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# Surrey Mayoral Candidate Misleading, **Confusing Public on City's Policing**

**Transition: Rick Stewart** 

- · 'Surrey Police Transition is well past the point of no return' says Surrey Police Union president Rick Stewart in a letter to Surrey Residents
- · Surrey decided to transition to municipal policing in 2018. Flipflopping back and forth would be irresponsible to taxpayers and public safety. · Three levels of government are safely and impartially guiding the transition - it is certainly not the 'pet project' of any one politician

As Surrey residents decide to vote for their next mayor and the city council, housing, transport and policing remain top concerns. Mayoral candidates and their respective slates have made different promises in terms of infrastructure development and housing.

But when it comes to policing transition from RCMP to Surrey Police Service (SPS), can any party reverse or stop the transition? Surrey Police Union president Rick Stewart says, "Three levels



of government are safely and impartially guiding the transition - it is certainly not the 'pet project' of any one poli-



Surrey Police Union president Rick Stewart

tician."

Stewart recently penned down two separate letters to residents of the city and to various media organizations to explain how the transition is underway and claimed that "it is well past the point of no return."

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# Surrey's Dave Hayer Honoured



Long term Surrey politician and community volunteer Dave Hayer was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal Oct 11, 2022, for his Outstanding Service to Community. Haver served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism and (Read full story on Page 12)

Immigration from 2005 -2011, where he worked closely with the Minister of Science and Universities and the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development, which was responsible for the Provincial Nominee Program.

# It's Decision Time, **Please Vote!**

It has been a roller coaster ride for the residents, politicians, candidates and even media. A lot has been promised by mayoral candidates and the council candidates. It is up to voters to decide who should run your city those who have made promises or those who have a proven track record of delivering on their promises. Go out and

Families are facing challenging times with high inflation. Food prices and gas prices are sky rocketing. Think which team will be working for you but not for themselves. Eligible voters are casting their ballot to elect mayor's and the council across BC. There are 8 candidates running in Surrey for the post of the Mayor, 56 candidates for councillor and 20 for the school trustee to elect one mayor, eight councillors and six school trustees.

There are 6 mayoral candidates who are running with their slate. Two are running as independent.

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# The American dream gone wrong; wife of slain Jasdeep Dheri pens heartfelt note

This is the story of our American dream gone wrong," the grieving wife of an Indian-origin Sikh man killed along with three members of his brother's family, including an 8-month-old baby, has said.

Bodies of 36-year-old Jasdeep Singh, 27-year-old Jasleen Kaur, their eight-month-old child Aroohi Dheri and the baby's uncle, 39-year-old Amandeep Singh were found on Wednesday evening in an orchard after they were kidnapped on Monday.

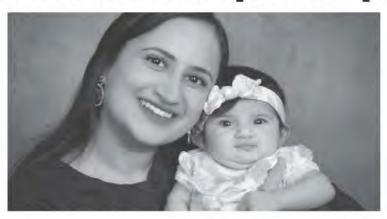
The family, originally from Harsi Pind in Hoshiarpur, Punjab, was kidnapped at a business in Merced County, California.

Jaspreet Kaur, Amandeep's widow, said in a GoFundMe fundraiser that her husband and his brother had been in the United States for 18 years and supported not only their families in California but also their elderly parents back in India.

"This is the story of our shared American dream gone wrong," she wrote. "Our loving family was violently taken away from us on October 3rd," the family's gofundme page said.

Kaur said her husband routinely donated food to the local food bank and never missed Sunday service in the local Sikh temple. They had a nine-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son.

The family's gofundme page said the two brothers were "the primary bread earners for the family (and) supported their el-





## In Memory of The Dheri Family



derly parents." the appeal said. Aroohi's parents, Jasdeep and Jasleen, married three years ago in India and re-united two years ago in America after Jasleen's immigration. They were barely starting to make memories together as a family with their baby.

"In keeping with his name, Aman (meaning peace) was calm, positive, charitable, and always ready to help others. Aman was the rock of his family, a great dad who always made time to cuddle his son Ekam, read with his daughter Seerat, and treasure their many art projects and oth-

er accomplishments. Aman was loved and admired by his wife, Jass. Aman routinely donated food to the local food bank and found comfort in his faith, never missing Sunday service in the temple. He was a caring elder brother and a role model to his cousins," she wrote.

The suspect in the killing of the Sikh family has been arrested. He once worked for the family's trucking business and had a long-standing dispute with them that got "pretty nasty" and culminated in an act of senseless killing, authorities and a relative said. Authorities said they were kid-

Authorities said they were kidnapped from the family's trucking business in the central California city of Merced, and parts of the kidnapping were captured on surveillance video.

Jesus Manuel Salgado, 48, was formally arrested on four counts of murder and four counts of kidnapping in the case, Merced County sheriff's spokesperson Alexandra Britton said.

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# International students will have freedom to seek out new employment if they are being mistreated

## Students across Canada welcome Federal government's Decision to Allow International Students to Work Without Limitations

Students from across Canada applaud the Canadian Government's decision to lift the limits on the number of hours international students can work off campus. The program, which starts November 15, 2022, is slated to end December 31, 2023 and will allow the over 600,000 international students studying in Canada to increase the number of hours they can work off campus beyond 20 hours.

"We applaud the federal government for taking the initiative to support and advance the career development of international learners," said Navleen Kaur, President of the Concordia Students' Association. "The removal of work hour limitations will be beneficial for international students to work in different sectors and gain work experience in industries that didn't offer part time employment."

According to BC Federation of Students,

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"On average international students pay \$36,100 a year in tuition, which is 430% more than domestic students. These fees are also almost entirely unregulated, and

in some cases, fees have gone up more than 20% year to year. On top of that unpredictability, international students grapple with the same issues as domestic stu-

dents: the high cost of living, unaffordable

Canada

rent, and record high inflation." "This is a big win for international students," said Melissa Chirino, Chairperson

of BC Federation of Students. "Compared to the cost of living in Canada, 20 hours does not go a long way. This decision alleviates some of the financial burden these students face on a daily basis while recognizing there's more work to be done." Current limitations prevent international students from working more than 20 hours in jobs off campus. Allowing international students the ability to work more than 20 hours a week opens the doors to new jobs and less precarious work.

Numerous international students have reported being victims of workplace harassment and feeling stuck at those employers

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since the limitations on their employment are so numerous. Now, they will have the freedom to seek out new employment if they are being mistreated. Additionally, Statistics Canada research shows that when international students work off campus, they are 200% more likely to stay in Canada and become permanent residents which is crucial to make up for the shortfall in the labour force.

"We are excited about the ability for international learners to begin working twenty-plus hours off campus," said Dhruv Jani, Director of External Affairs of the Student Association of Bow Valley College. "This brings opportunities for students to pay into their student debts, and gain experience in a Canadian workplace setting. We applaud the Government of Canada for allowing international learners the opportunity to create income during their studies.'

Nolan Nordwall, Vice President External at the BCIT Student Association, said, "I know a lot of my peers will be relieved by this news. I'm pleased to see the Federal Government empowering international students to offset their exceptionally high tuition.'

"A great news indeed, it is a win-win situation for the industry which has a huge skilled workforce shortage and just because of the hourly limit the potential was under-utilized." said Deep Pandya, President at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Students' Association. "It was also the need of the hour as the students have been severely affected by the recent increase in the cost-of-living expenses and the fee

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# Alberta Conservative MP Jasraj Singh Hallan Named **As Conservative's New Finance Critic**

onservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has released his list of parliamentary critics. He's chosen Alberta Conservative MP Jasraj Singh Hallan as the party's new finance crit-

"I am proud to announce our hard-working and strong team that will take on Trudeau and his costly coalition and their plans to continue to cripple the Canadian economy and make life more costly for Canadians," said Poilievre.

While thanking Poilievre for showing trust, Hallan said, "I am blessed to represent the incredible people of Calgary Forest Lawn as their Member of Parliament and now Shadow Minister for Finance.'

He said at the age of 5, he came to Canada with his family from the Middle East. "We did not come with much other than hope in our hearts and the Canadian dream. Over the years, we went through much adversity, but we continued to survive."

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morning to deliver papers, going to school and then coming back to pursue another entrepreneurial adventure to survive, my parents, siblings and I never gave up. I am an immigrant who was an at-risk youth. However, with the grace of God, Canada's love of free enterprise and the Canadian dream, I worked hard, attained education in accounting and ran a successful small business," he said.

"Our Leader has been very clear, he wants everyone to have the same opportunities to succeed as we both had coming from humble beginnings. However, the Canadian dream that many immigrants and I have enjoyed is disappearing thanks to Liberal economic mismanagement and neglect. That is why our Conservative team will continue to work hard and fight for all Canadians. We are fighting to give Canadians and new comers the chance to pursue the Canadian dream without restriction. We are fighting for hope, freedom and prosperity," he said.



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# Vancouver-Based Global Punjabi Literary Prize Releases Finalists Vying For Awards Valued At \$45,000

ANCOUVER, BC: The Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature has announced the 2022 finalists for its awards valued at \$45,000 CDN, cumulatively. The Prize promotes Punjabi literature on a global scale by awarding \$25,000 CDN annually to the best book of fiction published in either the Gurmukhi or Shahmukhi script, along with two finalist prizes of \$10,000 CDN each.

The 2022 Finalists of the Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature are: Chaulan Di Burki ('A Mouthful of Rice'), Short Stories By Javed Boota (Chantilly, Virginia, USA) Dubolia: Short Stories by Balwinder Singh Grewal (Ludhiana, India)

Jhanjraan Wale Paer: Short Stories by Arvinder Kaur Dhaliwal (Amritsar, India)

The winner will be named at cer-



emonies held on November 17, 2022 at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel.

The Dhahan Prize is the largest, international literary award for fiction books in the Punjabi language. Its goal is to bridge Punjabi communities around the world, and promote Punjabi literature on a global scale.

Since launching in 2013, the awards have garnered critical

acclaim and significant exposure for aspiring and established writers, setting



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the stage for their books to reach broader multilingual audiences. The Dhahan Prize was established in Vancouver, British Columbia, where Punjabi people, language, and culture have a rich history. Punjabi is now the 3rd most spoken language in Canada, and is a strong thread in the multicultural fabric of the nation.

The prize is awarded by the Canada India Education Society (CIES) and was created in

partnership with the Department of Asian Studies at University of British Columbia (UBC). It is currently funded by Barj and Rita Dhahan along with family and friends. Sponsors of the prize include RBC Foundation (presenting), Harj & Darshan Grewal of RBC Dominion Securities, Adrian Keenan of RE/ MAX, G.L. Smith Planning & Design and others.

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# **Vancouver Teen Stabbed Multiple Times In Fight Over Vape Pen**

couver teens were hospitalized on Tuesday, October 11, night following a violent encounter on the city's west side, which Vancouver Police believe started when one youth accused the other of stealing a vape pen. One teen suffered multiple stab wounds and required surgery.

Several witnesses reported seeing two people fighting near a bus stop at Dunbar and West 41st Avenue around 8:30 p.m. When VPD officers responded, they located a 17-year-old suffering from a number of life-threatening wounds. The victim was bleeding profusely,

JANCOUVER: Two Van- and a VPD officer applied pressure to the wounds to stem the bleeding.

> The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance and is expected to survive.

> Police later located an 18-yearold suspect in East Vancouver, who was also suffering injuries that required hospitalization. Those injuries are not life-threatening.

> The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the incident but left before police arrived is asked to call Vancouver Police Department's Major Crime Section at 604-717-

# **Surrey Shooting Victim Drives Himself To Hospital**

Surrey RCMP is seeking information on a shooting that occurred on Sunday and requesting anyone with dash camera footage from the area to contact police.

On October 9, 2022, at approximately 6:13 p.m., Surrey RCMP received a report that a man with a gunshot wound had attended a hospital in another jurisdiction. The man was allegedly shot while in his vehicle waiting at a red light in the area of Scott Road and 110 Avenue in Surrey. The man sustained an injury to his hand, allegedly drove himself to an area

been released.

Surrey RCMP's General Investigation Unit has conduct of the investigation and initial indications are that it was a targeted incident. Although the motive of the shooting remains under investigation, the victim is known to police and has gang affiliations.

At the time of the shooting the victim was driving a 2016 White Honda Civic and travelling northbound on Scott Road. The suspect vehicle is described as a dark sedan.

"This shooting allegedly occurred on a busy road-

hospital, and has since way during the day and yet we did not receive any police reports," says, Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Corporal Vanessa Munn. "Investigators are asking for anyone who was travelling along Scott Road near 110 Avenue on Sunday between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. who has dash camera footage to contact police."

> 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.

# Vancouver woman charged with administering overpowering drugs to men and steeling money

CURREY: Surrey RCMP informed public that multiple charges, including a manslaughter charge, have been laid in relation to an alleged series of druggings.

30-year-old Jessica Kane has been remanded into custody while she awaits her next court

Surrey RCMP informed that

Jessica Nicole Renee Kane of Vancouver who allegedly committed multiple offences in Surrey, Burnaby, Langley and Vancouver.

In September 2021, Surrey RCMP initiated an investigation after officers in the Community Response Unit linked multiple reports of men being drugged and having their bean escort service. In one of the incidents in February 2021, a man died, allegedly after being administered a substance during an encounter.

On September 20, 2022, Kane was arrested. She has been charged with the following offences:

Manslaughter

longings stolen while utilizing Seven counts of administering a stupefying or overpowering drug or substance

Six counts of theft over \$5000 One count of theft

Four counts of fraud

Two counts of extortion Investigators believe there could be others in the community who may have informa-

tion but are reluctant to come

forward to police, says Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Corporal Vanessa Munn. We are encouraging anyone with information to come forward and make a police report with the Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit.

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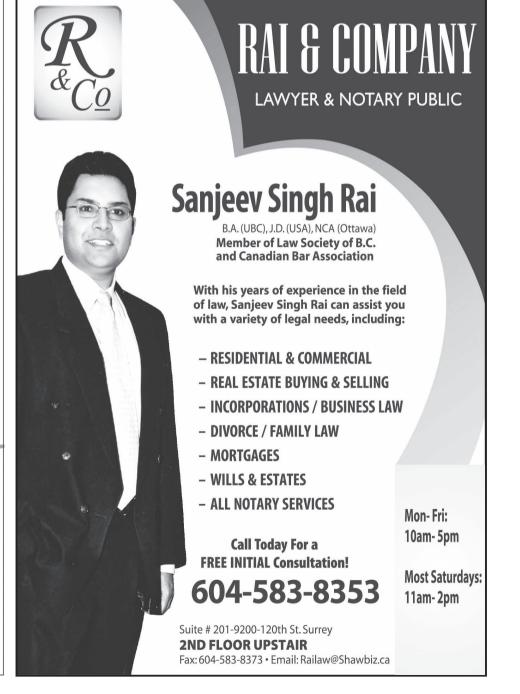
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# WCCAR Rally Condemns Vandalism at the Komagata Maru Memorial

By Harinder Mahil

The West Coast Coalition Against Racism (WCCAR) held a rally last Saturday to condemn the vandalism that took place last week at the Komagata Maru memorial in Vancouver. This was the second incident of vandalism in fourteen months. Back in August 2021, the memorial was defaced with white paint.

This was a shocking incident of hate. Whoever did it is trying to send a message that people depicted in the memorial photographs (who wear turbans) have no right to be in Canada and that there should not be a memorial like this.

The memorial was installed in 2013 to pay tribute to the 376 passengers aboard the Komagata Maru steamship, which travelled from India to Vancouver in May 1914. The passengers were not allowed to disembark from the ship due to racist immigration policies of the day. After two months, the ship's passengers were forced to turn back. When they reached India, 20 were shot and killed and many

others were jailed as political agitators.

In May 2008, the government of British Columbia officially apologized for the way the Komagata Maru's passengers were treated.

In August 2008, former Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized at a fair organized by the South Asian community in Surrey, British Columbia. Many in the community were unhappy with the place chosen for this apology. They wanted it delivered in the House of Commons in Ottawa, where comparable Canadian government apologies for past injustices against other minorities had been made.

On 18 May 2016, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau formally apologized for the incident before the House of Commons: "Today — while knowing that no words can fully erase the pain and suffering experienced by the passengers — I offer a sincere apology on behalf of the government for the laws in force at the time that allowed Canada to be indifferent to the plight of the passengers of the Komagata Maru."

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again. The memorial was erected because we recognize today that we must not allow racist immigration policies similar to those that existed in 1914.

We in WCCAR are extremely concerned about rise in incidents of hate in Canada. According to Statistics Canada in 2020, Canadian police reported 2,669 criminal incidents that were motivated by hate. This was the largest number recorded since comparable data became available in 2009.

This, together with other expressions of hate towards members of minority communities shows that hate is a serious problem which must be confronted in this country. Putting an end to hate requires that community groups and all levels of government take concrete urgent action to address such outrages.

Hate crimes result in a disproportionate level of harm, which affects not only the individual, but also the victim's community. Attacks, whether directed against individuals or communal institutions, have the effect of leaving entire communities feeling vulnerable and isolated.

The members of our Coalition extend their solidarity to members of the South Asian community who are hurt by this vandalism. We stand with them against all forms of racism, bigotry and religious intolerance.

We call on police and the government authorities to thoroughly investigate this incident and deal with whoever has done this. More importantly, we call on the governments at all levels take steps to eradicate hate from our society.

Harinder Mahil is President of the West Coast Coalition Against Racism (WC-CAR).

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# Surrey Mayoral Candidate Misleading, Confusing Public on City's...

The letter was in response to recent claims made by Surrey Connect Leader and mayoral candidate Brenda Locke. In a release she said that policy of keeping the RCMP will save Surrey \$520 million over the next 4 years.

Stewart called the claims "erroneous", "false" based on "un-founded information.

Without naming the party or the candidate, he refuted claims about RCMP being more cost effective, he said, "Any suggestion that Surrey can save half a billion dollars over four years in policing costs clearly indicates that those making these statements are not familiar with how police finances work for either independent or contracted services."

He noted, "She ignored the fact that the RCMP also requires capital expenditures and neglected to consider RCMP wage increases.

the erroneous assumptions that were not sourced in any meaningful way or fact-checked. RCMP also requires capital expenditures and neglected to consider RCMP wage increases."

"The common reason the RCMP is considered 'cheaper' is the well-known "10% subsidy" for municipalities. This subsidy is more than offset by other divisional administrative billed to Surrey that Surrey has zero control over. For our city, the amount is in the range of \$20M, more than the 10% subsidy. In addition, the RCMP has the right to redeploy up to 10% of members to provincial and federal policing priorities, which means they are not working in Surrey, for Surrey residents and businesses," he

Mentioning benefits of commu-

These are but a few examples of nity policing he said, "A municipal police service comes with civilian oversight, increased public accountability, and considerably more transparency. If municipal policing was so outrageously expensive compared to the RCMP, why wouldn't every major city in Canada not be contracting this service out?"

Locke also claimed "It's not too late to keep the RCMP, and it's not too late to transition the SPS out. There is no legal mechanism in place for transfer of assets or a termination date for the RCMP," she said.

Stewart in response said that Surrey Police Transition is not a recent or small project that just started. He said, "The decision to transition policing in Surrey from the RCMP to SPS began four years ago. It was approved by the Province of BC and is well underway. Today, SPS is the second largest municipal police agency in BC, with over 350 sworn and civilian employees. Our members have a collective agreement that provides them with job security and appropriate compensation, just like every other police service. Phase one of the policing transition began in November 2021 with the operational deployment of our first group of officers. Today we have over 150 officers responding to calls for service in Surrey and working to keep residents safe, with more officers being deployed every two months. Three levels of government are safely and impartially guiding the transition - it is certainly not the 'pet project' of any one politician. SPS itself is an independent police agency governed by a civilian police board." Some other points that made a

strong case for Surrey police were that all large Canadian cities have and need their own local police service and no other municipality in Canada with over 300,000 residents that does not have a dedicated police service, Surrey residents are currently under-served by the RCMP.

Much has been made about the 10% subsidy Surrey receives from the federal government for contracting the RCMP. While it may seem like a great deal for taxpayers, it comes with conditions, Stewart said. "The quid pro quo is the RCMP can redeploy Surrey officers to meet needs elsewhere in BC or across the country - from trucker protests in Alberta and Ontario, to security detail for visiting dignitaries, to providing vacation relief to RCMP members in isolated postings. The bottom line is that, at any given time, there can be 10% fewer resources serving the citizens of Surrey. Surrey residents must also put up with regular staffing changes and vacancies as RCMP members move from city to city and province to province over their careers. Alternatively, the vast majority of SPS officers will spend their entire careers serving the citizens of Surrey. We are committed to ensuring SPS is appropriately staffed for Surrey's needs and the safety of our officers."

Surrey Police Union also shared a link of the contract to evaluate SPS as police of jurisdiction. Completion is March 31, 2023. "Some falsely claim that the policing transition is 'years away' - incorrect," said Surrey Police

He appealed to public that Surrey has a growing new police service made up of individuals who have chosen to serve Surrey. "They are working hard to create a modern police service that will be responsive to the priorities and needs of Surrey citizens."



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# **Jaswant Lohat Gets Inspiring Seniors Award For Dedicating** Time, Energy To Serve Community

**DIVERSECITY announced Awards of Impact 2022** in five categories



SURREY: DIVERSECITY Community Resources Society announced the recipients of 2022 DIVERSEcity Awards of Impact, honoured at 44th Annual General Meeting this Septem-

DIVERSEcity offers five annual awards in the areas of food justice, youth leadership, seniors, violence prevention and community engagement, which each include a financial award of \$500.

Mainu Ahmed, a cofounder and volunteer director at Muslim Food Bank and Community Services in Surrey, BC, received Food Justice Advocate Award. Muslim Food Bank offers food bank programs that serve clients with special dietary needs, along with other social services. His advocacy around culturally appropriate food security is inspiring and impactful, and he has been a longstanding community partner of DIVERSEcity's Food Security programs. Unsurprisingly, Ahmed donated the \$500 financial portion of the award to Muslim Food Bank.

"We make sure that newcomers, refugees or others have religiously and culturally appropriate food, be it kosher, halal or vegan. We provide welcome food boxes for all refugees coming into the city [of Surrey], as well as emergency food boxes," Ahmed said. Jyoti Sheokand, a past client of DI-VERSEcity's Future Troopers Youth Employment Program, got Youth Leadership Award. Sheokand is a trained physiotherapist, she came to Canada as a permanent resident in 2022, alone and seeking a better life and a career. With the help of DIVERSEcity, she found a job at UBC, is leading by example and is now preparing to challenge the physiotherapy competency exam in BC so she can return to her profession.

"I came to Canada just four months back and didn't know a single person. I was excited that I would fulfill my dream, but I was anxious that I don't know anyone if I would need something, adapting here, finding a job and other stuff. But when I met DIVER-

SEcity team, I felt like God has sent a genie to help. I am really thankful; thank you for making me feel like home," said Sheokand upon receiving the award

Mojisola Allen was given the Strengthening Safety Award. Originally from Nigeria, Allen fled to Canada with her two children, one boy and one girl, escaping domestic violence. Her journey with DIVERSEcity started by accessing counselling services and through healing later became a member of the Survivor Advisory Panel for DIVER-SEcity's Roots of Safety Program, which is guiding the creation a cultural appropriate framework for violence prevention services.

77 years young Jaswant Lohat received the Inspiring Seniors Award. Lohat t came to Canada in 2009 and is a caregiver for her husband, a stroke survivor. Other than the emotional and informational support she receives from DIVERSEcity's Newcomer Family & Friends Caregiver Support Program, she has little other support. Despite this, she dedicates time and energy to actively participate in the community, is always ready to volunteer and supports other seniors in need.

'This award is very important to me. Thank you for appreciating for my work as a community supporter and being a caregiver for my husband, who had a stroke the last seven years. Being a caregiver, I have a very busy life, making sure my husband has healthy meals, medicine on time and taking him to the doctor's. Although I'm very busy, I make sure I volunteer for the community. I love to participate in different community events and helping seniors whenever they need. It just makes me feel good and brings fulfillment to my life," said Jaswant Lohat. Tammy Huston a volunteer with DI-VERSEcity got Community Champion Award. Since the start of the pandemic, Huston has spent countless hours grocery shopping and delivering

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# Long term Surrey politician Dave Hayer awarded Queen Elizabeth II's Medal for Outstanding Service to Community

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Dave S. Hayer MLA from May 2001 to May 2013, who is proud to call Surrey his home since 1972, was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal Oct 11, 2022 for his Outstanding Service to Community.

Dave Sukhdip Singh Hayer was born in 1958 in India. He is proud to call Surrey his home since 1972. He has raised his family in this city. He went to Queen Elizabeth Secondary, SFU, UBC, Douglas College and BCIT.

Dave was first elected to the BC Legislature as MLA for the riding of Surrey-Tynehead which includes Guildford, Fraser Heights, Fleetwood, Port Kells and Tynehead areas, in the 2001 provincial general election and was re-elected in 2005 and 2009

He also served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism and Immigration from 2005 -2011, where he worked closely with the Minister of Science and Universities and the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development, which was responsible for the Provincial Nominee Program.

Before entering politics, Hayer was a Surrey businessperson, Assistant Publisher of the Indo-Canadian Times, Kwantlen University College Governor, real estate agent, and worked in the restaurant, newspaper, construction, transportation and forestry industries. In addition, he has worked as a labourer in a steel factory and during his teenage years worked on farms, in greenhouses, in a grocery store and even delivered both the Sun and Province newspapers.

In 2007, Dave received a prestigious award from the Government of India. The Pravasi Bharatia Samman Award is annually given to people of Indian heritage, no



longer living in India, who have achieved excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor.

At the presentation ceremony, Dave was described as a "great friend of India" for having been a strong voice in the Indo-Canadian community against terrorism and violence. He was the only Canadian among 15 people to receive the Pravasi Bharatia Samman Award that year and to date Dave was the second Canadian to be presented with this honour.

On February 10th 2013 he was again presented with a Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Canadian Coalition Against Terror (C-CAT) for his contribution to the advancement of sound public policy on terrorism issues in Canada.



# Punjab Beauty contest offers to marry Canadian Punjabi boy; FIR lodged

Posters of a beauty contest giving the winner a chance to marry a Canadian NRI groom surfaced in Punjab's Bathinda, prompting the authorities to register an FIR. Two people have been arrested in connection with the case, said police on Friday.

In the posters that were found pasted on walls at several places in Bathinda on Thursday, it was written that a competition of "beautiful women" (only for the general category) will be organised at a local hotel on October 23. The winner will be offered a chance to get married



A police official said a case has been registered under relevant sections of the IPC and the Indecent Representation of Women (Management) Act, 1986. Police said further investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, Punjab Social Security Women and Child Development minister Baljit Kaur condemned the incident. "Pasting posters to organise a beauty competition in Bathinda to choose a girl of a particular caste for marriage is highly condemnable," she said in a statement here. The

to an NRI from Canada, according to the minister ordered the director of the social security, women and child development department to submit a report in this regard as soon as possible.

> Kaur asked the deputy commissioner of Bathinda to take strict action under the relevant section of the Indecent Representation of Women (Management) Act, 1986. Kaur said the matter came to her notice through social media. "There will be an awareness march in the city against the incident," she said, adding the desire of Punjabis to settle abroad also leads to such incidents.

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Doug McCallum (Safe Surrey Coalition); Sukh Dhaliwal (United Surrey); Gordie Hogg (Surrey First); Brenda Locke (Surrey Connect); Jinny Sims (Surrey Forward); Amrit Singh Birring (People's Council Surrey); John Milton Wolanski (Independent); Kuldip Pelia (Independent)

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# Gurdass Ram Aalam – Peoples' Poet

(October 1912 - September 1989)



By Zile Singh

"Great poetry has the power to start a fire in a person's life".

Literature has played a significant role in evoking human sensibilities. Literature, in the form of prose and poetry has tried not only to make people feel at ease but also create a stir in human mind to agitate and throw away the yoke of anxiety, bonded labour and slavery; political, economic. social or else.

"Great poetry has the power to start a fire in a person's life".

It is worth mentioning poetry of Gurdass Ram Aalam, almost an unlettered brick kiln labourer from Punjab. He wrote against the oppression of the haves on the haves-not.

Not having tasted the independence of India from the British colonialism, he, in his own satirical style penned a poem entitled "Azadi' immediately after we got independence.

Azadi is one of his most popular poems. People from Punjab make use of it to play around the significance of Azadi. Generally, a large section of society from Punjab is of a view that Punjab has, despite numerous sacrifices during freedom movement, got nothing from Azadi. They ascribe that the day-to-day worsening situation of Punjab is due to the policies of the Central government(s).

Some lines of Gurdass Ram Aalam's poem are:

Kiewn bhai Nihalia, Azadi nahi vekhi? Na bhai bharava, na khadi, na vekhi.

Mein Jaggu taun sunaya, Ambale khari

see. Bari bhid usede udale khari see. Unofficial translation runs like -

"Nihale, have you seen Azadi? He said, "No brother, neither have I eaten it nor have seen it. I heard from Jaggu that it was standing at Ambala. There was crowd around it. ......"

To celebrate Aalam's 110th birth anniversary, a poetry programme was arranged on October 9, at 7050, Senior Centre Surrey, Canada by Principal(retd.) M.C. Kaler. He founded Lok Kavi Gurdass Ram Aalam Sahit Sabha, Canada in 2018. Speakers spoke about the life of Lok Kavi Aalam and his poetry. Aalam belonged to unprivileged class of society. In comparison, Aalam stood strong with other prominent Punjabi poets of that era. One speaker kept Aalam on a higher pedestal than that of popular Punjabi singer Gurdass Mann. Another termed his poem on Azadi as 'time specific' only. Today, after 75 years of Independence of



India, many people of unprivileged class occupy a prominent place in politics, economics, and bureaucracy of India. In today's circumstances, Azadi cannot be

mocked at.

It is because of Azadi that onefourth officers in All India Services and the Provincial Civil Services are from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Azadi for them has proved a panacea from 'Servitude to Freedom'. It has a taste of 'nectar'.

So far three prominent Dalits have held the post of 'The President of India.' have occupied the chairs of Union Ministers, Speakers of Lok Sabha, Governors and Chief Ministers. However, it is a matter of concern that incidents of class-based discrimination still occur. Let us put a stop on that ill mentality of a few disgruntled people here and there. Let the unfounded anxiety and suspicion that we got nothing from Azadi be wiped out. Lately, the Other Backward Classes also have their hay days. We are in the process of 'Becoming'. All have been benefitted from Azadi. The need of the day is that the rulers also need to protect Azadi with responsibility and answerability because Azadi is the oxygen of the soul.

Azadi expects all of us to be humble and not haughty.

Before demanding our rights, let us perform our duty. Protectors of the rights (Azadi)

must be fair and square. While holding a public post, let us not earn income unfair.

Today, Aalam must be holding his head high in heaven to see that his poetry has travelled beyond the borders of Punjab. His voice echoes in countries like. Canada, UK, USA, etc. Also, the privileged class from Punjab to whom Aalam was an untouchable once, are praising

him proudly.

Credit goes to the programme organizer, Principal Malook Chand Kaler, prominent speakers, attendees of both sexes and the management of the Senior Centre, Surrey.

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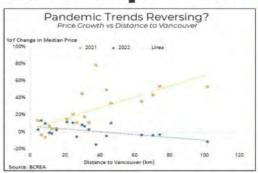
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ANCOUVER: The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that a total of 4,977 residential unit sales were recorded by the Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) in September 2022, a decrease of 45.8 per cent from September 2021. The average MLS® residential price in BC was \$927,119, a 1.7 per cent increase from \$912,008 recorded in September 2021. Total sales dollar volume was \$4.6 billion, a 44.9 per cent decline from the same time last year.

"Mortgage qualifying continues to be

a significant hurdle for many potential buyers as interest rates rise," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "In addition, many trends that drove demand in smaller markets, such as remote work and the quest for affordable space, have faded in prominence. As a result, we see a stronger pullback in markets outside of major metropolitan areas."

Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar lion. Residential unit sales were down \$1.01 million.



volume was down 24.2 per cent from 31.8 per cent to 67,547 units, while the average the same period in 2021 to \$68.5 bil- MLS® residential price was up 11.3 per cent to

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	671,783	151
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	952,076	847
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	1,232,213	1,701
Greater Vancouver	4.9	-46.8
	831,124	642
Okanagan	16.2	-38.6
	559,053	182
Kamloops	2.8	-39.9
	514,172	243
Kootenay	9.3	-29.2
	254,260	35
South Peace River	-5.7	-14.6
	555,311	19
Powell River	-2.7	-40.6
-	698,459	469
Vancouver Island	-0.9	-47.8
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## 19767 33 Avenue



Luxury semi-custom built home in Langle Brookswood! Home features 8 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms with fully finished large 2 suites! (2+1), fenced backyard, and fully landscaped front. Over 5400 sqft of living space! Main floor features beautiful high ceilings and custom designs. Open to below Family room, loads of windows to soak in that natural light. Living/dining + a den and a master bedroom with a full ensuite. Beautiful kitchen with a large sland+bonus spice kitchen with a walk in pantry Upstairs features 4 bedrooms all with their own private 4 washrooms. In the basement you have a large media room + bar for + a full washroom, perfect for entreating and partying! Unique living style surrounded by Parks and Trails is perfect for families. Must see!



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16th October, Sunday 10:00 am Sukhmani Sahib Path, kirtan and langar

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# Dave Hayer was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal Oct 11, 2022 for his Outstanding Service to Community Dave Hayer's Biography and Community service:

Dave is proud to call Surrey his home since 1972. He has raised his family in this beautiful city. Dave went to Queen Elizabeth Secondary, SFU, UBC, Douglas College and BCIT. Dave graduated with Bachelor of Arts in Bus Admin from SFU & Strategic Leadership Certificate from the UBC

Dave was MLA for Surrey Typehead which included Fleetwood, Port Kells, Tynehead, Fraser Heights & Guildford area from May 2001 to May 2013. Dave was also the Parliamentary Secretary for the Multiculturalism and Immigration for BC from 2005 -2011. Dave retired from the Mortgage business at the CIBC Bank & Dominion Lending.

Dave has worked as a businessperson, as a public accountant from 1983 to 1988, as an assistant publisher of the Indo-Canadian Times Newspaper. Dave's other jobs included working in a restaurant, construction, transportation, forestry, farming, steel factory, greenhouses, and grocery store.

Some of Dave's volunteer work include President of the Association of Former MLA's of BC, Vice-President of BC Cultural Diversity Association, Treasure & Past President of Rotary Club of Surrey, Director and Past President of Surrey Crime Prevention Society, Member of SFU India Advisory Council, Past Chairman of Surrey Board of Trade. Past member of Board of Governor for Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Past Director of BC Chamber of Commerce, Past Vice-President & Director of Indo-Canadian Business Association and director of many other non-profit organizations.

Dave's experience includes diverse volunteer work, private sector, working with all levels of Governments, working with diverse multicultural communities. Dave wants to help with issues effecting our community by listening to our community members.

Dave has worked closely with the police since 1985. After seeing the hard, dedicated service of the Surrey Police's team, Dave helped to start the Surrey Police Officer of the Year Awards in 1997 when he was the President of Surrey Board of Trade.

Dave Hayer's work and community service up to 2013 at the Legislative Assembly Link below:

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Up to the dissolution on April 16, 2013. MLA: Dave S. Hayer Surrey-Tynehead Elected: 2001,2005,2009

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Dave S. Hayer MLA from May 2001 to May 2013, Dave was first elected to the BC Tynehead which includes Guildford, Fraser Heights, Fleetwood, Port Kells and Tynehead areas, in the 2001 provincial general election and was re-elected in 2005

Dave served as the Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism and Immigration from 2005 -2011, where he worked closely with the Minister of Science and Universities and the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development, which was responsible for the Provincial Nominee Program.

Dave previously worked with the Attorney General of British Columbia, the Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development and various Ministers of Citizens' Services and Ministers Responsible for Multiculturalism and the Public Affairs Bureau.

Dave has also served as Chair of the Surrey Caucus; Caucus Liaison for the Minister of



State for Mental Health and Addictions Services; Caucus Liaison for the Minister of State for Intermediate, Long Term and Home Care and vice-chair of the Caucus Committee for Asian Economic Development.

Dave has been a member of the Cabinet Committee on Jobs & Skills Training, a member of the Cabinet Committee for Families First, a member of the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Resource Development for the Ministry of Skills Development and Labour and Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Dave also served as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; member of the Select Standing Committee on Health; member of the Select Standing Committees on Education; member of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills; member of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs; member of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations as well as the member of the Special Committee to Review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and the Convener of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives.

He also served as Deputy Chair of Committee of Supply, as required throughout session and was a member of the Government Caucus Committee on Multiculturalism and Diversity; member of the Government Caucus Committee on Health and member of the Government Caucus Committee on Government

In 2007, Dave received a prestigious award from the Government of India. The Prayasi Bharatia Samman Award is annually given to people of Indian heritage, no longer living in India, who have achieved excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor. Dave was presented with the award by the President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, at a ceremony in New Delhi, India on January 9, 2007 for his "active leadership in the community, his contributions to public service and for his achievements in government".

At the presentation ceremony, Dave was described as a "great friend of India" for having been a strong voice in the Indo-Canadian community against terrorism and violence. He was the only Canadian among 15 people to receive the Pravasi Bharatia Samman Award that year and to date Dave was the second Canadian to be presented with this honour.

In 2008 Dave was selected by the Vancouver Sun as one of the 100 top most influential



Canadians of South Asian descent making a difference in BC. Dave is also a recipient of the Rotary Club of Surrey's Paul Harris Fellow award. A Paul Harris Fellowship is "recognition of exceptional service" to the community and to the world.

In 2002 Dave was a recipient of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee medal to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Reign as Queen of Canada, and on February 10th 2013 Dave was presented with a Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Canadian Coalition Against Terror (C-CAT) for his contribution to the advancement of sound public policy on terrorism issues in Canada. This medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne to honour the significant achievements of Canadians who have dedicated themselves to service to their fellow citizens, their community and their

Before his election to public office, Dave was a Surrey businessperson, Assistant Publisher of the Indo-Canadian Times, Kwantlen University College Governor, real estate agent, and worked in the restaurant, newspaper, construction, transportation and forestry industries. In addition, Dave has worked as a labourer in a steel factory and during his teenage years worked on farms, in greenhouses, in a grocery store and even delivered both the Sun and Province newspapers.

Dave also served as the General Manager of the Canadian Accounting Aggregates Public Accountants from 1983 to 1988, following which he joined the Indo-Canadian Times.

Dave earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University in 1982 and during 1981 and 1982 he completed taxation and Executive Management courses at the University of British Columbia. He also attended Douglas College from 1977 to 1979 and completed the Tax Course at BCIT.

Dave's current involvements include memberships in: the Rotary Club of Surrey, Whalley Royal Canadian Legion, Surrey Board of Trade, the Cloverdale District



Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce and he is an honorary member of the Vancouver Board of Trade. He is also a member of Simon Fraser University's India Advisory Council which supports SFU's strategic initiatives in India and engagement with BC's Indo-Canadian diaspora.

Some previous community and business involvements include: Rotary Club of Surrey president (1999-2000); Surrey Community Crime Prevention Society president (1995-96); Surrey Chamber of Commerce president (1996-97); BC Chamber of Commerce District director (1999-2001) for Langley to Vancouver region; Vancouver Board of Trade Small Business Council member (1995-2000); Indo-Canadian Business Association vice-president (1993-2000); Ethnic Press Association of BC vicepresident (1994-99); City of Surrey Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee member (1995-2000); South Fraser Child Development Centre Christmas Party chair (1988-2001); and Surrey & White Rock Home Support Association director (94-95). As well, Dave created the Surrey Police Officer of the Year Awards and initiated the building of the Surrey Chamber of Commerce (now Surrey Board of Trade) Building.

Dave Sukhdip Singh Hayer was born in 1958 in India. He has lived in Surrey since 1972. He and Isabelle Martinez Hayer, whom he married in 1981, have four children: Alexander, Sonia, Anthony and Katrina and 9 Grandchildren. Dave appreciates all the guidance and encouragement he received from his Late mother Baldev Kaur Haver and late Father Tara Singh Hayer and from his Parents-in-law Consuelo Martinez and the late Jose Martinez. Dave enjoys working on community projects, reading, swimming and

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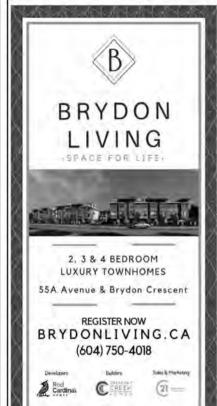
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# **Hindi Folk Festival Brings Community Together**

By Acharya Dwivedi

nce more the Hindi Lok Ma-hotsav (Hindi folk festival) organized by Hindi Literary Society of Canada was enormous success. Hindi Society tries to revive the extinguishing tradition of folk music and dances through these celebrations.

The program began with the lighting of lamp by Surrey Mayor Doug McCalum, Kamal Sharma. Dr. Balbir Gurm, Jinny Sims, and Dwivedi took part. Mayor Mc-Callum, Dr. Balbir Gurm and Jinny Sims addressed the audience. Four group dances "Kashmiri",



"Hariyanvi", " Rajasthai" and "Garba" (Spirit of Dance) were presented under the guidance of Sarika Sharma, Deepa Sharma, Pushplata Sharma and Sarika Misra respectively.

A solo song was presented by Jyotika Jasuja. Sheetal Gautam guided the children's awesome "Fancy Dress Show", and participants were given gift by Kirti Sharma. An exciting "Photo



Booth" was organized by Paval Sharma and Nikhil Sharma. Deepa Sharma and Jaishree Reddy received the appreciation of the audience for their successful and impressive role as MC and

were honored with bouquet. Hari Varshney, a Board member, thanked the guests, artists, sponsors, volunteers. The celebration was held on 15th September at Khanna Banquet Hall.

# Diwali Celebration in Vancouver

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Contact: Asmita Lawrence, culturechats@ gmail.com

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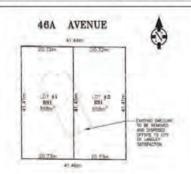
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# Coquitlam RCMP Warn About Recent Money Mule Scam

The fraudster asked the local company to complete some home improvements prior to the possession date of the home.

Coquitlam RCMP is warning the public of a money mule scam which has surfaced in the lower mainland.

In this recent scam, a local company was unwittingly used as a money mule.

The fraudster contacted the local company claiming that they recently bought a house and were moving from out-of-province. The fraudster asked the local company to complete some home improvements prior to the possession date of the home. The local company requested a deposit for the work, which was sent by the fraudster. Once money for the deposit had been accepted by the local company, the fraudster asked the local company for a favor to assist with their moving and storage needs. The fraudster transferred additional funds to the local company to pay for these service places, which had already been arranged by the fraudster. The local company completed the transactions for the fraudster, however, became suspicious of their legitimacy.

The local company then reported all transactions to the police, where through internet-searches, it was determined that the service places were fake.

The local company did not lose any money completing these transactions on behalf of the fraudster.

What is a money mule?

A money mule is an individual who is recruited by fraudsters to act as a middle



person to transfer illegally acquired money. The money mule may be witting or unwitting. A witting mule is someone who knows that they are involved in a criminal scheme. An unwitting mule is someone who may be unaware they are being used within a criminal scheme.

When money is moved in this manner, it becomes harder to identify the fraudsters from the victims. This could unknowingly lead the money mule to be tied to serious crimes.

Money mule scams typically included Prize or Romance scams, according to the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre (CAFC). Prevention tips

Do not forward money on behalf of an unknown person or company if you receive funds from them

Complete an internet search on the company or person that you are being requested to transfer funds to

Be cautious when asked to conduct unusual or questionable financial transactions on behalf of a third party

If you are a victim of a scam, fraud or cybercrime, please contact your local police. It is also essential that you report an incident, whether you are a victim or not, to the CAFC via their Online Reporting System or by phone at 1-888-495-8501.

# In BC, Province's Investment Fund Now Open For Business To Support Clean, Inclusive Growth



Ravi Kahlon Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery

VANCOUVER - InBC Investment Corp (InBC), the Province's newest Crown corporation, is open for business and has launched its investment policy statement to guide decision-making to support a stronger, more resilient economy for British Columbians.

Developed through the StrongerBC Economic Plan, the Province is providing InBC with \$500 million to invest in venture capital funds and growing companies that demonstrate a measurable impact in driving climate action, innovating for the future, advancing reconciliation and elevating inclusive communities in B.C.

A legislation was passed in May 2021 to establish InBC as a provincial Crown corporation. Since then, InBC has appointed a chief

executive officer, chief financial officer, chief investment officer, a nine-member board of directors and a growing team of business professionals as they worked toward the creation of an investment policy statement. While decisions are independent of government, InBC is subject to the same accountability and regulatory requirements as any other Crown corporation in B.C.

With its investment policy statement launched, InBC expects to start investing in venture capital funds this fall and in businesses by spring 2023.

Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, said, "InBC investments are about optimizing not just financial returns, but also generating social, economic and environmental returns for generations to come."

"We are a strategic investment fund that focuses on valuing people, planet and profit as part of our decision-making process and long-term impact," said Jill Earthy, chief executive officer, InBC. "Our purpose is to catalyze a more sustainable and inclusive future for B.C. through investment in innovation of both traditional and emerging sectors."



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# 'Bigg Boss 16': Sajid Khan will not be ousted from the show



Mumbai: Ever since filmmaker Sajid Khan stepped into 'Bigg Boss 16', controversies have shrouded the reality show. There were reports claiming that the #MeToo accused will be shown the exit door in the coming week, however, new reports say that he will remain in the house.

Sajid has been accused of sexual misconduct by many including Mandana Karimi, Aahana Kumra, Kanishka Soni, and Sherlyn Chopra. He has been accused of sexual assault allegations which includes flashing his private parts at parties, asking female actors to send him their nude pictures as part of the casting process and watching porn in front of women.

Earlier reports stated that Colors has decided to oust Sajid while Salman Khan continued to fight as he has a good bond with his sister Farah Khan. The report by Times Of India October 13 claimed that Sajid will have to make his exit from the reality show within a week.

# Babe Bhangra Paunde Ne Movie Review: A sweet story that is comic but not mindless

Jaggi (Diljit Dosanjh) and his two friends are trying to find ways to get out of their basement living and pay off a debt taken to get rich. One of these ways brings them to an old age home to adopt an orphaned old man. Run under the medical supervision of Preet (Sargun Mehta), Jaggi adopts Iqbal (Sohail Ahmed), after Preet apprises him of his failing health, in the hope that he will pass away soon, leaving Jaggi as the sole legal heir to his insurance. However, instead of deteriorating in health, Iqbal only gets better under the care of Jaggi and his friends. This frustrates the trio and sends them scheming more ways to make money quickly. The plot is funny to begin with, as scripted by Naresh Kathooria (film writer), but what makes it hilarious is the serious (pun intended) punch added to the situation by Diljit Dosanjh. Like his music, which has matured over the years, Diljit's

of-the-mill romcom, this film stands on Diljit's shoulders as a refined comedy that will truly leave you entertained with its hilarious, but not over the top kind of ragtag amusement. While in the first half the film did flirt with some cliched gags and circumstances, the second half is innovative, even for Punjabi films that master the art of comedies reinvented of old mer er in the of the form old Expendab Queen's compaging the second half is innovative, even for Punjabi films that master the art of comedies reinvented of old mer er in the of the form old Expendab Queen's compaging the second half is inthis first that in this first that in the first that in this first that in

One of the differential points in this film vis-à-vis other comedies is how the film has reinvented the use of a bunch of old men and women to usher in the climax. As the pack from old age home get into Expendables avatar to rob the Queen's crown to rally around Jaggi's fictitious, sinking JJ shipping company, this is unseen character

ing that makes you fall in love with this older generation and their gothic makeovers. While Gurpreet Bhangu remains the most notable name among them, others too deserve equal credit, not to forget Sohial Ahmed and his special brand of old Punjab humour.

The film is well directed by Amarjit Singh and doesn't slip into loose ends in editing or screenplay. Sargun may

> the film, but she adds gravitas to her role of the caring doctor, which comes through in all authen-

not have a meaty role in

ticity.

The music, though peppy in its own accord, is not doing justice to promote the story in any way and thus stays a disappointment. It's time filmmakers started getting songs especially made for Punjabi films rather than picking random

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# How Melissa McCarthy Messed Up Sex Talk With Daughter



os Angeles: Actress Melissa McCarthy messed up a sex talk with her daughter as she did it while picking up dog poo.

The 52-year-old actress revealed that she is aiming to do "better" next time she tackles the subject, which she initially tried the day before her 15-year-old girl Vivian's school covered the topic in health class,

reports aceshowbiz.com.

McCarthy said that she didn't want to let "someone else initiate that conversation with my child," but she said on the "We Can Do Hard Things" podcast "I did (it) incredibly awkwardly." The actress, who also shares daughter Georgette with husband Ben Falcone, additionally joked trying to talk to Vivian about sex while bending over to pick up dog mess was a "really wonderful time" to chat.

She added: "Vivi just goes, 'Oh dear God, is this happening?' And I was like, 'There are different parts of bodies... uh... I was just like, 'Let me be awkward and get through it'. There is still a midwestern former Catholic person (inside of me) that's like, 'Talk about sex and a lightning bolt comes down.

McCarthy insisted that she has had better chats with her kids about dating, with her and her husband urging their girls to pick partners who are "incredibly kind and respectful" and only "lift" them up.

She added: "That person has to be incredibly happy when you succeed and incredibly supportive when you fail. And if those are ever switched, that's the biggest red flag on earth. And nothing should make you feel uncomfortable."

McCarthy, who married Ben, 49, in 2005, had Vivian two years later and Georgette in 2010. She told fans about Ben last month on Instagram on his 49th birthday: "Hands off, he's mine!! Happy 49th Birthday to the most wonderful weirdo I know. I love you."

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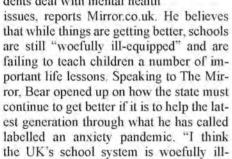
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# Bear Grylls: UK schools are ill-equipped to tackle mental health issues

os Angeles: British adventurer and television presenter Bear Grylls, who is known for his show 'Man vs. Wild', has a word of advice for the UK's schooling system. He wants to improve the school system in the UK when it comes to helping students deal with mental health





equipped," he claimed. "None of this stuff [mental health] is taught and I certainly wasn't taught this stuff at school."

Mirror further stated that he told how he believes one of the main reasons we are seeing a 'staggeringly high" number of suicides in people in their 40s and 50s is because that gener-

ation simply wasn't well equipped from a younger age. And that is something he is determined to see change in today's soci-

"It wasn't something people spoke about 20 or 30 years ago," he admitted. "When you lack the tools and the framework to understand the battles you're going through, people often don't know which way to turn.

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# 'Polluting Minds of Young Generation': Sc Slams Ekta Kapoor On Web Series 'XXX'



New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday slammed producer Ekta Kapoor over objectionable content in her web series "XXX". A bench of Justices Ajay Rastogi and C.T. Ravikumar said: "Something has to be done. You are polluting the minds of the young generation of this country...

The bench added that the OTT (Over the Top) content was available to all and questioned her counsel as to "what kind of choice are you providing to the people?"

The bench made these observations after senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Kapoor, contended a plea was moved before the Patna High Court but chances are slim that the matter will be taken up soon.

At this, the bench said: "You are polluting the minds of youngsters."

Rohatgi, however, submitted that the apex court had earlier granted protection to Kapoor in a similar matter and there is freedom of choice in the country. He further added that content is subscription based.

The bench said it does not appreciate that every time, a plea is moved before the apex court and added that a cost will be imposed for filing such a petition. It asked Rohatgi to convey this to his client and emphasised that the apex court works for those who don't have voices.

The top court was hearing a plea by Kapoor

# **Huma Opens Up on Breaking Beauty Standards With 'Double** Xl', 'Monica, O My Darling'

Mumbai: Actress Huma Qureshi, who has two upcoming films lined up for release - Double XL and the streaming movie 'Monica, O My Darling', decided to break the notion of beauty standards with her work in both the films and seems to be walking the

While 'Double XL' required the actress to get into the mind of a girl-next-door who faces discrimination and rejection because of her body weight, 'Monica, O My Darling' required that the actress channel the oomph quotient. The actress shot for both the films back-to-back and was faced with a dilemher For

part 'Double XL',

Huma had put on extra kilos and had initially planned a diet and workout schedule to lose the weight for 'Monica, O My Darling\*. However, while shooting for 'Double XL', the actress also decided that just because she was playing a femme fatale in her next film and had to look glamorous, losing weight was not the answer.

She said in a statement, "The point of me wanting to produce a film like 'Double XL' was to shatter notions of how weight is equated with beauty and desirability. When I was all set to play a femme fatale, why was I succumbing to the rules made by society and not feeling beautiful in my own skin? I have realised that feeling and looking sexy is not because of the clothes you wear or because somebody weighs a certain weight.'

The actress believes that in a world where beauty standards are set by patriarchy, confidence is the key.

"It's all about feeling confident and believing that one can look glamorous if one feels glamorous. Patriarchy and society conditions us into believing that a girl who weighs a certain weight is not beautiful or glamorous. It's high time we do away with these notions. Also, I felt that since I was from an industry where glamour is an essential aspect of the profession, the message coming from me might help other girls who obsess over their weight, feel differently about themselves", she added. 'Double XL' is all set to hit the screens on November 4, followed by 'Monica, O My Darling' dropping on Netflix on November 11.



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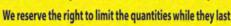
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