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# Video Warning Travelers Not To Fly By Air India Creates Panic, Canada Asked To Enhance Security

A video of Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, head of Sikhs for Justice, warning people not to fly by Air India on November 19th, has created panic and fear amongst travelers. "We are asking the Sikh people to not fly via Air India on 19 November. There will be a global blockade. Do not travel by Air India or your life will be in danger," the separatist leader said, repeating the threats in a video circulating on social media. India is hosting the final match of the international men's cricket World Cup on the same date. "It is the same day on which the final match of the World Terror Cup will be played. It will be shown to the world that a genocide of Sikhs happened in India and India did it. When we liberate Punjab, the name of these airports will be Shahid Beant Singh and Shahid Satwant Singh airport," said Pannun, referencing those who assassinated former Indian prime minister Indira



Gandhi in October 1984. The video caused safety concerns among people, and at political and diplomatic levels. The Indian officials said they would discuss the threat with Canadian authorities. "We shall take up the threat against Air In-

dia flights originating from and terminating in Canada, with the concerned Canadian authorities," India's high commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma, told the Indian newspaper Hindustan Times. Vancouver Sun reported that the Canadian government and the RCMP have confirmed they were investigating a possible terror threat. "Our government takes any threat to aviation extremely seriously. We are investigating recent threats circulating online closely and with our security partners. We will do everything necessary to keep Canadians safe," said Laura Scaffidi, press secretary to Canada's transport minister. The newspaper also said India asked Canada to step up security for Air India flights flying out of Vancouver and Toronto, but the transport ministry did not say what measures would be taken at the two major airports.

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## Lest We Forget



Air Force Major Sarabjot Singh Ananda and Navy Lieutenant Harjot Singh Deol lay a wreath at Private Buckam Singh's military grave on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces at the Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony. (Photo credit: SikhMuseum.com) The 16th annual Remembrance ceremony hosted by the Sikh community was held on Sunday, November 5 at the military grave of Canadian World War I hero, Private Buckam Singh, in Kitchener, Ontario, the only military grave in Canada of a Sikh soldier from the World Wars. Read fill story on Page 12)

## New Canada Post Stamp Heralds The Arrival Of Diwali

VANCOUVER, BC: Canada Post issued a new stamp celebrating the arrival of Diwali, one of the largest, most popular, and widely celebrated festivals in India. Diwali, which is observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and other communities in Canada and around the world, celebrates the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. During Diwali celebrations, small clay oil lamps called diyas are often lit in rows in homes and temples or set adrift on rivers, while fireworks signify gratitude for health, wealth, knowledge, peace and prosperity. Additionally, colourful geometric Rangoli patterns are created in entrance ways, living rooms and courtyards, while beautiful garlands –



known as toranas – are draped across the entrances and facades of homes and temples. This year, the five-day celebration begins on November 12.

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# Surrey's Garry Thandi Honoured For Community Safety Work

VANCOUVER, BC: Gary Thandi, founder and executive director of Surrey based organization Moving Forward Family Services has been awarded with Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards. Thandi is one of the four community leaders who were honoured for their work supporting crime prevention and community safety initiatives addressing gender-based violence, advocacy and restorative justice.

Thandi has devoted more than 20 years of his career to Moving Forward Family Services, an organization that provides counselling and support to diverse and underserved communities in B.C. and across Canada.

Thandi strives to make communities safer and more resilient by addressing systemic barriers for clients and making services more accessible and culturally appropriate. Through Thandi's leadership



and perseverance, Moving Forward Family Services has also established a mentorship program to help connect and foster greater learning.

The 26th annual Community Safety and Crime Prevention Awards were held in Vancouver on Nov. 3, 2023, to celebrate the outstanding contributions the award winners

have had on their communities.

"The people receiving awards today exemplify our collective power to effect positive change in the lives of those impacted by crime and violence," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "I congratulate each award recipient on their unwavering dedication and commitment to support and empower victims and survivors. My heartfelt thanks for everything they do to keep communities in B.C. safe."

These awards acknowledge individuals, non-profit organizations, and justice and community partners for their work advancing crime prevention, restorative justice, support for at-risk youth and other initiatives that help enhance safety and well-being in communities across British Columbia.

Other leaders and organizations who were awarded are: Angela Marie MacDougall, executive director, Battered Women's

Support Services, Vancouver; Evelyn Zellerer, founder and director, Peace of the Circle, Vancouver; Debbie Klaric, program manager, police-based victim services, North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre Society, Port Hardy; and North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society, child and family counsellors, Vernon.

The work done by people at the community level is crucial to ensuring people get the supports and services they need, and complements the actions taken by the Province to improve public safety and support those affected by crime. The Province's Safer Communities Action Plan is building safer and stronger communities by improving co-ordination and collaboration between law enforcement, Indigenous community leaders, community service organizations, justice-system officials, health-care providers and everyone in British Columbia.

## School Bus Crashes Into Burnaby House

A school bus carrying high school students crashed into a home in Burnaby Thursday morning.

The Burnaby RCMP says it happened just before 8 a.m. in the area of Canada Way and 16th Avenue.

According to Mounties, the bus collided with a vehicle, which then sent the bus crashing into a house in the area.

B.C. Emergency Health Services (BCEHS), informed 11 patients were taken to hospital were in stable condition.

The police did not disclose the name of the school the bus was associated with.



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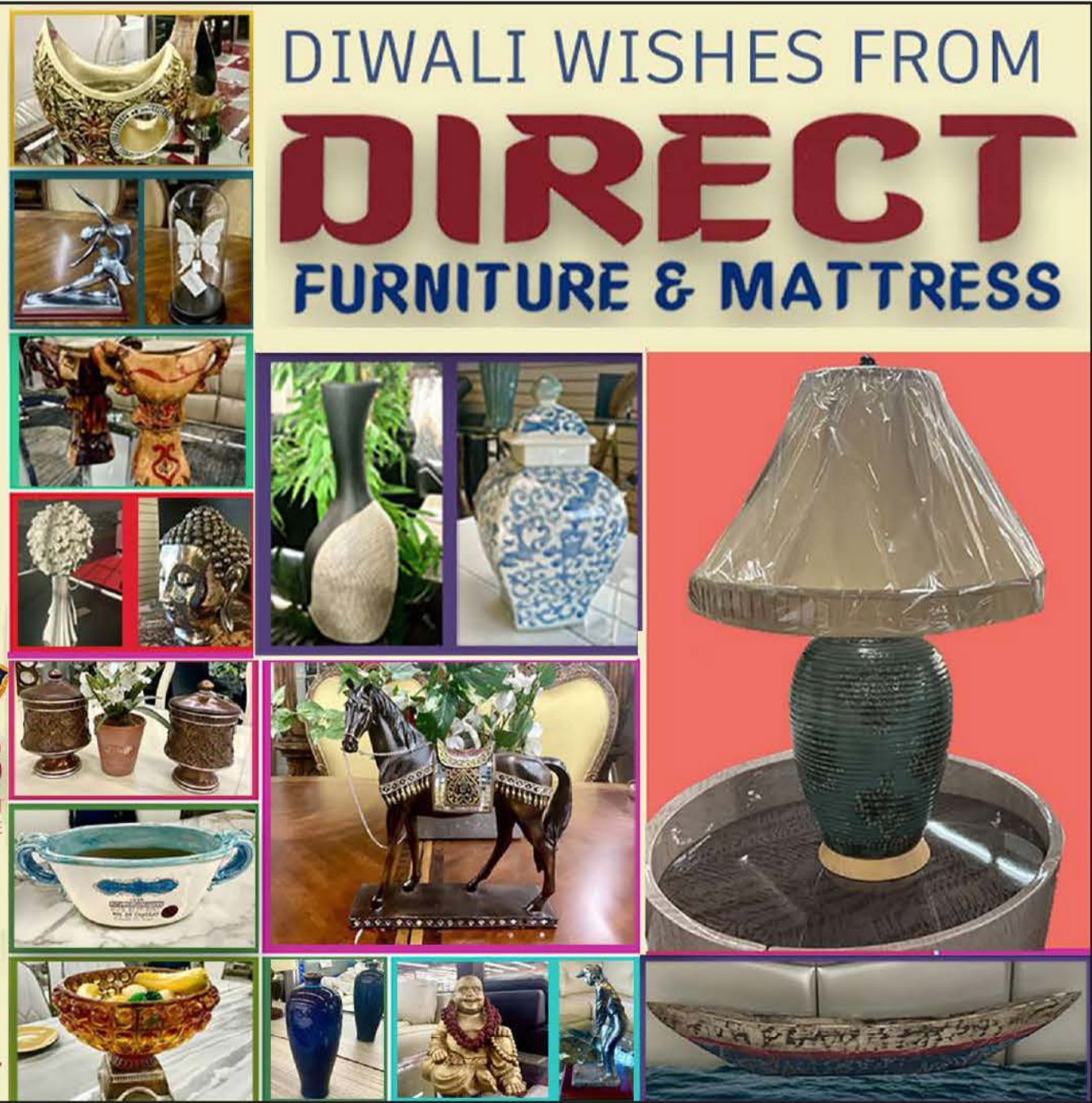
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# BC Brings In Legislation To Deliver More Homes Near Transit Hubs

VICTORIA, BC: Building more homes near transit hubs is the focus of new proposed legislation aimed at speeding up the delivery of homes and encouraging more communities near the transit, services and amenities that make life better for people.

"Building more homes near transit is good for people, communities, and helps make the most of transit, infrastructure and services," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "But layers of regulations and outdated rules are stopping this kind of development from becoming a reality in too many municipalities. That's why we are taking action to remove barriers and deliver more transit-oriented communities, faster."

This legislation, if passed, will build on work underway to facilitate more transit-oriented

development, create more livable communities and tackle the housing crisis. Earlier this year as part of Budget 2023, the Province committed approximately \$400 million to deliver thousands of units at or near transit over the next 10 to 15 years by accessing land that is suitable to be acquired near transit hubs and transforming it into thriving communities.

In some cases in B.C., higher-density neighbourhoods have been established around transit hubs, but in other cases, restrictive zoning bylaws and parking requirements, along with delayed development approvals, continue to slow down the delivery of homes and services near transit hubs. As B.C. continues to invest significantly in transit infrastructure, it is important that this investment accommodates additional housing units to create vibrant and livable neighbourhoods.



The proposed legislation will require municipalities to designate Transit Oriented Development Areas (TOD Areas) near transit hubs. These TOD Areas are defined as land within 800 metres of a rapid transit station (e.g., SkyTrain station) and within 400 metres of a bus exchange where passengers transfer from one route to another (e.g., Newton Bus Exchange in Surrey).

In these designated TOD Areas, municipalities will be required to:

- \* permit housing developments that meet provincial standards

and location. Note: A full list of intended allowable standards is available in a backgrounder.

- \* remove restrictive parking minimums and allow for parking to be determined by need and demand on a project-by-project basis.

- \* utilize standards and details in the provincial policy manual to provide consistency in the approach to developing TOD Areas.

Municipalities will still be able to require builders and developers to add parking to accommodate people living with disabilities. Commercial parking requirements will not be affected within TOD Areas. Builders and developers will be able to build as much parking as desired for a project but will not be required to meet a minimum standard of parking units.

Modelling future scenarios cannot account for unforeseen circumstances, the changing nature of housing, real-estate markets and other factors, but preliminary analysis indicates the Province could see approximately 100,000 new units in TOD Areas in B.C. during the next 10 years.

To support the legislation, the Province will create a provincial policy manual to support municipalities with setting their site standards and moving forward with proposed housing projects.

Following the release of regulations and the policy manual in December 2023, the lands that local governments have designated for transit-oriented growth in their official community plans will be immediately captured under the new minimum allowable density requirements included in the legislation.

For the remaining TOD Areas that require local government designation, municipalities will have until June 30, 2024, to designate these areas (pending regulation). It is expected that approximately 100 TOD Areas will be designated in approximately 30 municipalities throughout B.C. within the first year of the new legislation coming into effect.

Where a local government's current zoning allows for less density than the new provincial minimum, the new increased minimum density must be allowed by the local government. However, local governments can approve higher density at their discretion.

This proposed legislation will advance alongside the proposed small-scale, multi-unit housing legislation (SSMU). While SSMU will add increased density near transit stops, TOD Areas that have higher density will take precedence over SSMU zoning should they overlap.

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# Median Income In Vancouver Nearly \$24,000 Less Than In Seattle—B.C. Cities Rank Low In Regional Income Rankings

VANCOUVER, BC: Median income for workers in Seattle dwarfs the median income for workers in Vancouver, underscoring a general prosperity gap between British Columbia and its regional neighbours, finds a new study released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan, Canadian public policy think-tank.

“At a time when affordability is top of mind, workers in B.C. make considerably less money than their counterparts in other jurisdictions,” said Ben Eisen, senior fellow at the Fraser Institute and co-author of Measuring British Columbia’s Prosperity Gap at the Metropolitan Level.



The study—which compared the median employment income of 59 large urban areas in B.C., Alberta, Washington, Alaska, California, Oregon, Montana and Idaho—found that Vancouver ranks 48th with a median income of \$37,300, significantly lower than Seattle (\$61,056), which ranks 3rd, and well below the average median income of the 59 urban areas (\$43,810).

Beyond Vancouver, the remaining six urban areas in B.C. also rank low beginning with Victoria (42nd at \$37,890) followed by Kamloops (52nd \$36,060), Chilliwack (54th at \$33,650), Kelowna (55th at \$33,540), Abbotsford-Mission (56th at \$33,070) and Nanaimo (57th at \$32,770).

“Many British Columbians would likely be surprised to learn that workers in next-door Washington make substantially more than they do,” Eisen said. “With its relatively low median employment income, Vancouver is an outlier among big cities in the western part of Canada and the United States,” Eisen said.

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# Surrey Police Service Recognizes 50 Individuals at Awards Ceremony

On November 8, 2023, Surrey Police Service (SPS) recognized the outstanding contributions of 50 police officers and civilian staff for their work in furthering the development of SPS and excellence in policing.

"The accomplishments of this outstanding group of police officers and civilians is a testament to the commitment they have made to their professions and to the residents of Surrey," says Chief Constable Norm Lipinski. Several officers were recognized for their actions during critical incidents and investigations that required lifesaving efforts or exemplary police work. These included an SPS officer



grabbing a hold of the arms of a distraught man who had let go of the railing on a bridge; officer responses to shooting and stabbing incidents; an off-duty officer helping a trapped driver following a head-on collision;

and an SPS detective securing charges in a complex, historic, multi-jurisdictional crime. SPS also recognized nine police officers and three civilians for their contributions to building the organization and advancing

the policing transition. Award recipients provided invaluable support for recruits and experienced officers joining SPS, and developed systems that benefited all staff. Surrey Police Board Commem-

orations were presented to seven civilians including those who were part of the original project team that helped to form Surrey Police Service, and three employees received BC Association of Police Boards Awards for excellence in supporting innovation and governance. Ten SPS officers were also recognized for their long service in policing and the military. This was SPS's second annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony. We look forward to many subsequent events where we can share stories of our officers and civilian staff, and the remarkable work they do to keep Surrey safe and to build a modern and innovative police service.

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## Video threatening travelers not to fly by Air Canada

Even the World Sikh Organization (WSO), strong supporter of Khalistan, called the threats concerning. On Platform X, WSO posted, that the organization was "concerned by reports of an unverified video circulating allegedly threatening travel via Air India. Innuendo or threats, particularly regarding issues as sensitive as airline safety, are unacceptable. The safety and security of all air travelers must be ensured."

Maninder Gill, MD, Radio India in a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called on the Canadian government to take strong action against the threat. "The hate and intimidation against the Indo-Canadian community in Canada has reached alarming levels."

The letter which was copied to various other members of parliament said, "The safety threats have now become open terrorism as one Gurpatwant Pannu of Sikhs for Justice ( SFJ) has openly threatened



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Maninder Gill, MD, Radio India

the India community to attack Air India and warned the Sikh community not to travel Air India as there could be a danger to their lives. This terrorist threat follows the threat to Hindu community by Pannu, where he threatened the Hindu community to "go back" to India. These terrorist threats are haunting the victims of the Air India terrorist attack which killed 329 Canadians, it is akin to rubbing salt on the wounds of the families that never received justice."

Gill further added that endangering the safety of an aircraft by disseminating false information is an offense punishable with life imprisonment under section 77 of the Canadian Criminal Code."

Tensions between India and Canada have been high ever since Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused India of being involved in the fatal shooting of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

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## New Canada...

This is Canada Post's fifth Diwali stamp; the first four were issued in 2017, 2020, 2021 and 2022. Designed by Kristine Do and illustrated by Rena Chen, the stamp's design was inspired by the toranas that are heavily featured in Diwali celebrations. Toranas vary in form, yet this stamp highlights two traditional elements: marigold flowers and mango-tree leaves. The diyas (small clay oil) appear in the four corners of the stamp. The stamp issue is cancelled in Vancouver. Printed by Colour Innovations, the stamp issue includes a booklet of six Permanent™ domestic rate stamps and an Official First Day Cover.

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# Mayor's Evening of Giving sets a record for funds raised for Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society

The 2023 Surrey Mayor's Evening of Giving on Nov. 3 set a record for funds raised for Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society. Presented by Coast Capital and Peter Wall Financial Corporation, the event was hosted by Mayor Brenda Locke and surpassed its goal of raising \$500,000 (final tally still be counted).

"I am grateful for the tremendous support we received at the 2023 Surrey Mayor's Evening of Giving," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The event celebrated the profound impact of the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society and their tireless efforts to meet the needs of our community. I would like to extend my heartfelt



thanks to all sponsors, including our presenting sponsors, Coast Capital and Peter Wall Financial Corporation for their generous contributions, as well as everyone who participated in the live auction, silent auction, and contributed to ticket sales. Together,

we have surpassed our goal and set a record for funds raised that will go to make a positive impact on the lives of Surrey's children, youth, and families." Funds raised from the Mayor's Evening of Giving will contribute to a variety of Surrey Fire

Fighters' Charitable Society programs, particularly the nutritional snack program. "The Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society is so grateful for this support. These funds will have an incredible impact, particularly on for the School Nu-

trition Program," said Saverio Lattanzio, President of Surrey Fire Fighters' Association. "The resources required for this program have increased exponentially due to the growth in the number of students and the rising cost of food. We thank Mayor Locke and Council for choosing the Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society and for their support to better the lives of the people of Surrey."

The Surrey Fire Fighters' Charitable Society was founded in 1994, working to fulfill unmet needs of the community with a focus on Surrey's children, youth and families. For more information visit [surreyfirefighters.com/charitableociety](http://surreyfirefighters.com/charitableociety)

# BC Green's Sanjiv Gandhi fired for liking post about Bonnie Henry and Nazi doctor

Deputy leader of the BC Green Party Dr Sanjiv Gandhi was fired from his position for liking a post on X, formerly known as Twitter, which called BC's top doctor Bonnie Henry: "Queenie Bonnie 'Mengele' Henry". Josef Mengele was an infamous Nazi doctor who experimented on

concentration camp victims during the Second World War.

Green leader Sonia Furstenu later tweeted, "Today, I was made aware of Dr. Sanjiv Gandhi, deputy leader, liking a tweet with an inappropriate comparison between our provincial health officer

and Mengele. I find this unacceptable and I have removed Dr. Gandhi as deputy leader and accepted his resignation as a candidate."

Gandhi was named deputy leader in January. He is former chief of pediatric cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at BC Children's Hospital and has been

an outspoken critic of the government's health-care policy, including its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gandhi was set to run in the 2024 election for a seat in Vancouver-Renfrew, currently represented by Health Minister Adrian Dix. In a statement Thurs-

day, Gandhi said he liked the September post "inadvertently" and in error, and that he has since "unliked" it. "We can be passionate and aggressive in criticizing the government, but personal attacks are categorically wrong, as was my misplaced 'like,'" his statement said.



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# Inter-Faith Conference On Peace And Harmony Organized By Khalsa Diwan Society



By Zile Singh

The world is inhabited by billions of people practicing different faiths. November 15, 2022, was the Day of Eight Billion people in the world. Out of this population, Christians represent about 32%; Muslims – 23%; Hindus- 15% and Buddhists- 7%. Sikhs, Jains, Taos, Bahais, and others are just 1%. It is worth noting that 16% of the world population has no religious affiliation. It is the third largest group after Christianity and Islam. By 2050, the world population is projected at 9.7 billion. By then, Canada would have 50 million.

From the very beginning, the world has



gone through many upheavals – natural and unnatural. By the count of casualties, humanity has suffered more by the hands of man than by natural or God-inflicted

ferocities. After judging the devastation of the Second World War, the United Nations was established to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. One

of its purposes is to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems, by promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion. Man, however, has remained unsuccessful in his endeavors. One can witness chaos all around. There is violence galore in the name of race, sex, language, and religion.

An Inter-faith gathering was organized by the Khalsa Diwan Society, Ross Street, Vancouver on November 3, 2023, from 6 to 8 pm at the Museum building adjacent to the Main Gurudwara Saheb. The program was initiated by reciting (Ek noor te sab jag upjaya, kaun bhalle kau mande ---), a hymn from Guru Granth composed by Saint Kabir.

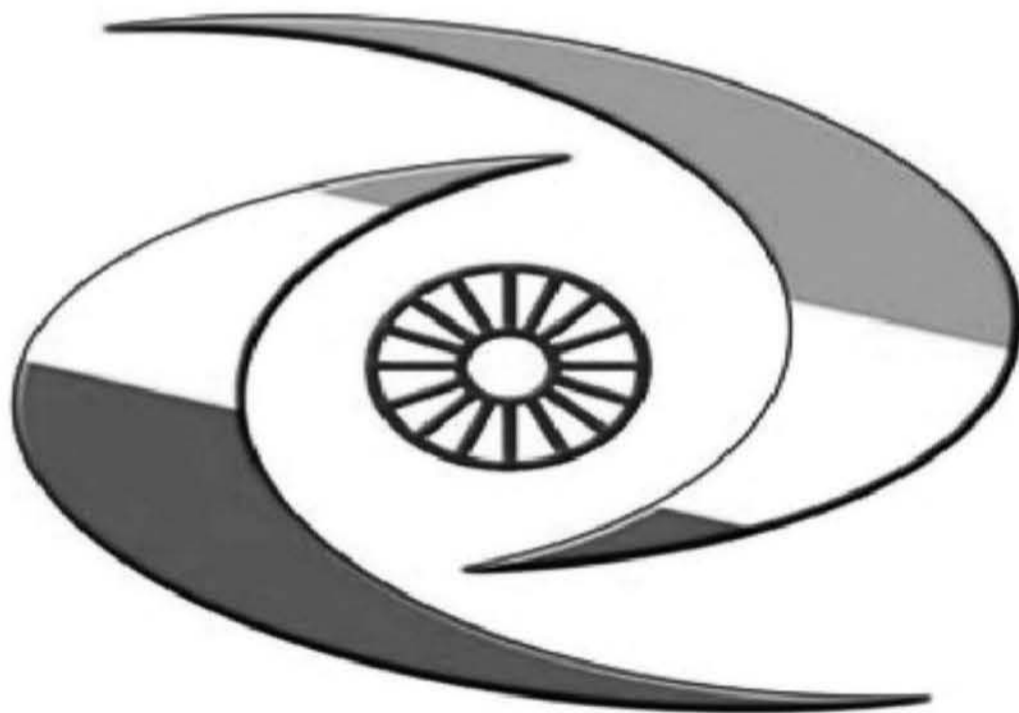
Representatives from Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism spoke about peace and harmony. Islam was represented by an Ahmadi, a Sufi, a Bahai and an Ismaili speaker. Hinduism was represented by a Hindu priest and a Brahma Kumari. Buddhism by a Tibetan Buddhist monk and Christianity by a Christian. Sikhism, of course, by the head priest of the Gurudwara.

All the speakers emphasized the importance of hope, harmony, compassion, co-operation, justice, love, non-violence, pluralism and understanding as inscribed in their holy scriptures. Hundreds were in attendance mainly from the Sikh community.

Today, it is not only the Inter-faith crisis, but Intra-faith disharmony that is spreading like wildfire. None of the major religions could keep as one unit but proliferated into several different sects committing atrocious acts against one another.

It is a matter of appreciation that leaders of different religions at least shared one stage during the inter-faith gathering. However, it would have been a step forward if this programme had been held while sitting in the Main Hall of Gurudwara in front of Guru Granth Saheb. Next time, it could also be organized in a Church, in a Mosque or any other place of worship. It would set as an example of harmony if everyone would bow to each other's deity and invite each other to their houses for a meal and family get-together. The children should be permitted to have interfaith and intra-faith marriage. The other communities also must be encouraged to attend such events. Let us come out of all the existing systems of faith, whether Inter or Intra, and live with universal principles of love, compassion, and service to others. Let us bridge the gap created by different faiths.

Inter-faith peace and harmony should become a continuously unfolding reality. The journey of inter-faith is not a race, but a marathon of love and compassion. Any person, a theist or atheist, who believes in life is worthy of respect.



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# It Is Beyond Time To Move From Nice Words To Meaningful Action

BC Human Rights Commissioner Kasari Govender's response to news of surging incidents of antisemitism and Islamophobia here in B.C.

In these dark times, I know I share the heaviness in my heart with many across B.C. and around the world. The devastating events in Israel and Palestine are creating ripple effects globally, including a surge of discrimination and violence targeting Jewish and Muslim people and recrimination against those speaking out peacefully against the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Our communities are grieving; many are scared, angry or in pain. Here in B.C., we know that global events can and do lead to a rise in hate locally. Since Oct. 7, the Vancouver Police Department alone has received reports of at least 18 hate incidents targeting the Jewish community.<sup>1</sup> The National Council of Canadian Muslims has said the last few weeks "have been the worst" in decades in terms of Islamophobia reported to the organization.<sup>2</sup> I am deeply concerned about the surging numbers of hate incidents impacting Jewish and Muslim communities here in B.C. and I am calling for immediate and sustained action to address and prevent hate in our communities. The surge of hate we are experiencing now follows on the heels of a wave of hate earlier this fall against trans and gender diverse people, which followed the dramatic rise of hate during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the rise of anti-Asian hate. Hate

is not new, but we know that without concerted action hate will rise during times of societal crisis and be amplified by the spread of misinformation and disinformation. Every person in B.C. deserves to feel safe and to be free from discrimination and violence. We all also have the right to peaceful expression within the bounds of the law. Peaceful demonstration and protest are essential to our democracy in part because they allow us to speak up against injustice and violence, even when such views are controversial. Conversely, hate is corrosive to democracy. It bears repeating that fundamental human rights—including the rights to be free from violence and discrimination—are not up for debate and statements that undermine human dignity can amount to hate. I am grateful that B.C.'s Premier has issued a statement speaking out against Islamophobia and antisemitism here in our province, and I am pleased to see the extension of Holocaust education in our school curriculum. Unequivocal condemnation of hate from our leaders is important. However, it is beyond time to move from nice words to meaningful action. It is critical that those impacted by Islamophobic or antisemitic discrimination or hate have appropriate avenues for reporting incidents, that justice is pursued for hate crimes and that communities are supported with resources to build connection and take action to counter hate. In March 2023, in response to the escalation of hate we witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic, my Office issued recommendations calling for 12

transformative actions to prepare our communities for the next time global events bring a surge of hate to our shores. These recommendations are based on the voices of thousands of community members who participated in our inquiry into hate in the pandemic. Drafts of these recommendations were shared with the government in November 2022. For nearly a year, the provincial government has had this roadmap describing how to take action on these issues and yet has repeatedly delayed reporting to my Office, even on what actions they plan to take. I urge the Premier in the strongest terms to follow his words with concrete actions to solidify our communities against hate. We have the ability to address the rise in hate that occurs when we find ourselves in these moments of societal crisis; it is our responsibility to act. Background: Key recommendations to counter hate

- creating a community-led province-wide centralized reporting mechanism for hate incidents, designed to provide support to victims-survivors and collect reliable data to inform public policy



- responses to hate
- requiring mandatory training for police on hate crimes response
  - significantly expanding the anti-hate curriculum throughout the K-12 education system, including what to do about online hate
  - reforming Crown policy to emphasize the strong public interest in prosecuting hate crimes
  - reforming policing policy to create uniform standards on data collection and enforcement of the hate provisions of the Criminal Code

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# Annual Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony Honours Canadian Veterans



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(left to right): Councillor Daniel Boisvert, Councillor Jessie Dosanjh, Councillor Dylan Kruger, Mayor George V. Harvie, Councillor Alicia Guichon, Councillor Rod Binder, Councillor Jennifer Johal



Toronto Chief Myron Demkiw and members of the Toronto Police Service at the grave of Canadian World War I hero Private Buckam Singh. Other police services including the RCMP, Waterloo, Peel, Halton and Ottawa also attended and participated in the Sikh Remembrance Day Ceremony

KITCHENER, ON: The 16th annual Remembrance ceremony hosted by the Sikh community was held on Sunday, November 5 at the military grave of Canadian World War I hero, Private Buckam Singh, in Kitchener, Ontario. According to the release, "It is the only military grave in Canada of a Sikh soldier from the World Wars, and the ceremony is the largest annual gathering of Sikh soldiers and veterans in North America." Buckam Singh came to Canada in 1907 from the village of Mahilpur in Punjab and was one of the earliest documented Sikhs living in Ontario. "The Sikh community has organized this Remembrance Ceremony every year at the historic location of Private Buckam Singh's military grave to remember the 117,000 Canadian soldiers like Private Singh that have died since we became a nation; and the 83,000 Sikh soldiers of the British

Indian Army that died fighting alongside their Canadian and British allies in two World Wars," said Sandeep Singh Brar, historian, Curator of SikhMuseum.com and the chief organizer of the annual event. This year's keynote speaker was Randeep Singh Sarai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and the Associate Minister of National Defence. Mr. Sarai drew parallels between Canada and being a Sikh, "The concept to serve is something you see when Canadian soldiers cross the ocean to fight...they stepped up to defend the ideals of freedom and liberty. Similarly, Sikhs have always had that same concept of fighting for those that are oppressed, serving wherever they are." Sarai recounted his personal family connection to Remembrance Day,

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# Paul Ghotra of CIMtech Green Energy announced Business Person of the Year at Surrey Board of Trade awards

On Thursday, November 9, the Surrey Board of Trade recognized eight winners at their

25th annual Surrey Business Excellence Awards, with Presenting Sponsors Rogers Business, TD Bank and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Supporting Sponsor DP World Canada. Over 450 people were in attendance at the event with Master of Ceremonies Mark Madryga of Global BC leading the program.

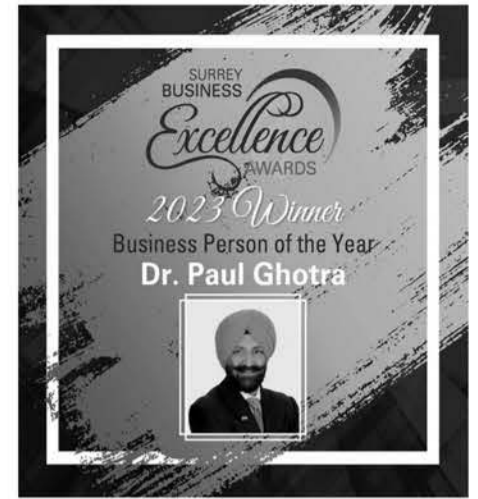
“The Surrey Board of Trade focused on the strength and innovation within every entrepreneur to take an idea and use it as the foundation for building a business. They are inspirational – from the very small business to the large business to the not for profit organization to the very innovative young entrepreneurs,” said Anita Huberman, President and CEO, Surrey Board of Trade.

The judging team’s evaluation assessed the following competencies: organizational profile, leadership, strategy development

and planning, customer focus and market knowledge, employee learning and people focus, process management, supplier/partner focus, community involvement, and overall business performance.

Dr. Paul Ghotra, CIMtech Green Energy Mfg. Inc., was honored with Business Person of the Year award. According to a release by SBOT, Dr Ghotra, the Founder and CEO of CIMtech Green Energy Mfg Inc., has led a distinguished career spanning over three decades. With a background in manufacturing engineering and precision mechanics from India’s leading technical university and BCIT, Paul is a visionary leader and strategic thinker. Under his leadership, CIMtech Green Energy Mfg Inc. has thrived. The company specializes in manufacturing electrolyzers and hydrogen fuel cell assemblies, drawing from over 20 years of experience in the hydrogen energy sector. Paul’s visionary leadership propels CIMtech’s innovation and excellence, firmly establishing the

company, and Surrey, as a pivotal player in the green energy and manufacturing sector. Young Entrepreneur of the Year was given to Janine Cindy Santiago-Nagi, Sun City Optics. According to release, “Janine Santiago-Nagi’s arrived in Canada 13 years ago. She studied instrumentation and automation engineering. After working in the oil and gas industry for five years, Janine decided to follow her mother’s footsteps and transitioned from an engineer to an optician. In October 2018, she acquired Sun City Optics, a reputable eyecare practice in Kamloops, serving the community for 15 years. The clinic offers expert guidance and vision services, especially for newcomers to Canada. The commitment to exceptional care and continuous learning has earned Janine recognition. Sun City Optics was selected as a finalist for Canada Eye-care Practice of the Year in 2021 and 2022. In March 2022, Sun City Optics expanded to a second location in Surrey. Indeed, Janine’s dedication and expertise continue to



impact her community positively.” Business Excellence Winner with 1-10 Employees was given to Back On Track Recovery Ltd. Big Dig Excavating Ltd. Became Business Excellence Winner with 11 – 40 Employees. Business Excellence Winner with 41+ Employees was Lotus Terminals Ltd. UNITI, an organization working for individuals with intellectual disabilities or acquired brain injuries was Not-for-Profit of the Year. New Business of the Year award was given to Safe Sweat Fitness Ltd.

The event also saw the 8th Corporate Social Responsibility Recognition Award, sponsored by Surrey Digital Printing, presented to Back On Track Recovery. This award was created to recognize a business working to improve the lives of their employees and to enhance the civic environment in which they operate, through environmental, social and governance principles.

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## Annual Sikh..

“My father also served in World War II. He enlisted when he was only 15 years old, not knowing much about war, except that his brother was already captured by the Germans as a prisoner of war, unsure if he was dead or alive. These are the types of sacrifices that hundreds and thousands of men and women went from far lands to serve for those ideals that we hold very dear to us and that we can now enjoy our freedoms here in Canada.” Among those attending the ceremony was MP Parm Bains, who represents the riding of Steveston—Richmond East in British Columbia. Sarai observed, “We’ve come a long way where a man served for this country over 100 years earlier and 100 years later, another person from that same village now gets to represent his constituents in the House of Parliament.”

The ceremony was well attended with nearly 200 people showing up on the cold day to participate including members of the Canadian Armed Forces, Cadets, Police Services, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Fire Services’ Honour Guards, Royal Canadian Legion branches, veterans and elected officials from federal, provincial and municipal governments.

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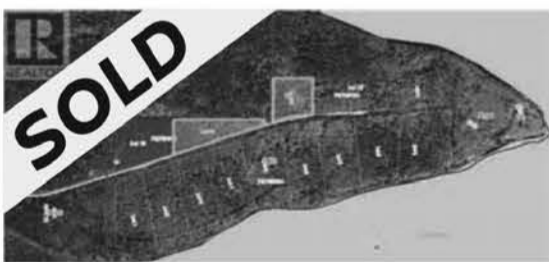
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# Hindi Literary Society celebrates Silver Jubilee

By Acharya Dwivedi

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His emphasis was on the importance of learning mother-tongue, and the growing popularity of Hindi in the world. He introduced the talented, popular, and experienced Emcee Deepshikha Sharma



Dwivedi and his Hindi-lover friends. The Society has been organizing, time-to-time, poetry recital session, seminar, conference, student competitions and book-launch. The local writers of Punjabi, Urdu and Bangla happily joined the programs and Society supported and cooperated reciprocally. During Covid time, the national and international Kavi Sammelans were organized virtually. Whenever the Consul General of India, Vancouver organized in its Chancellery the poetry recital sessions, the founder President of the Society Shrinath Dwivedi was invited to preside over the sessions. The Society makes a significant contribution in the Consulate's "Hindi Divas" and "Namaste Canada" functions. Society's Silver Jubilee function was organized, in partnership with the Consulate General of India, Vancouver on October 28, 2023 at Empire Banquet Hall, Surrey. Acharya Dwivedi the President of the Society welcomed guests.

and Jai Sri Reddy. The Deepak ceremony was performed followed by Ganesh Vandana a classical dance. Mr. Surjeet Singh, Consul, delivered an effective and impressive speech. "The Government of India and Consulate office of Vancouver are making especial efforts to popularize Hindi," he said and appreciated Hindi Literary Society's work in popularizing Hindi Language and literature. A Hindi Silver Jubilee Magazine was launched by Shachi Kurl, President of Angus Reid Institute. The chief guest of the celebration honorable Harry Bains, Minister of Labor in BC Government was honored by the Editorial Board of the Society. He admired Dwivedi, President of Society for bringing together the Punjabi, Urdu and Bangla etc. writers and cultivating harmony. He focused on the importance of learning mother language and culture.

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By Farisa Farzin,  
Corporate Affairs, Walmart Canada

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## Sikh-American Jag Bains creates history with 'Big Brother' win

Jag Bains, an entrepreneur and truck company owner from Washington, created history by becoming the first Sikh-American to win the reality show "Big Brother".

The 25-year-old TV personality defeated Matt Klotz, a professional swimmer, and DJ Bowie Jane to take the top spot at the 100-day-long season.

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# After Amitabh Bachchan, Mrunal Thakur Slams Viral Deepfake Video Of Rashmika Mandanna

New Delhi: On Sunday, a deepfake video of Pushpa star Rashmika Mandanna appeared online, in which she is seen entering an elevator. The original video is that of British-Indian social media personality Zara Patel. Several actors from the film industry, including Amitabh Bachchan, Mrunal Thakur, have slammed the video on social media. Mrunal Thakur wrote in an Instagram story, "Shame on people who resort to such things, it shows that there's no conscience left at all in such people. Thank you Rashmika Mandanna for speaking up, and for addressing this issue that so far we have seen glimpses of but a lot of us chose to remain silent." Mrunal added in her note, "Every day there are morphed, edited videos of female actors floating around on the internet zooming into inappropriate body parts. Where are we heading as a community, and as a society?"



# Priyanka Chopra Once Shot Chiffon Saree In Switzerland Scene With A "Hot Water Bucket" Hack

Priyanka Chopra was in India for the launch of Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival last month. The global icon, at the festival, spoke about her growth and evolution in the industry. In a video shared by Film Companion, Priyanka is seen having a conversation with Bhumi Pednekar. Priyanka said that the blockbuster success of Krrish played a huge role in her career. As per the actress, Krrish gave her a platform to choose a film. She said, "Many, many films later. I think around the first Krrish maybe, somewhere there. Before that, there was always, 'Oh my God, what's the next one I am going to do? What opportunity is going to come to me?' I picked from what came to me." She added, "After the first Krrish, because I had just done Aitraaz as well, I had done work which gave me a solid foundation. I got critical acclaim. I had people

telling me that I knew my job even though I didn't know that I knew my job. But that was a very clear time when I started seeking work that would challenge me." As per Priyanka Chopra, Madhur Bhandarkar's Fashion was a perfect move. FYI: Priyanka won a National Award for her performance in Fashion. She said, "Fashion was a time when I took that decision. It was right around Krrish that Madhur sir and I met. At that time, I was told that 'ladkiya female-oriented roles apne career ke end mein karti hai National award ke liye. Tumhari to abhi abhi shuru hui hai. You have just done Krrish and Aitraaz, you are having such a moment. Why are you doing it [Fashion]? [Girls do female-oriented roles towards the end of their careers to get a National award. You have just started. Why are you doing it?] Uss zamane mein hota bhi nahi tha itna. [In that era, this was not common]. This is early 2005 or 2006. But I just didn't know any better." Priyanka Chopra also spoke about the not-so-glamorous side of filming. The actress said, "The process and journey of making the movie is difficult. It is so hard. And, acting is mostly waiting." Recalling the time she was shooting in Switzerland, Priyanka said, "So when

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## Hindi Literary Society...

All the past Presidents of Society were honored. The exciting folk dances -Kajri, Hariyanvi, and Laavni, in colorful costumes, with thrilling movements won the admiration of the audience. Fusion dance captured the moods of the people. The program came to an end with

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**12th November Sunday**

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