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"Punjab Voters Were Asked To Clean Punjab With Broom They Vacuum Cleaned Instead"

Historic Results, People's poll: AAP sweeps 92 Punjab seats, Badals exit, 3 SAD faces

AAP's landslide crushed several bigwigs, Bhagwant Mann set to become Punjab CM

By Link News Desk

Year 2022 will be a watershed year in the history of Punjab elections. The results of the polls are true display of a democratic process where people of Punjab apparently rejected the politics of caste, dera and religion and stepped out to vote pro-development agenda of AAP, which has promised good education, healthcare, employment and a conducive atmosphere for business and trade. AAP had projected party MP Bhagwant Mann as its chief ministerial candidate. He said that he will take the oath as Punjab's Chief Minister in Bhagat Singh's village Khatkarkalan and not at Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh.

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I congratulate the people of Punjab for this INQALAB – Arvind Kejriwal

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KidsPlay Foundation Hosts International Students And Foreign Workers Forum



KidsPlay, the organization dedicated to engage youth in positive constructive outlets, keeping away from a life of crime, drug abuse, and gang violence, hosted an international students and foreign workers forum

on February 27. Over 100 in person and over 1322 virtually participated in the forum. \$3000 in scholarships was distributed. Discussion is a powerful tool for this form of learning. It can help foster a sense of

community and encourage peer to peer interaction and improve learner engagement. Organizations and businesses - Translink Police, ICBC, WCI Immigration and Basant Motors were key contributors in ensuring the program was an absolute success. Sports, education, mentorship, counseling, environment and community engagement are six pillars of KidsPlay Foundation, and free services have been provided to youth and families since 2015. The Foundation has now grown to multiple provinces including Alberta and Ontario, and internationally in Punjab and Colombia. Over 75,000 youth have been through free programs and 30 of the core members have now gone onto becoming police officers, sheriffs, and young professionals.

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TIME TO BREATHE: B.C. lifts mask mandate, Vaccine passport mandate to go by April 8

VICTORIA - As of Friday, March 11, 2022, B.C.'s indoor mask order is being repealed along with eased restrictions on long-term care visitors, faith gatherings and overnight camps for children and youth. Additional COVID-19 restrictions, including the BC Vaccine Card requiring proof of vaccination will be lifted on April 8.

Effective March 11, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the following changes will be made to public health orders:

* Face coverings order: Face coverings will be optional for people in all indoor public settings. People may want to continue wearing a mask based on personal choice.

* Individual businesses and organizations can choose to continue to require mask wearing on their premises.

* Gatherings and events for faith gatherings: The requirement of faith communities to restrict attendance based on vaccination status is no longer required.

* Indoor common area mask requirements for employees as part of the Workplace Safety Order will no longer be required. Employers may choose to continue to require wearing masks for operational reasons or in certain settings.

* Overnight camps for children and youth order requirements: COVID-19 safety plans are no longer required to be submitted to a medical health officer for

overnight camps.

* Masks are encouraged on public transit and BC Ferries but are no longer required under public health order.

Changes are also coming to B.C.'s long-term care facilities. By March 18, the number of visitors to long-term care facilities will no longer be restricted as long as visitors are fully vaccinated and screened. Some facilities will be able to implement these changes earlier. Visitors should check with their local care home.

"Vaccines are the primary tool in our toolbox for managing COVID-19 in the long term and people have stepped up in a big way to get vaccinated, which has made a huge difference in creating high levels of immunity and protection across the province," said Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s

provincial health officer. "As we move through this transition period and lift restrictions, we encourage people to respect the comfort levels of those around them."

COVID-19 guidelines are being adjusted to advise that mask use is no longer required when K-12 students return from spring break. Dates for return from spring break vary by school district. Similarly, public health is working with the child care sector to revise guidelines. However, students and staff are supported to continue to use masks and other layers of protection based on their own comfort and risk factors.

Easing restrictions is based on ongoing and careful review of data by the provincial health officer and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). This includes

Masks no longer required in public indoor settings



a significant decrease in weekly hospital admissions (from 877 to 391) and 34% decrease in critical care admissions (from 121 to 80) in the past month.

In addition, effective April 8, 2022, at 12:01 a.m., the following changes will also be made to public health orders:

* Showing the BC Vaccine Card proof of vaccination to access non-essential events, services and businesses will no longer be required.

* Individual businesses and orga-

nizations can choose to continue to require the BC Vaccine Card proof on their premises.

* The remainder of the Workplace Safety Order will be lifted, which means businesses will transition back to communicable disease plans to reduce risk of all communicable disease.

* The requirement for students residing in residence to be fully vaccinated under the Post-secondary Institution Housing COVID-19 Preventative Measures Order will be repealed.

Canucks Sign Surrey's Arshdeep Bains to Entry Level Contract

VANCOUVER: Vancouver Canucks General Manager Patrik Allvin announced that the club has signed Surrey, BC's Arshdeep Bains to an entry level contract.

Bains, 21, has appeared in 55 games for the Red Deer Rebels of the Western Hockey League (WHL) this season collecting 82 points (30-52-82) and 46 penalty minutes. He leads the league in both points (82) and assists (52), becoming the first player

of South Asian descent to lead the WHL in points.

This season, the 6'1", 184-pound left winger collected 11 power play goals and 24 assists on the man advantage to help the Rebels boast the third-best power-play percentage in the league.

Arshdeep becomes the fourth player of Punjabi descent to sign an NHL deal after Juhar Khaira, Robin Bawa and Manny Malhotra.



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Jaskirat Singh Sidhu loses first bid to stay in Canada

Jaskirat Singh Sidhu former truck driver who caused the deadly Humboldt Broncos bus crash has lost a first step in his effort to stay in Canada, reported The Canadian Press.

Sidhu tried to make the case to the Canada Border Services Agency to stay in the country after serving his prison sentence. His lawyer, Michael Greene, says that the agency has rejected Sidhu's submission, and his client is "devastated."

Canada Border Services referred questions to Immigration Canada.

A spokeswoman for Immigration Canada says the matter has been referred to the immigration division for an admissibility hearing, which would make the decision on deportation, but it has not yet



been scheduled. Sidhu was sentenced to eight years after he pleaded guilty to dangerous driving causing death and bodily harm in the April 2018 crash that killed 16 people and injured 13. Court was told Sidhu, a newly married permanent resident, went through stop sign at a rural Saskatchewan intersection and drove into the path of the Humboldt Broncos bus carrying players and staff to a junior hockey league playoff game.

Health-Care workers, ECEs to be given priority access under BC Provincial Nominee Program

VICTORIA—Responding to the crucial need for more health-care workers and early childhood educators (ECEs), BC is announcing changes to B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP).

The changes will be implemented for the B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) Skills Immigration stream and prioritize health-care workers and ECEs in the application process and will increase the number of people nominated in these occupations for permanent residence. The B.C. PNP Skills Immigration stream supports employers to meet their workforce needs and complements B.C.'s Economic Plan. Health-care assistants are newly eligible to apply for the PNP program, and along with ECEs, they will now be given priority access. This change will give people with these skill sets a better chance for acceptance under the program's eligibility criteria.

"Health-care assistants who support seniors in long-term care, assisted living and in their homes are among the most in-demand occupations in British Columbia, both today and for years to come," said Terry Lake, CEO, BC Care Providers Association.

The Province is also expanding the health authority category to include any occupation, so health authorities will be in a better position to recruit and retain workers.

"The changes to expand the health authority category will significantly improve PHSA's ability to recruit and retain workforce in our specialized occupations," said Derek Menard, talent acquisition adviser, Provincial Health Services Authority.

Other changes to the skills immigration categories include clarifying or adjusting criteria to align with government economic priorities and strengthening program integrity, to best support qualified applicants for success.

As the only immigration program under provincial control, the PNP enables the Province to directly select qualified, prospective immigrants and nominate them and their families for permanent residency. **Priority access will be given to qualified candidates whose occupation is on this list of in-demand health occupations:**

- Job titles**
- Managers in health care
 - Nursing co-ordinators and supervisors
 - Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses
 - Specialist physicians
 - General practitioners and family physicians
 - Dentists
 - Chiropractors
 - Allied primary health practitioners
 - Other professional occupations in health diagnosing and treating
 - Pharmacists
 - Dietitians and nutritionists
 - Audiologists and speech-language pathologists
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 - Medical laboratory technologists
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Surrey Recognized as One of Canada's Best Diversity Employers for fourth year in a row

SURREY: The City of Surrey is being recognized for having exceptional workplace diversity and inclusiveness programs as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers in 2022. This is the fourth year in a row the City has received this prestigious award.

"Surrey is a city that celebrates and is made stronger by its diversity," said Mayor Doug McCallum. "The fact that the City has been recognized for its workplace diversity is a testament to our commitment in ensuring our staff reflect the inclusive and diverse communities of Surrey. I would also like to commend the City's Human Resources Team for garnering this well-deserved recognition for the fourth year in a row."

Presented by MediaCorp. Canada Inc., Canada's Best Diversity Employers is a competition that recognizes the nation's leaders in creating inclusive workplaces for employees from five diverse groups:



women; visible minorities; persons with disabilities; Aboriginal peoples; and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) peoples.

Some of the notable initiatives that have moved the City of Surrey forward in being a more diverse and inclusive employer

include:

- The City's commitment to digital accessibility and the staff training offered to ensure that our website content is accessible to all people.

- Implementing programs and initiatives that help recognize important issues such as anti-bullying, accessibility and inclusion. The City's programs and initiatives include Staff Pink Shirt Day celebrations and the Museum of Surrey's speaker series covering topics in accessibility and anti-racism.

- Building the South Surrey Indigenous Carving Centre to support Indigenous cultural practices.

The City of Surrey was also recently recognized in a separate category as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People.

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Akal Academy Surrey honours life and legacy of Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji

SURREY: The sangat of Akal Academy Surrey honoured the life and legacy of Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurudwara on Sunday March 6th. The program started with Kir-tan by well known Bhai Maninder Singh Ji Sri Nagar Wale followed by a performance by Dr. Angrej Singh and speeches from Avtar Singh Gill, Dr Gurvinder Singh Dhaliwal, Board Member Gurpreet Singh Thind, and MP Sukh Dhaliwal. The speakers briefly touched on the legacy of Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji and his accomplishments and about his close friend and accomplice Dr Khem Singh Gill



along with their mentors Sant Attar Singh Ji and Sant Teja Singh Ji. President, Dr. Bhurji also thanked all the Sangat for attending and paid his respect. Several lower mainland Sikh societies and committees were also in attendance. Sant Baba Iqbal Singh Ji was born in 1926 and while studying in university was blessed with the Sangat of Sant Baba Teja Singh Ji who became the mentor and leader. By following their lead, Baba Ji and Dr. Khem Singh Gill discovered the land where Baru Sahib is built today. Starting from a small school, the organization now boasts 129 schools in India, 2 universities, and a hospital.

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Richmond RCMP welcomes Dave Chauhan as new Officer-In-Charge

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recent position as acting Officer-In-Charge of the Lower Mainland Integrated Teams. "On behalf of the City of Richmond, we are pleased to welcome Chief Superintendent Chauhan to the role of OIC with the Richmond detachment," said Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "Council and the RCMP have a strong and long-standing relationship to support actions and initiatives to keep Richmond safe and respect our rich cultural diversity."

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RCMP Releases Images Of Sexual Assault Suspect

NORTH VANCOUVER: In an effort to further their investigation, North Vancouver RCMP are releasing images of a suspect in a sexual assault in the Lynn Canyon/Lynn Headwaters area on February 13, 2002. North Vancouver RCMP warned the public of a suspicious male who sexually assaulted a woman by groping her, on the Varley Trail in Lynn Canyon Park. The woman was exiting the Varley Loop Trail and crossing the foot bridge to Rice Lake Road at approximately 1:30 p.m. on February 13th when the suspect grabbed her buttocks from behind. "We've been unable to identify this suspect, and so



we're now releasing these images to the public in the hope someone recognizes this individual, and can help us put a name to the face," said Sergeant Peter DeVries

of the North Vancouver RCMP.

The suspect is described as:

- Black or south Asian male
- Medium complexion
- 25-30 years old
- 6 ft (183 cm)
- 170 lbs (77 kg)
- Thin build
- Light growth mustache and chin hair

He was wearing:

- Large, round, silver framed reading glasses
- Black Northface hoodie with "Never stop exploring" written on the front
- Black athletic pants
- Grey high-top sneakers

"Anyone who believes they know this person is asked to contact North Vancouver RCMP at 604-969-7593"

South Asian Male Responsible For Indecent Acts Near Surrey School

Surrey RCMP investigated the report of multiple indecent acts by the same person near a Newton school.

On March 2, 2022, Surrey RCMP received a report of a man exposing and touching himself in the bushes near Princess Margaret Secondary School. The man was observed in a wooded area to the south (rear) of the school property by a student in morning prior to school starting.

Although this is the first report to police, the suspect was observed in the same area, doing the same thing on three separate occasions in 2022 and once in 2021. All incidents occurred in the morning between 8:20 to 8:30 a.m. The investigation is ongoing and police are liaising with a forensic sketch artist.

The suspect is described as South Asian, 30-40 years old, medium complexion, dark hair, 5'10, average build, with facial stubble and a moustache.

"We understand that the close proximity to the school raises concerns," said Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer Corporal Vanessa Munn. "We want the public to know that Surrey RCMP is actively investigating these incidents as well as liaising with Surrey School District as the safety of students and members of our community is paramount."

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.

Delta Police warn residents of 2 South Asian males offering candy to youth

On March 7, 2022 Delta Police responded to a report of a suspicious circumstance that had occurred earlier in the day at approximately 4:37 p.m. Two youth were approached in the 11300 block of 81 Avenue in North Delta by a van driven by two males. The youth were offered candy by the males and asked to get

into the vehicle. Both youth ran away and told their parents.

Vehicle Description: older silver or champagne coloured minivan with a green "N" on the back. Possible partial B.C plate of "LK"

Driver and Passenger: South Asian males, wearing black and navy Bandana style head coverings.

Although there have been no other incidents of this nature reported, the Delta Police are taking this opportunity to remind people to review safety measures with their children. These safety tips may include;

- To walk in pairs whenever possible
- Stay in well-lit and high traffic areas

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Surrey Police Officer Stabbed on duty

On March 9, 2022 at approximately 6:09 PM Surrey RCMP and Surrey Police Service members responded to a disturbance in the 12300 block of 99A Avenue.

A report had been received that a woman was yelling and screaming and throwing things around inside a residence. During the course of the investigation the woman attempted to flee from the police officers.

A short foot chase ensued and a Surrey Police Service officer re-

ceived non-life threatening stab wounds during the arrest.

The Surrey Police Service officer was taken to hospital for medical treatment and is expected to be released to continue their recovery. No one else was injured during the incident. The woman is currently in police custody.

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



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Historic Results, People's poll: AAP sweeps 92 Punjab seats, Badals...



AAP won 92 of the 117 Assembly seats — a massive jump from the 20 seats it acquired in the last state elections. The last time any party got such a decisive victory was in 1992, when the Congress had won 87 seats amidst a boycott by the SAD. The victory has also led to AAP claiming its arrival on the national political stage. Party incharge of Punjab affairs Raghav

Chadha declared that the party had become a national force. "Punjab voters were asked to clean Punjab with the broom (Aam Admi Party's electoral symbol) they vacuum cleaned instead." Chadha summed up the feeling not only within the AAP party but also among pollsters and the opposition parties.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) swept the assembly polls by wiping out the traditional political establishment and, for the first time, handing over the reins of the state to the Aam Aadmi Party. Till now, Punjab has been ruled alternately by the Congress or

the Shiromani Akali Dal. Congress was reduced to 18 seats and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) got three seats, while Bahujan Samaj Party and an independent bagged one each. Sanyukt Samaj Morcha, the political outfit of farmer bodies, failed to make a dent. Even its leader Balbir Singh Rajewal failed to open his account.

The electoral landslide also crushed several bigwigs, including former CMs Charanjit Singh Channi, Parkash Singh Badal, Amarinder Singh and Rajinder Kaur Bhattal. Eleven of Congress' 18 cabinet ministers lost, as did the party's state unit chief Nav-

jot Singh Sidhu.

In fact, the defeat margin of 50% of the cabinet ministers was substantially higher than their victory margins in 2017. Those who won are Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa (Dera Baba Nanak), Rana Gurjeet Singh (Kapurthala), Amrinder Singh Raja Warring (Gidderbaha), Pargat Singh (Jalandhar Cantonment), Aruna Chaudhary (Dinanagar), Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria (Raja Sansi), and Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa (Fatehgarh Churian). Rana Gurjeet's son, Rana Inder Partap Singh, who contested as an independent from Sultanpur Lodhi, also won.

Shahid Bhagat Singh not Bhagwant

"It's a victory of the people. They have rejected established political leadership and voted for a better future," Aam Aadmi Party's CM candidate Bhagwant Mann told The Tribune.

He said that the oath for Chief

Minister will be taken at Khatkarkalan. While giving an open invitation to everyone, Mann said that earlier the oaths used to be taken at 'Raj Bhawan' or Mehal but now these oaths have landed in villages of martyrs. "Now

the oath will be taken at Khatkar Kala. The date will be announced soon." He added, "The way you have shown your love and start and end our slogans with Inqalab Zindabad which may definitely be giving peace to the soul of

Shaheed Bhagat Singh."

He also announced that from now on, no picture of the chief minister will be hung in the government offices as earlier governments in Punjab had made it a trend to hang pictures of the chief minister. Mann said that instead the pictures of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and BR Ambedkar will be hung in the offices of the Punjab government. "Earlier, the Punjab government was being run from various palaces, but now the government would be run from villages, cities and wards," said Mann.

He said Bhagat Singh got the freedom to the country whereas Dr BR Ambedkar gave us the constitution of a free country.

Mann who addressed the gathering at Sangrur in the presence of his mother and some AAP leaders including Delhi MLA, claimed that he would keep his promise of providing employment and would go with his first official signature with his green pen for giving employment. "Pehle din hare rang da pen berozgari door karan lyi challega," he said.

Earlier, Punjab used to run from Moti Mahal or Siswan farmhouse (of Capt. Amarinder), or from the tall buildings having tall gates but now Punjab will run from Mohallas, wards, cities, and villages. Both Badals — Parkash Singh Badal and Sukhbir Badal, Adesh Partap Singh Kairon, Capt. Amarinder had lost their seats. Channi had lost from both the seats and Navjot Singh Sidhu and Bikram Majithia were losing from both seats.

"I am thankful to those who voted for AAP and also to those who did not vote for AAP. Those who did not vote for AAP should not worry and think that it is not their government as CM is of the whole Punjab. We (I and Arvind Kejriwal and AAP workers) were insulted and had to face abusive language. Now their abusive language is welcome to them. We had spared them who insulted us. But now they would have to respect all 2.75 crores Punjabis.

He claimed that people would start seeing the difference and change within one month of his government. Mann said that public servants earlier used to rebuke the beneficiaries of old-age pension or other government schemes but now the system would be developed in the state under which the public servants will reach at the doorstep of such.

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Increasingly Toxic And Unpredictable Illicit Drug Supply, Primary Cause Of Deaths From Illicit Drugs

VICTORIA –Increased access to a safer supply of drugs and creation of an evidence-based continuum of care are keys to better support substance users and reduce the number of illicit drug-related deaths, recommends a panel of subject-matter experts convened by the BC Coroners Service.

The recommendations are included in a report examining the circumstances around 6,007 deaths from illicit drug toxicity between Aug. 1, 2017 and July 31, 2021. The report BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel: A Review of Illicit Drug Toxicity Deaths reveals that the primary cause of these deaths was the increasingly toxic and unpredictable illicit drug supply in the province, and that the current drug policy framework of prohibition is forcing substance users to access the unregulated market, leading to increased numbers of substance-related emergencies and deaths.

Illicit drug toxicity is the leading cause of unnatural death in B.C., accounting for more deaths than homicides, suicides, motor vehicle incidents, drownings and

fire-related deaths combined.

"This report includes realistic, actionable recommendations that the panel believes will reduce the number of people dying due to toxic, illicit drugs in our province," said Michael Egilson, death review panel chair. "We recognize that many of the timelines in the report are aggressive, but COVID-19 has demonstrated how swiftly policy-makers can act when lives are at stake - and we know that every month of inaction equates to hundreds more lives lost."

The chief coroner has forwarded each of the panel's recommendations to the relevant ministries and organizations.

Findings reviewed by the panel show:

- * deaths are increasing both in number and in rate;
- * the drug supply has become increasingly toxic;
- * more drug toxicity deaths occur among younger adults - the average age of death is 42;
- * illicit drug toxicity deaths are ranked second after cancers for potential years of life lost;

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Sardarni Gurdev Kaur Bal



Bal, S. Harinderpal Singh Bal, and S. Nirpal Singh Bal.

She worked as a teacher for over 20 years, impacting lives of her students and families she met. On March 1, 1979, she took an early retirement to move to Canada with her family to create a better life. In 1979, she moved to Surrey, BC and worked towards providing a bright future for generations. She enjoyed playing Dholki and singing folk songs. She was an active member of Surrey-Delta Indo-Canadian Seniors Society.

She is survived by her sons and daughter, 12 grand children and 16 great-grand children.

She was truly the greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. Her presence, her love, warm energy and charismatic smile will be greatly missed.

Her funeral will be held on Sunday March 13, 2022, at 10 AM at Valley View Funeral Home, 14644 72nd Avenue, Surrey. Bhog will be at 12 PM at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara located at 8115, 132nd Street, Surrey.

Family can be contacted:

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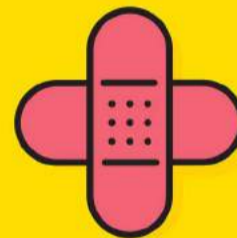
It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved mother Sardarni Gurdev Kaur Bal on March 1, 2022 at the age of 92 at Surrey Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of late S. Munsha Singh Basra and late Sdn. Niranjan Kaur Basra. She was born in Phagwara, Mohala Aratiya District, Kapurthala. She received her early education in Phagwara and in 1952 completed her Giani and 93 completed her J.B.T.

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When Can You Sue For Medical Malpractice?



By Anthony Thomas
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Sometimes, medical care can go very wrong, and if you or your family member has suffered an unexpected and serious injury because of medical treatment, you may be entitled to compensation. Medical malpractice claims are complex, and not every bad outcome will support a lawsuit.

The Basics of Suing For Medical Malpractice

Doctors, nurses, hospitals, and other health care practitioners

have a legal duty to provide medical care that meets a certain standard. Medical malpractice happens when an act or omission of a healthcare practitioner falls below the expected "standard of care," and causes injury or illness to a patient. The burden is on the patient to prove the substandard conduct that caused harm. Medical records, expert opinions, and other evidence are necessary to prove liability in a medical negligence lawsuit.

Types of Medical Malpractice Cases

Medical malpractice comes in many forms. Common examples include:

- Misdiagnosis or delay in diagnosis or treatment
- Surgical complications (e.g., operating on wrong part of



body, performing an unnecessary surgery, mistakes in administering anaesthesia)

- Birth injuries (including traumatic birth causing brain injury or spinal cord injury)
- Prescribing the wrong medication or dosage, or failing to warn of significant risks of a medication

- Failing to obtain informed consent
- Failing to provide proper follow-up or care after treatment.

Factors That Determine Whether You Can Sue For Medical Malpractice

Here are some of the factors that will determine whether you can proceed with suing for

medical malpractice:

• Did you receive substandard care?

Hospitals and medical professionals are not liable for every bad outcome or mistake. A medical malpractice lawsuit will not be justified if your physician or surgeon made a reasonable decision that other reasonable physicians or surgeons would have made under similar circumstances, even if it later turns out to have been a wrong decision.

• Did you suffer serious injury, illness, or harm?

Medical malpractice lawsuits are costly and take time to resolve. Because of that, a claim should only be started if you or a loved one suffered significant, permanent injury or death.

• Was the harm caused by someone else's fault?

Hospitals and health care practitioners are only held responsible for harm that they caused. Complications, unexpected results, and worsening of symptoms happen, even when there has not been negligence in the care you received.

• Have you or your loved one suffered actual loss because of the injury or harm?

A medical malpractice claim can include compensation for lost earnings, medical and out-of-pocket expenses, and damages for pain, suffering, and loss of enjoyment of life. However, a negligent doctor or hospital will only be responsible to pay for losses and damages that you actually suffered—and can prove.

• Are you within the time limit to sue for medical malpractice?

Generally speaking, the limitation period is two years from the date of the loss, damage or injury, but the timeframe may be different for some cases (e.g., claims involving children under the age of 18, or cases where the injury or its cause was not immediately apparent).

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The great fall of Big Titans: Channi, Sidhu, Amarinder, Parkash Badal, Sukhbir, Bikram Majithia Lose Election

In a major upset in Punjab elections, most of the stalwarts had to bite the dust.

Those who lost the polls are SAD patron Parkash Singh Badal, Capt Amarinder Singh, Sukhbir Badal and Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi.

Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi lost both from Chamkaur Sahib and Bhadaur.

SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal lost in Jalalabad. The SAD suffered its worst drubbing ever in the 102 years history of the party, winning just three seats in the Assembly elections, results of which were declared on Thursday. Its alliance partner — BSP

— could bag just a single seat.

To add insult to injury, party stalwart and five-time CM Parkash Singh Badal lost from Lambi, which he had been winning since 1997. His son and party president Sukhbir Singh Badal lost from Jalalabad, which many said was a cakewalk for him.

Bikram Majithia, lodged in Patiala jail in a drugs case, came third in the Amritsar East constituency. From Amritsar East, PPCC president Navjot Singh Sidhu and Majithia lost to AAP's Jeevan Jot Kaur.

After almost a decade, the Patiala power centre will shift from Moti Bagh Palace to the house of former Akali-turned-AAP leader Ajit Pal Kohli in Nihal Bagh. Known as the Congress stronghold, none of



the ruling party or SAD leaders could register win, with all eight seats bagged by AAP candidates, who all are eager for a Vidhan Sabha debut.

In a major embarrassment to two-time Chief

Minister and Congress rebel Capt Amarinder Singh, he lost to AAP's greenhorn Kohli by 19,873 votes from his stronghold Patiala Urban, the seat he had won for four consecutive terms since 2002 when he first contested.

BJP Retains power in UP, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa

PM Modi congratulates AAP for Punjab sweep, assures Centre's help

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for its clean sweep in the Punjab Assembly elections, and assured the party of all possible help from the Centre.

In a series of tweets, Modi expressed his gratitude to the voters and party workers and congratulated AAP for winning Punjab. The Prime Minister also assured AAP of all possible support from the Centre for the welfare of Punjab.

"I would like to congratulate AAP for their victory in the Punjab elections. I assure all possible support from the Centre for Punjab's welfare," he said.

In another tweet, Modi said, "The people of UP, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur have showered @BJP4India with great affection. My gratitude to the people of these states. Our party cherishes these blessings and will keep working for the development of these states."

According to the ECI's official data, the BJP won 255 Assembly constituencies out of the total 403 in Uttar Pradesh, 47 of the 70 in Uttarakhand, 20 of the 40 in Goa, and 32 of the 60 in Manipur.

Crediting the voters for endorsing BJP's "double engine, pro-poor governance" model in four states Modi today the 2022 Assembly verdict from Uttar Pradesh has "decided the results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections".

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\$428M Capital Infrastructure Program Keeps Pace With Surrey's Growing Needs

SURREY: With Surrey growing at an unprecedented rate, City Council has prioritized new capital infrastructure projects that will ensure the recreational, cultural and road travel needs of its citizens will keep pace with the City's growth. At last night's Regular Council meeting, Surrey City Council received an update on the \$428M committed to capital projects.

"28 significant projects are part of this sweeping capital program that will ensure the quality of life in Surrey is not only maintained but improved on," said Mayor Doug McCallum. "Surrey City Council has ensured the funds collected from the Capital Parcel Tax have gone to exactly what it was created for. The projects of the Surrey Invests program will add new and improved recreational facilities, arenas, sports fields, parks, and arts & culture amenities. I am proud that we have been able to make good on this comprehensive plan that will benefit the residents of Surrey both now and well into the future."

The following is a list of the 28 projects of the Surrey Invests capital infrastructure program:

1. Newton Community Centre with Olympic size pool and land acquisition (\$100M)

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Surrey's 132 Street to go from two to four lanes

SURREY Mayor Doug McCallum has announced the widening of 132 Street from two to four lanes – two lanes on each side – from 108 Avenue all the way to Highway 10. Councillor Mandeep Nagra said that the City will also be widening 80 Avenue in 2023. There will be four lanes – two lanes on each side – from King George Avenue to Scott Road.

People Of Different Faiths Come Together For Peace Prayers Organized For Ukrainians

By Acharya Dwivedi

We were shocked and saddened by the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by

Interfaith Century, Acharya Dwivedi of Global Hindu Foundation, Susan Kerr of Multifaith Action Society, Connie Waterman (Bahai), Sherry Surrey Interfaith Council and other diverse



the neighboring nation in which millions of innocent people were killed, and a couple of millions have been forced to become refugee under the threat of bombardments. Still most Ukrainians are living in fear of death in the devastated country. Almost two weeks have passed but killings and destruction have not stopped.

Peace prayers have been organized by the interfaith, religious, and peace organizations all over the world for the freedom loving Ukrainians who are facing an unimaginable-tragic conditions in their nation. Cathy Merchant of Living

faith members participated in the virtual peace prayer for Ukraine on March 5, 2022 at 10.00-11.00 AM.

Same evening, a candle-light vigil was held at Ukrainian Orthodox Church at 6.30 PM in 10765-135A St, Surrey in which about two hundred peace lovers participated, including Mayor Doug Mc Callum, councilor- Brenda Locke, and other dignitaries. Gjoa was he MC of the event. Fr Mykhay loPozdyk, the main priest of the Church, recited the prayer, first in Ukrainian language and then read its English translation. He was assisted by Fr. Stephan Slipko.

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Numerous Bogus Online Cryptocurrency Investment Platforms Shut Down By BC RCMP

The BC RCMP Federal Policing Cybercrime Operations Group has shut down numerous bogus online cryptocurrency investment platforms in the fight against the disturbing upward trend targeting new investors. Cryptocurrency investments continue to rise, and criminals are actively luring rookie investors through enticing online and social media ads promising quick and high returns on investment. Over the last several months, a number of cryptocurrency investment fraud victims have reached out to the BC RCMP Federal Policing Cybercrime Operations Group regarding self-proclaimed cryptocurrency investment consultants who have defrauded them through an array of intricate online investment schemes. Many of the victims had been lured by online ads promising immediate high returns on cryptocurrency investments, leading them to contact the cryptocurrency exchange platform to inquire about the tempting prospect of multiplying their return on investment. This is where a company representative convinced them to invest in cryptocurrency either through a third-party investment platform, or an app downloaded onto their home computer or mobile device that gave the fraudsters access to the victim's investment account. With most of the victims being novice cryptocurrency investors, many of them sensed that the promise of immediate returns on investment were too good to be true. But with the persistent calls from the company representative encouraging

them to continue to invest, while seeing their profits grow on the platform, they carried on until realizing they had been duped into transferring their savings into a fraudulent account, or defrauded through the app's access to their online wallet. In response to the numerous cryptocurrency fraud complaints by BC residents, the BC RCMP Federal Policing Cybercrime Operations Group has aggressively pursued the offending online scammers and successfully dismantled eight associated websites, while continuing to investigate these virtual criminal networks. While law enforcement agencies adapt and navigate through the often uncharted and unregulated territory of combatting cybercrime, prevention continues to be the most important first course of action, Superintendent Bert Ferreira, Officer in Charge of Federal Serious & Organized Crime - Border Integrity program in BC. Prevent becoming a victim of cryptocurrency fraud by paying attention to the warning signs and carefully researching your investment options through legitimate sources, such as the British Columbia Securities Commission. If you have been a target of an investment scam, even if a financial loss did not occur, contact your local police agency, alert your trusted cryptocurrency exchange to stop all transactions on your account, and report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501, or online by way of the Fraud Reporting System (FRS).

New Funding To Support Survivors Of Sexual Violence

VICTORIA - Budget 2022 reverses cuts made in 2002, supporting survivors of sexual assault with \$22 million to provide stable funding for community-based sexual assault response services. Starting in 2023-24, the Province will provide annual funding of more than \$10 million to service providers who offer victim-centred, trauma-informed, co-ordinated, cross-sector support to survivors of sexual assault. "Sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence have devastating impacts on survivors, and that's why government is helping people get the supports they need," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "Nearly 20 years to the day after the previous government chose to eliminate stable annual funding for sexual assault response services, we announced we're restoring this critical funding so service providers can get back to focusing on providing the care survivors need." Every week in B.C., there are an estimated 1,000 physical or sexual assaults against women. Indigenous women and girls, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ+ peo-

ple and people with disabilities are disproportionately targeted. The decision to cut stable funding to these critical services forced community-based services providers to spend their time re-applying for funding and fundraising to make up the shortfall, making it harder to provide services for survivors. The funding announced today will allow consistent provision of sexual assault services for survivors, and will support the delivery of co-ordinated, community-based emergency sexual assault response services in regions throughout the province. In the coming months, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General will work to establish a process for allocating the new funding. Stable funding for sexual assault centres is just one component of a multi-year action plan to end gender-based violence being developed by the Ministry of Finance's Gender Equity Office and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Focused engagement will begin on March 8, 2022, to inform the ongoing development of the action plan.


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Punjabi Language Education Association (PLEA) Celebrated 19th Annual International Mother Language Day

By Gurinder Mann

On February 27, 2022, Punjabi Language Education Association (PLEA) celebrated their 19th Annual International Mother Language Day event on Zoom. Alongside active members of PLEA, supporters of Punjabi language joined from other parts of Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. For more than three hours, Dr. Kamaljit Kambo very eloquently led the program as MC, sharing beautiful poetry throughout the event.

The event began with Kwantlen Polytechnic University's (KPU) Director, Steve Lewarne recognizing we were on the unceded territory of the First Nations people. He confirmed KPU's commitment to continue to support Punjabi language in partnership with the Deepak Binning Foundation. Balwant Singh Sanghera welcomed all guests and introduced the active members of PLEA, including Dr. Sadhu Binning, Paul Binning,



Gurinder Mann, Rajinder Singh Pandher, Harman Pandher, Dayah Johal, Dr. Ranbir Johal, Dr. Kamaljit Kambo, Parabhjot Kaur, and Dr. Inder Mann. He briefly shared information about activities being led by PLEA and made an appeal to parents to enrol their

children in Punjabi classes, so that Punjabi can be taught in additional schools. Selma Smith, representing Surrey School District stressed they stand with the Punjabi community and support their efforts to teach Punjabi in schools. Dr. Sadhu Binning, Vice

President of PLEA emphasized that at times we fail to consider the positive initiatives happening to support Punjabi and become discouraged; he stressed that the work done by other organizations on this International Mother Language Day validates that Punjabis are concerned about issues related to their language. He also shared that we need to request changes to Canada's federal policy regarding language, so that other languages besides English and French may be recognized.

Punjabi Teacher, Prabhjot Kaur, shared details about the collaboration between L.A. Matheson school and the Dhahanfamily and discussed the annual youth prize competition. She highlighted that seven story writers are awarded \$500 each, and the Punjabi stories are translated into English and French and published as a collection.

Dr. Gurnam Singh Dhillon from Toronto, Dalbir Singh from Edmonton, Sukhvir Singh Grewal from Calgary, Dr. Harjit Singh Grewal from Calgary/Edmonton, and Gurinder Mann from Vancouver participated in the panel discussion. In addition to sharing details about their own efforts, these panelists discussed details about Punjabi teaching in their respective regions. Through the discussion it became apparent that although the situation is different in every region, there are efforts being made in all areas. A shared concern that came to light was the fact that there appears to be a lack of interest among parents for their children to learn Punjabi. All panelists seemed to outline that as a collective we need to undertake some initiatives to support Punjabi. In response to a question asked by local radio host Navjot Dhillon, Balwant Singh Sanghera shared that there are meetings being arranged with MLA Jinny Sims and MP Sukh Dhaliwal to discuss matters related to Punjabi.

In the next part of the Program, well known Pakistani poet, Tariq Malik shared a poem about Punjabi. Then, students from throughout Canada shared poems, songs, and stories, demonstrating the promise of Punjabi in the next generation. Students from Toronto included: Sukhman Singh, Avneet Kaur, Gunreet Kaur and Azad. From Calgary: Nimrat Kaur Dharni, Keerat Kaur Dharni, Prabhroop Singh Mangat, and Sukhman Kaur Sidhu. From Vancouver (UBC): Shreya Bhatia, Preet King, Gurleen Heer, Gurkaran Dhillon, Tajdeep Sandhu, Karambir Dhaunsi, and Manevak Bajaj. In addition, Prabhjot Singh presented a song. As well as entertaining the guests, these presentations encouraged everyone about the growth and development of Punjabi.

In the end, Balwant Sanghera expressed appreciation to all guests, participants, and students. He shared words of gratitude towards the media for their support. Additionally, he thanked parents and teachers who encouraged their students and children to participate in the program; in particular, Surjit Kaur from Toronto and Sukhvir Singh Grewal from Calgary. In closing he expressed thanks to the MC for the program, Kamaljit Kambo.



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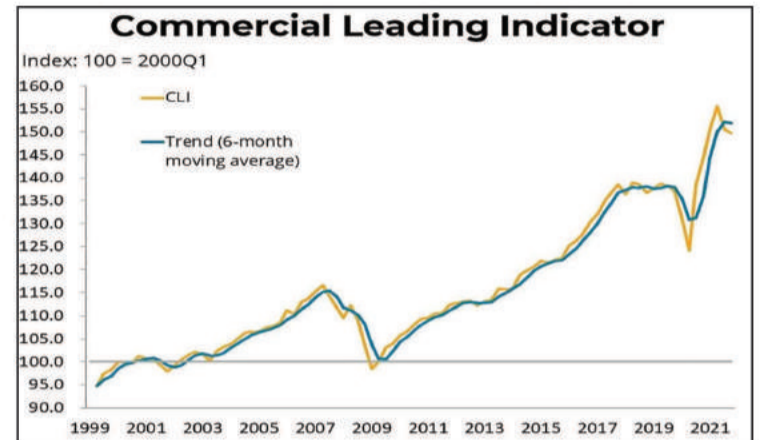
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CLI Dips in Fourth Quarter 2021

The BCREA Commercial Leading Indicator (CLI) fell to 149.7 from 150.6 in the fourth quarter of 2021, representing the second consecutive decline since the economy began recovering from the recession induced by COVID-19. Compared to the same time in 2020, the index was up by 3.8 per cent. The CLI dropped in the fourth quarter due to declines in the financial and employment components of the index. The decline

in the employment component of the index was driven by a 4.1 per cent decline in finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) employment and a 6.2 per cent decline in professional services employment. Workers in sales and services occupations drove much of those declines, with workers in this subsector down 6 per cent from two years prior as the economy adjusts to the post-pandemic reality. The drop in the financial

component of the index was driven by the rising spread between government and corporate borrowing rates. This spread on 3-month bonds jumped from 5 to 15 basis points in the fourth quarter as investors demanded higher risk-premia over government treasuries for lending to firms. The economic component of the index was flat from the prior quarter. Although wholesale trade rose 0.7 per cent and manufacturing sales rose 1 per cent from



quarter three, these were offset by a 0.8 per cent decline in retail trade.

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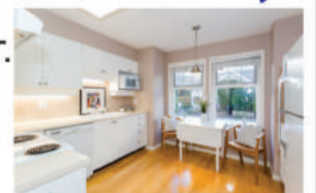
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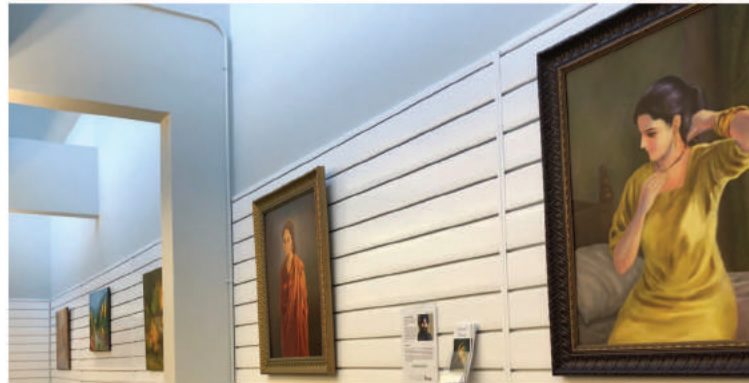
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The art of Jarnail Singh on display at the George Mackie Library



The George Mackie Library is showcasing the art of Jarnail Singh, an artist recognized in 2008 by the City of Surrey as one of their Civic Treasures. Enjoy viewing a selection of his paintings of people and landscapes from March 1 – April 30.

“Painting for me is a process of infinite happiness and joy. It is impossible to describe this process. There is a mixture of feelings, imagination, craft, and many more elements that cannot be defined or explained. Painting for me is meditation. Painting for me is prayer. I paint whatever



er inspires or touches me. It can be a tiny flower, an awe-inspiring mountain or a stream. It can be a face in a crowd that impresses me

with its beauty and innocence, or it can be a story of ancient times; they are all part of my paintings. People often ask me what I paint,

and I reply, I paint everything, people, portraits, landscapes, anything that touches me, inspires me. Painting is my interpretation of these,” says Jarnail Singh.

For more information about Jarnail and his art, visit <https://jarnailarts.wordpress.com/jarnail-singh/>.

The Art Wall at the George Mackie Library is booked for 2022 but Ladner Pioneer Library still has opportunities for artists to display their work.

Contact Nimisha (604-946-6215) at the Ladner Pioneer Library to arrange.

Vancouver Gas Hits \$2 Per Litre And Taxes Are A Big Factor

By Kris Sims

Drivers in Vancouver are paying record-smashing prices at the gas pump and taxes are an extra kick in the head.

Prices have hit more than \$2 per litre for regular gasoline in Metro Vancouver. That’s the highest gasoline price in North America along with the highest gasoline taxes. Before readers in places such as Red Deer or Sarnia chuckle at the pipeline-blocking-moon-units getting their just desserts, they might spare a thought for the everyday people who still live in the Lower Mainland. Many hardworking people who didn’t ask for these punishing pump prices.

This record high cost is cutting deep into family budgets. Because many people can’t afford to live in Vancouver and housing is scarce, they commute long distances for work. Studies show that tens of thousands of people commute from places like

Chilliwack and Abbotsford into places like Maple Ridge and Burnaby in stop-and-go traffic.

Driving 500 kilometres and filling up twice per week is not unusual for these folks. With prices at \$2 per litre, it costs \$140 to fill up a family sedan. Do that twice a week and it’s \$280 to commute to work.

That’s a bill of more than \$900 per month just to put gas in one car.

The average cost to rent a three bedroom place in Maple Ridge, Langley or Surrey clocks in at about \$3,000 per month so there’s not much left over to pay for childcare, heat, insurance and inflated grocery prices.

How did we get into this unaffordable mess in British Columbia?

It’s a cautionary tale involving high taxes and myopic government.

While unrest overseas is affecting the price, a litre of gasoline in Metro Van-

couver carries a tax price tag of about 73 cents.

The first carbon tax is currently 10 cents per litre. B.C.’s second carbon tax is a government fuel regulation that increases the cost of gasoline by about 17 cents per litre.

Transit taxes, excise taxes and sales tax make up the rest of the heavy load.

Combined, B.C.’s two carbon taxes cost about 27 cents per litre and add about \$20 extra to fill up a minivan.

Living in B.C. is unaffordable for many people and carbon taxes make it worse.

Premier John Horgan knows this, since his NDP team used to rail against carbon taxes back when they were in the opposition benches.

The carbon tax rakes in more than \$2 billion per year. It’s not even labelled revenue neutral anymore and average working people don’t get rebates.

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up in B.C. Horgan refuses to admit the part he plays in this mess.

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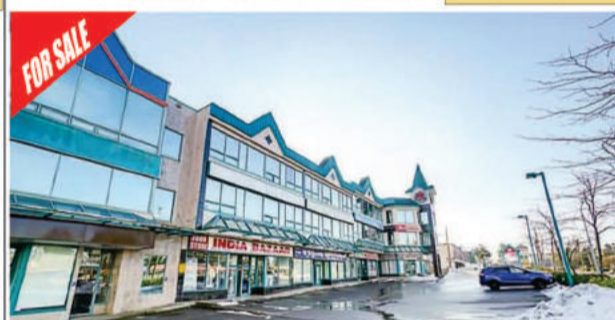
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Bhartiya Kala Evam Sahitya Parishad Celebrates Hindi Utsav



Consul General Manish with BKSP members and other guests

The Bhartiya Kala Evam Sahitya Parishad (BKSP), organization with an aim to create awareness about art, culture, heritage, literature, and scientific traditions, organized its annual Hindi Utsav on March 4 at Khanna Banquet Hall in Surrey. Consul general Manish was the chief guest, Amit



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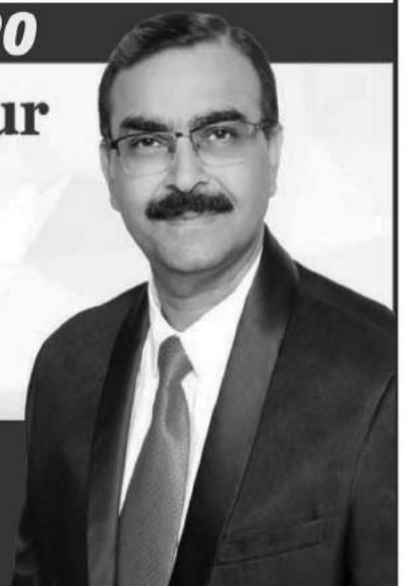
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International Women's Day



By Zile Singh

"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved." Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar

March 8, every year, is celebrated as International Women's Day worldwide. Certain deep-rooted customs in various cultures have hindered progress of women by considering them weak or vulnerable section of the society.

However, advancement of women has been the focus of

social reformers individually and by national and international organizations collectively. The United Nations has played a vital role since its inception in improving the conditions of women.

As early as in 1946, a Commission on the Status of Women was established to deal with women's issues. In 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights had affirmed that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and there will not be any discrimination on the basis of, among others, gender.

However, considerable discrimination still exists against women primarily because women and girls face a multitude of constraints imposed by society, not by law. To ameliorate the conditions further the

UN General Assembly adopted a Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in 1979. The Convention came into force in 1981. The Convention lays down a number of fields where all State Parties to the Convention are required to take steps to eliminate discrimination against women which includes education, employment, health care, economic and social life, women in rural areas, equality before law and marriages and family relations. Under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030, Gender Equality is one of the 17 Goals earmarked. The International Women's Decade was observed by the UN (1976-1985). During the De-



cade three Conferences were held: Mexico City (1975); Copenhagen (1980) and Nairobi (1985). The Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 has greatly enhanced international awareness of the concerns of women and provided the groundwork for invaluable links between the national women's movements and the international commu-

nity. In Canada, the first wave of feminism came in the late 19th and the early 20th centuries. It focused on increasing women's role in public life, with goals including women's suffrage, increased property rights, access to education and recognition as "persons" under the law.

In British Columbia, the women got the Suffrage and Ability to Hold Office rights in April 1917. The first woman elected to the House of Commons was Progressive Party candidate Agnes MacPhail in 1921.

The second wave came during the Depression and the Second World War when women were included in the workforce, especially in the Red Cross.

The Canadian Constitution, Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms have given equal rights to all Canadians irrespective of their gender. In addition to the status of equality, there are laws in place which take care of sexual harassment and violence against women. In its latest efforts, the Canadian national anthem was made gender-neutral by changing "thy sons" to "of us" in February 2018.

The history of the status of women in India has been topsy-turvy. At certain times, it was good, but most of the time it was deplorable. The Manu Smriti, known as Manav Dharma Shastra, contains at least 40 "celebrated" derogatory comments about women. One such comment is "Women who disobey orders of her lethargic, alcoholic and diseased husband shall be deserted and be deprived of her ornaments."

Tulsi Das, poet-saint, revered by many, advocated that "low-caste, drum, beast and woman deserve beating". Almost 700-year Mogul rule in India heightened the atrocities on women. Raja Ram Mohan Roy, the Arya Samaj and the Sikh religion did commendable work to give due recognition to women.

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B.C. Recycling Stewardship Group Marks 30th Anniversary

The Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC), a not-for-profit group dedicated to the collection and recycling of scrap tires in British Columbia, announced that B.C.'s scrap tire program has been recycling tires for over 30 years, and that it is the oldest recycling program in Canada.

collected re-purposed within the province," said Rosemary Sutton, executive director of Tire Stewardship BC.

"In celebration of TSBC's 30th anniversary, we are excited to be partnering with passionate and innovative community organizations that are creating unique



100 Millionth Tire Recycled event at Western Rubber in 2021.

Since the scrap tire recycling program was first established in B.C. in 1991, over 100 million tires have been recycled in the province.

Due to 30th anniversary celebrations being postponed last year because of the pandemic, TSBC will be celebrating throughout 2022 by partnering with B.C.-wide organizations and events that focus on recycling and environmental sustainability. In addition, several community tire collection events are scheduled across the province throughout the year.

"Tire Stewardship BC and all our dedicated tire processors, haulers and retailers across the province have worked extremely hard over the years to create an effective and efficient tire recycling program, and as a result it has grown into the most successful recycling program in North America. Every year in B.C. the equivalent of more than five million scrap vehicle tires are recycled into new, durable, and environmentally friendly products, with 100 per cent all scrap tires

events that help to educate British Columbians on tire recycling and environmental sustainability."

Senator Reid Elementary playground, a recipient of a TSBC grant that provides rubber surfacing for playgrounds.

TSBC will also providing grants to B.C. organizations that are planning to use recycled tire products in their community developments throughout the year. Grants go towards a variety of projects including rubber surfacing for playgrounds, water parks, fitness areas, walkways, running tracks, and playing fields.

Municipalities, registered non-profit community groups or organizations, schools, and First Nations and Métis settlements can apply for grants at TSBC.ca until March 17, 2022.

For further information on the TSBC community grant program visit: <https://tsbc.ca/community-events-programs/the-tsbc-community-grant-program/>.

Visit <https://www.rcbc.ca/recyclepedia/search> to search for tire recycling locations throughout the province.

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International Women's Day

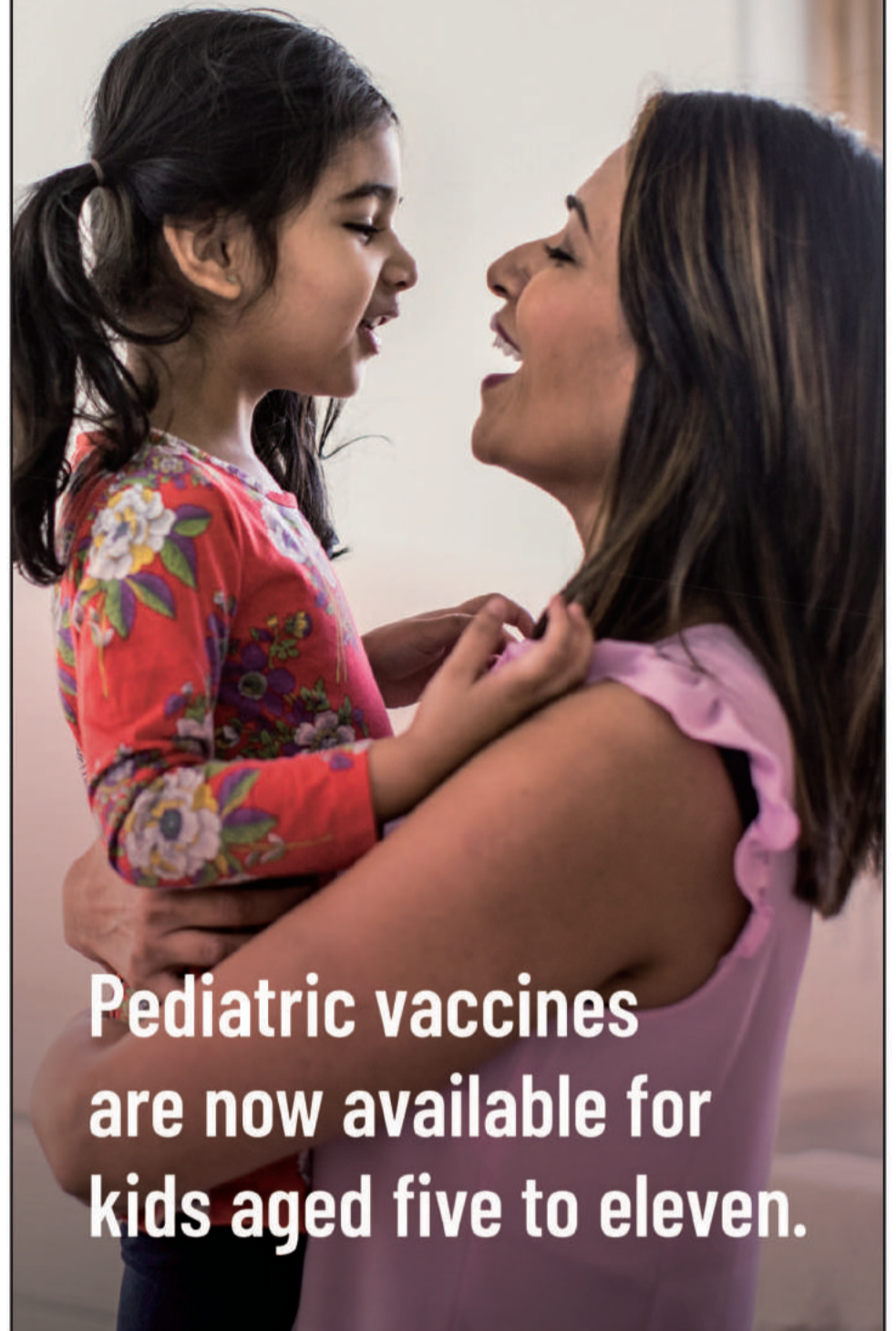
The post-Independence legislation gave a lot of opportunities. Today, Indian women are standing shoulder to shoulder with their counterparts. They have proved their worth in every field of activity, whether it be the legislature, executive or the judiciary. The posts of the President and the Prime Minister have been held by women.

Unfortunately, a certain section of women is still earning their livelihood by working in hazardous vocations like coal mines, construction sites and scavenging. There is a need to do more. At 14% or 77 of all the 543, 17th Lok Sabha seats are the highest representation of women ever. Still, India stood 149th in a ranking of 193 countries by percentage of women representatives in Parliament. India trails Afghanistan, prior to Taliban takeover (27.3%), China, (24.9%), Bangladesh (20.6%), Pakistan (20.2%) and Saudi

Arabia, (19.9%). Almost 48% of India's population is female.

Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Indian Constitution made several provisions in the Constitution to bring the woman at par with a man, but the social orthodoxy prevailed on those pious pieces of legislation. Dr. Ambedkar had to resign as the first Law Minister after Independence when his noble 'Hindu Code Bill' mainly a Women's Rights Bill was opposed by the orthodox Members of Parliament. The Bill failed. Consequently, Dr. Ambedkar resigned as the Law Minister from the Cabinet. Dr. Ambedkar said, "I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved." Despite appropriate laws, the crime against women is on the rise. Finally, "Women's intuition is often truer than men's reasoning."

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Delta Police warn residents of 2 South Asian...

- Make noise and draw attention to yourself if approached
- Run to the nearest safe place – home; store; recreational facility
- Never go with strangers

“We are also encouraging our citizens to contact police as soon as possible to report any suspicious person and or vehicles in your neighbourhood. These

youth did the right thing, they ran home and told their parents and most importantly they didn't get in the vehicle,” informed Delta Police.

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Vancouver Gas Hits \$2 Per Litre And Taxes...

Three years ago, when gas prices spiked up to about \$1.70 per litre, he actually called an inquiry to find out what was causing it. Horgan did this while jacking-up carbon taxes and trying to strangle the Trans Mountain pipeline which delivers gasoline supplies to the lone refinery in Metro Vancouver.

You don't have to be Nancy Drew to get to the bottom of that mystery. But the inquiry wasn't allowed to look at a key factor: gov-

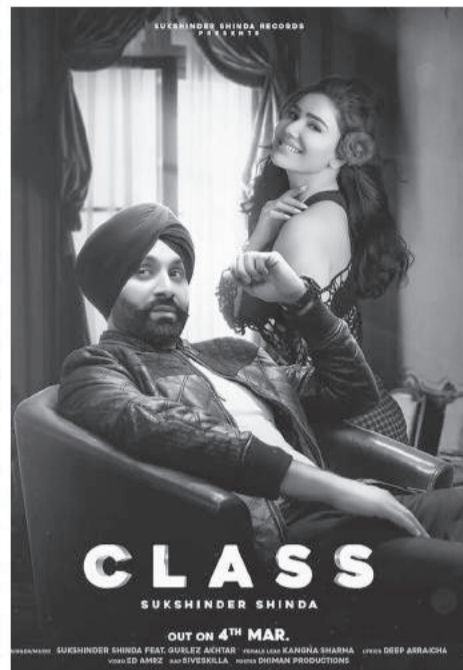
ernment policy. There are two lessons for the rest of Canada to learn from this stage play. First, B.C. is the template for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's federal carbon taxes. Trudeau is jacking his carbon tax up to \$170 per tonne within the next eight years and that adds 37 cents per litre of gasoline. He's also imposing a national second carbon tax later this year. So, Trudeau is planning on making all Canadians paying more than \$2

per litre for gasoline soon. Second, leaders who impose these carbon taxes will pretend their radical policies don't hurt anyone. When everyday working people can no longer afford to drive to work and heat their homes because of the carbon taxes imposed on them by well-paid politicians, those same politicians will play dumb – hoping that voters are exactly that.
Kris Sims is the B.C Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Kangna Sharma's New Punjabi Track With Sukshinder Shinda Will Make You Groove

Kangna Sharma, who has earned immense love with her Bollywood and Punjabi ventures. Now she has made her audience crazy with the latest song 'Class' which is out now on Sukshinder Shinda YouTube Channel. The song features Sukshinder Shinda and Kangna Sharma. The song hit the music chart and already created a buzz in the industry. Sukshinder Shinda and Kangna Sharma's latest song 'Class' is a track with modern twists.

found a friend in him and it didn't feel like I was meeting him for the first time for the shoot. It was such a



Kangna Sharma took to her social media handle and posted a glimpse of the song. She wrote, hey guys song is Out Now. Talking about her song and pairing with the singer, she said “Sukshinder is an extremely soft-spoken person and very sweet. I think I definitely

comfortable atmosphere on the set.” Coming to the credits of the song, the song is sung by Sukshinder Shinda, Feat by Gurlez Akhtar, Rap by SiveSkilla and lyrics by Deep Arraicha. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkX3pLUd6jg>

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Sushmita Sen: 'Aarya' is a Celebration of All Brave Women

Mumbai, Bollywood actress and former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen recently spoke about how her character from crime-thriller drama 'Aarya' has manifested itself in her conduct throughout her life.

On International Women's Day, she mentioned that having led life as a strong woman gave her the edge to play a character like Aarya.

Talking about presenting an inspiring clutter-free story and how she resonates with her character that breaks gender stereotypes, the actress said, "From becoming the first Indian woman to win the title of Miss Universe at the age of 18 to raising two daughters single-handedly and entertaining



viewers through clutter-breaking stories, I have lived Aarya Sareen through my life."

Calling the experience of working in the series a fulfilling one, she added, "Playing the character in Hotstar Specials' 'Aarya' has been a worthy and inspiring experience showcasing the relationship of a mother and of a woman who can hold the family together despite all odds."

"'Aarya' is a celebration of all of the brave women out there who are breaking the gender biases and conquering the world," she concluded.



Alia Bhatt To Make Hollywood Debut With 'Heart Of Stone'

Mumbai, Bollywood Actress Alia Bhatt is set to join the cast of Netflix's 'Heart of Stone', as she makes her global debut opposite Gal Gadot.

The film will release globally on Netflix this spring and has received great reviews singling out her performance in the title role.

The film follows the story of Rachel Stone (Gal Gadot), an intelligence operative, the only woman who stands between her powerful, global, peacekeeping organisation and the loss of its most valuable -- and dangerous -- asset.

'Heart Of Stone' is directed by Tom Harper. It is written by Greg Rucka and Allison Schroeder.

Skydance's David Ellison, Dana Goldberg, and Don Granger, along with Mockingbird's Bonnie Curtis and Julie Lynn, and Pilot Wave's Gal Gadot and Jaron Varsano are producing the film.

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Increasingly Toxic And Unpredictable Illicit Drug...

* Indigenous Peoples are disproportionately represented in drug toxicity fatalities;
* individuals living in poverty and with housing instability are more vulnerable;

* people with mental health disorders or poor mental health are disproportionately represented;
* in addition to fentanyl, other substances

were also detected in most deaths;
* people had

frequently accessed medical services prior to an illicit-drug-related death;
* deaths are occurring throughout the province;

* while the highest number of deaths occur in large urban centres (Vancouver, Surrey, Victoria), this issue spans beyond urban areas; and

* smoking is the most common method of illicit drug consumption.

Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, said, "This report confirms the urgency of the work underway by our government. Specifical-

ly, it calls on government to build an evidence-based continuum of care to deliver mental-health and substances services, including safer supply. And that is exactly what our government is doing."

"The panel also found that the current drug policy of prohibition was contributing to an increase in substance-related emergencies and deaths. We agree. We are treating substance use and addiction as a health-care issue, not a criminal one. We are the first and only province to apply to decriminalize people who use drugs. Decriminalization will reduce the fear and shame that keeps people silent and leads so many to hide their drug use and avoid treatment and support," she added.

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Richmond RCMP...

We know that will continue under Chief Superintendent Chauhan's experienced leadership and we look forward to working with him and his team to further strengthen the safety and resilience of our community."

"I am honoured and thrilled to have been chosen as the new Officer-In-Charge of the City of Richmond's RCMP Detachment," said Chief Superintendent Chauhan. "Richmond is where I first set foot in Canada when I arrived at YVR airport 40 years ago and it is truly a humbling experience to now serve the citizens of this vibrant and diverse city."

C/Supt. Chauhan takes the reins in Rich-

mond from Officer-In-Charge Assistant Commissioner Will Ng who left the detachment to take on new responsibilities as Assistant Commissioner in charge of Federal Investigative Services and Organized Crime for the BC RCMP.

"I am looking forward to leading a remarkable team of officers and municipal staff, and building on the excellent public safety initiatives and member wellness platforms established by previous Officer-In-Charge Assistant Commissioner Will Ng," added Chief Superintendent Chauhan. "I am committed to working in collaboration with Mayor and Councillors and our community partners to provide effective and efficient policing service to the visitors and residents of Richmond."

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CLI Dips in Fourth Quarter...

Ongoing supply chain disruptions, Omicron lockdowns and a shifting composition of consumer spending continues to hold down growth in these economic variables driving the CLI.

It is important to note that while the BC economy generally continues recovering strongly, the environment for commercial real estate remains highly abnormal

and uncertain. Although the CLI was designed to interpret specific sectoral activity and employment growth as positive indicators for commercial real estate demand, the recent strong growth of these indicators may not translate as readily into improved conditions in the commercial real estate market relative to the pre-pandemic period.

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\$14.99 BOX

Chana Dal
ਚਨੇ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ

88¢
lb

Rapini
(Sarson da Saag)
ਸਰਸੋਂ ਦਾ ਸਾਗ

\$2.69
bunch

Extra Super Super Special
Royal Basmati Rice
ਰੋਏਲ ਬਾਸਮਤੀ ਚੌਲ 10 lbs

\$9.98
bag

Extra Super Super Special
Roma Tomatoes
ਰੋਮਾ ਟਮਾਟਰ

88¢
lb

Green Elaichi
(Cardamom) S.G
ਹਰੀ ਇਲਾਇਚੀ (ਐੱਸ. ਜੀ)

\$18.99
lb

Indian Eggplants
ਦੇਸੀ ਬਤਾਉਂ

99¢
lb

Super Special
Fresh Methi
ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਮੇਥੀ

\$1.49
bunch

Super Special
Spinach
ਪਾਲਕ

99¢
bunch

Maggi Masala Noodles 70 g
ਮੈਗੀ ਮਸਾਲਾ ਨੂਡਲਜ਼

3 for 99¢

Super Special
Almonds Supreme #1
ਬਦਾਮ ਪ੍ਰੀਮੀਅਮ ਸਾਈਜ਼ ੧

\$3.99
lb

Super Special
Golden Temple Flour 20 lbs
ਗੋਲਡਨ ਟੈਂਪਲ ਆਟਾ

\$9.98
bag

Super Special
Punjabi Cookies New Crunch & Indican 2.2 lbs
All Flavours
ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕੂਕੀਜ਼ ਨਵੀਂ ਕ੍ਰੰਚ ਅਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਕੇਨ

\$4.48
pkg.

Black Chana
ਚਨਾ ਦਾਲ

88¢
lb

Super Special
Yellow Onions 50 lbs
ਪੀਲੇ ਗੰਦੇ

\$15.99
bag

Cilantro
ਧਣੀਆ

2 bunches for 98¢

Fresh Garlic
ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਲਸਣ

\$1.49
lb

Maggi Masala Noodles 280 g
ਮੈਗੀ ਮਸਾਲਾ ਨੂਡਲਜ਼

\$1.49
pkg.

Large Seedless Oranges
ਵੱਡੇ ਸੰਗਤਰੇ (ਬਿਨਾ ਬੀਜ ਤੋਂ)

98¢
lb

Daikon (Mooli)
ਮੂਲੀ

88¢
lb

Russet Potatoes
10 lbs
ਆਲੂ ਰਸਟ ਸਨੋਬੁਆਏ

\$2.99
bag

Indican Almond Oil 1 L
ਇੰਡੀਕੇਨ ਬਦਾਮ ਦਾ ਤੇਲ

\$12.99
bottle

Chickpeas
ਚਿੱਟੇ ਛੇਲੇ

88¢
lb

Long Eggplants
ਲੰਬੇ ਬਤਾਉਂ

\$1.49
lb

Red Delicious Apples USA #1
ਲਾਲ ਸਵਾਦ ਸੇਬ
ਯੂ.ਐਸ.ਐ #੧

89¢
lb

Broccoli Crown
ਬਰੋਕਲੀ ਕਰਾਉਨ

\$1.49
lb

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