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BC's Introduces Anti Racism Data Act To Measure Systematic Racism In Provincial Systems



We have been listening from various communities about racism for such a long time but there was no formal way to measure it -- Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives



By Surbhi Gogia

It is hard to believe in something that cannot be measured or recorded. Racism is one system that has existed in Canada. Everyone knows it exists but for people who are victim of racism find it challenging to raise their voice in the absence of any concrete data that will prove that inequities exist on the basis of race or ethnicity.

The province of British Columbia has taken a historic first step in this direction by introducing Anti Racism Data Act. As the name suggests, the Act will help

identify which populations are being underserved by government programs such as healthcare, the corrections system, education and social assistance.

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BC Correction's Officer Bikramdeep Randhawa's Murder Outside Delta Walmart Was A Result Of Mistaken Identity

Investigators believe that Randhawa's killers mistook him for an individual involved in the ongoing lower mainland gang conflict



DELTA: On May 1, 2021, Bikramdeep Randhawa was shot and killed near the Walmart Parking lot located in the busy intersection of 120th Street and 72nd Avenue, Delta. Randhawa was identified as an off-duty BC Corrections Officer. The Delta Police Department Major Crime Section took conduct of the investigation and, over the past year, have conducted extensive interviews and completed over 300 follow-up tasks in trying to identify

and charge those individuals responsible for Randhawa's murder. As a result of the evidence secured to

date, investigators are confident that Randhawa's murder was a result of mistaken identity. Investigators believe that his killers mistook him for an individual involved in the ongoing lower mainland gang conflict. Investigators are confident they have identified the suspects involved in this murder. This investigation is active, and the Delta Police have been working with other partnering agencies to hold those responsible for this murder accountable. Deputy Chief Harj Sidhu stated, "It is not lost on the investigative team or the Delta Police as a whole the tragedy of seeing an innocent person caught up in the senseless violence of the ongoing gang conflict that cost a life."

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Gene Lahrkamp, Canada's #2 fugitive wanted in Jimi Sandhu's Murder, dies in Plane Crash



The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) confirmed that one of the plane crash victims in northwestern Ontario on April 30th, 2022, was the fugitive wanted for murder by the Royal Thailand Police.

On April 30th, 2022, a small plane occupied by four individuals crashed near Sioux Lookout in northwestern Ontario. All four individuals on board did not survive the crash. On May 2nd, 2022, the CFSEU-BC confirmed that one of four individuals in the plane crash was identified as Gene Karl Lahrkamp. Jimi Sandhu, former Abbotsford gangster, was murdered in Thailand on February 4th, 2022, and the Royal Thai Police subsequently identified two Canadian suspects, Gene Karl Lahrkamp and Mathew

Dupre. Following the murder, both Lahrkamp and Dupre fled Thailand to Canada.

The Royal Thai Police charged both Lahrkamp and Dupre with murder and engaged the Canadian Department of Justice (DOJ) to request assistance in locating and arresting them.

As a result, Provisional Arrest Warrants were issued in Canada for the arrest of Lahrkamp and Dupre. Due to Sandhu's gang affiliations and history in British Columbia, CFSEU-BC led the Canadian investigation into the search for Lahrkamp and Dupre. Dupre was arrested on February 20th, 2022 in Alberta with the assistance of local RCMP and has been held in custody to await the extradition process.

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HR Plan for transition of policing services in Surrey formally agreed to by Surrey Police Service and RCMP

The public can expect to see an increased presence of SPS officers, who will be assigned into positions in the Surrey RCMP as: • 65% Frontline – General Duty (Patrol) • 19% Community Services • 16% Investigative Services

A significant milestone in the transition of policing services in Surrey has now been reached with the SPS-RCMP Human Resource Strategy and Plan ("HR Plan") formally agreed to by the Surrey Police Service (SPS) and RCMP, and endorsed by the Surrey Policing Transition Trilateral Committee (SPTTC).

The development of this HR Plan was a collaborative effort between the RCMP, SPS, and the three levels of government (SPTTC). The maintenance of effective policing and the preservation of public safety were the predominant considerations.

The HR Plan will guide the continuing implementation of the first phase of the transition of policing services in Surrey from the RCMP to SPS. The Plan outlines the expected numbers for the deployment of SPS officers and the related demobilization of RCMP members until the end of May 2023, as well as the required SPS recruitment and HR processes.

During this first phase, SPS officers will continue to be assigned into positions within the Surrey RCMP detachment, under the command of the RCMP. To date, 66 SPS officers have been deployed into policing operations, and more will join every two months. It is expected that there will be 295 SPS officers working alongside RCMP members by May 2023; they will be primarily assigned to Frontline duties, with some going into Investigative Services and Community Services.

Conversely, as SPS officers deploy in, RCMP members will be transferred out of the detachment on a regular basis. Based on current attrition and deployment plans, it is estimated that the RCMP will redeploy between 175 – 195 police officers to other RCMP postings through to May 2023. The RCMP will be working with members on their career options within the RCMP, ensuring timely transfers are aligned with the HR Plan in order to continue providing consistent policing service levels. "The RCMP is committed to working collaboratively with our partners for the smooth transition of policing to Surrey Police Service. The most important focus, as always,

will be the maintenance of police officer and public safety during this process," said A/Commr. Brian Edwards, Officer in Charge, Surrey RCMP.

"Surrey's transition to a local municipal police service continues to move forward. The endorsement of the SPS-RCMP Human Resources Strategy and Plan allows both the RCMP and SPS to plan for the significant work ahead over the next 13 months, as more SPS officers are deployed to serve Surrey residents. We will continue to work closely with the RCMP throughout this unprecedented policing transition," Chief Constable Norm Lipinski, Surrey Police Service.

With the implementation of the HR Plan, the planning will continue for several important issues to advance the transition, including:

- Pathway to the change of command from RCMP to SPS
 - Transfer of equipment/assets from RCMP to SPS
 - Establishment of the SPS information technology infrastructure
 - Shared use by the RCMP and SPS of the existing City owned or leased facilities
- This work will determine next steps in the transition process beyond May 2023.

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Efforts continue to honour victims of Komagata Maru: BC proclaims May 23, 2022 as Komagata Maru Remembrance Day

Winnipeg's Trail Park all set to be renamed as Komagata Maru Park

The efforts to remember and honour those who were part of the tragic history of Komagata Maru, continue in the province of British Columbia and across Canada. And there is one person and organization playing a crucial role. He is Raj Singh Toor, Vice President and spokesperson for the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society. The Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society is made up of 15 families all over Canada who are direct descendants of the passengers (children, grandchildren or great grandchildren). On behalf of the Society's request the government of British Columbia recently pro-



claimed May 23, 2022 as Komagata Maru Remembrance Day. Thanking BC government for this effort Toor said, "It is a great tribute to those who suffered a lot during the tragedy. It will help educate the community and remind us of how unique Canada's and British Columbia a diverse makeup is. We are all richer when we remember how special it is to have so many different ethnic communities living together. I hope that it will help to connect Canadians, British Columbians with their past to build a more peaceful and tolerant tomorrow."

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Canadian Leaders Stand In Solidarity With Women Abortion Rights

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh called on Liberals to improve access to safe abortion services and make contraceptives free

NDP Women and Gender Equality Critic, Leah Gazan called the leaked report "deeply concerning." "When abortion rights are denied or when safe abortion services are inaccessible, pregnant people face serious injury or death. Seeing these rights in danger is extremely concerning. We understand and empathize with the worry and fear people living in Canada are feeling right now," Gazan added. In Canada, the right to an abortion is se-

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and NDP are expressing their solidarity for abortion rights as the decades-old battle over the issue exploded this week in United States after a draft U.S. Supreme Court decision, leaked late on Monday. The draft showed that a majority of justices prepared to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that protects abortion rights. The court on confirmed the authenticity of the leaked document.



Canadian leaders, however, affirmed their support of women's right to choose. "The right to choose is a woman's right and a woman's right alone. Every woman in Canada has a right to a safe and legal abortion. We'll never back down from protecting and promoting women's rights in Canada and around the world," said PM Trudeau in a tweet. The Bloc Quebecois, a federal political party, also moved a motion in Canada's Parliament Tuesday to recognize a woman's "free choice in the matter of abortion." Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said she was "both shocked and deeply troubled" by the leaked ruling and said her government has a "clear and determined commitment" to protect a woman's right to choose.

cure because of strong laws and widespread support amongst Canadians. Canada's Supreme Court decriminalized abortion in a historic 1988 ruling. Ostensibly, since then, abortion has been a medical procedure like any other. But barriers to access persist, especially for people living outside urban areas. NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh called on the Liberal government to do more than talk about women's right to safe abortion services by urging them to take meaningful action to ensure greater access is available across the country. Singh also wants the government to make contraceptives free as quickly as possible as part of the Pharmacare program they agreed to deliver for Canadians.

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"At first, I didn't know the amount... the retailer just told me it was a big win," he recalled. "Once I found out how much I won I was shocked! I never thought I would win that big."

Ali shared the happy news with his wife right away.

"I told my wife first and then my daughter and her husband. Everyone was very excited to find out," he said.

The retiree plans to celebrate his



win with a big family get-together and looks forward to gifting family members with some of his prize.

"My daughters who live in New

Zealand are going to come home to celebrate, which is exciting. I came from very little growing up and want to help my kids and family for the future."

Ali says he enjoys playing many different lottery games and prefers to play with Quick Picks.

He purchased his ticket from 7-Eleven on 128th Street and was at a FreshCo when he scanned his ticket on a self-scanner and later found out he matched all six numbers to win.

In 2021, British Columbians won more than \$17 million in BC/49 prizes. Players can purchase BC/49 at lottery retail locations and online at PlayNow.com, with tickets available for the Wednesday and Sunday draws.

Winning numbers and group release forms are available online at www.bcl.com. Players can now check their lottery tickets anytime, on iOS and Android devices.

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Premier John Horgan and Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, hosted Eid al-Fitr at BC legislature on May 3, 2022, with members of Muslim community. The historic celebration was organized to mark the diversity of the province and celebrate contributions of Muslim community of BC. The ceremony started with prayers offered by 13 year old, followed by speech on Eid and what it means to Muslims around the world. Premier Horgan, informed that it was at the virtual celebration last year that he proposed the idea of celebrating Eid at the legislature.

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Christopher Ram charged for alleged Langara exposé

A Vancouver Police investigation has led to the arrest of a man who allegedly committed an indecent act at Langara College last month.

Christopher Ram, 35, has now been charged with one count of indecent act in relation to a March 27 incident. At the time of his arrest, Ram was wanted BC wide for two unrelated indecent acts.

The first reported indecent act at Langara College occurred on March 20, when a man exposed his genitals to a student in the college library.

The second reported incident occurred on March 27 when a man exposed his genitals to a staff member at the college. The suspect left before police were called.

Three weeks later, on April 19, a man exposed his genitals to a student inside the college library. Again, the suspect left before police arrived.

In all three incidents, the suspect was described as dark-skinned and about 5'5" to 5'7" tall.

Last week, VPD released



images of the man who allegedly committed a number of indecent acts in and around Langara College.

VPD patrol officers spotted the suspect walking near Main Street and Terminal Avenue Sunday afternoon and took him into custody without incident.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call investigators at 604-717-0604.

CFSEU-BC makes Arrests and Seizures to target Gang Activity in Lower Mainland

The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) led a month-long initiative in collaboration with the Surrey, Langley and Burnaby RCMP in an effort to reduce opportunities for gang violence in identified high-risk place and times.

Throughout the project CFSEU-BC's UGET seized: firearms, suspected illicit substances including fentanyl, cocaine, and methamphetamine, \$50,561 Canadian cash, 5 vehicles and 87 weapons (knives, bear spray, brass knuckles, batons, crossbow, combat hatchets and axes).

In total, UGET created 213 files, of which 40 involve criminal and provincial investigations and charges.

Using information from previous gang-related violent events, the CFSEU-BC's Uniform Gang Enforcement Team was deployed into identified areas during specific times of the day and worked with officers from the Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team, Burnaby Gang Enforcement Team and Langley RCMP Project Team to enhance their respective suppression and enforcement



efforts.

"Gang and organized crime-related activities and violence impacts every community in British Columbia. Working with our partners in Surrey, Langley, and Burnaby, enhanced patrols and time spent along high-traffic corridors in these jurisdictions sought to not only disrupt gang activity, but also to provide more opportunities for the

interdiction of illegal weapons and commodities," said Superintendent Alison Laurin, CFSEU-BC's Deputy Operations Support Officer.

Using past crime data as a guide to where to most effectively deploy officers, the objective was to mitigate, disrupt, and suppress violence through proactive and high visibility enforcement, Laurin informed.

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BC Correction's Officer Bikramdeep Randhawa's Murder...

The gang war shootings are not only tragic but raise big concerns about public safety every time there is a news about someone being killed. Delta police reassured that all police agencies within the lower mainland work collaboratively to end this senseless violence. "The public needs to be vigilant and report any suspicious persons or activity. The Delta Police Department has taken several measures to ensure public safety with the ongoing gang violence."

The Delta Police informed Randhawa's family and BC Corrections Services that this investigation continues to be a priority for the Delta Police.

The shooting happened shortly before 5 p.m. on Saturday at Scottsdale Centre near the intersection of Scott Road and 72 Avenue, in 2021 according to a news release from the Delta Police Department.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found a man who was in critical condition.

"Despite the best efforts of Emergency Health Services, unfortunately the victim in this incident did pass away," said Leeson in an earlier release.

B.C. Government Employees Union president Stephanie Smith issued a statement offering condolences to Randhawa's friends and family.

"We are all shocked and devastated at the loss of one of our own," Smith said.

"While the loss of any member under

any circumstances is a tragedy, the public and violent nature of Bikramdeep's death make this loss immeasurably worse, especially for the members at Fraser Regional Correctional Centre who counted him as a colleague and a friend."

Shortly after the shooting, a vehicle was set on fire in Burnaby in an alley near Clinton Street in the Royal Oak neigh-



bourhood. Delta police later confirmed that the vehicle was the suspect vehicle in the Scottsdale Centre shooting.

Investigators know that there are individuals with specific and valuable knowledge of this murder, and are asking that they or anyone else with information contact the Delta Police or if they wish to remain anonymous to call Crime Stoppers at 1 (800)-222-8477.

Indian Ex-Servicemen Society of BC Canada Raising Day

The Indian Ex-Servicemen Society of BC (Canada) is celebrating its 27th Raising Day and anniversary dinner function on May 12, 2022, Thursday at 7:00 PM, at Riverside Banquet Hall, 13030, 76 avenue, Surrey. All Ex-Servicemen

along with their spouses are cordially invited to attend the event. Those who wish to attend can call 604-501-3939 or email at: indianexservicemen@yahoo.com. Amount of subscription can be paid at the venue.

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BC's Introduces Anti Racism Data Act To Measure Systematic...

"For too long, systemic racism and the long-lasting effects of colonialism have unfairly held people back when it comes to education, job opportunities, housing and more," said Premier John Horgan. "These injustices are compounded when Indigenous Peoples and racialized communities ask for action, only to be told by government to provide evidence using data that is not being collected."

SFU Beedie professor June Francis said that noting that unequal access to services and harmful treatment by government agencies have long been obscured by a lack of data. "These inequities are hidden. When you say [racism] exists, people would say, 'How do you know? Where is [the data]?' " said Francis. "It is an important beginning in addressing institutional and structural barriers and biases in our polices, programs and services."

Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, while explaining the thought that went behind introducing this act, said, "Racism is very much prevalent in BC and across Canada. Although many communities like our South Asian community have come a long way and achieved a lot, but government structures are still deeply embedded in racism either consciously or unconsciously."

Singh said, "We have been listening from various communities about racism for such a long time but there was no formal way to measure racism. To tackle systemic racism, to bring racial equity it was important we collect data. And we found either the data was not collected or done in inconsistent way."

Data collected and spread without a well-defined and articulated process and purpose, has more risk of doing harm than benefitting a community. Singh quoted the example of COVID data collection after which South Asian community was stereotyped and targeted for being disproportionately hit by Covid infections. "Whereas that data showed us why South Asian community was at higher risk of getting infections because many South Asian worked as frontline workers."

Singh informed that this Act will enable enhanced collection, analysis and utilization of data in a way that honours the rights of communities instead harm them. "Sometimes people are not very comfortable telling about their ethnicities, gender identity again and again."

So the data will be collected on a voluntary basis through a population survey, she said.

Safeguards will be in place to ensure the data isn't used for harm and ministries will be required to follow careful guidelines before information is released publicly.

"The advantage of having comprehensive race-based data collection is that we can shape policies at the provincial level and then implement those throughout government and indeed throughout communities with confidence that we're doing so based on data, driven by the ev-



idence," said Premier Horgan.

The anti-racism data legislation builds upon initial recommendations from the B.C. Human Rights Commissioner's report, The Grandmother Perspective, which provides suggestions about how government can use disaggregated data to address systemic discrimination. It is also informed by recommendations from the In Plain Sight report from Mary Ellen Tur-

pel-Lafond, which outlines steps for government to address anti-Indigenous racism in the health-care system.

Singh informed that the act is the result of many community based engagements where more than 13,000 people were involved to give their input on data collection. "More than 90% of racialized people who provided feedback through community-led engagement sessions believed

that collecting intersectional demographic data such as ethnic origin, ancestry, faith, ability and gender identity could bring positive change in B.C. and be a step toward building trust between government and Indigenous Peoples and racialized communities," Singh said.

"This historic legislation will fundamentally change government programs and services in B.C. by removing long-standing barriers," said Singh.

Singh said that this Act is only first step in our province's efforts to eliminate systematic racism.

"Our work doesn't end today - we must face up to the discomfort of talking about racism and fully commit to the work needed to be anti-racist. We will continue to work with Indigenous Peoples and racialized communities at every stage as we take the next steps to implement this legislation based on mutual trust and respect as we build a better, more inclusive B.C. for everyone."

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“Women – particularly in northern and rural communities – often have to drive for hours because abortion services are not available in their communities,” Singh said. As a concrete step that the government could take immediately, Singh urged the government to make contraceptives – including the morning after pill – free across the country.

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Gene Lahrkamp...

CFSEU-BC and its partners were unable to locate Lahrkamp, leading CFSEU-BC to partner with the BOLO Program.

On April 26th, BOLO identified Lahrkamp as number 2 on their “Top 25” most wanted individuals in Canada and appealed to the public for information on his whereabouts, offering a \$100,000 reward leading to his arrest.

On April 30th, 2022, Lahrkamp died in plane crash.

As a result of his death, the CFSEU-BC has contacted the BOLO program and advised international and domestic law enforcement partners.



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Indo-Canadian Surrey Artists' Work Showcased In 'Punjab Panorama' Exhibition

SURREY: An exhibition of works of local Indo Canadian artists was shown in an Exhibition 'Punjab Panorama' at Jarnail Arts Gallery. The exhibition was part of the opening event of 9th Ma Boli International Punjabi Film Festival, contained the works of renowned painter S. Jarnail Singh, well known for his works of Sikh history and Punjabi culture, and also featured the works of upcoming younger artists.

The works of artists ranged from beautiful portraits by Neeti Singh to awesome panoramic views of Punjab fields by Rimandeep Brar. Baljit Kaur's paintings of various moods of Indian womanhood impressed by their masterful handling of color and costume along with the wistful demeanor of the subjects. The colorful costumes of Rajasthan people were the subjects of paintings by Neeti Singh and Balwinder Singh.

The stark black and white imagery of Punjabi landscape by Navalpreet Rangi well depicted the rural landscape of Punjab. The folk patterns of Canadian indigenous people found a reflection in the intricately detailed work of Ritu Singh. Photograph of Golden Temple by Jay Panesar showed the intricate details of the Gold plated Golden Temple. His picture of a model captured the bold look of the model. The soft pastel toned works of Bindoo Matharu reflected a deep rooted spiritual bent of mind. The awe inspiring panoramic view of vast fields of Punjab by Rimandeep Brar impressed with its vibrant colors. She had another work 'The Divine Buddha' in the show. The youngest artist participating in the show was 11 years old Biryuvraj Singh who had 3 works in the exhibition done in different media.

The exhibition which ran for 3 days attracted a large audience which included Jaswant Brar, Kartar Singh Kang, Sikandar Singh Kang, Harpreet, Ashley, Jasleen Kaur, Aman C Singh, Charanjit Singh, Jarnail Singh Sekha, Mohan Gill, Hardam Singh Mann, Gurdip Bhullar, Manjit Slatch, Karanbeer Singh Kang, Pall Dhillon and numerous art lovers.



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Laurel of Urdu Canada: Nadeem Parmar

On April 23, 2022, Nadeem Parmaran eminent literary person's collection of Ghazals, 'Mere Bagair' in Devnagri script (Hindi), was launched by South Asian Literary Society, Canada (SALSOC) at Shanti Niketan, Hindu Mandir in Surrey. The event was sponsored by Hindi Literary Society. Parmar was honored by the South Asian Literary Society, Canada with the title, "Laurel of Urdu Canada" for his lifelong exemplary contribution to Urdu poetry. Parmar has authored five books of poetry, ten novels, and one collection of short sto-

The book was launched amidst loud clapping. Nadeem's ghazals are filled with the spiritual fragrance, enveloped in the moonlight of Kafiya, and nicely colored with Radeef. He has described honestly his experiences, hopes, dreams, challenges, and struggles of life in poems. With an astounding knowledge of bahar/meter and musicality of the words, he conveyed his sentiments skillfully with poetic versatility and creative abilities. His poems speak of his vivid experiences



ries. He writes in Urdu, English, and Punjabi languages; and his poems are included in several literary anthologies and journals around the world. However, he is popular as a Ghazal writer. Acharya Dwivedi, President of SALSOC welcomed the guests and introduced MC-Muhammad A. Malik (VP) who called speakers-Narinder Bhagi, Surinder Kaur Brar, Acharya, Ashok Bhargava, and Krishan Bector to present their views on book.

and imagination. He is a brilliant composer of ghazals, and an ardent advocate of peace, love, compassion, religious harmony, and universal brotherhood. Nadeem composed his first poem when he was only 12 years old. His interest in literary activities dates back in his college life in Jalandhar. His actual name is Kulwant Singh, but penname "Nadeem" was given by ustad Pundit Molaran Vafa. He obtained BSc and Degree of Engineering and moved to Canada in 1973.

Vaisakhi Celebration by RMCS



Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS) celebrated Vaisakhi at Caring Place, on Friday, April 29. Mayor Malcolm Brodie, along with Councillors Chak Au, Bill McNulty, Carol Day and Andy Hobbs joined the celebration. Also, Steveston - Richmond East MP Parm Bains, Richmond South Centre MLA Henry Yao were present at the occasion. Richmond North Centre MLA Teresa Wat and Richmond Centre MP Wilson Mio sent their greetings. Mayor Brodie, Henry Yao and Parm Bains addressed the audience and talked about the significance of Vaisakhi in the Canadian context. Former RMCS President Balwant Sanghera shared his thoughts about Vaisakhi with the audience. Sanghera mentioned that Vaisakhi signifies the start of the harvesting season in India. Also it coincides with the creation of the Khalsa (The Pure One) by the tenth and the last Guru of the Sikh faith, Guru Gobind Singh ji. Now Vaisakhi has become an international celebration by the South Asian community around the globe. This celebration included turban tying, entertainment, Meet and Greet and delicious South Asian food. RMCS staff led by Ashok Rattan organized this celebration.

Nadeem learnt Punjabi script from his wife Surjeet Kaur Parmar. He paid his first visit to his ancestral home (In Pakistan), after sixty years in 2005, and his close attachment with home is amply reflected in some of his poems. Nadeem bridges the gap between traditional and progressive writers with his vibrant language and fresh symbols. He worked in the CNCP telecommunication department in a managerial position

till his retirement; and expressed his sentiments of 'cold air of racism' around him there in some ghazals. He reconstructed the reality and contemporaneous with more depth and craftsmanship to voice his belief and concern. "His poems are perhaps born out of the genuine spark of creativity, nostalgic feelings, and awareness of his rich heritage that's why it will never fade," says Acharya Dwivedi.

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Surrey RCMP's Elenore Sturko Nominated as BC Liberal Candidate in Surrey South Byelection

VANCOUVER: BC Liberal leader Kevin Falcon announced Elenore Sturko, a sergeant on leave from the Surrey RCMP, as the party's candidate in the upcoming Surrey South byelection. "I'm running to be the next MLA for Surrey South because as a Surrey South

resident I'm tired of the NDP's failed promises for Surrey residents," said Sturko. "From the rising cost of living, to increased crime, to the failure to deliver on needed mental health services, life is worse off in Surrey under the NDP. I'm excited to bring fresh ideas and a new

perspective to Victoria on behalf of the people of Surrey South." "Elenore's experience working on the front lines of the opioid crisis and tackling issues facing young families in Surrey will be a great asset for our caucus," said Falcon.

Also announcing her support for Sturko was Dianne Watts, the former Mayor of Surrey and former Member of Parliament for South Surrey-White Rock. "Elenore brings a unique perspective to



politics and to the discussion that needs to occur if we are going to seriously deal with the important issues that face the people of Surrey South and the entire province of BC," said Watts.

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Toxic Drug Crisis Continues In BC: 165 More Lives Were Lost In March 2022

By Link News Desk

The data showed death amongst female remained relatively high

VICTORIA: Toxic drugs claimed the lives of more than 150 British Columbians for the 18th consecutive month, according to the latest preliminary data released by the BC Coroners Service.

Additional key preliminary findings showed that the number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in March 2022 equates to approximately 5.3 deaths per day. The report notes that male illicit drug toxicity death rates decreased in March, while female rates remained relatively high.

The data also pointed that illicit drug rates in all health authorities, except Fraser Health, decreased in March. However, illicit drug toxicity death rates in all health authorities remain elevated.

Expedited toxicological testing continues to provide evidence of the drug supply's inconsistency and volatility. The detection rate for benzodiazepines, which rapidly increased from 15% of samples in July 2020 to 52% of results in January 2022, were detected in only 32% of tests conducted in March.

However, the detection rate of fentanyl and its analogues continues to surge, with 94% of returned samples testing positive in March. Additionally, previously undetected substances such as flualprazolam are being found in increasing numbers of test results.

Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions called every life lost "a tragedy." She asked people to stay safer by buddying up and downloading the free Lifeguard app, carrying naloxone with you, or visiting a supervised consumption site or an overdose prevention site for free drug checking and other harm-reduction services. For help, please check <https://www.stopoverdose.gov.bc.ca/>.

Trevor Halford, Official Opposition Critic for Mental Health and Addictions, said that the BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel report, released March 9, 2022, outlined a 30/60/90-day action plan which "the NDP government should be following to help stop these deaths yet, inexcusably, the NDP has already missed the first critical deadline."

"With twice as many people now dying from overdoses compared to when the public health emergency was first declared, it's clear the NDP's current patchwork approach is not working," she said.

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6 Indians Apprehended On Sinking Boat In Dangerous Smuggling Attempt To Enter Us From Canada

Six Indian nationals, aged 19-21 years, were arrested by the US border authorities after they were apprehended on a sinking boat during a failed attempt to be smuggled into America from Canada.

The US Customs and Border Protection said in a press release, "Six (6) of the subjects, all ranging from ages 19 to 21 years old, were citizens of India and charged with Improper Entry by Alien in violation of 8 USC 1325." The seventh subject, a United States Citizen, was charged with

Alien Smuggling in violation of 8 USC 1324. Alien smuggling is a felony, which carries a penalty of a fine and up to 10 years in prison for each violation, the release read.

The US Customs and Border Protection said in a statement that on April 28, suspicious activity was reported to the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, which notified the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department about a boat containing multiple subjects traveling from Canada near Cornwall, Ontario, toward the United States.

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department responded and observed the vessel taking on water and sinking in the Saint Regis River in Akwesasne. Answering the call for assistance,



Photo credit: US Customs and Border Protection

Border Patrol agents and the Hogansburg-Akwesasne Volunteer Fire Department (HAVFD) arrived on the scene to find the reported vessel almost entirely underwater. One of the subjects exited the sinking boat and made his way to the shoreline.

The HAVFD deployed a boat and was able to recover the other six (6) distressed subjects. It was later determined there were no life jackets or other safety equipment on board the sinking boat. Due to the water temperature being just above freezing, all seven

(7) subjects were evaluated and treated for hypothermia by medical professionals. Upon their release, they were arrested by Border Patrol agents and transported to the Border Patrol Station for processing.

"Outstanding cooperation between law enforcement and rescue services prevented what could have been a horrific tragedy," said Chief of Police Matthew Rourke of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Police Department.

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Efforts continue to...

The proclamation read that "on May 23, 1914, three hundred and seventy-six British subjects from India of Sikh, Muslim and Hindu origin arrived in Vancouver Harbour aboard the Komagata Maru, which was docked in the Burrard Inlet with passengers seeking to enter Canada, and on July 23, 1914, the Komagata Maru was forced to leave as a result of the discriminatory "Continuous Journey" regulation enacted by the Government of Canada, without allowing the passengers to disembark, and upon their return to India, 19 passengers were killed and others imprisoned." On May 23, 2008, by request on behalf of the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, the British Columbia Legislative Assembly stood together to formally apologize to passengers on the Komagata Maru and their families, stating that "the House deeply regrets that the passengers, who sought refuge in our country and our province, were turned away without benefit of the fair and impartial treatment befitting a society where people of all cultures are welcomed and accepted." "NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 23, 2022, shall be known as "Komagata Maru Remembrance Day" in the Province of British Columbia," the proclamation stated.

The Komagata Maru Society also made efforts to request the city of Winnipeg to rename Trail Park as Komagata Maru Park. Toor informed that On April 28, 2022, the City of Winnipeg Council's had approved the executive policy committee recommendation report to rename its Singh Trail Park to Komagata Maru Park in memory of the Komagata passengers unanimously, recently.

"I would like to say thank you to the Respected Mayor and Councillors and City Staff, City of Winnipeg for recognizing the Komagata Maru passengers and making this realty. its a great tribute to those passengers who suffered a lot during the tragedy," he said. Renaming Singh Trail Park to Komagata Maru Park will help educate the community and remind us of Winnipeg's unique and diverse population. We are all richer when we remember how special it is to have so many different ethnic communities living together.

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Local Charity Provides \$1.5 Million in Flood Relief

Abbotsford, B.C. (May 2) – The Salvation Army is providing ongoing flood relief to some of the hardest hit areas in the province, including \$500,000 to First Nations groups, who are still dealing with a massive recovery effort. “The funding will help communities in their continued recovery efforts,” says Salvation Army spokesperson Mike Leland. “Some of the hardest hit communities are still dealing with a massive cleanup and restoration efforts, including some first nations communities that were completely cut off during the

floods. Our goal is to get them back to some sense of normalcy as soon as possible.”

To date the organization has provided more than \$600,000 to regions impacted by the flood earlier this year. The initial round of funding was in support of immediate relief efforts: food security, evacuation supplies, temporary shelters. This second round of funding totaling \$725,000 will go directly to support communities that are dealing with recovery and restoration: construction, equipment and labour, and continued

support with food security. Communities include Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Merritt, and Princeton and the First Nations Emergency Service Society.

Both the Mayor of the City of Abbotsford Mr. Henry Braun and First Nations Emergency Support Society’s Dean Colthorp were on hand at The Salvation Army Cascade Church in Abbotsford to receive their funding.

“On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, the City of Abbotsford and our residents, I want to thank The Salvation Army for their flood relief support immediately

following the November 2021 flood and now as recovery work continues,” said Henry Braun, City of Abbotsford Mayor. “Over 300 City infrastructure sites were damaged and \$100,000 to the City of Abbotsford will help us move our recovery and restoration work forward.”

In First Nations communities, the funding is desperately needed as many of the villages were cut off completely from all forms of help and the recovery efforts are taking twice as long because a lot of the infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, were completely destroyed.

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14188 68 Avenue



FOR SALE \$2,149,000

Beautifully built 3 storey Home with fully finished 2+2 basement suites in a desirable area of East Newton. Lot size is 5400 sq ft. Living space 5190 sq ft features 8 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms. Formal Living Room, Dining room, family room, kitchen, spice kitchen, nook with den on the main floor and laundry on the main floor. Beautiful finishes, open layout and loads of windows to soak in that natural light. Upstairs features 4 bedrooms and will with their own private ensuites. Loads of parking on the driveway, garage and street. In the basement you have 2 suites of 2 bedrooms each collecting great rent! This home has it all for the growing family. Book your private showing now!

6430-130 St Surrey



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WEST NEWTON CUSTOM BUILT MEGA HOME WITH SIDE LANE ACCESS! *2 DRIVEWAYS* You have parking for days! This home features 10 bedrooms and 9 baths as well as two mortgage helper suites (2+2) - Great mortgage help. Main floor features a welcoming living room with + dining room with high end custom finishes and high ceilings. Huge family room for entertaining, chefs kitchen + spice kitchen and separate eating area. Covered Patio to enjoy those summer bbq's. Loads of windows to soak all that aural light. Upstairs hosts 4 bedrooms ALL with their own private ensuites. In the basement you have a massive Media Room with a bar, perfect for your parties! There is also a den/bedroom along with a full washroom. This home truly has it all - perfect for the growing family! Close to schools/transportation.

3224 197A St, Surrey



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9122 144A St, Surrey



FOR SALE \$2,899,900

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19073 72 Avenue



FOR SALE \$1,649,000

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14019 104 Avenue



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15716-82 Ave, Surrey



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8316 122A St, Surrey



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12432-75 Ave Surrey



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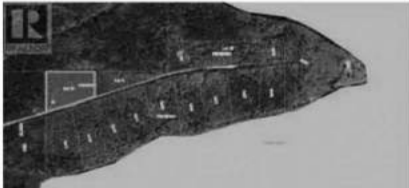




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104 7349 140 ST, SURREY



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\$1,399,000

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Senior Health & Safety Fair

Date: June 8th 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Creekside Community Centre located at 1 Athletes Way (Gym)

This is an educational fair and no solicitation will be allowed on site.

The event is free to all seniors, their families, and caregivers and will include snacks and a lunch. Everyone is welcome. The first 300 people will receive a swag bag and there will be door prizes and draws throughout the day. Dedicated parking for this event is not provided, however there is parking in the area.



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Application forms will be available for youth applicants from May 2-31, 2022 and for adult applicants from June 1-30, 2022.

Youth applicants: Surrey.CPA-EPA.Surrey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca to receive an application form via email. Please do not alter the email subject line.

Applications are due by May 31, 2022 at 4:00pm. All applicants will be notified if they have been selected in July.

For more information email Surrey.CPA-EPA.Surrey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Manasvini: A women's Society promoting Hindi Literary skills amongst new writers

Manasvini, a literary women's association, celebrated their one year anniversary on Saturday April 23 at the Newton Cultural Center, Surrey. Four eminent women speakers were invited to share more about their accomplishments and inspiring journey. A book written by Dr Neelam Batra-Verma, 1971-A War Story was released for the audiences and members of Manasvini at this event. Manasvini has been organizing events promoting creative writing in Hindi and occasionally in English for the past year since it was formed on March 8 2021. Manasvini also organizes cultural events engaging participants from the South Asian diaspora as well as the rest of the multicultural community of BC. Shikha Porwal and Asmita Lawrence are the founders of Manasvini who have creat-



ed this platform for new writers to develop their literary skills in Hindi and to network with other women to share their thoughts, expressions and emotions. "Our tag line 'Kitchen se Kalam tk' in Hindi translates

as 'From the culinary to the literary'. We are a support system for each other and our expressions have been an effective way to stay connected and cope with the Covid19 pandemic" says Shikha.

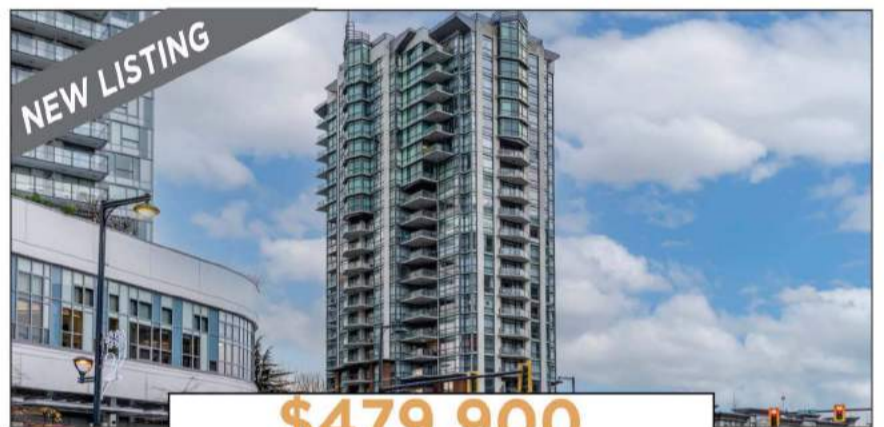
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ICBC Changes its Policy on Seeking Costs From Cyclists and Pedestrians

ICBC is making changes to its policy on when cyclists, pedestrians and other active transportation users could be charged with damages to a vehicle when they have some responsibility for a crash.

“Government and ICBC listened to the concerns raised from cycling advocates and Mr. Bolliger about the decision to bill him for vehicle damage after he was involved in a collision,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “The previous approach was not reflective of the changes we’ve made to auto insurance in British Columbia and that needed to be fixed.”

Moving forward, ICBC will no longer seek recovery for costs in some clearly defined situations, including:

- Where a cyclist or pedestrian has suffered a severe or catastrophic injury.
- If there has been a fatality.

• When ICBC must determine liability as 50/50 because there is not enough evidence to determine what happened.

Additionally, claims involving a cyclist or pedestrian who has suffered a non-severe injury will be carefully considered by a committee of experts. These changes mean that, moving forward, the instances of when ICBC may seek recovery from cyclists or pedestrians will be much more limited.

“We are committed to continuing to improve and this claim highlighted a situation where improvements needed to be made, and we are now making those changes,” said Nicolas Jimenez, President and CEO of ICBC. “Our new care-based model is just one year old and we will keep looking for ways to improve on how we deliver Enhanced Care to British Columbians.”

In finalizing these policy changes, ICBC



met with the BC Cycling Coalition and Hub Cycling to receive their feedback on how the changes better meet the needs of people cycling and other vulnerable road users.

“We feel the changes are a move in the right direction to support cyclists and vulnerable road users across the province, and we thank ICBC for recognizing the issues and being open to listening to the ongoing

concerns of our members,” said Mike Koski, Executive Director, BC Cycling Coalition. “By listening and taking action, positive change was made within just a matter of weeks.”

In addition to the broader policy changes, ICBC was recently provided with a final report from police on Mr. Bolliger’s claim. That information was new to ICBC and has led to a change in the liability decision

to hold the driver of the vehicle 100% responsible for the crash. Mr. Bolliger is therefore not responsible for any damages or costs and will be fully compensated for damages to his bicycle and any other items.

Importantly, any cyclist or pedestrian injured in a crash with a vehicle is entitled to receive all of the care and recovery benefits they need under Enhanced Care, regardless of whether they were responsible for the crash or not.

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“I am proud to endorse her as I strongly believe it is important to ensure there is a pathway into politics for strong and accomplished women.”

Together with her wife Melissa, Elenore is raising her three children in Surrey South. Elenore has spent years working as a front-line and media relations officer for the Surrey RCMP. Before joining the RCMP, she worked in media production and as a reservist with the Canadian Forces.

“I look forward to working hard to earn the support of Surrey South voters so that I can join Kevin Falcon and our BC Liberal team in Victoria to bring real solutions to the problems facing our community,” she said.

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400th Prakash Utsav Guru Tegh Bahadur



By Dr. Kala Singh

Akal University Talwandi Sabo, Punjab held online and offline two day International conference on April 27 and 28 on 400th Prakash Utsav of Guru Tegh Bahadur. Singh Sahib Giyani Harpreet Singh Acting Jathedar of Akal Takhat was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Kala Singh from Vancouver spoke on Guru Tegh Bahadur – Mera Baid Guru Govinda. Most of physical illnesses are connected with stress and worry. When mind is free of stress and worries, one will be free of most of physical and mental illnesses as well. As a True Physician, Guru diagnosed that the mind (Mann) is sick and root cause of problems. Mind (Mann) is engrossed in worldly temptations, which in turn gives stress and worries. Giving reference of Shabds from Guru Granth Sahib he explained that Guru Tegh Bahadur first created awareness that human beings suffer from the illness of mind (Mann) which is engrossed with worldly temptations like sexual lust, anger, greed, worldly attachments and ego.

Because of that people are having stress with accompanied physical and mental problems. Guru is warning the entire humanity that eternal peace (Anand, Blissful State) is more important than collecting worldly possessions, indulging in lustful activities and slandering. Because of sexual lust we have seen celebrities falling from grace in "Me Too Movement". Because of the human greed, ecological balance created by the Creator God has been changing causing more and more hurricanes, floods, heat waves, wild fires, colds and draughts with accompanying mental and physical problems. All these can be prevented in the entire world just by controlling the mind (Mann) of greed. Guru is creating awareness to prevent the problem in the entire world.

He created awareness that people worry and become anxious when something unexpectedly, unlikely and untoward happens. In fact everything and every situation are expected and likely to happen. A stable marriage can break anytime. One can lose permanent job. All money can be lost any time. Guru says nothing is stable or permanent in this world. If one loses all money that also will not last forever. If one loses job that also is not permanent. One might get another job and earn more money. So we should not worry unnecessarily. If we worry too much then we will get depressed and never get another job and money. We will never come out of this vicious circle by worrying. Instead we should be concerned and learn how to get over and cope with the problem.

Once the diagnosis has been made that the mind (Mann)

is not under control, question arises how to control it? Guru then replies that we can obtain salvation (Mukti) from ardent worldly passions by imbibing and practicing Godly Virtues in everyday life. There is no other righteous path comparable to spiritual knowledge and wisdom of the Guru.

Guru Tegh Bahadur preaches that Creator God dwells everywhere and within all of us as well like the fragrance in the flower and reflection in the mirror. If entire humanity believes in this message and philosophy that One Creator God abides in all of us, and see Light of One God in everyone, we will not hate anyone on the basis of faith, religion, caste, colour and gender. That makes entire humanity as spiritual kinsmen. There will naturally be world peace. There will not be terrorist attacks and killings of each other. It will promote human equality. With that everyone in the world will be stress free and in turn free of most of mental and physical problems. The important fact to note is that Guru is emphasizing introspection, not of chang-

ing others.

Guru Tegh Bahadur preaches that one should be indifferent to misery and happiness, get rid of vices like flattery and slander, worldly pleasures, attachment and greed. Renounce ego, sexual lust, company of evil, and be humble. One should consider pleasure and pain, honour and dishonour the same. One should not get depressed while in difficulty and get proud and infatuated when in pleasure. Difficult time should be a time for introspection and learning rather blaming others and God. We should not worry unnecessarily.

Be content with what we have and try honestly for more, but don't get greedy. We should be ready to help those in need even at the cost of our life, but do not relinquish our faith. He preached there is only one God who abides in each and everyone. When we see same God in everyone, we will not discriminate on the basis of caste, colour, religion and gender. When someone is in pain instead of showing only sympathy we should get empathy



and compassion and consider their pain as our own because we see same God in them and act to remedy their pain. That's what he did when he sacrificed his life for the sake of right of freedom of worship for Hindus, though he was not a Hindu and did not believe in Hindu philosophy.

In fact, he sacrificed his life for the sake of freedom of worship for all. Guru Tegh Bahadur was the Champion of Human Rights. Modern day Human Rights Movement was born in 1920 after French revolution,

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Comedian Amy Schumer compares Met Gala's Gilded Glamour theme to 'vibrator'

Los Angeles: Actress and comedian Amy Schumer saw the funny side of the lavish Met Gala and joked about the event's Gilded Glamour theme by comparing it to a 'vibrator'.

Asked what the Gilded Glamour concept meant to her, Schumer told Vogue's livestream host La La Anthony: "Um, a vibrator," reports female-first.co.uk.

She then added: "You know what I'm going to say, it's ridiculous. Everyone's always at home (wondering) what is Amy going to wear this year ... you put your Spanx on right over your C-section scars and you get on that carpet".

The 'Trainwreck' star started the chat by introducing the guest she had brought with her, climate activist Xiye Bastida.

The actress said: "She's a climate activist, and I'm just in the climate."

Xiye then explained there should be climate crusaders in "every space" and Amy agreed, adding that she's also "here for the drinks".

The 'I Feel Pretty' star previously said she didn't have a good time at the Met Gala.

Speaking in 2019, she said of the event: "It's people doing an impression of having a conversation ... I don't like the farce. We're dressed up like a bunch of f***** a*****. I got to



meet Beyonce and she was like, 'Is this your first Met Gala?' And I was like, 'It's my last'... "I don't think it's stupid; there's no moral reasoning ... It's just not my thing. I just have this sense of entitlement that I should be able to feel comfortable at all times, like I could go to bed at any moment in what I'm wearing."

'No Time to Die' producer Barbara Broccoli on casting next James Bond

Los Angeles: As soon as Daniel Craig announced in 2019 that 'No Time to Die' would be his fifth and final film as international spy James Bond, rumours began. However, producer Barbara Broccoli says it will take some time to announce a new name.

According to 'Variety', Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill, Idris Elba and even 'Euphoria' star Jacob Elordi have been whispered about in relation to the coveted role, and Lashana Lynch became the first woman to hold the 007 title when her role of Nomi took over Bond's position in the last film.

Bond franchise producer Barbara Broccoli says "it's going to take some time" before Craig's replacement is named, reports 'Variety'.

"It's a big decision," Broccoli told Variety at the Longacre Theatre on Thursday at the opening night of 'Macbeth' on Broadway, which she is producing and in which Craig is also starring.

"It's not just casting a role. It's about a whole rethink about where we're going. I'm just here celebrating one of the greatest actors on the planet, Daniel Craig." Broccoli continued to praise Craig's acting chops, which she's supported as a producer for all five of his Bond films, from 'Casino Royale' in 2006 to 'No Time to Die' in 2021.

She was also a producer on Craig's last appearance on stage, in Sam Gold's 2016 production of



Shakespeare's 'Othello' at New York Theatre Workshop. Gold is directing Craig once again in his adaptation of the Scottish Play, in which Craig stars alongside Oscar nominee Ruth Negga.

"He has an amazing range and he can do anything," Broccoli said of Craig.

"He's just the greatest actor ever, and I think audiences will be thrilled by this portrayal because he's funny, he's dangerous, he's all the things you would want. Together -- he and Ruth -- it's just sexy..."

"The chemistry between the two of them, the volatility, it's like fireworks and it's fun and sexy and there's lots of blood."

The production, alongside a number of other Broadway shows, has faced numerous Covid diffi-

culties, with Craig briefly stepping out of his role after testing positive for the virus earlier this month.

'Macbeth' endured an 11-day shutdown, and Gold even filled in for one of his missing actors on April 14, with an assistant stage manager feeding him lines through an earpiece.

Broccoli said the company has been "making the most of it," and lauded Craig's work at the helm. "Daniel is such a great company leader," Broccoli said.

"He kept the spirit and the momentum going, because at one time we had 11 of the actors out, including Daniel, so he bounced back and Ruth is incredible... We have a great show and I'm just so pleased that things are looking up."

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ful than starting the project from this pious location," she says.

Real storyline and relatable characters are what audiences prefer these days. "I believe broadcast media and society just mirror each other. People see characters and try to be like them, while makers take inspiration from real life people and scenarios to be portrayed on their projects. It is a cycle and this cycle is what keeps the connection intact," she explains.

On whether regional connect helps, she adds: "Undoubtedly, If a show is based on Odisha, people are not going to connect to a woman wearing a lehenga choli or maybe perform a Lavani. A regional connection gives authenticity to your content and helps the audience connect better," she explains. As an actor, Sambhabana takes every new show as a new adventure. "In fact,

I take every day as a new adventure. I'm a very go with the flow' kind of a person. So yes, every show, every character is a new adventure full of surprises. We meet new people, we shoot in various environments, we get to perform various kinds of scenes, we have our ups and downs and that's what keeps my life dynamic," she adds.

Mumbai: Actress Sambhabana Mohanty is seen in the role of Damini in the TV show 'Pyaar Ka Pehla Naam Radha Mohan'. The actor feels that both the story and the title of the show are unique.

"For us Indians, especially while growing up, the first form of love was always referred to as 'prem' between Ram-Sita and Radha-Mohan. It is a form of love that is selfless, pure in essence and unique. In fact, I believe this should be the most exalted form of love. And that love is exactly what we're trying to portray in the show," she says.

Talking about the storyline, she adds: "In the contemporary world, we are taught to bind to any relationship that gives you something in return, whether it is affection, money, time or attention. This show is an out-and-out story of love. Love that is rooted in selflessness, a kind of love where there are no expectations in return, this love is as pure as it is innocent, unadulterated. No complaints, no demands' and that is what I feel will separate this show from others."

Damini, her character in the show, is today's girl, well educated, straightforward and promising. "She has grown up in the same household with Mohan and has been in love with him for the last 12+ years. She is bright, ambitious, handles the house as well as the family business. She's an achiever who doesn't fail, no matter what.

The only thing left for her to do is have a successful marital life with Mohan (Shabir Ahluwalia)," she reveals.

The backdrop of the show is Vrindavan, a city rich in history. "Well, we all got the opportunity to visit and shoot in Vrindavan and Mathura, all thanks to the show. It is a beautiful town full of peace and spirituality. That gave us an immense boost in spirit. Nothing could be more bliss-

FIR against ALTBalaji, MX Player for alleged plagiarism over 'Lock Upp'

Mumbai: Television czarina Ekta R Kapoor has landed in trouble just as her show 'Lock Upp' is heading towards its finale as the Hyderabad Police has registered an FIR against ALTBalaji, MX Player and Endemol Shine for alleged plagiarism. As per the reports Hyderabad Police have begun their inquiry.



makers of the show as he alleged plagiarism against them for copying his concept of 'Jail'.

Recently, he said that it is shocking for him that the show is still going on. "Shocked that the airing of the show has not stopped, I had to knock on the doors of the police. The Hyderabad Police after understanding and verifying the situation in detail have

Hyderabad-based Sanober Baig, managing director of Prime Media filed a complaint in the Supreme Court demanding the show be stopped and was directed to approach the lower court.

Later, the city civil court ordered to stop airing of the show from April 29. He had been fighting a legal battle with the

registered an FIR in the matter under sections 420, 406 and 469 of the IPC. The FIR dated 4th May 2022 at Kanchanbagh Police Station of Hyderabad and bearing the number 86/22 mentions the details."

In February, he had accused the show producer Abhishek Rege of stealing his idea.

On Her 34th B'day, Anushka Talks About Work-Family Life Balance



Mumbai: As she turned 34 on Sunday, actress-producer Anushka Sharma spoke about work-family life balance and how she is focusing on being a part of the best scripts that the Hindi film industry has to offer. That, she said, would make it worth staying away from her one-year-old toddler Vamika.

Anushka says, "I will always want to be a part of the best scripts that come my way. I feel blessed that I am in a position today to select the type of films that I want to do, which also justifies the time that I will spend away from my child.

"I have always been a seeker of balance in life and my priority now lies there. I want to focus on my work life and my family life in equal measure."

The actress says her focus is on the quality of the films that she does.

"I'm always looking for these special scripts that fill me up with joy. I will always be open to doing projects that are incredibly interesting, represents women in cinema correctly and is also disruptive and content forward.

"As and when those come to me, I will be more than happy to do it. That's how I'm approaching my career right now," she says.

Anushka will be next seen in 'Chakda Xpress', a film that traces India's fast bowler Jhulan Goswami's inspirational journey as she moves up the ladder despite hindrances posed by misogynistic politics to fulfil her dream of playing the sport for the country.

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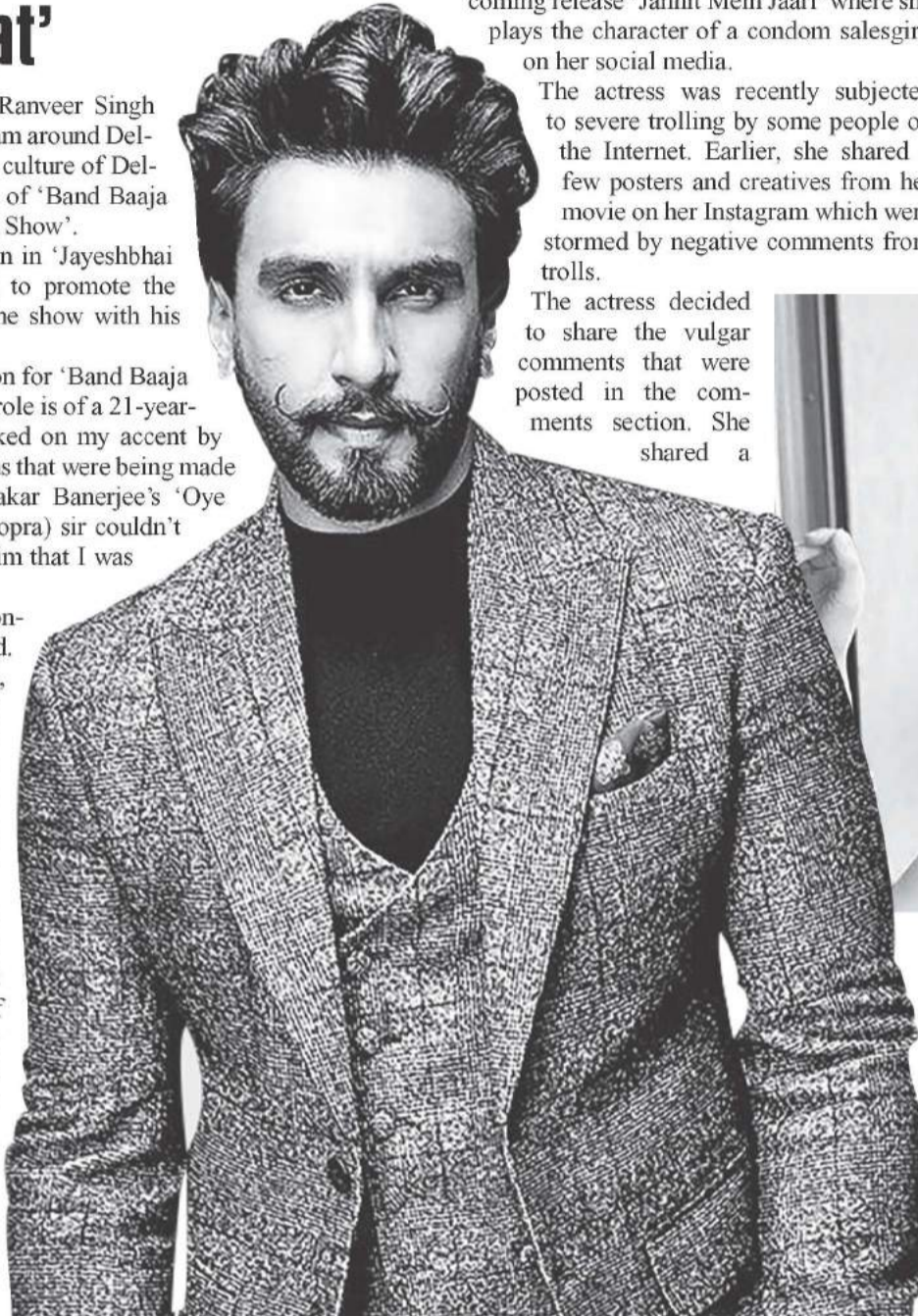


Ranveer Singh Shares How He Prepared For His Debut Role In 'Band Baaja Baaraat'

Mumbai: Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh revealed how he would roam around Delhi University only to absorb the culture of Delhi for his role of Bittoo Sharma of 'Band Baaja Baaraat', on 'The Kapil Sharma Show'. The actor, who will now be seen in 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar', a comedy-drama and to promote the movie he reached the sets of the show with his co-actor Shalini Pandey.

Ranveer said: "I gave the audition for 'Band Baaja Baaraat,' and I was told that the role is of a 21-year-old boy from Delhi. So, I worked on my accent by watching all the Delhi based films that were being made during that time, such as Dibakar Banerjee's 'Oye Lucky Lucky Oye'. Aditya (Chopra) sir couldn't believe it when everyone told him that I was born and raised in Mumbai."

"So, in essence, I was able to convince him in the audition round. Then, to absorb Delhi's culture, Maneesh Sharma (Director) suggested I join them for the location recce, where my task was to do people's recce. He told me to absorb the culture, as that would help me understand the character better," he added. The actor also spoke about his film 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar': "The unique thing about the script was that I had never heard of such a story before. When I narrated the film, I was crying and laughing at the same time. To induce such a feeling, that's a rare film. Even though he is a first-time director, it is also for the first time in my life, I said 'yes' to a script on the spot! I said, 'I have to do this film!'"



Nushratt Bharuccha Hits Back At Trolls Over Condom Salesgirl Role

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Nushratt Bharuccha has been promoting her upcoming release 'Janhit Mein Jaari' where she plays the character of a condom salesgirl, on her social media.

The actress was recently subjected to severe trolling by some people on the Internet. Earlier, she shared a few posters and creatives from her movie on her Instagram which were stormed by negative comments from trolls.

The actress decided to share the vulgar comments that were posted in the comments section. She shared a

video where she can be seen talking about the filthy comments. She said in the video, "A few days back I added two posters from my film on Instagram, in which I, a woman, am seen promoting condoms but people took it in another way. Generally people share the best comments on their profiles but since yesterday so much has been happening with me so I decided to share the worst comments that I've received." She added, "Bass yehi soch toh badalni hai. Koi baat nahi, aap ungli uthao aur mein aawaz uthaungi (This is the type of thinking I want to change. But no worries,



you point fingers at me and I will raise my voice)."

Nushratt received a lot of support from her followers in the comments section, who asked her to not hide the names of the trolls instead put them on display for everyone to see.

Talking about 'Janhit Mein Jaari', the film which also stars Pavail Gulati, Annu Kapoor, Anud Dhaka and Paritosh Tripathi, follows the story of a girl from Madhya Pradesh, who takes up the job of selling condoms in her city and how she fights against the societal taboos.

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Lock Upp': Poonam Pandey Evicted Just Before The Finale

New Delhi: 'Nasha' actress Poonam Pandey recently got evicted from reality show 'Lock Upp'. Poonam lost the game and despite being a strong contestant she got eliminated during a task.

In an arena task between Poonam and Saisha Shinde, there is a tunnel in which there is a (safety) buzzer, both of them had to enter the tunnel and press the buzzer marked on each letter. Saisha eventually won, Poonam lost and was locked out from the 'Lock Upp'.

Poonam cried a lot after her loss, before leaving Karan Kundrra praised her and said: "You have had a commendable journey".

Poonam was seen on the show revealing her secret about facing abuse from her ex-husband. She also shared how her family was thrown out of a housing society because it was her family. Even none of the family members told her the reason why they were thrown out because she was the only earning member.

She also took off her T-shirt in one of the episodes as she promised to her fans. She was one of the contestants who was close to the finale but got evicted.



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For more information Dr. Kala Singh can be contacted at 604 327 5253. He published his book Gurmat Doctrines (Part 1) last April. His second book Gurmat Doctrines (Part 2) published this week. Both books are available on amazon.com

After Saying He Won't Be Serving 'Koffee With Karan' Anymore, KJo Posts He's Back

Mumbai: After throwing the bait with regards to 'Koffee With Karan' not returning, filmmaker-producer-talk show host Karan Johar has now stated that the seventh season of the hugely popular chat show will return this time on the streaming medium.

A few hours after his earlier Instagram post, Karan revealed that the show will see some of the biggest stars of the country gracing the couch as the fight for the iconic coffee hamper will only get fierce in the new season.

Taking to his Instagram, KJo shared yet another note that spoke about the medium of exhibition of the upcoming season. The note read, "Koffee With Karan will not be returning...on TV! Because every great story needs a good twist, I'm delighted to announce that Season 7 of Koffee With Karan will stream exclusively on Disney+ Hotstar! (sic)."

Along with Hotstar Special's 'Koffee with Karan Season 7', the show's most viewed segment, rapid-fire round (that's usually rapid and full of fire) will also return to entertain guests and viewers alike. Adding to the excitement, the new



season will also introduce new games like Koffee Bingo, Mashed Up, and more, bringing fans closer to their favourite stars.

The note further stated, "The biggest movie stars from across India will return to the couch to spill the beans while drinking some koffee. There will be games, there will be rumours put to rest -- and there will be conversations that go deep, about love, loss and everything we've all been through over the last few years. Koffee With Karan, 'steaming' soon, only on Disney+ Hotstar. Toodles!"

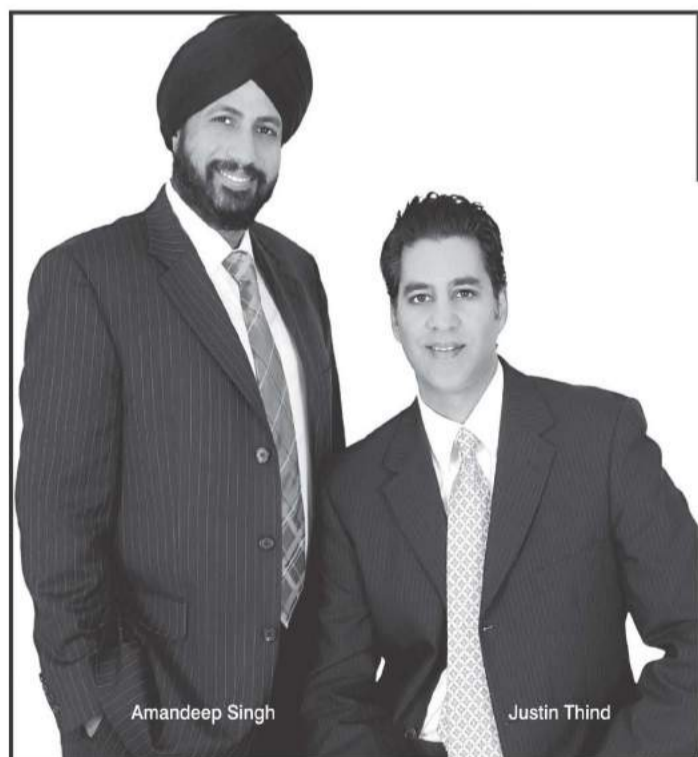
Earlier, Karan had shared a similar note in terms of look and feel where with a heavy heart, he announced that the show will see the end to its journey as it will never return to the small screen. But, the recent development only tells that

the filmmaker was drumming up the buzz for the new season.

Speaking on the occasion, Karan said, "The beans have been roasting long enough, and it is now time to finally brew them. It is an all-new season of Koffee With Karan and I cannot wait for my friends and guests to make a run for the esteemed coffee hamper as the audience watches the show only on Disney+ Hotstar this time."

"Viewers can expect this season to be more entertaining with fun segments, style, coming closer to your favourite stars, filled with glam and wit, making it bigger and better," he added.

The seventh edition of 'Koffee With Karan' will start shooting on May 7, 2022 and will be available to stream on Disney+ Hotstar.



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