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# LMIA Application Process Simplified For Employers Hiring Temporary Workers

DELTA, BC: Canada has launched a new project to help employers who regularly hire temporary foreign workers for their businesses. Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages, announced the launch of the Recognized Employer Pilot (REP) under the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Program this week.



Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Employment announced launch of Recognized Employer Pilot program at Mirch Masala restaurant located in Delta, BC

assessments (LMIAs) that are valid for up to 36 months, while also benefitting from a simplified LMIA application, should they need to hire additional workers from the same occupation during the Pilot.

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# Daljit Thind of Thind Properties appointed to Order of British Columbia

VICTORIA - Fourteen exceptional people who have made an outstanding provincial, national or international impact, including Daljit Thind, will be appointed to the Order of British Columbia, the Province's highest form of recognition and an official part of the Canadian Honours System.

"As representative of the Crown in British Columbia and as chancellor of the Order of British Columbia, I am honoured to welcome these 14 members," said Janet Austin, lieutenant governor of British Columbia. "This honour is a mark of excellence, reflected in the service and achievements of these incredible British Columbians. Their accomplishments have left an indelible mark on their communities, and ensuing legacies will impact our province to the benefit of future generations. It is my great pleasure to share my congratulations to all new appointments to the order."



Daljit Thind

This year, 224 British Columbians were nominated. These new additions bring the total membership of the Order of British Columbia to 503. Members have been appointed from all parts of the province.

"While they are not officially part of the Marvel Universe, these 14 remarkable individuals are superheroes. They have contributed in unique and profound ways to our province, our nation and beyond, through leadership, selflessness, and generosity," said Premier David Eby. "Congratulations to all on their appointment to the Order of British Columbia."

Thind is a well-known name in the Indo-Canadian community. In the biographies of recipients, Thind is mentioned as "a strong proponent of providing aid to the less fortunate." Thind moved to Burnaby from India in 1990 with the support of his wife's sister.

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## Three Indo-Canadian Women Named Top 50 Women Leaders of Vancouver for 2023

The Women We Admire organization has released its Top 50 Women Leaders of Vancouver for 2023 list.

Three Indian-origin Canadian women have made it to this top 50 list including Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade, Avi Gill Business Director, Talk Shop; and Arshpreet Kaur Ranjit Singh of Group General Counsel, GrowthOps Ltd.

Vancouver's economy boasts a diverse and thriving landscape, making it one of Canada's economic powerhouses. The city's strategic location as a major Pacific port, coupled with its strong sectors in technology, film and television production, tourism, and natural resources, has contributed to its robust economic growth.

Emphasizing the importance of gender diversity in leadership, Vancouver has fostered an inclusive environment that harnesses the unique perspectives and talents of women, driving innovation, increasing productivity, and ensuring sustainable growth in the economy. "This year's awardees are well-respected authentic leaders who, possessing self-awareness, garner credibility, empower others and present themselves as a constant and consistent role model to others within their industries," said a release by the organization.

As described on the Women We Admire website, "Anita Huberman has been the President & CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade for 17 years for one of the top 10 Boards of Trade/Cham-

bers of Commerce in Canada and one of the largest cities in Canada. She has been with the Surrey Board of Trade in a variety of roles for 30 years. Anita and her team serve more than 6,000 member contacts."

"I am honoured to be included in this year's list among a group of strong female leaders in their respective industries," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "Though this list is labelled as Vancouver, the Women We Admire organization is certainly taking a regional approach to recognizing innovation and productivity."

Arshpreet acts as the Group General Counsel of GrowthOps, a multinational digital media, human experience, and technology consulting group with local bases in Sydney, Melbourne,



Anita Huberman

Arshpreet Kaur

Avi Gill

Brisbane, Canberra, Auckland, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Hong Kong, and the Middle East. Arshpreet leads and manages the in-house legal department for the group of companies spread across all 10 global locations, overseeing the legal and compliance matters for the group, and acting as a key negotiator for strategic transactions and strategist for dispute resolution. She brings with her significant expertise in handling a variety of corporate transactions across different industries, de-

living commercial solutions, and advising on cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

Avi Gill is a seasoned Business Director at Talk Shop, a prestigious national communications agency. With a rich portfolio of clients spanning diverse industries such as technology, non-profit, wellness, and arts and culture, Avi showcases her exceptional skills as a strategic communicator, specializing in the art of brand storytelling, integrated marketing campaigns, and influencer marketing.

## Pressure Builds On Liberals To Extend CEBA Loan Deadline

PENTICTON, BC: Political parties, small businesses, and many Canadian Chambers of Commerce are calling on the federal government to extend the deadline for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan.

Only five months are left until the CEBA repayment deadline on Dec. 31, 2023. If the CEBA loan is not repaid by then, small business owners will lose the up to \$20,000 forgivable portion and pay the entire amount at a 5% interest rate.

In a letter sent by over 250 Canadian chambers of commerce, they noted that 49 per cent of businesses are still making below-normal revenues and 50 per cent

of Canadian food services are currently operating at a loss or breaking even, compared to 12 per cent pre-pandemic.

The joint letter was sent to Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland calling for more time to repay CEBA loans while keeping the forgivable portion.

The letter mentions that almost 900,000 CEBA loans were approved across Canada. Many businesses had no choice but to take on this loan due to circumstances beyond their control. This includes businesses in some of the hardest-hit industries such as the retail industry and tourism sector.

Mandatory business closures and oth-

er government health restrictions left businesses with severe income losses and cash flow issues. Despite their best efforts, high-interest rates, inflation and increased labour costs are making it difficult for small-and-medium size businesses to keep their heads above water, let alone make any dent in the debt many had to take on to survive pandemic restrictions.

A recent analysis of over 15,000 Canadian businesses found that inflation, input costs, and interest/debt costs are the three most acute obstacles faced by business (at 56%, 40% and 38%, respectively), and the smaller the firm, the more con-

strained they are by debt, the letter mentions.

Corinne Pohlmann, Executive Vice-President at CFIB said, "We're not asking for total loan forgiveness—just more time. If businesses are forced to close because of their pandemic debt, government will not be able to recoup that money. It's a win-win situation if businesses are allowed more time to repay."

"The pressure is growing for the Liberals to act and help small businesses get through these tough times," said NDP critic for small business and tourism, MP Richard Cannings (South Okanagan—West Kootenay).

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# Guru Nanak Food Bank Inviting School Supplies Donations For Its 2nd School Drive

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DELTA, BC: Guru Nanak Food Bank will be organizing its 2nd School Supply Drive, on August 26th at 11188 84 Ave Delta and August 27th at 15299 68 Ave from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. The drive aims to support the upcoming school session for the Delta School District and Surrey School District Students. This year's School Drive is particularly special as it marks the 1st drive in Delta and will be entirely run by school kids who are volunteering with Guru Nanak Food Bank. The organization has generously decided to donate all the collected supplies to the School Districts, recognizing the increased need for assistance and the importance of a strong educational foundation.

To make this School Drive a success and ensure that every child receives the support they need, Guru Nanak Food Bank is requesting donations of the following essential school supplies: Crayons, Colored pencils, Washable markers, Jumbo No. 2 pencils, Pencil grips, Pencil sharpener, Glue sticks, Erasers, Kids scissors

Plastic folders, Note Books, Tissues, Backpacks, Assorted construction paper, Lunch box, Gift Cards, Sharpie, Sticky Notes, ball Pen Red & Blue.

"Education is the key to a better future, and we believe in providing quality education to all," said the Operational Head Guru Nanak Food Bank. "We urge our community members to come forward and donate these much-needed school supplies to support our students' success."

Guru Nanak Food Bank invites everyone to contribute and make a difference in the lives of students in need. Donations can be made in person at the drive locations or through various methods such as E-transfer, cash, credit card, cheque, or online at <https://gnfb.ca/our-causes/>. For any further information, please contact Neeraj Walia, the Operational

Head, at 604.537.1440.

"Your contributions can have a profound impact on the lives of thousands of Canadian youngsters who rely on food banks and other charitable organizations," said Neeraj Walia. "We want every child to start the new school year with happiness and confidence."

Guru Nanak Food Bank extends heartfelt gratitude to the Delta School District, City of Delta, Delta Police, Delta Fire Fighters, Delta Chamber of Commerce, Surrey School District, Surrey Board of Trade, Surrey Police Services, and all the media partners for their support and collaboration in this noble cause. To make this year's School Drive a resounding success, Guru Nanak Food Bank is also seeking volunteers. If you can spare some time to help us, please call 604.580.1313, extension 1, during working hours.

Guru Nanak Food Bank has always been dedicated to supporting the community, and the organization urges everyone to come forward and contribute to this significant cause. Please send your confirmation by email at [neeraj@gnfb.ca](mailto:neeraj@gnfb.ca) or call 604.537.1440 directly to Operational Head Neeraj Walia.

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# The legend of Kashmir's Gurdwaraa Nanaksar Mattan Sahib



By Dr Jasbir Singh Sarna

According to historian R K Parmu "Long ago Kashmir had been treated as a holy place by the great Gurus. The founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, had paid a visit to the Valley and the Gurdwara at Matan, Anantnag, commemorates the pilgrimage he undertook in the fifteenth century A.D.

He made many converts after one of the leading Kashmiri Brahmins, Brahma Das, had accepted the Guru's faith." (A history of Sikh Rule in Kashmir 1819-1846, Srinagar, 1977

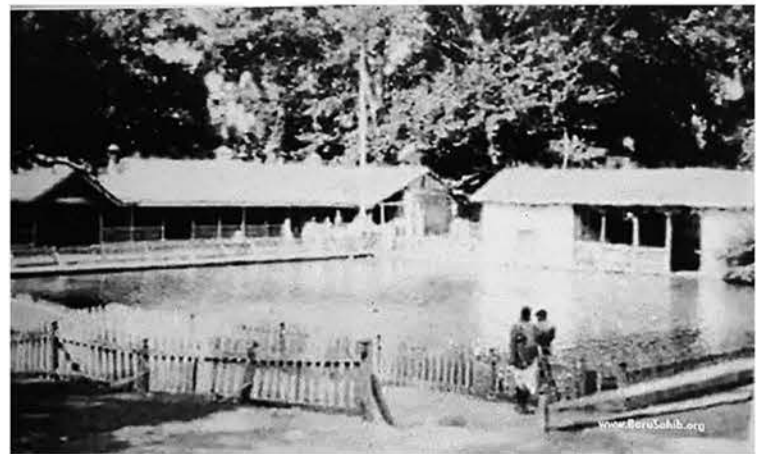


Seven Gurdwaras in Mattan Sahib during Sikh Rule

(P. 123). It is believed that Guru ji stayed thirteen days at Mattan. In the middle of the spring pond, a raised platform was seen on which Guru ji had a discussion with Kashmiri Pandit Brahm Das of Bej Behara, who was Proud of his Knowledge. Nowadays the platform parts are seen in the bottom of the spring pond. Earlier there were no stone walls of Hindu temples around this pond. According to

Editor "Reformer" Lahore and Twarikh Kashmir (Pt. Hargopal Kaul Khasta), the stone wall and Garden was constructed by King Shah Jahan.

Later on S. Gurmukh Singh who was a member in the council of Afghan reign (Governor Kashmir Noor Din Khan Bam-bazi) constructed a splendid Gurdwara in 1766 AD. In 1821 AD Governor Hari Singh Nalwa, constructed seven small



S.Dhana Singh Cycle Traveler ,Mattan,1934

Gurdwaras on the three sides of the twin springs. In which seven Sri Guru Granth Sahibs were installed. Two volumes had been taken away by SGPC Amritsar, now five volumes are still inside the Gurdwara. Among them, Sunehri Bir is still preserved

in Gurdwara Sahib. Three villages were attached to the Gurdwara as its property; Paibhug, Mattan and Mace Gaam. The three villages later were annexed by the Dogra rulers During the reign of Maharaja Partap Singh Dogra these Gurdwaras were removed .On the ruined platform around the spring pond Maharaja Hari Singh Dogra constructed a temple in 1944 AD.

According to the Census Report of 1943 by R. C. Ratard, "There is evidence to show that there were Sikhs in the country (J & K) as early as the 16th century. The Gurdawara at Mattan commemorates his (Guru Nanak's) visit."

According to eyewitness Sewa Ram Singh District and Session Judge Rawalpindi, "The remnants of a Platform in the center of the lower tank of the Twin Springs at Mattan indicate the spot where the Master had sat,

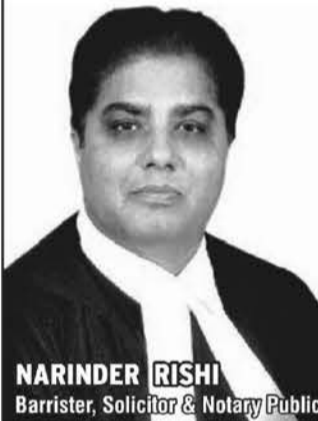
while some ruins of the pillars of the causeway leading up to the platform from the left side of the Spring are also visible. In 1908, when the present writer first visited Kashmir, he saw one of the seven Gurdwaras, which had been built on three sides of the twin Springs, still standing and he read a sermon from the Granth Sahib to the assembled audience in that Gurdwara, That Gurdwara, however, has also gone in ruins, and a new one seems to have recently been constructed, not on that after but along the south-western corner of the lower Spring. It is difficult to say who is responsible for this act of vandalism." (The Divine Master, 1989 ,P 144)

According to Dr GMD Suf, "The Gurdwara of Mattan, Baramulla and outside Kathi Darwaza, Srinagar were built by Nalwa (Kashir)

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## 14-Year-Old Female From Alberta Dies During Skaha Lake Jet Ski Water Craft Collision

A marine incident was reported to the Penticton RCMP on August 4 close to 8:00pm involving two jet ski water craft that collided in the middle of Skaha Lake. Four youths had sustained serious injuries. The youth were transported, via boat by family, to the Skaha Marina where two off-duty doctors and BC Emergency Health Services attempted life saving measures on all four

injured youth. All injured parties were subsequently transferred to the local hospital by EHS. "Tragically one of the victims, a 14-year-old female from Alberta, succumbed to her injuries at hospital. The three remaining youth have all been treated for non-life-threatening injuries and have since been released from hospital," said Sgt Paul Bentham, Senior Patrol Officer, Penticton

South Okanagan Similkameen Regional Detachment. The family is being supported by RCMP Victim Services and arrangements are being made to assist them in returning to Alberta. Penticton RCMP frontline officers have taken lead on the investigation with the assistance of RCMP West Coast Marine Services. No criminality is suspected and alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this tragic incident.

## Surrey Resident Jose Kaze Identified As Granville Street Homicide Victim

Vancouver - Vancouver Police have identified the man who was killed in a homicide on August 4 on Granville Street, and are renewing appeals for anyone with information to contact police. "We are still working to determine what the motive was for this murder," says Constable Tania Visintin. "Granville Street has a lot of vehicle, bike, and pedestrian traffic at all hours of the day. We believe there may be witnesses or people with video who have important infor-

mation that could help us solve this crime." Jose Kaze, a 32-year-old Surrey resident, was stabbed near Granville and Smithe streets just before 3:30 a.m. on August 4. He was taken to hospital, but succumbed to his injuries. No arrests have been made and VPD's Homicide detectives continue to investigate. Anyone with cell phone or dash-cam video on August 4 between 2 and 4 a.m., is asked to call investigators at 604-717-2500.

## 'Unexpected' Visa Approvals From Canada Pushes One Ontario College To Cancel Admissions Of Many International Students

Hundreds of international students have been informed by Ontario's Northern College that their admission offers for this coming school year have been revoked. According to a CBC news article, "some 500 international students recently received an email informing them that their admission offers for this coming school year had been revoked, according to Northern College. Some were already in Canada when they were informed their offers had been withdrawn." The email from the college was shared by a student in Punjab to CBC. The email states, "Due to overwhelming demand and higher than anticipated visa approval rates, we must take the unfortunate step of withdrawing and refunding your offer of admission to the Fall 2023 intake of Northern College at Pures College. Your full refund will be processed immediately." In a statement to CBC Toronto, Northern College said the problem was caused by Canada approving more visas for international students than expected. David Francis, director of strategic initiatives for Northern College, said it's the

responsibility of Northern College to estimate how many visas will be approved ahead of each semester. That means the school gives out more acceptance letters than it can accommodate under the assumption that some of the applicants will have their visas denied. "As we look at program capacities, they are moving targets," Francis said. Additionally, Francis said many students apply to multiple schools. As part of its estimations ahead of each semester, Northern College assumes some of the students they accepted will choose to enrol in different institutions, CBC reported. The isn't the first time international students have been left in limbo by a Toronto school. Last May, hundreds of students said their enrolment was unilaterally suspended by Alpha College of Business and Technology, an affiliate of St. Lawrence College. Tejinder Singh Sidhu, President, of World Sikh Organization of Canada has written a letter to President of Northern College. The letter states, "It has come to our attention that hundreds of international students

have been informed by your college that their admission has been withdrawn for the September semester. As a result, these students, including a large number of Sikh students from Punjab have had their lives thrown into chaos." For students living in India, a withdrawal of admission means students can no longer legally enter Canada, as their student visas have been issued on the basis of their admission to your college. Students in India end up also losing thousands of dollars in airfare. Many families have had to sell property or take out large loans to pay for all the costs associated with attending school abroad. The withdrawal of admission results in the risk of losing the validity of required certifications, such as medical examinations and IELTS, as these documents also carry an expiry date, WSO president said. "We understand that students who are currently in Canada have been told that their courses will be delivered online. This is of course less than optimal, given that students pay for the experience of in-person learning and online alternatives are not



equivalent. The impact of Northern College issuing and then withdrawing admission is nothing short of catastrophic for the impacted students. The options currently being offered by the college to address the situation are inadequate. We understand that students are being offered courses that are not PGWP-eligible. This will not be acceptable to the vast majority of students. Students in such desperate circumstances are also vulnerable to exploitation by predatory private colleges and agents. We are writing to ask that Northern College recognize the impact on affected international students and find a way to accommodate these students without cancelling their admission. The decisions made by the College have weighed heavily on the mental, physical, and financial health of the students.



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# LMIA application process simplified for employers hiring...



one begins in September 2023, when employers in the Primary Agriculture stream will be able to apply in time for the 2024 season. Stage two begins in January 2024 and opens intake to all other industry sectors. Applications for both streams will be accepted until September 2024. Employers who are expected to meet REP eligibility criteria will be proactively invited to apply using a dual-purpose LMIA application which differs from the regular LMIA. Employers can request that the application be used to apply for recognized status under REP and for the LMIA at the same time.

ESDC during the pilot due to simplified LMIA forms that enable employers to hire additional Temporary Foreign Workers for genuine job offers during REP.

REP is a three-year initiative that aims to address labour shortages and reduce the administrative burden for repeat employers participating in the program who demonstrate a history of complying with program requirements.

"The Recognized Employer Pilot will cut red tape for eligible employers—those who demonstrate the highest level of protection for workers—and make it easier for them to access the labour they need to fill jobs that are essential to Canada's economy and food security," Boissonnault said while announcing the program at Mirch Masala restaurant located in Delta, BC.

Alongside a commitment of \$29.3 million over three years, REP was first announced in Budget 2022 as the "trusted employer model."

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prospective workers. This will help employers better plan for their staffing needs and reduce the number of different LMIA's they need to submit over three years. Recognized employers will also benefit from a Job Bank designation that shows their recognized status to prospective workers.


Most employers need a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) before they can submit a work permit application to hire a temporary foreign worker. An LMIA confirms that there is a need for a temporary foreign worker and that no Canadians or permanent residents are available to do the job. It also ensures that the employer's job offer is legitimate, and that the employer has complied with Program requirements to protect workers.

To participate in REP, employers must have a minimum of three positive LMIA's for the same occupation over the past five years from a list of occupations that have been designated as in-shortage based on Canadian Occupational Projection Sys-

tem data. These employers will be subject to a more rigorous upfront assessment process based on their history and track record with the program, ensuring that REP targets employers with the best recruitment practices.

REP will be rolled out in two stages. Stage

one begins in September 2023, when employers in the Primary Agriculture stream will be able to apply in time for the 2024 season. Stage two begins in January 2024 and opens intake to all other industry sectors. Applications for both streams will be accepted until September 2024. Employers who are expected to meet REP eligibility criteria will be proactively invited to apply using a dual-purpose LMIA application which differs from the regular LMIA. Employers can request that the application be used to apply for recognized status under REP and for the LMIA at the same time.



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## Daljit Thind of Thind Properties appointed to Order of British...

However, he was unable to get credentialled to pursue his desired career as a pharmacist and needed financial assistance to support his family.

A Canadian friend helped him secure employment as a tile layer, which allowed him to learn about the construction industry. From this, Thind was inspired to build homes for immigrants such as himself—people who had modest finances, but big dreams for the future. He initially started by renovating his sister-in-law's home and used the profits to undertake larger projects. Today, he is responsible for over \$4 billion in development and more than 1,000 jobs throughout Greater Vancouver.

He donates millions of dollars

to important community causes. What sets Thind apart from his peers is not the magnitude of his success, but his purpose. He has developed projects in East Vancouver with the aim of providing first-time buyers a chance to invest in the competitive Vancouver housing market.

His purchasers come from all walks of life and symbolize the aspirations of the diverse residents in the neighbourhood. He continues to strive for equitable access to real estate, especially for newcomers, by advocating for increased housing density.

He has successfully executed similar projects in Burnaby, Surrey and Richmond by collaborating with the cities and non-profit organizations to of-

fer low-cost rental apartments, thereby addressing a crucial housing shortage.

He has even doubled his community investment in Surrey by constructing an entire low-cost rental apartment tower. His efforts to increase density have been praised by local officials, who hope to use his approach as a model for future development.

Due to his unwavering commitment to supporting community groups, Thind has achieved significant success in his career. His main areas of dedication include mental health, education, housing, sport and women's rights. In addition, he is a strong proponent of providing aid to the less fortunate and has contributed mil-

lions toward initiatives, such as supporting refugee families, providing meals for underprivileged children and preserving Indigenous culture, 15 as well as aiding in programs to combat domestic violence and to help newcomers get settled. To maximize the effect of his donations, he collaborates with smaller local community organizations.

Thind was inspired to give back because of the kindness he received when he needed it most. His impact on B.C. is seen in many ways: he transforms neglected areas into prosperous ones. He helps thousands of people build their own prosperity; and he focuses on building community instead of only erecting buildings.

Thind is committed to making positive changes and believes that building together is the best way to achieve a better life for everyone.

Along with Thind other names include: Dr. Penny J. Ballem of Vancouver; Evanna Brennan of Vancouver; Dr. Jane Buxton of Vancouver; Pieter R. Cullis, OC, of Vancouver; Samuel L. Feldman of Vancouver; Gordon J. Fyfe of Saanich; Susan Giles of Vancouver; Byng Giraud of Winlaw; Chief Councillor Harold Leighton of Prince Rupert; Susan E. Paish, KC, of North Vancouver; George C. Reifel, MGC, of Vancouver; Ryan Reynolds of New York, N.Y.; Daljit Thind of Vancouver; Patricia Woroch of Surrey.

The B.C. government has worked to increase awareness of the Province's highest honour to ensure that outstanding people from all walks of life and from all parts of the province have an opportunity to be honoured. The Province has received more than 6,600 public nominations for the Order of B.C. over the past 34 years.

An independent advisory council selects members of the Order of B.C.

The Order of B.C. investiture ceremony for 2023 recipients and invited guests will be at Government House in Victoria in the late fall.

The Province's other honour, the Medal of Good Citizenship, recognizes people who have gone above and beyond without expectation of reward in service to their communities. Nominations for the Medal of Good Citizenship are open and must be received by Sept. 4, 2023, to be considered for this year.

The Insignia of the Order of B.C. is in the form of a medal. The medal depicts a stylistic dogwood, the floral emblem of B.C., and features a crowned shield of arms. It is worn with a green, gold, white and blue ribbon.



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# Special guests announced at Punjabi Market Live, A Huge Outdoor Street Celebration

VANCOUVER: The Monsoon Festival of Performing Arts has announced popular social media influencers and siblings, Amreen Gill AKA Bhangralicious and Swandeep Gill will be the special guests for a live recording of the podcast, Chai with T. South Asian media personality and host Tarannum Thind takes centre stage for this inspiring night of storytelling at the Surrey Arts Centre Studio Theatre on August 19.



Celebrate the tastes and sounds of South Asian culture with Punjabi Market Live, a huge outdoor street party taking place Sunday, August 27 in the heart of Punjabi Market. The afternoon festivities will take place on Main Street between 49th and 51st Avenue and run from noon to 6:00 pm. In partnership with the Punjabi Market Collective and a highlight of the Monsoon Festival of Performing Arts, this year's event promises to be the best one yet and features the spirit of multiculturalism and diversity with live performances, DJ's, dance, music, fashion, food, visual art and more.

Hosted by CBC's Baneet Braich, the event will feature internationally renowned DJ's spinning the sounds, performances by Canadian Artist and composer Cinnamon Sandhu, multi award winning music producer and artist Pav Dharia and the soulful sounds of rising star Gurtéj AKA NY Virtuoso.

Punjabi Market Live is a highlight every year and a testament to the growing community. A new addition this year is The Vancouver Canucks and Warriors Kids Zone. The place to be where families can connect. Fin the Canucks mascot will be

on hand to take pictures behind the blue, green and white inflatable. There will be arts and crafts, face painting, and if you love lacrosse the Vancouver Warriors will have a net set up to practise your shots. Shops along the corridor will be open and foodies will fill their appetites with traditional dishes from local restaurants. Food trucks will also be on site and there will be free chai and jalebis, a favourite Indian sweet available for all to enjoy. The entertainment this year is as diverse as the culture itself. From dance to music to DJ's and performance art there is something for everyone. Highlights include: Cinnamon Sandhu, an emerging artist of South Asian-Canadian descent, possesses a unique blend of talents as a singer, songwriter, and composer. Her mesmerizing lyrics and unique melodies have captivated audiences.

Hailing from the vibrant musical landscape of Long Island, New York, Gurtéj aka NY Virtuoso is a singer-songwriter who weaves tales of love, heartbreak, and life's journey through a captivating fusion of old-school rock and soulful R&B.

Hailing from Australia, Pav Dharia started off his career as a music producer & video director, utilizing his versatility & creativity to produce multiple projects including the Award Winning album RED: One of the highest selling Punjabi albums of the '00s.

# Indian-origin Vaibhav Taneja named Tesla CFO

Indian-origin Vaibhav Taneja has been named Tesla's new Chief Financial Officer as the previous finance chief Zachary Kirkhorn announced his decision to step down, the automaker said in a company filing.

Taneja, 45, was appointed Tesla CFO in addition to his current role as Chief Accounting Officer (CAO) of the US-based electric car major on Friday after Kirkhorn, Tesla's Master of Coin and finance chief for the last four years, stepped down from the post.

Kirkhorn's 13-year tenure with the Elon Musk-led American EV giant was described as one of "tremendous expansion and growth" in the company filing.

"Tesla thanks Mr Kirkhorn for his significant contributions. Mr Kirkhorn will continue to serve Tesla through the end of the year to support a seamless transition," it said.

"This morning Tesla announced that I've stepped down from my role as Chief Financial Officer, succeeded by our Chief Accounting Officer, Vaibhav Taneja," Kirkhorn said in a LinkedIn post.

"Being a part of this company is a special experience, and I'm extremely proud of the work we've done together since



I joined over 13 years ago. As I shift my responsibilities to support this transition, I want to thank the talented, passionate, and hard-working employees at Tesla, who have accomplished things many thought (were) not possible. I also want to thank Elon for his leadership and optimism, which has inspired so many people," he said.

Taneja has served as Tesla's CAO since March 2019 and as the Corporate Controller since May 2018. He served as the Assistant Corporate Controller between February 2017 and May 2018, and from March 2016, served in various finance and accounting roles at SolarCity Corporation, a US-based solar panel developer acquired by Tesla in 2016.

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# US Mayor Comes In Support Of Sikh Owner Of 7-Eleven Store Who Beat Up Robber

A video of the robber being knocked to the ground by a Sikh owner of a 7-Eleven store in California went viral online.

The clip showed the robber walking behind the billing counter and grabbing tobacco products — including cigarettes, cigars and vapes.

He then tossed them into a waste bin. "Just let him go. There ain't nothing you can do. They're not going to do nothing," the bystander who took the video can be heard saying.

Stockton police started investigating the assault of a 7-Eleven robbery suspect. The police later identified the suspect and arrested him later. He was also found to be connected to other robberies in the area, according to the Stockton Police Department.

While the Sikh owner and his employee came under attack by many social media users for the assault of the robber,



Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln took to social media share District Attorney's statement that the 7/11 store clerks seen attacking a suspected shoplifter "are not

and never have been suspects." Lincoln wrote, "The events surrounding the viral video from 7-11 on Centre St are under active investigation by Stockton PD. Once completed, SPD will forward the case to San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office."

He further added, "In a statement released by the District's Attorney's Office, DA Freitas expressed that "the store clerks are not and have never been suspects" of the DA's office and "Any investigation going forward is to hold accountable the individual who threatened and attempted to rob the store clerks."

At the end of the post, Lincoln states that Proposition 47, which changed certain theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, has only increased the frequency of shoplifting and decreased law enforcement's "ability to hold accountable those responsible for such acts."

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## The legend of Kashmir...

The Sikh Granthis of this place have been given Pattas of Gurdwara Nanaksar by Maharaja Ranjit Singh which was also taken away by Bhai Kanhiya Singh Baramulla on the instructions of Dogra rulers. During Sikh rule, there were 84 rooms associated with these Gurdwaras. When Sikh historian Sewa Ram Singh first visited Mattan Sahib in 1908 AD. At this place, he saw only one Gurdwara. Nowadays only one Gurdwara is seen on the right side of the spring, near Surya Mandir. Although this Gurdwara is constructed later on, away from the spring. Deodar and kail wood is utilized in their construction. On the right side, near Surya Mandir, Kesri Nishan Sahib is hoisted, 35 feet high and 3 feet in circumference. Its basement is about 8 feet in square. A Khanda Chakra is also seen on its top. One of the copies of Guru Granth Sahib is about sixteen centuries old. Its first two pages are believed to be written with Gold ink, by S. Hari Singh Nalwa.

On one side of the Gurdwara, a board is placed on which the following Urdu couplet is written as mentioned by Kashmir Encyclopaedia. "Gurdwara Pehli Patshahi Nanaksar Matan Sahib Kashmir Yahan Guru Ji Brahm Das Pandit Se Gosht Ki."

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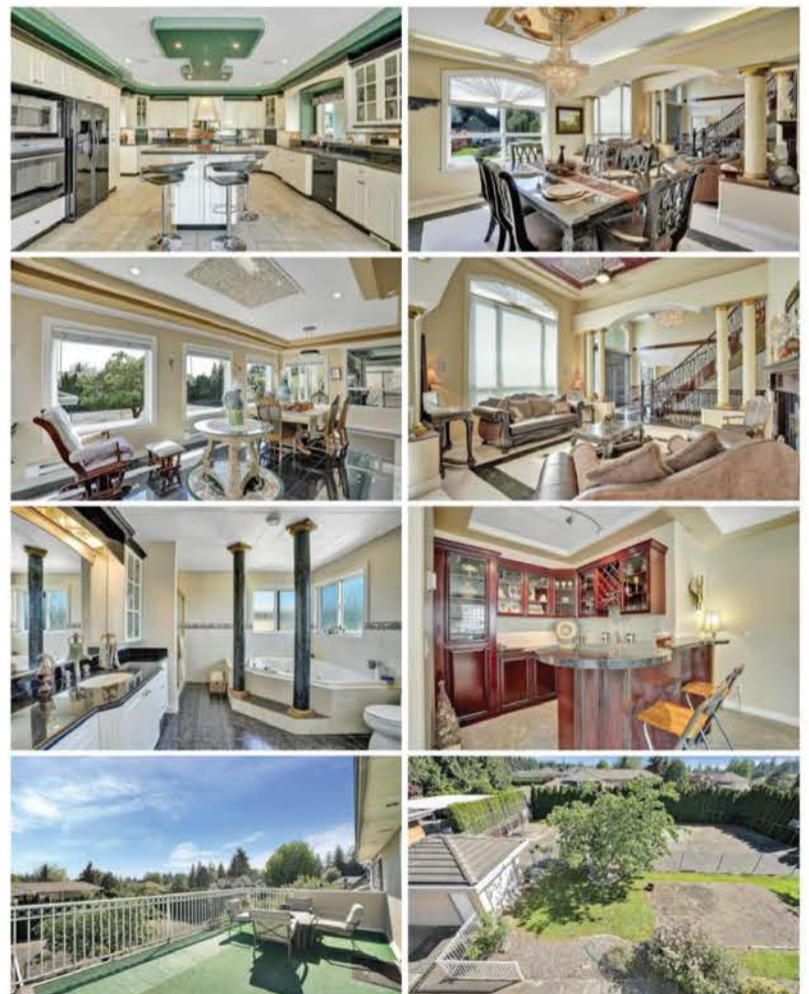
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# Writers International Network Honors Dr Dalip Khetarpal and Local Poets



**V**ANCOUVER, BC: Writers International Network (WIN) held its annual awards event to honour Dr. Dalip Khetarpal, Sherry Duggal, Ibrahim Honjo, Ana Napieralski, Remie delos Reyes, Carla Shafer and Juergen Bruhns at the Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre in Vancouver. The keynote speaker and chief guest was Dr Khetarpal who spoke about placebo effect and its manifestations as an integral part of a person's life based on one's religious conviction, place of birth, and culture.

He launched his latest book, "Placebo: The Worlds of Pain, Religion, Mysticism and Medicine" followed by another book launch of Selected Poems by Ibrahim Honjo. WIN congratulates the following award recipients: Dr Dalip Khetarpal - Distinguished Author Award; Ms. Ana Napi-

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# Punjab Demands Increase In Compensation Amount For Flood Loss



want Mann has already written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, saying there is no shortfall in the state disaster response fund (SDRF) and only a change in the norms for compensating the damage is required so that loss of the people can be fully compensated.

In the letter written to Shah, the chief minister urged that the amount of compensation for the loss of life be doubled from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 8 lakh, Rs 17,000 to Rs 34,000 for crop damage, Rs 37,500 to Rs 75,000 for milch animals and Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 2.40 lakh for damaged houses, Verma said.

Giving details of the overall damages, the Chief Secretary said the agriculture sector suffered the damage of Rs 605.38 crore followed by roads and buildings at Rs 173.10 crore, water resources at Rs 159.36 crore, urban infrastructure and local government offices at Rs 44.38 crore, rural development and panchayats at Rs 43.66 crore, school education at Rs 26.85 crore, power at Rs 17.50 crore, fisheries at Rs 9.98 crore, water supply at Rs 5.66 crore, health at Rs 4.45 crore and miscellaneous at Rs 230.26 crore. A total loss of Rs 1,320.59 crore has been incurred, he added.

The Punjab government has sought from an inter-ministerial Central team relaxation in the norms for increasing disaster relief for victims as it worked out losses of over Rs 1,300 crore due the recent floods in the state.

Several parts of Punjab were affected by a downpour in the state between July 9 and July 11, flooding vast expanse of agricultural fields and other areas besides paralysing normal life.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary requested the Central team to allow a relaxation in the norms for financial assistance to the flood-affected people, according to an official release.

Punjab Chief Secretary Anurag Verma pointed out that Chief Minister Bhag-

# Trial in Sidhu Moosewala Murder Case Begins

Nearly 12 months after the Punjab Police special investigation team (SIT) filed the first chargesheet against gangsters in Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala's murder case, the trial against 25 accused, including Lawrence Bishnoi, started in the Mansa district and sessions court this week.

A total of 24 accused lodged in various jails of Punjab were presented in the court of district and sessions judge Preeti Sahni through video-conferencing on Wednesday. Bishnoi did not attend the proceedings on



medical grounds. The court will hear arguments on framing of charges against the accused on August 23.

Reacting to the development, Moose Wala's father Balkaur Singh said: "We pray that the trial be fair and all culprits involved directly or indirectly be given the harshest punishment. It must set an example for all-powerful or or-

dinary." Moose Wala was shot dead by six assailants at Jawahar Ke village in Punjab's Mansa on May 29 last year.

# Shopkeeper fires at Manipur protester in Moga

A mobile accessories shopkeeper in Punjab's Moga district allegedly opened fire at a protester who urged him to shut his store in the wake of a strike called by several Christian and Dalit organisations on Wednesday against the Manipur violence.

The alleged incident took

place when some protesters were appealing to shopkeepers to shut their stores in the district's Kot Ise Khan area. Police said the mobile accessories shopkeeper got into an argument with one protester and he fired at the victim from his licensed weapon.

The bullet hit the protester

in the chest, they said, and added that the victim was referred to a hospital. Several Christian and Dalit organisations called a 'bandh' to protest against the ethnic violence in Manipur. Shops remained shut in many areas of Jalandhar and Ferozepur districts following the strike call.

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# Canada 'Falling Behind' In Efforts To Lessen Teen Vaping, UBCO Researcher Says



A UBC Okanagan researcher says Canada is falling behind in developing intervention programs to stop young people from beginning to vape. Dr. Laura Struik, an Assistant Professor with UBCO's School of Nursing and a Canadian Cancer Society Emerging Scholar, researches nicotine dependence, cancer prevention and behaviour change using digital technologies. Dr. Struik is disheartened by the results from the recent Health Canada's Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey, which states that 29 per cent of Canadian students from Grades 7 to 12 have tried an e-cigarette, and 17 per cent have vaped in the past month, revealing that the number of Canadian teens using e-cigarettes are among highest in the world. Dr. Struik says, "Youth and young adults are disproportionately at risk for the harmful effects of vaping because exposure at this age alters natural brain development and impacts lung health early on. As a result, there has been a long-standing urgency to intervene over the last few years, and we wanted to know what has been done across our nation." She led a recent study published last month in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine that examined campaigns directed at young people to prevent vaping uptake. For this study, a team of young trainees in Dr. Struik's lab examined government-funded vaping prevention campaigns in Canada

and the United States. A key aspect of public health measures is to develop prevention campaigns to motivate people to make lifestyle choices that benefit themselves or society. The researchers analyzed 46 different campaigns to determine what kind of messaging was being used to influence the behavioural decisions of young people. They found that many spoke about the potentially harmful effects of vaping on the lungs. Struik says there is room to incorporate more meaningful and comprehensive approaches in prevention efforts. "We know from previous research that vaping uptake is influenced by various intersecting factors, including, but not limited to, mental health, self-efficacy, social norms, environmental factors, knowledge and so forth," she says. "So, relying almost solely on telling teens about the potential physical health harms of vaping as a reason to not vape is likely going to fall flat, and recent youth-driven evidence confirms this." In her latest study, published this month in Addictive Behaviors Reports, Dr. Struik found that Canadian youth who vaped reported a variety of factors that supported their decision to take up vaping, including the belief that vaping was cool, and helped them cope with stress, the normalization of vaping among their peers, the lack of school policies to address vaping, and the fact that there is vague information on the harms of vaping (e.g., "could be harmful"). She also notes that Canada lacks intervention campaigns compared to the United States. Of the 46 unique vaping prevention campaigns in her study, only two were identified in Canada—one at the federal level and one at the provincial level. "In the end, the evidence reveals that Canada needs to step it up when it comes to vaping prevention programs aimed at our youth," Dr. Struik adds. "And these prevention programs must be informed and driven by Canadian youth themselves to truly tackle this issue."

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# When Jacqueline Fernandez

## said it bothered her to be compared to Mallika Sherawat: 'I am not trying to be a sex bomb'

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez celebrates her 38th birthday on August 11. In a 2011 interview with Rediff, Jacqueline, who made her acting debut with Sujoy Ghosh's fantasy drama Aladin (2009), was asked about the comparisons between her and Mallika Sherawat, and if they bother her. After Murder 2, Jacqueline Fernandez's breakthrough role in the 2011 psychological thriller was compared to Mallika Sherawat, who made headlines for starring with Emraan Hashmi in Murder (2004).

Jacqueline on Mallika Sherawat  
Jacqueline had told Rediff, "It bothers me when my role (in Murder 2) is getting compared to her (Mallika Sherawat). The stories are not the same and it doesn't make any sense to make any comparisons. On a personal level I don't have any complaints when people compare me to her. For me, Mallika Sherawat is someone who is so real and is unafraid to be herself. She speaks her mind and in an industry which is quite fake, she is someone who is completely different. She needs to be applauded for where she is today."

Jacqueline on not trying to become a sex bomb  
In the same interview, Jacqueline was asked if she was 'trying to replace' Mallika Sherawat and become the 'next sex bomb of the industry'. To which, Jacqueline had replied, "I don't want to replace her. I am not trying to be a sex bomb or the next sexy actress on the block. I am trying to be versatile and it will reflect in the movies I'm doing or will do in future."

When asked if she had any inhibitions before

portraying 'such a bold character' in Murder 2, Jacqueline had said 'actresses cannot have any inhibitions while portraying bold characters'. She had also said that 'a sensual or a steamy scene can be done very aesthetically or in a way that titillates the audience'.

Jacqueline's projects

The actor has worked in films such as Housefull 2 (2012), Race 2 (2013), Vikrant Rona (2022), Housefull 3 (2016) and Judwaa 2 (2017).

Earlier this year, Jacqueline had attended a dinner party with her Tell It Like a Woman team, ahead of the 95th Academy Awards.

Tell It Like a Woman is an anthology directed by Leena Yadav, Maria Sole Tognazzi, Lucia Puenzo, Silvia Carobio, Taraji P Henson, Mipo Oh, and Catherine Hardwicke. It is an Italian-American production. It officially marked Jacqueline's Hollywood debut. She was last seen in Ranveer Singh-starrer Cirkus (2022).



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# Badshah On Hip-Hop Turning 50: It Gives You Freedom

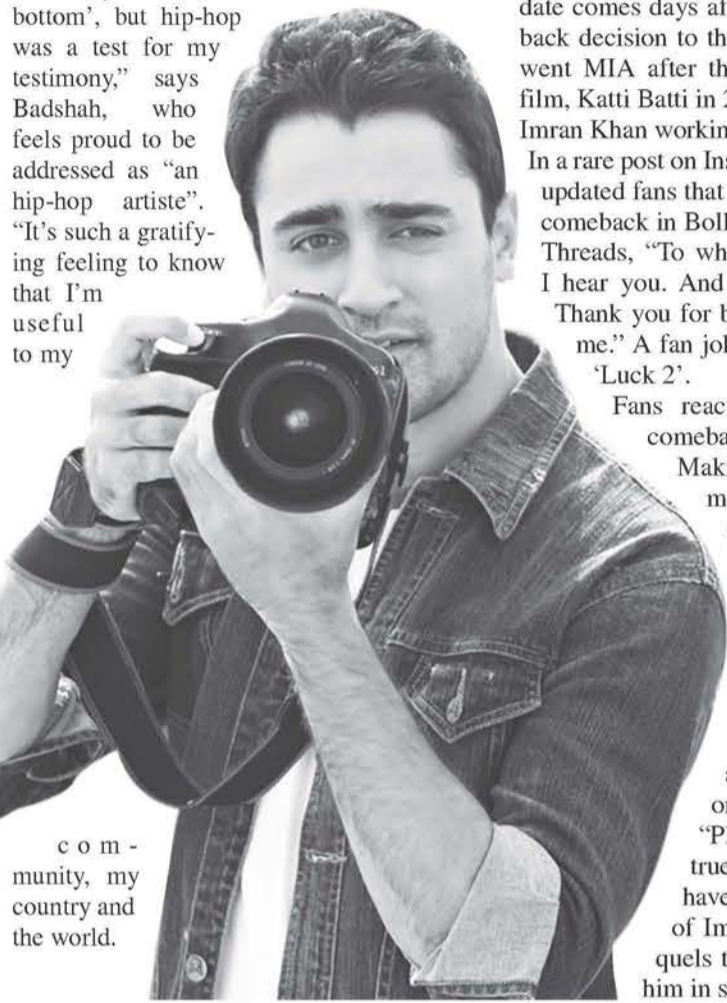


genre wasn't as big in India. Was it tough to make people understand the kind of music he wanted to make? "When I was growing up, it was extremely difficult to think big as I hailed from a middle-class milieu. But music gave me the courage to dream and I didn't care much about what others felt because it almost felt like hip-hop was my inner sanctum. In my early days, it was tough for me to say, 'I can build from rock bottom', but hip-hop was a test for my testimony," says Badshah, who feels proud to be addressed as "an hip-hop artiste". "It's such a gratifying feeling to know that I'm useful to my

Badshah started out as a hip-hop artiste in 2006 and 17 years later, the rapper is among the biggest names in the Indian music space. Besides establishing himself as a chart-topping musician, he has also contributed extensively towards the growth of hip-hop in India. As the genre turns 50 today (August 11), the musician, in an exclusive chat with us, says, "This day is a testimony to the cultural relevance of the genre and how hip-hop has become foundational. But we need to focus on building the future narrative, rather than celebrating it on one day. As the world celebrates 50 years of hip-hop, it shouldn't be about just one artiste, one region or one culture. I'd love for the new wave of hip-hop and the older generation across the world to coexist. Hip-hop is now beyond being a global phenomenon; it's the foundation of pop culture all over the world."

Ask why he loves the genre and the 37-year-old says, "Hip-hop is not meant for the faint-hearted. It has erupted from a place of authenticity, where artistes are able to put themselves out there in a very no-holds-barred manner. Hip-hop doesn't let you get stuck in a box and or have anyone dictate to you what can make the cut. It gives you freedom and fluidity."

When he started out as a hip-hop artiste, the



community, my country and the world.

# Imran Khan Confirms Bollywood Comeback As He Says 'I'm Working On It'; Impatient Fans Celebrate

Actor Imran Khan, who made his acting debut with Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na, has finally confirmed to fans his comeback plans in Bollywood. His update comes days after he left his comeback decision to the internet. The actor went MIA after the failure of his last film, Katti Batti in 2015.

Imran Khan working on his comeback In a rare post on Instagram, Imran Khan updated fans that he is working on his comeback in Bollywood. He wrote on Threads, "To whom it may concern; I hear you. And I'm working on it. Thank you for being so patient with me." A fan joked that they wanted 'Luck 2'.

Fans react to Imran Khan's comeback news

Making the announcement, Imran wrote, "I guess that's what I get for posting on Threads." Reacting to Imran's decision, a fan wrote, "Please come back." "Missed you so much," added another one. Someone also commented, "Please tell me this is trueee!" Many of them have already shared a list of Imran Khan movie sequels that they wish to see him in soon.

Previously, a fan commented on Zeenat Aman's Instagram post on her new commercial for a fintech brand. The person wrote, "Zeenat ji ne bhi comeback karlia, patani mera @imrankhan kab karega." Imran responded to the fan comment and surprised everyone. After noticing the fan's comment, he responded by saying, "Chalo Aditi, let's leave this to the internet... 1M likes, and I'll make it happen (shake hands emoji)."

Imran Khan is the nephew of actor Aamir Khan. He made his onscreen debut when played the childhood version of Aamir in his iconic films, Mansoor Khan's 1988 romantic film Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak and his 1992 rom com Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar. Imran made his debut as a lead actor in Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na alongside Genelia D'Souza, which recently completed 15 years after its release.

Imran starred in several movies, mainly rom-coms, including I Hate Luv Storys opposite Sonam Kapoor, Danish Aslam's 2010 rom-com Break Ke Baad opposite Deepika Padukone, Ali Abbas Zafar's 2011 Mere Brother Ki Dulhan opposite Katrina Kaif and Shakun Bhatt's 2012 directorial debut Ek Main Aur Ekk Tu opposite Kareena Kapoor. He also starred in Vishal Bhardwaj's 2013 satirical black comedy Matru Ki Bijlee Ka Mandola opposite Anushka Sharma, and Milan Luthria's 2013 gangster film Once Upon a Time in Mumbai Dobaara! opposite Sonakshi Sinha and Abhinay Deo's Delhi Belly.

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# Paramore

## cancels North American tour due to Hayley Williams' health

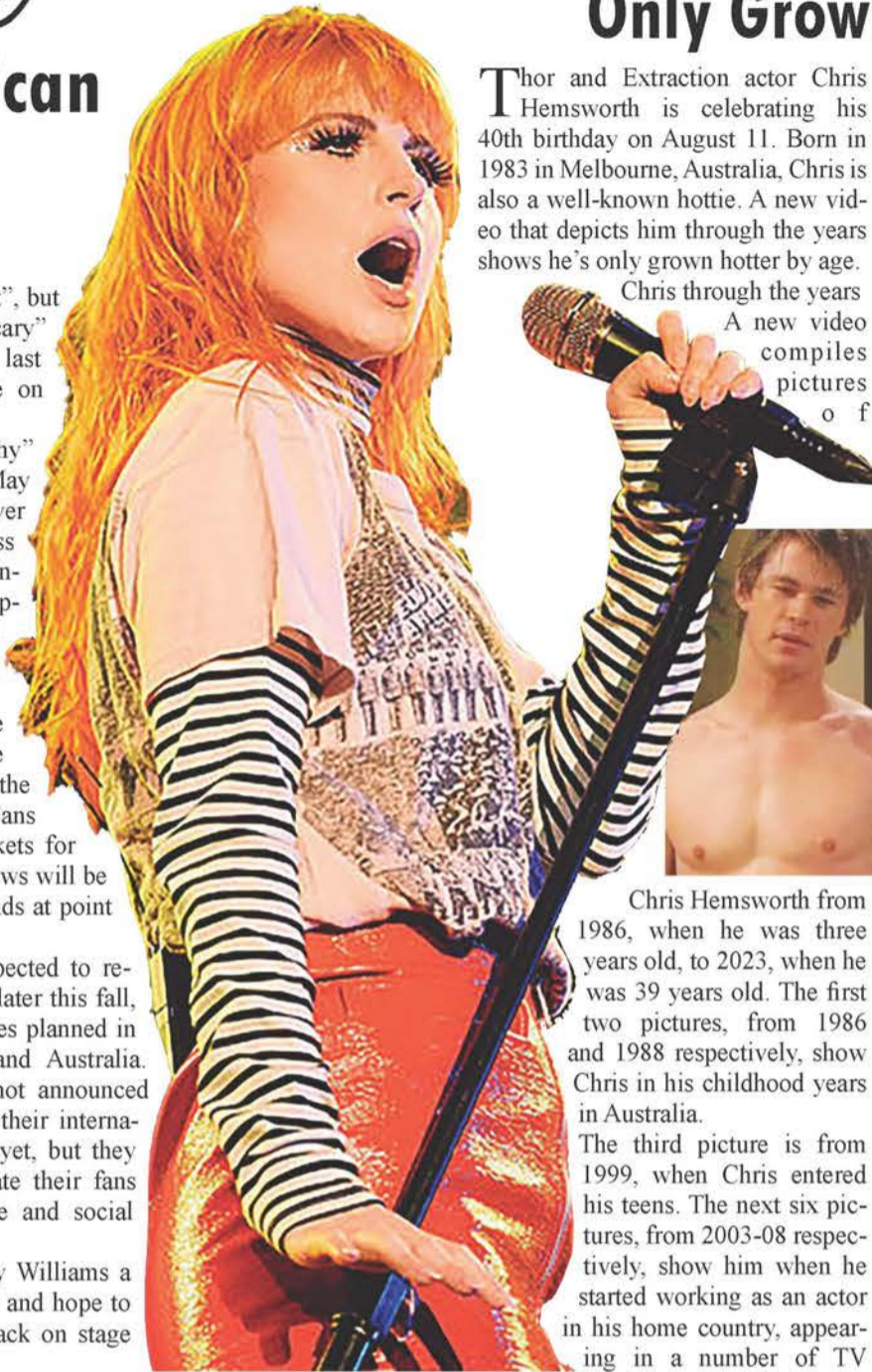
Paramore fans who were looking forward to seeing the band live in Portland and Salt Lake City will have to wait a little longer, as the group has announced the cancellation of the remaining dates of their North American "This Is Why" tour. The reason behind this decision is the health condition of lead singer Hayley Williams, who has been suffering from a lung infection that has worsened over time. The 34-year-old shared the news with her followers on social media, explaining that she had hoped to recover after postponing four shows in late July, but her body did not heal enough to continue performing. She said that she had been doing everything in her power to fight the infection and deliver a good show for her fans, but she realized that it was "past the point of wanting to push through". She also revealed that she was at risk of causing "long-term damage" to her lungs if she did not take care of herself. "I physically can not go on. I know this isn't great news for anyone. Thank you so much for your continued support," Williams wrote in a statement posted on Paramore's official accounts. The "All I wanted" star also apologized to the fans who had already made travel plans to attend the concerts, especially those who were camping in Portland. She said that she really tried

to "kick this shit", but it got "a little scary" during their last show in Seattle on Aug. 9.

The "This Is Why" tour started in May and featured over 30 shows across the US and Canada. It was supposed to end on Aug. 13 in Salt Lake City, but now the band will have to reschedule the affected dates. Fans who bought tickets for the canceled shows will be able to get refunds at point of purchase.

Paramore is expected to resume their tour later this fall, with several dates planned in Europe, Asia, and Australia. The band has not announced any changes to their international schedule yet, but they will likely update their fans on their website and social media accounts.

We wish Hayley Williams a speedy recovery and hope to see Paramore back on stage soon!



# Birthday Boy Chris Hemsworth Has Only Grown Sexier By Age

Thor and Extraction actor Chris Hemsworth is celebrating his 40th birthday on August 11. Born in 1983 in Melbourne, Australia, Chris is also a well-known hottie. A new video that depicts him through the years shows he's only grown hotter by age.

Chris through the years A new video compiles pictures of

shows. In 2009, Chris made his Hollywood debut with JJ Abrams' sci-fi action film Star Trek.

In 2011, Chris made his Marvel Cinematic Universe debut by headlining Kenneth Branagh's superhero film Thor. He subsequently reprised his role in Joss Whedon's 2012 ensemble film The Avengers. He then reprised the role in Alan Taylor's 2013 sequel Thor: The Dark World, Joss Whedon's 2015 film Avengers: The Age of Ultron, Taika Waititi's 2017 comedy Thor: Ragnarok, Russo Brothers' 2018 film Avengers: Infinity War and

Chris Hemsworth from 1986, when he was three years old, to 2023, when he was 39 years old. The first two pictures, from 1986 and 1988 respectively, show Chris in his childhood years in Australia.

The third picture is from 1999, when Chris entered his teens. The next six pictures, from 2003-08 respectively, show him when he started working as an actor in his home country, appearing in a number of TV

MCU's Phase 3 finale, Russo Brothers' Avengers: Endgame (2019). His most recent turn as Thor was Taika's 2022 film Thor: Love and Thunder.

Chris is also underlining another action franchise in Netflix's Extraction. The first part, directed by Sam Hargrave and produced by Russo Brothers, released in 2020. The sequel, Extraction 2, released earlier this year. A user commented on the video that showed Chris through the years, "But I grew up watching him as a Thor only. Man gets better with the age." Another wrote, "He aged like a fine wine (smirk emoji)."

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# Abhishek Bachchan Can't View Jaya Bachchan As An Actor: 'Very Difficult For Me To Judge Her'

Abhishek Bachchan has said that he cannot see his actor-mother Jaya Bachchan as an actor, though he can do that for his father Amitabh Bachchan and wife Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. In an interview with India Today, Abhishek Bachchan shared his views on how he found Jaya in her latest outing Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani.

Abhishek on Jaya's performance Told that his mom's performance has been one of the most praised ones, Abhishek had a fun response: "That's good to hear! Go tell her in Parliament." He further said he watched the film with her and added, "For me, the only member of the family who I cannot view as an actor is my mother. My father and my wife, I have the ability to see them as an actor and performer."

Abhishek's emotional bond with mom He added, "But with my mother, it is too emotional. The relationship between a mother and a son, or any child and a parent, is just that. I always view her as my mother, so it is very difficult for me to judge her."

### Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

Directed by Karan Johar, Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani features Dharmendra as Jaya's on-screen husband while Shabana Azmi plays his lover. The film stars Ranveer Singh as Jaya's grandson while Alia Bhatt plays Shabana's granddaughter. Tota Roy Chowdhury and Churni Ganguly essay the roles of Alia's parents. The film also stars Aamir Bashir, Kshitee Jog, Anjali Anand, and Namit Das. Shashank Khaitan, along with Sumit Roy and Ishita Moitra co-wrote the screenplay and dialogue for the film.

### Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani recently cross the ₹200-crore mark at the global box office. In two weeks, it has made nett collections of ₹121 crore in India, a Sacnilk report said.

Announcing the box office report, Karan had written a long and emotional note on social media. "Prior to the release of this film, I felt that at any point in time, I would need an IV drip and was near collapse!! The question I asked myself was - is

it the long 7-year gap? Or the anxiety built over the last 3 years. Or the fact that we live in an ambiguous box office time. Whatever the real reason is - I was a bonafide mess! But the Friday, 28 of July, I felt nothing but

gratitude, validation, and sheer joy. This film is truly a product of team energy & love." he also thanked the team of the film for their hard work and creativity.



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# Alia Bhatt's

## First Hollywood Film Heart Of Stone Debuts With A Dismal 22% Rotten Tomatoes Score

Alia Bhatt's first Hollywood film *Heart of Stone* released on Netflix on August 11. The action thriller, which also stars Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornan, debuted on Rotten Tomatoes with a disappointing score of 22 percent. The film has failed to deliver as far as reviews from film critics are concerned, and has received average ratings.

Rotten reviews

At the review aggregator site Rotten Tomatoes, *Heart of Stone* now has a score of 22 percent collected from a total of 23 reviews, so far.

Although the score is likely going to change as more reviews arrive in a few days, the ratings, so far, indicate that the film directed by Tom Harper has not won the hearts of film critics at least.

What Alia said about *Heart of Stone*  
*Heart of Stone* marks Alia Bhatt's Hollywood debut, as she plays Keya Dhawan in the Netflix release. Alia had earlier revealed that she shot for the film while she was

pregnant. In an exclusive interview with *Hindustan Times*, she spoke about playing an antagonist, "Keya's passion, her requirement, need or want for the *Heart* has reason, it has purpose. And she believes in that. For her, she's not the bad guy. So you need to fully commit to that moment as an actor. I think it's about displaying both her sides with clarity and focus."

Meanwhile, an excerpt from the review of the film at *Hindustan Times* read, "Alia Bhatt plays Keya Dhawan, a 22-year-old hacker with a resolute motive. Early on, there's a shot of her raising a toast to Rachel across the bar. Then there's also a shot of her pointing a gun at her later. But the shot from the trailer that perfectly encapsulates her character is the one where she gingerly extracts the *Heart* and looks at it as if it's a forbidden fruit. Alia channels her instinctive brilliance as an actor in many such moments, especially in the second half, where she hits the sweet spot between be-

## Gadar 2 Review: Sunny Deol's Chest-Thumping Actioner Is Stale, Could Have Been Avoided

The hand pump is back and so are the snarls. The kid has grown up, and lands in Pakistan to take the villains head on just like his father did 17 years ago. *Gadar 2*, a sequel to *Gadar: Ek Prem Katha* (2001), is a classic case of old wine in old bottle and offers very little freshness in terms of its character arcs, settings and the premise. Yet, it qual-

ifies to be a one-time watch for its ability to give an adrenaline rush with its action sequences. There are throwbacks to the first film as we see many old characters in addition to a few new faces. Director Anil Sharma, in a bid to take the story forward, makes some changes in the script and coins a story that works in parts and also stays sluggish in some places. While *Gadar* narrated the love story of Tara Singh (Sunny Deol) and Sakina (Ameesha Pa-

picture, and returns only to go on a rampage in Pakistan to bring back his son. Jeete also finds his love interest in Pakistan when he meets Muskaan (Simrat Kaur).

Not that I am complaining about the kind of screen time Utkarsh gets, but with all the spotlight on him, *Gadar 2* appears to be more of a launch pad for the director's son while using Tara Singh's fandom. Utkarsh is good, if not great, and he shows conviction in his scenes. While



tel), *Gadar 2* is a tale of hatred between India and Pakistan that refuses to die down, told from the lens of a father's bond with his son. As the fear of war looms large, Lieutenant Colonel Devendra Rawat from Punjab (Gaurav Chopra) asks Tara for his help to deploy his trucks and send immediate ammunition at the border to help Indian soldiers. Fighting the enemies, Tara disappears along with six Indian soldiers. It's later revealed that they are held captive by Pakistan Major General Hamid Iqbal (Manish Wadhwa), who wants to avenge the death of 40 members of his battalion that Tara had slaughtered during the climax sequence of *Gadar*.

As Charanjit Singh aka Jeete (Utkarsh Sharma) takes it upon himself to find his papaji, he ends up in Pakistan and tries everything to reunite with his father. Things take an ugly turn when Jeete himself gets captured and waits for Tara to come to his rescue. Amid all this, there's a whole chunk in the film when Deol just vanishes from the

the first half shows him as an innocent young guy aspiring to be an actor, the second half projects him as the ultimate action hero — bearded, brooding, rough and tough just like his on-screen father.

Sunny Deol brings back the innocence of his character and his scenes light up the screen. If you look close, Tara is a peace-loving man who resorts to extremely violence only when needed. That's evident from the scenes where he punches a Pakistani cop in the face and doesn't even bother to pick the rifle that could have been of help later. Ameesha is just average and doesn't even try to do anything different than what she did in the first film. In fact, I found her rather bland and soulless. However, Tara and Sakeena's chemistry remains as sweet and pure as you'd expect. Wadhwa, as the antagonist, looks evil and has a strong screen presence.

At 2 hours 50 minutes, *Gadar 2* is a tad long and could have been easily shortened by 30 minutes. Shaktimaan Talwar's writing is not clever. There's nothing in the dialogues that makes you go wow, and the ones that draw maximum cheer — *Hindustan zindabad* — we've already heard that before.

What I truly enjoyed and loved was the recreated versions of the songs — *Main Nikla Gadi leke* and *Udd Ja Kale Kaavan*. They are the soul of the film and take you back in time. And the additional couple of songs are also a breath of fresh air that don't disappoint. As for valour and patriotic fervour, be assured there is no dearth of chest-thumping patriotism and they do give some whistle-worthy moments. *Gadar 2* gives ample scope to both Tara and





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 ਮੂਲੀ ਬੀਸੀ  
  
**99¢**  
 lb

**Red, Yellow & Orange Peppers BC**  
 ਸਿਮਲਾ ਮਿਰਚਾਂ (ਲਾਲ, ਪੀਲੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਤਰੀ) ਬੀਸੀ  
  
**99¢**  
 lb

**Green Cabbage**  
 ਹਰੀ ਬੰਦ ਗੋਭੀ  
  
**59¢**  
 lb

**Indican Assam Tea 216's**  
 ਇੰਡੀਕੈਨ ਅਸਾਮ ਚਾਹ  
  
**\$7.99**  
 box

**Petha Kadhu**  
 ਪੇਠਾ ਕੱਦੂ  
  
**98¢**  
 lb

**English Cucumbers BC**  
 ਇੰਗਲਿਸ਼ ਖੀਰੇ ਬੀਸੀ  
  
**2 for \$1.50**

**Red Delicious Apples USA #1**  
 ਲਾਲ ਸਵਾਦ ਸੇਬ ਯੂ.ਐਸ. #1  
  
**99¢**  
 lb

**Gala Apples**  
 ਗਾਲਾ ਸੇਬ  
  
**\$1.49**  
 lb

**Roma Tomatoes**  
 ਰੋਮਾ ਟਮਾਟਰ  
  
**\$1.49**  
 lb

**Chana Dal & Red Lentil Whole, Red Lentil Split 4 lbs (Indican)**  
 ਚਨੇ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ, ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ, ਸਾਬਤ ਦਾਲ ਚੋਟੀ ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ (ਇੰਡੀਕੈਨ)  
  
**\$3.98**  
 bag

**Purple Top Turnip BC**  
 ਜਾਮਨੀ ਟੋਪ ਸ਼ਲਗਮ ਬੀਸੀ  
  
**99¢**  
 lb

**Cilantro**  
 ਧਣੀਆ  
  
**2 bunches for \$1.49**

**Opo Squash (Long)**  
 ਓਪੋ ਕੱਦੂ  
  
**89¢**  
 lb

**Zucchini Squash**  
 ਜੁਕੀਨੀ ਸਕੁਐਸ਼  
  
**89¢**  
 lb

**Rapini (Sarson da Saag)**  
 ਸਰਸੋਂ ਦਾ ਸਾਗ  
  
**\$2.49**  
 bunch

**Chickpeas**  
 ਚਿੱਟੇ ਛੇਲੇ  
  
**99¢**  
 lb

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