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Surrey Police Service Sets Target To Deploy 175 More Officers In 2022

SURREY: As Surrey's transition to a municipal police service continues to move forward, a target has been set for the deployment of 175 more Surrey Police Service (SPS) police officers in 2022. This would bring the total number of deployed SPS officers to 225 by the end of 2022.

The Surrey Policing Transition Trilateral Committee (SPTTC), which is made up of the three levels of government, have agreed to a target of 175 deployed officers this year. This is in addition to the first group of 50 who began deployment last November, and does not include the civilian employees and police officers working in



SPS support units. "SPS continues to grow and make great progress towards the policing transition with the ongoing sup-

port of the three levels of government," says Chief Constable Norm Lipinski with SPS. "This year there will be a significant increase in the number of Surrey Police Service officers on the road responding to calls for service and interacting with the public."

As a continuance of the first phase of the policing transition, these officers will be deployed into the Surrey RCMP, who remain in command of policing for the City of Surrey at this time. The SPTTC has also supported recommendations that SPS deployments take place every two months, beginning in February 2022.

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Bullets Fired At Resident Of Punjabi Family Was Case Of Mistaken Identity

Media reports point to a TikTok video involving Punjabi singers feud

SURREY: In an unusual shocking incident of increasing gun violence in Surrey, shots were fired at a resident of a Punjabi family. The RCMP after investigation informed that the family was not the target of the shooting. It was a case of mistaken identity. Although, no one was injured, it left the family shocked and shaken. Various media reports including CTV pointed to the TikTok video in which someone is shown shooting the bullets and a note in Punjabi threatens popular singer Karan Aujla, who has millions



of followers on his social media platforms.

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Surrey Mayor Calls Misinformation About Ethics Commissioner Bylaw "Unfortunate"

SURREY: Surrey's Mayor Doug McCallum said in a statement that he will be introducing a motion to remove from Regular Council Public Hearing agenda item H 15, the bylaw to suspend the processing and investigation of new complaints by the Surrey Ethics Commissioner in the period leading up to the 2022 Local General Election. "The work of the Ethics Commissioner is valuable and the



misinformation circulating about the bylaw is unfortunate. If the motion is approved by Council, I will ask the Ethics Commissioner to bring a report to a future open Council meeting for consideration on how to improve the bylaw. The goal is to strengthen the bylaw to ensure the Office of the Ethics Commissioner is not used for partisan purposes during the election period," he said.

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NDP passes motion to investigate GoFundMe's involvement in convoy

OTTAWA — The Standing Committee on Public Safety, NDP critic Alistair MacGregor put forward a motion to investigate the role GoFundMe plays in funding hate, specifically white supremacy, and antisemitic movements. The company has ties to extremist events like the current convoy in Ottawa which pose a threat to Canadians. MacGregor's motion calls on members of GoFundMe to appear before the committee as soon as possible. He says they need to answer questions about how the company ensures that donations are not used as a vehicle to fund extremism, explain what security measures are in place to prevent foreign funds from being used to support these views, and what measures and assurances have been put in place to ensure the \$1 million dollars that has already been released is not going towards promoting any of forms of the aforementioned unacceptable views and activities.

"GoFundMe are accountable for their role in this debacle, and it is incumbent on Parliamentarians to ask them these important questions," said MacGregor. "We have a responsibility to Canadians to keep them safe." "The citizens of Ottawa have been under siege for seven days now with no hope that things will get better soon. Local citizens are being harassed, spit on, children are scared of the bombardment of noise and people are afraid to leave their homes. Though not everyone in the convoy is there because they share the same views, we are extremely concerned about the prominence of hate, antisemitism, far right extremism and calls to replace the government through undemocratic means, which have been expressed among many organizers and seen among the protesters," said MacGregor. MacGregor's motion received unanimous support from committee members.

Canadian Gurdwaras In Crisis Due To Restrictive Visa Policies: WSO

Tejinder Singh Sidhu, President, World Sikh Organization of Canada has written a letter to Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. In the letter WSO has described hardships faced by Canadian gurdwaras and the Sikh community as a result of restrictive immigration policies.

WSO says that it has been receiving a consistent message from the community regarding gurdwaras being severely understaffed and struggling to serve the Sikh community because of restrictive policies implemented by Citizenship & Immigration Canada as well as the High Commission of Canada staff in India. These policies have frozen the arrival of Sikh parcharaks (religious workers) into Canada for the past two years. In short, Canadian gurdwaras are currently in crisis.

"With the COVID pandemic entering its third year, gurdwaras in Canada have been unable to bring Sikh parcharaks to Canada since early 2020. Many gurdwaras serving major Sikh communities such as those in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Surrey and elsewhere have been relying on parcharaks who arrived in 2019 or those who have long-term Canadian visas. Some gurdwaras have no parcharaks at all. The situation is unsustainable and has resulted in severe strain on gurdwaras and the parcharaks themselves.

The Sikh community in Canada, which now numbers over 600,000 individuals, relies on gurdwaras and parcharaks to serve their spiritual needs.



Tejinder Singh Sidhu,
President, WSO

Throughout the pandemic, gurdwaras have been working diligently to serve their congregations and the general community by providing food, clothing, counseling, hosting COVID vaccine community clinics and providing religious services.

While there have been capacity limits and restrictions on the size of gatherings, the number of services provided has not decreased. The Sikh community still continues to rely on gurdwaras for major life events such as births, weddings and deaths. The freeze on parcharaks coming to Canada has taken a toll on the mental and physical health of those currently serving in gurdwaras, many who have not been able to return to their fami-

lies for more than two years.

Canada's largest gurdwara, Ontario Khalsa Darbar in Mississauga Ontario (OKD) reports that in 2019 it was staffed with 10 ragi jathas, eight pathis and a dhadi jatha. Today, in 2023, the numbers have dwindled to four full-time ragi jathas, two granthis/pathis and one kavishari jatha. Once again, the services provided by the gurdwara have not decreased.

Like almost all other Canadian gurdwaras, OKD has been unable to sponsor any parcharaks since early 2020. There have also been significant difficulties in communicating with the High Commission of Canada in India which has been sending emails to an out-of-date email address and also claiming in one correspondence that OKD has been unable to establish that it is a "genuine religious organization".

Recently, the Migration Desk, Canada Consul General Chandigarh sent revised instructions to gurdwaras related to the inviting of parcharaks. The revised instructions require gurdwaras wishing to sponsor a new religious worker to send information about the religious worker being replaced including their boarding pass or a 'copy of their entry stamp back to India'.

This requirement would oblige gurdwaras to send parcharaks back before the processing of visas for the parcharaks coming to replace them. This will result in smaller gurdwaras being without any parcharak while waiting for the processing of new applications for the incoming individuals.

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Manitoba RCMP Asking For Help From Those Who Interacted With Gujarati Family Found Dead In Snow

The family of four Indian nationals who were found frozen to death near the Canada/US border was identified by Manitoba RCMP as Patel family that made their way to Canada and, ultimately, to Emerson. The RCMP believe it to be a case of human smuggling and asking for public assistance to investigate the case further.

Manitoba RCMP Chief Superintendent Rob Hill said, "What we can release at this time is that the Patel family arrived in Toronto on January 12, 2022. This was their first point of entry into Canada."

From Toronto, the family made their way to Manitoba and eventually to Emerson on, or about, January 18th.

There was no abandoned vehicle located on the Canadian side of the border – this clearly indicates that someone drove the



family to the border and then left the scene.

"With what we know so far of their activities in Canada, along with the arrest that occurred in the United States,

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Female victim in Coquitlam stabbing identified as Ramina Shah from Maple Ridge

COQUITLAM: The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) is seeking witnesses in a stabbing incident which occurred in Coquitlam on the evening of January 27, 2022.

The female victim has been identified as 32-year-old Ramina Shah from Maple Ridge. Her name and photo are being released in an effort to identify witnesses who may have seen her around the time of the incident.

IHIT informed that at this time, this appears to be isolated and not random.

On January 27, 2022, at around 4:30 p.m., the Coquitlam RCMP responded to a call and found a female victim with stab injuries at a parking lot in the 1100-block of Austin Avenue, Coquitlam.

The victim was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment but despite life-saving measures, she succumbed to her wounds. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in to investigate.

IHIT is working with partners from the Coquitlam RCMP, the Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS), and the BC Coroners Service.

The scene is being examined and a canvass for witnesses and CCTV is ongoing. Homicide investigators are looking to speak to friends and associates of Ram-



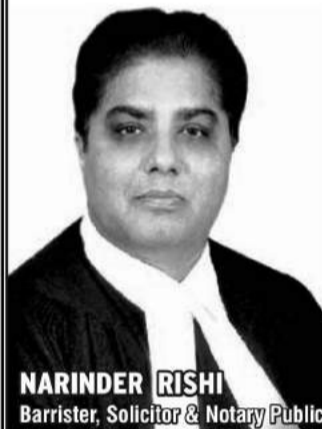
ina. There is also interest in dash-cam footage from the Austin Avenue area from 2:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., on January 27.

"This is in its initial stages and we want to assure that there is no going risk," said Sergeant David Lee of IHIT, "we are still gathering information and are asking for witnesses and CCTV."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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BC Truckers Demanding Safe Highway Conditions Meet Government Officials

Truckers rally that was held in Vancouver, demanding safe conditions on BC highways had its first breakthrough. Representatives of West Coast Trucking Association (WCTA) had a meeting with Representatives of Ministry of Transportation of B.C. and with Representative of BC Road Builder and Heavy Construction Association on Saturday 29, Jan 2022

"We discussed lot of issues and concerns faced by truckers on daily basis. Snow Removal, De-icing, Potholes, Sunken Grades, 4chain Issue, Towing Issues, Auto Socks, Avalanche Control timing, No Parking issue, Entrance and Exit Ramp of Brake Checks and Pullouts, Washroom Hygiene conditions, Wash-



room Lighting etc. were part of discussion," informed Ajay Singh Toor, general secretary, WCTA.

"We have requested them to contact us before they can make any amendments or changes regard-

ing the laws concerning truckers and trucking industry. Being actual road user, we can provide feedback and inputs required which can be helpful in bringing out these amendments with more practical input from actual road

users," he said.

It was a very positive meeting and informative meeting for all and we are expecting some positive changes in near future.

West Coast Trucking Association had organized a rally for BC truckers on the streets of Vancouver to express their concerns regarding hardships they face on highways.

Toor while highlighting the demands of the truckers said that truckers have been facing extremely difficult situation on the highways due to which many of our brothers have lost their lives.

"Our demands are very simple. We want clean highways, we want snow removal on highways to prevent the accidents. We also want clean washrooms."

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Indo-Canadian Truckers Stranded At Coutts Montana Entry Ask For Help In Viral Video

A group of Indo-Canadian truckers was stranded at the Coutts Montana port of entry for days released a video asking MPs or authorities in US to help them.

They were stuck at the entry point due to Freedom Convoy protest last weekend.

In the video, they said that they had no access to food or any medicine for those truckers who had health issues. "We called both US and Canadian border agencies, but there was no response. They said they could not help us. Even we have to drive 50 miles to get some

food," one of the trucker said.

They said they were all vaccinated and just wanted to reach their destinations. They requested political authorities and ministers both from US and Canada to help them out in any way.

Finally Alberta's transport minister Rajan Sawney Tweeted that the truckers were safe and back to home. "I am happy to report these Alberta truckers who shot a video a few days ago while stranded at Coutts are now safe at home. I spoke with them this morning, they



Kamloops rural homicide victim identified as 18-year-old Jagraj Dhinsa

The Southeast District Major Crime Unit (SED MCU) has confirmed the identity of a young man located deceased in a rural area of Kamloops on Tk'emlúps traditional territories.

On Jan. 29, 2022, at around 8 a.m., police received a request to assist ambulance in a parking lot of St. Joseph's Cemetery/Tk'emlúps Health Clinic/Tk'emlúps

Church on Chilcotin Road. Frontline officers attended and located a deceased man who had suffered obvious injuries.

Following an autopsy, the BC Coroners Service and investigators have confirmed that 18-year-old Jagraj Dhinsa was the victim of homicide. The cause of his death will not be released to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Police are revealing Jagraj Dhinsa's name to further the developing investigation, said Inspector Brent Novakoski, Southeast District Senior Investigating Officer of the BC RCMP Major Crime Section.

"We are asking anyone who had contact with Mr. Dhinsa on Jan. 28 or 29, or who has information that may help investigators in determining Mr. Dhinsa's activities and whereabouts leading up to his death, to please contact police as soon as possible," said, Crystal Evelyn, Media Relations Officer.

Evidence found near Mr. Dhinsa's body linked him to a black 2014 Honda Accord located on Dallas Drive at Lafarge Road in Kamloops.

"In investigations like this, early tips and information from the public can be crucial, added Insp. Novakoski. We are reaching out to the public and asking them to please provide us with any video surveillance, cellphone or dash-cam footage in the Chilcotin Road area to Lafarge Road at Dallas Drive in Kamloops from the afternoon of Jan. 28 until the morning of Jan. 29," Evelyn said.

Since the discovery of Mr. Dhinsa's death, numerous police officers have

been working to collect evidence related to this investigation, including members of the SED MCU, "E" Division Serious Crime Unit, Forensic Identification Service, Police Dog Service, Kamloops Detachment Serious Crime Unit and General Investigation Services Team, and Tk'emlúps Rural Detachment members. The BC Coroner's Service is conducting a concurrent investigation.

Supports and services are available for those impacted by loss at BC Bereavement Helpline and BC Victims of Homicide, 1-877-779-2223, or by visiting <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/life-events/death/after-death/get-support>. Our members were distressed with the major incident on our Indian Reserve and we appreciate the collaborative efforts to ensure that there was no immediate threat to those residing in the areas, said Rosanne Casimir, Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc Kukpi7 (Chief). Our condolences are with the family impacted by this tragic loss and our hope is that they get the answers they seek to honour his life. Anyone with information or surveillance that may be related to this investigation is asked to please call the SED MCU information line at 1-877-987-8477.

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BC Nurses' first-hand accounts from around BC describe deterioration of patient care

Ahead of the upcoming provincial budget, the BC Nurses' Union is asking MLAs to act on behalf of their constituents and address several key challenges impacting BC's health care system, two years into the COVID-19 pandemic. The experiences of nurses have been collected from all regions of BC and shared with MLAs asking for their commitment to addressing the current state of the health-care system.

"By sharing stories and specific issues from their ridings, MLAs are hearing about the harsh reality faced by nurses and patients who reside and work in their constituency," says BCNU President, Aman Grewal. "Although there are serious overreaching issues throughout the health-care system, such as a critical shortage of nurses, continued exposure to violence in the workplace, and the worrying decline of mental and physical health among nurses, our goal is to give our patients a voice and illustrate the impact these issues are having on their care."

BCNU renewed calls for immediate solutions as the health system continues to



BCNU President Aman Grewal

struggle under the weight of the most recent Omicron wave. This latest surge is responsible for record-breaking hospitalization numbers, which are taking a significant mental and physical toll on an already exhausted nursing workforce.

"Our nurses are speaking out on behalf of their patients," says Grewal. "The service reductions we are seeing around the province are a direct result of not having enough staff, which is seriously impacting patient outcomes. On a daily basis, nurses are facing an unmanageable number of patients who need care and despite all of their very best efforts, they're watching their pa-

tients suffer. As a result of this pressure, nurses are burnt out. It's reached a point where many are telling us they just can't do it anymore."

In a recent survey, 35 per cent of all nurses said that the experience of the pandemic made them more likely to leave nursing in the next two years. BCNU has sent letters to Health Minister Adrian Dix, Labour Minister Harry Bains and Advanced Education Minister Anne Kang asking them to work together within their respective ministries to commit to solutions that address the nursing shortage in the province.

1 in 4 British Columbians have experienced or witnessed hate incidents since start of pandemic

B.C.'s Human Rights Commissioner urges people to share experiences via Inquiry into hate in the pandemic



Kasari Govender:
Human Rights Commissioner

VANCOUVER: A new poll by BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) confirms a disturbing number of hate incidents during the pandemic. One in four people in B.C. have experienced or witnessed a hate incident since the start of the pandemic.

"It is an ugly and disturbing trend. Some members of our communities are being treated as less than human and therefore somehow deserving of vitriol and violence. It is devastating and unacceptable," said Commissioner Kasari Govender.

"But hate is not inevitable. That's why we are conducting a public inquiry into hate in the pandemic and why we need to hear from people who have firsthand experiences of hate. We want to ensure our recommendations are rooted in the experiences of those most impacted."

BCOHRC launched its year-long inquiry in August 2021. The intent of the inquiry is to examine hate in all its forms: not only racism and racial hate, but also hate directed at groups protected under B.C.'s Human Rights Code—including hate perpetuated on the basis of religion, gender identity, disability, Indi-

geneity, sexual orientation, poverty or homelessness.

People who have experiences to share are asked to fill out a confidential, online survey: bchumanrights.ca/hate-survey

The survey is available online from January 31 to March 6, 2022 in 15 languages.

It is also available by phone at 1-855-412-1933 or with peer support by emailing inquiry@bchumanrights.ca. You can find more information about these options here.

"By sharing their experiences, people can make a difference," said Govender. "If you are one of the 26 per cent of British Columbians impacted by hate during the pandemic, our inquiry team wants to hear from you."

At the close of the Inquiry, the Commissioner will release a final report with recommendations to address, prevent and eliminate incidents of hate during times of crisis—including the COVID-19 pandemic—and in future.



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Bullets fired at resident of Punjabi family was case of mistaken identity

The writer boasts of his link to a gang in India.

Surrey RCMP, on February 1, informed of a shooting in the 8600-block of Tulsy Crescent East. A residence and vehicles parked in the driveway were damaged as a result of the shooting. No injuries were reported. Although the police said the shooting believed to be targeted, but the current residents were not the target.

The investigation is ongoing and police are working to identify the suspect(s). This shooting is believed to be targeted however not linked to lower mainland gang conflict,” said Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer Cst. Sarbjit K. Sangha. Cst. Sangha also noted, “Surrey RCMP is aware of a video that has been circulating on social media in regards to this incident.”

CTV news and various other media outlets broadcasted the video showing bullets after bullets entering the house of Garcha family. The video and the note left suggested ongoing feud between a Punjabi singer and the Chatha group. In the video the hands of the gunman is visible. In an interview to CTV news, Garcha family told that it was 2.40 Am in the morning when they were sleeping, and grandmother was sleeping next to the window, when they heard the shots.

Sukhjit Garcha also said that the last owner of the house may have been a friend of the singer in question and the gangsters would have tried to threaten him but mistook our identity as theirs. “The current occupants

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of the residence were not the intended target of the shooting. Evidence suggest that a person or persons associated to the previous owners may have been the intended target,” Cst. Sangha also said.

“We are thankful that no one was injured; however, this is undoubtedly a very traumatic experience for the family whose residence was shot,” said Sangha. “Victim services has been offered to the impacted family and a safety plan has been discussed with the intended target.”

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Peace Arch Hospital Work Completed



People in White Rock and south Surrey will have better access to emergency and surgical services as construction ends on expansion work at Peace Arch Hospital. The expanded emergency department more than doubles in size with the number of treatment spaces increasing to 50 from 24, and will include dedicated space for children and families.

A new surgical suite above the emergency department has an additional two operating rooms, going from three to five. The medical device reprocessing department has been expanded and moved closer to the surgical suite.

Redeveloping these areas will improve overall efficiency by providing direct links between emergency, surgery and the sterilization of surgical tools.

The medical device reprocessing department was fully operational on Jan. 8, 2022, and the new surgical suite on Jan. 10. The newly renovated and expanded emergency department opened to patients on Jan. 11. Since opening, there have been 941 visits to the new emergency department between Jan. 11 and 16.

Renovations continue to parts of the former emergency department to accommodate a new dedicated mental-health and substance-use unit that is expected to be complete in summer 2022.

In late 2020, government approved a project cost increase of \$7.37 million in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to include three anterooms in the project.

The Province, through Fraser Health, is providing \$52.55 million and the Peace Arch Hospital Foundation is providing \$38.5 million, for an updated total project cost of \$91.05 million.

The South Surrey-White Rock region has a population of approximately 109,000 (as of 2016) and is expected to have approximately 131,000 by 2030.

Peace Arch Hospital opened in 1954 and has 171 beds. The hospital offers emergency surgery, critical care, maternity, inpatient mental-health and substance-use services, inpatient rehabilitation services, laboratory services, outpatient services, ambulatory care and a hospice.

Stephanie Beck, executive director, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation, said, "The redevelopment of Peace Arch Hospital's emergency and surgical departments is critically needed and incred-

ibly exciting for our community and made possible by the generosity of our donors, many of whom gave again and again to make this dream a reality. The community built this hospital in 1954, and that spirit of philanthropy and caring still exists today."

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Surrey Police Service sets target to deploy 175 officers...

The details of these deployments and the corresponding demobilization of RCMP officers will be determined as part of the joint SPS-RCMP Human Resources Strategy and Plan, which is currently being developed.

While the public can expect to see officers in both the RCMP and SPS uniforms responding to calls for service this year, all contact information and police station locations remain the same (604-599-0502 for non-emergency; 911 for emergencies). Find more information on the policing transition on the Surrey Police Service website under "Building SPS".



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ICBC's No-Fault Insurance Model: Can You Claim Out-Of-Pocket Expenses?



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If you have been injured in an accident, you need medical care and treatment to help you recover. Expenses add up quickly, and rehabilitation can take weeks, months—or even years if you have been seriously injured. Will you be out-of-pocket for these costs? Who

pays for medical care and treatment under the ICBC no-fault model?

ICBC Claim for Treatment Expenses: Can You Get Your Money Back?

ICBC's new "Enhanced Care" auto insurance model came into effect May 1, 2021. ICBC has said that getting coverage for treatment is easier under the new no-fault regime, but the reality is that not much has changed. You, as the accident victim, may end up out-of-pocket for medical expenses and you may not get reimbursed. Here are the basics:

- For the first 12 weeks after the accident, you may be eligible for "pre-approved" treatment from a physiotherapist,



chiropractor, registered massage therapist (RMT), kinesi-

ologist, psychologist, clinical counsellor, acupuncturist, or occupational therapist. Other expenses such as medication, supplies and equipment, personal care assistance, and travel expenses to and from treatment need to be pre-authorized by ICBC. Coverage may be denied, leaving you without reimbursement.

- ICBC limits both the number of treatments covered and the amount it will pay per treatment. For example, the maximum number of approved RMT treatments is 12 in the first 12 weeks after the accident. The standard treatment fee is capped at \$83, which ICBC has deemed to be the current "market rate." If you need more than 12 treatments in the initial period following the accident, or the RMT you go to charges more than \$83, you are out-of-pocket for the excess cost.

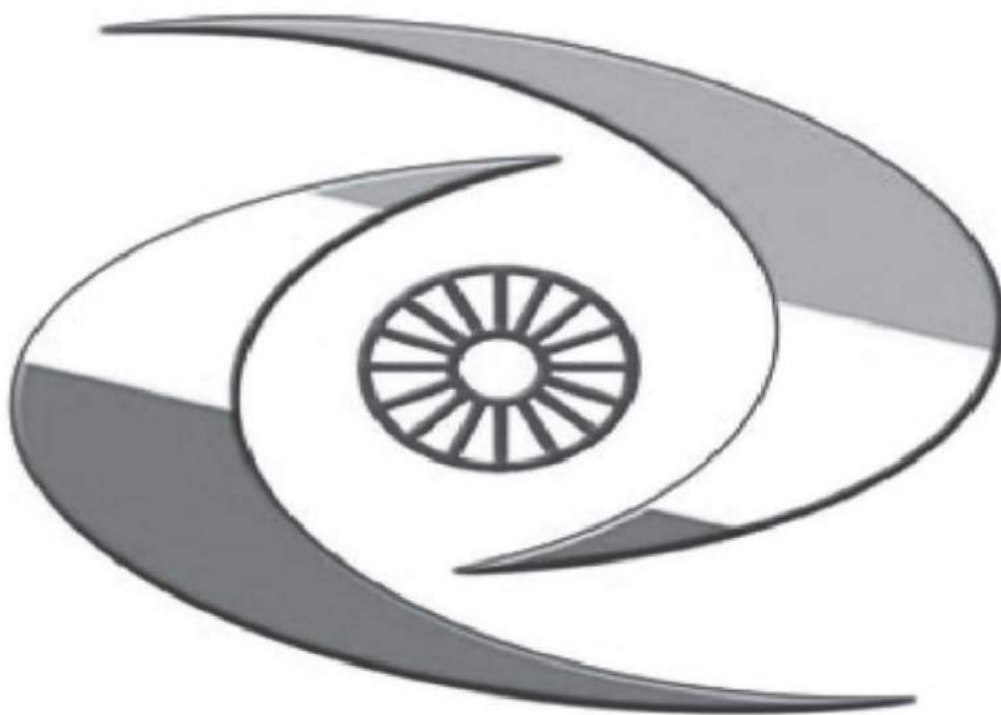
- Treatment providers have the option of billing ICBC directly for your treatment, but some choose not to. That means you have to pay out-of-pocket and then submit receipts to ICBC to see if you are eligible for reimbursement. ICBC will only reimburse you up to its established rates for treatments and will not reimburse you at all if your receipts aren't submitted within 180 days after the date of treatment.

- If you have coverage from another provider (e.g., extended health care through your employment or disability insurance that you purchased on your own), ICBC considers your other insurance as the primary payer for most medical expenses and income replacement. So even if you weren't at fault for the accident, you have to claim against your own coverage first when you bring an ICBC claim.

Can You Get Your Money Back For Expenses After 12 Weeks?

Your recovery may take longer than 12 weeks, especially if you were seriously injured in the accident. If you need ongoing treatment beyond 12 weeks after the accident, it must be authorized by ICBC as "reasonable and necessary" to your recovery. If ICBC does not authorize additional treatment, you will be out-of-pocket for the expense.

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Legendry female educationist Sardarni Inderjit Kaur passes away

Sardarni Inderjit Kaur, wife of legendary writer late Giani Girdit Singh, passed away on January 27th, 2022 at the age of 98. A gathering was organized on January 30th in memory of the distinguished educationist by Canadian Ramgarhia Society. Sardarni Inderjit was an inspiration and legend. Her life was full of many achievements that will be inspiration for many generations to come. She became the first female vice chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala from 1975 to 77. This was the first time any women in India was appointed at this post. She was also the first chairperson of Staff Selection Commission, a top all-India recruiting agency for Government of India from 1980-1985. She was also the only woman serving on Khalsa College Amritsar Governing Council from 1950-53. Beside serving as professor and principal of various colleges in Punjab, she participated in international conferences as well. At the time of partition in 1947, she became activist secretary of Mata Sahib Kaur Dal to rehabilitate the influx of refugees and organized self defence training for women refugees. Sardarni Inderjit and her husband are an integral part of our virsa and virasat. World known writer and photo journalist S. Jaiteg Singh Anant ji eulogized the achievements of the legendry woman who set an exam-



ple for being first female educationist in distinguished academic fields. Everybody in attendance wished from Akal Purakh for the well-being of the departed soul and give strength to the family for bearing the great loss. The following community members were in attendance: Tarsem Singh Virdee, Manjit Singh Vahra, Amrik Singh Bhachu, Deep Singh Kalsi, Vijay Kumar Dhiman, Dharam Singh Panesar, Charanjit Singh Marwaha, Balbir Singh Chana, Kirpal Singh Dhinjal, Gurnam Singh Kalsi, Jaiteg Singh Anant and Sureinder Singh Jabal.

Community pays homage to founder of Surrey Fiji Islamic Centre



The death of highly honourable scholar Abdul Lateef Naumani has gripped the Canadians with a deep embrace of shock. As the community grieves, people thank Almighty for the memorable years he gave to this beloved purveyor of kindness and humility. His death gives us cause to ponder how he touched our lives. People are paying tribute to his immense and unique contribution to peace and justice and his emphasis on the dignity and worth of

every individual from conception to the grave. He was a founding father of Surrey Fiji Islamic Centre from where he imparted knowledge not just religiously, but socially and morally. He had the uncanny knack of guiding the direction and inspiring and fulfilling youth aspiration. With his child-like curiosity, simplicity and optimism, no other public figure endeared himself to all sections of community like Abdul Lateef Naumani. His relentless service

to community over the past 44 years will be remembered by many generations to come. Entire Surrey community are devastated to lose our national symbol of truth, love and hope. The brilliant and sparkling light that illuminated our Canadian community and our global landscape amid darkness and chaos has gone out. Beloved Naumani was one of a kind everyone will miss him. By Hanif Patel

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Decision on Punjab chief ministerial face to be taken by BJP parliamentary board: Hardeep Puri

BJP-led NDA gives 12 commitments to people of Punjab

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance gave 12 commitments to the people of Punjab, as it seeks the mandate for the Punjab polls scheduled for February 20.

In a bid to woo farmers, who have been antagonistic towards the BJP because of the three contentious (now withdrawn) farm laws, the NDA has promised to grant MSP on fruits, vegetables, pulses and oilseeds, besides granting a Rs 5,000 crore annual budget for promoting crop diversification in the state, among 11 other commitments made on Friday, according to The Tribune.

Getting into the "dole race", the alliance also announced 300 units of free power to all, power supply to MSMEs at Rs 4 per unit, increase in allowances to anganwari workers to Rs 10,000 and increase



and Ashwani Sharma, president of state unit of BJP, said that unlike other political parties, the commitments made by them would be honoured. He reiterated that this new alliance, unlike the previous bad marriage they had with the Shiromani Akali Dal, was strong and much needed for peace and harmony in the state.

Interestingly, though Puri ducked the question as to who will be the chief ministerial face of the alliance, categorically denied the statement made by Manjinder Singh Sirsa regarding Capt Amarinder Singh not being the CM face. "The decision on the CM face is to be taken by the BJP Parliamentary Board. The BJP is a disciplined party and decisions are taken by the Board. The opinion expressed by Sirsa could be his personal view," he said.

The commitments made by the BJP include an assured peaceful and harmonious environment; doing away with the sand, liquor mafia; eradicating drug abuse; providing employment opportunities to all; farmer welfare through guaranteed MSP, allotment of one lakh acre shamlatland to landless growers; upgradation in health care infrastructure at village level; quality education for all with smart schools, government colleges in each tehsil and vocational training to be imparted, besides emphasis on skill development; creating an industrial revolution through simplification of tax structure, VAT refunds, overall development of Punjab; women empowerment and 33 per cent reservation for them in police jobs besides a slew of sops for the underprivileged.

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Announcing these commitments by the alliance, Union Minister and Punjab election incharge Hardeep Puri, flanked by Punjab Lok Congress chief Capt Amarinder Singh, Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt) chief Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa

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BC, Chalmers Foundation partner to finance affordable seniors housing in Burnaby

BURNABY - The Province, through BC Housing, is partnering with the Chalmers Foundation to finance a seniors' rental complex in Burnaby, preserving 138 units of affordable rental housing for seniors.

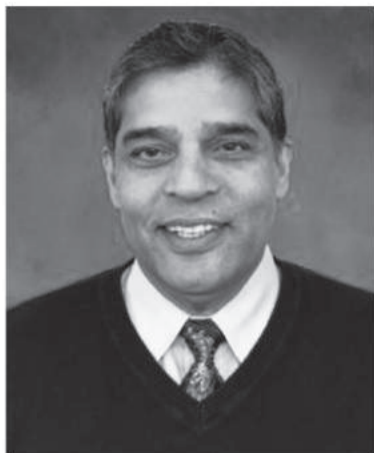
BC Housing is providing approximately \$37.4 million to the Chalmers Foundation to finance the purchase and renovation of the 19-storey Rideau Retirement Residence at 1850 Rosser Ave. in Burnaby.

"By helping to finance this building, our government is protecting a valuable affordable housing resource for seniors in Burnaby," said Janet Routledge, MLA for Burnaby North. "This means these homes will not be sold into the private market for redevelopment and high-end rents, which would have put seniors at risk of losing their affordable homes. Our government will continue to look for opportunities like this to make sure housing stays affordable and available."

"The Chalmers Foundation is excited to be offering our unique quality of life to a broader group of seniors, while building on our 50-year history of creating safe and vibrant communities," said Jag Sangha, CEO, the Chalmers Foundation. "As a not-for-profit, Chalmers creates and provides



Janet Routledge,
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Jag Sangha, CEO,
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stable and affordable homes for our residents. We are pleased to be partnering with BC Housing and want to thank them for providing financing for this project."

The Chalmers Foundation has assumed ownership and operation of the building. Tenants will not be displaced by the acquisition and monthly rents will remain the same.

Renovations to the building, including upgrades to the water-treatment system and building envelope, will begin immediately and are expected to be complete by winter 2023.

Funding is being provided through the HousingHub, a BC Housing program that works with communities and non-profit and private-sector developers to increase affordable rental housing and home-ownership options for middle-income British Columbians. It also provides developers with housing expertise and collaboration on projects and helps create housing through new construction or redevelopment.

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Deadline Approaching For Groundwater Users To Apply For Licence

VICTORIA - A crucial deadline for select groundwater users is less than 30 days away. March 1, 2022, at midnight (Pacific time), is the deadline to apply for a water licence for "existing groundwater users."

"Existing groundwater users" are those who were using groundwater from a well or dug-out on or before Feb. 29, 2016, for non-domestic purposes, such as irrigation, commercial or industrial use. A water licence is not required for a household well or groundwater used for domestic purposes, such as watering small lawns and gardens. However, if groundwater is being used for non-domestic purposes and an application has not been made, it is advisable to act now to secure the water rights. There may be serious conse-

quences for water use if the March 1, 2022, deadline is missed. Existing groundwater users who have not applied by the deadline will be unauthorized and must stop using water immediately. Those who miss the deadline will be treated as a "new user." Their date of first use will no longer be recognized and the licence may be refused in water-stressed areas. The historical date is crucial because older licences have priority access to water during shortages. Missing the deadline could be costly and may include fines for unlicensed use of groundwater. Water licence applications made after the deadline will not benefit from the waived application fee and may require costly studies to support an application.

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Coronavirus And Loneliness



By Balwant Sanghera

It has been close to two years since COVID-19 Coronavirus suddenly hit the world like a ton of bricks. Despite all of the relief efforts and financial support by governments at different levels, this pandemic has adversely impacted majority of people. The on-going waves of these variants have scared everyone. The Coronavirus has affected everyone not only socially, economically and physically but also mentally. Throughout all of this, the feelings of loneliness, especially for senior citizens and other vulnerable people in our society stand out. This has prompted a lot of research and studies on this subject especially

since the Coronavirus crept upon us. Loneliness leads to other mental health issues like depression, anxiety, heart disease and stroke etc. Strangely, our youth seems to have been equally affected by feeling of social isolation and loneliness. Being alone and loneliness are vastly different from each other. U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy has summed up the distinction very well in these in his book: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World. Dr. Murthy goes on to state that loneliness is a subjective feeling that the human connections we need in our life are greater than the human connections we have. He goes on to state: "You could be surrounded by just one or two people and feel perfectly content if you have strong relationship with them". On the other hand, even if you are in a large group of people but don't have a strong connection with any of them you may feel lonely. Julianne Holt-

Lunstead, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Brigham Young University, is a prominent researcher on loneliness. She states that younger people and those living alone and those facing financial insecurity or mental and physical health issues are at a high risk of feeling lonely and depressed. The COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the impact of loneliness on us more than ever before. Based on her research, Holt-Lunstead offers some practical suggestions to deal with loneliness. These include mindful meditation, expressing gratitude or giving thanks to others. Also, performing simple tasks of goodwill for ones neighbours, friends and others helps one make lasting connections. It has been reported that performing small acts of kindness for others also goes a long way in tackling loneliness. Expressing gratitude and giving thanks to others is a great way to feel connected. At the same time, these selfless



small acts and tasks give one a lot of internal satisfaction and happiness. Such strategies are supported by Dr. Jeremy Noble, a Harvard physician and founding president of the UnLonely Project. Dr. Noble suggests that we should focus more on making authentic connections. As part of this process, we need to be upfront in sharing our feelings. Noble suggests that engaging in some sort of art form really brings out our true feelings and defines us. It is very unfortunate that a lot of people suffer in silence rather than seeking out help. Rather than suffering in silence we need to reach out and ask for help.

In every community there are a lot of resources and resource people well qualified to help. Quite a few of them offer their services in various languages. Thus language should not be a barrier to seeking out help. Spending some time in Nature, such as a park or wilderness is a great panacea for mental health issues and loneliness. Pursuing ones hobbies or passions and learning new skills are also some of the other ways to feel connected and overcome loneliness.

(Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist)

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BC, Chalmers Foundation partner to...

This project is part of B.C.'s 10-year, \$7-billion housing plan. Since 2017, the Province has funded more than 30,000 affordable new homes that have been completed or are underway for people in B.C. This includes approximately 1,700 new affordable homes open or underway in Burnaby. Once renovations are complete, under the HousingHub program, the Chalmers Foundation will be required to repay the loan, with interest, to the Province. The funding will then be available for the Province to support additional housing projects. Tenants living in the Chalmers Lodge seniors' housing building at 1450 West 12th Ave. in Vancouver, which is aging and near the end of its lifespan, will move into vacant units at the Rideau Retirement Residence after the renovations have finished. The foundation is in the early planning stage for redevelopment of the Chalmers Lodge site, which would take place after all the residents have relocated.

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VANCOUVER: The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) released its 2022 First Quarter Housing Forecast Update.

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cent to 90,200 units.

"We expected home sales in 2022 do moderate from the frenetic pace of 2021," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "However, sales activity will remain high by historical standards."

The BC housing market is entering 2022 with the lowest level of active listings on record and significant demand-side momentum.

That means strong sales should persist through the first few months of the year and supply will remain severely limited. As a result, continued upward pressure on home prices is expected in all markets. As a result, home prices are expected to rise by 8.5 per cent in 2022 with much of that gain happening in the first half of the year. With sales activity normalizing in 2023 and inventories



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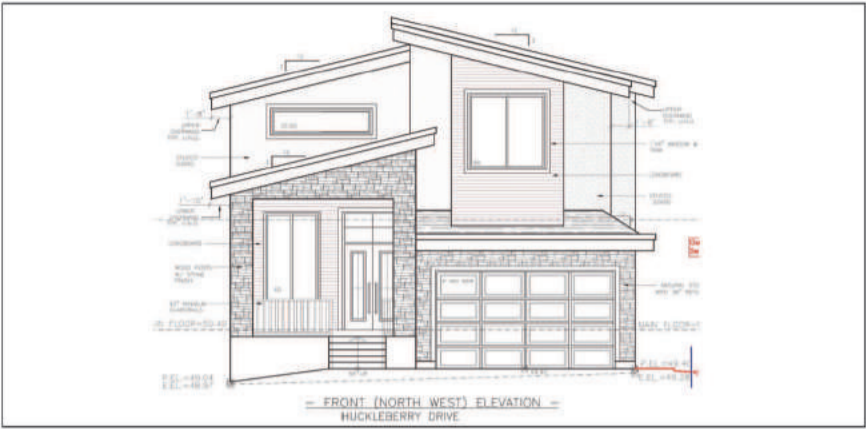
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Gorgeous acre property in a luxurious neighbourhood with Views of North Shore Mountains, situated on a quiet, no through street in the heart of a highly desirable area of South Surrey. This custom built rancher has been lovingly maintained. Updates include laminate flooring, new kitchen counters, high end appliances, paint and more. This PARKLIKE acre has towering majestic trees and backs on to 5 acres of grazing horse land affording the ultimate in privacy. Perfect location minutes to major shopping, schools, U.S. border and freeway access to Vancouver. Great holding property with excellent future development opportunity in North Grandview Heights, Subdividable property. Must See!



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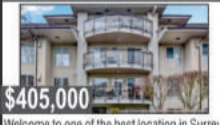
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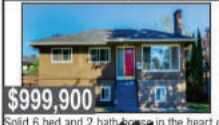
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KPU criminology instructor Galib Bhayani receives Meritorious Service Decoration

The Decoration recognizes Bhayani's service to the community and career in policing

SURREY: Kwantlen Polytechnic University criminology instructor Galib Bhayani has received the Meritorious Service Decoration (Civil Division).

The Meritorious Service Decorations were established to recognize remarkable contributions by Canadians in many different fields of endeavour, from advocacy initiatives and health care services, to research and humanitarian efforts. They honour achievements in both military and civil divisions throughout Canada.

"This award is for the civil

division and that was really important for me, that it speaks to community service," Bhayani explains. "Being an immigrant to Canada, this has been quite a journey for me and my family. One of the things my family always wanted from us coming to Canada was education, and serving the community."

"I truly believe this honour is a direct result of my work at KPU and the community we have built together. I am very proud to have been a faculty member for 13 years. I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Bhayani began his career

in policing 30 years ago with the Delta Police before becoming Chief of Police in North Vancouver in 2019. He began lecturing part-time at KPU in 2009, and he has served as Chief Superintendent for the RCMP's Lower Mainland District since 2021.

"I now have operational oversight of 11 detachments comprised of approximately 2200 police officers servicing the entire lower mainland from Boston Bar, to the Sunshine Coast, including North Vancouver."

In 2020, Bhayani received the Outstanding Service

Award for his work as the first senior Canadian police advisor to the Iraqi Prime Minister's Office in Baghdad from 2016 to 2017.

While continuing his teaching career at KPU, Bhayani plans to design a seminar on international policing, and write a book to coincide with his lectures.

"I call myself a pracademic, I have the practical and the academic side so it will be nice to share all of my experiences in a book, to share with my students and out into the real world."



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Deadline approaching for groundwater users to apply for licence

The online application has been improved and one-on-one assistance for submitting an application is available through FrontCounter BC. Existing groundwater users are encouraged to have key pieces of information available to help the online application process go smoothly, such as:

- * well location, depth and construction;
- * legal description of property;
- * evidence of when groundwater was first used;
- * history of use from the well; and
- * other related information about water use and works.

B.C.'s water is a precious and limited resource. Over the past decade, British Columbia has witnessed the increasingly dramatic impact that a changing climate is having on water resources and drought conditions. Recent experiences demonstrate the need to prepare for future climate conditions and reinforce government's commitment to strengthening water security. Groundwater licensing helps to ensure a fair and transparent process for determining who uses the water, including during water shortages, and helps protect the environment, as well as the businesses and livelihoods that depend on reliable access to water.

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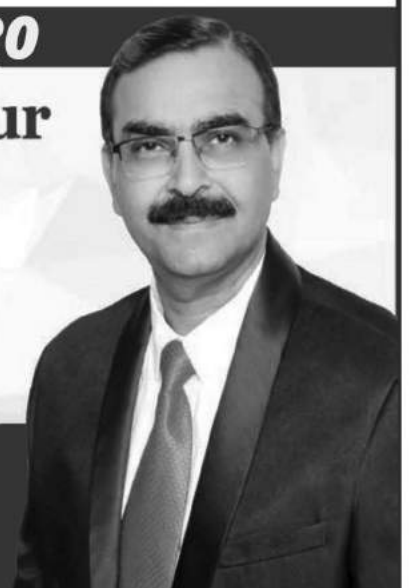
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Surrey Libraries Permanently Eliminates Overdue Fines

SURREY: Surrey Libraries is excited to announce the permanent elimination of overdue fines on materials. The Library has been fine free since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. In September 2021, the Library Board of Trustees voted to permanently eliminate overdue fines, pending Council approval of the City's 2022 budget. City Council approved the Library's annual budget at their meeting Dec 24, allowing for the change to become permanent.

"Our Libraries are one of the most-valued and most-used resources in Surrey. The programs and services of Surrey Libraries are integral in supporting our vision of a thriving, inclusive city," said Mayor, Doug McCallum. "Overdue fines are a barrier to many residents to access library services and that is why Council is pleased to remove this barrier so all our residents can enjoy the library to the fullest extent."

Several other neighbouring library sys-



Surrey Chief Librarian Surinder Bhogal

tems have recently announced the permanent elimination of overdue fines, including the Fraser Valley Regional Library, Burnaby Public Library, and Richmond Public Library.

"Suspending fines during the pandemic showed us that fines are not what prompt people to return books and materials to the Library," said Surrey Libraries chief librarian, Surinder Bhogal. "Eliminating fines actually provides more equitable access to Library services, increases users and circulation of materials, and reduces lost materials."

All historic overdue fines on patron records have also been erased. Total revenue from fines was less than 1.2% of the Library's annual operating budget in 2019. Revenue from fines was also steadily decreasing in the last decade, with many patrons switching to eBooks and eAudio which are returned to the Library automatically on the due date. This change will not affect due dates, nor fees charged for lost or damaged items. Patrons are still responsible for charges related to unreturned, damaged, and lost material.

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Manitoba RCMP Asking For Help From Those...

we believe this to be a case of human smuggling," he said.

The officers with Major Crime Services and Federal Policing are looking at every aspect of their journey. This includes their travel from Toronto on January 12th to Emerson around January 18th.

"This is an extended period of time for a family who is unfamiliar with Canada to be travelling across the country. A part of the investigation is determining whether this travel was facilitated in some way by an individual or individuals."

RCMP said that people had interactions with the Patel family during their stay in Canada. This can include hotel, gas station or restaurant employees.

"We need anyone who had interactions with the Patel family or has information about their journey to the border to think about what they went through and to step forward. We need you to contact our Major Crime Services Tip Line at: 431-489-8551. Again that number is 431-489-8551. Any information about their time in Canada will be incredibly helpful to our investigators."

The family of four Indian nationals was found frozen to death near the Canada/US border. Earlier, authorities had said that the family included an adult male, an adult female, a teen male and an infant. But Manitoba RCMP later confirmed the victims included a young girl and not a teen male.

"Initially, we had identified one of the victims as a male teen. We apologize for that error but please understand that the frozen state in which the bodies were found and the clothing worn by the family made the initial identification difficult," Hill said.

With the autopsies completed they were identified as Jagdish Baldevbhai Patel, 39, Vaishaliben Jagdishkumar Patel, 37, Vihangi Jagdishkumar Patel, 11, and Dharmik Jagdishkumar Patel, 3, all from the same family. The Medical Examiner's Office also confirmed that the cause of death was due to exposure.

A criminal complaint was filed last week in the US District Court for the District of Minnesota against 47-year old US citizen Steve Shand, who has been charged with human smuggling.

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Surrey labour market report: Construction Lags in Jobs Recovery; Manufacturing up Over 2,300 Jobs

The January 2022 Surrey Labour Market Intelligence Report has been released by the Surrey Board of Trade. “Health care, natural resources, public administration, and tech sectors are leading Surrey’s job recovery,” said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. “The single largest percentage growth in terms of occupational categories has been in natural resources positions at 68.6%. Many British Columbians do not realize the extent to which non-agriculture resource companies are prevalent in Surrey and how these impact employment in other sectors.”

- Construction is still down over 8,347 jobs or -25.6%
- Business, building & other support is down over 2,600 jobs or -18.3%
- Accommodation & food services is lower than pre-pandemic by over 2,000 jobs or -10.6%
- Other services (personal services, high-touch jobs) is down almost 2,000 jobs or -14.6%
- While utilities only lost 618 jobs since the pandemic, this represents a -36.7% drop in this relatively small Surrey industry. The sectors showing the greatest recovery since February 2020 in Surrey are

Table 1: Estimated Employment by Industry in Surrey¹ – February 2020 through December 2021
Adapted from Table 14-10-0379-01, Statistics Canada²

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)	Employment February 2020	Employment April 2020	Employment December 2021	Change February 2020 to December 2021	
				Jobs	%
Total Employed (all industries)	296,748	271,848	302,585	5,837	2.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Quarrying, Oil & Gas	3,008	4,483	5,073	2,064	68.6%
Utilities	1,687	2,230	1,068	-618	-36.7%
Construction	32,644	29,793	24,297	-8,347	-25.6%
Manufacturing	26,833	25,580	29,176	2,343	8.7%
Wholesale & Retail Trade	51,604	46,077	57,995	6,391	12.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	27,229	23,931	26,821	-408	-1.5%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18,511	16,766	16,551	-1,960	-10.6%
Professional, Scientific & Technical	19,536	19,337	20,257	721	3.7%
Business, Building & Other Support	14,609	14,212	11,930	-2,679	-18.3%
Educational Services	16,380	15,489	16,974	594	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	34,132	32,973	39,462	5,329	15.6%
Info, Culture & Recreation	9,496	8,164	10,179	683	7.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	19,052	13,845	17,029	-2,023	-10.6%
Other Services (except public administration)	13,420	11,700	11,460	-1,960	-14.6%
Public Administration	9,416	8,376	14,202	4,786	50.8%

The construction sector in Surrey continues to lag in its jobs recovery – even further so in December 2021, down over 8,300 jobs since the pandemic started. The construction-driven trades, transport and equipment operator category remains over 9,000 jobs below February 2020 levels – also impacted by a lagging transportation sector recovery in Surrey. Of 15 industry categories, seven of them in Surrey have employment levels still below February 2020. Recovery is going in the right direction, but some sectors are still struggling and need support. The sectors most impacted and still not fully recovered in Surrey are estimated to be:

- estimated to be:
- Wholesale & retail trade has rebounded with almost 6,400 new jobs for a 12.4% increase
 - Health care & social assistance is up by over 5,400 jobs or 15.6%
 - Public administration employment is up almost 4,800 jobs or 50.8% in Surrey, perhaps from back to school trends
 - Manufacturing in Surrey is up over 2,300 jobs since before the pandemic with an 8.7% increase
 - While gaining over 2,000 jobs, the natural resources sector saw a large percentage recovery in Surrey at 68.6% since February 2020

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Canadian Gurdwaras In Crisis Due To Restrictive Visa...

If a visa request of a replacement parcharak is refused, the gurdwara will be placed in a situation where they will have to immediately search for a new parcharak. Any arriving parcharak will also need time to prepare for the visit including time to resolve their personal and family issues and also arrange their travel, which may take several weeks - a period where the gurdwara will be without any staff. The new instructions do not appear to

have been developed with any wide consultation or input from Canadian gurdwaras and will lead to significant hardships. “We call on you and your ministry to immediately work with Canadian gurdwaras to find a solution to the current crisis and ensure that sponsorship processes are optimized so that gurdwaras can continue to meet the spiritual needs of Canada’s Sikh population.”

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Riteish, Genelia To Reunite On Screen With Quirky Comedy 'Mister Mummy'

Mumbai: Bollywood couple Riteish Deshmukh and Genelia D'Souza are all set to star in the upcoming Shaad Ali film, 'Mister Mummy'. The comedy drama will tell the story of a grumpy man, played by Riteish, inexplicably getting pregnant.

At the core of the movie is the story of a couple with opposing choices on the matter of children. Destiny, though, has something else planned for the childhood sweethearts as they set off on a mad, bumpy ride in this comedy drama of revelations and realisations.

The film will also mark the reunion of Riteish and Genelia on screen after a decade. They were last seen together in the 2012 release, 'Tere Naal Love



Ho Gaya'.

T-Series Films and Hectic Cinema have joined forces to roll out the film. Directed by Shaad Ali, 'Mister Mummy' has been co-produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, Shaad Ali and Siva Ananth.

Sunny Leone Shoots For Wedding Sangeet Number In Mumbai

Mumbai: Actress Sunny Leone is shooting for a wedding song titled 'Sharam Lihaaz', choreographed by Vishnu Deva, at a studio in Mumbai.

Sunny, who has been busy with the action sequences of her upcoming projects, found the opportunity of working on the song as something that takes off the stress of heavy duty action.

Talking about her work schedule, the actress said: "The last few months have been hectic

in terms of work. And a lot of what I was doing involved kicking and punching because two of my next projects are actioners.

"It was thus so enjoyable to indulge in a bit of dance and fun on the sets of this song. We rehearsed for a day and then got straight into the groove. It's shaping up pretty well. I believe if you have fun at work, it shows."

Sunny has starred in four chartbuster numbers in the matter of a month. These tracks include 'Auntiyaan Dance Karengi', 'Machli', 'Dushtu Polapain' and 'Panghat'.



'Gangubai Kathiawadi' trailer: Alia, Vijay Raaz steal the show

Mumbai: The trailer of Alia Bhatt's upcoming biographical crime drama 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' was released on Friday. A Sanjay Leela Bhansali directorial, 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' has been adapted from a chapter of Hussain Zaidi's book

'Mafia Queens of Mumbai'. The film's trailer boasts of Bhansali's signature production design and his eye for aesthetics, and it features a prominent blue and grey tone that binds the narrative flow. In addition, the films also makes use of vintage cars, era-specific costumes, impactful and punchy dialogues, and an engaging background score laced with the trombone and other wind instruments.



The film stars Alia in the titular role along with a talented cast that includes Vijay Raaz, Shantanu Maheshwari, Seema Bhargava Pahwa, Indira Tiwari and Varun Kapoor in supporting roles.

Ajay Devgn, Huma Qureshi and Emraan Hashmi will have cameos. Vijay Raaz, who is known for his

impactful performances, looks all set to blow away the audience once again with his perfectly crafted performance as the keeper of the brothel.

The film narrates the story of Ganga Harjivandas, a simple girl from Kathiawad who gets sold into prostitution by her suitor. Overcoming a life of adversity, Ganga marks her own territory and becomes Gangubai, a madam in the red light area of Kamathipura.

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Tom Holland On 'Uncharted', The Game, And Filming On Real Sets

Mumbai: Hollywood star Tom Holland, best known for his title role in the 'Spider-Man' trilogy, will soon be seen in the up-

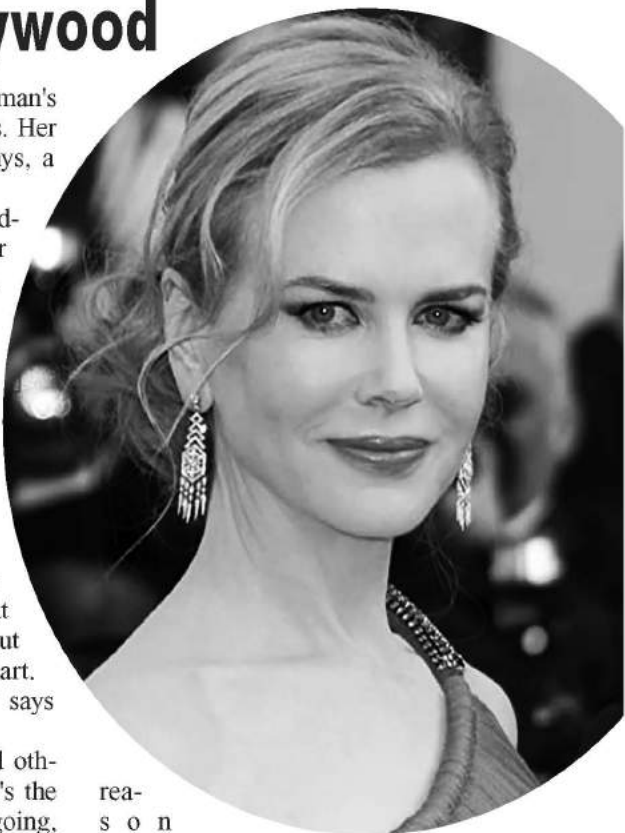


coming action-adventure film 'Uncharted'. Holland recently spoke about the experience of shooting for the film on real sets, thereby limiting the reliance on the chroma set-up. The decision to work extensively on real sets was taken by the film's director Ruben Fleischer.

"When you make these big, big action movies, you're just acting on a blue screen," Holland said. "For this movie, Ruben was adamant that it needed a tangible feeling that we were in real places, so he pushed for real sets. "The crypt and church were both built. The boats are real -- we had interior, exterior, and an outside exterior on a gimbal to simulate that the boats were flying. We pushed the boundaries of what we could do with practical sets." 'Uncharted' is based on a game series of the same name. Talking about laying his hands on the game series, Holland said: "I was shooting 'Spider-Man: Homecoming', and one of the benefits of working with Sony is that they outfitted all of our trailers with the newest PlayStation. And one of the games they gave us was 'Uncharted 4'. "So, between setups, my best mate Harrison and I would be playing. We played the game backwards -- once we fell in love with the fourth, we bought the other games and caught up."

Nicole Kidman On Getting Past The Times She Felt 'Put Out To Pasture' By Hollywood

Los Angeles: Hollywood star Nicole Kidman's career has spanned nearly four decades. Her trophy shelf includes an Oscar, two Emmys, a SAG Award and a BAFTA. She is a favourite to pick up her fifth Academy Award nomination next week for her work as Lucille Ball in 'Being the Ricardos', reports variety.com. Even so, Kidman acknowledges the road to today has also included some bumps. "I had that sort of in my early thirties where I was like, 'Right, I think this is kind of going to be it,'" the Aussie actor tells me on today's episode of the "Just for Variety" podcast. "And then I had it again at 40. And so I've run that gamut where you just go, 'Now's the time that I'm going to be put out to pasture.'" It wasn't the fear of losing fame that scared Kidman during the down times, but the thought of not being able to pursue her art. "That feels at times like a gut wrenching," says Kidman. "And then going, 'Okay, well I got to find other things that interest me that I love'. That's the journey of life, isn't it? And then suddenly going, 'This has blossomed ... or this has opened up, and now I have this chance to do something'." "So it's always been like this, and I know it will always be like that. I'm on the ride." In the Aaron Sorkin-written and directed 'Being the Ricardos', she plays Lucille Ball during a week-long production of one episode of "I Love Lucy" Javier Bardem plays Desi Arnaz. In one flashback scene, Ball is shown losing her contract at RKO Pictures. She was 39 at the time, but she gets her career back after doing a hit radio show. At the time, radio felt like a step down. "She turns that failure into a success, which then leads to ('I Love Lucy'), which then leads to her being able to say, 'You give Desi this job'. And the only



reason he's not a movie star is because he's Cuban and I'm going to advocate for him to get it because he deserves it." "Not because he is my husband, but because he's so talented and we are great together." Kidman continues, "That's the engine in the story, where you're seeing a person just survive and move into the greatest period of her life, and then real life collides and all of those other things happen as well." Before she shot 'Being the Ricardos', Kidman was in Northern Ireland filming Robert Eggers' upcoming action epic "The Northman" The shoot was "extremely cold (and) extremely muddy," but she's not complaining.

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Allu Arjun Signs Another Endorsement Deal, This Time For Food Delivery App



Hyderabad: Basking in the success of 'Pushpa: The Rise', Allu Arjun is finding himself being sought after to endorse brands. The latest to sign him up is the food delivery app Zomato. Starring alongside Subbaraj of 'Baahubali' fame in the app's new campaign, Allu Arjun is seen in an uber-cool, action avatar, wiping his beard just the way his character 'Pushpa' does in the film. Dressed in a white shirt matched with black pants, the actor is seen walloping his opponent, played by Subbaraj, at a shopping mall. Suspended mid-air in one of the sequences, the Subbaraj character expresses his desire to have biryani. That is when Allu Arjun zips out his mobile and asks for the biryani on the app. Taking off from the anthemic 'Pushpa' dialogue, 'Thaggede le' ('Jhukega Nahi' in Hindi), the tweet promoting the commercial said: "Manasu

korithe, thaggede! (If your heart wants it, don't back off. Order your food right away!)" Another tweet reprises another oft-quoted line: "Naam sunke samjha kya?" In film, of course, Allu Arjun's character says (in the Hindi version): "Naam sunke phool samjha kya? Fire hoon." As he gets set for shooting 'Pushpa: The Rule' after his Dubai vacation, Allu Arjun couldn't have asked for a better recall to the movie that has made him a pan-Indian star.

How Jassie Gill Discovered UP Through His Upcoming Movie

Mumbai: Actor-singer Jassie Gill got to discover the culture of Uttar Pradesh because of his work in the film 'Kya Meri Sonam Gupta Bewafa Hai?'. The film, which found its inception in a viral meme, is a quirky comedy. Talking about the movie, Gill said: "I was aware of the meme storm in the name of Sonam Gupta and I was thrilled to know with this film I'm going to be a part of



this virality. I was amazed to see how seamlessly they translated this meme sensation into a very quirky and witty script." He recalled: "As we started shooting the film, I began to discover more about the culture of Uttar Pradesh and got insights to play a typical UP ka chhora. It was a whole new culture that opened up for me. All in all, 'Kya Meri Sonam Gupta Bewafa Hai?' is one film that guarantees a good time no matter what, so watch it on &Pictures."

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