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First Punjabi Indo-Canadian Owners Of **Junior Hockey Team In Canada All Set To Bring** Punjabi Culture's Warmth On Ice

Ron Brar and TJ Brar, local Punjabi farmers and owners of the Surrey Eagles hockey team, will be organizing a Punjabi hockey night in South Surrey Arena on November 18

By Surbhi Gogia

People of Surrey and the surrounding communities will be able to feel the warmth of Canada's Punjabi culture on a cold night in South Surrey's Ice Hockey Arena in the coming week. Ron and TJ Brar, the Surrey-born farming brothers, and owners of Surrey's BCHL team Surrey Eagles are organizing a Punjabi night during the hockey game on November 18 at South Surrey Arena. Surrey Eagles will host Vernon Vipers.



Ron Brar and TJ Brar, local Punjabi farmers and owners of the Surrey Eagles hockey team. (Photo Submitted)

King of Bhangra Jazzy B and local Surrey singer Luv Randhawa, along with dhol artists, will be performing at the event. Jazzy B will drop the puck and Randhawa will sing Canada's national anthem. In one of the firsts, the spectators will see their favorite Surrey Eagles players wearing jerseys displaying the rustic beauty of Punjab with farms and tractors. The jerseys are specially designed for this night by a local Punjabi artist Simran from A1 sports.

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The annual Sikh Remembrance Day ceremony was held on Sunday, Nov 6 at the military grave of Canadian World War I hero, Private Buckam Singh, in Kitchener, Ontario.

Vancouver Spending Nearly \$1 Million **Everyday to Tackle Downtown Eastside** Crisis, yet system is not working: Report

A14-month audit on social spending in the Downtown Eastside has revealed that approximately \$1 million a day is spent directly on community and social issues in the Downtown Eastside. The findings are part of a study conducted by HelpSeeker Technologies. In spite of spending budget which is three times

higher than Vancouver's annual budget (\$1.7 billion), according to the draft report, it does not function in the way that is beneficial to either stakeholders or the community at large. The report says, the budget amounts to approximately \$2,100 per Vancouver resident, making Vancouver the report. (Read full story on Page 12)



Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer

life is now bleaker than ever for a growing number of people in places like the Downtown Eastside," said Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer. Accord-

jurisdictions.

ing to the report a resident in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside is now 32.3 per cent more likely to live with depression, and seven times more likely to live with schizophrenia or another delusional disorder, according to the







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Surrey Police Officers Sign Pledge Opposing Mayor Brenda Locke's Plan

94% of Surrey Police Union Members Declare "No Intention" of Joining RCMP

Arelease issued by Surrey Police Union has mentioned that an overwhelming number of Surrey Police Union ("SPU") member officers have signed a pledge to declare that they have no intention to join RCMP.

"Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke's hope for "many of the Surrey Police Service officers to work for the RCMP" has been dashed by the release of this pledge," said SPU President Rick Stewart.

In a November 9, 2022 interview with the Vancouver Sun, Mayor Locke claimed that SPU officers and civilian staff "would be cared for" through a plan she is allegedly working out with the Surrey RCMP, Rick informed.

This approach, however, flies in the face of 275 of 293 SPU frontline officers who have signed a pledge (attached to this email) containing the following emphatic statement: "I declare that if the Surrey Police Service ceases to exist, I have no intention to apply to nor join any RCMP detachment as my next career move."

The Mayor's comments demonstrate the disconnect that continues to exist between City Hall politics and those who joined the

Surrey Police Service ("SPS") to serve all Surrey residents, according to Stewart.

"Our officers have voluntarily signed this declaration because of a number of specific reasons related to the RCMP, and as such, Mayor Locke's hiring plan shows no regard for the will of our members," explained Stewart. "The attraction of working for a Surrey-based municipal police force remains as one of the main factors behind our successful recruitment thus far."

In addition, Mayor Locke's interview also brought forth the possibility of placement of SPU officers "somewhere in an RCMP jurisdiction" that isn't Surrey. Once again, the local aspect of policing remains as members' number one motivation in wanting to remain working for the SPS, SPU's release said.

"SPU remains focused on upholding community public safety as part of our ever-expanding integration across Surrey," added Stewart. "If Mayor Locke truly wants to take a people-centric approach to policing, we remain open to collaboration, transparency and accountability in support of the best interests of Surrey residents."

Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy warns businesses against China, boosts India ties

In what could be called a seismic shift of Canada's policy towards China, Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly has warned Canadian businesses against deepening their ties with China. According to Canadian Press the announcement comes as part of a long-anticipated Indo-Pacific strategy which she says is coming by early December. Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly made the remarks at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto ahead of her government introducing a Indo-Pacific strategy next month.

"The China of 1970 is not the China of today. China is an increasingly disruptive, global power," Joly said. "It seeks to shape the global environment into one that is more permissive for interests and values that increasingly depart from ours."

"We will challenge China when we ought to. We will cooperate with China when we must."

Joly said Canada has serious concerns about Beijing undermining global security, commerce and peace. Part of that includes "credible accounts of human rights abuse and crimes against humanity" in the Xinjiang region against the Muslim minority known as the Uyghur, according to media reports.

"What I would like to say to Ca-



Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly

nadians doing business in and with China: You need to be cleareyed. The decisions you take as businesspeople are your own. As Canada's top diplomat, my job is to tell you that there are geopolitical risks linked to doing business with the country," Joly said.

Positioning Canada as a reliable partner for the future— this is what our Indo-Pacific Strategy will be about, she said.

Canada will look to deepen links with India, which Joly noted is the world's largest democracy.

"As India becomes the most populous country in the world, its leadership and influence will only continue to grow, both in the region and globally. With it, so will the opportunity for Canada," she said.

Canada will also "deepen our existing friendships" with countries like Japan and South Korea, Joly said, promising to release the full Indo-Pacific strategy by early December.

Joly said Canada would "increase our military presence and enhance our defence and security relationships" with allies in the Indo-Pacific region.

In a press release issued shortly after Joly's speech, the Business Council of Canada welcomed Joly's announcement about coming Indo-Pacific strategy — and suggested the government "work closely with businesses" as it finalizes the plan.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce's President and CEO, Perrin Beatty, also responded, "As the Minister suggests, each business needs to consider carefully how and when to do business in China. We welcome the government's commitment to broaden and deepen Canada's engagement in the Indo-Pacific region, including in India. This region holds great potential for Canada. including for Canadian businesses, and we look forward to working with the government in both diversifying and strengthening our economic activities in the Indo-Pacific.'

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Newfoundland and Labrador Launch Mission To Recruit Nurses from India, Recruitment Desk To Be Set Up In Bengaluru

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. — The government of Newfoundland and Labrador's has announced its plan to establish an office in India aimed at attracting internationally trained nurses to the province.

Dr. Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador announced that the Provincial Government is spearheading a mission to India to recruit internationally-educated registered nurses who can fill vacancies in Newfoundland and Labrador. The mission complements other ongoing national and international recruitment activities targeting health care professionals.

"This mission takes an innovative and successful model for international recruitment and applies it to addressing the nursing shortage in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our government and dedicated partners are taking bold action to address the staffing issues facing



Launch of Mission to Recruit Registered Nurses from India. Rahul Girjappan, will join the recruitment team. Rahul is originally from India, went to nursing school in Bengaluru, and now he and his family call Newfoundland and Labrador home.

(Photo credit: Andrew Furey Twitter)

and Labrador. The region was also chosen because it has a high concentration of prestigious nursing schools. Additionally, the Provincial Government has had past success recruiting health care professionals from Bengaluru," said a news release from the government.

Once landed, the team will meet with institutions that graduate nurses who have the academic credentials to qualify for licensure in Canada. The team will also begin raising awareness of Newfoundland and Labrador as an ideal immigration destination through presentations and meetings with nurses and nursing students.

"The College of Registered Nurses is

the largest healthcare regulator in the province with a mandate to ensure the Registered Nurses we licence provide safe, ethical, and competent care to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. In collaborating with Indian nursing schools and state and national nursing regulators of India, Newfoundland and Labrador can better identify areas that align with our benchmarks and standards. Establishing these regulatory connections is a fundamental firststep in becoming a Registered Nurse in Newfoundland and Labrador," said Lynn Power, Executive Director, College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Creation of the recruitment desk in India is modeled on the recent success in Poland that showed being on-the-ground is essential to establishing relationships and identifying high-potential candidates for immigration to Newfoundland and Labrador.

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the health care system in our province, as we compete with other jurisdictions to attract and retain health care professionals at this critical time," Furey said. An advance team of Provincial Government officials will depart for southwestern India in the coming weeks with the goal to set up a recruitment desk in the city of Bengaluru, located in the state of Karnataka. They will be joined by a representative of the College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador who will be dedicated to oversee licensure.

"The state of Karnataka has been chosen because many nurses in the region receive similar training to what registered nurses receive in Newfoundland



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"She Thought I was Joking!": Surrey's Indo-Canadian Couple Didn't Believe \$1-Million Lotto Max Win

Kapoor's wife needed to do a double take - literally - before believing that her husband had won a whopping Maxmillions prize of \$1 million from the October 18, 2022 Lotto Max draw.

In fact, Kapoor had to bring her to a retailer to check the ticket at a self-scanner before she understood that the life-changing lottery win was in fact real.

"I was most excited to tell my wife, she thought I was joking and didn't believe me," recalled the Surrey resident. "So, I took her with me to validate it again and showed her the total."

Kapoor first learned he won after validating his ticket using the self-scanner at a Petro Canada, and after had the retailer



there validate his ticket.

He plans on setting aside some of his winnings for his children's education.

On how it feels to win \$1 mil-

"This win will give me a bit of cushion and a sense of security."

The winning ticket was purchased at Canco on Lougheed Highway in Deroche.

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than \$158 million from Lotto Max. Lotto Max is a nationwide lottery game drawn on Tuesdays and Fridays after 7:30 p.m. (PST)

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email your feedback to bwc@deltapolice.ca

Annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony Honours Canadian Veterans



A solemn moment at the annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony. The ceremony now in it's 15th year is hosted by the Sikh community at the military grave of Canadian World War I hero Pte. Buckam Singh to remember Canadian and Sikh military sacrifices.



Students from Pte. Buckam Singh Public School participated in the Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony. The new school which opened its doors this year in Peel Region is named in honour of the Canadian World War I hero.



Members of the Royal Canadian Legion flag party form an honour guard at the grave of Canadian WWI hero Pte. Buckam Singh.



Municipal officials including Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic and members of the Canadian Forces lay a wreath at the grave of Canadian WWI hero Pte. Buckam Singh during the Annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony.



Sikh veterans lay a wreath at the military grave of Canadian WWI hero Pte. Buckam Singh during the Annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony. Sikhs have a long history of military service, over 83,000 Sikh soldiers of the British Indian Army lost their lives during World War I and World War II.



Members of the Canadian military, police forces and cadets stand at attention during the Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony.





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ITCHENER, ON: The annual Sikh Remembrance Day ceremony was held on Sunday, November 6 at the military grave of Canadian World War I hero, Private Buckam Singh, in Kitchener, Ontario; with over 200 people attending.

It is the only military grave in Canada of a Sikh soldier from the World Wars, and the ceremony is said to be the largest annual gatherings of Sikh soldiers and veterans in North America.

"Sikhs have a long tradition of military service," said Sandeep Singh Brar, Curator of SikhMuseum.com and the chief organizer of the annual event. "The Sikh community has organized this Remembrance Ceremony every year at the historic location of Private Buckam Singh's military grave to remember the 117,000

Canadian soldiers, like Private Singh, that have died since we became a nation and the 83,000 Sikh soldiers of the British Indian Army that died fighting along their Canadian comrades in two World Wars," said Brar.

The ceremony allows Canadians the opportunity to appreciate the inclusive nature of country and the sacrifices made by heroes from diverse backgrounds in making our nation strong and secure.

This year's program featured youth from the community participating in the ceremony as well as students from the new Private Buckam Singh Public School, in Brampton, that opened its doors last year. Wounded twice on the battlefields of France in WWI,

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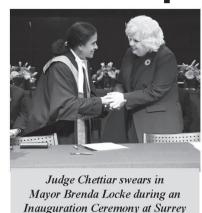
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Brenda Lock Sworn In As Surrey Mayor; Lists Her Top Priorities Upon Taking Office

SURREY: The new Surrey City Council was sworn in during an Inauguration Ceremony at City Hall where she outlined her top priorities.

She said that work has already begun to maintain Surrey RCMP as the police of jurisdiction for the City, including producing a report outlining the plan. When complete, this plan will be released publicly for all to see.

She said seeking community input on the City of Surrey's Financial Plan will be a top focus and priority. "Opportunities will be made available for residents to provide input and feedback in each of the City's town centres,"



she said.

She also said that the City of Surrey Ethics Commissioner will be strengthened to ensure

City Hall on Nov. 7, 2022.

independence and transparency. "Surrey deserves a Council that values public input, delivers on promises and above all else, is ethical and transparent," said Mayor Locke. "Restoring integrity and public engagement will be the focus of my work every step of the way. My immediate priorities are maintaining Surrey RCMP as the police of jurisdiction, ensuring extensive public input on the city's budget, strengthening the independence of the Ethics Commissioner and creating a stronger role for youth in our city. All voices will be heard and I look forward to working with all the residents of

Three South Asians charged in Whistler stabbing

charged with aggravated assault in connection to a stabbing in Whistler in March.

On March 20, 2022, at about 4:30 a.m., Whistler RCMP responded to a report of an altercation involving a knife in the 4300 block of Lorimer Road. Upon arrival, police learned that two men were stabbed; they were transported to hospital and sustained non-life threatening injuries. The suspects had fled the area.

The Sea to Sky General Investigation Section took conduct of the file and through the course of investigation three suspects were identified.

On November 7, 2022, charges were laid against:

Three South Asians have been • Elliot Bains of Delta, BC – Aggravated Assault (2 counts), and possession of a weapon;

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· Nathan Sidhu of Surrey, BC -Aggravated Assault (2 counts), and possession of a weapon; and

· Harmeen Cheema of Vancouver, BC - Aggravated Assault (2 counts).

"We are committed to keeping our communities safe and are pleased that the culmination of this investigation has led to charges," said Corporal Angela Kermer of the Sea to Sky RCMP.

Whistler RCMP asks anyone with any information regarding any file to contact the local detachment at 604-932-3044, or, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or go to www.solvecrime.ca

Delta police make 3 arrests in separate Gang Related incidents in 72 Hours

ed to three incidents within a 72-hour period connected to the BC Gang Conflict.

Starting on November 3rd, the Delta Police Department responded to reports of shots fired in the area of 92A Ave and 117 Street in North Delta. Upon arrival, officers located a 22-year-old man from Delta with significant gunshot injuries. The investigation resulted in tips from the public and the retrieval of important surveillance video evidence. The victim is recovering in the hospital from his injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

In an unrelated drug investiga-

elta police say they respondtion, on November 3rd and 4th, members of the DPD Drug Investigative Support Team (DIST) executed Search Warrants on residences located in Richmond and North Delta. The searches resulted in the seizure of drugs. cash, evidence of a drug trafficking operation, and firearms. Two suspects from North Delta were arrested with the assistance of the Lower Mainland Emergency Response Team (LMD ERT) in Vancouver on Friday afternoon. Investigators are preparing charge recommendations for Crown counsel.

In a third investigation, on November 5th, the Delta Police



were made aware of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Upper Canyon Road, North Delta. Patrol officers located an unoccupied vehicle and confirmed it to be reported stolen from Surrey. The patrol officers recognized that the contents of the vehicle indicated the car was staged in the area to be utilized for further criminal activity - potentially acts of violence associated with the current gang conflict.

Late Sunday evening, a suspect returned to the vehicle and was apprehended by members of the DPD with the assistance of the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit's Uniformed Gang Enforcement Team (UGET). The male suspect was taken into custody for stolen property and firearms offences. The Crown has approved charges

against the suspect, and the matter is before the Courts.

The arrests made in these events highlight the coordinated response between law enforcement agencies to target those involved in the ongoing BC gang conflict. The DPD would like to thank our policing partners for the support provided with these investiga-

In relation to crimes related to organized gang activity, the Delta Police is actively investigating and pursuing charges. We ask that our community be a part of keeping Delta safe by continuing to observe and report suspicious incidents.



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Local Punjabi farmers bring Punjabi Hockey Night in Surrey

The Brar brothers, local businessmen, recently bought Surrey Eagles when the BC Junior Hockey League (BCJHL) board of governors approved the team's sale from local real-estate developer Chuck Westgard.

The Brars own and operate Evergreen Herbs, a Surrey-based provider of fresh herbs and vegetables to grocery stores across the country.

Ron Brar informed that the decision to buy Surrey Eagles came up during a conversation with the previous owner of Surrey Eagles. "Buying Surrey Eagles aligned with how we wanted to contribute and give back to our community. My brother and I were born and raised in Surrey, where

our passion for hockey started. Our love for community and family has always played a significant role in our lives. The Surrey Eagles will allow us to continue to grow and to give back to our cherished community."

TJ Brar said, "We want to encompass our priorities around hockey, academics, community and most importantly, building new leaders. We are grateful to Chuck Westgard and the BCHL family for allowing us to be a part of the best junior hockey program in Canada."

Ron explained that how hockey arenas in other parts of Canada have played an important role in raising national level athletes and he too wants young people to get involved and inspired. "I have seen, in many parts of Canada, that hockey arenas are a place for the community to make connections, celebrate and raise athletes. All these great players come out of these cities because they have incredible connection with their community.'

The Brar brothers, too, want to bring elementary and high school kids to these games. "Our kids are spending too much time on screen and social media. They might get inspired by coming out of the enclosed rooms and watching hockey players."

Ron also believes that as Surrey's population is growing, so is the problem of gangs and drugs. "It is time we bring our kids back to sports."

Through Punjabi night, the Brar brothers want to demonstrate the beauty and innocence of the Punjabi culture, which he feels people have forgotten due to adverse media reports.

"We want to ensure that people outside our culture see the beauty of Punjabi culture."

Ron's vision is also to create South Surrey Arena a hub that reflects the beauty of multiculturalism in Canada. For example, after Punjabi night, they will organize a night to celebrate Chinese New Year with Chinese food, music and players' uniforms.

Ron said that sports attract two categories of fans. Some fans come to watch the game and have a good time with their families. Then there are serious hockey fans who come for the love of the game. "We want to offer a space to both the fans. We want to build a community center for players from all backgrounds and ethnicities to call home."

Talking about his vision for the Surrey Eagles team, he wants them to play at the NHL level. The brothers have invested \$250,000



Surrey Eagles players
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Port Moody unveils storyboard commemorating Komagata

Maru, aid efforts of Sikh community

PORT MOODY – On November 9, 2022, the City of Port Moody unveiled a new heritage storyboard in Rocky Point Park commemorating the 1914 Komagata Maru incident and the efforts of the local Sikh community to reduce the suffering of passengers forced to stay aboard the ship.

The Komagata Maru was the a steamship carrying 376 prospective immigrants, mostly Sikhs from the Punjab region of India. In May 1914, when the ship arrived in Vancouver, the passengers were denied entry to Canada and forced to stay aboard due to enforcement of Canada's exclusionary and discriminatory immigration laws.

The storyboard, titled "Remembering the Komagata Maru,"



has been installed in Rocky Point Park (2800 block Murray Street) at the water's edge just west of the restaurant building at 2770 Esplanade Avenue. It was developed in partnership with the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society and the City's

Heritage Commission.

"This storyboard is an important reminder of the damage caused by systemic racism, as it existed in the past and as it exists today," said Mayor Meghan Lahti. "It encourages us to continue to fight discrimination and foster



Raj Singh Toor (l), Vice-President of the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, and Port Moody Mayor Meghan Lahti (r) stand next to the City's new heritage storyboard unveiled in Rocky Point Park on November 9, 2022

inclusion in our communities so that we can create a better future for everyone.

"In 1914, the members of Port Moody's Sikh community came together to collect food, water, medication, and money to help the Komagata Maru passengers," continued Lahti. "It's our hope that their selflessness

and compassion, brought to life through this storyboard, will inspire all of us to think about how we can make positive changes in our city and our world. While much has changed since 1914, there is still a lot of work to do as we strive to create a more equitable and inclusive community." "The Komagata Maru interpretive sign in Port Moody will help educate the community and remind us of how unique Canada and Port Moody's diverse makeup is," said Raj Singh Toor, Vice-President of the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society. "We are all richer when we remember how special it is to have so many different ethnic communities living together.

"The Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society hopes that it will help to connect Canadians, British Columbians, and Port Moody residents with their past to build a more peaceful and tolerant tomorrow," continued Toor. "We can't undo the past, but we can move forward and leave a legacy for future generations by educating them about the past."

The new storyboard is part of the City's Historical Stone Marker and Storyboard Program, which commemorates people, places, and events that have played an important role in Port Moody's history. Visit portmoody.ca to find out more. To learn more about the Komagata Maru incident, visit thecanadianencycolpedia.ca or descendantskomagatamaru. ca.





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171 People Died In Bc In September Due To Toxic Drugs

TICTORIA - Toxic drugs September is the 24th consecuclaimed the lives of at least 171 British Columbians in September 2022, putting the province on track to surpass 2,000 such deaths for a second consecutive year, according to data released by the BC Coroners Service.

The 171 deaths in September is roughly the same as the total reported in August 2022 (169) and is equivalent to about 5.7 deaths per day. A total of 1,644 lives have been lost to toxic drugs between January and September 2022, which is the largest number ever recorded in the first nine months of a calendar year. Consistent with previous reporting, 71% of decedents in 2022 were between 30 and 59, and 79% were male.

tive month in which at least 150 deaths suspected to have been caused by illicit drug toxicity were reported to the BC Coroners Service. The 4,419 lives lost during that two-year period equate to about 184 deaths per month, or just over six deaths

Illicit drug toxicity is the leading cause of unnatural death in British Columbia and is second only to cancers in terms of years of life lost. At least 10,505 British Columbians have been lost to illicit drugs since the public-health emergency into substance-related harms was first declared in April 2016.

"British Columbians are continuing to suffer the tragic effects of a toxic and volatile drug supply, with almost six members of our communities dying each day," said Lisa Lapointe, chief coroner. "Both those who use drugs occasionally and those who are substance-dependent are at risk of sudden death from the unpredictable illicit market. Individuals who have been abstinent for a period of time or those who normally use stimulants are at increased risk. Their opioid tolerance is low and the prevalence of fentanyl in the illicit supply is high."

The townships reporting the highest number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in 2022 are Vancouver, Surrey and Greater Victoria. By health authority, in 2022 the highest number of illicit drug toxicity deaths were in Fraser and Vancouver Coastal health authorities (492 and 457 deaths, respectively), making up 58% of all such deaths.

By health authority, in 2022 the highest rates of death were in Northern Health (55 deaths per 100,000 individuals) and Vancouver Coastal Health (48 per 100,000). Overall, the rate of death in B.C. is 42 deaths per 100,000 individuals in 2022.

It is important to note that no deaths have been reported at supervised consumption or drug overdose prevention sites.

"I am encouraged by the many recommendations made by the Select Standing Committee on Health last week that echo those of the recent coroners service death-review panel," said Lapointe. "Both reports emphasize the need for a statutory



Lisa Lapointe, Chief Coroner

framework that encompasses all treatment and recovery services in British Columbia, along with appropriate regulations, standards, protocols, evaluation and public reporting regarding the measures being taken to address

\$5 Billion A Year Is Directed Toward Vancouver's Social Safety Net

VANCOUVER: A14-month audit on social spending in the Downtown Eastside has revealed that approximately \$1 million a day is spent directly on community and social issues in the Downtown Eastside.

The findings are part of a study conducted by HelpSeeker Technologies. Helpseeker is an Alberta-based social innovation and technology company that examined how Vancouver's social safety net is funded by looking at social supports that exist to improve social well-being and safety in our communities.

Findings are included in VPD's draft report Vancouver's Social

Safety Net: Rebuilding the Broken, and Helpseeker's report, Igniting Transformational Systems Change Through Policing.

The report was previously leaked to media.

"More coordination, oversight and accountability is needed to improve the health and safety crisis in the Downtown Eastside," said Vancouver Police Chief Adam Palmer, who later released preliminary findings of a 14-month audit on social spending in the troubled neighbourhood.

"It's clear that the system needs to be fixed," said Chief Palmer. "Despite more talk than ever, and more money than ever, life is now bleaker than ever for a growing number of people in places like the Downtown East-

The report highlights that \$5 billion a year is directed toward Vancouver's social safety net. That's equivalent to \$14 million a day, or \$7,200 for each Vancouver resident. Nearly \$1.5 billion is directed toward registered charities and non-profit associations with a direct mandate to support social issues, such as homelessness and poverty and approximately \$1 million a day going spent directly on community and social issues in the Downtown Eastside.

Despite all the money being spent, our communities need more help," he said.

Last year alone, there were 527 overdose deaths in Vancouver up 115 per cent from two years prior. With 58 overdose deaths for every 100,000 people. Vancouver had more overdose deaths per capita than Chicago, New York City, and Los Angeles.

A resident in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside is now 32.3 per cent more likely to live with depression, and seven times more likely to live with schizophrenia or another delusional disorder, according to the report.

There remains comparatively inadequate funding for addiction recovery programs, offender rehabilitation services, and proactive programs to help victims of crime.

Vancouver Police have already shared the preliminary report with dozens of community partners and stakeholder groups, and continues to seek input on the findings.

VPD is also recommending establishment of a steering committee made up of community partners and various levels of government. and creation of a centralized entity to oversee and coordinate services in the Downtown Eastside.



Aruna Miller Makes History As First South Asian Woman Elected Lieutenant Governor In U.S.



runa Miller on Tuesday scripted Thistory by becoming the first Indian-American politician to win the race of Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital.

Miller, 58, a former delegate to the Maryland House, was on the Lieutenant Governor ticket along with Wes Moore -- the Democratic Governor elect.

The Lieutenant Governor is the state's highest official following the Governor and assumes the role when the Governor is out of state or incapacitated.

Soon after the polling closed on Tuesday evening, Moore and Miller were declared elected against their Republican chal-

Miller, who emigrated from India in 1972 at age 7 and became a U.S. citizen in 2000, is also the first immigrant to win the lieutenant governor's office and the

first Asian American elected statewide in Maryland, according to The Associated Press.

"Ever since I came to this country in 1972, I've never stopped being excited for the promise of America. I will never stop fighting to make sure that promise is available to everyone," she tweeted after the victory.

Both President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris had campaigned in favour of Moore and Miller.

In winning the Lieutenant Governor race in Maryland, Miller overcame a last-minute stiff opposition from her distracters who accused her of courting Hindu nationalists, a charge she denied.

In fact, her popularity among Indian-Americans in Maryland is bipartisan. Some of the top Trump and Republican supporters came out in support of her and

raised funds. Prominent among them include Jasdip Singh Jassee.

Amongst other, Democrats Shri Thanedar and Pramila Jayapal won elections to the House of Representatives. An entrepreneur and self-made millionaire Thanedar, 67, who was born in Belgaum, Karnataka, beat a Republican rival in Detroit, Mich-

Thanedar, who is now a Michigan state legislator, ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic party nomination for Governor in 2018. He came to the US in 1979 and got his PhD in chemistry and an MBA.

Meanwhile, Jayapal, 57, who was first elected in 2016 from Washington state, is the senior whip of the Democratic Party in the House and the chair of the influential leftist Congressional Progressive Caucus. She has been a strong critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP on human rights issues.

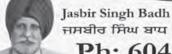


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'IF YOU MUST, BOW TO HIM' SAID GURU NANAK



By Zile Singh

Guru Nanak's 553rd birthday was celebrated throughout the world on November 8. Guru Nanak, in Japji Sahib says, "If you must, bow to him. He is the primal being, pure without beginning or end. He is the unstruck sound. Not only that, but He is also immutable all time."

According to the 'Trimurti' in Hinduism, there are three Gods — Brahma - the Creator: Vishnu - the Preserver and Shiva - the Destroyer. In fact, these are three different faces, attached to one body. Similarly, in Christianity, the concept of 'Trinity' holds that there are three co-eternal persons —the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. Islam also believes in a Merciful, Benevolent and Omnipotent Allah.

Science has proved that the material world consists of electrons, neutrons and protons.

Nanak, on realization, pronounced that there is only one God or Supreme Power. He called it 'Ek Omkar Satnam' which is primal, pure, without beginning or ending. Nanak's concept of God is incorporeal, i.e., body-less, or formless. To him, it is an 'Unstruck Sound'. Because only a body-less entity can be primal, pure, without beginning or without the end. All bodily forms are subject to birth, death and corruption. Even if we do not agree that Nanak's Ek Omkar Satnam is the same as the Soul in Hinduism, the Holy Spirit in Christianity and the Merciful and Benevolent Allah, without any form, we must agree that Nanak's Ek Omkar Satnam is a 'conditioned principle' according to which the whole universe is being created, sustained and destroyed over time.

This 'conditioned principle' fulfills the condition of being pure, primal, beyond birth and death. About the Universe, Guru Nanak says that it is 'infinite'. The Unstuck Sound (the Word – Shabad), the Soul, the Holy Spirit, and Allah all are infinite and incorporeal in nature. We cannot touch

or see these. We can realize these only through mind and body.

Guru Nanak's life story tells us that he was a Saint and a Guru who would not bow before anyone whether it was a living being, a dead religious dogma or a tradition. He refused to bow before Mogul Emperor Babur and the rituals and dogmas of his own Hindu religion. Instead, he was in a constant adherence to his complete solitude and meditation in which there was no leadership, no tradition and no authority.

This state of Solitude and Meditative composure of Guru Nanak is a path that can take a person from many worldly pursuits to Three and ultimately from Three to One. This solitude, which is pure, primal and eternal, never beginning and never-ending, takes a human being away from all the transitory nature of worldly things.

To quote J. Krishnamurti, a new-age philosopher, "We carry with us the burden of what thousands of people have said and the memories of all our misfortunes. To abandon all that totally is to be alone and the mind that is alone is not only innocent but

young – not in time or age, but young, innocent, alive at whatever age – and only such a mind can see that which is Truth and that which is not measurable by words."

According to Guru Nanak, the Creator, the Creation and its Sustainer are the same in three different forms. To Guru Nanak, it is a journey from infinite to three and from three to one. According to an English translation of three lines of a poem in Punjabi about Guru Nanak written by Bhai Gurdas:

He revealed that there is one supreme God. He regarded the king and beggar as equal. He came to transform the people of the world

Today, after 553 years of Guru Nanak's birth, 'transformation' of human beings has gone towards 'radicalization'. Instead of bowing to and serving the Truth (God) we have lined up to ask God to serve us. We are praying to improve our financial condition; I have no job, give me a job. All our prayers are, about asking and demanding

On the contrary, the fact is that God has

already given us as much as we deserve. Our prayers show that we are pressing God to serve us. Sometimes, we challenge God and ask Him in a threatening tone to fulfill our unending desires. Simone Weil, a renowned philosopher, characterized prayer as 'pure undivided attention'. Listening to that 'unstruck sound within' with undivided attention is the true prayer. It is true remembrance (Simran) of Ek Omkar Satnam. It is true One-ness and Equality. It is true Akhand Path.

Today, we find ourselves more as disciples than as 'Seekers of Truth'. The word 'Sikh' signifies 'seeker of truth'. In religious matters, Guru Nanak refused to be a spoon-fed disciple. He refused to follow anything blindly. He was a man of freedom and a real seeker of truth at any cost. We on the other hand are not seeking through our deep introspection but are being guided by Maya - an illusion. To celebrate Guru Nanak, "Let us lit a light in the illusory nature of man's mind".

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Annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony Honours...

Canadian soldier Private Buckam Singh was one of only nine Sikh soldiers allowed to serve with Canadian Forces in WWI. The discovery of his war medal and military grave has led the Sikh community to reclaimed a forgotten son and Canada to reclaimed the story of a war hero. The ceremony, now in its 15th year, was attended by members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Police Services across Ontario. Royal Canadian Legion members, veterans and elected officials from federal, provincial and municipal governments.





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Housing Market Faces High Rates and Slowing Economy in 2023

BCREA 2022 Fourth Quarter Housing Forecast

Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) released its 2022 Fourth Quarter Housing Forecast this week.

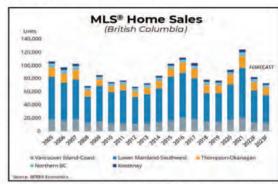
Multiple Listing Service (MLS) residential sales in BC are forecast to decline 34.4 per cent from a record high 2021 to 82,345 units this year. In 2023, MLS residential sales are forecast to fall an additional 11.4 per cent to 72,960 units.

"The factors that drove unprece-

ANCOUVER, BC: The British dented housing market activity over the past two years, including record low mortgage rates, buyer preference for extra space and the ability to work remotely, are now unwinding," said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. "As a result, there has been a significant shift in the housing market, which we anticipate will continue through 2023." With continued high-interest rates and what looks like a difficult 2023

ahead for the Canadian economy.

we anticipate that market activity is going to fall below normal levels next year. On the supply side, slow sales activity has led to an increase in inventory, but from record lows. The rapid shift in market conditions has weighed on prices in the second half of this year, though active listings growth has slowed and is short of levels where we tend to see more substantial downward pressure on prices. However, price levels have fallen from their peak earlier this



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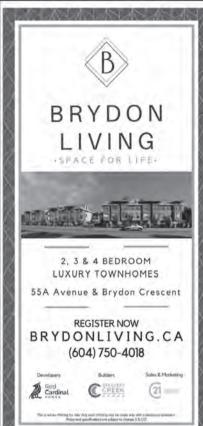
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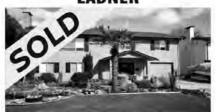
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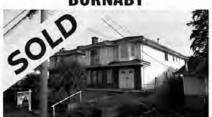
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103 19835 64 AVE, LANGLEY



2 BED • 2 BATHS • 1,132 SF

Welcome to Your Future dream Home in the most desired neighbourhood Willoughby Heights! This Beautiful & Well kept 2 Bedroom 2 Washroom Condo features with 1132 Sq. ft of space & 91 Sq.ft covered completely private north facing Balcony overlooking Greenbelt. Very Spacious Living Room. Master bedroom is ensuite with good size Walk in Closet. Second Washroom is fully renovated. Kitchen comes with one year old appliances. Very Quiet & Calm Unit. Very Close to Canadian Superstore, Costco Willowbrook Shopping Center, Schools, Parks & Recreational facilities. Comes with 1 Parking Stall & 1 Storage Locker And Second Open Parking Stall is available for all the residents along with lot of Visitor **Parkings**

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14974 RAVEN PL, N. SURREY



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Investor's Alert! Updated Home on a 7280 Sq. Feet Lot with a 70 feet wide front with 3 Bedrooms & 1 Washroom in Boliver Heights. Good condition for Living now & Build later. Roof was done in 2016. Full exposure for lot of natural light with a huge backyard. Very close to Guildford Mall, T&T Super Market & Walmart. Easy Access to Highway 1. The Best thing is that this property comes with a Back Lane Access.

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103 6299 144 ST, SURREY



3 BED • 3 BATHS • 1,541 SF

Welcome to Your Future dream Home in the most desired neighbourhood Sullivan Station! This Beautiful & Well kept 3 Bedroom 3 Washroom Townhome features with a good size Living Room & dining Room with 9' High Ceiling. Living Room directly walks in to fenced backyard. Open Concept Kitchen with Granite Countertops. Generous sized Bedrooms on top floor with Master ensuite. Double tandem Garage with lot of cabinets for storage. Lots of Visitor Parkings Nearby. Amenities include a 7800 sqft club house with OUTDOOR POOL, sauna/hot tub, yoga studio, 2 guest suites & much more. Very Close to shopping, transit, Highway 10, Bell Center.

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said Mayor Brenda Locke.

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the time, with family and

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who have made the ulti-

mate sacrifice for our free-

dom. I encourage you to

attend one of the Remem-

brance Day Ceremonies

that are taking place across

The largest Remembrance

Day ceremony is expected

to take place at Veteran's

Square in Cloverdale. It

is being presented by the

Royal Canadian Legion

our city."



23rd Birthday Celebrations



haitanya's 23rd birthday was celebrated at Madhu Saha's place on October 22 and at Hare Krishna Temple on 23 October with

Lots of love and Ashirwad from parents Kishor Lata and Brother Aashutosh Nandha, friends and families from Canada and India

BC accepting applications for multiculturalism grants

TCTORIA - Funding to tackle racism and advance racial equity is available for community organizations through the Province's 2022-23 multiculturalism grants program.

More than \$300,000 are available to support community projects that help reduce systemic racism and incidents of hate, as well as build capacity to address these issues in racialized communities. Each successful organization

will receive as much as \$5,000. Preference will be given to applications submitted by racialized and marginalized groups.

Grant applications will be accepted until Nov. 25, 2022.

For more information about the grants and to apply, visit:

https://www2.gov. bc.ca/gov/content/ governments/multiculturalism-anti-racism/ multiculturalismbe/ multiculturalismgrants

Gig workers invited to engagement sessions about employment standards

will be scheduled to hear directly from gig workers about their jobs and working conditions, and the unique challenges for appbased ride-hailing and delivery workers in B.C.

App-based ride-hailing and delivery workers may attend a roundtable in their community to provide input about the work they do, their working conditions, the challenges they face and how employment standards could address

Aseries of regional the challenges. Government wants to hear from workers who use this as their primary source of income and those who use it as supplementary income. Translation services will be provided where possible. Written comments can be submitted online: precariousworkstrategy@ gov.bc.ca (mailto:precariousworkstrategy@gov. bc.ca)

The sessions will be scheduled throughout November 2022 in communities throughout the prov-

Surrey's **Remembrance Day** Services

The City of Surrey is encouraging residents to take part in one of the various Remembrance Day ceremonies taking place across the city this Friday. Services will be held at Veteran's Square at 17610 56A Avenue; at Surrey Centre Cemetery at 16671 Old McLellan Road; at the Whalley Cenotaph at 13633 Grosvenor Road and at the Royal Canadian Legion Crescent Branch at 2643 128th Street. They will occur between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with the traditional two-minute silent tribute taking place at 11 a.m. Residents are encouraged to arrive early to find parking, or consider walking, biking or taking transit.

"Each year Surrey residents come together to remember and honour the courage and sacrifice of Canadians who have served and continue to serve our country."

Cloverdale Branch. There will be a procession at 10 a.m. and a service at 10:25 a.m. at the Cloverdale Cenotaph. The event will be livestreamed from the Heritage Surrey Facebook page and the Surrey Archives and the Museum of Surrey will be open to the public until 1 p.m. For information on road closures

ince. As they are confirmed, details of each roundtable will be posted online:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/ gov/content/employment-business/employment-standards-advice/precarious-work-strategy Through an online survey, workers will have an opportunity to provide input in the coming weeks.

visit the City's website.

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14317 31A AVENUE, SURREY



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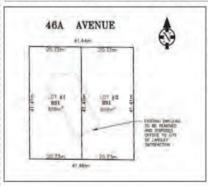
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UNIT 2808 13615 FRASER HWY



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LOT B 20444 46A AVENUE, LANGLEY



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2022 Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize for Singapore Sikh

Singapore-based Sikh re-searcher and documentary filmmaker Amardeep Singh has been honoured with the 'The Guru Nanak Interfaith Prize' for the year

Administered by Hofstra University, New York, the \$50,000 prize, which is bestowed every two years, recognises significant works to increase interfaith understanding.

Established in 2006 by Ishar Bindra and family in Brookville, New York, the award is meant to encourage understanding of various religions and encourage cooperation between faith communities

The Prize is based on the conviction that religious dialogue helps to minimize religious conflict by cultivating awareness that we each view the world from the limitations of our own traditions, and we have much to learn from the traditions of others.

Born in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, Amardeep Singh runs Lost Heritage Productions -- a Singapore-based visual media production house -- along with wife Vininder Kaur.



The production house is focused on research and documentation of forgotten legacies. Singh has authored two books, entitled, 'Lost Heritage, The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan' and 'The Quest Continues: Lost Heritage, The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan'.

He has also made a few documentary films on the remnants of the Sikh legacy remnants in Pakistan, and led a team from India and Pakistan to create a docuseries, 'Allegory, A Tapestry of Guru Nanak's Trav-

A formal award presentation has been planned on November 14 at the Woodbury in New York,

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New Training Prepares More People For Jobs In Mental Health

SURREY - Professional skills training is helping prepare as many as 45 people for jobs as crisis-response and mental-health workers in the Lower Mainland.

The new Community and Partnerships Employer (CEP) project focuses on training immigrants, Indigenous people, people with barriers to employment and people with disabilities.

'People with lived experience overcoming barriers bring insight and empathy to their work," said Nicholas Simons, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. "They also can be personally encouraging to those they are assisting and are often more reflective of the communities being served."

The Province is providing more than \$500,000 to Self Rise Training Society to train

people through the Crisis Response and Mental Health Worker training project over three intakes. "This professional training is key to ensuring we have skilled workers addressing the current mental-health crisis in our province," said Andrew Mercier, Parliamentary Secretary for Skills Training. "This program aligns with our Future Ready plan, which is helping more British Columbians gain the



Andrew Mercier

skills, knowledge and workforce connections they require to be successful in a changing economy." Sheila Malcolmson, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, said: "It's important that when people need mental-health support that support is available in their community. By training people as crisis-response and mental-health workers, our government is making vital supports available when and where people need it."

Participants will receive 20 weeks of occupational, employability

and essential skills training; three weeks of on-the-job work experience with employers; and one week of followup support to assist in their job search. Participants will also receive in-demand skills training and industry- recognized certification to secure employment throughout the sector. In addition, participants will also learn communication and computer literacy skills, as well as reading, writing and problem-solving skills to help adapt to working environments and connect with co-workers.

"The program has been very successful to date, and the diversity of participants reflects the need for more crisis-response and mental-health workers in B.C.," said Sebastian Saboori, executive director, Self Rise

Training Society. "We look forward to continuing in this partnership, providing opportunities within this growing sector and equipping the next generation of crisis-response and mental-health worker with the skills needed to succeed."

The third intake begins on Nov. 14, 2022, and runs until April 28, 2023. People interested in

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Malaika Arora to make web show debut with 'Moving In With Malaika'

Mumbai: Actress Malaika Arora, is all set to showcase a new side to her personality with her upcoming show 'Moving In With Malaika' which will drop on OTT. The show will also mark the webshow debut of the actress, who started her career with television.

With the new show, the actress will give fans access to her past, present, and future through unfiltered conversations. Sharing her excitement, Malaika said, "For the longest time, the world has viewed me through the lens of social media. But this time I am excited to shake that up a bit. With this show, I want to break that barrier between me and my fans and invite them into my world through Moving In With Malaika."



The actress promises the show to be "a fun ride" as she will take the viewers along with her to explore her day to day life with some of her closest family and friends.

Earlier in the day, Malaika had shared a picture of herself on her Instagram with the caption, "And I said yes" which led to her fans speculating about her marriage with her beau Arjun Kapoor. However, the actress has put all speculations to rest with the recent update about her digital debut.

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2022 Guru Nanak...

The Indian Panorama reported.

Educated at The Doon School, Dehradun, Singh did his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Having worked in the financial services sector for 25 years, he led the Asia Pacific Region at American Express for Revenue Management of the Credit Card business.

Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama was named the first winner of the Guru Nanak Prize in 2008 in recognition of his many years of promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding around the world.

Big B reveals he kept Karwa Chauth fast for Jaya in early years of marriage

MumbaiMegastar Amitabh Bachchan revealed that he used to observe Karwa Chauth for his wife, actress Jaya Bachchan in the initial years of their marriage, on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 14'.

Ruchi, who is a media analyst from Gurugram, talked about the advantages of getting married to a childhood friend as he knows everything and one need not to pretend.

She also said that this year she kept her first Karwa Chauth af-



ter marriage and was shocked to know that her husband also kept the fast for her.

This year was my first Karwa

Chauth and in the morning when I prepared breakfast for my husband, he said he won't eat as he is also keeping fast for me."

Big B added to the conversation: "In the beginning I also used to keep fast, but later left it."

To this Ruchi replied: "Everyone says that in the initial years of marriage we used to do this and all but later left it. I am scared if the same

happens with us!"

'KBC 14' airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

Ranveer Singh all set to perform onstage at IIFA Awards 2023



also the brand ambassador of Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, the venue of the awards extravaganza, will perform at the magnificent Etihad Arena at the event on February 11, 2023. Talking about the event, Ranveer, who recently signed up with the global talent agency, CAA, said: "I am excited to be headlining IIFA again with a performance that hopefully will be memorable to all those attending it. I am thrilled for this one because I will be performing at Yas Island, my home away from home." He added: "I am anticipating the most incredible IIFA experience to date at Yas because I know it will be epic in every way possible."

The IIFA Awards and Weekend will be held on February 10 and 11, 2023. The venue, Etihad Arena, is part of the Yas Bay Waterfront.



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Radhika Apte Is Polar Opposite Of Her Corrupt Cop Role In 'Monica O My Darling'

Mumbai: Actress Radhika Apte is back to Netflix with her upcoming streaming movie 'Monica O My Darling'. What's novel in that - one may ask. Well, it's her character of a 'corrupt cop' that she is essaying for the first time.

While she played a cop in Netflix original 'Sacred Games', there the moral compass of her character was intact but in 'Monica O My Darling', it's pretty unpredictably messed up to say the least.

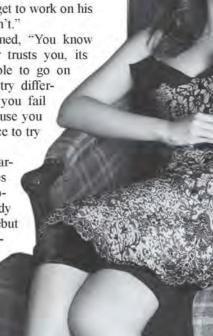
Elaborating on the same, she said, "This character was very out of my comfort zone. I've never done comedy before and it was very interesting to play the corrupt cop, quite unashamed and unabashed about her values in life, could be probably most opposite of whatever I am. That was very interesting, it was out of my comfort zone but Vasan had faith (sic)."

The film also stars Rajkummar Rao, Huma Qureshi in prominent roles. The trailer has been getting a lot of positive acclaim, Radhika's character looks very interesting and is getting a lot of love from the audiences. Sharing her experience of working with director Vasan Bala and her character, she says, "I've been wanting to work with Vasan for a very long time. In fact. Vasan was the first few people that I've met in this industry so I've known him for a very long time and

hoped that I would get to work on his other films but I didn't."

She further mentioned, "You know when your director trusts you, its quite nice to be able to go on set, take risks and try different things even if you fail you don't care because you know it's a safe place to try and explore.'

'Monica O My Darling', which promises to be a tasteful neonoir crime comedy thriller, is set to debut on Netflix on November 11.







umbai, Bollywood actress Yami Gautam's upcoming film 'Lost' will be having its premiere at the coveted International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for an Asian Premiere Gala.

Helmed by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, 'Lost' is a gripping investigative drama thriller that depicts a higher quest, a search for lost values of empathy and integrity.

Director Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury shares, "I feel happy that the film opened to such a tremendous reception at the different film festivals, and I am honoured for the film's grand premiere now at a prestigious platform like IFFI."

Inspired by true events, 'Lost' is a story of an enthusiastic young woman crime reporter in her relentless search for the truth behind the sudden disappearance of a young theatre activist.

The intriguing drama boasts a

powerful cast - Along with Yami, the film will feature Pankaj Kapur, Rahul Khanna, and an ensemble of younger talent, including Neil Bhoopalam. Pia Bajpiee, and Tushar Pandey, in prominent roles.

CBO of Zee Studios, Shariq Patel, said

"'LOST' is

certainly a unique film, a story of humanity under the guise of a thriller. We look forward to its reception at the festival and then its theatrical release in India."

The story is written by Shyamal Sengupta and Aniruddha Roy

Chowdhury, the screenplay is written by Shyamal Sengupta and the dialogues are by Ritesh Shah. Avik Mukhopadhyay is the Director of Photography.

The music is composed by Shantanu Moitra, and the lyrics are penned by Swanand Kirkire. 'Lost' is produced by Zee Studios, Shareen Mantri Kedia, Kishor Arora, Sam, and Indrani Mukherjee.

Shareen Mantri Kedia, Producer

Namah Pictures, said -"IFFI is indeed prestigious platform to showcase 'Lost'. We

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Nora Fatehi To Collaborate With Nicki Minaj For Official FIFA 2022

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Mumbai: Actress-dancer Nora Fatehi will be lending her voice along with International rapper Nicki Minaj for the official football anthem - 'Light the Sky' for FIFA World Cup 2022

Joining the leagues of Jennifer Lopez and Shakira, the global sensation had earlier featured in the official Qatar World Cup anthem, which premiered on YouTube on October 7. Representing India at one of the most prestigious football tournaments globally is a big feat in itself.

Nora will also be performing live at the FIFA World Cup this month which



at him.

os Angeles, Hollywood star Chris Evans' mom Lisa thinks it was "about time" her son was named Sexiest Man Alive.

The 41-year-old actor was revealed to have taken People magazine's annual accolade earlier this week and his mother Lisa has said she will be telling "everyone" about his win, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

> Speaking to Boston's WHDH TV 7NEWS news channel, she said: "My reaction was, 'yeah, of course, it's about time!' I was bragging when he was potty trained, I was bragging when he was walking, but this is something that everyone

will know about. I'm pretty happy about While Lisa

was unsur-

prised

himself now that he is in his 40s. He said: "In the good ol' days I could eat whatever I wanted, do a couple work-

outs per week and be okay. "That is not the case anymore. If I have two beers, I wear it. I haven't had to play a role like Captain America in a while so things like diet and workout regimen ha-

friends will see it as a reason to poke fun

She said: "(His friends) will absolutely

give him grief about it, but - they're very

Evans said when his win was announced

that his mom would be "so happy" about

He said: "My mom will be so happy.

She's proud of everything I do, but this

is something she can really brag about."

The 'Knives Out' star admitted earlier

this week he has to take better care of

ven't been on my radar. But getting older,

> things are clicking and sore and it's harder to wake up, you have less energy...

"You know what it is? It's that it happened so quickly. A year ago I wasn't thinking about any of this. I was someone who was lucky enough to not really think much of it in my 30s and then I hit 40 and it all came at once."



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os Angeles: Actress Letitia ✓ Wright said that she is still in therapy processing the "traumatic" accident that happened to

her on the set of 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'. The actor was injured in late August 2021 after a set accident involving a motorcycle sent her to the hospital with a fractured shoulder and a concussion, among other injuries, reports 'Variety'

The accident occurred on

the 'Wakanda Forever' set in Boston. Wright was shooting a chase sequence that placed her on a "biscuit rig." which allowed the camera to shoot her riding a motorcycle in a real environment.

the 'Avengers: Endgame' actor's win, she revealed her son was shocked. She said: "He's always amazed at his own success, he's amazed at what people think of

him. And though she



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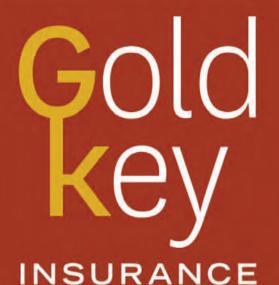
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