

Space station welcomes 2 Saudi visitors, including kingdom's 1st female astronaut

AP ■ CAPE CANEVERAL
The International Space Station rolled out the welcome mat Monday for two Saudi visitors, including the kingdom's first female astronaut. SpaceX's chartered flight arrived at the orbiting lab less than 16 hours after blasting off from Florida.
The four guests will spend just over a week there, before returning to Earth in their capsule.
The 270-mile-high (430-kilometer-high) docking puts the space station population at 11, representing not only Saudi Arabia and the U.S., but the United Arab Emirates and Russia.
Saudi Arabia's government is picking up the multimillion-

dollar tab for its first female astronaut, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher, and fighter pilot Ali al-Qarni.
John Shoffner, a Knoxville, Tennessee, businessman who started a car racing team, is paying his own way.
Retired NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is their chaperone.
She now works for Axiom Space, the Houston company that organised the 10-day trip, its second to the space station.
The company cited ticket prices of \$55 million each for last year's private trip by three businessmen, but won't say how much the latest seats cost.
Only one other Saudi has flown before in space, a prince



The crew of the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, with the Crew Dragon spacecraft, from left, Saudi Arabian astronaut Rayyanah Barnawi, commander Peggy Whitson, pilot John Shoffner and Saudi Arabian astronaut Ali al-Qarni arrive at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral before their launch to the International Space Station on Sunday.

who rode on NASA's shuttle Discovery in 1985.
Sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher, became the first woman from the kingdom to go to space. She was joined by Ali al-Qarni, a fighter pilot with the Royal Saudi Air Force.
They're the first from their country to ride a rocket since a Saudi prince launched aboard shuttle Discovery in 1985. In a quirk of timing, they'll be greeted at the station by an astronaut from the United Arab Emirates.
"Hello from outer space! It feels amazing to be viewing Earth from this capsule," Barnawi said after settling into orbit. Added al-Qarni: "As I look outside into space, I can't

help but think this is just the beginning of a great journey for all of us." Rounding out the visiting crew: Knoxville, Tennessee's John Shoffner, former driver and owner of a sports car racing team that competes in Europe, and chaperone Peggy Whitson, the station's first female commander who holds the US record for most accumulated time in space: 665 days and counting.
"It was a phenomenal ride," Whitson said after reaching orbit. Her crewmates clapped their hands in joy.
It's the second private flight to the space station organized by Houston-based Axiom Space. The first was last year by three businessmen, with another retired NASA astronaut. The company plans

to start adding its own rooms to the station in another few years, eventually removing them to form a stand-alone outpost available for hire.
Axiom won't say how much Shoffner and Saudi Arabia are paying for the planned 10-day mission. The company had previously cited a ticket price of USD 55 million each.
NASA's latest price list shows per-person, per-day charges of USD 2,000 for food and up to USD 1,500 for sleeping bags and other gear. Need to get your stuff to the space station in advance? Figure roughly USD 10,000 per pound (USD 20,000 per kilogram), the same fee for trashing it afterward. Need your items back intact? Double the price.

US signs new security pact with PNG amid competition with China

AP ■ PORT MORESBY
The United States signed a new security pact with Papua New Guinea on Monday as it competes with China for influence in the Pacific. Papua New Guinea's location just north of Australia makes it strategically significant. It was the site of fierce battles during World War II, and with a population of nearly 10 million people, it's the most populous Pacific Island nation.
The State Department said the new agreement provides a framework to help improve security cooperation, enhance the capacity of Papua New Guinea's defense force and increase regional stability. The full agreement will be made public once politicians in both countries have an opportunity for input, likely in a couple of months.
"The work that we're doing together to try to shape the

future could not be more important, could not be more timely," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters.
"We're deeply invested in the Indo-Pacific because our planet's future is being written here. Papua New Guinea is playing a critical role in shaping that future."
Papua New Guinea Prime Minister James Marape said the pact is mutually beneficial and "secures our national interests" in "becoming a robust economy in this part of the world."
But the agreement sparked student protests in the second-largest city, Lae. And many in the Pacific are concerned about the increasing militarisation of the region.
Student Naomi Kipoi, 17, said she was opposed to the security pact because she felt it means the US could come to her country whenever it pleased without permission.

She said China had been a big help to her country by building roads and funding schools.
"The US didn't help us with aid and other things," Kipoi said. "They're just trying to sign the agreement."
Last year, nearby Solomon Islands signed its own security pact with China, a move that raised alarm throughout the Pacific. The US has increased its focus on the Pacific, opening embassies in Solomon Islands and Tonga, reviving Peace Corps volunteer efforts, and encouraging more business investment.
But some have questioned how reliable a partner the US is in the Pacific, particularly after President Joe Biden cancelled his plans to make an historic stop in Papua New Guinea to sign the pact.
Biden would have been the first sitting US president to visit any Pacific Island country, but he ended up cancelling to

focus on the debt limit talks back at home.
Blinken travelled in Biden's plane, arriving in Papua New Guinea early Monday. In response to news of Blinken's impending visit, China warned against the introduction of "geopolitical games" into the region.
As well as the defense pact, the US also signed a maritime agreement with Papua New Guinea which will allow the US Coast Guard to partner with the Pacific nation to counter illegal fishing and drug smuggling.
The US visit coincided with a trip by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was hosting a meeting with Pacific Island leaders to discuss ways to better cooperate.
Blinken met with New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins and said the two nations had a shared vision for the region.

Fire at Guyana school kills at least 19 children

AP ■ GEORGETOWN
Fire razes school dormitory in Guyana, killing at least 19 children, many of them Indigenous. A nighttime fire raged through a dormitory in Guyana on early Monday, killing at least 19 students and injuring several others at a boarding school catering to remote, mostly Indigenous villages, authorities said.
"This is a horrific incident. It's tragic. It's painful," President Irfaan Ali said, adding that his government was mobilising all possible resources to care for the children.
The fire broke out shortly before midnight in the dormitory building of a secondary school in the southwestern border town of Mahdia, a gold and diamond mining community about 200 miles (320 kilometers) south of the capital, Georgetown, the government said in a statement. Officials initially said 20 students were killed but later



Children rescued from a fire in the girls' dormitory of a school in Mahdia, Guyana, being transferred by medical personnel on Monday at a hospital in Georgetown.

updated the toll to 19, with several others injured.
National Security Adviser Gerald Gouveia said the figure was revised after doctors revived a very critical patient that "every-one thought was dead." "When firefighters arrived on the scene, the building was already completely engulfed in flames," Guyana's Fire Service said in a statement. "Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the relatives

and friends of those young souls."
The department said 14 students died at the scene and five others at a local hospital. Officials said two children remain in critical condition and four have severe injuries. Six students were flown to Georgetown for treatment, while five others remain at a hospital in Mahdia, with another 10 under observation.

Erdogan wins endorsement for Turkish election runoff from Sinan Ogan

AP ■ ANKARA
The third-placed contender in the Turkish presidential elections on Monday formally endorsed President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for the upcoming runoff vote to be held on May 28th.
The nationalist presidential candidate Sinan Ogan, 55, has emerged as a potential kingmaker after neither Erdogan nor his main challenger, opposition leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu, secured the majority needed for a first-



round victory on May 14th. Ogan, a former academic who was backed by a far-right anti-migrant party, won 5.17

S Korea, EU agree to boost pressure on Russia

AP ■ SEOUL
Leaders of South Korea and the European Union agreed on Monday to increase pressure on Russia over its war against Ukraine and condemn North Korea's ballistic missile tests.
South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol met with European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Seoul after attending the weekend summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Hiroshima, Japan.
"We agree to maintain and increase the collective pressure

on Russia, particularly through effective implementation of the respective restrictive measures," they said in a joint statement. We are committed to support Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction and remain resolved to support Ukraine for as long as it takes.
Michel said Russia's continued attacks against Ukraine show that deeper cooperation between the EU and South Korea is "not a luxury. It's a vital necessity."
The three leaders called on North Korea to cease actions that raise military tensions and return to nuclear disarmament talks. "The European Union will

never accept (North Korea's) possession of nuclear weapons as the normal state of affairs, just like we do not accept Russia's military aggression against Ukraine," von der Leyen said at a joint news conference.
Yoon said the three leaders recognised that North Korea's nuclear and missile programs pose a threat beyond the Korean Peninsula.
North Korea has launched about 100 missiles since the start of 2022, many of them nuclear-capable weapons that place the US mainland and South Korea within striking distance. Experts say North Korea believes its expanded weapons arsenal will

help it wrest concessions from its rivals.
At the G7 summit, the leaders of Japan, the US, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada and Italy as well as the European Union condemned Russia's invasion and reiterated their support for Ukraine. They demanded that North Korea refrain from any destabilising or escalatory actions. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with some of his biggest backers at the G7 summit closed on Sunday, building momentum for his country's war effort even as Russia claimed a battlefield victory that was quickly disputed by Ukraine.

Israeli raid kills 3 Palestinians in West Bank

Tel Aviv: Three Palestinians were killed in an Israeli army raid in a West Bank refugee camp early on Monday, Palestinian health officials said, while the Biden administration sharply condemned Israel's latest act of settlement expansion.
The Palestinian Health Ministry said the three men were killed during a raid in Balata, a refugee camp near the city of Nablus.
Six people were wounded, including one who was in critical condition, the ministry said. The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a militant group with connections to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party, identified the men killed as its members.
The army later confirmed soldiers had raided Balata; it said troops came under fire and killed three Palestinians. Three others were arrested there, the army said. Israel has stepped up raids over the past year in response to a spate of Palestinian attacks and said Monday's operations netted weapons and an explosives manufacturing operation in a home, which it detonated.
Meanwhile, the Biden administration issued a sharply worded statement on Sunday criticizing Israel for moving to reestablish settlers at the formerly evacuated outpost of Hoshim in northern West Bank. In March, the Israeli government repealed a 2005 act that dismantled four West Bank settlements. Over the weekend, the top Israeli army general in the West Bank signed an order attaching Hoshim to a local settler regional council — a move paving the way for reconstruction of the outpost. The United States was "deeply troubled" by what US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said was Israel's illegal policy on the outpost in the occupied territory.

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated			
		For the quarter ended as on March 31, 2023	Current Year ended as on March 31, 2023	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2022	Current Year ended as on March 31, 2023	Previous Year ended as on March 31, 2022	
1.	Total Income from Operations: Total revenue from operations Other income	4,511.79 67.78	16,368.82 196.24	2,962.22 37.28	8,961.76 144.51	16,434.52 185.90	9,036.06 163.05
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,650.03	4,378.58	204.48	781.53	4,324.96	805.22
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,650.03	4,378.58	204.48	781.53	4,324.96	805.22
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,225.70	3,240.16	149.50	577.80	3,199.86	586.61
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	1,370.69	3,414.70	760.76	1,205.34	3,319.28	1,211.15
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,567.75	6,567.75	6,567.00	6,567.00	6,567.75	6,567.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	9,700.44	9,700.44	6,125.11	6,125.11	9,814.92	6,332.53
8.	Securities Premium Account	25,711.77	25,711.77	25,707.55	25,707.55	25,711.77	25,707.55
9.	Net worth	42,061.17	42,061.17	38,480.87	38,480.87	42,175.65	38,688.29
10.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	40,726.42	40,726.42	27,517.80	27,517.80	40,727.25	27,540.34
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.97	0.97	0.72	0.72	0.97	0.72
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
1.	Basic:	1.87	4.93	0.21	0.82	4.87	0.83
2.	Diluted:	1.84	4.86	0.21	0.81	4.80	0.81
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21	81.21
15.	Debt Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Notes to the Financial Results:
1) The above results are an extract of detailed format of the quarterly/annual Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmfifinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com)
2) For items referred in Regulation 52(4) of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited (BSE) and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e. www.dmfifinance.in
3) There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with Reserve Bank of India are not required to create DRRR for privately placed debentures.
4) Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / or reclassified wherever considered necessary;
5) The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.
6) The above results have been approved by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on May 18, 2023 and subsequently approved by Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on May 22, 2023.

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Australian Indigenous TV host quits programme over racist backlash

AP ■ CANBERRA
Prominent Australian Indigenous journalist Stan Grant announced that, after Monday, he will step away from television hosting duties after viewers responded with racist abuse to his comments during King Charles III's coronation about historic Aboriginal dispossession.
Grant, a member of the Wiradjuri tribe of Indigenous Australians and former international correspondent for US-based CNN, has been under fire since taking part in a panel discussion on the Australian Broadcasting Corp. ahead of the May 6 coronation ceremony in London.
Topics included a push to have a president replace the British monarch as Australia's head of state and Indigenous suffering from colonisation.
Critics complained that the ABC had soured the celebratory mood of the coronation.
His supporters say inaccurate and inflammatory reporting of his views in the mainstream media has fuelled racially abusive and threatening personal attacks on social media, wearing the news veteran down. After more than 30 years of news experience in Australian television, Grant wrote Friday in his regular ABC online column that Monday would be the last

time in the foreseeable future that he would host his weekly national panel discussion programme "Q+A," because of the news media and social media abuse.
"I take time out because we have shown again that our history — our hard truth — is too big, too fragile, too precious for the media. The media sees only battle lines, not bridges. It sees only politics," Grant wrote. "The media has turned public discussion into an amusement park. Social media, at its worst, is a sordid spectacle. A grotesque burlesque. Lives are reduced to mockery and ridicule." "I want no part of it. I want to find a place of grace far from the stench of the media," Grant said.
Grant was asked to participate on the panel "as a Wiradjuri man to discuss his own family's experience and the role of the monarchy in Australia in the context of Indigenous history," Justin Stevens, ABC news director, said in a statement. "The responsibility for the coverage lies with ABC news management, not with Stan Grant," Stevens said. Hundreds of ABC colleagues, journalists and supporters carrying signs, including "We stand with Stan" and "We reject racism," gathered outside the ABC's Sydney headquarters Monday afternoon in a show of support for Grant.

Biden honours Indian-origin NYPD officer

PTI ■ NEW YORK
A 27-year-old Indian-origin New York Police Department (NYPD) officer and nine others were honoured by US President Joe Biden with the Medal of Valour, the country's highest award for public safety officers. Sumit Sulan was honoured at a White House ceremony on Wednesday for shooting a convicted felon who killed two of his colleagues when the trio were investigating a domestic-violence call in New York City in January. According to the police, three policemen — Sulan, Jason Rivera, 22 and Wilbert Mora, 27,

visited the Harlem neighbourhood in New York to investigate a 911 call from a distressed woman whose grown-up son threatened her and his brother. The convicted felon ambushed the three officers, shooting at Rivera and Mora, who later died of their injuries. Sulan was praised by the US president at the May 17 ceremony for swiftly jumping into action, despite being a rookie with the NYPD at that time.
"Detective Sulan had only been then — with the precinct — the 32nd Precinct, for two months. He shielded the mother and brother from gunfire, then

draw his weapon to fire twice, hitting the gunman and ending the incident," Biden was quoted as saying in a White House press release.
Sulan "ensured the safety of the civilians on the scene and struck down the gunman with his service weapon, bringing an end to the deadly episode just 45 seconds after it had begun," Biden, who met Sulan shortly after the incident, said. "The entire nation is grateful for the quick thinking, swift action, and courage under fire that he demonstrated," Biden said, adding that the officers' poise and valour saved lives.

UK city of Coventry gets first Sikh Lord Mayor

London (PTI): A local British Sikh councillor based in Coventry has made history for the central England city by becoming its first turban-wearing Lord Mayor.
Jaswant Singh Birdi, who was born in Punjab and spent some time as a child in Calcutta in West Bengal, moved to Coventry 60 years ago and has served as a local councillor in the city for 16 years.
He recently took formal charge of his new post of Lord Mayor with the official Chains of Office and the turban. It will help show what a happy multicultural city we have and maybe inspire others as well," he added. Apart from being a councillor, Birdi has been actively involved in setting up religious, social, and community projects in Coventry.
Now in his role as Lord Mayor as an ambassador of the city, his chosen charities for support for the year include Muscular Dystrophy charity, the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire Charity.

years and I will be honoured to show why I love it so much and to promote the city and the wonderful people who live here," he said.
"As a Sikh, it also means so much that I will be wearing the Chains of Office and the turban. It will help show what a happy multicultural city we have and maybe inspire others as well," he added. Apart from being a councillor, Birdi has been actively involved in setting up religious, social, and community projects in Coventry.
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1st Indian-origin Lord Mayor elected in Aus
Melbourne (PTI): The City of Parramatta Council in Sydney on Monday elected Indian-origin Councillor Sameer Pandey as its new Lord Mayor.
Pandey's election to the post coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival in Sydney on Monday for a two-day visit at the invitation of his Australian counterpart Pandey was first elected to the council in 2017 and in 2022, became the City's first Deputy Lord Mayor from the Indian subcontinent, an official statement said.