring a dedicated development team is cost efficiency. By choosing this model, you can save on expenses related to recruitment, training, and employee benefits. Additionally, you avoid the overhead costs associated with maintaining a permanent in-house team, such as office space and equipment. With a dedicated team, you pay for the services you need without the additional financial burden.

Access to Expertise

Dedicated development teams are usually composed of professionals with specialized skills and extensive experience in various technologies and industries. This means you gain access to a wealth of knowledge and expertise that might be difficult or expensive to acquire in-house. Whether you need expertise in a specific programming language, framework, or technology, a dedicated team can provide the precise skills required for your project.

Flexibility and Scalability

Another significant benefit is the flexibility and scalability offered by a dedicated development team. As your project evolves, you can easily adjust the team size and composition to match changing requirements. This flexibility ensures that you have the right resources at the right time, helping you adapt to market changes or project shifts efficiently.

Focus on Core Business Activities

By outsourcing development tasks to a dedicated team, your internal staff can focus on core business activities and strategic initiatives. This allows your organization to concentrate on its primary goals while leaving the technical complexities to experts

who are dedicated to delivering high-quality solutions.

Enhanced Collaboration and Communication

A dedicated development team operates as an extension of your organization, working closely with your in-house team to ensure alignment with business goals and project requirements. This close collaboration fosters better communication and coordination, leading to more effective project management and quicker problem resolution.

Improved Quality and Innovation

With a dedicated team working exclusively on your projects, there is a strong emphasis on quality and innovation. These professionals are invested in the success of your project and are more likely to deliver high-quality solutions and propose innovative ideas that can drive your business forward.

Reduced Time-to-Market

Having a dedicated team at your disposal can significantly reduce the time required to bring your product or service to market. The focused expertise and efficient workflows of a dedicated team enable faster development cycles and quicker delivery of solutions, giving you a competitive edge in the market.

How to Choose the Right Dedicated Development Team

Selecting the right dedicated development team involves careful con-

sideration of several factors:

Experience and Expertise:

Look for a team with a proven track record and relevant experience in your industry or technology stack.

Communication Skills: Effective communication is crucial for a successful partnership. Ensure the team has strong communication skills and is responsive to your needs.

Cultural Fit: A team that aligns with your company's culture and values will integrate more seamlessly and contribute to a more harmonious working relationship.

Flexibility: Choose a team that can adapt to your changing needs and scale resources as required.

Incorporating a dedicated development team into your business strategy can provide numerous benefits, from cost savings and access to specialized skills to improved project quality and reduced time-to-market. By carefully selecting the right team, you can leverage their expertise to drive innovation and achieve your business objectives more effectively.

As technology continues to evolve, having a dedicated team that aligns with your goals can be a strategic advantage that sets your business apart from the competition.

For businesses seeking to harness the power of technology and drive growth, a dedicated development team offers a powerful solution. By partnering with a team that understands your vision and goals, you can focus on what matters most—growing your business and staying ahead in today's dynamic market.



PINNED UP

Sunny Deol starrer Lahore 1947 to have a 'never-before-seen' extensive train sequence

The upcoming film Lahore, 1947 is undoubtedly a mega project that everyone is eagerly anticipating. Made under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions, the film will have a never-seen-before collaboration of Sunny Deol, Rajkumar Santoshi, and Aamir Khan. While the audience has been eagerly waiting for more updates on the film, an exciting piece of news has arrived—and it is about the film's climax which will be a unique train sequence.



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TRIPTII DIMRI IN DISCUSSION TO PLAY ICONIC PARVEEN BABI IN UPCOMING BIOPIC: REPORT

In a thrilling development for Bollywood fans, Triptii Dimri, known for her powerful performances in films like Qala, Laila Majnu, and Bulbbul, is in discussions to portray the iconic actress Parveen Babi in an upcoming biopic, as per a report by Filmfare. The film aims to explore the life of one of Indian cinema's most enigmatic figures, Parveen Babi, whose career and personal life left an indelible mark on the industry. Parveen Babi was a trailblazer in Bollywood during the 1970s and 1980s, known for her roles in classic films such as Deewar, Amar Akbar Anthony, and Khatta Meetha. Her portrayal of strong, independent women in a male-dominated industry set her apart from her contemporaries. However, Babi's life was also marked by personal challenges, including struggles with mental health, which ultimately led to her withdrawal from the public eye. The biopic aims to shed light on both her professional achievements and personal tribulations, offering a nuanced portrait of the actress.



AAMIR KHAN AND KIRAN RAO'S LAAPATAA LADIES TO SCREEN IN SUPREME COURT: REPORT



Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao's critically acclaimed film, Laapataa Ladies, is set to be screened at the Supreme Court of India on August 9. The special screening, organized by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, aims to raise awareness about gender equality among the judiciary and its staff. The event will see the presence of Aamir Khan and Kiran Rao, who will engage with the audience after the screening. The film, which tells the story of two brides who accidentally switch places, has been praised for its portrayal of women and their challenges. Chief Justice Chandrachud has stated the importance of such initiatives in fostering a supportive environment for the Supreme Court staff. The screening is part of a broader effort to promote well-being and awareness among employees.

KANGANA RANAUT SUED FOR RS 40 CRORES AFTER POSTING MORPHED IMAGE OF RAHUL GANDHI

Actress-turned-politician Kangana Ranaut has once again found herself amid controversy after sharing a morphed image of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on social media. The BJP MP from Mandi has been served with a Rs 40 crores defamation notice for posting a doctored picture of Gandhi wearing a skull cap, a cross around his

neck, and a turmeric and vermillion tilak on his forehead. The controversy erupted after Kangana Ranaut shared the morphed image of Rahul Gandhi in a post that was aimed at criticizing his recent remarks on the caste census in Parliament. Along with the edited image, Kangana wrote, "Jaati jivi jise bina jaati pooche jaati ga-

nana karani hai (One who wishes to hold a caste census without asking anyone's caste)." The post quickly drew widespread criticism on social media, with many netizens condemning the actress for what they described as a distasteful and inflammatory act. The backlash has now escalated into legal action.



Travel

BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS



Discover the top destinations in the Netherlands, renowned for their high quality of life, excellent education, and robust healthcare. This guide highlights the best cities for expats, backed by data and enriched with cultural insights. Introduction to Dutch Living Standards

The Netherlands is a prime destination for expatriates, drawing thousands annually due to its stable economy, exceptional education system, and high-quality healthcare facilities. In 2018, the World Economic Forum ranked the Netherlands as the top place for expat families to live. This accolade reflects the country's comprehensive social services and welcoming community atmosphere.

Top Cities for Expats in the Netherlands

Amsterdam: A Melting Pot of Culture and Opportunity
Amsterdam, the vibrant capital of the Netherlands, is a cosmopolitan hub with a rich historical tapestry and modern economic vitality. Known for its scenic canals and diverse cultural landscape, Amsterdam is home to over 180 nationalities.

Economic Hub: The city boasts a dynamic job market

with numerous European headquarters and a thriving scene for startups and small businesses.

Cultural Richness: Residents enjoy a plethora of museums, restaurants, theaters, and music venues. Annual canal-side concerts and outdoor festivals highlight the city's lively cultural scene.

Rotterdam: Modernity and Creativity

Rotterdam is distinguished by its modern architecture and active arts scene. It's a city that combines innovative design with a relaxed lifestyle, making it a magnet for creative professionals.

Business Opportunities: With many multinational companies headquartered here, Rotterdam offers abundant career opportunities for expats.

Lifestyle: The city caters to a variety of lifestyles, featuring family-friendly neighborhoods with ample green spaces and vibrant areas suited for young professionals and artists.

Utrecht: Central and Serene
Utrecht is celebrated for its central location and high quality of life. It's one of the happiest places to live, according to a BBC Travel report, and offers excellent educational facilities.

Education Focus: The city is home to a prestigious university and numerous well-regarded primary and secondary schools.

Accessibility: Its central posi-

tion provides great connectivity to major Dutch cities and European destinations, ideal for business travelers and explorers.

The Hague: Coastal Charm with Urban Flair

The Hague offers a unique blend of city life next to the beautiful North Sea coast. Known for its diplomatic buzz and international courts, it's a city that also enjoys a relaxed seaside atmosphere.

Diverse Community: The city's international population makes it easy for expats to integrate and feel at home. **Cultural and Culinary Delights:** With its historic buildings, bustling shops, and beachside dining options, The Hague is a city of both substance and style.

Leiden: Historic and Student-Friendly

Leiden, known for its historical buildings and vibrant cultural scene, is ideal for those who appreciate a quieter, yet intellectually stimulating environment.

Academic Heritage: Hosting the oldest university in the Netherlands, Leiden is a city steeped in educational tradition.

Cultural Activities: The city offers numerous museums and cultural institutions, making it a haven for history buffs and culture enthusiasts.

Conclusion: A Place for Everyone

Each city in the Netherlands offers a unique blend of cultural, economic, and social opportunities, making it an attractive destination for expats from around the world. Whether you're seeking a bustling urban life or a calm seaside retreat, the Netherlands can accommodate a wide range of preferences and needs.

For more information on moving to the Netherlands, including details on the international removals process, visit the Dutch Government's official portal or contact local expat assistance services.





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