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# Ongoing Uncertainty In Surrey Policing Weighing Heavily On SPS Employees

As the wait for a final decision on the future of Surrey policing continues into its fourth week, Surrey Police Service (SPS) is expressing concern through an open letter over the impact these continuing delays are having on law enforcement personnel and effective policing in Surrey.

The letter mentions that not only it is impacting the safety of the residents but also SPS employees have been "under a cloud of uncertainty" ever since SPS was established in 2020.

In an April 28th news release, the Province of BC recommended the City of Surrey continue its transition to SPS "because it ensures public safety", while the City and RCMP plans were found to "present significant risk to adequate and effective levels of policing in Surrey and province" due to RCMP recruitment challenges and vacancy issues across BC.

While the Province was definitive in its recommendation for SPS and provided evidence-based rationale in a public report



SPS Chief Constable Norm Lipinski

to support this direction, the City of Surrey continues to weigh its options with no identified timeline for a decision.

"On August 6, 2020, SPS was established as a bona fide police service in BC. How-

ever, since that time, our organization and our employees have been under a cloud of uncertainty as various individuals and groups began to advocate for a reversal of the transition, resulting in our employees having the future of their jobs questioned both online and in person on a daily basis. Despite this pressure, our employees – now 400 strong – have continued to serve Surrey with professionalism," said SPS Chief Constable Norm Lipinski.

He added that the continuing delays weigh heavily on SPS employees and their families. "No doubt this is true for staff who serve with the Surrey RCMP as well. As the weeks, months, and years tick by, individuals who work in policing in Surrey are increasingly distracted by worries about their futures. As we have often said before, the physical and mental wellness of police officers and support staff is a critical element in their ability to effectively take care of the community."

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## Proposal for Canada Place Street as "Komagata Maru Place"

This week marked 109th anniversary of Komagata Maru Tragedy. The City of Vancouver and Province of British Columbia Proclaimed and declared May 23 as a Komagata Maru Remembrance Day in the City of Vancouver and Province of British Columbia. The City of Vancouver is also considering giving secondary name for Canada Place Street as "Komagata Maru Place" to redress BC's racist past.



In picture Raj Singh Toor, spokesman for the Komagata Maru Society, which submitted a renaming request to the city in 2018, with Vancouver Mayor and other members. (Full story on Page 21)

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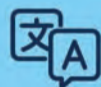
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## Province's unredacted report on Surrey policing will turn non-believers into supporters of Surrey Police Service, claims Councillor Elford

A Surrey city councillor is calling on his colleagues to prioritize a comprehensive review of the complete unredacted report on policing in Surrey prepared by the province. He feels that the report holds the potential to unlock a fresh perspective on the Surrey Police Service transition. Having personally signed the non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with the province, Surrey Councillor Doug Elford says that he gained exclusive access to the complete unredacted report, which puts forth a compelling recommendation to proceed with the SPS transition.

Last month, B.C. Public Safety Minister and Solicitor General Mike Farnworth revealed details of a third-party analysis which recommended Surrey continue its transition to the SPS. Once the announcement was made, Mayor Brenda Locke remained steadfast in her stance of keeping the RCMP in Surrey.

Surrey Police Union, too in a letter to Mayor Locke, has mentioned that unfortunately, "only half of the officials that the Province has indicated as needing to view the unredacted report have actually signed a non-disclosure agreement giving them access to the report. This is plain igno-



rance."

Councillor Elford emphasizes the profound impact of the unredacted report, stating, "The revelations contained within this report are nothing short of shocking. They have left me deeply unsettled and convinced that a thorough examination of its contents will undoubtedly reshape the perspectives of my council colleagues. Once they have had the opportunity to read this report, there can be no doubt that they will be unable to, in good conscience, continue their support to keeping the RCMP."

Councillor Elford's strong assertion sheds light on the reasons behind Mayor Brenda Locke's reluctance to sign the NDA. He

says that "she is afraid about exposing her Surrey Connect council members to the truth which is that continuing with the SPS is the right decision for not only Surrey but public safety for the entire Province."

Councillor Elford is calling upon his fellow council members to embrace this invaluable opportunity and immerse themselves in the report's revelations, underscoring its potential to generate a paradigm shift in their understanding. Recognizing the gravity of the decision at hand, he urges his colleagues to prioritize a comprehensive review of the report. By engaging in an open and transparent dialogue, he believes that a thorough examination of the report will enable informed decision-making and serve the best interests of the Surrey community.

As the Surrey council proceeds with their deliberations, Councillor Elford fosters an environment of inclusivity, where all voices are valued and heard. By encouraging his colleagues to delve into the unredacted report, he champions a collective pursuit of truth and understanding, underpinned by an unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community and public safety.

## NDP says international students who were misled by dishonest recruiters shouldn't have to pay the price

NDP critic for Citizenship and Immigration Jenny Kwan made the following statement in response to the pending deportation of 150 Punjabi International students: "Right now, students who came to Canada for their university education are under threat of deportation. I wrote to the minister on Thursday, May 25 urgently calling for action to help these students who, unknowingly, received fraudulent travel documentation from bad actors looking to make money from their deceit. I'm glad that the minister is responding and indicating that moving forward his government's focus will be on identifying the culprits and not penalizing the victims.

On behalf of the NDP I want to make it clear that, as the Liberal government goes after the culprits, it is critical that the pending deportations are stayed, and inadmissibility on



the basis of misrepresentation waived and an alternate pathway to permanent status, whether it's Humanitarian and Compassionate application process or a broad regularization program, is provided to the students.

International students are a huge part of university towns across our country. They help our economy and contribute their time and talent to Canada. It is crucial that anyone who considers studying here can have confidence that they will be treated well and that our processes are trustworthy and fair. I urge the minister to act immediately to stop these unjust deportations."

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# Husband-Wife Devan And Mandeep Grewal Become Important Link To 1,000 Lifesaving Connections

VANCOUVER: 1,000 patients in Canada have received kidney transplants thanks to the kidney exchange program led by Canadian Blood Services, in collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health, Providence Health, and living donation and transplant programs across Canada.

Husband and wife, Devan and Mandeep Grewal are one such pair who participated in this program. When Devan needed a kidney transplant, Mandeep donated hers to an anonymous recipient, completing a chain that brought Devan his when he underwent surgery at Vancouver General Hospital.

Launched in 2009 by Canadian Blood Services, the national KPD program matches suitable living donors to recipients across

Canada. The program offers living kidney donors the possibility of helping someone they know, or even someone they don't, receive a kidney transplant, even if they are not a match to the person they are trying to help.

Using a sophisticated matching algorithm, the program identifies compatible transplant opportunities created through chains of paired donations from otherwise incompatible pairs. These chains are also made possible thanks to non-directed anonymous donors (willing living donors without a specific intended recipient).

"The support of the kidney paired donation program, along with the selfless acts of donors, has granted me a second chance at life—a life where I can continue to pursue my passions for sports and travel," says Devan Grewal. "This program changed my life and I am so thankful."

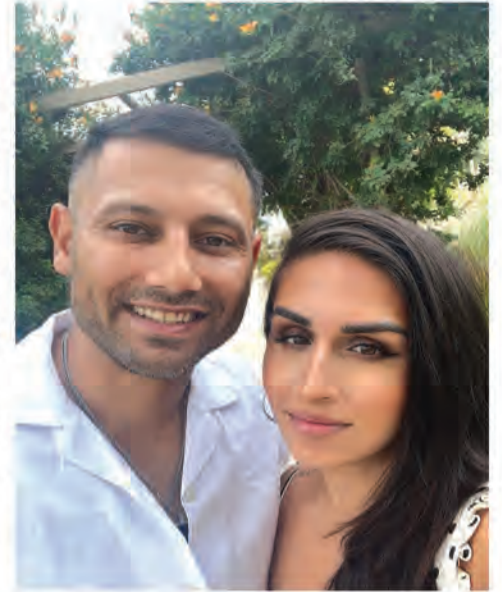
"I am forever grateful to the kidney paired donation program and the anonymous re-

ipient of my kidney," adds Mandeep Grewal. "Without this incredible program, the vital link in this chain of giving may not have led to my husband receiving the precious gift of life."

These transplants, facilitated through the Kidney Paired Donation (KPD) program, represent 1,000 people whose lives have been saved or forever changed by the gift of organ donation. The KPD program connects living donor programs across the country, enabling them to achieve together what no jurisdiction can do exclusively on its own.

"The program has enabled 1,000 heroes to gift the live-saving gift of a kidney transplant," says Dr. John Gill, transplant nephrologist at St. Paul's Hospital who helped advance the KPD. "That is truly something worth celebrating."

Dr. Jagbir Gill, physician lead for renal transplant at St. Paul's Hospital, adds, "Between Vancouver General Hospital and St.



Paul's Hospital, we have performed 279 transplants as part of the KPD program. "Some of these patients had been on the transplant list for over three years, waiting for a match. This program is live-saving resource for patients."

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Burnaby RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect responsible for a \$75,000 fraud.

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The victim's debit card was used at a bank machine in the Metrotown area to withdraw a large sum of money. The victim's credit cards were then used at various businesses to purchase high end electronics. The credit cards were used in the Metrotown area, South Vancouver and Richmond. These fraudulent purchases total more than \$75,000.

This type of crime can cause financial and emotional hardships, said Cpl. Mike Kalanj with Burnaby RCMP. We believe someone will recognize this man. If you recognize this suspect, please give our investigators a call.

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# Province, Federal government jointly award \$300 million to BC company to expand bio-tech research

## 2012 Biotech company that originated in UBC is making waves worldwide

**V**ANCOUVER: Canadian government and British Columbia have jointly announced funding of \$300 million to a made-in-BC biotech company AbCellera project.

The Province of B.C. is contributing \$75 million and Government of Canada is contributing \$225 million toward the project, which has a total value of \$701 million.

The project will see AbCellera build a state-of-the-art biotechnology campus that will include a new preclinical development facility and upgrades to existing facilities in Vancouver, creating more than 400 highly skilled jobs, as well as new training opportunities in life sciences and biomanufacturing.

AbCellera is a Canadian technology company that is breaking the barriers of conventional antibody drug discovery to bring



Globally, AbCellera has more than 60,000 square metres (650,000 square feet) of lab, office and manufacturing facilities in use or under development; more than 170 programs under contract with more than 40 partners; and AbCellera and its partners have brought nine molecules to the clinic.

"It wasn't long ago that AbCellera emerged out of the University of British Columbia to become a global biotech leader saving lives around the world. We've supported AbCellera from the very beginning, and this commitment to its success is a commitment to the success of a strong and sustainable economy right here in B.C.," said Brenda Bailey, B.C. Minister of Jobs.

The project will enable locally invented treatments in areas, such as oncology and immune diseases, to be developed and trialed in B.C., which will benefit patients in B.C. and around the world. It also builds the capability needed to conduct Phase 1 clinical trials in B.C.

AbCellera's engine integrates expert teams, technology and facilities with the data science and automation needed to propel antibody-based medicines from target to clinic in nearly every therapeutic area with precision and speed.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, AbCellera and its partners brought two antibody treatments to patients, including the first antibody treatment to be authorized by the Health Canada and U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

AbCellera's COVID-19 antibodies have been used to treat more than 2.5 million patients and are estimated to have saved tens of thousands of lives.

better medicines to patients sooner. AbCellera emerged out of the University of British Columbia in 2012, originally with six employees, and now employs more than 500 across its locations in Vancouver; Boston; Sydney, Australia; and Cambridge, United Kingdom.

"AbCellera is an amazing local success story and today's commitment represents the largest single private investment in a life-sciences project in our history," said Premier David Eby. "This partnership will ensure British Columbians see the benefit of access to innovative therapies through clinical trials, while creating hundreds of good jobs and local training opportunities as we position B.C. as a global hub for life sciences and biomanufacturing."

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# New data highlights high cost of healthy eating in B.C.

A new report suggests nutritious diets are unaffordable for many B.C. families and individuals living on low-incomes.

The Food Costing in BC 2022 report assesses the affordability of healthy eating for individuals and families in the province. According to the latest data, the average monthly cost of a nutritious diet for a family of four in B.C. in May and June 2022 was \$1,263 per month.

"Food insecurity is a significant public health issue," said Dr. Geoff McKee, medical director of Population and Public Health at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). "The price of food does not affect everyone equally and the root cause of household food insecurity are low incomes."

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), a part of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), collaborates with health authorities and Ministry of Health to monitor the average cost of a nutritious diet in B.C. Food costing is typically conducted every two years; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first food costing report since 2017.

Food costing in B.C. uses a survey tool known as the national nutritious food basket to assess the cost of 61 food items at grocery stores in

Average monthly cost of the nutritious food basket for a reference family of four across BC regional health authorities in 2022

	Average Monthly Cost	Number of Stores Sampled
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>\$1,263</b>	<b>245</b>
Fraser Health	\$1,193	88
Interior Health	\$1,264	39
Northern Health	\$1,300	18
Vancouver Coastal Health	\$1,311	62
Island Health	\$1,366	38

different parts of the province. According to the report, average monthly costs in 2022 in the five regional health authorities ranged from \$1,193 in Fraser Health to \$1,366 in Island Health.

After a review of five different household compositions and income scenarios, the report shows many people and households who live

on low incomes, especially on income or disability assistance, cannot afford a nutritious diet after paying rent.

The report indicates that about four per cent of people in B.C. experience severe food insecurity, which means missing meals, reducing intake or not eating for a day or more at a time.

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# Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre slams Independent Special Rapporteur on Beijing's interference in Canada

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre slammed Independent Special Rapporteur David Johnston, saying, "Justin Trudeau's handpicked 'special rapporteur' has done exactly the job that was asked of him. David Johnston is shamefully helping the Prime Minister cover up Beijing's attacks on our democracy. This is outrageous, but not surprising."

Poilievre said in a statement: "This report was rigged from the start and has zero credibility. David Johnston, a ski buddy, cottage neighbour and family friend of Justin Trudeau, was given a fake job by the Prime Minister and tasked with sweeping Trudeau's cover-up under the rug. Even worse, Johnston is a member of the Trudeau Foundation, which received \$140,000 in donations from Beijing designed to influence the Prime Minister and



his government. It comes as no surprise that there is not a single mention of the Trudeau Foundation in Johnston's report. It's hard to imagine a more compromised individual for this fake job."

"Canada's democracy is at stake. Weekly, and sometimes

daily reports have come out in the media with information from whistleblowers who risk potential prosecution because no one in Trudeau's government is listening. And instead of taking these reports seriously, Trudeau and his handpicked rapporteur are more concerned

about these whistleblowers than they are about Beijing's interference in our democracy," he added.

"The Prime Minister must listen to Parliament and call an independent public inquiry now. This inquiry must be led by someone actually independent, not a Trudeau family friend. If Trudeau refuses to do this, [NDP Leader] Jagmeet Singh and the NDP must stand with Conservatives, put an end to their coverup coalition and hold Trudeau accountable."

"Justin Trudeau's first job is to protect Canadians and protect our democracy. His repeated attempts to hide what he knew, and what he did, about Beijing's interference in our democracy are shocking. It must end. Canadians deserve answers. Trudeau must ignore his fake 'rapporteur' and call a public inquiry now," he said.

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## Ongoing Uncertainty In Surrey Policing..

It is unfortunate that Surrey's policing model continues to be debated, despite the fact that the transition to a municipal police service was requested by the City of Surrey in November 2018, approved by the Province in February 2020, and recommended for completion by the Province in April 2023. Furthermore, it is extremely concerning that changing a municipality's policing model after one election cycle can even be contemplated by various levels of government.

SPS says it is critical that those in a decision-making position understand completing the transition to SPS has been identified by the Province as the only option that will ensure public safety and provide adequate and effective levels of policing in Surrey.

SPS already has 46% of the police officers currently required to police Surrey. Deployed SPS officers currently comprise over 25% of the Surrey RCMP's total detachment strength, and 50% of its frontline officers.

Also making a change in policing is a decision for generations of Surrey residents, not for only four years.

Lipinski informed that SPS's modern policing model is already showing early signs of success since there is increased transparency on policing for Surrey residents including the posting of monthly financials, staffing levels, public board meetings, and collective agreements.

"SPS has done its best to stay out of the politics of this policing transition, however, as the delays continue and the merits of SPS are debated, we have to speak up. Policing is too consequential to the community and to our 400 employees for this debate to not include SPS's voice," he said.

After almost three years of uncertainty – it is time for a clear and safe path forward for policing in Surrey.

## Surrey Businesses Hit With Substantial Increases In Tax

Surrey businesses have begun receiving their property tax bills in the mail. The business community has reached out to the Surrey Board of Trade and indicated substantial increases.

"Business classes 5 and 6 have faced enormous cost pressures over the last year," said Anita Huberman, President and CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "These property tax increases are unsustainable after businesses experienced an average increase between 2020 and 2021 of 53.9% for class 5 and 39.3% for class 6. In 2022,

classes 5 and 6 saw an increase of 14.5% and 7.2%. We need a tax climate that is conducive to the success and sustainability of businesses. Over the years, all levels of governments have put significant tax burdens on business, including regulatory burdens that inhibit a business' ability to grow."

The Surrey Board of Trade would like to understand how much Surrey businesses' property taxes increased (or decreased) this year through a brief feedback form. As businesses receive their business prop-

erty taxes, we ask that they take 2 minutes to fill out a feedback form. The deadline is June 16, 2023.

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## Kabaddi PlayDay All-Star Game Returns For Third Year At Queen Elizabeth Secondary

More than 2,000 people are expected to attend Queen Elizabeth Secondary's third Kabaddi PlayDay, an annual event featuring the district's best kabaddi players in an all-star game on Friday, June 2. Started in 2019, the Kabaddi PlayDay followed the league's first season and was intended to create further awareness for the sport. The all-star game includes the four best student athletes from eight teams across Surrey: Enver Creek, Fleetwood Park, Frank Hurt, Khalsa School, École Panorama Ridge, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth and Tamanawis secondaries.

"It's going to be the biggest game of the whole season – it's the best of the best players wearing their school-based uniforms," said QE counsellor Jeremy Lendvoy. "The first year, we looked at how can we also bring in the community, our feeder schools, and how can we make it a fun event for everyone, and it's been magnifying a bit every year."

While the PlayDay was interrupted by the pandemic, it picked back up in 2022 and has returned to an annual schedule. The league finals take place Wednesday, May 24, with the June 2 QE event showcasing the best of the best in the district.

Lendvoy said the addition of kabaddi to the district's sport portfolio has filled a gap in the spring, when many athletes in soccer, wrestling and basketball have less to keep them active. He also said the sport, which originated in India, has resonated with students of all backgrounds, providing a great outlet and physical challenge to secondary athletes.

"When you look at the roster of this all-star team, you have diverse representa-



QE Kabaddi PlayDay 2023 Image from Rustom Di Awaaz on YouTube

tives from all over the world," he said. "One of the best defensive players in the whole league is originally from Africa, and one of our best players is a refugee from Afghanistan. It's totally a diverse group of all-stars."

The event is supported by the Surrey RCMP and Delta Police Department, and organized in large part by PR teacher and league coordinator Raman Bedi, as well as Safe Schools director Rob Rai.

Additionally, Grade 6 and 7 students from Cindrich and Creekside elementary schools have been invited to learn about kabaddi, South Asian art and bhangra dancing before the game, and will be part of the event's halftime show featuring QE's award-winning bhangra team.

Lendvoy said he hopes many elders from the community can attend the event, and that the turnout is bigger and better than the previous two years.

"We really try to focus on inviting elders from the community – they really enjoy watching this sport, so we reserve a bunch of seats for them in a VIP section to come and watch it," he said. "You're looking at at least 1,200 of our students plus about 300 elementary, then we usually have a bunch of community members show up. It's going to be huge."

Community members are recommended to arrive early for the QE Kabaddi PlayDay on Friday, June 2. Classes let out at 1:30 p.m. and the game begins at 1:45 p.m.

## Nav Nishan Singh charged for murder of Brampton woman

Forty four year-old Nav Nishan SINGH from Brampton, alleged suspect of a recent homicide in the City of Brampton, has been charged with first-degree murder. On Friday, May 19, 2023, at approximately 6:00 p.m., Peel Regional Police received a 9-1-1 call for medical assistance at Sparrow Park, located near Cherrytree Drive and Sparrow Court in the City of Brampton.

Peel Police, Brampton Fire and Peel Paramedics attended the scene and found an adult female with obvious signs of trauma. Life-saving efforts were attempted; however, she succumbed to her injuries at the scene. The victim has been subsequently identified as 43-year-old Davinder Kaur from Brampton.

Police located and arrested the suspect, 44-year-old Singh from Brampton, a short distance from the scene. He has been charged with first-degree murder and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton this morning.

This remains an ongoing investigation; anyone with information on this incident or has surveillance or dashcam footage that may have captured the moments leading up to, during, or after the incident is asked to contact Homicide investigators at 905-453-2121 extension 3205. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

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# UK's Coventry Gets First Turbaned Lord Mayor

A local Sikh councillor based in Coventry has made history for the central England city by becoming its first turban-wearing Lord Mayor.

Jaswant Singh Birdi, who was born in Punjab and spent some time in Calcutta in West Bengal as a child, moved to Coventry 60 years ago and has served as a councillor in the city for 16 years. He re-

cently took formal charge of his new post of Lord Mayor with the official Chains of Office with his wife Krishna by his side as the Lord Mayoress. "I am so proud to become Lord Mayor of my adopted home city," said Birdi. "It has given so much to myself and my family over the years and I will be honoured to show why I love it so much and to promote the city and the won-

derful people who live here," he said. "As a Sikh, it also means so much that I will be wearing the Chains of Office and the turban. It will help show what a happy multicultural city we have and maybe inspire others as well," he added. Apart from being a councillor, Birdi has been actively involved in setting up religious, social, and community projects in

Coventry. Now in his role as Lord Mayor as an ambassador of the city, his chosen charities for support for the year include Muscular Dystrophy Charity, the Coventry Resource Centre for the Blind, and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire Charity. He served as Deputy Lord Mayor for the past year.



# Indian-Origin Teen Deliberately Crashes Truck Into A White House Barrier

The crash was a good distance from the White House gates, but the incident prompted road and sidewalk closures, and the nearby Hay-Adams hotel had to be evacuated. No one was injured in the crash.

Kandula, of Chesterfield, Missouri, rented the truck on Monday night immediately after flying from St Louis to Dulles International Airport on a one-way ticket, a Secret Service agent said in a statement of facts filed in federal district court in Washington DC, NBC News reported.

He drove the vehicle onto a sidewalk outside the White House and into a metal barrier just north of the White House, according to the document.

Kandula put the truck in reverse and crashed into the barrier a second time before United States Park Police officers took him into custody, according to the document.

Kandula told authorities he had been planning the attack for six months and detailed the plans in a "green book," the document

19-year-old Indian-origin teen accused of deliberately crashing a rented U-Haul truck into a White House barrier told authorities that he wanted to get inside the mansion to "seize power" and "kill" US President Joe Biden, according to media reports.

US Park Police arrested Sai Varshith Kandula after he crashed the truck into the security barriers on the north side of Lafayette Park shortly before 10 pm on Monday, sending multiple pedestrians running from the scene, The Washington Times report-

says. He "stated his goal was to 'get into the White House, seize power, and be put in charge of the nation,'" the document states.

"When agents asked how he would seize power, Kandula stated he would 'kill the President if that's what I have to do and would hurt anyone that would stand in my way.'" The document was included with a criminal complaint charging Kandula with deprecation of property of the Unit-

ed States over USD 1,000, the NBC News report said.

Police in Chesterfield have no records of any interaction with Kandula or calls for service to the family home, Capt Daniel Dunn, Commander for the City of Chesterfield's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, said.

Dunn said that federal agents are in charge of the investigation. Investigators are probing whether mental health played a role.

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## Mann Asks Channi To Make Information Public About 'Bribe For Jobs'

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann warned his predecessor and Congress leader Charanjit Singh Channi to make information public about his nephew seeking "bribe for jobs" from sportsperson by May 31. However, Channi has already denied the charge that his relative sought Rs 2 crore from a cricket player for a government job under the sports quota. "If you didn't make public (the people who sought bribe) by May 31, I will declare the name and the place where the meeting took place," Mann tweeted. The Chief Minister's statement comes three days after he made a scathing attack at a public function on the previous governments for "looting" the people. He said the earlier regimes had "sold" the jobs to the youth whereas his government is providing the jobs in a

transparent and fair manner totally on merit. Addressing the gatherings after laying foundation stone of the tehsil complexes at Dirba and Cheema in Sangrur district, Mann said Channi's nephew used to seek Rs 2 crore for every job. Mann said these leaders who have "exploited" the youth of the state will not be spared and they will be made accountable to the people of the state. He said the government is committed to the well being of the people and no stone is being left unturned for this noble cause. The previous regimes had "mercilessly plundered" the state due to which the state had lagged behind in progress. Mann said the government would recover every single penny from these "corrupt leaders" who had robbed the state.

## Punjab's New Agriculture Policy To Solve Farmer's Problems

Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal today said the new agricultural policy to be released on June 30 this year will help solve many problems of farmers. He said the new policy was being prepared with the suggestions from farmers, agricultural experts, farm leaders, people and representatives of different sections. Presiding over a nearly four-hour-long meeting regarding demands of the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) at Punjab Bhavan, Dhaliwal said the new policy was being prepared with the aim of boosting the agrarian economy. He said the government was exploring opportunities to export vegetables and other crops to neighbouring countries. Regarding the demand of the farm leaders to release the dues of the sugar mills, Dhaliwal said after meeting with the Chief Minister, the amount would be disbursed to sugarcane growers soon. Upon the farmer leaders bringing to the notice of the minister that some family members of farmers who attained martyrdom during the farmers' movement had not been given government jobs,

Dhaliwal immediately instructed officials of the Agriculture Department to complete the process and give jobs to eligible persons.

## Wrestler Sakshi Malik Meets Akal Takht Jathedar To Seek Support Of Sikhs

As wrestlers continue protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh at the Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Padma Shri award-winning wrestler Sakshi Malik met Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh and sought support of the Sikh community in the matter.

Malik, who arrived at Damdama Sahib with her husband Satyavrat, shared the reasons for their protest and the demands of the wrestlers. She said that they should issue an appeal in the name of the Sikh community so that more Sikhs can come in their support.

After hearing her, Jathedar Harpreet Singh asked the Central Government to show seriousness towards the demands of the wrestlers. Sakshi Malik and her husband were also honoured with siropa.

Malik, who posted photo with the Akal Takht Jathedar on her social media handle after her meeting wrote, "Today we received the blessings of Shri Akal Takht Sahib's Jathedar Singh Sahib Giani Harpreet Singh. The Sikh community has always played its part in the fight for justice and today, it is with us in this fight for women."

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By Balwant Sanghera

# Restoration of Punjab's Nurmahal Sarai has brought new life to this centuries-old monument



Visiting India and Punjab in particular is always a great experience. There is so much to see and do. India's history and historical monuments are just amazing. I remember when I was in college, we used to have our college groups go on organized tours to visit various historical places. This interest has continued to motivate me to visit various historical places whenever I get a chance to visit India. This includes religious, historical and other places of interest.

A few years ago, my wife and I travelled by train to Nander, Maharashtra, where Guru Gobind Singh ji inspired a recluse Banda Bahadur to come to Pun-

jab and lead a movement to end prevailing violence against the Hindus and Sikhs and initiated massive land reforms in the Punjab. From there, we visited Bider, where Guru Nanak Dev ji helped the community address the problems relating to water quality and shortage. Then we travelled

to Hyderabad another city with a rich history.

A few years later, on a visit to India, we had the opportunity to visit Patna Sahib, birthplace of Guru Gobind Singh ji and other historical places like the Bodh Gaya and ancient Nalanda University. On another visit it was a pleasure to

visit Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Fatehpur Sikri etc. About five years ago, on another visit to India I decided to spend four /five days in Delhi/New Delhi and visit and revisit some of the historical and religious places there including The Lotus. On our latest visit to India from end of January and

beginning of April this year (February-March, 2023), I decided to spend more time in the Punjab and focus on the local historical places. My hometown Pharwala (in Jalandhar District) is very close to two historical towns - Bilga and Nurmahal. Bilga is considered to be the largest town in the Punjab. It is home to a large number of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for India's independence. Also, Bilga was visited by the fifth Sikh Guru of the Sikhs, Guru Arjun Dev ji on his way to get married in nearby Mau Sahib. At that time, Bilga is reported to be a collection of a few huts, jhuggis / (kullis) that used to burn every year. The residents of Bilga treated Guru ji with a great deal of reverence and served him and his wedding party well. Before leaving for Mau Sahib, Guru ji blessed the residents of Bilga. As a result of Guru ji's blessings, this town has flourished and has become well known all over the world. Guru ji's robes and other articles have been carefully preserved and displayed at the Gurdwara sitting in the centre of the town. It is an honour to visit this Gurdwara and pay our obeisance to Guru ji. Not very far from Bilga is Nurmahal.

Named after Nur Jahan, wife of Mughal emperor Jehangir, Nurmahal has a rich history. This town's historical Sra (Sarai) is very famous all around. At one time, this historical monument was neglected. It had a police station and a school within it. However, during the past few years, the Archeological Survey India (ASI) has done an excellent job in refurbishing this monument. The police station and the school are long gone. The Sarai looks great in its current state.

The serai measures 168sq m externally. It has octagonal towers at the corners. The western gateway, called Lahore gate is double-storied and built in red sandstone. Its front is divided into panels ornamented in sculptured relief. There were figures of angels, lotuses, nymphs, lions, elephants, birds, peacocks, men on horseback, etc. The scenes represented by many of these had scenes of elephant fight or four horsemen playing Chaugan.

My family and I would often go to Nurmahal to do shopping etc. While they were busy with their shopping, I would enjoy spending time strolling in the Sarai. There was always a steady flow of visitors all of the time I was there. Next time I visit India I will certainly enjoy spending more time visiting this Sarai and other places of interest. Like numerous trips before, this trip also proved to be a very enjoyable experience for me. I look forward to the next trip, hopefully next year.

(Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist).

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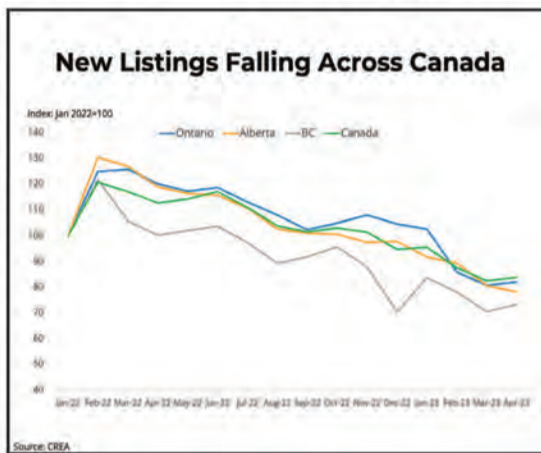
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## A Brief Note on New Listings Activity in 2023

The post-pandemic housing market has been notable for its stubborn refusal to track expectations. One of the most interesting and unexpected recent housing market trends has been the lack of new listings, which have been trending well below average in all areas of the province since the start of the year. At first blush, the lack of new listings is indeed counterintuitive. With borrowing costs at decade highs and high inflation

squeezing household budgets, it seems reasonable to assume that new listings would hold steady, or even rise, as some overburdened households were forced to sell their homes. Instead, new listings have declined substantially in housing markets across Canada. In this Market Intelligence, we show that the



pattern of new listings we see is, in fact, a usual outcome of current market dynamics and underlying economic fundamentals. Contrary to expectations, we show that a sharp rise in interest rates has historically been a deterrent to homeowners' listing their homes. Summary of Findings

- New listings in BC have fallen to 25 per cent

below pre-pandemic norms.

- Most of the explanation for low listings is due to overall slow market activity, but a multi-decade high interest rate differential between old and new mortgages is playing a role.
- The situation should resolve with time, but the current period further highlights the structural problem of chronically under-supplied housing markets, which results in volatility and susceptibility to demand shocks.

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**From Condos to Castles...**



**\$945,000**

MLS# R2695972

**14037 Marine Drive, White Rock**  
West White Rock Updated Townhome, Lovely renovated Ocean Ridge townhouse in prestigious West White Rock. On a private park-like complex on 4.5 acres only a couple of blocks from the sea. Lots of updates: kitchen, bathrooms, plumbing, electrical. Walls have been removed to make open layout on main floor. Large renovated kitchen with stainless appliances and island. Beautiful teak features in living room with built in shelves & beams. 2 full updated bathrooms, plus roughed in for powder room on main. Two large bedrooms up, master with peek-a-boo ocean view and spacious balcony.

**NEW LISTING**

MLS# R2706879

**54 - 15288 36 Ave \$1,475,000**  
**Gorgeous Fully Detached Townhome**  
Stunning fully detached townhome at Cambria by Parkland. Approx 3,000 sq ft, 4 br, 4 bath. Elegant, comfortable home w quality upgrades: hardwood floors throughout, wainscoting & crown mouldings, plantation shutters, kitchen w custom cabinetry, granite counters, SS appliances, gas stove. Formal dining room is currently home office and music room. Bright open family-friendly layout: kitchen, living room & casual dining area open onto lovely landscaped private patio and backyard. Upstairs: luxurious primary bedroom w walk in closet & spacious ensuite, 2 more bedrooms & large flex space for hobbies or office. Fully finished basement w 4th bedroom, full bathroom, huge rec room, media area, flex room & storage. The perfect family home.

**\$1,398,800**

MLS: R2722123

**14065 20 Ave, South Surrey Sunny Rancher in South Surrey**  
Charming light-filled custom-built rancher, walking distance to Semiahmoo Secondary & Bayridge Elementary. 3 br, 2 full baths, 1,981 sq ft. Bamboo floors, freshly painted, newer roof, new furnace & hot water tank. Extra large rectangular lot, almost 8,200 sq ft w potential lane access at rear. Beautiful sunny back yard for gardening & children to play, w large stamped concrete patio area & spacious shed. Huge kitchen w eating area overlooking garden. King-sized master bedroom w walk in closet & ensuite. Sunroom makes perfect office or flex space. Soaring vaulted ceiling in family room w gas fireplace. Lots of skylights. First time ever on the market. [www.cotala.com/67357](http://www.cotala.com/67357)

**\$499,000**

MLS# R2703677

**SOLD**

**307 - 13959 16 Ave, South Surrey**  
Corner Penthouse... Lovely bright end unit with view... trees in... location at back of complex... kitchen... bathrooms, lighting, paint and flooring... Peace of mind: rainscreened building... energy efficient thermal windows. Well respected... complex with solid contingency fund has huge rooftop deck with partial sea view, clubhouse, library, large well-equipped workshop, exercise room, sauna, car wash. 1 underground parking and locker. Age 50+ complex, no rentals, no pets. Strata fees incl hot water. Move in ready. Welcome home. Photos and Floorplan: [www.cotala.com/66009](http://www.cotala.com/66009)

**SOLD**

24555 44 Ave Langley

Ph2002 2959 Glen Drive Coquitlam

308 5377 201A Street Langley

Lot 10 Foxglove Ln, Bowen Island

206-15288 22 Ave South Surrey

62 - 15233 34 Ave South Surrey

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**12432 75 Avenue**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,999,000**

WEST NEWTON BEAUTY w/ CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY! 8 bedrooms 6 washrooms WITH 3 SUITES (2+2+1) - GREAT RENATL INCOME! Renovations include new pot lights, new flooring, new paint, new kitchen cabinets, new countertops, washrooms also updated. Perfect home for the growing family. Sitting on a MASSIVE 7081 SQFT Lot in a great neighbourhood of the desirable West Newton. Main floor has open layout with loads of windows to allow for the natural sunlight. 3 Bedrooms and 2 Full washrooms. Below you have 3 separate suites- great rental potential in a central location. Load of parking with double garage and large driveway. This home has tile roof, baseboard heating, A/C unit. MUST SEE!

**21010 72 Avenue**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,099,000**

Well kept rancher on a quiet street. Great building lot that is 68 x105 with a west facing backyard. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment or a place to raise a family. All amenities are in the close vicinity, with nearby Riverdale Elementary, Guildford Park Secondary school. Full exposure for lots of natural light, huge backyard for you, your dogs & kids. 3 minutes drive to Guildford Mall, T&T Supermarket & Walmart. Easy access to Highway 1. Mainly Land Value. Plans ready for 2 storey home. Big Rectangular Lot on a quiet street. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment & build new home & perfect place to raise a family.

**13271 80 AVE**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,099,000**

NO IMAGE AVAILABLE

WEST NEWTON BRAND NEW HOME! 8 BEDROOMS & 7 WASHROOMS! You are welcomed into this custom built with beautiful finishings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen. Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. There is also a bedroom on the main with full washroom, can be a separate office. Central Air Conditioner & HRV. Glass railings throughout. Modern design and finishings. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! In the basement there is a large media room perfect for entertaining. There are also 2 MORTGAGE HELPERS! Fully finished 2+1 suites with their own separate entrances. This home truly has it ALL! Perfect for the growing family!

**11141 DITTON STREET**  
**FOR SALE** **\$949,900**

Investors and Builders Alert! CORNER LOT! Ready to build rarely available R-1 lot 5350+ Sqft. Great location, minutes walk to all levels of schooling, grocery shopping, transportation and many other amenities. Call today for more information. (11143 Princess Ave Subdivision)

**13408 65A Avenue**  
**FOR SALE** **2,349,900**

Beautiful Custom Home on a 7,573 sq. ft. CORNER lot in West Newton! There is 5,404 sq. ft. of living space on 3 floors. Home has 9 bedrooms and 7 bathrooms including one on the main and 2 suites - great mortgage helpers. You are welcomed with high ceilings and fine details throughout. The main floor features living, dining and family rooms plus a games room and guest bedroom. The spacious kitchen has a large nook area, island and spice kitchen. Your family will sleep well in one of the four bedrooms upstairs. The basement is fully finished with two mortgage helpers suites. This home is across the street from Henry Bose Elementary School and two blocks from Panorama Ridge Secondary School. You'll want to see this one!

**5935 132 ST**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,899,000**

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY! PANORAMA RIDGE- always in high demand valued for its prestigious location. \*Subdivision opportunity\* Large 7300+ SqFt Lot with 75+ feet frontage+ BACKLANE. Subdivide into 2 lots (verify with City). Existing rancher is in good condition. Investors/Builders alert! Updated rancher featuring 6 Bedrooms and 2 Baths. 3 bedrooms up and 3 bedroom suite with separate entrance - great mortgage helper. RENT NOW while you start your subdivision process at city hall! This property is in a central location and right in the hub of Panorama ridge. Nearby are all your major amenities, highways and schools. Hold now, collect your rent while you wait to tear down and build your dream home or subdivide the property as there is potential of subdividing-(Please verify with city of Surrey)

**11848 83A**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,449,900**

NORTH DELTA CUSTOM BUILT HOME! Features 6 bedrooms/6 full washrooms. You are welcomed into this beauty with high end custom finishes. Main floor features living/dining room with oversized windows to soak in the natural light, a bedroom, full washroom and a large family room with a beautiful custom chefs kitchen and bonus spice kitchen. Beautiful patio perfect for hosting parties. Upstairs has 3 master bedrooms with their ensuites and an office which can be converted into a bedroom. Basement has a theatre room, bar and full washroom. There is also a 2 bedroom suite. Outside of the home is the definition of modern and luxury. Large driveway + double garage. Located in a quiet street with no through road. Fully custom built home with modern high end finishings must see in person to appreciate.

**10320 140 St**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,599,900**

This property is located at 10320 140th Street, Surrey, BC, in the neighbourhood of Whalley. This property is listed by Century 21 Coastal Realty Ltd.. The current median list price for similar homes for sale in the vicinity is \$2,250,000.

**45 6671 121A ST**  
**FOR SALE** **\$799,000**

Located in the Beautiful 'SALUS' complex, 3 Bedroom townhouse with 2 bathrooms. Best location. Features with high end appliances. Double Tandem Garage with extra 300 sq.ft. Central Location with Mountain resort PSA. Cubhouse features SPA, Outdoor Swimming Pool, Hot Tub, Sauna, Steam Shower, Exercise Center and 3500 sq.ft. Roof top Deck. Maintenance fee includes Management, garbage pick up, recreation facility and gardening. Located steps away from Boundary Park and Sunshine Hills Shopping Café, Schools, Bus Stop, North Delta Water Shed Park, Trails. Easy access to USA Border, South Surrey, Langley, Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminster, Richmond and Airport.

**12986 68 AVE**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,499,000**

WEST NEWTON RANCHER! 72 feet wide flat and rectangular lot in West Newton with no trees, easements, or right of ways. This is the one you have been searching for. Currently a 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom rancher WITH A 2 BEDROOM SUITE! Main house rented for \$2700 and basement rented \$2000. This property is ideal for first time home buyers, investors and builders. Located in a very demanding area, these types of properties do not come up often and this will move fast. The land is 72 feet wide by 99 feet deep and is centrally located close to parks, schools, shopping centres, temples, and major transportation! Please call for more information.

**12686 56 Avenue**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,349,900**

PANORAMA RIDGE 4 bedroom rancher on beautiful half acre (approx) 19,997 sq.ft lot - nice and rectangular parcel with a 154 Ft FRONTAGE! BUILDER/INVESTOR ALERT! Rare opportunity to invest in the luxury neighbourhood of Panorama Ridge. Perfect location to build your dream home! Collect rent while you wait for plan approval. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to own one of the best on highly sought after 56 avenue. Surrounded by multi million dollar homes. Ultra clean home with open layout, enclosed sunroom, newer roof, detached garage & RV parking. Plan to build your 3 level dream home (verify 3 level build with city of Surrey). Large 154' frontage x 127' deep.

**4216 240 ST**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,279,900**

INVESTOR ALERT, RARE 3.55 ACRES - park like setting with a small old farmhouse in the popular Salmon River area of Langley. Come build your dream home here, where you can be close to town, but still be in the country. Back portion of the property is forested and waiting for your ideas. Long driveway from the front of the property to the back. Please do not drive on the property or walk the property without an appointment. Great holding property with a lot of future potential or build the home of your dreams. This fully renovated home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living room, Kitchen and storage room. This property presents endless opportunities. Book your showing today. Don't wait on this one.

**17566 61A**  
**FOR SALE** **\$2,649,900**

Beautiful Custom Home on a 10,227 sq.ft. CORNER lot in IN CLOVERDALE with a 135 Ft Frontage! There is 4370 sq.ft of living space on 2 floors. Home has 8 bedrooms and 7 full bathrooms. You are welcomed with high ceilings and fine details throughout. The main floor features living, dining and family room plus a media room and covered patio. The spacious kitchen has a large nook area, island and spice kitchen. Your family will sleep well in one of the FIVE bedrooms upstairs all with their OWN private ensuites. There is also a 1 bedroom suite which is currently rented but can be converted into a 2 bedroom suite. The other bedroom is currently being used by the owners. Gated front and loads of room to park your cars. Very centrally located close to Cloverdale rec centre, shopping and highway!

**11071 Wren Crescent**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,299,000**

Well kept rancher on a quiet street. Great building lot that is 68 x105 with a west facing backyard. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment or a place to raise a family. All amenities are in the close vicinity, with nearby Riverdale Elementary, Guildford Park Secondary school. Full exposure for lots of natural light, huge backyard for you, your dogs & kids. 3 minutes drive to Guildford Mall, T&T Supermarket & Walmart. Easy access to Highway 1. Mainly Land Value. Plans ready for 2 storey home. Big Rectangular Lot on a quiet street. Great family neighbourhood. Perfect as an investment & build new home & perfect place to raise a family.

**10095 121A**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,199,900**

First time home buyer and investor alert!! Very well maintained rare to find big and rectangular lot with unobstructed view. Located in Cedar Hills, Surrey with high potential in future. Fully finished, separate entry 2 bedroom basement with full bath as mortgage helper. Currently rented with excellent tenants and rents are main floor \$2,000 + utilities & basement \$1,500 + utilities. New flooring, new painting, new hot water tank and more! Great investment opportunity. Call to book your private viewing!

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<p><b>5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN</b>  <b>\$1,495,000</b></p> <p><b>SOLD</b></p>	<p><b>#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY</b>  <b>\$699,000</b></p> <p><b>SOLD</b></p>	<p><b>9750 128 ST., SURREY</b>  <b>\$999,900</b></p> <p><b>SOLD</b></p>
<p><b>#51-7090 180 ST., SURREY</b>  <b>\$185,000</b></p> <p><b>SOLD</b>  <b>Sold in 7 days over asking</b></p>		

**NEW LISTING IN GUILDFORD AREA**

Very clean and well kept 6 bedroom House. Close to Shopping Mall, Both level of Schools and Transport. 4 Bedroom and 3 full washroom on the above floor, bedroom side suite (unauthorized) Easy access to all major router. **Asking \$1,599,900**

**NEW LISTING IN CHILLIWACK**

3 Bedroom Sub Divide able Rancher on 66x132 lot. Close to all amenities. Easy Access to Vancouver and Hope. Close to Schools, Shopping and Transportation. **Asking Only \$629,900.**

**NEW LISTING IN ALDERGROVE**

Well kept 3 Bedroom Rancher on Big lot. Close to Hyway. Close to Schools, Shopping Mall and Transportation. Easy Access to Vancouver & Abbotsford. **Asking Only \$849,000.**

**9340 149A STREET**

This 4 bedroom, 3 washroom home has had a number of renovations done. Renovated kitchen has a great deal of storage, soft close cabinetry and quartz counter tops. These same countertops continue in the bathrooms including the full ensuite off the master bedroom. This house has year around outdoor space thanks to the 360 sqft covered deck off the main living area. Large back yard. Close to all amenities. Easy access to all major routes.

**NEW LISTING**

Introducing this second floor 2 bedrooms, one washroom at sagewood place in the heart of white rock. This home is in a great location. The convenience of local shopping, transit and recreation and yet located on a quiet no through road with lots of visitor parkings. This a must see. **Asking \$424,999**

**LOT IN CHILLIWACK**

Approximately 7500 sqft. lot in Chilliwack Down Town 62 x 122. Back lane access. Fully Served. Ready to build. Plain is ready. Check with city of chilliwack for future coming. Close to all amenities. Easy access to Vancouver. You can Build 6100 sqft. **House Asking \$499,000**

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# BC Marks 109th Anniversary Of Komagata Maru Tragedy

## Vancouver considers naming Canada Place Street as “Komagata Maru Place”



Raj Singh Toor with BC's Attorney General Niki Sharma



Mayor Paul Horn presenting Raj Singh Toor Komagata Maru Remembrance Day original Proclamation signing Copy

One of Vancouver's most iconic and busiest streets may be getting a new secondary name. The city of Vancouver is considering a proposal that the primary street Canada Place be provided a secondary honorary name “Komagata Maru Place” as an act of cultural redress for the City's role in the tragic incident.

Canada marked 109th anniversary of Komagata Maru tragedy. Komagata Maru Remembrance Day is an occasion to commemorate the 376 passengers, Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus, who journeyed aboard the Komagata Maru ship in 1914 in BC in search of a better life. They were denied entry into Vancouver due to discriminatory policies. “We are extremely happy, this is great news,” said Raj Singh Toor, spokesman for the Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society, which submitted a renaming request to the city in 2018. “Hundreds of thousands of people go there. It's a great tribute to those passengers who suffered a lot during the tragedy.”

Toor's grandfather was one of the 376 passengers aboard the Komagata Maru who were forbidden from disembarking and were stuck on-board for two months amid deteriorating living conditions. Premier David Eby issued a statement on the anniversary of the Komagata Maru's arrival in British Columbia. He said that BC has been taking efforts to redress the wrongdoings of the past and will continue its fight against systematic racism. “The Province of British Columbia formally apologized for its role in discriminating against the Komagata Maru passengers in 2008. Last year, the government funded the South Asian Canadian Legacy Project to raise awareness about the contributions of South Asian Canadians to our province's culture, history and economy. Meanwhile, consultations are ongoing for the creation of a museum to share and preserve the stories, artifacts and documents of South Asian

Canadians. Our government introduced an Anti-Racism Data Act last year, the first of its kind in Canada. It is yet another important step toward dismantling systemic racism as we build a more equitable, inclusive and welcoming province for everyone.” The City of Mission too proclaimed May 23, 2023, as Komagata Maru Remembrance Day with efforts of Toor. “I would like to say thank you to the Respected Mayor Paul Horn and City Council of Mission for recognizing the Komagata Maru passengers and proclaimed May 23rd 2023 as a Komagata Maru Day in the City of Mission on my request,” said Raj Singh Toor, Vice President and spokesperson, Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society. The City of Mission Council and City of Mission School Board approved a Komagata-

past. It's a great tribute to those passengers who suffered a lot during the tragedy,” said Singh.

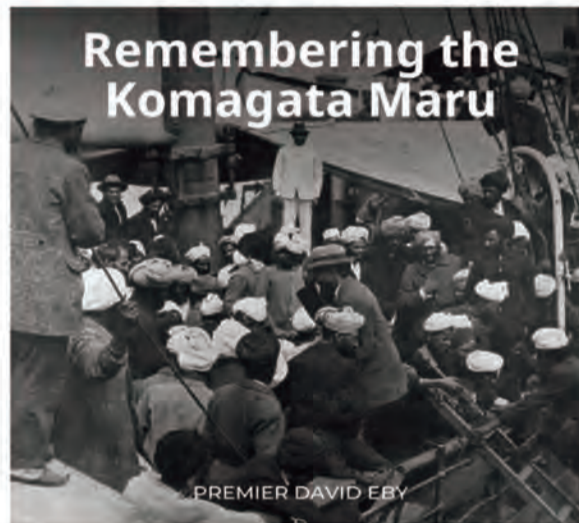
“I would like to say thanks to the Respected Mayor Paul Horn and City Council of Mission and City of Mission School Board and the members of Mission's Community Heritage Commission for recognizing the Komagata Maru passengers and make Komagata Maru School display Board reality,” he added.

In 1914, on the eve of World War I, a steam ship called Komagata Maru arrived in Vancouver carrying 376 passengers from Hong Kong. The ship was chartered by a wealthy businessman Gurdit Singh who lived in Singapore. He was a leader of the Ghardarist Movement which challenged British laws in India and elsewhere.

Singh recruited supporters from Hong Kong, Moji, Shanghai and Yokohama. When they arrived in Vancouver, some were allowed entry if they were previous residents, but many were forced to stay aboard the ship.

The ship stayed for two months and eventually ran out of food and water. Then the Komagata Maru was escorted out of the harbour by the Royal Navy. After sailing to India, a riot broke out as passengers were arrested by the British Indian government for rebelling. Gurdit Singh escaped but nineteen passengers were shot and killed during the riot.

The incident highlights the complications of the threat of war while British Columbia was a British Dominion. It also illustrates the complicated nature of immigration policies of 1914, where some immigrants were welcome, while others were not.



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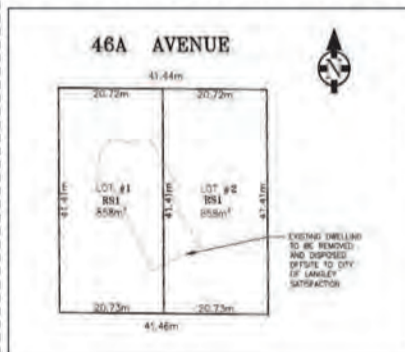
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# World-famous RCMP Musical Ride coming to Surrey alongside Surrey RCMP Open House

Surrey RCMP will welcome the iconic RCMP Musical Ride in Surrey on June 24th and June 25th, 2023, and is also inviting the public to the annual Surrey RCMP Open House which will run alongside this world-famous demonstration at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds.

The Musical Ride troop will be performing three spectacular shows at the Stetson Bowl on the Cloverdale Fairgrounds (6050A 176 Street), where audiences will have the chance to see riders take part in intricate formations and drills set to music. Surrey RCMP will also be on site at the Fairgrounds to welcome the community to its annual Open House: a free event featuring hands-on activities, demonstrations, and family fun.

The Musical Ride is a well-known tradition which is recognized around the world, and we are thrilled to have these skilled RCMP officers and their horses perform in our city, says Surrey RCMP Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards. As we mark the 150th anniversary of the RCMP in Canada today, we are grateful to have the opportunity to



hold our annual Open House in conjunction with this incredible display and enduring national symbol of our police force.

Tickets for the Musical Ride are available in advance online, with proceeds benefitting three local charities: Surrey Hospital Foun-

dation, Surrey Food Bank, and the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. Children aged 12 and under receive free admission to the Musical Ride, and a free ticket will need to be reserved online for each child attending.

# Rotary Club of Surrey-Newton of Surrey will hold the Annual Polio Walk to raise funds to achieve a polio-free world

Rotary members in Surrey-Newton will host Polio Walk at Newton Athletic Park on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm to raise awareness and funds to support the eradication of polio — a vaccine-preventable disease that still threatens

children in parts of the world today. Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases to just 5 cases in 2021. Rotary has contributed more

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For more information contact Club President Sarb Walia, 604-839-0850, rotarysurreynewtonclub@gmail.com or visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7003/Stories/annual-polio-walk-2022-2023>.

# Surrey recognizes seniors with a week of fun events and activities

The City of Surrey is proud to recognize Seniors Week from June 4-10. To celebrate, the City is offering a variety of free and low-cost activities from food and recreation, to history and art.

Take a public garden stroll at The Glades Woodland Garden and Darts Hill Garden Park, get creative with a family-friendly art day at the Surrey Art Gallery, or join in on low-impact lawn bowling and walking soccer. You can also attend exercise classes, and educational workshops on fraud and scams. And for those who prefer to stay at home, there will be online art classes and an Armchair Traveler series to explore the world from the comfort of your own home.

Most events are free or low cost to attend, and some require pre-registration. Visit [surrey.ca/seniors-week](https://surrey.ca/seniors-week) for more information.

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# Three, out of 4 credit rating agencies rate BC credit outlook as stable

VICTORIA – Credit Rating Agency Moody's confirmed British Columbia's credit rating at Aaa with a stable outlook. Credit ratings are an evaluation of a borrower's ability to pay interest and to repay principal. The Province is rated by 4 credit rating agencies on an annual basis. Each agency conducts a detailed review following the provincial budget presentation and each agency monitors the province throughout the year. In April, Fitch Ratings affirmed B.C.'s AA+ credit rating and stable outlook. On May 1, 2023, DBRS Morningstar confirmed British Columbia's credit rating

at AA (high) with a stable trend. S&P Global Ratings however downgraded British Columbia's credit rating from AA+ to AA and revised its outlook from stable to negative. "The overall picture is positive, and these assessments underscore the overall resilience and positive outlook for B.C.'s financial landscape," Katrine Conroy, Minister of Finance said. "We have significant fiscal guardrails to prepare us for the future while we continue to invest in British Columbians, who are the backbone of our strong economy. This approach is reflected in our updated ratings."



*Katrine Conroy  
Minister of Finance*

Moody's, the final agency to release results last week, that rated the province with a triple-A rating with a stable outlook, currently the only triple-A rating among provinces. Moody's noted contingencies as a significant cushion against unanticipated challenges, Conroy added. They also point to the province's attractiveness to businesses and individuals with strong levels of migration, along with British Columbia's ESG profile with strong green initiatives and environmental protection policies, high livability index and transparent reporting as key credit strengths. Credit-rating agencies recognize

B.C. continues to have the financial strength to support a strong economy and face any unexpected risks from global uncertainty due to the Province's prudent debt management, transparent reporting and sustained track record for responding quickly to fiscal challenges. Rating updates follow the release of provincial budgets in most jurisdictions every year. B.C.'s strong credit rating allows the Province to borrow money and fund projects at competitive rates, enabling government to continue to prioritize community infrastructure needs and service demands in a growing province.

# Track maintenance to temporarily reduce Expo Line service

Surrey customers advised to plan for at least 20 minutes of extra travel time

SURREY: SkyTrain service on a portion of the Expo Line in Surrey will be temporarily reduced for six weeks while essential track maintenance takes place. This work is critical to keeping SkyTrain maintained and ensuring the system remains reliable. From June 3 to July 18, two track switches are being replaced for the first time since they were installed over thirty years ago. Track switches are essential components which allow trains to be rerouted to different tracks. During this maintenance work, trains will only be able to travel on one side of the tracks between Scott Road and King George stations, which will slow service and reduce the number of trains which can travel through the area. Surrey customers are encouraged to use Scott Road Station, when possible, as it will have the most frequent SkyTrain service in the area. Customers travelling to and from Sur-



rey should plan for at least 20 minutes of extra travel time and prepare for some crowding on trains and platforms during peak periods. Not all trains travelling toward Surrey will reach King George Station and some stations will have fewer trains serving

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-Some trains will terminate at Gateway

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-Customers should observe station platform screens to ensure the train they are boarding will reach their destination.  
-Additional SkyTrain staff will be on-site to assist customers at impacted stations. This track maintenance work does not affect Expo Line customers who are not travelling to or from Surrey. The Canada Line and Millennium Line will also be unaffected during this work. The switches being replaced have helped carry more than five million trains since 1990. TransLink appreciates the patience of customers while these necessary upgrades are completed as quickly as possible.

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# Zeenat Aman

## Says She Has A Long Working Relationship With Amitabh Bachchan

Zeenat Aman and Amitabh Bachchan's film *Laawaris* completed 42 years on Monday (May 22). On the special occasion, the veteran actress took to social media and shared a throwback photo. She also spoke about the 'long working relationship' she had with Bachchan. In the photo, Zeenat can be seen wearing a white turtleneck sweater. She teamed it with a purple jumpsuit and completed the look with a white belt. On the other hand, Amitabh sported an off-white shirt paired with a matching jacket and beige pants. He can be seen hug-

ging the actress around her knees. Sharing the photo on Instagram, Zeenat shared the backstory and stated that the still is from the song *Kab Ke Bichde Huye Hum Aaj*. She penned, "*Laawaris* was released 42 years ago on this day on 22nd May 1981. An old school Masala blockbuster, it's the story of a man born from an illicit relationship, and includes themes of love, betrayal, murder and reconciliation. This still is from the song '*kab ke bichde hue hum aaj*'. I had been visiting a friend in London, and flew directly to Kashmir to make it in time for

this shoot."

"Director Prakash Mehra had been keeping unwell, but his excellent team of assistants stepped up to the plate. We shot the song over two-three days in some of the most stunning locations I have ever been to. Jumpsuits were all the rage back then, and this purple set was just fabulous! (and the reason I chose this picture)," she added. Take a look at the post below:

In the same post, Zeenat Aman also highlighted her relationship with Amitabh Bachchan. She wrote, "Amit ji and I have had such a long



working relationship, and I think part of the reason that we made a good onscreen jodi is our shared work ethic. We were both punctilious and punctual, which anyone in the industry will agree is not quite as common amongst actors as they'd like! I only ever recall him being late to set once in all those years, and boy is that a story to tell."

# Sunny Leone

## says people told her she's just a 'Glamour quotient' in films

Sunny Leone said people that passed sunflattering comments about her past cannot point fingers at her now because of her work in *Kennedy*.

Sunny Leone is busy with the promotions for her upcoming film *Kennedy* at the Cannes Film Festival. The Anurag Kashyap film stars Sunny as Charlie, and the actor recently shared that no one can point fingers at her now as she's in the film because of her additional 'glamour quotient'.

*Kennedy* premiered under the Midnight Screenings section of the at the Cannes Film Festival in the Grand Theatre Lumiere. Sunny looked stunning in a cham-

pagne dress with a thigh-high slit and long train whereas Anurag Kashyap wore a black bandh-gala suit. Actor Rahul Bhat opted for a classic tuxedo.

Now, in a conversation with Forbes India at Cannes Film Festival 2023, Sunny opened up about the comments she has received over the years and how with *Kennedy*, no one can point them at her now. She said, "I believe that your actions are louder than your words. All those people who said you can't do this, or you're not good enough, or you know you are just Sunny Leone, the porn star, you are just this glamour quotient that we've added, all of these different comments that have

gone on for so many years. You can't say that this time. You can't just say Sunny Leone is in this film because of who she is and what her past was."

Sunny opened up about how even if mean comments were written about her, she would have to hide her hurt in the public. "People out there don't always know how their comments or what they say or people

who write these articles that are just nasty or people who don't believe in you, they think the worst of you.

You hide behind your smile going, 'no, it's okay, I'm going to push past this' but deep down inside it does hurt your feelings and it does affect you but as an entertainer, you are not allowed to show that," she added.

*Kennedy* stars Sunny Leone, Rahul Bhat and Abhilash Thapliyal in lead roles. The film revolves around an insomniac ex-cop, long thought to be dead, but still operating for the corrupt system, and looking for redemption.

# Kunal Kemmu: You have to choose the right words to say a no, nobody likes hearing it

Actor Kunal Kemmu, who turns 40 today, talks about why he won't take up double meaning comedy films.

He has gone over to the editor's table from in front of the camera for a change, for his directorial debut *Madgaon Express*. But actor Kunal Kemmu, who turns 40 today, is intent on ringing in his birthday with his family — sans any work. "The day has just got so much attention around it that it stresses me out," he laughs.

How is the editing coming along? "It's a very unique experience. When you love what you are doing, you don't realise how much time has passed," shares Kemmu. But what about things that he doesn't love — for instance, scripts that he turns down, especially after having been an actor for more than three-and-a-half decades? Does it rub people the wrong way? "You have to choose the right words. I don't think anybody likes hearing a no. If it comes from the right place, they would understand. I have always said that I will be uncomfortable doing a certain role and won't deliver the performance they will pay me for," he shares.

Kemmu has always believed in changing things up. From being a part of hit comedies such as *Golmaal Again* (2017) and *Go Goa Gone* (2013), to a dark turn in *Kalank* (2019) and *Malang* (2020). Was this out of a fear of being tagged a comic actor? "The fear is not that I will get typecast, but that I might become repetitive.



# Alia Bhatt Turns Queen For Ranveer Singh In Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani First Poster

Alia Bhatt, Ranveer Singh starrer Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani movie has a major update. The actors took to their social media to unveil their first looks from the film. Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani is scheduled to release on July 28. Alia Bhatt shared the first poster of the film on her Instagram. The poster shared by the actress read, "Meet Rani", which is Alia's character in the film. Her caption also read, "Meet Rani". Alia Bhatt shared two looks of herself from the movie along with the posters. In the first poster, a bindi-clad Alia posed for the shutterbugs in a saree and her tresses open. In the second look also, the Gully Boy actress donned a white saree with a bindi and accessorised her look with a nose pin and a pair of earrings. Ranveer Singh took to his Instagram to share his look from the movie. Along with the movie poster, the actor shared the first look of his character, Rocky. In the caption, the Padmavat actor wrote,

"Yaaron ka yaar aur dilon ka dildaar - Rocky! The first look from Rocky aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani shows the lead actor Ranveer Singh in a lively and never seen before look. The actor shared two posters of the movie featuring his two looks. In the first, Ranveer can be seen posing in a half-open shirt. He sports a gold chain and sunglasses. The other look features the actor peaking through his sunglasses in a jeweled jacket while grinning. Rocky Rani Kii Prem Kahaani is an upcoming Hindi movie. The comedy-drama is scheduled to release on July 28. Along with Ranveer Singh, the film also features Alia Bhatt, Dharmendra, Shabana Azmi and Jaya Bach-



chan among others. Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh movies

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani does not mark the first collaboration of Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh. The actors also starred together in the 2019 movie Gully Boy. Fans of the actors are excited to see them share the screen space again.

## Divya Dutta says she turned down Bhaag Milkha Bhaag initially because she had a 'huge crush' on Farhan Akhtar



Divya Dutta shared why she didn't want to play Farhan Akhtar's sister in Bhaag Milkha Bhaag. She had a 'huge crush' on him.

Divya Dutta received much acclaim and a few awards for performance in Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra's Bhaag Milkha Bhaag a decade ago. Recently, in an interview, the actor revealed that she had initially turned the role of Ishri Kaur in Bhaag Milkha Bhaag because she had a 'huge crush' on lead actor Farhan Akhtar. She played his elder sister in the film.

However, she eventually changed her mind thanks to some persuasion by the director Rakeysh. Divya also shared that when she first arrived at the Bhaag Milkha Bhaag set for the shoot, she could not recognise Farhan Akhtar. He looked and acted exactly like Milkha Singh. The award-winning film is a biopic of the Indian track star and Olympian, beginning with the Partition of India in 1947 to his time in the Army and his eventual rise as a champion of the 400m race.

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# Manoj Bajpayee reacts to reports about his net worth being Rs.170 crore

Manoj Bajpayee was asked about his rumoured ₹170 crore net worth in a new interview. Here's how the shocked actor reacted to the claims.

Manoj Bajpayee is being praised for his performance in the recently-released courtroom-drama *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai*. The actor, who is known for



films such as *Satya* (1998), was asked about his net worth in a new interview. Manoj gave a shocked reaction to reports that claim he has a ₹170 crore net worth.

Manoj has been acting in films for nearly three decades. He has also featured in web series such as Prime Video's *The Family Man*. While speaking about his net worth in a recent interview, Manoj said he had earned enough to secure a comfortable future for him, his wife Shabana Raza and their daughter Ava Nayla. In a recent interview with *Aaj Tak*, Manoj was asked about his net worth, and he reacted with shock on hearing it was reportedly around ₹170 crore. He said, "Baap re baap! Aligarh aur Gali Guleiyar karke? Bilkul nahi hai par haan itna zaroor hai bhagwan ki daya se ki mera aur meri patni ka budhapa ache se guzar jayega aur meri beti set ho jayegi (Oh my God! By doing films like *Aligarh* and *Gali Guleiyar*? Absolutely not! However, through the grace of God, I have enough for my wife and me to live comfortably and my daughter will be well looked after)."

Manoj, who hails from Bihar further said he still lives in the suburbs of Mumbai, unlike many other Bollywood celebs. He said, "Main south Mumbai ka nahi hoon, na Bandra ka hoon. Main abhi bhi Lokhandwala, Andheri mein rehta hun. Main hamesha kehta hoon ke main cinema, iss film industry ke beech mein nahi hun. Maine ye choose kiya tha ki main film industry ki boundary pe baitha hun. Ye mera chunav raha hai (I am not from south Mumbai or Bandra. I still live in Lokhandwala, Andheri. I have always said that I am not in the middle of this film industry. I am still sitting at the boundary and it is a choice I have made)."

Manoj Bajpayee was last seen in *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai*, which was released on May 23. Before that, the actor appeared alongside veteran actor Sharmila Tagore in *Gulmohar*, which came out in March this year. Manoj's upcoming projects include films such as *Soup*, *Dispatch* and *Joram*.

# Reddit Says Deepika Padukone's First Campaign For Cartier As Global Ambassador Is 'Done Right'

Deepika Padukone showcased the new Cartier high jewellery collection in her first ever campaign for the French luxury brand. Here's how internet reacted.

Deepika Padukone was announced as global brand ambassador for the French luxury brand Cartier in October last year. Since then the actor has often been seen wearing Cartier pieces, including the yellow diamond necklace she wore at Oscars 2023 in March. Now, photos from Deepika's first-ever Cartier campaign are out.

Her photoshoot attracted attention on Reddit, where many praised the actor for 'not overshadowing the products' she was showcasing, and letting the focus stay on the jewellery. Deepika is seen flaunting pieces studded with emeralds, rubies and diamonds from Cartier's newest collection.

On Thursday, *Vogue India* reported that along with French actors Pom Klementieff and Stéphane Bak, Deepika Padukone posed for the launch of Cartier's newest high jewellery collection - *Le Voyage Recommencé*. Deepika's photoshoot was praised on Reddit. One Redditor said, "Campaign done right where focus is on jewellery and model is looking stunning, not overshadowing the product." Another said, "I LOVE IT (heart eyes emoji). The minimalist background with the neutral outfits makes the jewellery stick out even more. And Deepika is gorgeous!" A person also said, "Love it! She's giving luxurious, professional working woman. Especially like the futuristic outfit in the 3rd pic and love her whole look in the 4th one as well."

A Redditor was also reminded of Deepika's look from a 2022 Cartier event. She wrote, "I like these photos. My personal favorites are number 1, 2, and 3. They allow the jewellery to be the focus. It feels casual, but elevated and elegant. It reminds me of this photo from a past Cartier event..." In June 2022, the French label had hosted a jewellery launch in Spain that included guests such as Deepika Padukone, Lily Collins and Oscar-winner Rami Malek, among others.

Deepika was last seen with Shah Rukh Khan in *Pathaan*, which was released on January 25. The film marked their fourth film together after *Om Shanti Om*, *Chennai Express* and *Happy New Year*. Deepika is now working on *Fighter*, her next film. She will feature alongside Hrithik Roshan for the first time in the action film. She is also a part of *Project K* featuring Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan.



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