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Hundreds Gather On Scott Road To Remember Actor-Turned-Activist Deep Sidhu Who Died In Car Crash

By Link News Desk

SURREY: It was a day of shock and mourning for the Punjabi community across the world after they heard about the sudden and shocking death of actor turned activist Deep Sidhu on February 15. Hundreds of the Lower Mainland community members gathered on 72 and Scott Road at the same spot, where they have displayed support for farmers since last year, in memory of Sidhu. The community members held a candle light vigil to remember Deep Sidhu as someone who stood for the cause of the farmers. People present there remembered the farmer agitation days and how he took farmers protest against the black farming laws to the next level. While many remembered him



Sidhu Died in a road accident near Haryana's Sonapat on February 15

as someone who had the potential to be a future leader, many were suspicious about the sudden death just before Punjab assembly elections.

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BC Is Back To Business After COVID restrictions are lifted

List of things you can do now

VICTORIA – British Columbia's provincial health officer announced easing of COVID-19 restrictions while maintaining key protective measures to support the health and safety of all British Columbians. While keeping the BC Vaccine Card, indoor masking requirements and COVID-19 safety plans in place, the provincial health officer will lift restrictions on personal gatherings, organized gatherings and events, nightclubs, bars and restaurants, exercise and fitness, and adult sports tournaments as of Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. (Pacific time). Capacity limits will return to normal. "The last two years have challenged us like never before. But British Columbians have shown we can overcome anything if we work together," said Premier John Horgan. "By following the science and looking out for each other, we are now in a position to carefully ease many COVID-19 restrictions. Our balanced, common-sense approach is based on the best advice from Dr. Henry - it will allow us to get back to many of the things we love and businesses to operate safely."

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20 People Armed With Axes Attack Employees Of Coastal Gaslink Near Huston BC

Multimillion Dollar Worth Assets Left Damaged, Workers "Shaken"

HOUSTON: In one of the most shocking violent incidents in BC, approximately 20 people, some armed with axes, were engaged in a violent confrontation with employees of Coastal GasLink, and with attending police officers along the Morice River Forest Service Road near Houston, BC.

"This is a very troubling escalation in violent criminal activity that could have resulted in serious injury or death. This was a calculated and organized violent attack that left its victims shaken and a multimillion dollar path of destruction," said Chief Superintendent Warren Brown, North District Commander. Although RCMP has not specifically identified who were the alleged attackers, Chief Superintendent said, "While we respect everyone's right to peace-



fully protest in Canada, we cannot tolerate this type of extreme violence and intimidation. Our investigators will work tirelessly to identify the culprits and hold them accountable for their actions."

On Thursday, February 17, 2022, shortly after midnight, Houston RCMP was called to the Marten Forest Service Road (FSR) after Coastal Gas Link (CGL) security reported acts of violence at their work site.

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NDP disappointed at rejection of motion to uncover US involvement in Freedom Convoy

OTTAWA— NDP MP Heather McPherson has expressed disappointment after Liberal and Conservative members refused to support an NDP motion that would have seen the American ambassador to Canada, Mr. David Cohen, appear at the Foreign Affairs committee.

MP McPherson wanted the ambassador to appear and address growing concerns about the American funding of the convoy that has turned into a national crisis. According to McPherson over 50 per cent of the identifiable donations came from the US and a comprehensive plan is needed to ensure this attempt to undermine Canada's democracy never happens again.

"For the past eighteen days, healthcare workers have been targeted, retail workers and small business owners have been harassed and even assaulted, and thousands of people in downtown Ottawa, Southern Alberta and Windsor haven't been



MP Heather McPherson

able to go to work. Millions of dollars from anonymous donors and foreign actors are enabling the convoys and hurting Canadians, creating a dangerous situation," said McPherson. "It is deeply disappointing that members of the Liberal and Conservative parties do not think that this is a necessary step to uncovering US involvement. Mr. Cohen could have given us important information to help end the occupations and ensure Canadians are never again in this position."

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StrongerBC Economic Plan Aims To Open New Trade Complex To Prepare Workforce For Future

The complex at BCIT will be a hub for skills training and include four new buildings, benefiting more than 12,000 full- and part-time students per year in more than 20 trades and technology programs.

VICTORIA - The Province has announced its long term economic plan called StrongerBC with the aim to grow sustainable and inclusive economy.

"The StrongerBC Economic Plan says the wellbeing of the more than five million people who call B.C. home is our most important economic advantage," said Premier John Horgan.

One of the major focuses of the plan is to prepare skills trade force for the coming one million jobs over the next decade. For this reason, the Province has announced an investment of \$136.6 million to build a new state-of-the-art Trades and Technology Complex at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Burnaby campus.

The complex will be a hub for skills training and include four new buildings, benefiting more than 12,000 full- and part-time students per year in more than 20 trades and technology programs.

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation,



"Through this plan we will close our skills gap, prove that we can grow the economy while tackling climate change and create a province that is more inclusive, sustainable and innovative."

Along with building a new Trades and Technology Complex at BCIT, key actions under the 40 page StrongerBC Economic Plan include training British Columbians to succeed in the jobs of tomorrow, accelerating the timeline to connect all B.C. communities to high-speed internet, creating opportunities for under-represented entrepreneurs, expanding domestic manufacturing capabilities, establish-

ing an ESG Centre of Excellence to promote Environmental, Social and Governance principles for products and services, and building more resilient B.C. businesses by expanding access to global markets.

According to the province more than 300 people from every region of the province and from all walks of life, such as leaders from businesses, labour groups, First Nations and Indigenous communities, municipalities and universities and colleges, were engaged to develop this plan. Mariana Mazzucato, one of the world's foremost economic thought leaders

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Former Boyfriend Of BhavKiran Dhesi Pleads Guilty To Manslaughter

SURREY: Harjot Singh Deo, former boyfriend of Bhav kiran Dhesi the Surrey teenager whose body was found inside a burning SUV, has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and for interference with human remains.

Deo entered a guilty plea on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in B.C. Supreme Court for manslaughter with a firearm and offering indignity to a dead human body or human remains. The matter has been adjourned to Feb. 23 to fix a date for sentencing.

Dhesi's body was found in a burned-out vehicle in Surrey, B.C. — about three hours after she was last seen leaving her family's home in 2017.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team and Surrey RCMP found Dhesi's body just after midnight after responding to reports of a vehicle on fire in the 18700 block of 24th Avenue.

"From the evidence recovered so far, Miss Dhesi's homicide was not random," police said in a press release.

Dhesi, who was also known as Kiran, was a student at Kwantlen University. She spent



the last few years dealing with health issues and had recently undergone a kidney transplant, Cpl. Meghan Foster said at a news conference. "She persevered through all of that and to have this happen is overwhelming for her family." The 21yr-old Harjot Deo was arrested

and charged with 2nd degree murder in Dhesi's death, IHIT informed the public in 2019. Harjot Singh Deo's lawyer told the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver that his client was with Dhesi and in possession of a loaded, prohibited and restricted hand-

gun that went off, accidentally causing her death.

Four members of Deo's family — including his mother, brother and sister — were also charged with accessory after the fact to murder.

Have you seen Amita Minhas

Surrey RCMP is asking for the public's assistance with locating a woman who has gone missing in Newton.

Amita MINHAS was last seen on February 16, 2022 around 10:00 am in the 12800 block of 72B Avenue in Surrey. She has not been seen or heard from since.

Amita MINHAS is described as a 36 year old South Asian female, 5'4" tall, 110 lbs. She has shoulder length black hair and brown eyes. There is no clothing description at this time. (See attached picture)

Police and family are concerned for her wellbeing.

Anyone with more information is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file# 2022-24319.

If you wish to make an anonymous report please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-



222-TIPS or www.solvecrime.ca.

Shots Fired At Another Residence In Surrey

SURREY: Surrey RCMP informed the public of shots fired at a residence located at 11000-block of 132 Street and requested anyone with information to contact police. On February 17, 2022 at 1:55 a.m., Surrey RCMP received several 911 calls of shots fired in the area of 11000-block of 132 Street. Frontline officers attended the area and located a residence, which had damage consistent with a shooting. No one was injured.

Surrey RCMP General Investigations Unit has conduct of the investigation. Officers are in the area collecting evidence, including CCTV footage. The investigation is still in the early stages and a motive has not been determined. "While there were no injuries sustained as a result of this shooting, anytime shots are fired in our community it is of concern," says Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer.

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Surrey's Transportation Plan Report Signals Strong Support for 'Big Vision and Bold Moves'

SURREY: City staff presented the Surrey Transportation Plan phase 3 public engagement findings to Surrey City Council at regular council meeting

According to the scientific survey 81 per cent of respondents either support or strongly support the draft transportation vision. The primary suggestions for improvement were to address affordability, equity and accessibility which have been incorporated by adding inclusive into an updated Vision statement: Connecting a million people and places with safe, inclusive, convenient, and green transportation choices for everyone.

There was a range of only 3% to 10% opposition to the four proposed "bold moves":

- Put Safety First
 - Support 15-Minute Neighbourhoods
 - Connect Communities with Rapid Transit
 - Invest in Green Transportation Choices
- Put Safety First and Connect Communities with Rapid Transit received the highest level of support at 88 per cent, followed by Support

15-Minutes Neighbourhoods (83 per cent) and Invest in Green Transportation Choices (77 per cent).

"Surrey is a dynamic city that is growing quickly," said Douglas McLeod, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Surrey. "The ability to connect people and places efficiently and safely has a direct impact on our citizens quality of life and local economy. We need a new transportation plan to address continued growth, and transportation changes both within the city and regionally."

According to survey respondents, the top three amenities wanted within a short walk or bike ride from their neighbourhood are a park, a grocery store and frequent transit service. Frequent transit was defined as a bus running at least every 15 minutes. Other popular amenities included elementary schools and community facilities. Respondents said they were least willing to walk long distances to frequent transit, with 40 per cent noting they were only willing to walk a maximum of five minutes.

Over 5,000 community members participated in engagement and were involved in providing direct feedback including 4,100 responses to an online public survey in addition to 60 focus group and stakeholder interview participants. To validate the results, the City conducted a scientific representative sample survey of over 1,000 randomly selected Surrey residents. The results are balanced to match the City's demographic profile according to the most recent Census information and are accurate within +/- 3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The new Surrey Transportation plan will include a long-range vision and identify transportation priorities up to 2030 and is built on five pillars: grow the transportation network, prioritize human life above all else, tackle the climate crisis, innovate through technology and new mobility, and balance equity.

The fourth and final phase of public consultation will launch in the spring of 2022 and focus on the trade-offs of the proposed 2030 Actions.

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Surrey Hospitals Foundation Receives \$250,000 Donation From BMO To Benefit Pediatric Patients

SURREY: BMO Financial Group has partnered with Surrey Hospitals Foundation with a gift of \$250,000 to help further the professional development of pediatric nurses.

“This is the largest grant invested for pediatric nursing professional development in Fraser Health’s history, and will benefit the health care of children in region,” said Jane Adams, President & CEO of the Surrey Hospitals Foundation.

Surrey Memorial Hospital is the pediatric hub of BC as the largest provider of newborn and pediatric health care in the province, treating more than 50,000 babies and children annually.

The Maternity Clinics at Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre (JPOCSC) see over 20,000 patient visits every year, and the Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic is part of the only specialized clinic in Fraser Health that provides in-depth and ongoing care for women with complex and high-risk pregnancies.

“This is an incredibly important investment, especially with almost half of BC’s children residing in the Fraser Health region, most of them in Surrey alone,” said Dermot Kelly, Fraser Health’s Vice President of Community Hospitals and Health Services. “Surrey Memorial Hospital is a major high risk birthing centre for the Fra-



BMO Financial Group has gifted Surrey Hospitals Foundation \$250,000 as new pediatric clinical partner. (From left) Tina Sangha, Surrey Memorial Hospital NICU NRP Instructor Trainer; James Kitamura, Regional President of Personal Banking at BMO Financial Group; Jane Adams, Surrey Hospitals Foundation CEO; and Dermot Kelly, Fraser Health’s Vice President, Community Hospitals & Health Services.

ser Health region and donations like these are absolutely critical in supporting development of our pediatric nursing staff who provide care for newborns, children and youth.”

“We’re proud to support the Surrey Hospitals Foundation as their new pediatric clinical partner. While this program tar-

gets pediatric nurses, the benefits will be felt by many children and their families in the region” said James Kitamura, Regional President, Personal Banking, British Columbia and Yukon Region, BMO Bank of Montreal. “At BMO, we’re commit-

ted to Growing the Good in business and life which extends to our communities and in this case, the busiest pediatric hospital in the province.”

Surrey Memorial Hospital is a major clinical education centre where approximately 2,100 clinical learners receive training annually. BMO’s pediatric nursing education grant will help up to 25 pediatric nurses each year acquire new skills and training. The program will benefit qualified nursing staff at Surrey Memorial Hospital who work in the Children’s Health Centre, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Family Birthing Unit or Pediatric Emergency Department, to develop new skills, upgrade their diplomas to Bachelor degrees, and participate in specialized education for new medical services and treatments.

“Surrey is continuing to grow at an unprecedented rate with more people moving to the city, especially young new immigrant families,” explained Adams. “The Surrey Hospitals Foundation is a great proponent of continued education, and this investment will benefit this group of specialty nursing staff so we can keep on top of health care best practices, and bring innovative programs to our hospitals.”

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Stronger BC...

who has advised governments and policy makers to deliver solutions to societal challenges, was also involved to offer her expertise.

Cities like Surrey and Vancouver have welcomed the plan calling it inclusive and sustainable. “Metro Vancouver is pleased to see that the provincial plan highlights clean economic growth that helps meet CleanBC climate commitments and supports the ambitious emission reduction and resilience targets outlined in Metro Vancouver’s Climate 2050 and Clean Air Plan,” said Sav Dhaliwal, chair of Metro Vancouver’s Board of Directors.

The plan aims to invest more than \$7 billion over the next five years to build, maintain, and upgrade the critical infrastructure that underlies the prosperity and livability of the region, such as the Iona Wastewater Treat-

ment Plant.

Greg D’Avignon, President and CEO, Business Council of B.C., said, “In our opinion, this plan provides an attractive vision of what British Columbia can become, but it does not contain the material actions required or send a strong enough signal to either the domestic or international business community that the government can provide the certainty necessary for new investments, including ESG capital to flow into or grow within the province, in order to ultimately help pay for that vision. “Today, B.C. does not have the welcoming conditions required to attract the private sector investment dollars necessary to realize the full potential of the province’s advantages in natural resources, innovation, or people. As a more competitive world emerges from COVID-19, other jurisdictions are more attractive to investors and offer greater certainty. Provincially and nationally, we are a comparatively high tax jurisdiction with an uncertain and inefficient regulatory environment that has become too costly and too complex.”

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Canada To Boost Immigration Processes To Fill Labour Shortages

OTTAWA— The government of Canada has announced its 2022–2024 Immigration Levels Plan. The plan aims to continue welcoming immigrants at a rate of about 1% of Canada’s population, including 431,645 permanent residents in 2022, 447,055 in 2023, and 451,000 in 2024.

The levels plan is a projection of how many permanent residents will be admitted to Canada, and it sets targets and ranges for overall admissions immigration categories. Under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the



Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration

Minister must table the Levels Plan in Parliament each year. The levels plan takes into account extensive engagement with provincial and territorial representatives, as well as public opinion research and stakeholder consultations.

“The 2022–2024 Immigration Levels Plan will help cement Canada’s place among the world’s top destinations for talent, creating a strong foundation for post-pandemic economic growth while reuniting family members with their loved ones and fulfilling Canada’s humanitarian com-

mitments,” said Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

According to Fraser, “It will also increase Francophone immigration outside Quebec, while supporting the successful integration of French-speaking newcomers and strengthening Francophone communities across the country. As part of our Francophone Immigration Strategy, we’re working to reach a target of 4.4% of French-speaking immigrants outside Quebec by 2023.”

To support these increased levels, the Government of Canada recently announced a plan to modernize Canada’s immigration system to fuel economic recovery and improve client experience, which will help address key challenges faced by our clients, such as reducing inventories and creating the predictable processing times that our clients expect and deserve.

“This plan also recognizes the impor-

tance of family reunification and helps maintain the 12 month processing standard for spouses and children,” said Fraser.

Highlights of the plan include:

- overall admissions amounting to 1.14% of the Canadian population by 2024.
- a long-term focus on economic growth, with nearly 60% of admissions in the Economic Class.
- help for vulnerable populations, like the special measures for granting permanent residence to refugee claimants working in health care during the pandemic.
- support for global crises by providing a safe haven through humanitarian immigration to those facing persecution.
- talent retention of those already in Canada by granting permanent status to temporary residents accepted through the time limited pathways for essential workers launched in spring 2021.

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Shots Fired At Another Residence In Surrey

Cst. Sarbjit K. Sangha. “Given the recent shootings across the region and in neighbouring communities we are working closely with partners including CFSEU-BC to target the people responsible.”

“Any incident where there are gunshots is of significant concern to CFSEU-BC and our police partners. Gun violence transcends municipal borders and while the overnight incidents may not be connected to each other or even to ongoing gang conflicts, it is a priority for CFSEU-BC,” says Sergeant Brenda Winpenny, CFSEU-BC’s Media Relations Officer. “We will continue to aggressively investigate those who choose to involve themselves in gun-related crime and support our partners across British Columbia in our collective fight against violence that puts all of us at risk.”

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502, or Crime Stoppers, if they wish to remain anonymous, at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca.

Latest Travel Advisory From India Gives Option To Submit Vaccination Proof In Place Of RT-PCR

SURREY: The Indian government has issued new guidelines for international travelers on February 10 that supresses all other guidelines issued before. Under the new guidelines the Indian government is giving choice to submit either proof of vaccination instead of negative RT-PCR conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey.

Also, all the international travelers will not be tested at the airport. Only those who are found symptomatic during screening


will go through testing. Only 2 percent shall undergo random post arrival testing at the airport. According to the latest guidelines travelers from India’s ministry of health and family welfare, all international travellers with effect from February 14 should submit a) complete factual information in self-declaration form online Air Suvidha portal before the schedule travel, including last 14 days travel details.

b) Upload a negative COVID-19 RT PCR report OR certificate of

full primary vaccination schedule of COVID vaccination.

Children under 5 years of age are exempted from both pre and post arrival testing. However, of found symptomatic for COVID on arrival or during the period of self monitoring they shall undergo testing.


For complete travel advisory log on to: <https://cgivancouver.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesforInternationalarrivalsupdatedon10thFebruary2022.pdf>



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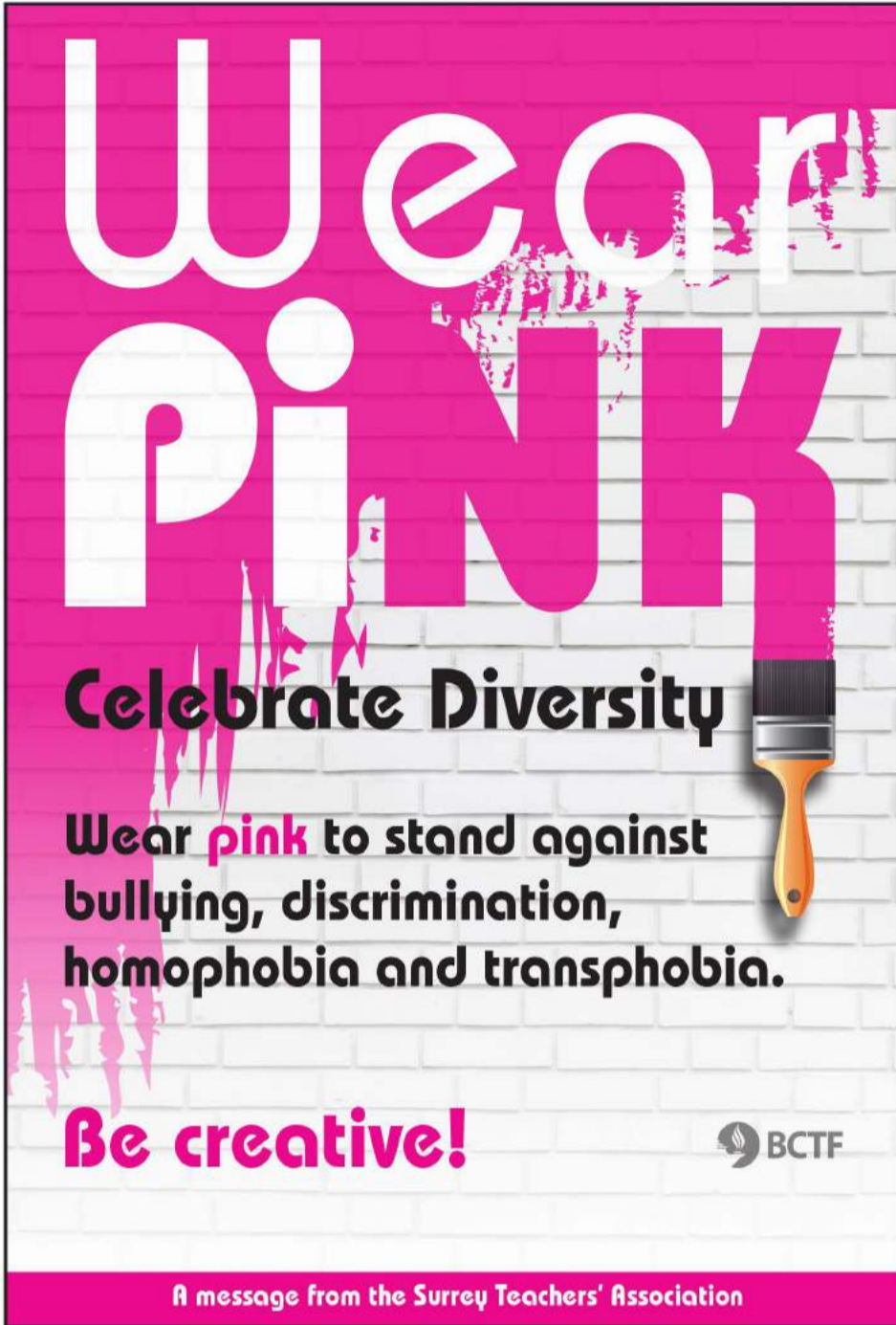
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20 people armed with axes attack employees of Coastal GasLink near...



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It was reported approximately 20 people, some armed with axes, were attacking security guards and smashing their vehicle windows. It was initially reported that some CGL employees were trapped, but all had managed to safely leave the area.

Upon police attendance at the 41 km mark, the roadway had been blocked with downed trees, tar covered stumps, wire, boards with spikes in them, and fires had been lit throughout the debris. As police worked their way through the debris and traps, several people threw smoke bombs and fire lit sticks at the police, injuring one officer.

At the 43 km mark, an old school bus blocked the road. No one was located in this area and with the assistance of CGL, the bus was cleared from the road and police continued on.

When police arrived at the drill pad at the 63 km mark, they found significant damage had been done to heavy machinery, fencing, and portable buildings. Police did not encounter any further blockades or protestors as they made their way to the drill pad nor did they locate anyone at the site. The cost of damage done is extensive.

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, also expressed concern for the people and shock at the violent event, "The B.C.



Government emphatically condemns the violence and destruction perpetrated near the Morice River drill pad site off the Marten Forest Service Road "There is no excuse for such violence and intimidation. All workers deserve to be protected from harassment and harm."

"This destructive attack should be condemned by all in British Columbia," he said.

The RCMP is appealing to the public for assistance about the incident. This type of criminal activity and level of violence impacts the entire community, RCMP is urging anyone that has any information about the individuals involved to contact the Houston RCMP at 250-845-2204.

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Hundreds gather on Scott...

Sidhu who garnered respect and support across the world was a controversial figure in India especially for the Indian government. The actor first hit headlines during farmers' protest in 2021. He was arrested on February 9 for his alleged involvement in the Republic Day tractor rally in the national capital which had turned violent. Sidhu was facing a criminal trial for engineering the violence.

On January 26, protesting farmers had clashed with police during the tractor rally against the Centre's now-repealed farm laws and stormed into the Red Fort, hoisting flags on its domes and injuring scores of policemen. Sidhu died in a road accident near Haryana's Sonapat on February 15. The accident took place on Western Peripheral Expressway in Haryana. According to a few reports, the actor was travelling from Delhi to Bhatinda when his vehicle met with the ill-fated accident. The incident occurred near Pipli toll plaza in Kharkhoda. Kharkhoda police station Inspector Jaspal Singh said, "Deep Sidhu died in the accident. A female friend accompanying him was taken to a hospital where her condition was stable."

Police said that the girl who accompanied Sidhu in the SUV told them that a truck ahead of them was allegedly "speeding rashly" and the driver all of a sudden applied breaks due to which the car

they were in barged into it. Police said that they have filed a case of rash and negligent driving against the driver.

The girl has been identified as Reena Raj. She was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Sidhu was cremated at Threke village in Ludhiana on Wednesday. His body was kept at his younger brother advocate Mandeep Singh's house in the village where people in large numbers especially youth reached to pay tributes.

According to The Tribune, at Sidhu's cremation, youth carrying Kesari flags, photographs of Sidhu raised slogans 'Deep Sidhu Amar rahe'(Long Live Deep Sidhu), 'Khalistan Zindabad', 'Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindrawale Zindabad' etc. Nihangs in large number too came to attend the cremation.

People from across the state including from his native village



of Muktsar, even from Haryana came to offer their condolences to the family.

Originally from Muktsar's Udekan village, Sidhu's family had left the village in the 80s. His father was an advocate who practised at Gidderbaha.

People from across the state including from his native village of Muktsar, even from Haryana came to offer their condolences to the family. People present there remembered the farmer agitation days and how Deep took farmers protest against the black farming laws to the next level.

Villagers said Deep was successful actor, advocate and good hu-



Sidhu was cremated at Threke village in Ludhiana on. People in large numbers especially youth reached to pay tributes

man being. They said whenever Deep used to visit Threke, he used to hold talks over the farming issues and other issues of the country.

Prominent persons who attended the cremation were Simarjit Singh Mann of SAD(Amritsar), Lakha Sidhana, singer Gagan Anmol Mann etc

Sidhu was a close aide of BJP MP Sunny Deol, who contested from the Gurdaspur seat in Punjab dur-

ing the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. He had remained with Deol during the poll campaigning.

"Oh din Kal varga lagda hai jado mein Deep Sidhu de vialh teh Gaya si. Tej ajvi ohda ohi Has-mukh chera meri akhan samney aa reha hai. Eh dukhdai hadsey ne meinu nishabd karta. Pramatma ohdi Rooh nu shanti bakshey, teh usdey parivaar nu es Gehrey dukh nu sehan da bal bakshey," wrote famous singer Gurdas Maan.

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NDP...

A Liberal Member of the committee said that McPherson's request to get answers for Canadians from the ambassador was "not an urgent issue" despite her own government's plans to invoke the emergency measures act to address the national crisis later today.

According to NDP its members have been introducing various motions since the convoy began. "NDP critic for public safety Alistair MacGregor has passed a motion to investigate online platforms like GoFundMe and GiveSendGo's role in raising millions of dollars to support a protest that has a stated goal to undermine Canadian democracy. NDP MP Peter Julian has put forward a bill to ban hate symbols and Jagmeet Singh has repeatedly called for increased federal leadership," said MDP in a release.

"It's troubling that committee members don't seem to understand the situation facing Canadians. We should be using every tool at our disposal to address this crisis for Canadians. The Liberals' failure to lead has been staggering while the Conservatives have bounced back and forth between supporting the convoy and now, finally, asking them to leave and stop hurting Canadian workers," said McPherson. "Canadians want action and answers. New Democrats will continue to help Canadians through this pandemic regardless of the Liberals' and Conservatives' failures and we will not stop until we have the answers Canadians deserve."

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ICBC Set To Launch Online Insurance Renewals

VICTORIA - People in British Columbia will soon have the added convenience of renewing their personal ICBC insurance policies online. Eligible ICBC customers with policies expiring on or after May 1, 2022, will have the option to renew their policy using their computer, tablet or mobile

available for customers with personal insurance, with some restrictions. Restrictions will include: temporary operation permits; lapsed policies; new insurance policies; mid-term changes; cancellations; joint ownership or multiple owners; leased vehicles; motorcycles; motorhomes (RVs); collector vehicles; and commercial or fleet policies.

Changes to optional coverages will not be available online and must be completed through a broker, in person or over the phone.

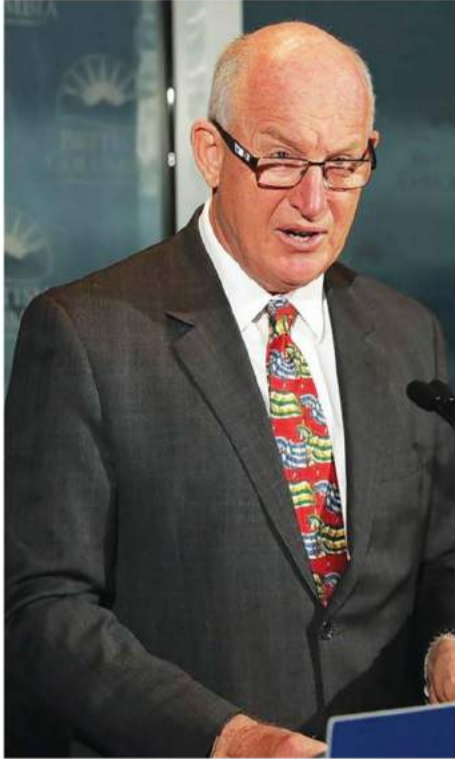
Coinciding with the launch of online auto insurance renewals, May 1 also will mark the last day that B.C. drivers will be required to display a licence plate validation decal to show they have valid insurance. To support this transition, ICBC is making a one-time investment of as much as \$1 million to enhance and expand the Automated Licence Plate Recognition program, which helps law enforcement in B.C. detect unlawful, unlicensed and uninsured drivers.

"The online insurance renewal initiative offers British Columbians a more convenient way to renew their ICBC auto insurance," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "Working through the RCMP, police agencies in B.C. will be enhancing and expanding the Automated Licence Plate Recognition program that exists today." The cost of this investment will be offset by savings related to manufacturing and distributing the decals.

Decal elimination will align B.C. with other Canadian jurisdictions that have successfully removed the decal from circulation, including Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and the Northwest Territories.

"We know online insurance renewals are something our customers have been waiting for, and we're pleased to announce that we're on track to have this option go live next month," said Nicolas Jimenez, president and CEO, ICBC. "Online insurance renewals add to the growing number of digital options available to customers, providing greater convenience, choice

and flexibility for British Columbians." Brokers will continue to offer their expert advice on insurance coverage, whether in person, on the telephone or for online renewals, and will continue to assist ICBC customers with their Autoplan insurance needs.



Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety

device. While May 1 will be the official launch date, customers can renew their insurance up to 44 days earlier, meaning some people will be able to renew online as soon as March 17, 2022.

With support from ICBC's broker network, the new online insurance service will enable customers to renew their current personal auto insurance coverage, change their address, apply for discounts, update the drivers listed on their policy and modify how they use their vehicle. ICBC expects even more online features to be available in the future. ICBC online insurance renewals will be



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KPU Instructor Balbir Gurm inducted into Canadian Academy of Nursing

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SURREY: Kwantlen Polytechnic University nursing instructor Dr. Balbir Gurm has been inducted into the Canadian Nurses Association's Canadian Academy of Nursing Fellowship. The Canadian Academy of Nursing Fellowship Program celebrates the most accomplished nurses in Canada.

"It is a tremendous honour to be selected by the Canadian Academy of Nursing into the fellowship program with such amazing fellows from across Canada," said Gurm. "As the first nurse of Indian Punjabi descent



Dr. Balbir Gurm

selected for this tremendous honour, I feel privileged to be among the na-

tion's leading minds in nursing." The recognition is the highest honour for a registered nurse and comes with added responsibilities, which Gurm is excited to take on, such as advocating for policy development at the national level to amplify the voice of the nursing community and the South Asian community.

For Gurm, whose other achievements include founding the Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR), this is the latest acknowledgement of her impact both as a nurse and as a South Asian woman. A friend of Gurm's pushed her to apply, saying she met the criteria and to serve as a representative and role model for the South Asian community.

"Over the years I have been told by students that went into nursing that they saw me as a role model," said Gurm, a former admissions chair for the Bachelor of Science of Nursing program at KPU.

"I try to practice what I teach so that I can set an example of how nurses can influence healthcare and I hope to motivate nurses to shatter glass ceilings and take on leadership and advocacy roles in health," added Gurm.

"My driving force has always been and continues to be social justice, equity

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Susan Sangha One Of Three New Provincial Court Judges

The Government of British Columbia is appointing three new provincial court judges to support continued access to justice.

The three new judges being appointed are:

- Ellen (Heidi) Hughes, effective March 14, 2022;
- Michelle Peacock, effective March 7, 2022; and
- Susan Sangha, effective March 7, 2022.

Ellen (Heidi) Hughes: Hughes worked with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Legal Services Branch, as counsel for many years. Hughes holds a law degree from the University of Virginia, graduating in 1990. She was called to the Massachusetts State Bar in 1990 and the B.C. bar in 1996. Hughes has worked in all levels of court with expertise in administrative law, contracts, constitutional law and employment and human rights.

Michelle Peacock: Peacock holds a law degree from the Univer-



sity of British Columbia, graduating in 1993. She worked as a sole practitioner and a legal aid staff lawyer until October 1996 when she became Crown counsel in the Vancouver region. Peacock is bilingual and has been a member of the BC Prosecution Services' French prosecution group since 1996. She was a member of the Stanley Cup Riot prosecution team in 2011, which was awarded the Commitment to Justice award by the Canadian Heads of Prosecution Committee.

Susan Sangha: Sangha holds a law degree from the University of Victoria, graduating in 1996 before being called to the B.C. bar in 1997.

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Criminal Case Filed Against Punjab CM In Bihar After His Derogatory "Bhaiyaa" Remark

Following Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's allegedly derogatory remarks on the people of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, a criminal case was filed against him in a court in Bihar's Muzaffarpur and an application moved in a Patna police station on Thursday. The Congress leader had, at a recent public meeting in poll-bound Punjab, said "bhaiyas" (migrants) from UP and Bihar will not be allowed to "rule" his state. The utterance has evoked strong reactions from across the political spectrum. Social activist Tammannah Hashmi filed a plea under various sections of the Indian Penal Code in Muzaffarpur and the CJM's court has admitted the

case. "Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi insulted the people of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. His statement has hurt the sentiments of these states. Hence, I have filed an application against him in the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court. It is accepted by the court. The next hearing of this case will be on February 24," Hashmi said. BJP OBC Morcha national General Secretary and Bihar BJP spokesperson Dr Nikhil Anand said: "The statement of Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi shows the regional and casteist bias which is hardcore ingrained in the Congress culture. Interestingly, when Channi was abusing the people of Bihar and Uttar

Pradesh, (Congress General Secretary) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was laughing shamelessly enjoying the slant on Purvanchal. We condemn the statement of Channi and demand an apology from Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi." "The state of Punjab will economically collapse if the people of Bihar and UP go on 100 per cent strike. The cultural inheritance of Guru Gobind Singh ji, Sant Kabir and Ravidas ji belongs to the land of Bihar-UP. The state of Punjab will be culturally and economically uprooted if it discards Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. People of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh will keep teaching lessons to Congress till the time it loses the status of a national party," he added.



Channi has claimed that his statement was twisted by opposition parties and media. "My statement was against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, (and AAP leaders) Durgesh Pathak and Sanjay Singh who came from outside and creating disturbance. My statement is not for common people of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Rajasthan who come to Punjab for work.

Their contribution in the making of Punjab is immense and I have great respect for them," Channi said in a video statement. "We all are migrant people and we have equal rights on the lands of Punjab. A large number of Punjabi people are also working in other states and in other countries," Channi said.

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Susan Sangha One Of Three New...

She was a civil litigator and partner at Alexander Holburn where she has worked since finishing law school. Her practice area was insurance defence work, focusing on personal injury, occupier's liability and product liability, as well as and employment and human rights. These appointment decisions consider multiple factors, including the needs of the court, the diversity of the bench and the candidates' areas of expertise. The process to appoint judges involves the following steps:
- Interested lawyers apply and the Judicial

Council of B.C. reviews the candidates. The council is a statutory body made up of the chief judge, an associate chief judge, other judges, lawyers and members from outside the legal profession. - The council recommends potential judges to the attorney general, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. Although judicial officers may be assigned to a judicial region, many travel regularly throughout the province to meet changing demands.

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Manmohan Singh Blasts Modi In Video Message Just Before Punjab Elections

In sharp words aimed at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh accused him of blaming Jawaharlal Nehru for every problem.

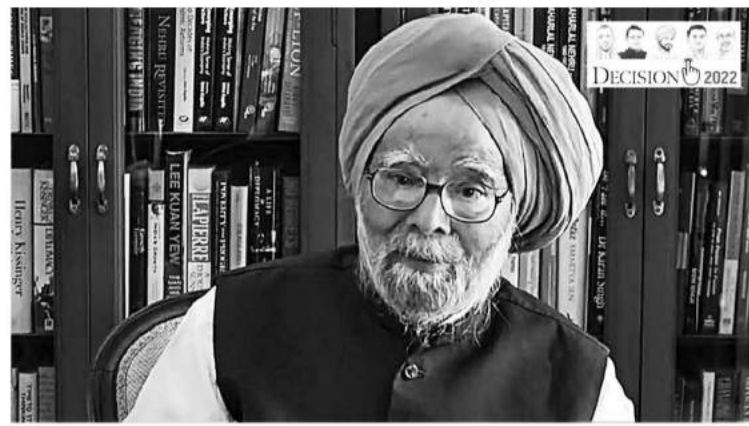
With just few days to go for the Punjab election, former prime minister Manmohan Singh hit out at the ruling BJP describing its nationalism as “fake and dangerous and based on the British policy of divide and rule”.

In a video message on the eve of the crucial February 20 state election, Singh, without naming PM Narendra Modi, said the PM’s post had a special significance and blaming history or a former prime minister for the country’s problems wouldn’t help.

Urging the people of Punjab to vote for the Congress which,

he said, was the only party that could address the state’s development, farm prosperity and unemployment challenges, the former PM launched a scathing attack against the government saying “it was busy blaming the country’s first PM Jawaharlal Nehru for national problems instead of accepting and correcting the mistakes of seven years of its rule”.

“Today’s circumstances are worrisome. Due to faulty policies of the government during Covid times, people are anguished by a shrinking economy, rising prices and joblessness. But the incumbent government, despite ruling for seven years, instead of accepting and correcting its mistakes, is busy blaming Jawaharlal Nehru for the problems. I believe the position of the PM has a spe-



cial significance and you cannot escape your sins by blaming history or the country,” said Manmohan Singh, star campaigner for Punjab.

Singh has not been able to travel due to health reasons.

In a video message on Thursday, Singh said that as PM for 10

years, he always let the work do the talking for him.

“We never divided the country for vested political gains. We never tried to shroud the truth. We never undermined the esteem of the country or the PM’s position. People today are being divided. This government’s fake

nationalism is empty and dangerous. Their nationalism is based on the British policy of divide and rule,” said Singh days after PM Modi accused the Congress of being the leader of the ‘tuk-detukde; gang and dividing and ruling.

In a veiled swipe at PM Modi, Singh said, “I hope that the incumbents would have realised by now that by hugging leaders, making them sit in swings and stopping by uninvited to have biryani does not improve bilateral relations. The government should also realise that it cannot change its character by changing its face. The truth comes out in some form or the other.”

The ex-PM also questioned the government’s foreign policy saying “The issue is not just of internal tensions. This government has proved a complete failure even on foreign policy. Chinese soldiers are sitting in our land for a year. And attempts are being made to bury the entire matter.”

He said India is at a significant crossroads today, “old friends are getting alienated and relations with neighbours are deteriorating”.

Accusing the BJP government of weakening constitutional bodies, the former PM said the ruling dispensation did not have “even one bit faith in the Constitution which is the basis of India’s democracy”.

The former PM said it was easy to talk big but very tough to implement that talk.

“Elections are under way in five states. The people of Punjab face major challenges and it is important to face them effectively. It is important to address the issues of farmers and joblessness and take the state on the road to development. Only the Congress can do these things. I urge Punjabis to support the Congress,” Singh said. The former PM also accused the government of trying to defame Punjab and Punjabiyat during the farmers’ agitation. Punjab, a state whose sacrifices the world acknowledges, was insulted, he said.

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There will be no limit to the number of people you invite to your homes. But Dr Henry said, "You will make your own decisions based on the risks you and your family will have for who you have over into your home." All the events and gatherings will return to full capacity. "Because of the amount of immunity and protection we have due to vaccines, events and gatherings will return to full capacity," she said.

With more than 90% of eligible B.C. residents vaccinated with their second dose, British Columbia will transition to a sustainable COVID-19 management plan focusing on vaccination, self-monitoring and specific actions to protect those most at risk. The decision to ease restrictions is based on a careful review of data by the provincial health officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control. "These changes are taking effect after careful review of where we are in this pandemic, and the credit goes to all British Columbians for their action to protect themselves, their families and their communities," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer. "We will continue to rely on what is happening in B.C., science and evidence to guide our next steps in this journey to protect people from COVID-19 while safely easing restrictions." Based on hospitalization and critical care rates over the coming days and weeks, the provincial health officer will review the remaining protective measures by March 15,

Changes to restrictions effective February 17

Personal gatherings return to normal
Organized gatherings at full capacity, dancing allowed
Indoor seated events at full capacity
Fitness centres, adult sports, dance at full capacity, tournaments allowed
Restaurants, bars and nightclubs at full capacity, no table limits, dancing allowed
Mask requirements are still in place
B.C. Vaccine Card requirements are still in place
COVID-19 Safety Plans are still in place

and again by April 12. What's changed
Personal gatherings return to normal
Organized gatherings at full capacity
Indoor seated events at full capacity
Fitness centres, adult sports, dance centres at full capacity
Restaurants, bars and night clubs to operate at full capacity, no table limits
Dancing allowed
Restrictions that remain in place:
• Masks in indoor places
• B.C. Vaccine Card
• COVID-19 safety plans required at businesses
• Long-term care visitation requirements
• K to 12 and childcare guidelines
• Faith community guidelines
• Restrictions on child and youth overnight camps
• Industrial camp order
Life is all set to return to normal but indeed it will be a new normal since we will still be wearing masks and have to show vaccine cards.

Extremely Tight Conditions Persist in the BC Housing Market

Vancouver, BC – February 14, 2022. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 6,138 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in January 2022, a decrease of 14.7 per cent from January 2021. The average MLS® residential price in BC was \$1,042,169, a 23.5 per cent increase from \$843,918 recorded in January 2021. Total sales dollar volume was \$6.4 billion, a 5.3 per cent increase from the same time last year. "Sales activity is down compared to record levels at the start of last year," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "However, the level of sales activity remains strong compared to the long-term average and inventory is still incredibly low. As a result, it will take quite some time to get back to healthy balance in the BC market." Total active listings remain near record lows with just 13,000 total listings in the province. For context, a healthy level of re-sale listings for the province is closer to 40,000 listings. As a result of this listings drought, markets all over the province are seeing significant upward pressure on prices.

| Around the Province January 2021 | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>(year-over-year % change in italics)</i> | | |
| Board | Avg. Price (\$) | Unit Sales |
| BC Northern | 378,242 <i>12.5</i> | 255 <i>-4.5</i> |
| Chilliwack | 907,385 <i>43.5</i> | 251 <i>-24.4</i> |
| Fraser Valley | 1,230,631 <i>30.2</i> | 1,249 <i>-22.2</i> |
| Greater Vancouver | 1,274,315 <i>17.0</i> | 2,329 <i>-5.1</i> |
| Kamloops | 631,032 <i>25.0</i> | 189 <i>-24.4</i> |
| Kootenay | 502,674 <i>18.5</i> | 188 <i>-15.3</i> |
| Interior | 785,134 <i>24.4</i> | 669 <i>-14.0</i> |
| South Peace River | 298,759 <i>49.5</i> | 29 <i>20.8</i> |
| Powell River | 600,868 <i>29.9</i> | 22 <i>4.8</i> |
| Vancouver Island | 709,798 <i>34.2</i> | 510 <i>-22.0</i> |
| Victoria | 995,055 <i>14.6</i> | 447 <i>-24.0</i> |
| British Columbia | 1,042,169 23.5 | 6,138 -14.7 |

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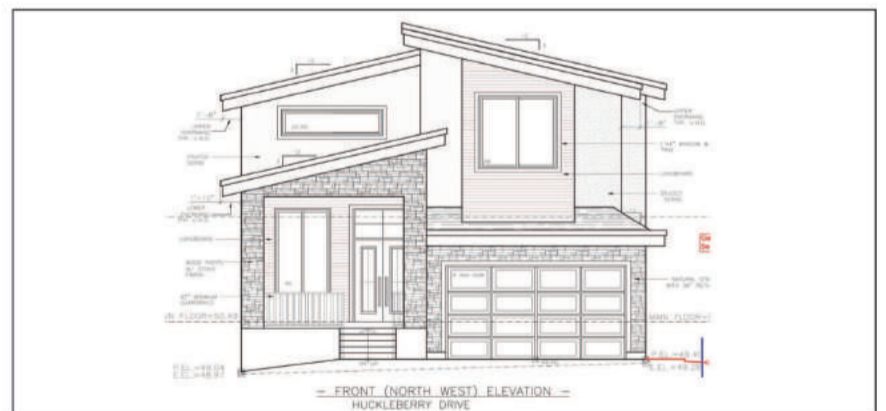
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16900 30A Ave., Surrey **\$3,499,000**
Gorgeous acre property in a luxurious neighbourhood with Views of North Shore Mountains, situated on a quiet, no through street in the heart of a highly desirable area of South Surrey. This custom built rancher 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!



23101 40 Ave., Langley **\$3,698,000**
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13744 112 Ave., Surrey **\$2,099,000**
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14746 61 Avenue **\$2,188,000**
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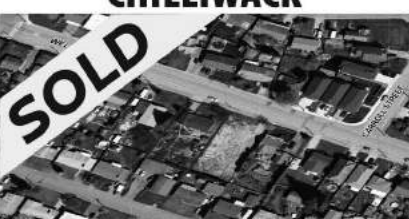
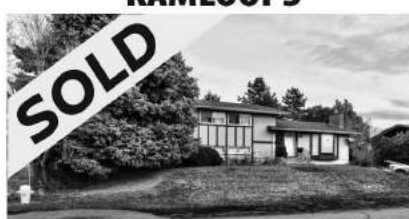

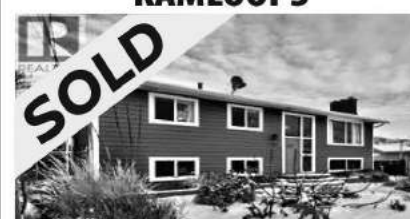





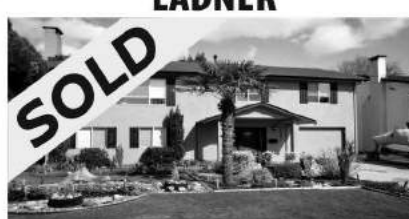

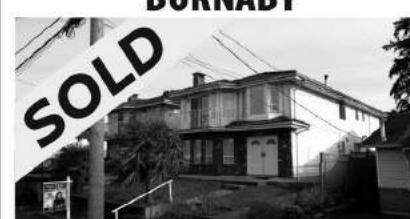
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The program will be expanding from one to six districts this school year.

Just B4 started in School District 67 (Okanagan Skaha) during the 2020-21 school year and will expand to five districts in the 2021-22 school years. New districts receiving the program include: SD 34 Abbotsford (Dormick Park Elementary); SD 46 Sunshine Coast (Halfmoon Bay Elementary); SD 38 Richmond; SD 70 Pacific Rim; and SD 73 Kamloops-Thompson (Arthur Hatton Elementary). Schools for the Richmond and Pacific Rim school districts are to be determined, as they are in the process of obtaining licences. This expansion is expected to increase from 10 to more than 70 spaces. Programs will be open as many as five days per week during the school year.

"The first Just B4 pilot program at Columbia Elementary has been a great success. This program provides a positive and nurturing early learning experience while supporting children as they prepare to learn, grow and transition to kindergarten," said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education. Just B4 operates in conjunction with existing StrongStart BC (SSBC) program by using available SSBC spaces in schools.



*Jennifer Whiteside
Minister of Education*

It is a licensed preschool program under the child care licensing regulation that uses public school spaces.

The First Peoples Principles of Learning and the Early Learning Framework are the foundational documents used as the curriculum for the program, and districts are responsible for associated quality expectations within these frameworks.

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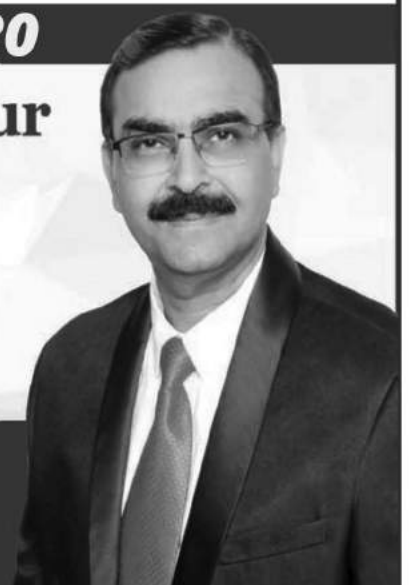
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This Tax Season: Protect Yourself From Tax Scams

VANCOUVER: Tax scams are amongst the most stubborn cons out there. They reappear every year, with a slightly different spin. The most common tax scam involves someone posing as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), trying to trick you into either paying up or sharing personal information.

With online filing opening on February 21st, Canadians are being encouraged to file their tax returns electronically and as soon as possible. Filing online is the preferred method, as the CRA is able to produce your notice of assessment (NOA) and refund faster, versus a paper return, which the CRA anticipates could take up to 10-12 weeks to process.

While filing taxes online is faster and more convenient, it also widens the net of opportunity for scam artists to target Canadians. Taxpayers are encouraged to watch for various versions of tax scams such as phishing emails with malicious links, fake CRA websites or calls asking for personal information, and communications through non-traditional mediums such as text mes-

sages and direct messages on social media. In these scams, imposters go to great lengths to appear real, for example, they may provide a fake badge number and name or have their caller ID appear to be from Ottawa or a CRA unit, cloak emails to look like official websites and much more.

CRA Impersonation Calls

While Canadians are now much better at identifying and avoiding CRA scam calls, they are unlikely to go away any time soon. Some reports share that these scam calls are persistent and menacing, calling as often as five times per day from completely different local numbers. They'll push you into action before you have time to think, badgering personal information out of you and insisting payments be made by wire transfer, prepaid debit, credit cards or even bitcoin. Reports to BBB Scam Tracker explain that the scam generally takes two basic forms:

The first type usually begins with a serious and official sounding automated voice, then a fake CRA agent will claim you owe

back taxes and pressure you into paying a certain amount. They'll also claim there is a warrant out for you, threaten you with arrest and fines if you do not comply. In the second form of impersonation calls, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send your money. This information is later used for identity theft. Scammers also use this approach to target college students by claiming a 'federal student tax' has not been paid.

Tax Identity Theft Scams

Another tax scam to watch out for is tax identity theft. This occurs when scammers use your Social Insurance Number to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. It can also be someone using your information to get a job. Unfortunately, consumers generally do not realize they have been victims of tax identity theft until they get a written notice from the CRA saying that more than one tax return was filed or paid by an employer they do not know.

In a BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer



explained how this almost happened to her, 'I received an email from the CRA claiming that I am eligible for a \$570 tax return. The window mentioned to claim the tax return was very short. I was asked to click the link in the email and fill out my credit card information to claim the return. The link looked a lot like a CRA webpage link, and there was even a CRA employee name and ID at the end of the email.' This is a classic example of an online phishing tax scam.

Tips To Avoid Tax Scams

- File your taxes as early as possible. File before a scammer has the chance to use your information to file a fake return.

- Only deal with trustworthy tax preparation services. For many people, major life changes, business ownership, or simply a lack of knowledge about the ever-changing tax laws make finding a trustworthy tax preparer a good idea. That said, not all tax preparers have the same level of experience and training. Visit bbb.org to find tax preparers in your area.

- Remember that the CRA does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text message or social media. CRA emails will never request personal or financial information, PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards.

- Check out websites carefully. Ensure you access the real CRA website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.

- Use unique and complex passwords. Always use unique passwords for your CRA and online banking accounts. Do not reuse the same password for different systems. You increase the risk of scammers gaining access if there is a data breach on another platform that uses the same login details as your CRA account.

- Create a PIN. Set up a personal identification number (PIN) once you log into My Account on the CRA website or call them and set it up with the help of a CRA call centre agent. This will help to confirm your identity for future calls with the CRA.

- Sign up for email notifications from the CRA. This service notifies taxpayers by email if their address or direct deposit information has been changed on CRA records. These notifications can act as an early warning for potentially fraudulent activity.

- Act immediately if you have been scammed. If you are a victim in Canada, contact your local police service. If you believe your Canadian Social Insurance Number has been stolen, contact Service Canada at 1-800-206-7218. Also, report it to BBB Scam Tracker so you can help to warn others.

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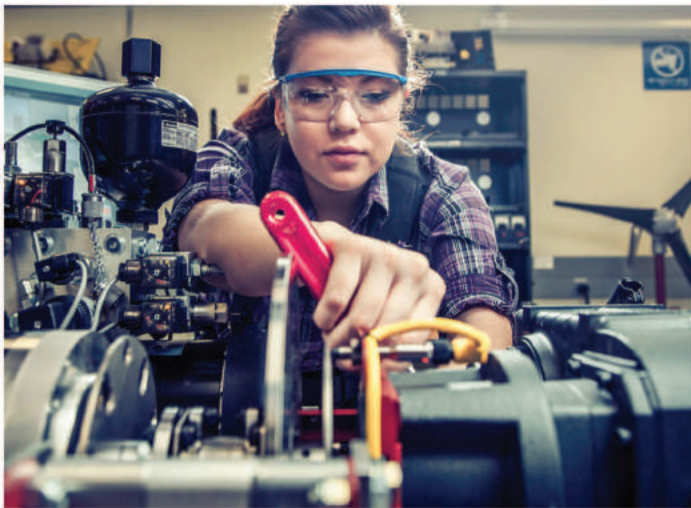
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Increasing Apprenticeship Training Seats, Supports For Trades Workers



People looking to start or complete an apprenticeship in the trades will have more training seats and supports as British Columbia prepares to implement skilled trades certification. The Province has provided \$5 million to the Industry Training Authority (ITA) so that more trades workers can start an apprenticeship or upgrade their skills at recognized post-secondary and trades training providers across B.C. The funding will support apprentices re-entering or completing apprenticeship training in the mechanical, electrical and automotive trades included in skilled trades certifica-

tion. Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, informed that approximately 85,000 additional job openings are expected in the trades in B.C. by 2031. Technical training in more than 70 trades programs is offered at 15 public post-secondary institutions throughout B.C., as well as non-public post-secondary institutions. The ITA funds approximately 27,000 apprenticeship and foundation training seats annually. Skilled trades certification legislation to update the Industry Training Authority Act will be introduced to the legislative

assembly during the spring session. To further support tradespeople and employer sponsors in the certification process, the ITA is also hiring an additional five apprenticeship advisors (one in Kelowna North, one in Southern Interior and three in the Lower Mainland) for a total of 25 advisors working throughout the province. Apprenticeship advisors provide guidance to apprentices and employer sponsors on processes and policies relating to apprenticeship, and they help build community knowledge and awareness of B.C.'s apprenticeship system. Learn more about skilled trades certification: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/skilledtrades> Learn more about the ITA: <https://www.itabc.ca/>



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Kareena Kapoor Khan Flags Off Espionage Soap With Romantic Twist

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has turned into a narrator for the promo of upcoming fictional show "Spy Bahu". She is seen introducing the cast of the daily soap including Sejal (played by Sana Sayyad) and Yohan (played by Sehban Azim).

"Spy Bahu" is a love story between a young spy named Sejal and a suspected terrorist, Yohan.

Sharing her thoughts on the show, Kareena said:

"I am a big admirer of love stories, who isn't? Some are delightful and heartwarming while some are edgy and mysterious.

"'Spy Bahu' is one such fascinating love story of a spy, Sejal and a suspected terrorist, Yohan that has left me captivated. The audience is going to love their chemistry and enjoy this power-packed show."

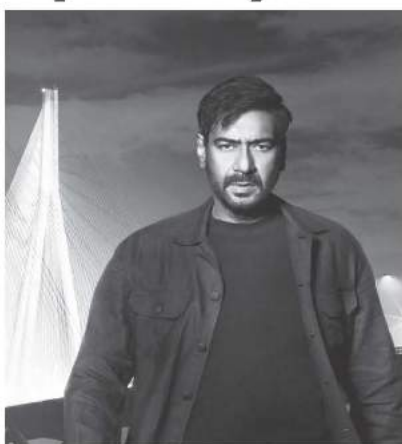
"Spy Bahu" will be coming soon on Colors.

Ajay Devgn Responds To Comparisons, Says I've Never Aped Anyone

New Delhi: He has ruled the silver screen for over three decades and is now set to step into the digital world with the upcoming series 'Rudra - The Edge of Darkness', an Indian adaptation of the Idris Elba-starrer 'Luther'. Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn does not worry about comparisons between the two as he says he has never aped anyone. The 52-year-old star revealed the reason to media on why he chose 'Rudra - The Edge of Darkness' by Rajesh Mapuskar for his digital debut.

Ajay, who has given back-to-back blockbusters such as 'Singham', 'Golmaal', 'Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior', 'Ishq' and 'Gangaajal' to name a few, said that Rudra is cool and super sharp.

In a conversation with media, Ajay said: "I like the idea of a cop who beat criminals at their game because he's able to stay ahead of them. He's not a gun-toting guy, he's more a



mind-game kind of policeman. Rudra is cool, yet super-sharp.

Helmed by ace director Rajesh Mapuskar, this riveting psychological crime drama. The six-episode series is an Indian rendition of the globally successful British series, 'Luther'.

The series has a dark and complex narrative that is an idiosyncratic race-against-the-clock thriller delving into the psyche of highly-intelli-

gent criminals and the detective who hunts them.

Since it is a remake of 'Luther', comparisons would follow.

Does that come as an added pressure?

Ajay said that it is a "re-imagined Indian version" of 'Luther'.

The actor added: "I like the original and I liked Idris Elba in it. As far as comparisons go, I have never aped anyone. After 30 years of acting, you can only be yourself. So, it's ridiculous to draw parallels. But I can hardly change the way people think. It's their prerogative."

Ajay feels no pressure about his work in the upcoming series.

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Nushratt Bharuccha

On 'Living A Suitcase Life'

Mumbai: Actress Nushratt Bharuccha has been juggling between the sets of her upcoming projects and has a tight-packed schedule. She says she literally has been living a suitcase life since the past few months. Her upcoming projects include 'Ram Setu', 'Janhit Mein Jaari', 'Chhorii 2', 'Hurdang' and 2 unannounced projects. The actress even took to her social media recently to share a behind-the-scene picture and video from her song shoot. Speaking about her packed schedule, Nushratt says, "I've literally been living a suitcase life since the past few months. I recently had finished dubbing for 'Janhit Mein Jaari' in Mumbai, after which I went to Hyderabad, for shooting for a song sequence, following a brief shoot schedule for 'Ram Setu'. Post that I'm back to another set, of an unannounced project."

The actress calls it the most exciting phase of her life.

She added: "From catching multiple flights in one day to moving in and out of characters.. this seems to be the most exciting phase in my life."

'Bappi Da Was The Most Joyful Person', Says Kumar Sanu

Mumbai: Popular Bollywood singer Kumar Sanu paid tribute to the late singer-composer Bappi Lahiri on the singing reality show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa'. He started the show by singing one of Bappi da's Bengali songs, 'Chirodini Tumi Je Amar', which was originally sung by late singer Kishore Kumar. Kumar Sanu, who will be the special guest on the show, said: "Bappi Da was someone who will always be remembered as the most joyful person. I have sung many songs with him. He has given various evergreen songs to the music industry and introduced a few musical instruments."

Kumar Sanu added that the 'Disco King' of Bollywood will be remembered not only for his music but also for being a good human being.

"Besides just being a wonderful singer, he was a beautiful person at his heart. Unfortunately, he was seriously ill for the past few months, and we can only pray that his soul rests in peace. Still, he will always live in our hearts as a beautiful memory, even though he is unfortunately not with us anymore," he added. Judge Shankar Mahadevan recalled how Bappi da appeared as a celebrity guest on 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa'.



He shared: "It was a few episodes back that Bappi Da graced the stage of 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa', he was definitely a legendary singer, and even though this void can never be filled, we will remember him forever through his evergreen songs." The singing reality show 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa', judged by Himesh Reshammiya, Vishal Dadlani and Shankar Mahadevan airs on Zee TV.

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Sanjay Leela Bhansali: I've Always Been Passionate About Music

Mumbai: He has enthralled the audience with his films and compositions, renowned filmmaker Sanjay Leela

Bhansali has shared his on curating the album for his upcoming film 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' starring Alia Bhatt.

Bhansali says, "I have always been passionate about music. I was fortunate enough to grow up in an era where great musicians like Lataji, Bagum Akhtar, Jagjit Singh and Rafi Saab were able to shape my understanding of the craft." He added "It was not just the singers that had a profound impact on my love for music but also the great music directors of Hindi cinema from the 1950s and 1960s who have been my biggest inspiration."

Bhansali said that as a composer, he has been fortunate enough to collaborate with artistes like Shreya Ghoshal, Arijit Singh and Neeti Mohan who elevate the composition to another level.

"With 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', I am very proud to introduce two new singers Janhvi Shrimankar (Dholida) and Archana Gore (Jhume Re Gori, Shiqayat). A big



thank you to the lyric writers A.M Turaz and Kumar Ji and the arrangers Shail Hada (Dholida, Jab Saiyan, Jhume Re Gori, Shiqayat) Jacky Vanjari (Meri Jaan) and Raja Pandit (Muskurahat)."

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Sophie's Place: Serving Physically...

Sophie's Place will also be raising funds to help support programs like Sophie's Place at all our fundraising events throughout 2022:

Run, Walk and Roll - June 5th at South Surrey Athletic Park
Golf Tournament - August 24th at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club
Gala of Hope - November 19th at The Aria Convention Centre

You can help by purchasing tickets or sponsoring one of these events. To purchase tickets or for more information visit: the-centre.org/upcoming-events. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Judy Mann at judym@the-centre.org.

Sophie's Place is also hosting its 4th provincial conference focusing on a multi-disciplinary approach to child maltreatment. It takes place virtually on February 15 - 16, 2022, hosting experts working in the field of child abuse and offering valuable insights from survivors of childhood abuse. This conference will equip professionals

to meet the needs of, and improve service provided to, child abuse victims and their families.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Detroit Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Mulcahy and bring together knowledgeable authorities such as the Honourable Judge Marion Buller, who was the first female First Nations judge appointed in British Columbia and was appointed as chief commissioner for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

"The conference provides an opportunity for attendees to hear first-hand from experts in their respective fields," comments Amarjit Sahota, Vice-President of Sophie's Place. "I would like to thank our collaborating partners: the Surrey RCMP, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and the City of Surrey for their dedication and support in facilitating this conference."

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