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## Fourth Man Arrested in Hardeep Nijjar Murder Case Was Already Facing Firearm Charges

SURREY: On May 11, BC investigators arrested one more individual, 22-year-old Amandeep Singh, for his role in the shooting death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The police informed that Amandeep was already in custody for unrelated firearms charges out of Peel Region in Ontario. Amandeep's arrest marks the fourth arrest of an Indian national living in connection to Nijjar's killing, with three others arrested in Edmonton earlier this month. According to CBC News, "Amandeep Singh had been arrested in Surrey, B.C. on a warrant after fleeing from police in March 2023. He was charged with flight from police and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and made a first court appearance on June 16, 2023. Nijjar was



Hardeep Singh Nijjar



Amandeep Singh

killed on June 18." Amandeep appeared in Surrey court this week via audio conference as he is currently in an Ontario correctional facility. An Indian national who resided

in Brampton, Surrey, and Abbotsford, he is charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

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## Dr Surjit Patar: End of an Era



Eminent Punjabi poet and recipient of the Padma Shri award Dr Surjit Patar, passed away at his residence in Ludhiana at the age of 79. His passing marks a significant loss to Punjabi Literature. His contributions will be cherished and remembered for generations to come. His poems enriched Punjabi literature and influenced successive generations of poets. (Read full story on Page 10)

## BC Premier David Eby Announces Landmark Alliance with Tech Giants to Boost Online Safety for Youth

VICTORIA, BC: In a historic collaboration Premier David Eby and representatives from Meta, Google, TikTok, Snap, and X have joined hands to raise the bar for youth safety online. "Helping young people stay safe online is one of the most important challenges facing parents, governments and technology companies today. The Province is pleased that Google has agreed to join Meta, TikTok, Snap and X and participate in the table," said BC premier David Eby. At the first meeting on May 10, the action table talked about serious issues like online sexual exploitation and sharing private images without permission. They also discussed the importance of broadscale co-operation because online predators like the ones that have targeted people



BC Premier David Eby

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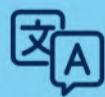
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## Mayor Brenda Locke says Surrey cannot afford to pay for two overlapping police services

On April 25, 2024, the Province amended the Police Act to include a new section (Section 27, subsection 3.1), requiring any municipality to notify a municipal police board and the Director of Police Services by May 15 to object to any aspect of a budget proposed by a municipal police board. The City of Surrey on May 13 informed the Director of Police Services and the provincially appointed Administrator of the Surrey Police Board that it is upholding its approved budget and that Surrey taxpayers will not be on the hook for additional policing costs related to having two overlapping forces. "Otherwise, if City Council were to

approve SPS and RCMP's proposed budgets, we would be looking at an additional cost of more than \$37M. This would double the approved 2024 property tax increase of 7% to more than 14%," Mayor Locke said in a statement.

On May 6, 2024, the City of Surrey approved a policing operations budget of \$221.6 million, which will fund in excess of a combined sworn member strength of 785 members.

"Our goal has always been to protect taxpayers and public safety, and our approach ensures that Surrey taxpayers will not be responsible for covering the out-of-control costs of the NDP's imposed police transition.

In 2023, Surrey Police Service dramatically overspent their budget, going 45% over what they were approved to spend. The City cannot afford to pay for two overlapping police services just because the NDP continue to have no plan for this transition," she said. She explained that the extraordinary step that the City of Surrey has taken was done to comply with a rushed amendment by the Province to the Police Act passed just days before our recent court proceedings. "These changes were made without any consultation with the City, weeks before the new imposed deadline, and have serious implications for municipal budgets throughout BC."



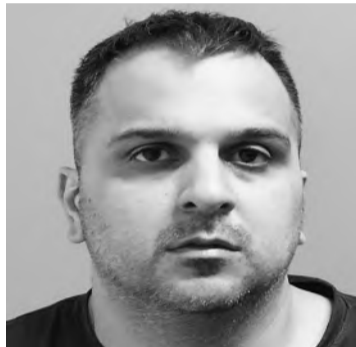
## One more Indo-Canadian Man Arrested in Over 20 Million Dollar Gold Heist

REGION OF PEEL, ON: Ontario police arrested one more suspect in connection with over 20 million gold robbery at Toronto's Pearson International Airport last year.

In a news release on Thursday, police said Archit Grover, a 36-year-old man from Brampton, was arrested on May 6. He was taken into custody after flying into Toronto from India and arrested for theft over \$5000 and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence. He was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. He is also being indicted in the United States for firearm-related charges, the police said.

Police have charged and issued Canada-wide warrants against other men involved in this multi-million-dollar heist, where the suspects stole the entire cargo full of gold.

On April 17, 2023, at 3:56 p.m.



Archit Gorver

a flight landed at Pearson International Airport from Zurich, Switzerland, with a cargo containing 6600 bars of .9999% pure gold, weighing 400 kilograms, valued at over 20 million dollars and CAD 2.5 million worth in foreign currency. Shortly after landing, it was offloaded and transported to a separate location on Airport property.

On April 18 the cargo was reported missing to Peel Regional Police.



Screen Shot of the video released by police

Peel Regional Police immediately started the investigation, which has crossed borders, and we have been working collaboratively with the Philadelphia Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). ATF arrested one individual in the United States who had 65 illegal firearms in his possession, two of which had been modified to have fully automatic capabilities. Five of the 65 handguns are known as 'ghost guns,' meaning that they

were not serialized and, therefore, are untraceable.

Peel Regional Police investigators also seized one kilogram of gold worth approximately \$89,000.00, believed to be from the theft, smelting equipment, and approximately \$434,000 Canadian currency.

PRP identified and charged or issued warrants for nine individuals with over 19 charges in April. Police also seized one kilogram of gold worth approximately

\$89,000.00, believed to be from the theft, smelting equipment, and approximately \$434,000 Canadian currency.

Canada-wide warrants are still issued for Simran Preet Panesar, a 31-year-old man from Brampton, a former Air Canada employee, who was employed at the time of the theft and Arsalan Chaudhary, a 42-year-old man of no fixed address.

Investigators urge these individuals to seek legal counsel and turn themselves into the police.

A Warrant in the 1st has been issued for Durante King-Mclean, a 25-year-old man from Brampton. King-Mclean is currently in custody in the United States on firearms trafficking-related charges, and investigators have been in touch with him and his legal counsel.

Investigators are urging anyone with information about this incident to call Peel Regional Police.

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# Immigration Minister Miller Must Explain Criminal Record Check Claim for Student Visa

Canada's Immigration Minister, Marc Miller, responded to criticisms from India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar regarding the recent arrests of three individuals allegedly linked to the killing

of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Many media organizations reported that the suspects in Nijjar murder arrived in Canada on student visa. Jaishankar said he had seen news of the arrests and said the

suspects "apparently are Indians of some kind of gang background... we'll have to wait for the police to tell us."

Slamming the Canadian government for welcoming people with links to organised crime, despite warnings by New Delhi, the Minister of External Affairs said, "Somebody may have been arrested; the police may have done some investigation. But the fact is (a) number of gangland people, (a) number of people with organized crime links from Punjab, have been made welcome in Canada," he said.

"These are wanted criminals from India, you have given them visas ... and yet you allow them to live there."

Miller rejected Jaishankar's remark that Ottawa is "lax" about admitting criminals into the country, saying authorities conduct a thorough record check on people entering Canada on student visas. Responding to a question on Monday about Jaishankar's remarks, Miller said, "We're not lax, and the Indian Foreign Minister is entitled to his opinion," reported the Cable Public Affairs Channel -- a Canadian speciality television channel.

"We are not lax," he said, seeking to dismiss Jaishankar's claim that Canada harbours individuals with ties to organized crime. In response to Miller's claims, Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre issued a statement saying that police certificates and criminal background checks from the country of origin are not mandatory for all international students entering Canada on a government issued permit.

"Last week, Minister Marc Miller lied about this. When asked if there were criminal record checks for those on a student visa, he gave a definitive yes and then said "you check them and if they have a criminal record, they don't come in." This is false. Police certificates and criminal



Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre

background checks from the country of origin are not mandatory for all international students entering Canada on a government issued permit," Poilievre said.

"After nine years of Justin Trudeau, over 3.6 million international students have been awarded student visas and entered Canada, including a record number of over 683,000 international student visas issued in 2023 alone. But under Justin Trudeau, international students entering Canada on study permits are not automatically required to provide a criminal record check or a police certificate," Poilievre said.

"This outright lie comes from the Minister responsible for granting these visas, despite his previous acknowledgement that the integrity of Canada's immigration system is at risk. The Minister either lied to Canadians, or is not aware of the policies of his own Ministry. It is comments like these that are casting further doubt on the integrity of Canada's immigration system and the Liberal Government's ability to protect the safety of Canadians," added Poilievre.

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# The little boy who stole hearts at historic Diljit Dosanjh concert

A Grade 1 student from Sullivan Elementary is still walking on air after sharing the stage with Punjabi popstar Diljit Dosanjh at his historic Vancouver concert two weeks ago.

Six-year-old Aanakh Bhuller was at the sold-out concert with his family when the singer spotted him in the crowd. After being called onstage, the Surrey student was introduced to the crowd of more than 50,000 and invited to dance along to the performance.

Breaking into a bhangra routine, Aanakh danced to Dosanjh's hit song, "Vibe," with the crowd roaring in the background.

"It felt good, I do bhangra practice, so it wasn't hard," said Aanakh. "And he's my favourite singer."

The show, which took place April 27 at BC Place, was the first time a Punjabi performer has headlined the venue. For the next few days, Aanakh's performance was the talk of the school, having been featured on Global BC and CBC News.

"They all said they watched me on the news," said Aanakh.

Proud father Barinder Bhuller said Aanakh has been a fan of Dosanjh since 2022 when the family saw him perform at Rogers Arena.

"After that concert, Aanakh asked my parents to tie a turban on him because he wanted to be just like Diljit," said Barinder. "I tweeted that out at the time and Diljit retweeted it. Ever since then, Aanakh had been manifesting this moment."

For Barinder, seeing his son be a part of the historic show was an emotional experience.

"As a first-generation Canadian, we never got to see our cultural icons and performers in mainstream stadiums," he said. "To see how Aanakh idolizes Diljit and then to see him become a part of this show has been overwhelming."

As a thank you, Dosanjh gave Aanakh the unique skeleton jacket he had been wearing on stage – a treasure Aanakh said he will wear to his future bhangra lessons.

"It's my favourite," he said.



Diljit Dosanjh gifts Aanakh his jacket. (Image: Barinder Bhuller/Twitter/X)



Diljit Dosanjh on stage with Aanakh. (Image: Diljit Dosanjh/Facebook)



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# Surrey to host 2024 Junior Pan American Field Hockey Championships at Tamanawis Park


The City of Surrey will be hosting upcoming 2024 Junior Pan American Championships, organized by Field Hockey Canada, from July 3 to 12 at Tamanawis Park. This prestigious tournament will feature top-tier talent from around the world in the junior women's and men's divisions. This marks Canada's second time hosting the championships, following Toronto in 2016. "I am thrilled to welcome athletes from across the globe to the 2024 Junior Pan American Championships in our city," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With our world-class facilities and unparalleled hospitality, Surrey is set to shine as we host athletes and spectators from across the Americas for an unforgettable experience.



The recently re-surfaced two-field facility at Tamanawis Park is an excellent venue to ensure an amazing experience for players, coaches and fans. City Council recognizes the increasing popularity of the sport and has green lit a third pitch at Tamanawis Park to add to our growing inventory of Field Hockey amenities in Surrey." Anticipated to draw approximately 250 athletes and over 2,000 spectators, the tournament will feature the Canadian team, boasting three players from Surrey and one from White Rock in the men's division, as a top contender alongside teams from Argentina, Chile and the USA. Attendees can expect an electric atmosphere with a captivating opening and closing ceremony, community group activations, food trucks and intense on-field action. The top three teams will secure coveted spots in the International Hockey

Federation's Junior World Cup. Canada's men's and women's teams have qualified for two consecutive Junior World Cups and aim to continue their winning streaks for the third time. For event information, visit [surrey.ca/championships](http://surrey.ca/championships). "We would not be able to bring an event like this to Canada if it were not for the support of the local community," said Field Hockey Canada CEO Susan Ahrens. "With Surrey working with us to deliver an international class event, we are able to showcase our very best in young talent on home soil and at one of our very best and most vibrant communities."

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# NDP fails British Columbians with flawed Anti-Racism Act

VICTORIA, BC: Teresa Wat, BC United Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism, Anti-Racism Initiatives, Arts and Culture, criticized the NDP government for rejecting vital amendments to Bill 23, the Anti-Racism Act.

“These amendments, derived from extensive community input, were designed to significantly strengthen this deeply flawed bill and enhance its effectiveness in tackling racism,” said Wat. “It is deeply troubling that Premier David Eby and the NDP have chosen to ignore these common-sense proposals, opting instead to prioritize politics and the appearance of action over the necessary improvements needed to effectively address the very real racism and hate affecting countless British Columbians.”

According to BC United, the critical amendments rejected by the NDP included defining ‘antisemitism’ and ‘Islamophobia’ to ensure these discrimination forms are



Teresa Wat, BC United

explicitly addressed; substituting ‘racialized communities’ with ‘ethnocultural communities’ for more inclusive and representative language; and ensuring public service appointments are merit-based, taking into account qualifications and experience.

“By voting down these amendments, the NDP has demonstrated a clear reluctance to collaborate on establishing a comprehensive and inclusive framework for combating all forms of discrimination in British Columbia,” added Wat. “This refusal not only impedes progress towards true equity but also reveals the NDP’s willingness to prioritize empty virtue signalling over making life better for all British Columbians.”

“BC United will swiftly fix this legislation upon forming government, ensuring it truly meets the needs of all British Columbians and comprehensively addresses racism in every form,” Wat said.

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# Fourth Man Arrested in Hardeep Nijjar Murder case was already facing...

Bhupinder Singh Hothi, of Surrey's Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara, who was outside the court with other members informed that the next court hearing is set up on May 21 at 9.30. He said he along with other members intended to attend every court appearance.

IHIT with the assistance of members from the BC and Alberta RCMP and the Edmonton Police Service arrested three other men on May 3rd after 10 months of investigation for the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar who was shot to death in the parking lot of Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey in June 2023.

Three individuals were charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in relation to the homicide: 22-year-old Karan Brar of Edmonton; 22-year-old Kamalpreet Singh of Edmonton; and 28-year-old Karanpreet Singh of Edmonton. Superintendent Mandeep Mooker, the Officer in Charge of IHIT said that the efforts and support of its partners, specifically the Abbotsford Police Department and the Central Region RCMP, assisted IHIT in mitigating a significant public safety risk related to Singh. "This arrest shows the nature of our ongoing investigation to hold responsible those that played a role in the homicide of Hardeep Singh Nijjar."

Mooker had emphasized earlier too that the arrest of the suspects in this high-profile case does not mean the investigation has ended. He said it remains an ongoing investigation.

IHIT released photos of the accused men in hopes of



furthering its investigation. IHIT also released photographs of a Toyota Corolla, believed to have been used by the suspects in the time leading up to the homicide, in and around the Surrey area. Superintendent Mooker said that the investigation does not end here. "We are aware that there could be others out there that played a role in this homicide and we remain dedicated to identifying and arresting each one of them. I would like to thank the Nijjar family, the citizens of Surrey and the members of the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara Executive, for your patience and support throughout this investigation. I appreciate that the community still has questions, many of which we will not be able to answer at this time, as this investigation now proceeds through the courts

system." Assistant Commissioner David Teboul in a statement said, that the police cannot comment about the nature of the evidence collected by police nor can we speak about the motive behind the murder of Mr. Nijjar. "However, understanding this situation has attracted considerable and very broad public interest, I will say this matter is still very much under active investigation. I will underscore that today's announcements are not a complete account of the investigative work currently underway. There are separate and distinct investigations ongoing into these matters, certainly not limited to the involvement of the people arrested today, and these efforts include investigating connections to the Government of India."

The police confirmed the arrested suspects were Indian nationals meaning they were not on PR or Canadian citizens. The Canadian officials including the immigration minister have not commented on the visa status of the killers, but according to many media reports they came to Canada on a student visa and had connections with India's notorious Lawrence Bishnoi Gang. According to Global News, one of the suspects entered Canada using a study permit that he said took only days to obtain. In a video posted online in 2019, Karan Brar said he applied for a student visa through EthicWorks Immigration Services in Bathinda, in India's Punjab state. The three suspects arrested before had already made their

first court appearance in a BC court. The killers were not physically present but made the appearance by video. Friends and family of slain Nijjar and supporters of Khalistan gathered outside Surrey's provincial court house last Tuesday as the three men made their first court appearance. The Canadian government has suggested the Indian government is complicit in Nijjar's assassination. However, Indian Foreign Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar accused Ottawa of welcoming in criminals from India, in response to the RCMP arrests. He also called Canada the primary driver of what he described to be a violent movement of Sikhs seeking to carve their own country within India.




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# Surrey citizen call to report suspicious activity leads to seizure of handgun

SURREY: Surrey RCMP commended a concerned citizen's actions that led to the seizure of a handgun.

On April 27, 2024 at approximately 10:45 p.m., the Surrey RCMP received a call from a concerned citizen reporting a vehicle parked in front of a business, with four occupants attempting to conceal their identities. The Surrey RCMP Gang Enforcement Team (SGET) responded to the area and located the suspicious vehicle parked in front of a Newton banquet hall. Four male occupants were detained as police searched the vehicle, locating a loaded handgun. The males were released from scene as police continue to investigate firearms related offences.



The relationship between the community and the police is an essential component in maintaining public safety in our communities, says Corporal James Mason, Media

Relations Officer with the Surrey RCMP. This member of the public did the right thing and called police to report this suspicious activity. When your instincts tell you something doesn't feel right about a situation, follow those instincts and the call police, added Cpl. Mason.

# Shots fired in Newton

Surrey RCMP informed public of a shooting where a residence was targeted but no one was injured.

On May 12, 2024 at 10:33 pm, Surrey RCMP responded to a late report of shots fired at a residence in the 7300-block of 130 Street. The shooting is believed to have occurred between 10:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Shots were fired into a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence and the residence. No injuries were reported to police.

"This appears to be a targeted and isolated incident," said Corporal Sarbjit Sangha, Media Relations Officer with the Surrey RCMP. "The motive of this shooting is yet to be determined."

Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit (GIU) has conduct of the investigation and officers are reviewing CCTV footage and speaking to witnesses. There has been no evidence so far to indicate that this incident is related BC gang conflict.

If you were in the area between 10:00 pm and 10:30 pm and have dashcam footage, please call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file 202-67480.

# One person found dead in Surrey residential fire

A residential fire in Surrey resulted in a death of one person on May 12.

Surrey RCMP received a report of a residential structure fire in the 5700-block of 128 Street. Police arrived on scene to assist the Surrey Fire Department. The occupants of the residence had already evacuated with the exception of the one person who resided in the secondary suite.

Surrey Fire Department located a man in the secondary suite, who did not survive. The identification of the deceased person has not been confirmed; therefore, no additional information regarding the victim was shared.

"Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit (GIU) working with a Fire Inspector from Surrey Fire Services are investigating to determine the circumstances and cause of the fire; however, at this time the fire is not believed to be suspicious," the police said.

The BC Coroners Service has taken conduct of the investigation regarding the circumstances of the man's death. If you witnessed the residential fire or have any additional information and have not yet spoken to police you are asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file 24-67448.

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# Dr Surjit Patar: End of an Era

Eminent Punjabi poet and recipient of the Padma Shri award Dr Surjit Patar passed away at his residence in Ludhiana last week at the age of 79. His passing marks a significant loss to Punjabi Literature. His contributions will be cherished and remembered for generations to come.

Many political leaders, including Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, expressed grief over the demise saying it is a big loss for the Punjabi literary community.

His poems enriched Punjabi literature and influenced successive generations of poets. Patar's poetic works include 'Hawa Vich Likhe Harf', 'Hanere Vich Sulagdi Varan-mala', 'Patjhar Di Pazeb', 'Lafzaan Di Dargah' and 'Surzameen'.

He received the Padma Shri in the field of literature and education in 2012. Patar was the president of the Punjab Arts Council. He had also been the president of the Punjabi Sahit Akademi.

The poet and writer has been awarded with the Sahitya Akademi Award, Panchnad Puruskar, Saraswati Samman and the Kusum-agraj Literary award.



Surjit Patar was cremated with state honours in Ludhiana

From Patar village in Jalandhar district, he did his graduation from Randhir college in Kapurthala and Ph D on 'Transformation of Folklore in Guru Nanak Vani' from the Guru Nanak Dev University.

He retired as a professor of Punjabi from the Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana. Patar has also translated the three tragedies of Federico Garcia Lorca, Girish Karnad's play 'Nagmandala', and poems of Bertolt



Dr Surjit Patar

Brecht and Pablo Neruda into Punjabi. Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh

Raja Warring called it an irreparable loss for Punjabi literature. Former Punjab chief minister and BJP leader Amarinder Singh on X said, "End of an era, as famous Punjabi writer and poet Padma Shri Surjit Patar Sahib has passed away today. My heartfelt condolences to his family and millions of fans worldwide. Punjab has lost an icon today." Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said the death of Patar has left a void in the world of literature.

"After Shiv Batalvi, Patar Sahib was the most popular and beloved poet of Punjabis. I express my heartfelt condolences to his family and his well-wishers," Badal said.

Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar also expressed grief over the sudden demise of Patar. Jakhar said the death of Dr Patar is an irreparable loss that has created a vacuum hard to fill. "His verses inspired all. Punjabi literature will always remain indebted for his contribution. His distinguished work including 'Lafzah di Dargah', his famous poems like 'Hawa vich likhe harf,' 'Hanere vich sulagdi varn-mala' enamored all," said Sunil Jakhar.

Patar's remarkable contribution to Punjabi cinema - his dialogues for films like 'Shaheed Uddham Singh' and the Punjabi version of Deepa Mehta's 'Heaven on Earth', underlined his prowess, he said, adding that beyond his works, he translated Federico Garcia Lorca's three tragedies and other works into Punjabi.

"Dr Patar's pioneering role in the Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh, and Punjabi Sahit Akademi, Ludhiana, will be remembered. May God give the family the strength to bear with the enormous tragedy," he said. Canadian MP Sukh Dhaliwal said, "Saddened to hear of the loss of esteemed Punjabi writer and poet, Dr. Surjit Patar. As we mourn his passing, let us cherish the legacy he leaves behind, which includes a rich tapestry of writings that will continue to inspire generations to come."

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# UTA Endorses Preliminary Port Trucking Plan to Curb Illegal Off-Dock Activity

The United Truckers Association (UTA) announced that it is endorsing a proposal to counteract Metro Vancouver drayage providers operating outside of the law. Many of the issues that caused the 2014 Port of Vancouver strike remain rampant due to the use of unlicensed companies, including rate undercutting, illegal kickback schemes and blatant disregard for rules, regulations and the BC Contain-

er Trucking Act. A newly conceived plan to eliminate unregulated activity by the Office of the BC Container Trucking Commissioner ("OBCCTC") is not only long overdue but will also be groundbreaking for the entire drayage sector, according to UTA spokesperson Gagan Singh. "Our organization has spent the past decade pushing the OBCCTC and BC gov-



penalize small and medium-sized companies. The UTA contends that this narrative is false and entirely unrepresentative of the current environment which has crushed the earnings of over one thousand legitimate independent operators and company drivers the organization represents. "The contracting of unlicensed companies has taken food off the tables of our members who work within the rule of law, and so any measures to eliminate this element from our industry is what is desperately needed," added Singh. "Simply put, if a company is not able to make a profit within the confines of the legislation and the regulations, then there is a serious flaw in the business model."

The UTA will continue to work closely with both the OBCCTC and the BC government to ensure that robust enforcement is in place by the time the new licensing regime begins on December 1. This will include measures to make better use of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement agents and a necessary amendment to the legislation so that appropriate penalties can be issued.

ernment to rein in these illegal operators, and we are very pleased that the current Commissioner is finally taking tangible action," said Singh. "This new plan represents a substantial step forward towards achieving fairness for all players within this sector."

In a press release from last week, licensees working outside of the law falsely claimed that the Commissioner's new enforcement initiative was an attempt to

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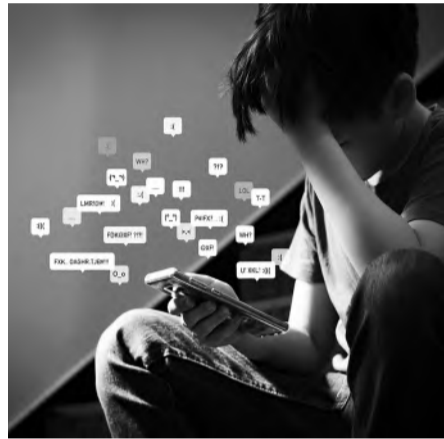
in British Columbia do not limit themselves to just one platform. These criminals target victims across the different apps they use, often moving conversations from one app to another.

Participating companies are committed to providing streamlined processes to enable the effectiveness of orders made under B.C.'s Intimate Images Protection Act. The companies have agreed to provide B.C. with direct escalation channels that will allow them to quickly report non-consensual intimate images prior to the issuance of an intimate image protection order, and that when an order is issued that it is expedited and actioned swiftly.

"These steps will make it easier for people in British Columbia to get their non-consensual intimate images taken down fast. This effort demonstrates the platforms' commitment to protecting privacy online and promoting responsible digital behaviour," said a joint stamen issued by Meta, Google, TikTok, Snap, and X.

Recognizing the shared goal of teens having safe, age-appropriate experiences online, action-table participants agreed that future meetings would continue to emphasize new actions to promote youth safety online.

In addition, the Province is exploring opportunities for technology companies to help amplify official information for people



in emergency situations like wildfires. Meta has agreed to establish a direct line of communication that will ensure response measures are closely co-ordinated as part of the government's wildfire safety efforts, including the dissemination of reputable information available from official sources, such as government agencies and emergency services.

Meta, Snap, TikTok and X have offered to provide the Province and additional crisis response organizations with advertising support to amplify awareness of safety resources throughout the wildfire season.

The table is committed to continued engagement leading to further concrete actions to be announced in September.



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# Nanak Foods Donates \$500,000 to new BC Cancer Centre in Surrey

Surrey-based Nanak Foods has donated \$500,000 to the new BC Cancer centre in Surrey.

Founded in Surrey in 1997, Nanak Foods has grown into North America's largest producer of dairy-based South Asian foods. Over the past 27 years, the Nanak Foods family has been touched by cancer in many ways, including employees, family members and customers. The company is committed to the communities they serve and believes investing in BC Cancer will immensely benefit the residents of Surrey and beyond.

"We recognize that a thriving community requires the active participation and support of its members. It is not enough to rely solely on government funding; rather, it is incumbent upon us to step up and fill the gaps where needed," says Raj Arneja, Nanak Foods' Director of Community Engagement & Philanthropy. "And so, with a sense of responsibility and



compassion, we have chosen to support the BC Cancer Foundation to provide quality healthcare to all." "We are truly grateful for the generosity of Nanak Foods," says Kristina Lebed, BC Cancer Foundation's Executive Director for the Fraser region. "Cancer is the largest healthcare challenge in our region. With the help of donor support, the new BC Cancer centre in Surrey will ensure our loved ones have access to cutting-edge care, where and when they need it, for generations to come." The BC Cancer Foundation is fundraising \$30 million to equip the new BC Cancer centre with the latest in life-saving technology – the Foundation's largest campaign to date in the Fraser region. Over 10,000 new cancer cases are diagnosed in the Fraser region each year – accounting for over a third of all cases in B.C. – and the number is rising as the population ages and grows. The new centre is essential to ensuring timely access to life-saving care, close to home for patients of the fastest growing region in B.C. The new centre will create capacity for an additional 50,000 radiation and 22,000 chemotherapy visits each year. Importantly, it will also bring a PET/CT scanner and cyclotron to the region. PET/CTs are critical imaging machines used in cancer diagnostics and treatments. Local patients requiring a PET/CT currently need to travel to Vancouver. The combination of a PET/CT scanner and cyclotron, which creates the radioactive isotopes used in PET/CTs and in emerging areas of research, will drastically expand the region's clinical trials program. This will increase local patients' access to the latest in life-saving care, help attract world-class talent to the region and accelerate breakthroughs in cancer research. To join Nanak Foods in support of the new BC Cancer centre in Surrey, visit: [bccancerfoundation.com/fraser](http://bccancerfoundation.com/fraser)

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# Lahore: A City of Mughal Splendor and Rich Punjabi Heritage

By Balwant Sanghera

After visiting various holy places of worship and historical interests it was time to spend some time in the City of Lahore itself. While growing up in India I would often hear from our older generations that if you have not seen Lahore, you have not seen anything.

My wife Baldev and I had spent a lot of time in Lahore on our previous visit to Pakistan in 2006. However, we were curious to visit some more this time. The Mughal rulers were very fond of this city. As a matter of fact, for them next to Delhi, Lahore was a very important centre of their empire. Mughal rulers called Lahore the City of Gardens. They always maintained a very close link with this city.



World famous Anarkali Bazar in Lahore (Photo submitted)

Lahore is the second largest city of Pakistan after Karachi and the 26th largest city in the world. In addition to being the capital of West Punjab, this city of 13 million residents is also known as the capital of Pakistan's culture. Also, Lahore was the capital of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's kingdom.

This historic city can be roughly divided into two parts -- Old Lahore and the New Lahore. The Old Lahore boasts of a rich history with Shahi (Royal) Fort, old railway station, Anarkali Bazar and various Sikh places of worship such as Guru Ram Das Ji's birthplace in Chooni Mandi, Gurdwara Dehra Sahib etc. The New Lahore has the spacious new University of

Punjab, a lovely canal flowing through spacious houses, shopping centres, plazas, and hotels. It is also the headquarters of the Punjab government. Incidentally, when we were still in Lahore, new federal and provincial governments were sworn in Islamabad and Lahore respectively.

Punjab had the honour of having a female premier (Chief Minister) Mirium Sharif. Soon after being sworn in, she made two announcements of special interest to Punjabis around the globe. She appointed a Sikh -Ramesh Singh Arora, an influential minority leader to her cabinet. Mirium Sharif also announced that Punjabi language classes will be available in Pakistani Punjab's schools. Both of these developments are very encouraging.

While strolling through the bazars and streets of Lahore, we felt safe and comfortable. Everyone we met, was friendly and helpful. It gave us the same feeling of scanning through streets and markets of any Indian city like Jalandhar or Ludhiana. Western fast-food outlets like McDonalds and Subways were also scattered throughout the city. Like any other city, one could not but notice the stark difference between City life and the rural areas. Some areas in rural Pakistani Punjab still need improvements in infrastructure and other facilities just like India. The currency differences were also surprised us. One Canadian dollar was equivalent to more than 200 Pakistani rupees. One Indian rupee was close to three Pakistani rupees. This difference made our dollars go a lot further in Pakistan. Lahore played an important role during struggle for independence from the British Raj. It was this city where freedom fighters like Shaheed Bhagat Singh and many other dedicated freedom fighters sacrificed their lives.

Also, community leaders like Dial Singh Majithia laid the foundations of a bank and a prominent English newspaper like The Tribune, which has been a very popular newspaper in northern India.

The generosity, hospitality, and kindness of Punjabis whether they were West Punjab, East Punjab or NRI Punjabis scattered around the globe, is very impressive. With these pleasant memories, we headed back to the Wagah border and my hometown Pharwala in Jalandhar district. It was a very memorable visit for us.

(Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist. He has just returned from a visit to India and Pakistan)

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## TRUTH NEEDS NO PROOF KIRPAL SINGH OF VANCOUVER CALLS PANDIT VIJAY SHASTRI AS REAL DISCIPLE OF GOD

“Pandit Vijay Shastri, resident of New York possesses a strong power of mind with which he can solve any problem” is said by Kirpal Singh, who is living in Vancouver, born and brought up in Jalandhar (India). Kirpal Singh landed in Vancouver around 30 yrs ago.

Some time ago his license was suspended due to some reason. When his license got suspended for the second time, his case was sent to court. He was worried that he will be punished seriously for sure and no doubt about

it. His lawyer was also sure that he will be put into prison for sure. One of his close friends told him about Pandit Vijay Shastri and Kirpal Singh immediately contacted him in New York over phone. Pandit Vijay gave him a spell to do and said that he will also pray to God Finally it worked out. On his due date in the court his license was suspended for 1 year only but he was saved from imprisonment. Even his lawyer was amazed to see the results as it was

sure that his license was supposed to be suspended atleast for 5 yrs. & he was to be behind bars. Kirpal Singh says that it was a real miracle of God, but Pandit Vijay Shastri made it happened. Pandit Vijay Shastri really have the solutions to all the problems. Now Kirpal Singh also says that if he would have contacted Pandit Vijay Shastri earlier then these problems would have not occur. For more information contact Pandit Vijay Shastri ji TollFree:18338440624 WhatsApp: 1 347 593 7064

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## BC to introduce child care options in three school districts

Three school districts have been selected for fully integrated before- and after-school care on school grounds: Chilliwack, Nanaimo-Ladysmith and Nechako Lakes. Early childhood educators and support staff in these school districts will provide learning and care for children in classrooms and school spaces the kids are familiar with. This means busy parents will have greater flexibility for school dropoff and pickup times, while also saving time spent commuting or juggling kids across multiple locations.

Each district will create a model of care that meets provincial guidelines and local needs. The initiative will be evaluated and lessons will support ongoing expansion in other districts.

These spaces will be affordable for parents as they will meet regional affordability benchmarks set by the ministry. Families may also be eligible for fee reductions of as much as \$115 per month, per child. Families that need additional support with the cost of child care may also be eligible for the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

Through ChildCareBC, government has funded the creation of more than 10,175 child care spaces on school grounds since 2018, with almost 3,600 of those open and providing care for children. In 2018, there were two school districts in the province providing licensed child care on school grounds. Licensed child care on school grounds is available in more than 900 facilities throughout the province, with more than 70 of these operated by school districts.

## Young adults at risk of homelessness move into 30 affordable homes in Surrey

SURREY, BC: Young adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness now have access to 30 affordable homes with supports as they move into a new transitional-housing building.

The building at 11228 131 St., named by youth as 1.1.2. for the first three digits of its address, provides 24/7 support services for young adults between 19 and 24, many of whom are transitioning from government care. The building is operated by the Pacific Community Resources Society.

Supports at 1.1.2. include daily meals, health and wellness services, cultural programming and recreational events, as well as connections to substance-use services, education, training and other employment opportunities. Residents will stay for two years or until age 25, and partner with a housing worker to prepare to move into permanent housing.

## British Columbians could receive rebate upto \$16,000 to switch to high-efficiency heat pumps in homes

VICTORIA, BC: The federal government has announced an investment up to \$103.7 million to support climate action in B.C. and help people with low or middle incomes reduce their energy costs. An investment up to \$151 million from the Province of British Columbia toward this initiative was also announced.

With the support of the OHPA program, income-qualified applicants could receive a rebate of as much as \$16,000 to switch to high-efficiency heat pumps in homes currently heated with oil. With the support of the Low Carbon Economy fund, these changes will also apply to homes heated with natural gas and propane. This is an increase in support of approximately 70% from B.C.'s existing rebate program. Participants will not need to pay up



front for heat-pump installations and other efficiency upgrades. Applicants pre-register for the program to verify their eligibility. Once upgrades are completed by a program-approved contractor, the contractor submits the

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# Honoring the Eternal Bond: The story behind Mother's Day



By Zile Singh



May 12th was Mother's Day – a celebration of the eternal bond of love and affection between a mother and a child. Bringing up a child through giving birth and helping him or her grow up into an adult is considered to be the essence of motherhood.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother, Maria Reeves Jarvis at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St. Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Designated as the second Sunday in May by President Woodrow Wilson of the USA in 1914 has now spread overseas. Franklin Delano Roosevelt personally designed in 1934 a postage stamp to commemorate the day. Anna Jarvis's mother was an anti-war activist. Thus, the day was a way to promote global unity after the horrors of the American Civil War and Europe's Franco-Prussian War.

The white carnation, the favourite flower of Anna Jarvis' mother, was the original flower for Mother's Day. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother loves never dying" Jarvis explained in an interview in 1927. Anna Jarvis was against raising charities on this day. "To have Mother's Day, the burdensome, waste-

ful, expensive gift day that Christmas and other special days have become, is not our pleasure." Objections to charity fundraising and rampant commercialism have come to absolutely nothing.

According to the World Vision Development Foundation, "The pivotal role of being a mother is still the divine mission assigned to the women alone. From a classical poem written by William Ross Wallace entitled "What Rules the World?" He said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." It illustrates the influence a mother plays to her child and eventually to society, that as a mother strives to nurture and tutor a child, she explicitly makes the world a much better place. God gives women an opportunity and privilege to be His partner in giving a life to another human being. "God could not be everywhere, therefore, he made mothers"- Rudyard Kipling.

In Hindu religion 'Mother Worship' is very ancient. They equate mother with God. They salute even the earth as mother-earth and their country as Bharat Mata or Mother India. Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, one of the greatest sages of modern times, worshipped the Divine Mother Kali during his entire life.

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# 2024 Honda Civic Sport Touring Review: All you Need!

**Auto Review**  
By Veenoo Dewan

The Honda Civic has been the best-selling car in Canada for almost a century. And now the 2024 Civic returns as a five-passenger, five-door 10th generation model.

The Civic has a more mature understated design that will not polarize buyers with its neat in-offensive shape. The lines are cleaner with a larger greenhouse for a more spacious interior feeling.

Two engines are offered in the Civic: a 2.0-litre four-cylinder (158 hp / 138 lb-ft.) and a 1.5-litre turbocharged four-cylinder (180 hp / 177 lb-ft). Both engines drive the front wheels and are paired with either a six-speed manual or continuously variable transmission (CVT).

The topline Touring arrives with additional power courtesy of a 180-hp, 1.5L turbocharged four-cylinder engine and a CVT. The four trim levels of Civic start with the -LX (\$30,130), EX, Sport (\$30,250) and Sport Touring (\$37,170.)

There is a fully digital gauge cluster on Touring models, and there is a new 7-inch and optional 9-inch center touchscreen that integrates Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Top trims are also equipped with a 12-speaker premium Bose sound system, wireless phone charging, GPS navigation, and leather-trimmed seating surface.

es. We tested the Sport Touring model with a standard equipment list including LED headlights, taillights, and fog lights, 18-inch aluminum alloy wheels, 10.25-inch digital instrument cluster, 9-inch infotainment touchscreen with embedded navigation, heated front, and rear seats, plus a heated leather-wrapped steering wheel and a lot more.

Safety is also high with newly designed front airbags, rear side airbags, and an updated suite of driver assistance features including a wide-angle front view camera and an all-around blind-spot monitoring system.

The new cabin design for the 2024 Civic is wonderful, ergonomically perfect with comfortable supportive seats and plenty of occupant room both front and rear. There is an easy-to-use infotainment system, bright clear digital displays, and instrument cluster unit. The cabin design is clean and ergonomically sound. Switchgear, dials, and control knobs are all impeccably designed for form and function. A standout feature is the exquisite metal honeycomb vent covers that stretch across the dashboard, and the elegant controls that operate them. All the materials and design would make a German premium auto maker proud!

Moving to the rear, you gain roomy comfortable seats and there is adequate legroom for at least three passengers at a push. The rear hatch door is now also



lower and wider for easier access and maximum cargo volume is rated at 693 litres.

We tested an automatic CVT equipped Sport Touring model with the 1.5-litre turbo engine. Note, the Sport comes with either the CVT or a six-speed manual transmission for the same price. The turbo is a refined, smooth unit offering plenty of acceleration and a linear power delivery.

The new Civic Hatchback is stiffer than before with a lower centre of gravity and a wider track for more stable on-road composure. It is certainly an improvement over the old Civic, being quieter and smoother. The suspension irons out rough surfaces, while handling is nicely balanced. Drive

feel of the tested Sport Touring was refined, smooth, and the turbo engine is a gem of motor. Handling, cornering, and agility are impressive. The Civic is wholesome fun to drive. Acceleration is good for everyday driving with delivered reassuring reflexes and solid stopping power on all road conditions. The new engineering upgrades also make for a responsive and agile car with good

steering feedback. Fuel economy is rated at: a combined fuel consumption figure of 7.1L/100 km on 87 octane fuel.

Overall, the 2024 Civic Hatchback impresses. The core values of this perennial Canadian 24-Year best-seller remain intact: value, versatility, comfort, a classy interior, and solid build quality. Highly recommended as top in its sector. I recommend the Sport or Sport Touring model with slick six-spaced manual transmission for more entertaining driving if that's your thing. Still, whatever model you choose, you know you are getting the best compact car money can buy.

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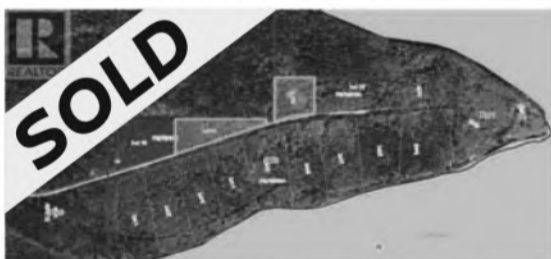
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# Five-Year-Old Surrey Boy Overcomes Life-Altering Burn Accident with help of Hometown Heroes Lottery

VANCOUVER, BC: VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund ("Burn Fund") have announced the launch of ticket sales for the 2024 Hometown Heroes Lottery, available until midnight on July 11, 2024, or until tickets are sold out. Every ticket purchased contributes directly to supporting funds for essential services at VGH and UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehab Centre, and Vancouver Community Health Services, while also backing Burn Fund initiatives aiding burn and trauma survivors province-wide. These initiatives include the Home Away program, mental health support services, and the annual Burn Camp for young survivors, all making a profound impact on the lives of those in need across British Columbia.

In support of the Hometown Heroes Lottery, Rachel Oulton shared her son's story and the transformative power of programs like the Little Lionhearts Family Camp from the help of the Burn Fund.

Five-year-old Spencer Oulton, from Surrey, was only 17 months old when he was faced with a life-altering accident that left him with severe burns all over his face and chest.

In February 2020, Spencer was reaching for a cup on the counter, which he thought had a smoothie in it. It was a disposable cup from takeout the night before. Spencer's father repurposed it to dispose of the grease and water from the meat he was cooking. He thought he had pushed it far enough back that it would be out of reach, but unfortunately Spencer was able to reach it when his dad's back was turned. This resulted in severe second and



third-degree burns to his face and chest. As Spencer recovered, he underwent a strict regimen of burn baths and treatments. Despite the community's support, the isolation brought on by the lockdown

just a month after Spencer's accident added an additional layer of difficulty to their journey. However, a beacon of hope emerged in the form of the Little Lionhearts Family



Camp in 2023, where Spencer and his family found solace with others who had gone through similar experiences. The experience not only lifted their spirits, but also provided Spencer with the opportunity to familiarize himself with the camp before attending Burn Camp in the future. Individuals participating in the Hometown Heroes Lottery support essential services and survivor programs, directly impacting individuals like Spencer. Every ticket purchased contributes directly to supporting funds for essential services at VGH and UBC Hospital, GF Strong Rehab Centre, and Vancouver Community Health Services, while also backing Burn Fund initiatives aiding burn and trauma survivors province-wide. These initiatives include the Home Away program, mental health support services, and the annual Burn Camp for young survivors, all making a profound impact on the lives of those in need across British Columbia. Despite the challenges he encountered, Spencer's journey is a testament to the ability to overcome adversity and find healing and hope in unexpected places.

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<b>FORECLOSURE FLEETWOOD</b> 4 years old just like new, 6,760 SQ.Ft lot, 3506 SQ.Ft 2 Storey home, 7 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 2 bedroom suite, taxes \$7,372, double garage! <b>Asking-\$2,275,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE LANGLEY BC</b> 1.6 Acres lot, older home, 4 beds, 3 baths, development land. <b>Asking-\$2,950,000</b>		
<b>FORECLOSURE LANGLEY BC</b> 16.97 Acres older home, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms! <b>Asking-\$3,750,000</b>	<b>FORECLOSURE LANGLEY BC</b> 34 Acres lot, 10,000 home, 9 bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, guest home, more buildings. <b>Asking-\$6,880,000</b>		

# Expelled Akali Dal leader Ravikaran Kahlon joins BJP



Shiromani Akali Dal leader Ravikaran Singh Kahlon has joined BJP, a day after he was expelled by the Sukhbir Singh Badal-led party. Badal expelled Kahlon from the primary membership

of the SAD for "anti-party" activities and "backstabbing" the party. Kahlon was welcomed into the party fold by Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar and party leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa. Kahlon is the son of former Punjab Assembly speaker and rural development and panchayat minister Nirmal Singh Kahlon.

Kahlon had unsuccessfully contested the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls from the Dera Baba Nanak seat.

# Amritpal's nomination accepted at DC office

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has accepted the nomination of pro-Khalistani separatist and Waris Punjab De Chief Amritpal Singh to contest from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha constituency as an independent candidate.

As per the ECI data, the nomination was filed on May 10. Amritpal Singh is currently lodged in Dibrugarh jail, Assam. Earlier in April this year, Singh's mother claimed that the pro-Khalistani leader had "pressure" to contest the polls.

The pro-Khalistani leader was arrested by Punjab police in April last year, weeks after



evading police for over a month and the stringent National Security Act was invoked against him. He and nine of his associates are currently lodged in Assam's Dibrugarh jail. The Khadoor Sahib seat was won by the Congress' Jasbir Singh Gill in 2019. Voting for 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab is scheduled to be held on June 1 in the seventh phase of the Lok Sabha elections.

# If you press broom symbol, I will not need to go back to jail: Arvind Kejriwal in Amritsar

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged people to vote for AAP if they don't want him to return to jail. Holding a roadshow in Punjab's Amritsar for the party's candidate Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, the AAP supremo also claimed that the BJP will end reservation for SC, ST and OBC if it gets a majority in the Lok Sabha. Referring to the BJP, Kejriwal said saffron party leaders are saying he will have to go to jail after 20 days. "Whether I go (back) to jail or not depends upon you. If you press the 'jhadoo' (AAP's election symbol) button, I will not need to go to jail," Kejriwal said.

"Whether I go (back) to jail or not depends upon you. If you press the 'jhadoo' (AAP's election symbol) button, I will not need to go to jail," Kejriwal said. "While pressing the button, remember if you are pressing the button for Kejriwal's freedom or for sending Kejriwal to jail," the AAP chief said.

A bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta on Thursday refused to consider claims and



counter claims by advocates for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Kejriwal on statements related to the grant of interim bail to the AAP chief.

Appearing for the ED, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta objected to Kejriwal's speeches in poll rallies that if people vote for AAP, he will not have to go back to prison on June 2. On May 10, the apex court granted Kejriwal interim bail till June 1, the last day of the seven-phase Lok Sabha elections, and directed him to surrender and go back to jail on June 2. The Delhi chief minister was arrested on March 21.

Earlier, Kejriwal offered prayers at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, during his first visit to the state since being granted interim bail. He also paid obeisance at the Durgiana Temple.

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# Commemorative 'Will Senger Way' 177B street sign unveiled in Cloverdale honouring rodeo icon



Surrey City Council is joined by members of the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association and the Senger family as the commemorative 177B Will Senger Way sign is unveiled on May 14, 2024.

Surrey City Council, alongside members of the Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association (CREA) and family members, gathered to celebrate the commemorative naming of 177B 'Will Senger Way' in Cloverdale. "Will Senger Way" stands as a tribute to Will Senger's profound impact and enduring connection with our community and the Cloverdale Rodeo," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Heritage is more than just preserving buildings; it's about honouring the stories and individuals who shape our city. The Cloverdale Rodeo holds a significant place in Surrey's history and remains a beloved tradition, and this weekend marks another chapter in its long history, thanks in part to the dedication of volunteers like Mr. Senger." Will Senger had been a prominent

member of the CREA for over five decades, starting as a volunteer in the 1950s. Through his tenure, Mr. Senger has held many positions within the CREA, including Director of the Association and Chairman of the Cloverdale Rodeo. He was awarded the Governor General's Medal in 1992 for dedication and profound impact on the rodeo community in Canada, and in 2004, he became the first British Columbian to be inducted into the Canadian Professional Rodeo Hall of Fame. Mr. Senger passed away in October 2017. To honour his memory, the City has placed commemorative street signs for "Will Senger Way" at key intersections: the corner of 62 Avenue and 177B Street, on 62A Avenue and 177B Street, and on 64 Avenue and 177B Street.

# Surrey wins Economic Development award for 2024 Economic Strategy



The City of Surrey has won a British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA) Award recognizing achievement in initiatives that support economic development. The City won the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Award for communities over 20,000 in population for the new Surrey Economic Strategy, Investing in Our Future: A Roadmap to Realizing the Opportunities of Tomorrow. The strategy outlines the need for the creation of 300,000 jobs by 2042 to ensure there is one job per resident worker by the time Surrey reaches a population of one million residents, with a focus on cultivating job opportunities, enriching livability, and addressing the needs of the City's ever-growing population. "I am thrilled to receive this prestigious award from the BCEDA, which highlights our commitment to driving economic recovery and building a resilient future for our community," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The newly unveiled Surrey Economic Strategy stands as a pivotal milestone to guide us to create new jobs and opportunities to support our growth. This recognition is a

testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, and we are proud to continue working towards realizing the opportunities of tomorrow for the City of Surrey." This BCEDA award recognizes programs, activities, and projects that represent a successful recovery initiative from natural and man-made disasters, including COVID-19, as well as submissions that represent replicable measures undertaken to promote long term resiliency and/or sustainability from future disasters. For over 30 years, the BCEDA has given these awards to individuals and groups who have dedicated their time to community-based economic development. This year, BCEDA teamed up with FortisBC to announce the winners of the 2024 BC Economic Development Awards at the BCEDA's annual awards presentation held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton during the BC Economic Summit. These awards recognize BCEDA members for outstanding work in supporting their local economies, and making a meaningful difference in their communities.

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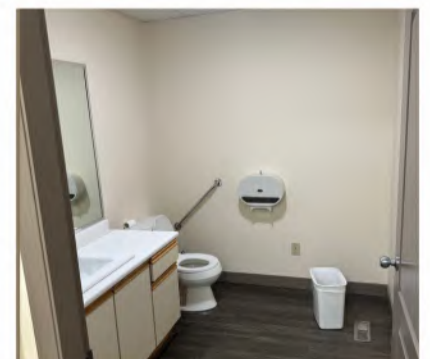
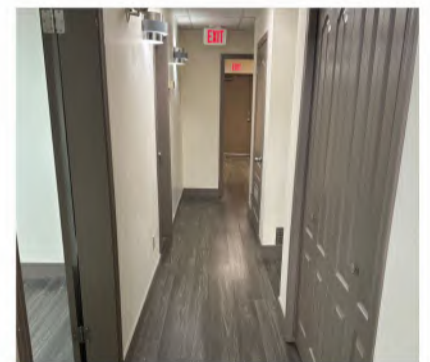
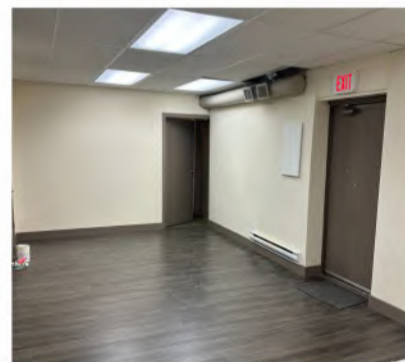
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16th May, Thursday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Ranjit Singh Bhangu family.
16th May, Thursday	at 2:30 pm, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Tari Sandhu.
17th May, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Daljeet Singh Thandi family.
18th May, Saturday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Gurmeet Singh Sidhu family.
19th May, Sunday	at 9:00 am, Sukhmani sahib path, kirtan, ardas and langer sewa by Amraan Singh Gill family on the death anniversary of late Gurdev Singh Gill.
21st May, Tuesday	at 11:30 am, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Harjit Kaur Maan.
22nd May, Wednesday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Maninder Singh Bajwa family.
23th May, Thursday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Sandhar family.
24th May, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Amrik Singh Sandhu family.
25th May, Saturday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Parminder Singh family.
26th May, Sunday	at 9:00 am, Sri Sukhmani sahib path and langer sewa by Kulwinder Kular family
31st May, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Kulwinder Kaur family

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**Every Monday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Chai Chaupal / Punjabi Sath's program is going on at Gurdwara Sahib. Women and men are invited to participate in this program.**

**Special Note: Punjabi classes have started at Gurdwara Sahib.**

**For registration of children please contact at 604-274-7479.**

**Every Tuesday at 10.00 am, Sukhmani Sahib Path by women.**

**Daily Program: 5:00 am Prakash Guru Granth Sahib, 6:00 am to 6:45 am Nitnem, 7:00 am to 7:30 am Kirtan Dewan, 7:30 am to 1:45 am Katha, 7:45 am to 8:00 am Ardaas  
Evening Diwan: 6:00 pm to 6:25 pm Rahras Sahib, 6:25 pm to 6:45 pm Kirtan, 8:00 pm Sukhaasan Seva!**

**For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! [www.nanakniwas.ca](http://www.nanakniwas.ca)**

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# Ranveer Singh Gets Emotional As Sunil Chhetri Announces Retirement: 'Thank You For Bringing Us Joy'

Footballer Sunil Chhetri announced his retirement from the sport on Thursday. Here's how Ranveer Singh and other celebs reacted.

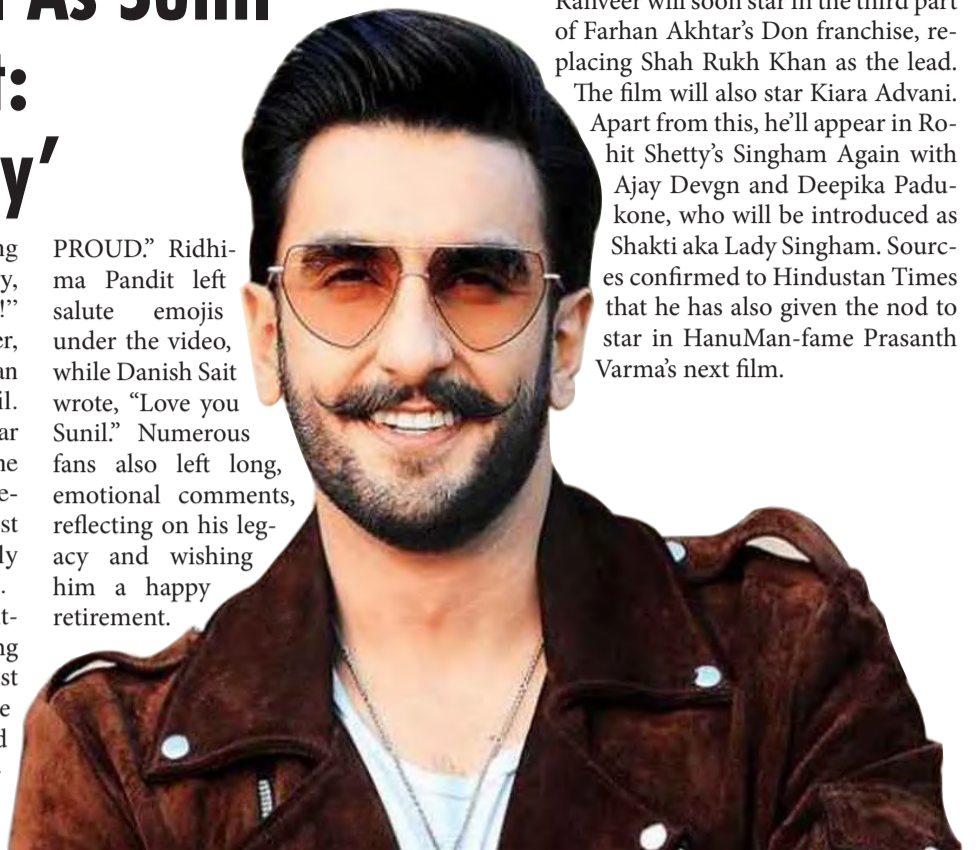
It was an emotional Thursday for many sports fans as Indian footballer Sunil Chhetri, known for his numerous achievements, including being the all-time top scorer for the Indian national team, announced his retirement from the sport. The footballer shared a video announcing that he would retire from international football after the second round of World Cup qualifiers against Ku-

wait on June 6, 2024. Numerous celebs, including Ranveer Singh, reacted to the news. (Also Read: Babil Khan 'finds friends' in Ranveer Singh, Sanya Malhotra at Tiffany event; fans think they should work together) Celebs react

After Sunil made the announcement, Ranveer left a sweet comment under the video, calling it a 'bittersweet moment' and stating how the footballer inspires many. He wrote, "ICON. HERO. LEGEND. A bittersweet moment for us, who have been touched and inspired by your greatness.

Thank you for bringing us so much joy and glory, Captain. Love you forever!" Ranveer, a football lover, once said this during an Instagram Live with Sunil. "In the beginning, the year I had started watching the Premier League and Arsenal were playing the best football, so I immediately got attracted to it," he said. Siddharth also commented under the video, asking Sunil to have a great last match, writing, "Much love Sunil. Have a happy and strong last show. Full power man." Cricketer Virat Kohli wrote, "My brother.

PROUD." Ridhima Pandit left salute emojis under the video, while Danish Sait wrote, "Love you Sunil." Numerous fans also left long, emotional comments, reflecting on his legacy and wishing him a happy retirement.



Upcoming work  
Ranveer will soon star in the third part of Farhan Akhtar's Don franchise, replacing Shah Rukh Khan as the lead. The film will also star Kiara Advani. Apart from this, he'll appear in Rohit Shetty's Singham Again with Ajay Devgn and Deepika Padukone, who will be introduced as Shakti aka Lady Singham. Sources confirmed to Hindustan Times that he has also given the nod to star in HanuMan-fame Prasanth Varma's next film.

## Anurag Kashyap Says Daughter Aaliyah's Wedding Budget Is Same As His Film



Anurag Kashyap's daughter Aaliyah got engaged to her boyfriend Shane Gregoire. They are set to tie the knot next year. Now, during the new episode of the podcast Young Dumb and Anxious, Aaliyah was told by Anurag that her wedding budget is 'equivalent' to the budget he has for one movie. Aaliyah took the comment like a sport, and said he should thank god that he has no more children then. (Also read: Anurag Kashyap says he'll have to make several remakes to pay for newly-engaged daughter Aaliyah Kashyap's wedding)

What Aaliyah said  
Replying to Anurag's remark about her wedding budget, Aaliyah said: "It's okay. I am your only daughter. I feel like you can make an exception. You are lucky you don't have more children so you don't have to do this again and again. I am your only child so it's one and done. So it's fine. It's once in a lifetime thing."

When Aaliyah asked Anurag about his reaction to the fact that she is getting married, he said, "I am happy but I am also like, 'The world has changed so much.' I also got married when I was around your age but we were not wise as you are, as your generation is..."

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## Diljit Dosanjh Thanks 'Veere' Karthi For Showering Praise On Amar Singh Chamkila



Tamil actor Karthi watched Imtiaz Ali's Amar Singh Chamkeela on Netflix and was all praise for the film on X (formerly Twitter). The actor penned a note praising lead actors Diljit Dosanjh and Parineeti Chopra's performances in the movie, apart from AR Rahman's music. Diljit reacted to the praise, calling Karthi 'veere'. (Also Read: Imtiaz Ali says Amar Singh Chamkila had a child with first wife after welcoming kid with Amarjot: 'I cut the scene')

Karthi reviews Amar Singh Chamkila  
Karthi wrote that he loved how well Imtiaz wrote the film, praising the whole team for pulling it off. He wrote, "Watched #AmarSinghChamkila... a beautiful film that portrays an artist from his true sense. Mesmerizing performances by @diljitdosanjh and @ParineetiChopra. Brilliant writing and narration by #ImtiazAli. @arrahan sir's music transports us to the glory of that musical era. Kudos to the whole team for this moving experience." Diljit re-shared his post, writing, "Thx Veere," with angel and pray emojis.

Amar Singh Chamkila biopic

Amar Singh Chamkila is based on the life of the titular musician and his wife, Amarjot Kaur. The film delves into their rise to fame and eventual assassination. It was released in April on Netflix. Talking to Zoom, Imtiaz revealed that he thought Chamkila's first wife would attack him after the film's premiere in Mumbai.

Amarjot and Chamkila's son Jaiman Chamkila was there. Chamkila's daughters were also there. When I was watching the film, his first wife was sitting right next to me and I was thinking that there are some sensitive scenes in the film, should I just pull back or go back before she attacks me or something like that? But when the screening got over, she hugged me and everybody was so happy with the way that Chamkila was portrayed because we were hoping that they like it."

## Bhumi Pednekar Admits Fitting to Beauty Standards Affected Her: 'I Struggled With Feeling Confident'

Actor Bhumi Pednekar has opened up about her struggle with confidence while growing up, revealing fashion helped her cope up with it.

Actor Bhumi Pednekar has found a name for herself in Bollywood as well as the fashion world. But there was a time when she struggled with confidence because of the pressure to fit into certain beauty ideals. (Also read: Bhumi Pednekar in Geneva for World Economic Forum: 'My key focus area is rooting for sustainability')

In fact, the actor admitted that she turned to fashion to find her identity, which turned out to be a booster for her confidence.

Making fashion her statement of confidence

Opening up about it, Bhumi said, "When I was growing up, I struggled with feeling confident, especially because of the pressure to fit into certain beauty ideals. But instead of letting that define me, I turned to fashion as a form of self-discovery."

"As I've gotten older, my relationship and understanding of beauty and fashion have evolved," she added in a statement.

In recent times, Bhumi has been making noise for her fashion statements, and experimenting with her looks.

"It's not just about looking good anymore or following trends—it's about embracing my individuality, expressing my personality, and celebrating what makes me unique. Today, fashion and beauty are a medium through which I can express myself, my emotional canvas and my state of mind," she shared. Not willing to be boxed

The actor goes on to reveal that she is not chasing trends, but just having fun at playing dress up.

"I love experimenting. I just want to have fun with fashion and I think I'm doing this with all my heart which is why people are appreciating my fashion-forward turn. It is good when I can work both ends of the spectrum - from relatable to edgy fashion," she said.

The actor, who made her debut in Bollywood in 2015 with Dum Laga Ke Haisha, reveals people tried to box her, and fashion is what pulled her out of that zone.

Looking back at her journey, Bhumi recalled, "People tend to box someone and it happened to me too. In maximum films that I have done so far, I have played a girl from a small town and that has set the perception that I can look amazing being this girl next door."

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## Honoring the Eternal Bond: The story behind Mother's Day

Buddhism has also placed great emphasis on the intimate care and protective love of a mother. "The mother is the Buddha of the home."

Mothers occupy a special place in the Sikh religion. In Sikh scriptures, God is often addressed as parent – as mother and father – both being equally important. "You are the mother and the father; we are your children. In Your mercy we find abundant happiness." According to Sri Guru Granth Sahib, "From woman, man is born; within women, man is conceived; to women he is engaged and married. Woman becomes his friend; through woman the future generations come.

When his woman dies, he seeks another woman, to the woman he is bound. So why call her bad. From her, kings are born. From woman, woman is born, without woman there would be no one at all. O Nanak, only God is beyond woman. It was a woman who gave birth to the prophets, the Gurus, and devotees of God of all faiths."

Today, despite national and international laws, discrimination against women in the forms of honour killing, violence against women and imbalanced sex ratio persists in the developing as well as developed world.

A sad note from the United Nations: "De-

spite the gains women have made in education, health and even political power in the course of a generation, violence against women and girls continues unabated in every continent, county and culture." Mother's Day was started as an anti-war movement. Unfortunately, today the globe is tottered with war activities. Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis dedicated her life for the mother, motherhood, and world peace. To honour motherhood and to act for peace is the real homage to her.

Let us on Mother's Day, and every day show our gratitude to our mothers and be with them at the hour of their need.

"Mother' – the most beautiful word on the lips of mankind"- Khalil Gibran  
Some important quotes on woman- motherhood:

I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved - Dr. B R Ambedkar.

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother - Abraham Lincoln.

The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new. - Osho  
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