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**Qasab Hanged! Afzal Guru Next?** 

"My father pushed me into LET... He told me that our family would be able to live comfortably, eat properly, wear good clothes"

AJMAL KASAB, during initial interrogation

t a time when the political parties in India were trying to corner the government on FDI in retail, they were caught by surprise on Wednesday when the hanging of 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab came to light. BJP, the official opposition party that showcases national security as its political plank welcomed the move, but it didn't waste much time with BJP leaders wondering why Parliament attack accused Afzal Guru had not been hanged yet. BJP chief spokesperson Ravi Shankar Prasad said: "Kasab's hanging will act as a balm on the wounds of the people of Mumbai. But their wounds are still fresh. They will get relief only when Kasab's handlers are

brought to justice." While addressing a protest against FDI in retail and corruption, BJP president Nitin Gadkari asked why Afzal Guru had not been hanged: "I want to ask the UPA government why Afzal Guru has not been hanged even ten years after the incident," he said.Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi also tweeted: "What about Afzal Guru, who attacked Parliament, our temple of democracy, in 2001?" BJP spokesperson Ramnath Kovind told media in India, "Earlier, the government justified the delay in hanging Afzal Guru, citing a queue of death row convicts. But it hasn't followed a queue now, proving that it was just trying to misguide the people to serve its vote bank politics."



#### 10 MEN, 60 HOURS, 166 DEAD

- In a meticulously planned terror attack on November 26, 2008, Kasab and nine other LeT terrorists left Pakistan and entered Mumbai via sea
- The group split into pairs and stormed two luxury hotels -- Taj Mahal and Oberoi Trident -- CST station, a Jewish religious centre, and Leopold Cafe in south Mumbai
- $\bullet$  In their indiscriminate firing, 166 people including 18 foreigners were killed, scores injured
- Nine of the terrorists were killed during the 60-hour siege, but Kasab was caught alive

#### **Burney to claim Ajmal Kasab's body**

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**Breaking News** 

that his

Burney may seek the body of the Pakistani terrorist Ajmal Kasab from India, reported a leading TV channel from India. Even as Pakistan is mum on taking back the body of the lone surviving 26/11 terrorist, there are speculations over the claimaints

trust would assist Kasab's family in bringing back his body to Pakistan. He tweeted: Ansar Burney Trust requested family to contact Ansar Burney Trust to bring dead body of Death Sentenced Ajmal Qassab from India to Pakistan (sic).

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## **MP McGuinty drops** critic role over 'go back to Alberta' gibe

iberal MP David McGuinty has apologized and resigned his role as Liberal natural resources critic following comments he made in the media suggesting Alberta Conservative MPs weren't Sun Media as saying the fit to sit in Parliament if they didn't hold a "national vision" on energy policy. After 24 hours of outraged reaction from Conservative

backpedalling by Liberals, McGuinty issued an apology and said he was stepping down from his critic role. 'Go back to Alberta' : McGuinty was quoted by MPs "really should go back to Alberta" and run for the Alberta legislature or municipal office in areas "deeply affected by the oil-

sands business" if they weren't willing to adopt a national outlook. "They are national legislators with a national responsibility, but they come across as very, very small-P provincial individuals who are jealously guarding one industrial sector, picking the fossil fuel business and the oilsands business specifically, Contd. Pg 10.

### Woman charged for sexual acts with skeleton



woman in Sweden has been charged Awith engaging in sexual activities with a human skeleton and Contd. Pg 13



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## Pran unwe

ne of the most popular villians of Bollywood, Pran, has been admitted to a suburban Hospital of Mumbai. The 92-year-old veteran actor was rushed to the hospital when he complained of weakness and breathlessness. He was admitted last Saturday. Pran is in the same hospital that Anil Kapoor's mom has been recuperating at. Anil has been inquiring about Pran's health from his relatives who are stationed at the hospital.



## Chaplin's cane, hat fetch \$62,500

egendary English comic actor Charlie Chaplin's iconic bowler hat and cane has been auctioned off by Bonhams for \$62,500. This is part of an auction which also includes a John Lennon nude drawing of himself and wife Yoko Ono. The hat and cane,trademark of chapli's Little Cramp character.



## "Don't want to play Mr Bean any more,"

ctor-comedian Rowan Atkinson fears the end of his beloved comedy creation Mr Bean is near as playing him has become 'childish and sad'. Mr Bean made his most recent appearance at the opening ceremony of London Olympic games 2012, but the 57-year-old actor now wants to concentrate on more serious acting roles, reported a daily from England. "The stuff that has been most commercially successful for me - basically

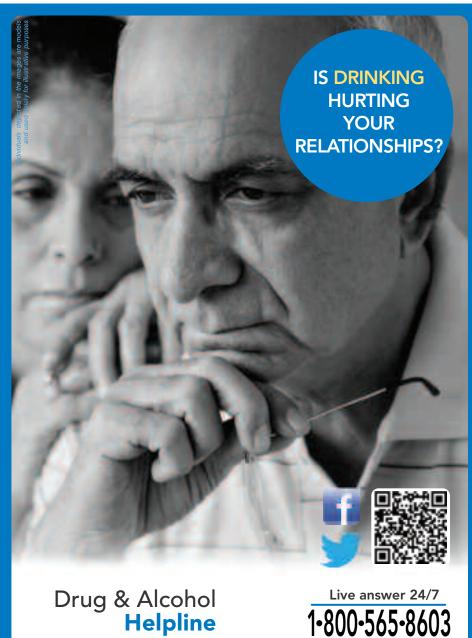
quite physical, quite childish - I increasingly feel I'm going to do a lot less of," Atkinson has been quoted by the daily. "Apart from the fact that your physical ability starts to decline. I also think someone in their 50s being childlike becomes a little sad. You've got to be careful," he added. Atkinsons' famous bumbling character Mr Bean debuted in 1990, with the show running for five years and spawning two successful movies and a cartoon spin off.



### **Queen completes 65 yrs of wedlock**

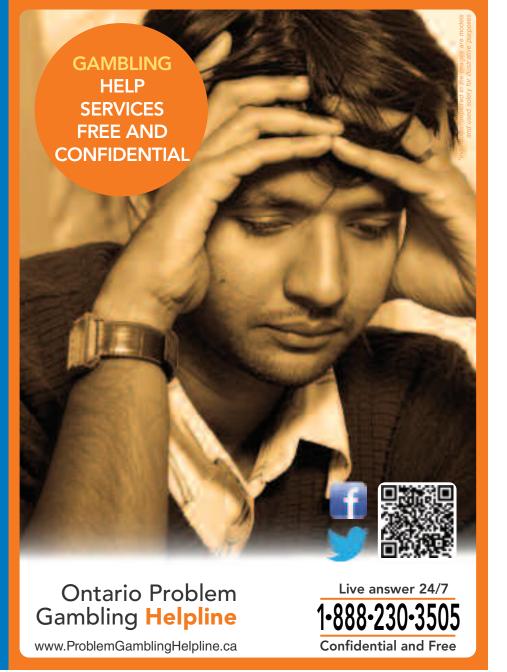


ueen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip on Tuesday celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, a landmark which no other British monarch has achieved.



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t has been for "Kabbadi Visas", and now controversy shrouds the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP); with a BC firm breaking all rules to hire 200 odd Chinese workers for a proposed mine. The mine is awaiting an environmental assessment and has not yet been approved. With Human Resources Minister Diane Finley been forced into a long-overdue review of the program; there certainly is more

than what meets the eye. Minister Finley has reacted to the con-

troversy and has said, "Our government believes that Canadians must always have first crack at job opportunities in Canada."

Temporary Foreign Worker Program designed to enable Canadian employers

to hire foreign workers on a temporary basis to fill immediate skills and labour shortages when Canadians and permanent residents are not available, is conceived in many countries as an easy way to enter Canada by securing a "work permit". With reports of over 300,000 positions in Canada filled last year in places that range from restaurants, to farms, to meat-packing plants, the program seems to be favourite among those who are willing to come to Canada and more favourite for those agents who have the "know how" of the program and know the "do how" to get temporary workers to Canada. No wonder seemly in China; that the loopholes in the program have been fringed upon. The case in BC is getting

wide spread but due and appropriate attention, with reports that high-

light that the requirements of TFWP have not been complied with; the advertisement seeking workers in BC was put up only in mandarin. The reports also say that the that the advertisements posted by the company to the job boards in Canada listed Mandarin as a language requirement, though the company has claimed in dailies coming out from BC, that the applicants weren't required to speak the language. Certainly, the need to hire only Chinese workers has more to do with just the temporary workers, and the same has been well summarised by the reaction of minister Finley, "The requirement that applicants have skills in a foreign language does not appear to be linked to a genuine job requirement."

And the action by two major construction unions that have challenged in federal court to revoke the work permits that are being issued to temporary foreign workers from China, has taken the matter away from the political parties and to the stage where judicial opinion would also review whether the process has been followed or not. Every case under the TWFP needs that a Labour Marker Opinion (LMO) is sought. Where by LMO ensures that there are no Canadians who can do the work and hence temporary foreign workers may be allowed to come to Canada. This doesn't seem to have been done in this case. Finley's statement highlighted the concern to the same, "We are not satisfied with what we have learned about the process that

led to permission for hundreds of foreign workers to gain jobs (at the HD Mining site)," the statement said.

Employers are known to

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prefer English speaking workers as they are easier to train; and obviously, an English speaking temporary worker is less vulnerable to exploitation and is less likely to accept substandard wages. Though the TFWs are free to leave Canada after two years, most prefer to apply for permanent residency and then the citizenship with French or English being the prime requirement. Thus, the requirement of "knowing mandarin" does appear dubious. And such an advertisement having gone through the scrutiny of HRSDC does call for a thorough review of not only this case. TFWP has been the source of controversy several times in the past. There have been concerns and cases whereby live-in care workers and agricultural workers were exposed to risk of being abused or forced to work in unsafe condition. Just last month, an Alberta man pleaded guilty to criminal negligence charges related to a head-on collision that killed four temporary foreign workers and injured another. The program has been left open to obvious

lhe program has been left open to obvious abuse, with provisions in the system that the temporary workers can be sent home on a short notice by the employer. While the workers can take full time jobs for four years, they indeed have limited rights. A thorough review is the need of the hour.



## **Community Happenings**

## Dr. Bikram Lamba Honored with Queens Diamond Medal

Dr. Bikram Lamba, the well reputed commentator, writer and political and business strategist was honored at the Local Canadian legion, where he was presented with Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal on behalf of her Majesty and Hon. Governor General of Canada.

In a very dignified ceremony, with full military honours Dr. Lamba, who is deemed an Icon of the community was presented the Medal and the certificate. Dr. Lamba was honored by Her Majesty for his services to Canada and for upholding the Canadian values in his writings



and comments. Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper and H.E. David Johnston also sent their own messages at the ceremony felicitating Dr. Lamba for this investiture. Prime Minister Harper referred to his "contributions to the community", while Hon. Johnston wrote: "Dedicated

services to your peers, to your community and to Canada. The contributions you have made are most commendable and deserves our praise and admiration." Dr. Lamba is a well respected community leader who is popularly referred to as human encyclopedia.

#### **Justin Trudeau celebrates Diwali at Markham**



Justin Trudeau visited Sanatan Mandir last Wednesday to participate in their Diwali festivities. The Mandir was packed with a crowd of over 1000 people all gathered together to celebrate the festival of lights and were wonderfully surprised as Justin walked into the Mandir, wearing a traditional Kurta churidar. Joining Justin at the Mandir were Hon. Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship & Immigration who is also MPP for Markham-Unionville and Lui Temelkovski, the former Liberal MP for Oak-Ridges – Markham. "This is a celebration of good over evil, light over dark", said Justin during his speech, "Where we gather with family to celebrate an auspicious new beginning, celebrate the warmth and laughter of children, of friends, and understand it is good to be a strong community, good to be happy, it is good to be together."



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Deepak's inspirational presentation was well received by all walks of life. The whole presentation was focused on reducing and handling stress including financial, physical, mental and emotional stress from the life of entrepreneurs and professional working in middle and higher management. He also covered how one with the help of controlled breathing could control emotions and thoughts. His audience was held in rapture as the seminar touched many stresses causing day to day problems from bad time management, han-



dling teenager kids, poor communication and even husband wife's relations. Focus was to have better family values and harmony in relations at home as well as at office. However, all carried complete understanding on the concept of evolving every day to find perfect version of self through Kaizen, a Japanese Quality Standard which means Contin-Improvement through self monitoring.

The event was mainly sponsored by Sun Life and was backed up by newspapers and radio stations. Deepak has conducted in excess of 200 training sessions in Canada, USA, the Caribbean, the Middle East and India on behalf of companies he has worked for. He is very capable of handling small to larger groups, whilst captivating his entire audience. His empowering training has rewarded him

numerous accolades. He was associated with the Academy of Learning as Director Business Development/Channel Management - Worldwide for 10 years before he decided to use his skills in motivating and empower professionals globally.

He also has plans to conduct customized empowering seminars for the students in University before their graduation He is also planning to provide Canadian Vocational Training contents to the colleges and universities worldwide to create employment opportunities for locals in those countries and getting some foreign revenue in the country. He will also help International students to come to enroll in great Canadian education system for their higher education.

For More Information: Please visit: For coaching, mentoring and training one can contact Deepak at info@deepakmanchanda.com or for more details visit www.deepakmanchanda.com

### Brampton Züm Bus Rapid Transit service ready to launch on Steeles Avenue



Kyle Seeback, MP for Brampton West joined Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport) and MP for Bramalea–Gore–Malton; Vic Dhillon, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and MPP for Brampton West; and Susan Fennell, Mayor of Brampton, in celebration of the completion of Phase I of the \$285-million Brampton Züm project. The project involved building a bus rapid transit (BRT) line on Steeles Avenue and a new Brampton Gateway Terminal at Steeles Avenue and Main Street. Service begins on Nov. 26. "I am pleased that our Conservative government has invested in this project as part of our continued focus on jobs, growth and long-term prosperity," said MP Kyle Seeback. "This project is a step in the right direction to reduce traffic and increase efficiency of the transit system in Brampton".

The Brampton Züm project is being delivered in two phases. Phase I included the construction of BRT lines on Queen Street, Main Street, and Steeles Avenue; the construction of two new terminals - Bramalea Terminal and Brampton Gateway Terminal; upgrades to the Downtown Terminal; the purchase of 63 BRT vehicles, including 60-foot articulated buses; and the purchase of 50 conventional vehicles to increase service frequency along major corridors feeding service into the BRT lines.

Phase II of the project is scheduled to start in 2014. It will bring BRT service to Bovaird Drive and expand service west-bound along Steeles Avenue and Queen Street. Completion is expected by the end of 2017.

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## **Community Happenings**



## Col Sandhu joins hands with Canadian delegation during ICBC meet

Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada along with Federal Ministers and high-powered business delegation, visited India from November 5. Lt Col (Retd) BS Sandhu, Chairman and Managing Director, WWICS Group, joined the Canadian delegation on November 5 at New Delhi. He participated in all the business conferences held at Maurya Sheraton. During the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber (ICBC) meet Prime Minister Harper interacted with all the members and Col Sandhu. The interesting points of building and strengthening of Canada-India relations, improving import and exports between both the countries, Canada's special emphasis on co-operating in environment and water management system, were discussed during the meet. WWICS hosted cocktail and dinner for all business dignitaries from Canada. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Canada was pleased to meet ICBC members in New Delhi and thanked them for their extended support for Canada.



### OVERSEAS INDIANS WITH INDIA SAYS WESTERN UNION



The top three iconic characteristics connecting overseas Indians most to their roots are, perhaps not surprisingly, Indian food, Bollywood and festivals reveals an international survey released by Western Union, a leader in global payment services.

The Western Union "Great loves that binds overseas Indians back home" survey conducted by Nielsen asked Indians by birth or descent across major regions of the world with large Indian Diaspora, the top three things that connected them most to India.

Over a fifth (21%) said it was Indian cuisine, 15 percent named Bollywood films and music and seven percent said traditional festivals such as Diwali. Rounding out the top five were the sporting game of Cricket at 6 percent and Ayurveda herbal healing at five percent.

Western Union in 2011 remitted money from 196 countries into

India via its network of more than 110,000 Agent locations located in 6000 towns, 497 cities across all 28 states in India as of 30 September 2012. The ranking of the top three "Great Loves" was similar for respondents originally from India and those with Indian descent. However, those with Indian descent were more enthusiastic over Bollywood and Festivals, versus those emigrants from India who favoured Indian cuisine and Ayurveda more. "As a company moving money for overseas Indian for more than 19 years from nearly every corner of the globe, we are familiar with their adaptation as global citizens. The Western Union survey unsurprisingly proves that the spirit of India has transcended global borders and is alive and kicking just as it is within the Indian nation," said Kiran Shetty, regional vice president and managing director, India, Western Union.



"Diwali Milan 2012" organized by "Uttarakhand Cultural Association of Canada", held at Pearl Banquet Hall, Mississauga, On Nov 19th 2012



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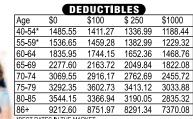
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## Closed legislature leaves post-secondary students locked out: ND

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versities recently to run for the party leadership. Before quitting, the minister was conducting a comprehensive Ministerial Review of post-secondary educa-

"With the House not sitting and the minister in charge stepping down to run for the Liberal leadership, where does that leave post-secondary education?" asked Singh. "And where does that leave this long-awaited review?" "We need MPPs to get back to work so we can have a real discussion about how to do better in Ontario's Universities and Colleges," said

## Ted McMeekin **Supports** Kathleen Wynne for Ontario Liberal

"Kathleen understands every corner of the province. I know she'll be there for **Hamilton and all** Ontarians." -**McMeekin** 

Kathleen Wynne has gained the support of Ted McMeekin, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale MPP and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. McMeekin made the announcement Tuesday morning alongside Wynne at the Hamilton Farmers' Market. Later, they toured a cattle farm in Lynden. "After almost 22 years of public service, I've seen elected officials work well with people, or work well on issues - Kathleen Wynne does both," said McMeekin. "Kathleen understands the issues facing

Ontario's rural residents and farmers. She is committed to addressing their needs." "Kathleen's strength as a leader comes from her ability to work with all regions of our province and find creative solutions," said McMeekin. "Kathleen understands every corner of the province. I know she'll be there for Hamilton and all Ontarians." McMeekin also praised Wynne's focus on economic stability and strategic infrastructure investment, and stressed her ability to rebuild relationships inside and outside of government.



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#### Horwath launches consultation on improving health care in Ontario

Andrea Horwath says she'll be reaching out to Ontarians for their ideas with new consultations focusing on improving health care in Ontario. "The Legislature may be shut down but the challenges in our health care system haven't gone away," said Horwath."In tough economic times, people need to know that health

ew Democrat Leader care will be there when they need it. We want to hear from people about what's working in their community, what isn't, and some positive ideas about how we can tackle the challenges and make things better."

> Horwath says she wants to hear from people on ways to improve the health system and the well-being of Ontarians. Over the last year New

Democrats have put forward positive ideas such as putting an end to exorbitant health care executive salaries, Ombudsman oversight over hospitals, and banning children from using tanning beds. Horwath says New Democrats will be seeking the advice of patients, health professionals and all Ontarians on key questions of how to ensure the system is sustainable,

how it can be integrated, how we can keep people healthy and how we tackle challenges in our hospitals, primary care, and supporting seniors as their health needs increase. A discussion guide entitled "Delivering Access. Ontario's Challenges: A consultation on health care" is available on the Ontario NDP website:

www.ontarioNDP.com



MPP Harinder Thakar to announce his race for leadership of the Liberal party of Ontario on Saturday 24th Nov at 11 am at Radisson Hotel in Mississauga

#### NEW LAW ELIMINATING HOUSE ARREST FOR SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIMES **COMES INTO FORCE**

Vaughan, November 20, 2012 - Today amendments that eliminate conditional sentences for serious and violent crimes - the final component of the Safe Streets and Communities Act - have come into force. The Honourable Julian Fantino, Member of Parliament for Vaughan and the Minister of International Cooperation, is pleased to make this announcement on behalf of the Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., Q.C., M.P. for Niagara Falls, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. "Canadians can count on our government to stand up for victims and to continue strengthening our justice system so that those who commit serious crimes serve serious jail time," stated Minister Fantino.

"Our Government has a strong record of putting victims first, getting tough on serious and violent offenders, and

keeping our streets and communities safe," said Minister Nicholson. "House arrest should not be available for offenders of serious crimes like sexual assault, kidnapping, and human trafficking. Those who commit these violent crimes must serve their time behind bars, not in the comfort of their homes and that is exactly the issue this legislation corrects." The Criminal Code outlines the circumstances when a conditional sentence can be imposed. The amendments in this component of Safe Streets and Communities Act maintain these conditions and expand the list describing when a conditional sentence is not available, including: • Any offence for which the law prescribes a maximum penalty of 14 years or life imprisonment;

· Any offence prosecuted by indictment and for which the law prescribes a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment that results in bodily harm, involves the import/export, trafficking or production of drugs or involves the use of a weapon; and, . A listed offence prosecuted by indictment and for which the law prescribes a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment - which means that crimes such as theft over \$5,000, breaking and entering, and theft of a motor vehicle are now included on the list of indictable offences ineligible for a conditional sentence. The Government introduced the Safe Streets and Communities Act on September 20, 2011, fulfilling its commitment to expeditiously introduce several law-andorder bills aimed at combating crime and terrorism. The Safe Streets and Communities Act received Royal Assent on March 13, 2012.

An online version of the legislation can be found at www.parl.gc.ca.

#### **AMARJEET GILL NOMINATED**



Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak congratulated Amarjeet Gill on his nomination as the Ontario PC candidate for Mississauga-Brampton South. Hudak applauded and thanked Gill for his unwavering focus on reducing the size and cost of government and kick-starting the economy to create private-sector jobs. "Amarjeet understands what government must do to make Ontario a better place for families and job creation," said Hudak. "While the current government continues to deepen Ontario's economic crisis, the Ontario PC Party is promoting solutions to create new jobs and rein in government spending." "I relate to the struggles people face as they seek to establish families and work in our community. The last nine years have been hard on families who deserve positive ideas to tackle McGuinty's spending and jobs crisis," said Gill.

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### SENATOR SALMA ATAULLAHJAN VISITS MALALA VOLISAFZAI

Despite security concerns, Canadian Senator Salma Ataullahjan visited Malala Yousafzai at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital where the 15-year-old is receiving treatment after being attacked by the Taliban in early October. Speaking from Birmingham, Senator Ataullahjan said that she had met privately with Malala's parents, and reported that, "Malala is doing very, very well and the doctors are really pleased with her progress."

A human rights activist and proponent of women's rights, Senator Ataullahjan hails from the same province as Malala in northernPakistan, and is herself a member of the "Yousafzai" tribe. This was of great comfort to the family as they could speak in Pukhto, their first language. "As a Pakistani-Canadian and Pukhtun



Conservative Senator Salma Ataullahjan meets with Malala Yousafzai's father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, UK. Senator Ataullahjan is from the same province, town and sub-tribe as the Yousafzai's in Pakistan.

woman, Malala's story has affected me personally. It was important for me to visit this brave young girl and to convey my respect and appreciation for her unparalleled courage," she said. "I wanted the family to know that Canadastands behind Malala and her fight for the rights of women and

girls." Senator Ataullahjan presented Malala and family with a poem that her daughter had written entitled "For Malala," which the Senator had read aloud in the Senate Chamber in October. The parents were very touched by the poem and planned to show it to Malala right away.

## MP McGuinty drops critic role over 'go back to Alberta' gibe



David McGuinty has apologized and stepped down from his role as Liberal energy critic after making controversial comments about Alberta Conservative MPs.

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as one that they're going to fight to the death for," the Sun quoted an angry McGuinty as saying following a meeting of the natural resources committee into energy innovation.

energy innovation.
The reaction from Conservatives was swift. Joan Crockatt, who is in a tight race with a Liberal candidate in Monday's byelection in Calgary Centre, quickly issued a news release invoking former Liberal prime minister Pierre Trudeau's energy policy from more than three decades ago.

"This anti-Alberta prejudice is the same the Liberals had when they brought in the disastrous National Energy Policy in the 1980s that did tremendous damage to our economy and cost Albertans

billions of dollars," she said. The Conservative outrage continued with several MPs rising in the House of Commons to denounce McGuinty's comments, including Prime Minister Stephen Harper. "I find it shameful, I guess not surprising, but shameful that 30 years after the National Energy Program these anti-Alberta attitudes are so close to the surface in the Liberal Party," Harper said. Calgary Southeast MP Jason Kenney, the immigration minister, said before question period the remarks were "deeply offensive" as he called on McGuinty to apologize. "It's totally inappropriate and, frankly, arrogant for a parliamentarian to tell elected colleagues they don't belong here, that they should"I find it shameful, I guess not surprising, but shameful that 30 years after the National Energy Program these anti-Alberta attitudes are so close to the surface in the Liberal Party," Harper said.

n't be representing their constituents, that they shouldn't be advocating for economic growth in one of the key growth industries in the Canadian economy," Kenney said after his party's weekly caucus meeting. "I would remind Mr. McGuinty that three-quarters of Canada's petroleum production actually happens in Alberta, that Alberta's energy industry is Canada's energy industry and that industry is responsible for almost 20 per cent of our country's gross domestic product. The entire Canadian energy industry is creating hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country."

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## Minister Gosal Reflects on Trip to India with Prime Minister Harper





Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport) and Member of Parliament for Bramalea - Gore - Malton, reflected on his trip to India with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Mrs. Laureen Harper, Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, Tim Uppal, Minister of State (Democratic Reform), along with representatives of the business and cultural sectors. Travelling to the cities of Agra, New Delhi, Chandigarh and Bangalore, this was the Prime Minister's second trip to India and one of his single, longest trips to a single country. "It was an honour to visit my home country of India with Prime Minister Harper," said Bal Gosal. "Canada maintains a strong bilateral relationship with India, and the Prime Minister's trip was focused on further strengthening these ties. Expanding our

trade and investment with India, one of the world's fastest growing markets, would mean more opportunities for Canadian companies, more jobs in Canada and increased prosperity."

During his official engagements in New Delhi, Prime Minister Harper held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Singh. He also called on the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, and the Vice President of India, Shri Hamid Ansari. Prime Minister Harper met the Leader of the Opposition Smt. Sushma Swaraj and the UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi.

The Prime Ministers held detailed discussions on bilateral issues and on regional and international issues of mutual interest. They noted the significance of the visit, marking the 65th Anniversary of the opening of the

High Commission of Canada in India.

The two leaders agreed on the imperative to forge a forward-looking relationship by deepening the bilateral engagement at a strategic level and better leveraging significant complementarities existing between the two countries in key areas of mutual interest such as: energy security; agriculture and food security; mineral resources; education; infrastructure development; and advanced civilian, defence and space technologies. Towards achieving this objective, they agreed to intensify their interaction through regular meetings, including dialogues on the margins of international meetings, and to institute an annual strategic dialogue between the two Foreign Ministers, supported by bilateral meetings among senior officials.

#### **Notable Accomplishments**

Trade and Economy: The two Prime Ministers welcomed the progress being made in negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and reaffirmed their desire to conclude it by the end of 2013.

Canada – India Nuclear Cooperation
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Plan and be exempt from contributing to
the Employees' Pension Scheme of India;
and exempting Canadian businesses from
paying Indian pension plan contributions
for their employees sent to work temporarily in India, thus resulting in substantial savings.

Canada – India Research Centre of Excellence: Prime Minister Stephen
Harper announced that the Government of Canada has selected the India-Canada
Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary
Partnership to Accelerate Transformation and Sustainability (IC-IMPACTS) as the winner of the Canada-India Research
Centre of Excellence (CIRCE) competition it announced in Budget 2011.

New Canadian Consulate in Bangalore: The new consulate will provide more effective representation (consular, immigration, visa, and trade services) in the rapidly expanding Southern part of India. In addition, it will provide enhanced opportunities for Canadian businesses, given Bangalore is a global IT and biotechnology centre. It also provides the potential to attract talented professionals and international students to Canada.

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## **UN chief asks nations** to abolish death penalty

As India executed 26/11 terrorist Ajmal Kasab, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon called on nations who still use the death penalty to abolish the practice. Ban welcomed the adoption of a UN General Assembly resolution passed on Monday which called on member states to establish a moratorium on execution with view to abolishing the death penalty. "The vote offers the opportunity to again encourage member states who still practice the death penalty or retain it in law to abolish the practice," General Moon is re-

ported to have said. Ban called on member states to join the worldwide trend and support next month's General Assembly resolution on a moratorium on the use of death penalty. Earlier this year, at a high level event on the death penalty, Ban had said that the taking of life is too absolute, too irreversible for one human being to inflict on another even when backed by legal process." About 150 nation either abolished or do not practice the death penalty and Ban asked nations who still practice the capital pun-



ishment to follow the example of these nations. Ban said the vote resolution reflects the trend against capital punishment which has grown strong across regions, legal traditions and cus-

## Obama commends Netanyahu on ceasefire pledge

US President Barack Oba- Hamas. "The President ma spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and commended him for agreeing to the Egyptian proposal for a ceasefire with the

expressed his appreciation for the Prime Minister's efforts to work with the new Egyptian government to achieve a

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## Mice, roaches found in US airlines' food



In a shocker, the US food and drug administration (FDA) has discovered the presence of mice, ants and cockroaches in food served on airlines in the country.

Through a Freedom of Information Act request, the Show "20/20" ob-

health violation records from the FDA, the agency in charge of inspecting airlines and their caterers, reported the TV channel. Over almost four years, the industry counted more than 1,500 health violations, the ABC News reported. "Significant" problems were found at a much higher rate than in other industries the FDA inspects, the agency said. Food facilities at LSG Sky Chefs were found to be infested with ants, dead and live flies, and cockroaches "all over".

## Cameron "sad" as introduction of women bishops fails

British Prime Minister David Cameron has said he is "very sad" that the Church of England rejected the introduction of women bishops, reported a leading daily from London. But he said Parliament had to "respect the individual institutions and the way they work". 324 members voted for women

bishops - but its voting rules meant the 122 votes against were enough to block it. The next Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of Durham Justin Welby, has insisted the move will go ahead. He said he agreed with the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who insisted there would be women



time. Mr Cameron - who is a supporter of woman bishops - told MPs: "I'm very sad about the way the vote went. I think it's important for the Church of England to be a modern church in touch with society, as it is today, and this was a key step they needed to take."

#### **Woman charged for** sexual acts with skeleton

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saving a shot had been fired from her flat in the city of Gothenburg. They also discovered CD-ROMs titled 'my necrophilia' and 'my first experience', and pictures of the woman engaging in sexual activities with a skeleton.

## Sarkozy quizzed over election funds



Nicolas Sarkozy was questioned on Thursday by magistrates trying to establish whether he received illegal campaign funds from France's richest woman when he ran for president in 2007. In one strand of a broader inquiry, magistrates are looking at 4 million euros (\$5 million) of cash withdrawals from the

Swiss bank accounts of Liliane Bettencourt, heiress of the L'Oreal cosmetics empire. Sarkozy denies any wrongdoing but any drawn-out legal probe may taint him with sucpicion that could damage his chances of running at the 2017 presidential election, which one recent poll showed 52 percent of his party's supporters want to see.



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## Obama commends Netanyahu on ceasefire pledge

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sustainable ceasefire and a more durable solution to this problem," the White House said in a statement, reported a leading news agency from US. According to the White House, Obama expressed his appreciation for Netanyahu's efforts to work with the new Egyptian government to achieve a sustainable ceasefire and a more durable solution to this problem. "The President made clear that no country can be expected to tolerate rocket attacks against civilians," the White House said, adding that Obama reiterated his commitment to Israeli security. The White House statement came

moments after Egypt announced the details of the ceasefire. Earlier, US Secretary of State Clinton met the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for half an hour in Ramallah. Later, Obama also spoke with his Egyptian counterpart, Mohamed Mursi, and commended him for his effort on negotiating the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. "The President thanked President Morsi for his efforts to achieve a sustainable ceasefire and for his personal leadership in negotiating a ceasefire proposal. President Morsi expressed appreciation for President Obama's efforts in this regard," the White House said.







## **Nick Cannon on** diaper duty!

Singer Nick Cannon is happy changing diapers of his 18-month-old twins Monroe and Moroccan, with wife Mariah

"We all do it but for some reason, I get that duty a little bit more. I'm not scared of it. I go in, I put the gloves on," said Cannon, reported a celeb magazine. Cannon also reveals he is always running behind Monroe and Moroccan, whenever he is at home with them. "The kids run the house. We are just running and chasing after them. My wife is being the diva that she is. I`m trying to keep up with them," he

## All set for Vidya's marriage!

Vidya Balan's marriage plans are no longer hidden from the media. She and UTV head honcho Siddarth Roy Kapur have been together since some time now. Once the news about the two getting married got reported various other sources who are involved in the preparations for the marriage were guizzed by media in India.

Reports suggest that Vidya Balan will have 18 sarees for her trousseau with all of them being pure silk sarees. All these traditional sarees are to be arranged from Tamil Nadu designer the ace

Sabyasachi Mukherjee.

Sabyasachi Mukherjee is her favorite designer who dresses her up for all occasions leading to the various events of Bollywood. Therefore it is but obvious that on this special day of her life, he would be the one designing her trousseau and her wedding outfit. The sarees for her trousseau will all be traditional silks in very warm colors. Siddharth Roy Kapoor is a Punjabi by birth whereas Vidya Balan is a Tamilian. Therefore the wedding functions will be a blend of both the cultures.



### SRK speaks about issue with Salman at **HT Summit**





fter their infamous fight at Katrina Kaif's birthday bash in 2008, both Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan have never spoken about each other publicly. However, SRK touched upon the issue briefly at the recently held HT Summit 2012 in Delhi over the weekend. When asked what exactly went wrong between him and Salman, SRK said that they had a personal issue and it's not the first time. He also spoke highly of Salman's family and the love that they have given him over the years. As for patching up with Sallu, King Khan said that even if the matter was to be resolved it would be done privately and not on a public platform. SRK also added that he and Salman are similar in some ways and completely different in other ways. Incidentally, SRK's latest co-star Katrina Kaif was also sharing the dias with him at this HT Summit.





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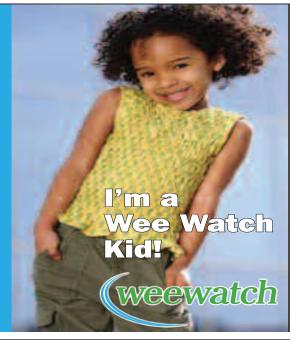
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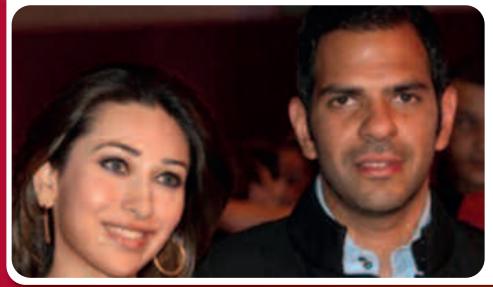
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## **Enter**tainment

## End of marriage, finally?



hile Kareena Kapoor got hitched to Saif Ali Khan only last month, elder sister Karisma's divorce has been at the rallying point of a lot of buzz for a while now. And reports from India claim that finally, the two are on the threshold of a divorce, and talks over custody of children are doing the rounds with the Kapoors' at the moment. A daily from India quoted its source as saying, "Looks like it's time for them to make it official. They've been through discussions about this of late. They're now trying to come upon an agreement

where they can get mutual custody of the two children. As the kids are too young to decide for themselves, talks are on over how they will manage it as both Karisma and Sanjay live in different cities."

The couple, however, have chosen to remain quiet about the matter. Right after a few years of Karisma's marriage to the Delhi-based businessman Sunjay, trouble had begun surfacing. The two had also separated after the birth of their first child in 2005. They eventually got back together in 2010 and welcomed their second child in 2010.

# Can't wait for long-due honeymoon



t's been more than a month that Saif Ali and Kareena Kapoor got married but the couple did not get free time to enjoy their honeymoon. Though the duo headed for vacation together innumerable times, this is going to be special as it would be their first outing after marriage.

After a week long wedding function, Saif and Kareena got busy with their work. The Nawab now is in a hurry to wrap up shooting for Abbas Mustan 'Race 2'. He can't wait for his long-due honeymoon. Bebo has been working 10 hours a day to complete her shooting before leaving for honeymoon. Saif is working rigorously to make his honeymoon trip at the earliest.



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amir Khan's fans can rejoice. They can watch the actor's latest film Talaash with their families in theatres, now that it has been cleared by the Censor Board with a U/A certificate. This has been heartening for the film's producers Farhan Akhtar, Aamir Khan and Ritesh Sidhwani who wouldn't have to worry about curtailed footfalls for the film. Moreover, director Reema Kagti too is happy with the liberal stance that Censors have taken. "The film had also been passed without any cuts. That's a good win too", a daily from India quoted director as saying. The film's running length is 2 hours 14 minutes.

## Jacqueline Feranandez for stunts in 'Race 2'

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ctress Jacqueline Feranandez showed her daring side when she performed a combat sequence in her upcoming slick thriller 'Race 2'. In the film, Jacqueline will be seen performing a fencing sequence using swords and knives, with Saif Ali Khan in tow. The film releases Jan 25. "We got two experts from Vietnam to teach her. A sequence like this needs style and grace and you can't hurry it up or it will not be justified. Jacqueline, on her part, worked hard for two months to learn the moves," Abbas of the director duo Abbas-Mustan has been quoted by a leading celeb magazine from



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## Qasab Hanged! Afzal Guru Next?

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#### **NO LAST WISH'**

where the butcher of Mumbai was executed at 7.36 am on Wednesday in a highly secret operation, have been quoted by a leading daily from India as saying, that Kasab was unusually "quiet and nervous" in his final moments and read prayers in the presence of a maulvi. Though he showed little remorse, he told the maulvi that he should not have killed innocent people.

Qasab did not express any last wish, nor did he want to speak to anyone back home. He merely asked if his family had been informed about his hanging to this the jail officials replied in the affirmative. When they asked if he wanted to make a will, the 25- year- old replied in writing that it was not needed, reported the daily. Earlier this month, Qasab had told authorities to inform his mother in Pakistan about his death. She was apparently the person he was closest too. Qasab was only identified as inmate number C-7096 — the tag he carried throughout his prison term.

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claim to it.

Qasab was secretly moved from Arthur Road jail in Mumbai, where he had been lodged since his arrest in 2008, to Yerwada prison on the intervening night of November 18 and 19. He was accompanied by highranking officials and commandos of the Quick Response Team. Sources said the identity of the convict was also kept hidden from the commandos escorting the convoy. In fact, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police that guarded Qasab's high security cell at the Arthur Road prison for almost four years was not informed about the movement.

The officials have not even revealed the identity of the hangman who carried out the execution. They, however, said he was paid `5,000 for the job.

#### Pres. acted firm

After he moved to Rashtrapati Officials at Pune's Yerwada jail, Even in the official dossier sent Bhavan, President of India Pranab to Pakistan, he was identified Mukherjee seems to have acted tough unlike his predecessor Prat-After the execution, a doctor ibha Patil who had rejected confirmed that Qasab had died. three mercy petitions while com-Later his body was buried in an muting death sentences to life unmarked grave inside Yerwa- imprisonment in 12 cases during da jail itself as no one staked her five-year tenure. Five months into his new job, Pranab Mukher-

jee demonstrated his resolve and did not shy away from taking a call on the sensitive issue of mercy pleas by declining Kasab's plea. As per a leading TV channel from India, Pratibha Patil wanted to go slow and had reportedly told the government that as the first woman President, she cannot act hastily and send

convicts to the gallows in the 23 cases, which she "inherited". But Mukherjee has come to Rashtrapati Bhavan with no such baggage. While there is a raging ideological debate over abolishing capital punishment, Mukherjee has shown on occasions, that he does not shy away from the death penalty provision.

#### **Kept in dark**

ntil he came face to face with the "butcher of Mumbai," the hangman who carried out the death sentence on Kasab had no idea whom he had been called in to execute. In keeping with secrecy and security norms, the identity of the hangman had not been revealed. Dailies from Mumbai have quoted their sources while maintain anonymity, and have reported that the hangman was was a Muslim from central Maharashtra. He was apparently ing execution. A few hours called in two days before the Wednesday morning execution, to prepare for the first hanging at the prison in 17 years. Immediately after the execution, the hangman was moved out of Yerwada, to an undisclosed location.

#### **PUNE POLICE NOT INFORMED EITHER**

ntil Wednesday morning, even the Pune police were reportedly not informed of the impendbefore the sole surviving terrorist of the 26/11 terror siege was due to be put to death, they were informed and asked to depute additional forces outside the jail.

#### PM came to know through TV: Shinde

ndia's home minister Sushilkumar Shinde told TV channels on Wednesday: "None of my cabinet colleagues knew. The Prime Minister and others got to know from television this morning. The UPA president Sonia Gandhi was not part of the decision. It is my nature to keep work secret. I have a police background."

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## Congress ministers irked by arrest of girls

The arrest of two girls in eral opinion and not Palghar area near Mumbai over a remark posted on Facebook following Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray's death evoked a sharp reaction from Congress ministers at the Maharashtra cabinet's meeting. Congress leaders alleged that police arrested Shaheen Dhada and her friend Renu Srinivasan (both were later released) under the pressure of local Shiv Sena workers. Although the comment on

the Facebook was a gen-

derogatory, the police, under pressure from Shiv Sena, arrested the girls and registered a case under irrelevant sections of IPC, Minister Nitin Raut said at the meeting. Raut demanded strong action against the police officers. Fellow Congress Ministers Naseem Khan and Varsha Gaikwad echoed the demand. Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan said that probe had been ordered and report was expected soon;

action would be taken if the officers had erred, sources added. Dhada had questioned shutting down of Mumbai in the aftermath of Thackeray's death in her comment. The arrest led to outrage across the country.

In recent months, police have arrested a number of people in cases which seriously test India's wavering commitment to freedom of speech. In October, Ravi Srinivasan, a 46year-old businessman in Pondicherry, was arrested

for a tweet criticising Karti Chidambaram, son of Finance Minister P Chidambaram. He was later released on bail. In September, cartoonist Aseem Trivedi was jailed in Mumbai on charges of sedition for his anti-corruption drawings. The charges were later dropped. In April, the West Bengal government arrested a teacher who had emailed to friends a cartoon that panned Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. He too was later released on bail.



## Imran's party demands hanging of Sarabjit

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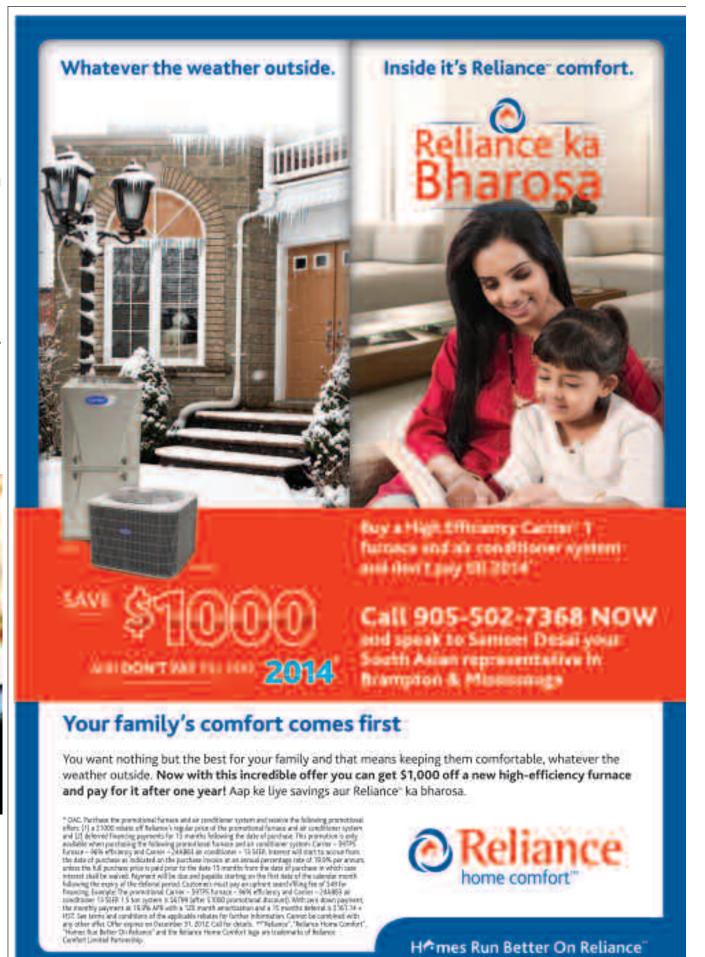
A day after the lone survivor of 26/11 Mumbai attacks, terrorist Ajmal Amir Kasab was hanged to death in Pune's Yerwada Central Prison, Pakistan's cricketer-turned -politician Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has reportedly demanded hanging of Indian prisoner Sarabjit Singh as part of retaliation. Sarabjit Singh has been imprisoned in Pakistan's Kot Lakhpat jail since 1990 on the charges of serial bomb blasts in Lahore and Faisalabad that killed 14 people. Under Pakistan's Army Act, Sarabjit was given death sentence in 1991. The demand was made during a demonstration in Multan and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari was blamed for being the "biggest hurdle to the execution of terrorists".

### **Victory for India**



The hanging of Kasab is a victory for India. We have sent out a message that we will not tolerate terror attacks on our soil. We have proved that the entire conspiracy was hatched in Pakistan, ??

Special Public Prosecutor Uiiwal Nikam, who represented the government in the trial against Kasab, told reporters.



## South Asia

## Congo sex scandal

Four Indian army personnel, including a Major, have been indicted by a Court of Inquiry (CoI) into a case of alleged sexual exploitation of women in Congo during their deployment under a UN mission in 2007-08.

Army Chief General Bikram Singh said Col into the case has been completed and the DNA sample of one jawan has matched with

one of the kids allegedly fathered by Indian troopers in Congo.Three persons will face administrative actions for Command and Control failure and the jawan will face disciplinary action, Gen Singh said. One of the officials include a Company Commander of the rank of Major, while other two are a JCO and a

## Pakistan dismisses 'Quran burning' case

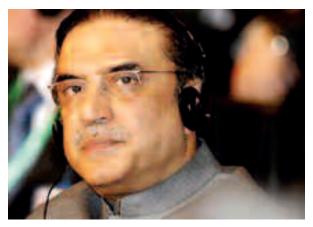
young Pakistani Christian girl, who was detained for three weeks after being falsely accused of blasphemy for burning the Quran by an Islamic cleric, was dismissed by a court, amid global condemnation. Chief

The case filed against a Justice Igbal Hameed-ur-Rehman of the Islamabad High Court, who had last week reserved his judgement on 14-year-old Rimsha Masih's petition seeking the dismissal of the FIR against her, directed police to drop the complaint.

#### Pak telecom body says no to night-call packages

Pakistan's telecommunication watchdog has ordered mobile phone service providers to immediately discontinue packages offering cheap calls late at night because they promote "vulgarity" and go against the "values of the country".

## Major indicted in Court to hear Zardari case from Dec 5



In what could spell trouble for Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari, a court said it would hear a contempt of court petition filed against him for holding the political post of chief of the Pakistan People's Party on a day-to-day basis from December 5.

A five-judge bench of the Lahore HC headed by Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial made the observation when

it resumed hearing Munir Ahmad's petition against Zardari for holding a political office despite HC's suggestion last year that he give up the post of PPP chief. A K Dogar, the counsel for Ahmad, argued that Zardari was also violating a order issued by the SC that said the President should be non-partisan and have no political affiliations.

## 26/11 heroes accuse the govt of ignoring them

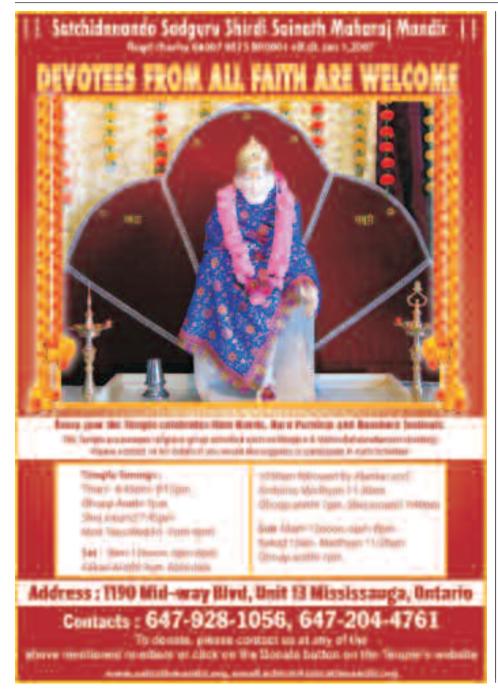
A day after Pakistani terrorist Ajmal Kasab was hanged at Pune's Yerwada Jail, a former Army soldier and National Security Guard (NSG) commando Naik Surender Singh, who had fought to eliminate the terrorists in the 2008 Mumbai carnage, has hit out claiming he has not paid his dues by the government and the Indian Army. Naik Surender Singh on Thursday addressed a press conference with Arvind Kejriwal and claimed that he received no pen-

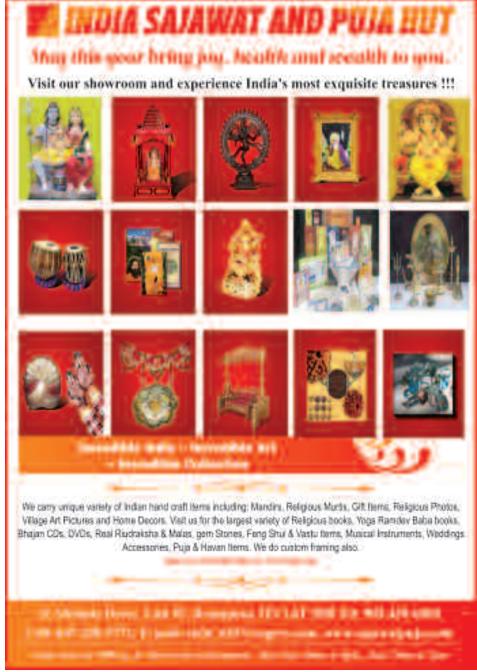
sion since his retirement from the force in October 2011. But the Army countered Singh's allegation by saying that his pension was deposited in his account with retrospective effect on November 16. But the question remains as to why did it take 13 months to release his pension? Was the pension released because the Ministry of Defence knew that Singh was going public with his grievances? While Singh said that he hadn't received Rs 31 lakh as claimed by





the government, the Army claimed that Rs 18 lakh out of the Rs 31 lakh have already been paid as insurance, Provident Fund and disability pension. The rest of the money will be paid in a month, according to the Ministry of Defence.





## Lifetime achievement award for Gavaskar

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unil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and V.V.S. Laxman were felicitated at the BCCI annual awards function 2011-12 in Mumbai. "I dedicate this award to the Indian fans. There is no bigger award than this in Indian cricket. I am really honoured to join the list of winners. I am also humbled that the BCCI has chosen me worthy of this award," said Gavaskar after receiving the Lifetime Achievement award that carried a citation, trophy and a cheque for Rs. 25 lakh. Sachin Tendulkar was honoured with a gold-plated bat for scoring a century of centuries in international cricket and Kohli was chosen as the best Indian international cricketer of the year. "We grew up watch-

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ing you, Mr. Gavaskar. Thanks for inspiring me to play cricket. All I wanted to do was to follow your footsteps. I was 12 or so and was disappointed I did not get the best junior cricketer award. I got a letter from Mr. Gavaskar

saying if you go through that list there is one person who did not get that award and he (Gavaskar) had not done badly in Tests," said Tendulkar. Former India captain Mohd. Azharuddin was also present at the function.

## Ojha, Pujara on the rise in ICC Test rankings



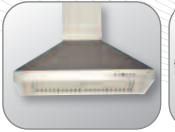
Left-arm spinner Pragyan Ojha, who starred with a ninewicket haul in the first Test against England, rose nine places to break into the top-five of the latest ICC rankings. The 26-year-old

recorded match figures of 77.2-24-165-9 in the first Test. The other Indian in the top-20 are pace spearhead Zaheer Khan (up one place to 14th place) and offspinner R Ashwin (steady at 18th). Not a

single Indian features in the top-20 of ICC's batcharts Cheteshwar Pujara, who struck a doubled hundred in Ahmedabad, has rocketed 35 places to the 24th position.







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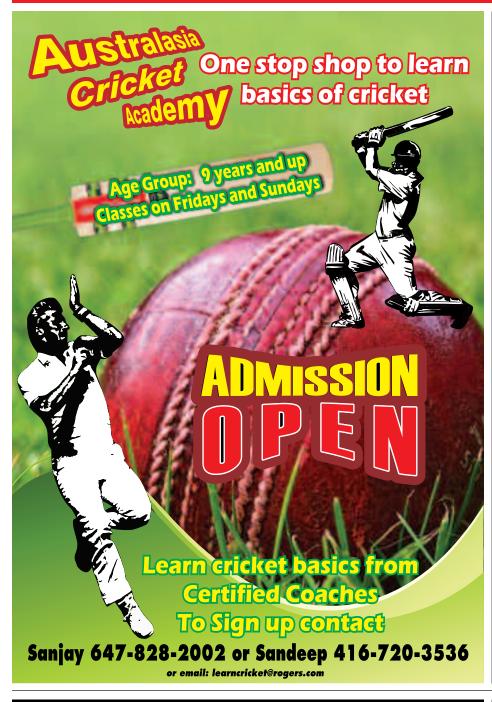


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## Sidhu takes dig at Waugh for criticising Dhoni

Former India cricketer commentator turned Navjot Singh Sidhu came down heavily on ex-Australia skipper Steve Waugh, who criticised India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni for demanding tracks that turn from the very first day. "Ask Steve Waugh whether the Indian team gets a turning track when we visit Perth?," asked Sidhu. "Does Waugh want that we gift the Test series to England? The track will be same for both teams," he added. "We are not here to give comfort to the English side. We would like to win this series. When we go to



England, do they make tracks that offer turn? It is important for India to win this series," Sidhu told a TV channel.

Dhoni, after winning the first Test against England at Ahmedabad, expressed his displeasure at the Motera wicket and said that "We wanted the curators to prepare the pitches that will turn from day one."

The second Test in Mumbai is scheduled to start from Friday where ball is expected to turn a lot and Sidhu suggested the Indian team go to with an extra spinner in Harbhajan Singh, in addition to Ravichandran Ashwin and Pragyan Ojha. "I have been saying since Day I that their strength is swing and ours is spin. More the number of spinners, better it is. If we play Harbhajan in Mumbai, then England will psychologically bogged down," he concluded.

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### YADAV DOUBTFUL. DINDA CALLED UP.

Retirement

Indian fast bowler Umesh Yadav was called "doubtful" for the second cricket Test against England due to a lower back problem. Yadav, who picked up four wickets in the first match in Ahmedabad, underwent a scan and did not turn up for the practice session.

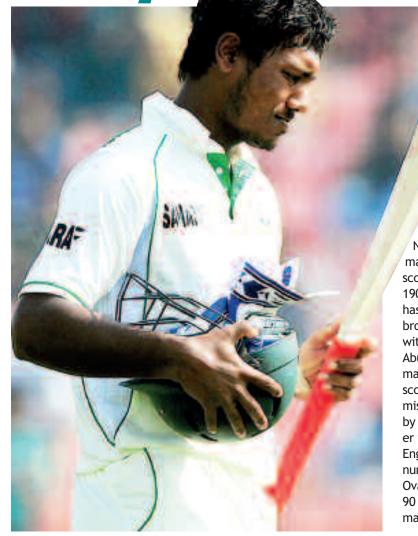
Bengal paceman Ashok Dinda has been called as a cover for Yadav. Incidentally, Dinda was called up as cover for Ishant Sharma as well. Sharma was eventually ruled out of the first Test due to viral fever and Dinda returned back for Ranii dutv.

## **Royal Canadian** Mint celebrates **100th Grey Cup®**

Mint too has joined Canadians from coast to coast in the countdown to the 100th Grey Cup®, which will be contested on Sunday, November 25, 2012 at Rogers Centre in Toronto. "The Royal Canadian Mint is proud to have commemorated this landmark in Canadian sports history with a special one-dollar circulation coin and exciting numismatic prod-

The Royal Canadian ucts which will be a permanent tribute to the lasting legacy of professional football in Canada," said Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. The Mint is proudly attending the 100th Grey Cup Festival at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (Level 6) and will be offering visitors the opportunity to obtain the 100th Grey Cup onedollar circulation coin.

Abul Hasan breaks a 110-year-old record!



Bangladesh's Abul Hasan became only the second man in 135 years of Test cricket to hit a debut hundred batting at number ten on the opening day of the second Test against the West Indies on Wednesday. The Bangladesh rookie also became only the fourth number 10 batsman to score a Test ton on a remarkable opening day of the second Test against West Indies at Khulna. Hasan became an unlikely hero for the home fans as he turned spinner Sunil Narine for two to reach his hundred, matching Australian Reggie Duff's feat who scored 104 against England at Melbourne in 1902 while batting at ten. The 20-year-old has played just six first-class games, brought up the milestone in just 106 balls with the help of 13 fours and three sixes. Abul, unbeaten on 100 overnight which had made him only the second debutant to score a century batting at number 10, missed another record when he was caught by Sammy off Fidel Edwards for 113. Another five runs would have seen Abul overtake Englishman Walter Read's best score by a number 10 of 117 against Australia at the Oval in 1884 but Edwards, with figures of 6-90 and his third six-wicket test haul in 55 matches, preserved the record.







## Patients Spending Less Time in Emergency Rooms

- Time spent in the ER has decreased by 1.2 hours over the last four years - with approximately 86 per cent of people receiving treatment within target time frames.
- In February 2009, Ontario set ER length of stay targets of four hours for patients with minor conditions and eight hours for patients with complex conditions.
- Emergency rooms have seen a steady increase in complex patients, with the most serious cases increasing by over 35 per cent since April 2008. Despite this increase, patients are spending less time waiting to receive care.
- 112, 500 patients were treated in Brampton Civic ER last year.

Patients in Brampton are spending less time in emergency rooms (ERs), allowing them to receive treatment faster and return home sooner, and freeing up hospital time to treat other patients. The results indicate; at William Osler Health System, time spend in the ER has decreased by 15.6 per cent over the last four years. Approximately 82 per cent of people received target time frame. "Brampton Civic emergency rooms are making good progress in improving their performance so they treat patients better and faster. I'm proud of what our government is doing to help them keep achieving their goals," said Linda Jeffrey, MPP for Brampton-Springdale. Ontario is building on the success of its ER performgram to support hospitals facing the biggest ER challenges. This year, the province is continuing to support the William Osler Heath System to improve ER performance. Helping patients receive treatment faster in the ER is part of Ontario's Action Plan for Health Care to ensure that Ontarians are accessing the right care, at the right time, and in the right place.



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## Travel in style with room for seven 2013 Infiniti JX

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Infiniti is usually associated with luxury with sportiness. Most of its vehicles are sporty they are whether sedans, coupes or crossovers. They are performance-based automobiles and most of the times are ahead of the game among competitors. Well, they have gone a step further to tap a market that is dominated by mini vans by introducing the Infiniti JX.

The JX has distinctively Infiniti looks keeping in line with the Essence concept. Overall it does look like a full-size SUV, though the manufacturers call it a luxury crossover. It might not be a radical design, but it's good enough to turn heads as you pass by. The main characteristic of the JX is the third

row of seating. Not many crossovers in the market offer that and even if they do, space is bare mini-

third row. The JX has won in that department as space in the third row is pretty decent even when the second row of seats are pushed all the way back. Access to the third row is made easy too in the JX. An innovative multi-mode middle seat design provides entry to the third row without removing the second row child seat.

The JX comes with tons of bells and whistles. The most significant one is a world's first called the Backup Collision Intervention (BCI). With this feature, when a driver engages the reverse gear, the JX will detect crossing vehicles and objects behind the JX, and if nec-

ward Collision Warning (FCW); Active Trace Control; Front Pre-Crash Seat Belts; and a Bose Cabin Surround 15-speaker sound system with digital 5.1-channel decoding and a new Acoustic Waveguide subwoofer.

The interiors of the

JX live up to Infiniti standards. The touches of chrome and leather give the interiors an elegant look. Leather-appointed

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(LDP); Blind Spot Inter-

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seating is standard, along with heated front seats with 8-way power driver's seat, heated steering wheel, and 6way power front passenger's seat. Climatecontrolled front seats (heating and cooling) are optionally available, as well as heated second row outboard seats. All the controls have easy access and basic functions like turning on the radio are simple and straight forward unlike many other high end vehicles where it gets so complicated. (Antony Dickson is a freelance automotive journalist. Follow him on Twitter @tonydickson\_f1)

#### JOSH BHARA ROGUE CONTEST NAYA SAFAR APNAO, NISSAN ROGUE CHALAO



In May 2012, Nissan Canada launched its Josh Bhara Rogue Contest via the Cricket All-Star T20 Toronto, as one of the Official Partners of the match. Featuring a Grand Prize of a 2012 Rogue SL AWD Vehicle, (approximate retail value \$34,278.00). With nearly 2,500 entries, the contest was a great hit among the South Asian community. The Grand winner Murshad Mazumder, also known as Sunny, lives in Toronto and was delighted to have won such an exceptional Nissan vehicle and said he couldn't wait to drive

"What a surprise! After winning a brand new Nissan Rogue, I'm sure I will always keep an eye out for future contests by Nissan," said Grand Prize Winner, Murshad Sunny

Mazumder. The Grand Prize winner attended a press conference held at the Nissan Canada head office on November 19th, 2012 in Mississauga, ON and was presented with the keys for the grand prize, by Judy Wheeler, Director of Marketing, Nissan Canada. "We are thrilled with the outcome of this great contest. On behalf of Nissan Canada, I would like to congratulate Mr. Mazumder on winning this year's contest. We're very excited to present him with the keys to a brand new Nissan Rogue," said Judy Wheeler. Visit

www.nissan.ca/southasian for more information on the Josh Bhara Rogue Contest and to check out future contests from Nissan South







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"When I took office as president, I sent a message to those governments who ruled by fear. I said in my inauguration address: We will extend a hand if you are willing to unclench your fist. And over the last year and a half, a dramatic transition has begun, as

a dictatorship of five decades has loosened its grip." **Barack Obama** hailed Myanmar's shift to democracy and urged more steps to increase freedom after a meeting with democracy advocate Aung San Suu Kyi, during the first visit to the former military-ruled country by a US president.

## Brooks charged with giving bribes



Britain's Crown Prosecution Services said on Tuesday that former tabloid editors Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks were among five people being charged with conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office. Prosecutors said that Brooks conspired with journalist John Kay to funnel as much as 100,000 pounds to a Ministry of Defense employee in return for stories that were published in Murdoch's Th e Sun newspaper.

## Trader convicted of \$2.3 bln fraud

Former UBS trader Kweku Adoboli was convicted and sentenced to seven years in jail for the biggest fraud in British history, which resulted in a loss of \$2.3 billion for the Swiss bank.



Adoboli, 32, a senior trader on the Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) desk at UBS's investment banking arm in London, admitted trading far in excess of his authorised risk limits and making

## Party's attempt to find Sarko heir ends in a chaos

The battle to succeed Nicolas Sarkozy at the helm of France's rightwing opposition UMP party turned into a shambles, with both candidates claiming victory amid accusations of voterigging. Jean-Francois Cope, the party's populist secretary-general, declared to cheering supporters after voting closed on Sunday that he was the victor, but exprime minister Francois Fillon announced just minutes later that he had

#### TV journalist gunned down in Balochistan

A reporter of a TV news channel was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen in the restive Balochistan province of southwest Pakistan today, police said. Rehmatullah Abid, a reporter for Dunya News, was sitting at a barber's shop in Washbood area of Panjgur district when two gunmen riding a motorcycle fired at him this afternoon.

# Plane carrying 184 makes emergency landing

Around 184 people escaped unhurt when a London-bound flight of the Pakistan International Airlines made an emergency landing at Karachi's Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah international airport due to engine fault. The Airbus-310 returned shortly after take-off when its pilot informed of problems in one engine.

#### 6 injured as police copters collide in LA



Two police helicopters have collided over a helipad, leaving five police officers and a civilian with minor injuries, officials said. Police believed the collision occurred when the rotator blades of a chopper that was landing and one that was taking off touched, Lt Phlunte Riddle said.

# Queen Anne coin worth £120,000 to be auctioned

A 'lost' Queen Anne coin made of gold seized from a Spanish treasure ship in 1702 is expected to fetch £120,000 at a UK auction. The coin was discovered by a woman from Kent, while clearing out her late husband's chest of drawers.

#### Gunman found guilty in Anni Dewani murder case

A Cape Town court found a third man, Xolie Mngeni, guilty of the 2010 killing of Indianorigin 28-year-old Swedish honeymooner Anni Dewani, in a setback to her Londonbased NRI husband's battle to avoid extradition to South Africa to stand trial in the case.

#### China rebel gets 12 yrs' jail for contract fraud

A dissident Chinese poet Li Bifeng, whose detention has drawn an international appeal for his release was sentenced on Monday to 12 years in prison for contract fraud. Li was formerly jailed for five years for involvement in the Tiananmen Square movement.

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### Weekly Horoscope

#### ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Use your intellectual approach to get the best results. Take a trip or just spend some quality time with your mate. Abrupt changes in your home may send you for a loop. It might be time to shake a leg and do a personal makeover.

#### TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Don't overspend on children or on large purchases. You can prosper if you in vest in property or mutual funds. You will have problems with coworkers if you are too extreme about doing things perfectly.

#### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Plans to make physical improvements may lead to psychological changes, too. This is not the best day to visit relatives who get on your nerves.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Don't trust others with private in formation that could be used against you. Your lover may be annoyed if you have been flirtatious or not attentive to their needs. LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Try not to discuss important matters with colleagues. Go with the flow and don't be concerned about your own job. You can open up to your mate and let them know what you expect out of this relationship.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Too much too fast will be the attitude surrounding your home environment. There is not much you can do to alleviate the problem, but consider putting some extra work into your house.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Abrupt changes in your home may send you for a loop. Mingle with those who can further your goals. Get involved in groups and organizations that are of a distinguished nature.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Resist any idle chatter. Try to include friends and relatives in your activities. Don't try to deal with important issues or make changes that will upset the apple cart.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Look into ways that you can make extra cash. Put your energy into learning new skills or picking up valuable information. Finish those changes you've been talking about making to your residence.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

You have the stamina and determination to succeed. Family outings that aren't expensive will be enjoyable and help strengthen ties.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Real estate should be lucrative for you. You may find that your quick wit and charm will help you in obtaining allies. Groups you belong to will not only enjoy your company, but they will also share your interests.

#### PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Keep on your toes when dealing with others. Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this week. Don't play on your partner's emotions. New emotional connections can be made through business contacts.

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## Simple Feng Shui Tips...

#### 1. Desk location at work

The best placement for an office desk is for it to be somewhere in the middle of the room with you sitting facing one of your auspicious directions and also facing the door. By your side you can have a window, but a window behind is often harmful unless there is a taller building behind you giving you support. If that building is a bank It is even better, because this symbolizes having a bank behind you- very auspicious indeed, especially if you are a businessman. The desk being placed at the corner diagonal to the entrance door is also lucky

# 2. Arranging irregular shaped offices If you have no choice and have been asked to occupy an irregular shaped room, you can introduce some feng shui elements and cures that will make the irregular shape less harmful. Here, the use of lighting can be an excellent way of regularizing the energy of the office. Place some extra lights at the corner of any L-shaped room.

#### 3. Corporate Boardrooms

These should be designed to let the big boss sit furthest away from the entrance. There should be a solid wall behind him/her and windows should be by the side of the table. The most important thing to ensure is that every director attending any meetings should be seated to face their personal best direction according to their KUA numbers. This ensures the best performance from the Directors.

**4.** Allocating the rooms to key officers Based on the Pa Kua Eight Aspiration school of feng shui, the money man or Chief Financial Officer should sit in the



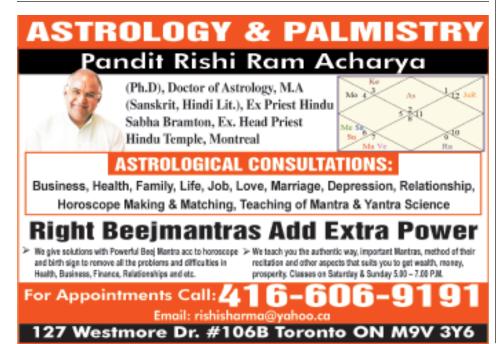
SE corner, as this is the sector that symbolizes the flow of money. Cash flows will be healthy if the finance chief sits here. Human resource managers should always be placed in the East sector of an office as here is where a good cooperation between staff can be fostered. Research staff should be seated in the Northeast corners, while young trainees are best seated in the North or West. These are, however, general guidelines. For feng shui enthusiast who knows more advanced formulas like Flying Star feng shui, they should also apply those formulas

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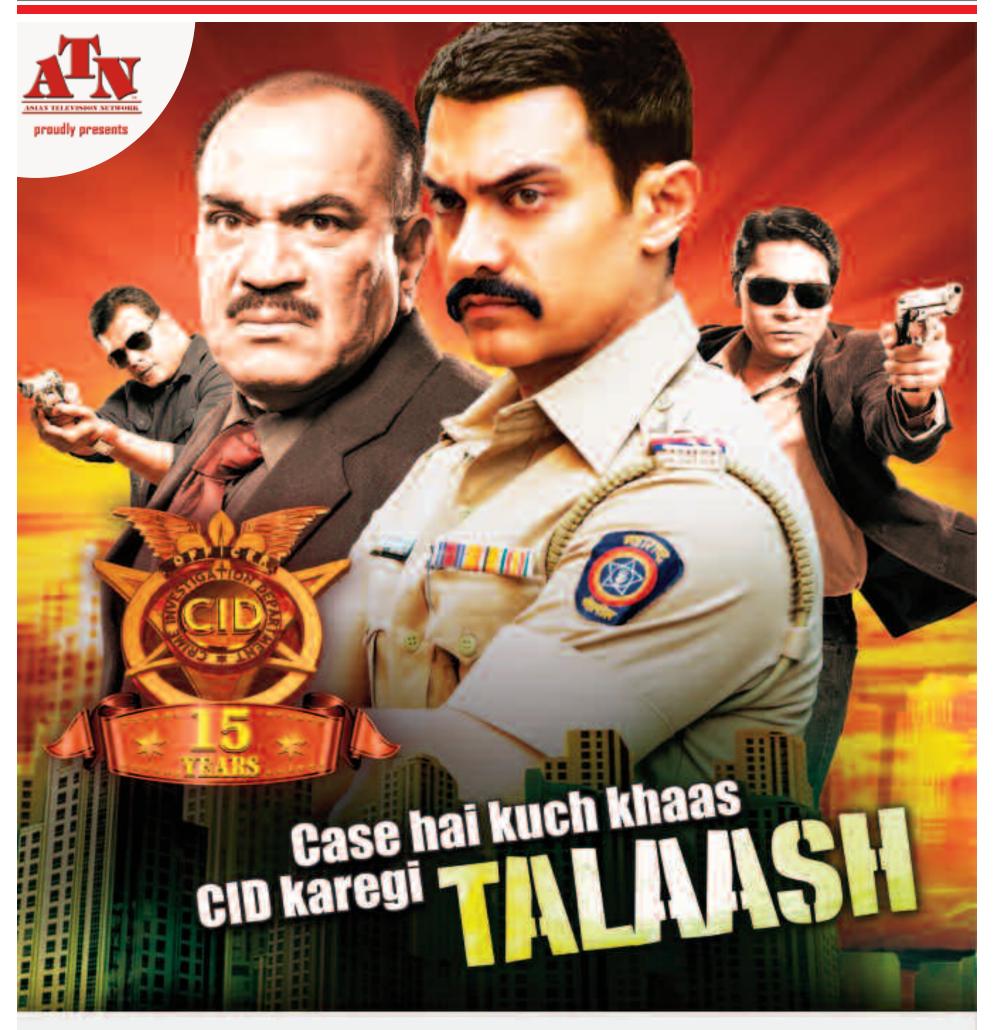
#### **Events**

#### **YOUTH WRITERS CLUB**

Brampton Library's Youth Writers Club is starting on September 26, 2012 and running until May 29, 2013. If you are a secondary school student interested in writing short stories, essays, novels, poetry, and other forms of literature you are invited to join the Club! At monthly meetings, you and your peers will bring your original writings for peer editing and group appreciation. Facilitators will provide guidance in the art of writing and different literary techniques to help you further develop your writing skills. Guest writers from the community will be invited to share their knowledge and experience. Club meetings will be held at Four Corners Branch (65 Queen St. E), from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There is no cost to join the Club; but registration is required. Register in person at any library location, by phone at 905-793-4636, or by email to sdey@bramlib.on.ca. Registration begins Monday, August 20. For more information call 905-793-4636 or TTY 1-866-959-9994 or visit your nearest library location.







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