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Canada To Give 3-Year Open Work Permit To US H1b Visa Holders Under Its Tech Talent Drive

Government of Canada has announced a series of new measures and improvements to attract highly skilled workforce. Under the new announcements:

- As of July 16, 2023, H-1B specialty occupation visa holders in the US, and their accompanying immediate family members, will be eligible to apply to come to Canada.
- The study authorization has also been extended for work permit holders. Foreign workers can now study for more than 6 months program without applying for separate study permit
- Under category-based selection, candidates with STEM and health workers will be invited to work and live in Canada



Immigration minister Sean Fraser announced launch of Canada's first-ever Tech Talent Strategy at Collision 2023, one of the world's biggest tech conferences organized in Toronto.

stuck in US Green Card and Visa gridlock. In the past one week, Canada Immigration minister Sean Fraser has announced various measures to attract talented workforce in Canada's economy and the biggest being issue of open work permit for H-1B specialty occupation visa holders in the US. As of July 16, 2023, H-1B specialty oc-

cupation visa holders in the US, and their accompanying immediate family members, will be eligible to apply to come to Canada. He made the announcement while launching Canada's first-ever Tech Talent Strategy at Collision 2023, one of the world's biggest tech conferences organized in Toronto.

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Community Together Gala Raises Funds for KidsPlay Mental Health Programs

Leaders and business owners gathered at the Coming Together Gala, hosted by Raj and Priya Jhaji for a night of fundraising for the mental health programs at KidsPlay. These programs include one on one and group therapy (client centred and trauma informed approach), weekly art therapy sessions, workshops and awareness events. The night was a huge success with superstar Malkit Singh as the guest entertainer. (Full story on Page 12)



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Thousands gather at Surrey Gurdwara for slain Hardeep Nijjar's Funeral

Supporters of slain Sikh leader Hardeep Sikh Nijjar gathered in and around Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara located at 72 Avenue and Scott Road in Surrey, to attend his funeral and last viewing, on Sunday June 25. Nijjar, a vocal Khalistan supporter, a plumber by profession and president of Surrey's famous Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, was shot to death on June 18, at 8:27 p.m. in the parking lot of the Gurdwara, by 2 suspects who fled on foot. A memorial has been erected in the gurdwara's parking lot at the place Nijjar was killed.

His killing has sparked fear and safety concerns amongst other Khalistan supporters and Sikhs in general. "CSIS has known that Nijjar faced an imminent threat to his life for months. The fact that he was assassinated in this manner is a failure of these bodies to provide protection to someone they knew would be targeted," said WSO President Tejinder Singh Sidhu. President of the BC Sikh Gurdwara

Council, Moninder Singh, in an interview to Omni TV said that he was also concerned about his safety. He informed that like Nijjar, he was warned by the Canadian Intelligence Agency about threats to his life. Sikh organizations and many Nijjar supporters are speculating the role of foreign interference in his killing for his support for a Khalistan. Many are calling on Canadian intelligence and law enforcement to fully investigate and get to the bottom of the shooting that killed Nijjar.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh wrote a letter to Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino informing that the Sikh Community feels "worried and unsafe than they has previously." "In that vein, I'm calling on you and your department to do everything within your power to get to the bottom of this murder and to address the various allegations reported by the Toronto Star and the Vancouver Sun." New Democrat Caucus MLAs also

issued a statement in which they expressed deep shock by the horrific killing of Nijjar. "This was an abhorrent act of violence, made even more disturbing by its presence at a place of worship where people go to find peace. We must all stand against it as a community. Law enforcement authorities are actively investigating. They have our full support as they work to bring those responsible to justice." The statement was jointly signed by Ravi Kahlon, Harry Bains, Rachna Singh, Bruce Ralston, Jinny Sims, Garry Begg, Mike Starchuk, Jagrup Brar, Aman Singh.

While the police said no motive has been determined so far, they confirmed that it was a targeted shooting and there was no threat to public living in that area. Canadian police say the investigations would be completely "evidence based". Investigators are calling on public to assist.

RCMP Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards called Nijjar's killing "bra-



zen" and "appalling," and said it was "disgusting" that the incident happened at a place of worship, with many other community members present during the attack.

Edwards said the only way for people to respond should be to come forward with evidence to help solve the case. "How we deal with fear is we come together," he said during a news conference. "Everybody comes together and makes a statement and says, 'We're not going to take this.'"

"Everybody who's a witness comes forward. Everybody

who has dashcam video. Everybody who hears something comes together, and we bring it forward to advance the investigation."

IHIT is asking anyone with information regarding the investigation, or anyone with dash-camera video who was in the area of 122 Street, in the parking lot of the Gurdwara or in the area of 121 Street and 68 Avenue, between 6 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Indian immigration agent Brijesh Mishra apprehended in Canada

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has apprehended and charged Brijesh Mishra a citizen of India, for alleged immigration-related offences.

Mishra was accused of involvement in a scandal related to fake Canadian college admission letters. The situation has put hundreds of students

from Punjab and other Indian states at risk of deportation due to the fraudulent college admission letter scam.

According to news report in The Toronto Star, Brijesh Mishra was living in Surrey all the time when authorities in India and Canada were trying to haunt him down.

As reported in Toronto Star, Mishra had crossed over to



Hundreds of international students have been staging a 24-hr protest in front of the CBSA office at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga.

Canada from the United States' border in October last year. Mishra had earlier been arrested by the Jalandhar police in 2013 for duping students. However, he later restarted an agency under a new name. This agency's licence was cancelled by the Jalandhar administration in March this year.

The CBSA said that following information provided to the CBSA concerning Mishra's status in

Canada, as well his alleged involvement in activities related to counseling misrepresentation, the Agency launched an investigation.

On June 23, 2023, the CBSA Criminal Investigations Section laid charges under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) based on the evidence collected during the criminal investigation.

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Baltej Dhillon Becomes First South Asian Canadian To Be Appointed As Chair Of Work Safe BC's Board Of Directors

VICTORIA - Baltej Dhillon has been appointed chair of WorkSafeBC's board of directors for a three-year term, effective Friday, June 30, 2023.

Dhillon is the first South Asian Canadian to take on this role and has been a member of WorkSafeBC's board of directors since 2017. He replaces the outgoing chair, Jeff Parr, who served from August 2020 to June 2023.

"I thank Jeff Parr for his service, and look forward to working with Baltej Dhillon to continuously improve our workers' compensation system," said Harry Bains, Minister of Labour. "Baltej was a veteran police officer who brings expertise in law enforcement and six years of experience as a director at WorkSafeBC. He will be committed to WorkSafeBC's role in investigating serious workplace incidents to prevent similar incidents from happening again."

Dhillon had a distinguished career as a police officer for more than three decades,



working in intelligence, special enforcement, protective services and in investigations for the Air India task force and the

Pickton case. He made history by being the first RCMP member to wear a turban as part of the uniform. He also received Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals for community service.

"I look forward to taking on the role as chair of WorkSafeBC's board of directors," Dhillon said. "I am committed to working with our key stakeholders to improve workplace health and safety and help ensure that workers get home safely at the end of the day. I am excited to begin working as chair with my fellow board members and WorkSafeBC staff to continue making progress in improving the

workers' compensation system to meet the needs of workers, employers and others throughout the province."

The WorkSafeBC board of directors is appointed by the B.C. minister of labour. The board members serve as stewards of WorkSafeBC and the workers' compensation system. The Workers Compensation Act requires that the board of directors includes representation from professionals from a range of relevant fields, including occupational health and safety, law enforcement and an actuary. Representation must also include workers, employers and the public interest.

Coquitlam RCMP seeking assistance in locating missing Harman Dhaliwal

Coquitlam RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in locating a missing man, 32-year old Harman Dhaliwal. Harman was last seen on Sunday, June 25, 2023 leaving his residence near Como Lake Avenue and Blue Mountain Street in Coquitlam at 10:00 a.m.

Harman is described as a South-Asian man with shoulder-length black hair, and brown eyes. He is 5'11 tall. According to police, Dhaliwal is believed to be driving his 2017 Hyundai Elantra with BC licence plate NM1 43C.

Harman's family and Police are concerned for Harman's well-being.

Police are asking anyone who may have seen Harman Dhaliwal or have information on his whereabouts to call the Coquitlam RCMP at 604-945-1550



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More Should Be Done To Remember The Victims Of Air India Bombing



Victims of Air India bombing were remembered on the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism. Flags at various federal, provincial and municipal governments offices across Canada were flown at half-mast.

The 38th annual memorial for the 331 victims including 82 children of the terrorist bombings of the Air India flight from Canada was held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Air India Memorial in Stanley Park's Ceperley Playground. The annual memorials of this tragedy are organized by family members of the victims.

"This memorial not only remembers the 329 victims including 82 children of this terrible terrorist bombing, but all their family members and 2 baggage handlers in Narita, Japan who died almost at the same time as a second terrorist bomb bound for another Air India flight exploded prematurely," said former Surrey-Tynehead MLA Dave S. Hayer.

"These horrendous acts live on in the memories of all family members of the victims and these annual memorial ceremonies continue to remind us all, that terrorism has no place in a civilized world and that it must be stamped out at all costs," Hayer said.

During Hayer's 12 years from 2001 – 2013 as an MLA, he spoke often in the BC Legislature about the Air India bombing disaster, strengthening the rights of victims and against terrorism.

Mr. Major Sidhu's sister, nephew and niece were killed on Air India Flight 182 on June 23, 1985.

The Air India Memorial in Ceperley Park was unveiled in 2007 to commemorate the worst aviation tragedies in Canadian history, and to stand as a monument against terrorism.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in a statement said, "Thirty-eight years ago today, en route from Canada to the United Kingdom, a bomb exploded on Air India Flight 182 – a terrorist attack that shook our country to its core. This hateful act – the deadliest terrorist attack in Canadian history – killed all 329 people on board, including 280 Canadians, and forever altered the lives of their families and loved ones who continue to live with the pain of their absence every day.

"Terrorism seeks to instill fear, division, and hatred within our communities. We can never allow the actions of a few to overshadow the values of peace, tolerance, and diversity that define our society and unite us as Canadians.

"Today offers an opportunity to reflect on how we can continue to defend peace and security and promote human rights here at home and around the world. It is also an opportunity to express our profound gratitude to the first re-

sponders, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, members of law enforcement agencies, and the countless others who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe," he said. As some Canadians reflect on the 38th anniversary of Canada's worst terrorist tragedy, the sense among many is that more should be done to remember the victims. A new Angus

Reid Institute study finds that nine-in-ten Canadians say they have little (61%) or no (28%) knowledge of the worst single instance of the mass killing of their fellow citizens, with three-in-five (58%) of those younger than 35 saying they have never even heard of it. In British Columbia, where the conspiracy to commit the bombings was hatched, and On-

tario, where many of the victims lived, awareness is higher, but fewer than one-in-six in each province say they know a lot about the attack.

Among those who are most aware, more than two-in-five (42%) say that Canada has not done enough. This is perhaps reflected in the low levels of awareness among the population.



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Guilty Plea Entered In Investigation Of Stabbing Of Surrey's Harpreet Kaur Gill

A Guilty Plea Has Been Entered In Relation To The December 7 Murder Of Harpreet Kaur Gill. Gill, a 40-year-old mother of three kids, was brutally killed in her Surrey residence allegedly by her husband Navinder Gill in December 2022. The police laid second-degree murder charges on the husband and the case is before the court.



gation and worked closely with the Surrey RCMP.”

On December 16, 2022, a charge of second-degree murder was laid against the suspect, identified as 40-year old Navinder Gill of Surrey, the husband of Mrs. Gill.

On June 22, 2023, Navinder Gill entered a guilty plea to the charge of second-degree murder.

The matter will now proceed to a sentencing hearing which is anticipated to be scheduled for later this year. The reason for the murder has not yet been made official, but according to community organizations and media reports, it was a case of domestic violence. A GoFundMe Page was created to raise funds to arrange for Harpreet's parents' to travel cost from India to Canada and pay for her funeral. "I'm proud of the hard work done by the IHIT team and the Surrey

RCMP, which brought this file to this point," says Sergeant Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "Cases that involve domestic violence have an impact on the entire community. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please reach out to your local police." As this matter remains before the courts, there will be no media availability at this time.

On December 7, 2022, at 9:22 p.m. the Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a stabbing in the 12700-block of 66 Avenue, Surrey. Officers attended and found a 40-year old woman, later identified as Harpreet Kaur Gill,

in medical distress, resulting from multiple stab wounds. Despite the best efforts of first responders, Gill succumbed to her injuries after being transported to a local hospital. According to police, "A suspect was arrested at the scene and taken into police custody. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investi-

South Asian Community Hub Receives Funding To Offer More Mental Health, Addiction Support To South Asian People



South Asian people and their families living with mental-health and addictions challenges in the Lower Mainland will have access to more culturally relevant supports.

The provincial government has provided \$100,000 to fund mental-health and substance-use programming for South Asian people in the Greater Vancouver area. The new funding will support three part-time outreach workers, as well as people with lived experience who will engage with South Asians who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Outreach workers will connect people and families with wraparound services and resources, such as food banks, income and housing supports, counselling, home detox programs and medical services.

These services are expected to support approximately 50 to 75 people who use drugs and another 150 to 200 members of their families.

"South Asian Community Hub outreach workers will develop relationships with these families that are built on respect, trust and cultural safety in their first language," said Gary Thandi, board member, South Asian Community Hub (SACH). "Too often these families are not aware of how to access financial aid and health and mental-health resources, as well as how to access harm-reduction supplies, detox or treatment. Through sustained, respectful and culturally responsive relationships, SACH outreach workers will ensure these families receive the types of support they need."

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BC Invests \$1.5 Million Strengthens Supports For International Credential Recognition

VICTORIA - The Government of B.C. is providing \$1.5 million to the Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training (ASPECT) for new grants to organizations that help internationally trained professionals get through the credential recognition process. Many immigrants arrive in B.C. with valuable education, experience and skills. Internationally trained professionals need to have their qualifications recognized by a professional regulatory authority to work in their chosen profession. The process of having education, skills and work experience from outside Canada assessed against Canadian standards is often referred to as foreign credential recognition. However, there are hurdles in the

way of internationally trained professionals to have their credentials recognized. "We know that many internationally trained professionals are struggling to have their credentials recognized in their chosen profession," said Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development. "This is about fairness and making sure that people who have the skills and expertise can access supports and services provided through their local non-profit and immigrant service organizations." The Province held a series of public surveys and discussions aimed at identifying clearer and faster pathways for skilled people who have immigrated to Canada. The resulting public report will be released in summer 2023



Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development

and will guide the international credential recognition legislation aimed at reducing barriers and supporting more internationally trained professionals. Reetinder Kaur, doctoral student

and project director, Providence Health Care Research Institute, said, "As an internationally trained professional, finding a suitable job in my profession was a challenge, but through the support of programs such as the International Credential Recognition Fund, the process will become much easier. I personally overcame these challenges through support in 2020 from Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society's Foreign Credential Recognition program." Janet Morris-Reade, CEO, ASPECT, said that Employment service organizations are connected to internationally trained newcomers and their communities.

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International South Asian Film Festival in Surrey Rebranded from VISAFF to iSAFF

VISAFF (Vancouver International South Asian Film Festival) has been rebranded to iSAFF Canada (International South Asian Film Festival Canada) to reflect the festival's growth and expansion in recent years.

"I think that the VISAFF's rebranding to iSAFF reflects how far we have come since the beginning and where we are headed. The community at large has been at the heart of this festival and we are very excited to share this exciting news with them," says Festival Producer, Mannu Sandhu.

"I hope with the new brand we are able to take the festival to a new level internationally by showcasing more talent and cre-

ating opportunities to connect, learn and grow," says Mannu.

"The Surrey Board of Trade, as a promotional partner, hopes to ensure that iSAFF puts Surrey on the map for the global film industry as a go-to international film festival," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "iSAFF will instigate economic opportunities and business partnerships."

VISAFF began in 2008 to "bridge the gap" between South Asian talent and mainstream audiences by connecting directors, actors, producers, community organizations, and corporate brands. Year after year, VISAFF brought hundreds of amazing films made by both local as well



as international filmmakers, which have not only been showcased at the festival but have also earned accolades worldwide. VISAFF provided a great platform for young filmmakers to showcase their talent and meet several decision-makers from the film fraternity at the festival. VISAFF has contributed immensely to the celebration of diversity and has been

a strong champion for inclusion. This has not only helped in the rebranding to iSAFF but also helped with the creation of a vibrant international network of artists, art lovers, and arts and culture thought leaders.

The rebranding will include a redesigned logo as well as a newly designed website which is to be launched soon.

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Canada to give 3-year open work permit to US H1B Visa holders under its...

"With Canada's first-ever immigration Tech Talent Strategy, we're targeting newcomers that can help enshrine Canada as a world leader in a variety of emerging technologies. I'm grateful for the collaboration of the tech, start-up and business communities, who have provided valuable insight to develop this strategy. Having a fast and flexible approach, one that is broadly supported by Canadians, is truly Canada's immigration advantage," said Minister Fraser. He informed that approved applicants will receive an open work permit of up to three years in duration, which means they will be able to work for almost any employer anywhere in Canada. Their spouses and dependants will also be eligible to apply for a temporary resident visa, with a work or study permit, as needed. This will expand the opportunities available for skilled workers to continue to pursue their careers

in the high-tech sector and contribute to economic growth and prosperity in North America.

This measure will remain in effect for one year, or until IRCC receives 10,000 applications. Only principal applicants, and not their accompanying family members, will count toward the application cap.

Canada will also be developing a new Innovation Stream under the International Mobility Program to attract highly talented individuals. It will let employers hire foreign workers without a labour market impact assessment (LMIA). This will be introduced later this year.

Digital nomads working remotely for an employer outside of Canada will also be able live and work here for up to 6 months at a time. They don't need a work permit. All they need is visitor status.

The minister also announced a new temporary measure that re-

moves the limit on the length of the study programs that temporary foreign workers can enrol in without a study permit.

Starting immediately, foreign workers will have the opportunity to seek additional training and education that can help them in their careers. This measure will also help foreign workers expand their future job prospects and increase their opportunities to transition to permanent residence. Prior to this change, foreign workers could study while working, but only in programs of 6 months or less. For longer programs, they had to apply for a separate study permit. This has been a barrier for those who wish to improve their education and receive more training, including those needing to upskill or validate their foreign credentials through certain programs.

With this new 3-year temporary measure, foreign workers can study full time or part time while

their work permits are valid or until the expiration of the policy, with no restrictions on the length of the program.

This temporary measure applies to those who hold a valid work permit or who have submitted an application to renew their work permit on or before June 7, 2023, and are authorized to work. If a foreign worker wishes to study longer than the duration of their work permit, they still need to apply for a study permit.

New changes to Canada's flagship economic immigration program, Express Entry were announced last month under which the Government of Canada can issue invitations to apply for permanent residency in Canada to candidates from particular fields or with specific skills, training or language ability.

Fraser announced a dedicated round of invitations to be sent to health workers and STEM profes-

sionals.

Candidates with STEM expertise – including data scientists, software developers and programmers, mathematicians, statisticians and actuaries, and electrical and electronics engineers – will help Canada's science and technology sector, bringing in the skilled talent that businesses need to drive innovation and achieve their growth potential.

Candidates with health care expertise including doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, physiotherapists and optometrists will be invited in first round. The first round for category-based selection will invite 500 health workers to apply. A second round, inviting 1,500 workers to apply, will take place on July 5. This phased approach will ensure the smooth launch of the program, and by bringing in the talent the country needs, this measure will help improve access to



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BC Hydro To Install Free 8,000 Air-Conditioning Units For Vulnerable And Low-Income Groups

Between June 2 and July 28, 2023, BC Hydro is offering all residential customers \$50 off the purchase of a qualifying energy-efficient room air conditioner

VICTORIA: The BC government has announced that it will be providing \$10 million for BC Hydro to expand its Energy Conservation Assistance Program to include free, publicly funded portable air conditioners (AC). More people who are the most vulnerable during extreme heat emergencies will have access to more cooling options to stay safe.

Because of this investment, B.C. Hydro expects to install 8,000 air-conditioning units over the next three years for people who have low incomes and are medically vulnerable to heat.

It is anticipated at least 50% of the AC units will be installed in apartments or multi-unit

dwellings, with the remaining balance installed in single family dwellings.

To ensure that air conditioners are provided to those who need them, the application process will be income tested. People can apply for a portable AC through BC Hydro's online platform or by mailing in a paper application. The application will also have an option for a medical referral by home health-care workers for heat-vulnerable individuals and households.

Between June 2 and July 28, 2023, BC Hydro is offering all residential customers \$50 off the purchase of a qualifying energy-efficient room air conditioner. Eligible products include Energy Star window air conditioners that use 30% to 40% less power than standard units and portable air conditioners offering best-in-class efficiency and features. For more details, visit: www.bchydro.com/deals.

A wide range of actions are underway following engagement with vulnerable populations, emergency planners and other stakeholders to better understand ways to



better protect people most at risk during extreme heat emergencies. Highlights include investing \$369 million to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund; providing more than \$52 million to support long-term care facilities to install or upgrade existing heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems; distributing an emergency inventory of cooling and clean air items to non-profit operators, through BC Housing; and connecting home and community care

providers to people who are most at risk, such as through chronic disease registries.

BC Hydro has also partnered with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) and other organizations to provide \$150,000 to VCH for the purchase, delivery and installation of larger portable air-conditioning units to community organizations, such as seniors' centres and neighbourhood centres, so they can create cooling sites during heat events.

In addition, BC Hydro will cancel planned outages during significant heat events to ensure there is power for customers when they need to keep cool. It will offer rebates up to \$11,000 for homes heated by fossil fuels switching to electric heat pump and as much as \$7,000 for homes replacing electric heating systems with an electric heat pumps; and in partnership with CleanBC, offer the Home Renovation Rebate Program with several energy savings rebates for homes in B.C., which includes as much as \$10,000 in rebates on energy-efficient windows, doors and insulation to help keep the cool air in and hot air out.

California's Jaspal Gill Sentenced For Smuggling Over 800 Indians Into US Using Uber

SEATTLE, US: A 49-year-old resident of Elk Grove, California, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Seattle to 45 months in prison for smuggling more than 800 Indian citizens into the US using ride-hailing app Uber.

Rajinder Pal Singh, aka Jaspal Gill, pleaded guilty in February 2023, admitting that he took in more than \$500,000 as a key member of a smuggling ring bringing hundreds of Indian Nationals across the border from Canada and then to locations in the mid-west and beyond, the Department of Justice said in a press release.

"Over a four-year period, Mr. Singh arranged for more than 800 people to be smuggled into the U.S. across the northern border and into Washington State," said Gorman. "This conduct was not just a security risk for our country, it

also subjected those smuggled to security and safety risks during the often weeks-long smuggling route from India to the United States. Mr. Singh's participation in this conspiracy preyed upon the Indian Nationals' hopes for a better life in the United States, while saddling those smuggled with crushing debt of as much as \$70,000."

"Mr. Singh spent years illegally smuggling hundreds of Indian nationals into this country; all to make a quick profit," said Special Agent in Charge Robert Hammer, who oversees HSI operations in the Pacific Northwest. "Mr. Singh crushed the dreams of so many who quickly found themselves drowning in debt to their smuggler and unable to realize the life they sought in this country. Mr. Singh won't need to order up any more Uber rides for the next three

years." According to records filed in the case, as early as July 2018, Singh and his coconspirators used the ride share app Uber to transport people who had illegally crossed the border from Canada to the Seattle area.

Once the non-citizens had been smuggled into the U.S., Singh coordinated with other coconspirators who, using one-way vehicle rentals, would transport these individuals to their ultimate destinations outside Washington State.

Singh and his coconspirators used sophisticated means to launder the organization's illicit proceeds. For example, on one instance, Singh and his coconspirators arranged for smuggling fees to be sent via Hawala from India to New York. Once the smuggling fee was received in cash

from the New York Hawala, these funds were converted into a check, mailed to a coconspirator in Kentucky, and then were washed through multiple financial accounts. In the plea agreement, Singh admitted that the purpose of this money movement was to obscure the illicit nature of these funds, i.e., money laundering.

The smuggling scheme has been underway since at least 2018. In all, the investigation estimates that between July 2018, and April 2022, the 17 Uber accounts tied to this smuggling ring ran up more than \$80,000 in charges.

Singh has agreed to forfeit cash and other personal property seized during the search of his residences, as well as a money judgement of \$500,000 which represents proceeds he obtained from his criminal scheme.

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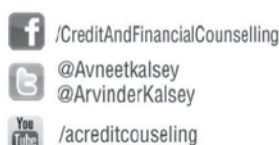
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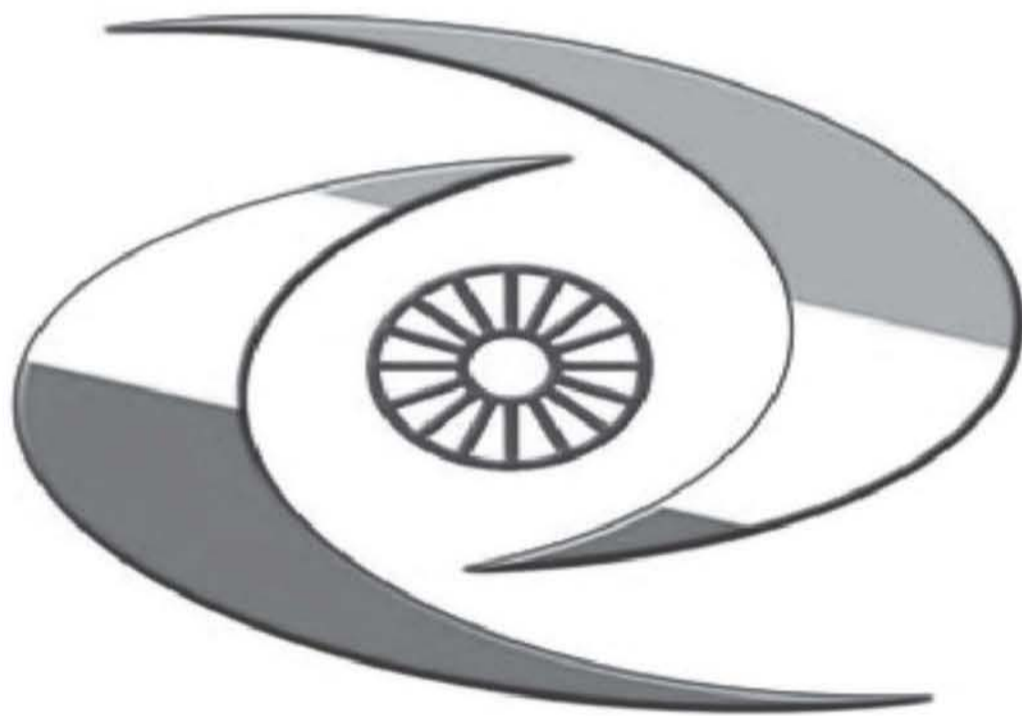
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101-Year-Old Sikh World War II Veteran Honoured By UK PM Rishi Sunak



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has honoured Rajindar Singh Dhatt, one of the last surviving Sikh soldiers who fought in the Second World War with a Points of Light honour at a UK-India Week reception at 10 Downing Street.

Dhatt, 101, was recognised on Wednesday for his service and his work running the "Undivided Indian Ex-Servicemen's Association" to help bring together British Indian war veterans.

Dhatt, based in Hounslow in southwest London since 1963, was born in pre-Partition India in 1921 and fought with the Allied forces during the British colonial period.

"It is an immense honour to receive this recognition from the Prime Minister, to whom I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for acknowledging the importance and impact of the 'Undivided Indian Ex-Ser-

vicemen's Association'," said Dhatt.

"The journey of establishing this organisation was driven by a deep sense of duty as an ex-serviceman and the vision of fostering unity, support, and camaraderie. This award serves as a testament to the tireless efforts of countless individuals who have contributed to the success and growth of the association over the years," he said.

Dhatt joined the British Indian Army during the Second World War and excelled up the ranks, being promoted to Havildar Major (Sergeant Major) in 1943.

He was later drafted to the Far East campaign to fight in Kohima in northeast India to support the Allied Forces and help break through the Japanese defences, Downing Street said. After the war, Dhatt returned to India before settling in London with his family.

Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision Kills Three In South Surrey

Three out of 4 people have died in a motor vehicle collision in the South Surrey area.

On June 25 at approximately 2:45 am, Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision in the 3300 block of 176 Street.

A Volkswagen Golf with a single occupant was northbound on 176 Street past 32 Avenue, when it collided with a Hyundai sedan with a driver and three passengers, that was also northbound. Both vehicles were knocked from the roadway into a water-filled ditch on the east side of the roadway.

Despite immediate life-saving efforts from numerous first responders on scene, two people from the Hyundai have died of their injuries and one other is in critical condition. The fourth occupant of the Hyundai suffered non-life threatening injuries.

On Monday afternoon, the third occupant of the Hyundai, who was previously in critical condition succumbed to their injuries. The driver of the Volkswagen was

initially detained for an impaired driving investigation, and has since been served documents prohibiting him from driving and released pending further investigation.

Police will be looking at all the circumstances of this collision; at this time speed and alcohol are believed to be contributing factors in this collision.

"The Surrey RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team is actively working to gather crucial evidence and piece together what led to this tragic collision that has now claimed three lives," says Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Corporal Vanessa Munn. "Investigations of this nature are complex and can take time to complete, but our officers are committed to conducting a thorough investigation and providing the families who lost loved ones with answers about what transpired."

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cost. Now with the school year coming to a close, KidsPlay has concluded their weekly mentorship programs run in Surrey, Langley and Abbotsford schools, graduating over 100 kids at their programs and awarding scholarships to volunteers graduating highschool to pursue post secondary. The team is now gearing up for their annual Summer Camps. It is important for kids to continue to receive support and mentorship even when school is out, and KidsPlay's free summer camps ensure our kids and

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KidsPlay holds sports tournaments, conferences, and other projects for the youth community to learn about the opportunities they can seize in life. The organization is operated by leaders from all across the Lower Mainland wanting to bring positive change to the community.

The success was seen through their recent 2023 World Cup at BC Place in which hosted over 800 youth, all 100% free of

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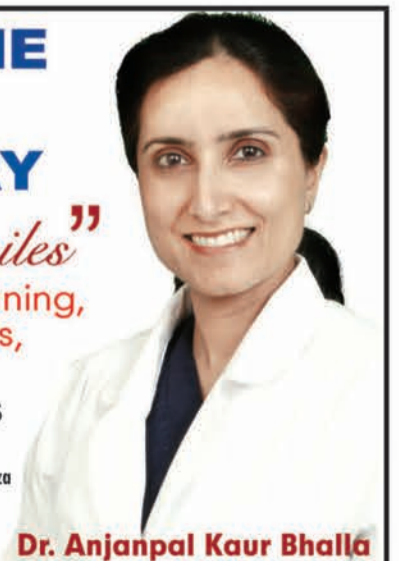


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Sikh Organizations Condemn Attacks on Sikhs in Peshawar

OTTAWA: The World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) and United Sikhs have condemned the outrageous attacks on Sikhs in Peshawar Pakistan by Islamic State group's Khorasan chapter (IS-K).

One Sikh shopkeeper, Manmohan Singh lost his life, while in another separate incident a day before, Sikh shopkeeper, Tarlok Singh, was shot and injured. According to WSO, IS-K has claimed responsibility for both attacks. The WSO called on the Government of Pakistan to ensure that the Sikh community is protected and ensure that those responsible for the attacks are brought to justice.

The attacks over the past 48 hours are only the latest in a series of targeted killings of members of the Sikh community in Peshawar. On March 31, 2023, Dayal Singh was shot while sitting in his shop. In May 2022, two other Sikhs were shot and killed.

WSO President Tejinder Singh Sidhu said, "The repeated targeted killing of Sikhs in Peshawar by IS-K terrorists is a crisis that



"The cold-blooded murder of shopkeepers Ranjit Singh (42) and Kuljeet Singh (38) can be located in the larger pattern of targeted killings of Sikhs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province -- United Sikhs, an international, non-profit, non-governmental advocacy organization

the Government of Pakistan must immediately address. There have been at least twelve such terrorist attacks on Sikhs over the past few years. Sikhs have lived peacefully in Peshawar for centuries and

this is clearly an attempt to drive them from their homes."

He added, "The IS-K repeatedly engaged in targeted killings and terrorist attacks on Sikhs in Afghanistan which resulted in

the mass exodus of the community from that country. Pakistan must do all that is necessary to avoid a similar outcome in Peshawar."

According to UNITED SIKHS, Manmohan Singh was a Sikh man who ran a grocery store in Rashid Garhi, Peshawar. He was the sole breadwinner for his family. He is survived by his wife, a child, elderly parents, a sister and a disabled brother.

"We are appalled by these targeted attacks on Sikh men in Pakistan. These attacks are not only horrific, but they are also a violation of human rights. We call on the Pakistani government to do everything in its power to bring the perpetrators of these attacks to justice. This pattern is very scary and seems to be part of a nefarious conspiracy. Sikhs have lived as a minority in Pakistan in peace since 1947. All of a sudden, we have these deadly attacks on hard-working Sikhs? Who is behind them? What is the message? The Pakistan Government needs to investigate this on an emergency basis and put an immediate stop to this attempt of Ethnic Cleansing."

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International Day of Yoga Celebrated Across Metro Vancouver



The 8th Annual International Day of Yoga was celebrated in various forms around the world on 21st June. The UN General Assembly, on the request of Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, passed a resolution on December 2014 and proclaimed June 21 as an International Day of Yoga. Yoga is a Vedic tradition of meditation which has its roots in India. The physical, mental, and spiritual benefits are related within it. Yoga promotes harmony, peace, and unity of all individuals, communities, and countries regardless of race, religion, culture, gender, and nationality. It helps in decreasing anxiety, stress, and tension and promotes social wellbeing.



The teachers of Yoga organized different activities in Metro Vancouver. Nutan Thakur, a popular radio announcer, artist, anchor of cultural- shows, and a Yoga acharya, organized a session, under the umbrella of "Arogya Canada" on June 17 at Shanti Niketan,

Laxmi Narayan Temple in Surrey. The program began at 7.00 PM by Dr Arun Garg who introduced Nutan Thakur. Arun Garg, Acharya Dwivedi, Consul Surjeet Singh lit the candles. Consul Surjeet Singh delivered a short speech on Yoga. On behalf of the

Hindi Literary Society of Canada, Acharya Dwivedi, Reshma Misra and Pushplata Sharma honored the Consul and Nutan Thakur with peetaamber.

Nutan guided the fifty participants who were with Yoga mats. The exercise session continued for more than one hour. The food was provided by Mandir. There were 90 Yoga lovers who enjoyed the celebration.

Nutan was also trainer at David Lam Park, Vancouver where International Yoga Day was organized by the Consulate General of India, Manish ji on June 21, 2023 with the support of many Yoga organizations. It was a huge success, in which more than 600 people participated.

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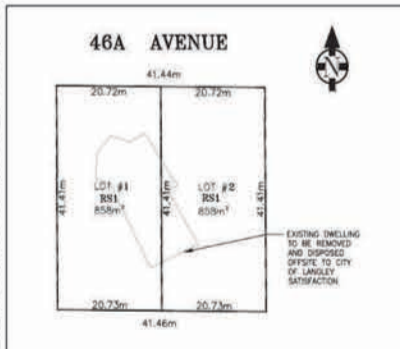
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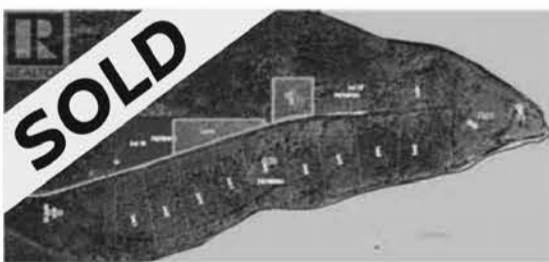
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All BC Schools Report Cards To Show Proficiency Scale Instead Of Letter Grades

VICTORIA: All students from kindergarten to Grade 9 in British Columbia public schools will now be assessed with a proficiency scale instead of letter grades.

The provincial proficiency scale uses the terms emerging, developing, proficient and extending to describe student learning. The updates to student reporting will not affect post-secondary entry requirements for students. All students from kindergarten to Grade 12 will also be included in their own reporting through self-reflection and goal-setting exercises. A graduation status update is also being introduced for grades 10-12 to help students and their families stay on track for graduation.

A statement from the Education Ministry says that starting in the 2023-24 school year, only students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will receive letter grades and percentages so post-secondary entry requirements are met.

"Since 2016, school districts representing approximately half of B.C. students have tested and adopted new reporting on student progress to make sure we are evaluating the skills that students need for the future," said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care. "Report cards will continue to update parents and caregivers about students' progress, while also effectively preparing students to succeed, whether in post-secondary education or in the future careers of their choice."

Many BC schools have already been getting new progress report cards.



Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care

The remaining school districts will update their kindergarten through Grade 9 student progress reporting to align with curriculum modernization that started in 2016.

"Here in the Surrey School District, we've been implementing this evidence-based reporting model for a few years now. As educators, we know first-hand that how we report on a student's individual learning affects the way they engage with their teachers, their school and their community. Our district is focused on ensuring the best outcome for every student, and we will continue supporting our educators, students and their families with this modernized approach to K-12 reporting," said Mark Pearmain, superintendent, Surrey School District.

The 2023-24 school year will be the first year that all school districts in B.C. will implement a provincial proficiency scale instead of letter grades on student report cards from

kindergarten to Grade 9, while letter grades and percentages will remain in place for students in grades 10, 11 and 12. Nearly half of B.C. students and their families have transitioned to the new model of reporting since it was first piloted in the 2016-17 school year.

"We have received these new report cards for both our son and daughter, and it has helped us better understand their learning needs. The emerging to extending scale, supplemented with teachers' comments, provides a bigger picture than a simple letter would," said Gagan Atwal, mother of a Grade 8 student in Surrey. "Now, we have deeper insight into where our child's doing well and if there's another aspect of a subject that needs a bit more work. And it's a good thing that grades 10, 11 and 12 will continue being assessed with grades or percentages because it helps with the kids' post-secondary admissions."

In 2016, the Province released the modernized K-12 curriculum, which continues to provide students with a strong foundation for core learning, such as with reading, writing and numeracy, while also teaching children how to communicate, solve problems and use their knowledge in ways that matter in school, post-secondary education and future careers. Information and supports for the modernized policy and changes in reporting are available for schools, educators and families. Additional information for teachers, such as a webinar series, will be released during the 2023-24 school year.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day of Equality celebrated Across Lower Mainland



Rajratna Ambedkar, great grand nephew of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar - Equality Day celebration at SFU Burnaby

On April 24, 2023, Chetna Association led, in partnership with the Ambedkarite International Coordination Society (AICS) with support of the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Libraries, David Lam Center at SFU, and the President's Office of SFU hosted Dr. Ambedkar Equality Day and awarded City of Burnaby for being the first city to proclaim Dr. Ambedkar Equality Day in Burnaby. On behalf of the City of Burnaby, Councillor Pietro Calendino accepted the award and paid respects by garlanding the bust of Dr. Ambedkar in the WAC Bennett Library of Simon Fraser University on the Burnaby Mountain campus.

The celebrations were made livelier with singing performance by a well known singer, Ms. Jyotika Jasuja. In addition, a skit highlighting women empowerment through education was performed by International student, Ms. Simran Kranti, who flew from Toronto to specifically perform in this event and attend the symposium on emancipation.

On April 23 Equality Day was also observed at the Guru Ravidass Community Center in Burnaby; on April 24 at the Fraser view Banquet Hall in Vancouver; on April 25 at University of Victoria's law library, and on April 26, at University of the Fraser Valley.



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BC Students Shine at UCMAS Mental Math Competition, Surpassing National Average

The British Columbia Provincial & Canadian National UCMAS Mental Math Competition, witnessed an outstanding display of mental math skills by students across the province.



According to a release by USMAC, BC students outshone the national average, with an impressive 52% of participants demonstrating their mathematical prowess compared to the national average of 30%.

With over 4,200 students between the ages of 5 and 15 competing from various regions across Canada, the UCMAS Mental Math Competition showcased the remarkable abilities of young minds in the field of mental arithmetic. The competition comprised three distinct parts: the Visual competition, the Listening competition, and the Flash competition.

The award ceremony, held at the prestigious Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby on June 17, 2023, was a glittering event that celebrated the exceptional performance of the students. Parents, teachers, and students were present to share the stage and bask in the glory of their accomplishments.

One of the highlights of the event was the graduation of 35 students from the UCMAS program. These remarkable individuals achieved the esteemed Baccalaureate degree, the

highest level of mental math proficiency attainable within the UCMAS program. Their dedication and hard work have propelled them to the forefront of mental math excellence. The UCMAS program, which stands for Universal Concept of Mental Arithmetic System, is an innovative educational program designed to enhance children's mental math abilities and overall cognitive development, USMAS informs. "Through its structured curriculum and unique teaching methods, UCMAS empowers students to sharpen their mental arithmetic skills, improve concentration, boost memory, and enhance problem-solving capabilities," the release said.

The program's success is evident in the exceptional performance of the BC students at the UCMAS Mental Math Competition. By surpassing the national average, these young mathematicians have demonstrated the effectiveness of UCMAS in nurturing mathematical talents and achieving academic excellence.

For more information about UCMAS and its impact on students, please visit <https://ucmas.ca/>.

Guru Nanak Food Bank announces 3rd Anniversary Mega Food Drive

Guru Nanak Food Bank (GNFB) will be organizing 3rd Anniversary Mega Food Drive on July 9th 2023, a momentous event aimed at making a lasting impact on the community. We cordially invite you to join us in this significant celebration!



"For the past three years, our community has come together to address the pressing issue of food insecurity, and the results have been truly inspiring. With each passing year, our food drive has grown in scale and impact, thanks to the unwavering support from individuals like yourself. Together, we have made a tangible difference in reducing hunger, and we are committed to continuing this noble cause," said Neeraj Walia, Secretary, GNFB. The 3rd Anniversary Mega Food Drive aims to be our most ambitious and impactful event yet, as we strive to serve the needs of our community. This year, we are excited to introduce various activities and attractions to make the event a truly enjoyable experience for everyone. From live stage performances to delectable food stalls, there will be something for everyone to celebrate and appreciate the power of unity and compassion.

"We believe that our community's strength lies in our ability to support one another, as with

each other's support we have served more than 12000 registered recipients and more than 25000 international students with "Welcome Canada" which is an evident proof of our community's strength. Join us in celebrating our 3rd anniversary by participating in this meaningful

event. Your presence and support will not only contribute to the success of the food drive but also showcase the resilience and compassion of our community," Walia said.

Individuals can contribute by donating money in any form, online donations can be done on our website WWW.GNFB.CA donors will receive a taxable receipt for the money donations. For E-transfer our email is info@gnfb.ca. For Grocery donations most required items are Rice, Pasta, Canned Food, Canola oil (1Lt bottles), Salt, Red chili powder, turmeric powder, Tea bags, Wheat Flour (Atta), baby formula milk, diaper, cereals.

For any inquiries or further information, please feel free to contact Neeraj Walia (General Secretary) at 604-537-1440 or neeraj@gnfb.ca.

Event Details:
Date: July 9th, 2023
Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Venue: 15255 68 Ave, Surrey, B.C

City of Surrey to Host Surrey Canada Day in Cloverdale this Saturday

SURREY: The City of Surrey is hosting Surrey Canada Day this Saturday July 1, at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre from 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. The free event will offer live music and dance performances across four stages, Indigenous education and cultural sharing, food trucks, amusement rides, dance battles, kid's activities,

and a fireworks finale. For more information including the full festival schedule, visit www.surreycanaday.ca/schedule The City of Surrey is honoured to hold this event on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Salish Peoples, including the (Katzie), (Kwantlen), and (Semiahmoo) land-based Nations.

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Hearts Are Broken, Families Are Grieving, A Community Is Feeling Immeasurable Loss – Manitoba Bus Tragedy

Family, friends and community members are grappling with losing their loved ones in one of Manitoba's deadliest crashes.

Fifteen people were confirmed dead Thursday, June 15, after a semi-trailer collided with a small bus that was carrying about 25 people — most of whom were seniors from in and around the western Manitoba city of Dauphin, about 150 kilometres north of Carberry.

RCMP released the names of those who were killed last week, during a news conference. The people on the bus were beloved grandparents, mothers, fathers and siblings.

Supt. Jeff Asmundson, Manitoba RCMP west district commander started his speech on a very emotional note. "The word tragedy has been used a lot over the last week. But never has that word had as much meaning as it does when we look at these photographs. There has been a cloud over this community since the collision occurred," he said.

He said, "Hearts are broken, families are grieving, a community is feeling immeasurable loss. The communities

Victims of Carberry collision



of Carberry and Dauphin will be forever connected."

First responders who were at the scene are making their way through the enormity of what occurred.

"The main thing that has helped me cope through everything that has happened is how everyone came together — the passing motorists at the scene, Rural Fire departments, EMS, Police, Mental health workers, community members, local churches and of course the victim's families," he said.

Supports were put in place for the family right away. Offers for assistance and support for this tragedy showed the compassion of Manito-

bans and Canadians.

"I was there with the families, on that first day, as they awaited news on their loved one and having no idea what to expect. At the scene, people came from all over to assist," he said.

"Officers at the Dauphin Detachment and Major Crime Services came in after their shifts to answer the phones, even though they couldn't tell people what they wanted to hear — where their loved ones were. We knew it was important that there was a voice on the end of the phone when those families called us," he said.

The impact of this loss will be felt for a long time to come.

Manitoba Government Invests In Supports For Newcomers Entering Education System

To support an influx of newcomers entering the education system in Manitoba, the annual Intensive Newcomer Support Grant will be increased to a \$2.4 million investment for the 2023-24 school year, Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko announced.

"Manitoba schools have seen a significant increase in enrolment from newcomers and this investment will support school divisions as they respond to higher student numbers," said Ewasko. "Regardless of whether learners are long-time residents or newcomers, our government is committed to ensuring that all Manitoba students receive a high-quality education."

The minister noted the Manitoba government increased the program's budget by \$900,000. The \$1.5-million investment for the 2023-24 school year will maintain that increase and add an additional \$600,000 for the program, bringing the total investment for the upcoming school year to more than \$2.4 million.

The Intensive Newcomer

Support Grant is a proposal-based grant that supports newcomer students, many of whom come from refugee backgrounds with disrupted schooling. The grants will help fund critical supports and programming needed for newcomer students during the 2023-24 school year. All 16 divisions that applied for the grant will receive increased funding to support students in the classroom.

The increased funding comes as school divisions are experiencing unprecedented demand for newcomer resources due in part to an influx of newcomers fleeing the brutal war of aggression in Ukraine, the minister noted.

"Since September 2022, River East Transcona School Division has welcomed more than 1,270 newcomers from across the globe into our schools and classrooms. These students and their families contribute to making our community a vibrant, exciting, and inspirational place to live, learn, and grow," said Sandra Herbst, superintendent, River East Transcona School Divi-

sion. "Funding is imperative to not only support newcomer students' transitions, but to fulfil the hopes that propelled their families' often difficult and traumatic journeys to Canada. We require these additional monies to ensure our students' academic, social, and emotional success."

The additional \$1.5 million for the Intensive Newcomer Support Grant builds on significant investments in education, including \$100 million in new kindergarten to Grade 12 education funding for the 2023-24 school year, the minister added.

The minister noted the Manitoba government is committed to ensuring that all Manitoba students succeed, no matter where they live, their background or their individual circumstances, as outlined in Manitoba's K to 12 Education Action Plan, which is guided by six overarching principles including equity and inclusion.

For more information on the Intensive Newcomer Support Grant, visit https://edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/ins_grant/index.html.

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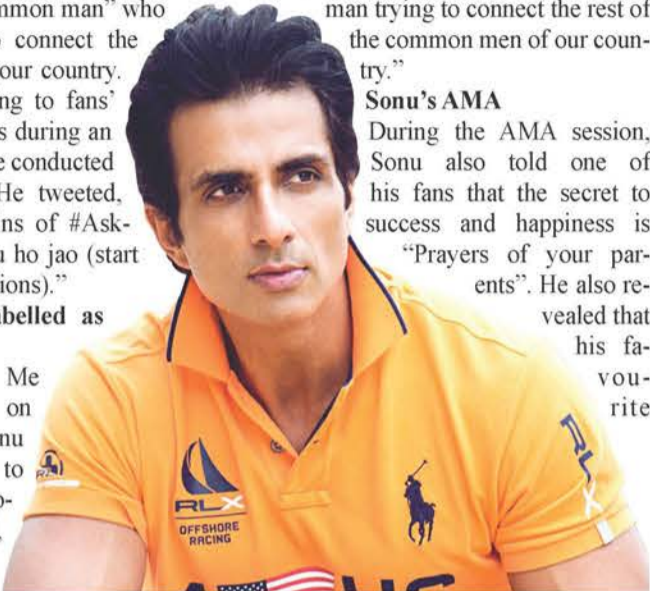


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Sonu Sood's Fan Calls Him God, Actor Refuses To Take Credit And Says 'I Am Just A Common Man'

Sonu Sood has responded to a fan calling him God and humbly said that he is "just a common man" who has been trying to connect the common people of our country. Sonu was responding to fans' questions and tweets during an AMA session that he conducted Monday evening. He tweeted, "How about 30 mins of #Ask-Sonu ? Chalo Shuru ho jao (start dropping your questions)." **Sonu on being labelled as God** During the Ask Me Anything session on Twitter, one of Sonu Sood's fans wrote to him, "Sonu sir people call you God, 2 words about it



#AskSonu." The actor quickly and humbly responded with: "I am just a common man trying to connect the rest of the common men of our country."

Sonu's AMA

During the AMA session, Sonu also told one of his fans that the secret to success and happiness is "Prayers of your parents". He also revealed that

Indian dish is "Makai ki Roti and Sarson ka saag".

Sonu is currently in Himachal Pradesh and has been sharing pictures and videos of his fitness routine as he preps for his next -Fateh. In one of his recent posts, Sonu could be seen running in Kaza.

Sonu on Roadies

Meanwhile, Sonu is also back on the reality show Roadies 19 as the host. Speaking about it, he had told PTI earlier, "I'm ecstatic to be part of the genre-defining adventure reality show MTV Roadies yet again. The show captures the youth's spirit and redefines adventure. With the new season, this journey of Karm Ya Kaand along with Gang Leaders Prince, Gautam and Rhea will test Roadies' physical, emotional, and mental strength at every level. Fans will be at the edge of their seats."

Amitabh Bachchan Reveals Reason Behind Breaking Tradition Of Meeting Fans Barefoot

Amitabh Bachchan has a very busy year ahead of him. The actor has been shooting for Project K and already has other projects lined up. However, in spite of his busy schedule, Big B showed up for his weekly meet and greet with his fans. This time though, he broke the tradition of meeting fans barefoot, and was seen wearing shoes instead. For this week's fan meet, Senior Bachchan was clad in a printed jacket, black trousers and



a handkerchief on his head. Contrary to his usual barefoot appearance, the actor sported a pair of white sneakers while greeting fans. Explaining the reason behind it on his blog, Amitabh wrote, "And a big difference today .. SHOES .. shoes because , shooting bare feet, whole of yesterday , gave rise to what is generally referred to bumps in the foot .. named blisters .. a similar incident earlier had incapacitated the body for a long time so taking precaution."

Continued from Page 03 Indian immigration..

These developments follow the recent announcement by Immigration Minister Sean Fraser, who pledged to halt the pending deportations of international Indian students who claim to have been deceived by Mishra and other unscrupulous agents. Fraser announced to put a pause on imminent deportation of 100s of international students, majority of them from Punjab, who were caught in this fake admission letter scandal and were protesting to stop their deportation. Fraser said those students will also be issued Temporary Resident Permits (TRP) to prevent any imminent deportation. However, this is not a sweeping order where everyone facing deportation due to fraudulent documentation, will be offered TRP. According to the minister only those students who came to Canada with a genuine intent to study, and without knowledge of the use of fraudulent documentation, will be issued the permit. Hundreds of international students have been staging a 24-hr protest in front of the CBSA office at 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. Both Conservative and NDP leaders had stepped in to support the students and asked government to stop their deportation.

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Nawazuddin Siddiqui Says Anurag Kashyap Scolded Him On Gangs Of Wasseypur Sets



Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui has recalled an incident when filmmaker Anurag Kashyap scolded him on the Gangs Of Wasseypur sets for 'behaving too much like Al Pacino'. In a new interview, Nawazuddin also remembered Anurag asking him not to 'play power'. Anurag Kashyap asked him to 'just be normal and you'd look dangerous'.

Gangs of Wasseypur
Gangs of Wasseypur (2012) is a gangster action crime film produced and directed by Anurag Kashyap. Apart from Nawazuddin, the film also stars Manoj Bajpai, Pankaj Tripathi, Richa Chadda, Huma Qureshi and Tigmanshu Dhulia. It is the first instalment in the Gangs of Wasseypur series.

Nawazuddin spoke about Anurag

In an interview with Mashable India, Nawazuddin said that during his training days, he used to 'sleep as Robert De Niro or Al Pacino'. "I was in that phase for three to four months. My teacher would advise me not to do it. On the first day of the shooting of Gangs Of Wasseypur, main pura Al Pacino banke gaya (I went like Al Pacino). I would even speak like him. Anurag (Kashyap) scolded me a lot at night. He told me, 'You're behaving too much like Al Pacino'. So I threw the entire facade away overnight and I couldn't sleep all night. When I went there in the morning the next day, I went purely as Nawaz," he said.

The actor added that he 'does not want to play power' and wants to be himself. He also said, "You don't get powers just by playing it. For example, Anurag used to say, 'You have 25 people standing behind you so you don't have to play power. Just be normal and you'd look dangerous'."

Nawazuddin's projects
Nawazuddin was recently seen in Tiku Weds Sheru opposite Avneet Kaur. Helmed by Sai Kabir Srivastav, the film is produced by Kangana Ranaut. The film released on Prime Video on June 23. Apart from this, Nawazuddin has an interesting line-up of films, which includes Noorani Chehra, Haddi and Adhuh.

He will collaborate with Sheh-

naaz Gill for the new song Yaar Ka Sataya Hua Hai. B Praak has sung the song from the album Zohrajabeen. It will release on July 3. Nawazuddin is

known for his roles in Gangs of Wasseypur, The Lunchbox, Raman Raghav 2.0, Manto, and Badlapur among others.

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Tamannaah Bhatia

Gets Overwhelmed As Fan Gets Her Face Tattooed On Her Arm, Touches Her Feet

Actor Tamannaah Bhatia recently met a fan and got emotional with the person's gestures. In a video shared by a paparazzi on Instagram on Tuesday, Tamannaah interacted with the fan at the Mumbai airport.

Tamannaah with her fan

After meeting Tamannaah, the person touched her feet. She also gave the actor a bouquet, cards and a letter. An emotional Tamannaah gave her fan a hug. While speaking with the actor, the person also showed the tattoo on the arm. Inked in black and white, the tattoo was of Tamannaah's face. The fan also got the words 'love you the Tamannaah' inked next to the face tattoo. While hugging the person, Tamannaah mouthed 'thank you' several times. Before getting inside her car, she said, "Thank you. Lots of love. I will." For her travel, Tamannaah opted for a white top under a brown blazer and matching pants. She wore white sneakers and also carried a black bag.

Fans' reactions

Reacting to the clip, a person wrote, "Omg I am crying. Why this video is so emotional?" Another comment read, "That feeling when someone does a tattoo for you!" An Instagram user said, "I know Tamannaah for 13 years she is such a golden person." "She felt so honoured," said a fan. "So sweet," commented another person.

Tamannaah's projects

Tamannaah was recently seen in the web series *Jee Karda*. Produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films and directed by Arunima Sharma, the series is co-written by Hussain Dalal and Abbas Dalal. Aashim Gulati, Suhail Nayyar, Anya Singh, Hussain Dalal, Sayan Banerjee, and Samvedna Suwalka are also a part of the show. The show aired on Prime Video on June 15. She will next be seen in *Lust Stories*, helmed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma, R Balki, Konkona Sen Sharma, and Sujoy Ghosh. The show also stars Kajol, Neena Gupta, Vijay Varma, Mrunal Thakur, Angad Bedi, Amruta Shubhash, Tillotama Shome and Kumud Mishra. *Lust Stories 2* will air on Netflix on June 29.



Sonam Kapoor to Represent India at Rishi Sunak's Reception in UK-India Week

Actor Sonam Kapoor has been invited by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak, for his upcoming reception on the occasion of UK-India Week 2023. Sonam lives in London with her husband-businessman Anand Ahuja and their son Vayu, and will be attending on behalf of India. Previously, Sonam was invited to King Charles

III's coronation concert, where she delivered a spoken word performance.

Sonam Kapoor to attend UK-India week 2023

She will be seen at the reception which will

take place at the PM's official residence and office on 10 Downing Street. The celebration is a part of India Global Forum's flagship event UK-India week, which is being held from 26th June to 30th June in London. Sonam will be attending the reception on Wednesday and will talk about India and its cultural influence across the globe.

UK-India Week 2023

UK-India Week 2023 is the 5th iteration of IGF's flagship event. The weeklong programme intends to honour and strengthen the long-standing partnership between UK and India by providing a platform to talk about crucial topics, including politics, trade, business, sustainability, inclusion, and innovation among others for progress and harmony.

Talking about the role of IGF in bringing both countries closer, PM Rishi Sunak was quoted by News18 saying, "India Global Forum's annual UK-India Week is a highly anticipated fixture in the bilateral calendar of our two great nations. It is a catalyst for forging new trade ties, lasting collaborations, and a better future for our people. I'm confident this partnership will be a defining one for our times."

Sonam Kapoor in London

Sonam shifted to London during the first wave of Covid-19 in India. She married Anand in 2018. The couple frequently travelled to London where Anand spent most of his time, until they shifted to the country for good. The actor keeps sharing glimpses of her life in the UK on social media and visits her family in India.

She welcomed her first born, son Vayu Kapoor Ahuja, in August 2022 in India. Later, the couple returned to London. Sonam will be next

seen in Shome Makhija's upcoming *Blind*. It also stars Purab Kohli, Vinay Pathak, Lilette Dubey, and Shubham Saraf. It will stream on Jio Cinema from July 7.



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South Asian Community Hub receives funding to offer more mental Health...

Navneet Kaur, counsellor, said, "The services provided by SACH are very much needed.

I look forward to working with SACH and other community partners in supporting South Asian families impacted by substance use."

Outreach workers will also attend community meetings that focus on addiction, mental health and homelessness, and create a report that outlines ways to effectively engage with South Asian people experiencing these challenges.

"When people make the brave decision to reach out for help, language and culture shouldn't be a roadblock to get the support they need," said Jennifer Whiteside,

Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "We know that culturally relevant support is essential in guiding people through their wellness journey. That's why our government is investing in community organizations, like the South Asian Community Hub, to build the services that work for people."

Jordan Kahlon, community integration specialist, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, said, "Organizations, like South Asian Community Hub, are critical to connecting disadvantaged South Asians to the services they need, ensuring they are met with a support system that helps them thrive."



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 ਕਾਲੇ ਛੋਲੇ, ਚਨੇ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ, ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਾਬਤ ਦਾਲ, ਪੋਠੀ ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ (ਇੰਡੀਕੈਨ)
\$3.98 bag

Roma Tomatoes
 ਰੋਮਾ ਟਮਾਟਰ
\$1.49 lb

Fresh Garlic
 ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਲਸਣ
\$1.49 lb

Indian Eggplants
 ਦੇਸੀ ਬਤਾਉਂ
\$1.49 lb

Fresh BC Tinda
 ਬੀਸੀ ਤਾਜੇ ਟੀਂਡੇ
\$1.98 lb

Nanak Rasmalai
 ਨਾਨਕ ਰਸਮਲਾਈ ਅਸੋਟਡ
\$8.79 pkg.

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