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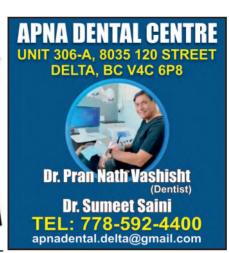


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39th annual memorial organized for the Air India bombing victims

The 39th annual memorial was organized for the 331 victims of the Air India terrorist bombings in 1985. The event was organized on Sunday, June 23 at the Air India Memorial in Stanley Park's Ceperley Playground. Family members and politicians gathered at Vancouver's Stanley Park for a ceremony marking the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism and honouring the victims of Air India Flight 182.

On June 23, 1985, 329 people, 280 of them Canadian citizens, when an explosion brought down Air India Flight 182 on its way to London, England. The flight originated in Canada and crashed off the





This year, for the first time, the mourners were joined by the Pro-Khalistan group at the Air India Memorial in Stanley Park's Ceperley Playground.

coast of Ireland. No one on board survived.

Dozens gathered to lay flowers at the official memorial site located in the park.

This year, for the first time, the mourners were joined by Pro-Khalistan group. Carrying Khalistan flags and banners expressing solidarity with the victims of the bombings, the members of Sikhs for Justice stood nearby, observing the service.

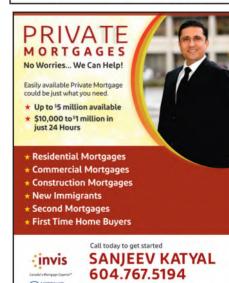
Sikhs for Justice is now calling on the federal government to launch a fresh public inquiry into the Air India bombing and to investigate the role of the Indian Government in the bombings.

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Shaheedi Purab of Sri Guru **Arjun Dev Ji celebrated**



Gurdwara Sukh Sagar organized a religious procession to commemorate and honour the Shaheedi Purab of Sri Guru Arjun Dev Ji. Thousands of people took part in the Nagar Kirtan. The event took place behind the Queensborough Community Centre on Sunday 12-5pm. Photos by Sukhwant Dhillon. Photo by Sukhwant Dhillon.

Globe and Mail article on Minister Harjit Sajjan's role in rescuing Afghan Sikhs sparks controversy

A Globe and Mail article on Federal Minister Harjit Sajjan has sparked controversy. A report published in this week's Globe and Mail newspaper made allegations that Sajjan, then-former defence minister, instructed Canadian special forces in Kabul to rescue Afghan Sikhs in Kabul in 2021. The paper, citing unnamed sources, said that Sajjan, who currently serves as the minister for emergency preparedness, "instructed



rescue about 225 Afghan Sikhs" — members of a religious minority in Afghanistan



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Canadian leaders pay tribute to victims of Air India tragedy



Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau

"Today, we remember and honour every Canadian whose life was cut short or forever changed by a terrorist attack.

"Thirty-nine years ago today, 329 innocent people, including 280 Canadians, tragically lost their lives when a bomb, planted on Air India Flight 182 in Canada, exploded mid-flight. This remains the deadliest terrorist attack in Canadian history. It reminds us of the senseless violence that terrorism perpetuates and of our shared responsibility to unequivocally condemn terrorism.

"Canada is doing its part to counter terrorism and violent extremism. We are updating our Counter-Terrorism Strategy to ensure it remains modern and effective. Through the Canada Centre for Community Engagement and Prevention of Violence, we're working with other levels of government and partners to build and share knowledge, fund and coordinate research, and support prevention efforts and interventions.

"Through the Community Resilience Fund, we're providing funding to organizations that help improve our understanding of violent extremism and our capacity to prevent these acts of violence. And earlier this week, we announced the listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist entity under Canada's Criminal Code. We will continue to work with our allies and partners, at home and around the world, to better detect, prevent, and respond to the threat of terrorism.

"On this day – and every day – we stand united against hate, intolerance, and division. We reaffirm Canada's determination

to fight against violent extremism and

Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Conser-

"Thirty-nine years ago, Canadians wit-

nessed the worst terror attack in our na-

tion's history. 329 passengers aboard Air

India Flight 182, including 280 Canadians,

were murdered while flying to the United

Kingdom from Toronto. 137 children were

We must not allow the memory of those

who lost their lives in this horrific attack

to be forgotten. We pray for the families

and loved ones whose lives were devastat-

ed by these atrocious acts. And we remain

resolved to confront terrorism everywhere

"Nobody should have to live with the

tragically denied their 18th birthday.

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upon our society. We must always defend freedom and innocent lives from monsters who traffic in violent ideologies and whose sole mission is death and destruction.

"Today, acts of terror in Canadian schools, places of worship, and communities are on the rise. Canada's Common Sense Conservatives will always fight for freedom over fear, hope over hate, and light over darkness. May this remembrance of all lives



lost in terror attacks rededicate us to this essential mission."

BC Premier David Eby

"We mark the National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism on the anniversary of this tragedy, which remains the worst terrorist attack and mass murder in Canada's history. The impacts of terrorist violence remain with families and communities long after the event. We stand with the victims and those who are left behind to mourn. Today, we reaffirm our condemnation of the violence and hatred behind these acts of cowardice. We must work to ensure that every person in this province is safe and free from terror."

A/Commr. Dave Teboul, Federal Polic-

ing RCMP
The RCMP offers our deepest sympathies, understanding and support to the families

of the victims of Air India Flight 182.

The impacts of the greatest terror-related loss of life involving and affecting Canadians in our country's history have not diminished with time. The trauma caused by the bombing on June 23, 1985 has impacted generations.

The Air India investigation is the longest and certainly one of the most complex domestic terrorism investigations that the RCMP has undertaken in our history. Our investigative efforts remain active and ongoing.

This year marks the 39th anniversary memorial, with the 40th memorial, a significant milestone, approaching in 2025. At the memorials, previous and current employees from the investigation and our greater organization, past and present will ensure we remember those lost and those left to deal with the unthinkable. Over the years, attending the memorials have been an opportunity to pay our respects to the victims and their families, and show our appreciation for all those that did so much to respond to and investigate the tragedy. We encourage you to do the same in private or at the memorials in Vancouver, To-



ronto, Montreal and Ottawa. We must never forget those innocent lives lost to this tragedy and other acts of terrorism.

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No Flagpoling: Canada will not accept Post graduate work permit applications at US-Canada border

Canada's Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Marc Miller announced last week that "effective immediately" foreign nationals can no longer apply for post-graduation work permits (PGWP). The minister said that this measure will help reduce what is known as "flagpoling." Flagpoling occurs when temporary residents of Canada bypass the normal wait times involved in applying for a work or study permit online by leaving the country and then immediately re-entering to receive same-day immigration services.

"While we continue to support and recognize the contributions of international graduates to Canada's labour market, 'flagpoling' is unnecessary. The time and effort required to process applications from 'flagpolers' takes officers on both sides of the border away from their crucial role in protecting the safety, security and prosperity of Canadians and Americans. This measure will help prevent this practice, while maintaining the integrity of our immigration system," Miller said.

Flagpoling uses significant resources at the border, taking officers away from enforcement activities, causing delays for travellers and slowing down the movement of goods. From March 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024, PGWP applicants represented about one fifth of the foreign nationals who attempted to flagpole.

"The Government of Canada is taking measures to encourage applicants to apply in Canada rather than flagpole. We continue to improve processing times, and are moving toward a more integrated, modernized and centralized working environment to help speed up application processing globally," Miller said. The change announced today increases fairness amongst applicants and is another step that the Government of Canada is taking to reduce flagpoling. We'll continue to look for ways to reduce flagpoling so our shared border with the US runs smoothly and efficiently, benefitting both our nations."

In most cases, a study permit expires 90 days after the expected completion of an international student's study program.



Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

When an eligible graduating student applies online for a PGWP before their study permit expires, they can work full-time while they wait for approval on a work permit and receive an automated letter that can be shown to employers. When a work permit is approved, it's mailed directly to them

Flagpoling hours were recently reduced at 12 ports of entry across Canada to allow border services officers to efficiently process the large volume of travellers in peak periods and to focus on other key priorities, including high-risk travellers and trade facilitation.

Other recent measures to address flagpoling have included speeding up processing times for in-Canada work permit applications, simplifying online application forms and processes so foreign nationals can continue working while they wait for a decision on their new application, authorizing workers to start working for a new employer right away, rather than waiting to have their new work permit application processed before changing jobs.





Jasvindar Singh of Surrey charged in catalytic converter trafficking investigation

harges have been approved against a 50-year-old Surrey man Jasvindar (Jas) Singh after an investigation by Burnaby RCMP's Prolific Offender Suppression Team (POST), which resulted in the recovery of 439 catalytic converters, the majority of which were believed to be stolen and destined for shipment to the United States.

Burnaby RCMP launched an investigation into the rising problem of catalytic converter



suspect has been charged in Arelation to the homicide of Tory Dunn.

On June 16, 2024, the Surrey RCMP responded to a call at a residence near the 9800-block of 182A Street, Surrey. Upon arrival, members located a woman, later identified as 30year old Tory Dunn, with lifethreatening injuries. Despite attempts at life-saving measures, Ms. Dunn succumbed to her injuries. While on route to the scene, officers located 40-year old Adam Troy Mann of Ontario, who was subsequently taken into police custody in relation to the homicide with the assistance of the Integrated Police Dog Service (IPDS).

Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investigation and continued to work closely in partnership with the Surrey RCMP, the BC Coroners Service and the Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS) to advance the investigation.

On June 28, 2024, the BC Prosecution Service approved one count of second-degree murder against Adam Troy Mann, who remained in custody, in relation to the homicide of Tory Dunn.

"The investigation does not end here. IHIT will continue to work with the Surrey RCMP to collect evidence and find answers," says Sergeant Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "This tragic event has shaken the entire community. Those in need of support are recommended to contact the Surrey RCMP's Victim Services."

IHIT is asking anyone with dashcamera or surveillance video in the area around the 9800-block of 182A Street, Surrey, on June 16, 2024 between 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

As this investigation is now before the courts, IHIT will not be available for comment.



theft in the city in 2021.

Like many communities across the country, Burnaby has seen an increase in the theft of these emission control devices due to the resale value of the metals they contain.

ICBC estimates that in the first seven months of 2023 catalytic converter theft resulted in province. In 2022, Burnaby had an estimated 725 catalytic converters reported stolen.

During POST's investigation, dubbed Project E-Pagwa, a man who was allegedly knowingly purchasing stolen catalytic converters from property crime offenders across the Lower Mainland was identified.

The accused ran a mobile business recycling

which salvaged vehicles and legitimately shipped catalytic converters across the border in bulk. However, he was allegedly also purchasing stolen catalytic converters and including them in the U.S.bound shipments.

On June 1, 2023, Burnaby RCMP executed search warrants at four locations linked to the accused, including his home, business,

and an industrial works yard. In total, 439 catalytic converters, including 392 pre-packaged for shipment to the U.S., were seized. On May 31, 2024, the BC Prosecution Service approved the following charges against Jasvindar (Jas) Singh, 50, of Surrey, B.C.

"The accused was alleged to be heavily involved in the purchase of stolen catalytic converters, resulting in the largest catalytic converter seizure our officers have ever seen," said Sgt. Jamie Belleville, with Burnaby RCMP's Prolific Offender Suppression Team. "This was a lengthy and complicated investigation that utilized a number of investigative techniques, including undercover operation."

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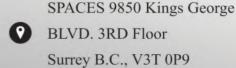
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From the Frontline to Digital Forensics: Career Opportunities Expand as SPS Prepares for Change of Command

Surrey Police Service (SPS) continues preparations to assume command of policing on November 29, 2024, in collaboration with the policing transition partners. An important part of this preparation is expanding SPS's hiring to more diverse policing positions to ensure Surrey's new police service has the varied skill sets and experience levels required to serve a large, dynamic city.

Like all major police agencies, SPS will have many specialized units in addition to the critical operations on the Frontline. Specialized policing units such as Gang Enforcement, Organized Crime, Economic and Cyber Crime, Prolific Offenders, Missing Persons, and Traffic

Collision Investigation are integral to supporting Surrey's public safety needs.

SPS has now posted over 20 different positions for experienced police officers and a number of civilian support staff positions, in addition to the regular hiring of Recruit Constables. These positions require various levels of experience and expertise, and span SPS's three policing bureaus: Community Policing, Support Services, and Investigative Services.

As SPS continues to grow, it is imperative to ensure SPS is staffed with officers who have a range of experience – from new recruits to mid-career officers, to those with senior service



SPS Chief Constable Norm Lipinski

levels. To support recruitment of the critical Frontline policing operations, SPS is joining other police agencies in offering

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In addition, SPS is launching an Alternate Retirement Option (ARO) | Surrey Police. In order to attract those who are nearing the

end of their career with another agency, this option essentially allows officers who have satisfied the requirements of the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP) to continue their policing career with SPS with no additional cost to SPS. This will allow invaluable expertise to be utilized and retained in Surrey as SPS continues to build.

"As we carry out our critical path to the November 29, 2024, change of command date, it is imperative that we add police officers with experience and knowledge in all policing areas so we can provide Surrey residents with a skilled and comprehensive policing service," says Chief Constable Norm Lipinski. "By working to attract officers of varying years

of service and expertise, we are supporting succession planning and knowledge transfer within our organization and the community for decades to come."

SPS has two remaining opportunities onboarding for experienced officers in September and October, before organization becomes police of jurisdiction November. All new experienced officer hires complete a comprehensive SPS training program before deployment. SPS also continues to hire recruits for three classes each year (January, May, September).

SPS's current postings for specialty positions, uniformed policing, and civilian positions can be found at https://careers. surreypolice.ca/. Experienced officers can learn more about the Frontline Signing Bonus and the Alternate Retirement Option at www.surreypolice. ca/experienced-officers.

SPS's hiring is aligned with the City of Surrey's annual policing budget, which provides funding for a total of 785 police officers in 2024. Any future increase to the number of police officers in Surrey would be requested by the Chief Constable through the Surrey Police Board and would require approval of Surrey City Council.



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Former Ottawa deputy police chief **Uday Jaswal charged with sexual assault**

Investigations Unit (SIU) has charged Uday Jaswal, a former Ottawa police deputy chief with sexual assault against a woman.

Jaswal, who rose to become deputy chief in Ottawa, was an inspector at the time of the alleged offence.

In a news release Tuesday, SIU director Joseph Martino said he has reasonable grounds to believe that the former officer committed a criminal offence in 2011 against a woman.

He said Jaswal was arrested by members of the SIU on Tuesday and later released with several conditions, including: not to communicate with the woman; not to go within 100 m of the woman; and not to possess a firearm, cross-bow, prohibited weapon, restricted weapon, prohibited device, ammunition, prohibited ammunition explosive substance and to surrender those in his possession. Jaswal was ordered to appear in court on July 18.

He is believed to be the highestranking Ottawa police officer ever to face such a serious charge in criminal court, according to Ottawa Citizen.

Jaswal's lawyer, Ari Goldkind, said in a statement that his client will vigorously defend against what he termed a false accusation, and will be seeking the earliest possible trial date.

"The Special Investigations Unit for Ontario has chosen to charge Mr. Jaswal with an allegation that is both opportunistic and



factually implausible after a 15-month delay, and despite numerous requests for an update by counsel," Goldkind said. He insisted the SIU has "no objective evidence to support these allegations."

Jaswal resigned from the Ottawa Police Service in 2022, nearly two years into a suspension over sexual harassment allegations and just days ahead of an Ontario Civilian Police Commission hearing on the matter.

Ottawa Police Service said in a statement, "DC Jaswal resigned from the Service in February 2022. The Ottawa Police Service is mindful of the impact on the community and our members. We encourage anyone who needs support to reach out to available resources. We urge victims to report any such incident to police. Investigators will respect a victim's wish to pursue or not pursue an investigation or criminal charges.



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According to media reports, some were angered by the presence of the Khalistan supporters.

Speaking at the memorial service, Health Minister Adrian Dix, said the killers clearly didn't care about the 82 children who were among those on board. "They knew children would be on the airplane, they knew the school year had ended, they knew people were travelling for holidays and they did it anyway," he said. He read out the names of all the victims of the tragedy.

The newly appointed Consul General of India in Vancouver Masakui Rungsung reaffirmed India's unwavering commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and urged to stand firm in defending peace, unity and justice against those who seek to spread fear and harm. He said India salutes the resilience, tenacity and indomitable spirit of families of the victims.

The Indian High Commission issued a statement condemning the act and expressed disappointment that such actions are "allowed to be routine in Canada".

"Any act of glorifying terrorism, including the bombing of Al-182 in 1985, is deplorable and should be condemned by all peace-loving countries and people. It is unfortunate that such actions are allowed to be routine on many occasion .. in Canada," it said in a statement.

The statement emphasized the tragedy as the worst in Canadia n aviation history and an unbearable loss for the victims' families and humanity as a whole.

Addressing the gathering at the memorial in Ottawa, India's High Commissioner to Ottawa Sanjay Kumar Verma said, "No government in the world should overlook the threat of terrorism emanating from

lives are much more important than the transitory political interests."

"We still await for full and desired justice to the families of the victims of the bombing," he said, while describing the bombing as a "heinously planned cowardly attack carried out by individuals with a twisted ideology".

On June 23, 1985, 280 Canadians, including 86 children, heading from Toronto to London lost their lives when a bomb detonated, sending the aircraft crashing into the ocean off the coast of Ireland. During the bombing trial, Crown lawyers alleged that B.C.-based Sikh separatists planned the attack against state-owned Air India. Only one person was convicted in the case: Inderjit Singh Reyat, who served a total of 30 years in prison for a combination of manslaughter, perjury and his role in constructing the

its territories for political gains. Human bombs, before his release in January

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Two others, Ajaib Singh Bagri and Ripudaman Singh, were acquitted of murder and conspiracy charges.

While there are memorials in places like Vancouver's Stanley Park and \ in Toronto, the tragedy is still absent from many Canadian history books. An Angus Reid Study done in 2023 found that ninein-ten Canadians said they have little (61%) or no (28%) knowledge of the worst single instance of the mass killing of their fellow citizens, with three-in-five (58%) of those younger than 35 saying they have never even heard of it.

In British Columbia, where the conspiracy to commit the bombings was hatched, and Ontario, where many of the victims lived, awareness was higher, but fewer than one-in-six in each province said they knew a lot about the attack.

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Globe and Mail article on Minister.

who were "not considered an operational priority for the Canadian military as they had no link to Canada."

The Globe and Mail said some of its military sources felt "Sajjan was out of line in pressing Canadian special forces to rescue the Afghan Sikhs" because the operation involved "intense planning and it meant fewer soldiers were available to screen people awaiting the last flights out of Kabul."

Speaking to reporters at an unrelated announcement in B.C., Sajjan denied the allegations and called the article "utter BS." When a reporter asked him about the rescue operation in Afghanistan, Sajjan said, "Let me direct the Globe and Mail article quite directly because honestly, it is utter BS. Those who were following the evacuation mission know quite well that there was an approved government policy to safely evacuate as many vulnerable

Afghans as possible which included obviously Canadians first, those who work with us like interpreters, it also included vulnerable Afghans which included religious minorities like the Afghan Sikhs and Hindus. I can assure you all effort was done to carry this out and do this in a safe manner to get as many people out."

He felt that he would not have been getting such questions if he was not wearing the turban. "Those who know me they know that during my career, I have rarely talked about what racism and what it actually meant, but I will be honest with you it needs to be called out."

Sajjan's sentiment was echoed by the World Sikh Organization, an advocacy group. "The article raises questions around the efforts to evacuate Afghan Sikhs during the fall of Kabul in August 2021. These evacuation efforts were driven by the dire humanitarian need to protect the highly vulnerable Afghan Sikh and Hindu communities. Allegations that Minister Harjit Sajjan acted inappropriately are unfounded and appear to be influenced by bias against his Sikh identity."

WSO President Danish Singh stated, "Evacuating vulnerable groups like Afghan Sikhs and Hindus was a humanitarian duty that any Canadian minister should have undertaken. The suggestion that Minister Harjit Sajjan acted on this issue because he is a Sikh is deeply troubling and reflects a disturbing bias. The Globe and Mail story doesn't mention the history of terror attacks and suicide bombings faced by Afghan Sikhs and Hindus. It also doesn't mention the ongoing threats by Islamic State to wipe these communities out. There was no doubt that Sikhs, being a very visible minority, would continue to be the target of attacks. The attempts to evacuate Afghan Sikhs and Hindus were not about favouritism but about responding to an urgent humanitarian crisis.

WSO said, "It's deeply concerning

that humanitarian efforts to rescue an undeniably vulnerable community are being scrutinized through a lens of bias. Our focus should be on Canada's moral and international obligation to protect those at risk, regardless of their religious or ethnic background. The insinuation that Minister Sajjan prioritized Sikh interests over Canadian interests is not only baseless but also dangerously divisive. This narrative perpetuates a troubling and unfounded stereotype about Sikh Canadians having disproportionate influence in politics - a claim that has long been used to marginalize Sikh voices in public discourse. Ironically, while Sikh Canadians have advocated since 2015 that more should be done to save the lives of Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, it's a failed lastminute evacuation attempt by Canadian forces that is now being mischaracterized as special treatment or undue privilege. We would agree with Minister Sajjan's

assessment- if he did not wear a turban, there would be no question as to whether his actions were appropriate."



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More Bus Shelters Needed To Support Workers In Delta

Thousands of riders commute to Tilbury, Annacis Island: Councillor Jennifer Johal

BC: elta, Jennifer Johal wants more bus shelters to improve transportation infrastructure for commuters working at Delta's industrial zones, Tilbury and Annacis Island.

Johal's notice of motion seeking greater investment in bus shelters to support workers was discussed at meeting of Delta Council.

"Tilbury and Annacis Island are critical industrial zones for our

Councillor city, with thousands of workers commuting there every day," said Johal. "No one should have to wait in the elements, unprotected, after working an eight to twelvehour shift. I've seen makeshift seating areas including lawn chairs placed by labourers waiting for transportation. We can do better."

Of the 73 bus stops in Tilbury and Annacis, only 10 are currently with bus shelters. serviced



Since 2019, bus boardings have increased by over 20% in Tilbury, and by a staggering 43% on Annacis Island.

"This is about supporting workers," said Councillor Dylan Kruger, who is seconding the motion. "Tilbury and Annacis Island represent the largest employment hubs in Delta. If we want to continue to attract highquality jobs to our city, we have to ensure accessible public transit to safe and dry bus shelters." Johal's motion instructs staff to assess existing transit infrastructure on Tilbury and Annacis Island, identify opportunities to install new bus

experiences. This includes access

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shelters, and explore potential funding sources and partnerships. Should the motion pass, staff will report back to council with the results of the assessment at a future meeting.



BC sues corporations involved in widespread contamination of drinking-water systems

VICTORIA, BC: Niki Sharma, Attorney General, said in a statement informed the Province of British Columbia has taken the lead in Canada in prosecuting civil damages claims against corporations that cause widespread public harms to people in B.C., including in recent years against tobacco and opiate manufacturers

She said BC will hold manufacturers of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly known as

'forever chemicals,' accountable for the widespread PFAS contamination affecting drinking-water systems across Canada.

The Province has filed a national class proceeding in British Columbia Supreme Court to recover the costs of detecting and removing the 'forever chemicals' from drinking-water systems across the country. B.C. is suing the defendants listed in the claim for negligently designing defective products, negligently failing to warn of the risks associated with their products, breaches of the Competition Act and civil conspiracy. "This class action seeks compensation for the cost of issues caused by 'forever chemicals' being present in our drinking-water systems. This case will ensure that companies that created the problem, and profited from these chemicals, pay their fair share," Sharma

875 more seats to be created in three Surrey schools

 Γ amilies in Surrey will have 875 more student spaces in their community as part of the government's plan to expand schools faster.

prefabricated additions Three new include 17 classrooms at Old Yale Road Elementary, six classrooms at Latimer Road Elementary and 12 at William Watson Elementary. The use of prefabricated materials means students will get modern learning environments, which include multiple classrooms and corridors, that are built quickly. The new classrooms are

expected to be ready in fall 2025. With sustainable and energy-efficient designs, the additions also align with the Province's CleanBC targets and meet B.C.'s enhanced energy requirements.

"The provincial investment of \$52.5 million is in addition to the government's significant investments for new and expanded schools in Surrey, with more than \$800 million to create more than 13,500 new student seats in the past six

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Raj Chouhan nominated BC NDP candidate in Burnaby-New Westminster

Raj Chouhan, now officially the BC NDP candidate for Burnaby-New Westminster. Raj Chouhan moved to Canada in 1973, and has spent his career fighting for regular people. Elected five times as MLA, Raj is the first South Asian person to serve as Speaker of the House in the BC legislature.

Raj is the founding President of the Canadian Farmworkers' Union and the founding member of the BC Organization to Fight Racism. He knows that regular people need a government that works for them, not the rich and the powerful.

in Burnaby-New Westminster need strong public services. They need a government that will invest. Falcon and Rustad made deep cuts to healthcare and



education once. They'd do it again," said Chouhan. "Our BC NDP team is committed to taking action on the issues that people in Burnaby-New Westminster care about. We are in your corner."

Liberals lose longtime stronghold seat in Toronto St Paul's by-election

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Yonservative candidate Don Stewart captured the longtime Liberal stronghold of Toronto-St. Paul's in a byelection. The seat was a Liberal stronghold for past three

Political experts say the loss deals a crushing blow to the party, and could spell catastrophic losses in the next general election for the Liberals, which must be called by October

Conservative candidate and financial professional Stewart won 42.1 per cent of the vote, beating longtime Liberal staffer Leslie Church, who received 40.5 per cent.

Stewart's victory is shocking because the seat has been held by the Liberals for more than 30 years — even through the party's past low points, such as the 2011 federal election that returned just 34 Liberal MPs to Parliament.

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre described Stewart's win as a "shocking upset", saying locals "voted to axe the tax, build the homes, fix the budget and stop the crime".



Conservative candidate Don Stewart

PM Justin Trudeau also addressed the defeat at a news conference in Vancouver, but did not take questions.

"This was obviously not the result we wanted.

But I want to be clear that I hear people's concerns and frustrations. These are not easy times, and it's clear that I and my entire Liberal team have much more work to do to deliver tangible, real progress that Canadians across the country can see and feel," said the prime minister.

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said she still had faith in Prime Minister Trudeau's leadership, after the party lost.

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875 more seats to be

Construction is underway for the new Snokomish Elementary and Ta'talu Elementary, and additions to Semiahmoo Trail Elementary and South Meridian Elementary," said Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care.

"Prefabricated additions are one solution our government is making to help quickly bring much-needed student spaces to our community," said Mike Starchuk, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale. "The addition to William Watson will benefit students for decades to come."

More prefabricated classrooms were announced in May 2024 for Walnut Road Elementary and a new addition for Martha Currie Elementary, adding another 250 student seats. Prefabricated additions announced in 2023 are also underway for Lena Shaw Elementary, Woodland Park Elementary and Walnut Road Elementary. They are expected to open in fall 2024 and add 875



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Increased Family Benefit cheques on the way to BC families

Increased BC Family Benefit Lpayments are arriving in bank accounts this summer. Families will receive on average \$445 more than last year with a oneyear bonus added to BC Family Benefit payments.

The BC Family Benefit provides a tax-free monthly payment to eligible families with children under 18. Announced as part of Budget 2024, the BC Family Benefit bonus provides families with a boost on average of \$445 over a 12-month period. On average, families will receive approximately \$2,000 over a year. A two-parent family with two kids will on average receive \$1,760. Single-parent families typically qualify for higher payments and will receive on

average \$2,790.

"With global inflation and high interest rates driving up daily costs, we know families are being hit hard right now," said Premier David Eby. We're increasing support to low- and middleincome British Columbians through an expanded BC Family Benefit. Getting a little extra money to families for the basics is one of the ways we're helping people who are feeling squeezed right now."

About 340,000 families with children, which is 66,000 more than last year, will receive the benefit through monthly deposits in their bank accounts or mailed cheques starting in mid-July.

The 25% increase through the bonus means a family of four



could potentially receive as much as \$3,563 annually, while a single parent with one child could receive as much as \$2,688.

The BC Family Benefit is a payment from the Government of

> B.C. delivered to people by direct deposit or cheque as a payment from the Canada Revenue Agency and arrives as a

combined payment with the federal Canada Child Benefit. Many of the benefits and credits

are available automatically for eligible people when they file their taxes. The Province will not contact people by text message. A text message about a tax credit may be fraudulent. If unsure, contact: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.

Almost 70% of families in British Columbia will receive the benefit in 2024. People who receive the BC Family Benefit also get money back through the Climate Action Tax Credit. The BC Family Benefit is issued alongside the Canada Child Benefit payment on or around the 20th of every month.

The new payment amounts for 2024-25 are as follows:

- Families with net income below (as determined on your 2023 tax return) \$35,902:
- * \$2,188 for a family's first child (up from \$1,750);
- * \$1,375 for a family's second child (up from \$1,100); and
- * \$1,125 for each additional
- child (up from \$900). * Families with net income below \$114,887 will be guaranteed the following minimum amounts:
- * \$969 for a family's first child (up from \$775);
- \$937 for a family's second child (up from \$750); and
- * \$906 for each additional child (up from \$725).
- * Families who make less than \$139,000 with one child and families who make less than \$162,000 with two children will receive a partial benefit.

Surrey RCMP arrest woman for allegedly reselling stolen goods from her home



Surrey RCMP executed a search warrant on a residence in Maple Ridge and arrested a woman running a retail fencing scheme (reselling stolen merchandise) from her home.

The search warrant was executed at a residence in the 10100-block of Jackson Road, Maple Ridge, following an investigation into possession of property obtained by crime.

Officers arrested one woman, and seized hundreds of designer brand clothing items; including jackets, tops, leggings, and other sports and fashion items. Police estimate the total value of items to be over \$43,000. The woman is alleged to have advertised the stolen goods for sale using Facebook Market Place. She is believed to have been selling items at a significant discount from the original retail prices. The woman is also alleged to have setup a retail-style storefront within her home to facilitate the selling of the stolen goods.

"If the deal is too good to be true, it probably is and we are asking buyers to be aware," said S/Sgt Nigel Pronger, North CRU Commander. "The Surrey RMCP apply a comprehensive retail strategy by working closely with our retail partners. The community can also play a part by reporting suspicious activity and not giving a market for these criminals to exploit."

The Surrey RCMP continues to investigate this case and are looking to speak to anyone who may have inadvertently purchased sports or fashion items from this suspect. Contact the Surrey RCMP non-emergency line 604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-49449 as investigators work towards gathering more information.





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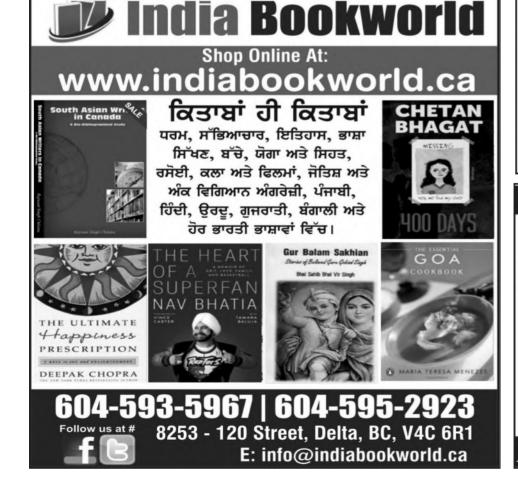


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Delta high school student Kimran Boparai awarded BC Transplant scholarship for organ donation awareness project

A Delta high school student is one of five recipients of the BC Transplant "Live life. Pass it on." scholarship for encouraging their communities to register as organ donors.

Kimran is a student at North Delta Secondary School. She has personally experienced the power of organ transplant through her brother, a kidney recipient. This inspired her to give back by raising awareness in her school community.

Kimran says, "The singular choice of organ donation changed the course of not only my brother's life, but my entire family's lives as well. Though Daya was lucky enough to match with a donor, there are still countless individuals in British Columbia, and around the world, waiting for transplants that could alter the course of their lives for the better."

She organized Green Shirt Day and a creative fundraiser at her school where



students could nominate a teacher to get "pied" by donating to support transplant

research. At that fundraiser, Kimran also spoke with participants about the

importance of registering their decision on organ donation. The event created

> a lot of conversation, which resulted in the school district sharing a story about Kimran and her campaign.

BC Transplant awards four \$1500 scholarships to grade 10-12 students who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community during the 2023/24 school year. However, this year the 5 winners were selected. According to BC Transplant, "With a great turnout of applications, choosing this year's scholarship winners was a challenging decision. Students created many unique and successful organ donation and transplant campaigns in their schools. The calibre of applications was so high, BC Transplant awarded an extra scholarship this year, for a total of five scholarship winners. These five students created exceptional projects that went beyond their school community and demonstrated a deep understanding of the purpose of the scholarship. "

Simone Duifhuis, Malia Kumar, Narmaya Sternberg and Niharika Yadav are other recipients of the award.

Niharika Yadav is from Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, Surrey. Niharika organized a Green Shirt Day event at Queen Elizabeth Secondary School, creating a presentation on organ donation for students and making announcements schoolwide. But she recognized there was a knowledge gap within her own South Asian community. "I found out that organ donation is considered a taboo topic in my community," explains Niharika. "I thought it was interesting considering Hinduism and Sikhism teachings encourage everyone to do selfless acts. Being an organ donor is a selfless act, yet I do not think people see it that way."

So, Niharika decided she wanted to make a difference. She set up information tables at a temple for two events. She also created a radio ad on RED FM, a popular South Asian radio station. She worked hard to help dispel myths and create more awareness, speaking with many community members.

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Property Tax Increases Unacceptable and Unsustainable for Businesses: Surrey Board of Trade

President and CEO, Surrey Board of Trade Anita Huberman says that over the past three weeks, the Board has received numerous complaints about the high percentage level of property tax increases for businesses.

"Class 5 and 6 are facing average increases of 23.7% and 7% this year, respectively with one business reporting a 120% increase," said Huberman. "Businesses do not have the capacity to pay such high taxes given the cash flow challenges caused by the pandemic, supply shortages, natural disasters, inflation, interest rate increases, and workforce challenges. We need a tax climate that is conducive to the success and sustainability of businesses. Over the years, all levels of governments have put significant tax burdens on business, including regulatory burdens that inhibit a business' ability to grow."

She says reasons for taxation are:



1. BC ASSESSMENTS & LAND VALUES

Assessed values of land for all asset classes increased significantly across the market. BC Assessment determines the value of each property each year at July 1, using the income approach to valuation, using market rent rather than actual rent. The assessed value could be higher than market or appraised value. A limited number of businesses go to BC Assessment to dispute the value of their home or business property.

2. MUNICIPALITY TAX ALLOCATION AND MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

Each municipality allocates a tax rate for each type of property. Any budget increases or re-allocations by council will increase taxes.

3. REGIONAL TAXATION

The tax rate includes amounts for BC Assessment, Metro Vancouver, Municipal Finance, sewer and TransLink. This increase appears to differ by municipality.

4. SUPPLY

Supply continues to be strained in an already underserved market.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

- Write letters and send feedback to your local, provincial and regional governments and senior officials
- Speak at the council meeting where the city budget is presented
- Advocacy on assessments and land values
- Advanced and proactive communication by all levels of government to business (give time to support adjustments)
- Review industry classifications
- Advocate for a corporate vote
- Government needs to conduct a comprehensive tax review
- Present to the public budget meeting of your council
- Let the media know to amplify your voice
- Use the power of social media to bring awareness
- Add your voice the Surrey Board of Trade's advocacy efforts

Surrey to expedite permitting through automated compliance tool 'eCheck'

Surrey City Council approved the award of a contract to Archistar Pty. Ltd. for an automated rule-based zoning bylaw compliance tool for a three-year term. Called 'eCheck,' this tool aims to streamline zoning bylaw compliance issues in residential building permit applications, improving the quality of applications and speeding up the permitting process.

"We're addressing Surrey's growing housing needs with innovative solutions to ensure our community is supported as it grows," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The goal of this tool is to help speed up the permitting process and help

accelerate housing development. We're committed to being a leader in urban planning and development, and this new tool will help us achieve our vision of building a vibrant, sustainable, and livable city for all."

On December 4, 2023, the City received approval for 95.6 million from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). Surrey's HAF Action Plan outlined eight initiatives aimed at increasing the housing supply. This includes the research and implementation of Artificial Intelligence powered digital compliance

capabilities to support the evaluation of development permit application. For more details on Surrey's Housing Action Plan

With the eCheck software, single-family developers will be available to vet their submissions for preliminary compliance with the City's zoning requirements in advance of a formal application. Through this system, developers can receive instant feedback on their permit applications, enhancing certainty to the quality of submissions, reducing the plan checking efforts and accelerating the delivery of housing in our community. This software will not



remove the role of the plan checker in the approval process.

Through a competitive procurement process, Archistar demonstrated that its automated rule-based zoning bylaw compliance software can produce an accurate review of common zoning non-compliance issues such as building height and setbacks. Staff will begin the implementation of eCheck for rollout later this year.

For more information on the award of contract to Archistar, log on to: https://www.surrey.ca/sites/default/files/corporate-reports/CR_2024-R117.pdf



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B.C. Premier Explores Richmond **Gurdwara's Rich History and Contributions During Visit**

By Balwant Sanghera

t was a matter of great pleasure for Ithe management committee and the Sangat of India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 8600 #5 Road, Richmond to welcome B.C. Premier David Eby to the Gurdwara on Monday, June 17. On behalf of the management committee, Secretary Balwant Sanghera welcomed Mr. Eby upon his arrival at the Gurdwara. Before going inside, the Premier took a brief tour of the Gurdwara grounds.

He was very impressed with the beautiful park and its surroundings. This park is a popular spot for the newly wed couples and their families to take wedding pictures. Another attractive feature of this park is the 300-year celebration memento of the Khalsa's Sirjna Divas (1699-1999) memorial presented to Gurdwara Nanak Niwas by 36 Sikh Societies of BC and Washington State in 1999. The Premier



was very impressed with this historical monument

Before meeting with members of the management committee and the Sangat, Premier Eby paid obeisance to Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji. The he met committee members Secretary Sanghera President Mohan Singh Sandhu. The Premier was then briefed on the history of the Gurdwara Sahib from 1983 to the present and the services the Gurdwara provides to the South Asian community

and the community at large. Premier Eby was informed by Sandhu, Sanghera and Mrs. Manjit Kaur Johal that amongst other contributions to the community this Gurdwara has raised large amounts of money for Richmond Hospital and for the purchase of five kidney dialysis machines -three for Rehpa Hospital and two for Guru Nanak Mission Hospital in the Punjab.

These machines were bought through the Nargis Dutt Cancer Foundation at a very reasonable cost. It was brought to the Premier's attention that Gurdwara Nanak Niwas welcomes visitors, especially students from all over. They come here to learn about Sikhism, the South Asian community and related matters. This Gurdwara also serves as the headquarters of the Highway to Heaven Association.

For example, in 2017, the Gurdwara hosted 13 United Nations Ambassadors from New York who were visiting Vancouver for a conference on Peace and Defence. They were keen to learn about Highway to Heaven Association. The Ambassadors were very impressed by the fact that devotees of most of the major religions of different denominations along a few kilometers of # 5 Road in Richmond have been working closely together in supporting each other and celebrating intercultural and religious harmony and diversity.

After enjoying Langar with the committee members, Premier Eby spoke about the efforts being made to improve the International Credentials related difficulties being faced by new comers, Pharmacare and bus passes etc.

The Premier thanked the management committee of the Gurdwara and the Sangat for the very warm welcome and an enjoyable visit.

(Balwant Sanghera is Secretary, India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas 8600 #5 Road, Richmond, BC)



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Surrey Board of Trade and Western Community College Open Surrey Technology and Skills Centre

The Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) together with Western Community College (WCC) officially inaugrated the Surrey Technology and Skills Centre.

Strategically located in Surrey's Health & Technology District, considered a beacon of innovation and opportunity has emerged, a unique, groundbreaking initiative designed to make Surrey a technology destination.

Brought to life through a visionary partnership between business and education, Western Community College and the Surrey Board of Trade have cocreated a state-of-the-art facility to be a thriving ecosystem where technology, education and business converge.

The Surrey Technology and Skills Centre will incubate the Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence, the Blockchain Centre of Excellence, the Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre,

Entrepreneurship Hubs for women, youth, and newcomers, plus the expansion of the Surrey International Trade Centre and the Surrey Workforce Development Hub.

"The Surrey Board of Trade is revolutionizing the chamber of commerce/board of trade industry to bring a unique, groundbreaking initiative designed to make Surrey a technology destination," said Anita Huberman, President and CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "We have a huge opportunity to propel Surrey's technology and innovation by collaborating with government, businesses and academia."

The Surrey Board of Trade's partnership with Western Community College is building a bridge between education and business, collaborating on several federal and provincial labour market training programs to build a vibrant and digitally skilled labour workforce, and addressing the labour challenges of Surrey's business community. "The Surrey Technology and Skills Centre represents our commitment to fostering innovation and equipping students with the skills they need to thrive in the technology and business sectors," said Gurpal Dhaliwal, President, Western Community College. "This state-of-the-art facility, strategically located in Surrey's Health & Technology District, is a testament to our dedication to collaboration and leadership. Together with the Surrey Board of Trade, we are not just building a centre; we are creating an ecosystem where education and technology converge to shape a smarter, safer future for all." The Surrey Technology and

Skills Centre is more than a space—it's technology balanced with the human touch as Surrey becomes the largest city in British Columbia. Coworking spaces, pod spaces, and collaboration areas all work towards moving Surrey to being a leader in shaping the next generation of tech leaders to help build a safer, smarter world.





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South Facing sunny backyard

The residence offers a total of 7 bedrooms and 11 process. Moreover, its proximity to key

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Surrey Council eases stormwater drainage requirements to spur development

During its Regular Council Meeting on Monday, Surrey City Council approved changes that relax Residential Storm Pump requirements for single-family properties. These changes remove barriers to development, allowing for the redevelopment of hard-toservice properties and increasing the supply of housing options in Surrey. The new policy permits private pumping of stormwater from foundation drains into the City's existing stormwater sewers in certain circumstances. Additionally, the City will allow basements where they would otherwise be precluded by the local hydraulic grade line, with support for variance applications to certain definitions and height restrictions.

"We are pleased to take this step towards increasing housing density and affordability in Surrey while also ensuring that our stormwater management systems are protected," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "This change will allow home builders to construct more homes with basements, which is a highly desirable feature for many residents, ultimately providing more options for families and individuals looking to call Surrey home." This decision comes after Council directed staff to consider options to deal with drainage issues that previously restricted development of single-family homes.

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to construct basements where they would otherwise be precluded by the local hydraulic grade line. The City's Planning and Development Department will work with the Engineering Department to develop policy and procedures to support these changes.

Surrey Council considers \$4.47M for road safety improvements, new sidewalks

urrey City Council is consider-Sing \$4.47 M in contracts for a variety of road improvement projects throughout the city.

"Road safety is a top priority for our Council, and we are committed to investing in infrastructure that protects the well-being of our residents," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "These projects demonstrate our dedication to creating safer and more accessible roads for all users, from pedestrians to drivers. Over the next four years, we are investing \$300M in transportation improvements. We're proud to be taking proactive steps to ensure our city's roads are equipped to handle the growing demands of our community."

Council will be considering a \$772,000 contract with Crown Contracting Ltd. for new sidewalks and a pedestrian crossing along 14 Avenue between King George Boulevard and 161B Street, near South Meridian Elementary School, and new sidewalks along the south side of 84 Avenue between King Creek and 140 Street.

The Council is also considering a \$3.7M contract for All Roads Construction Ltd. for intersection safety intersection safety improvements including a new round-

about, two new traffic circles, and improvements to an existing traffic circle.

The projects are as follows: **Project Description**

Location

New Roundabout 132 Street & 60 Avenue

Traffic Circle Improvement 1 3 3 Street & 102A Avenue

New Traffic Circle 134 Street & 92 Avenue

New Traffic Circle 124 Street & 90 Avenue

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Newton Athletic Park gears up for BC Junior Ultimate **Championships**

The BC Junior Ultimate Championships (BCUC) are set to take place at Newton Athletic Park on July 6 and 7. This year's event will have a record number of teams and clubs participating.

"Hosting the BC Junior Ultimate Championships highlights Surrey's dedication to fostering youth sports and promoting community engagement through athletic events," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "I understand this year's provincial championship is the biggest ever with more than 30

teams and 700 athletes from across British Columbia. We are thrilled to welcome athletes, their families, and supporters to our city for this exciting event."

As the provincial championships and a key qualifier for the Canadian Ultimate Championships in August, the tournament will offer intense competition and exciting displays of skill.

For more details, visit https:// www.surrey.ca/news-events/ events/bc-junior-ultimate-champi-

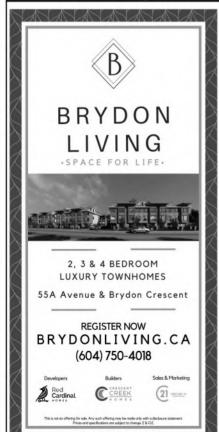


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11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

home at a prime location in a quiet neighbourhood of Royal Heights features with 7 Bedrooms & 5 Washrooms, very spacious open concept kitchen with quartz countertops & stainless steel appliances, Huge Living Room & Family Room, tons of Natural Light, Stone front, Glass Railing, Air Conditioning Upstairs. 2+1 Bedroom Suites as great mortgage helpers. Enjoy your morning tea in the open front deck or the covered sundeck in the backyard. Easy Access to Hwy 17, Scott Rd Skytrain station, Schools and Shopping.

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5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

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2024 Ford F-150 STX - Special Edition is Snazzy!

Auto Review By Veeno Dewan

know it's been said countless times before, but the Ford F-150 is still the best-selling vehicle in North America. And for good reason, it is versatile, reliable, roomy and comes in variety of cab styles and bed configurations. There are five engine choices form mild to wild and in trims ranging from basic work trucks, mid-level luxury, off road orientated models to optioned-out cruisers, and hairy V8 Performance monsters. Add comfortable well-equipped cabins, and various tow and payload hauling options and its still a winner.

What's new with the Ford F-150 for 2024? Fresh headlights and taillamps are now added which add a unique a light signature from the frontal aspect. Cabin wise, look for the new head-up display that's now on offer on some models along with as standard bigger touch screen displays. Even the base models have the 12-inch screen. Nifty options include a Pro Power Onboard generator and a smart Pro Access tailgate.

Engine choices include the 2.7L Eco-Boost V6 with 325 hp/400 lb-ft and the 3.5L EcoBoost V6 is available in two versions: 400hp/500 torque or the tuned 50hp/510torque in the performance Raptor model.. One cool option is the PowerBoost models is also available with a 7.2-kW generator in the truck bed which can power a wide variety of electric tools and appliances and even serve as emergency household generator in case of blackout. If you really need a V8, there is the 5:0L option as well with 400 hp and maximum torque at 410 lb-ft. All engines use a ten-speed automatic transmission. Two- or Four-wheel drive are options. The maximum towing capacity for the 2024 Ford F-150 is 13,500 pounds.

The F-150 now has the afore mentioned 12inch infotainment screen and attendant 12inch digital gauge cluster on all trims along with a new heads-up display if optioned. Outback in the bed, a must-have optional feature is the new Pro Access tailgate, featuring a swinging center section that allows quick bed access whilst hooked to a trailer or at any time without having to open the complete tailgate. Covered storage in the cargo bed walls is also new. SuperCrew models with four full doors and a 5.5-foot short box measure 231.7 with a 79.9 inches width. The SuperCab trucks have the 6.5-foot box, but cleverly keep the same exterior dimensions. We tested the new F-150 SuperCrew STX Package with 2.7L Ecoboost engine available only on the XL-trimmed F-150 pickups; The STX exterior has a monochromatic theme with 18 - inch black painted wheels, body-color bumpers, available black running boards, box-side decals, electronic rear window defroster, a molded-in color black honeycomb grille with a black surround, and privacy glass. The 2024 Ford F-150 STX includes selectable drive modes, and 4×4 Electronic Shift-Onthe-Fly (ESOF). What's really notable about the STX model is its cool, stealth mono themed looks.

STX interiors include manual driver and passenger side lumbar support, Sync 4, and unique black/grey cloth sport seats with a steering column-mounted shifter. There is also the 12-inch Touch screen with Sync 4 system. 12-inch productivity screen and dynamic drive mode display.

The 2024 Ford F-150 STX features an available 5 L V8 engine with auto start-stop technology. This optional engine provides more power and capability than the standard engine, but at the expense of less fuel economy. Ford F-150 STX equipment also includes a

rear defroster to a tilt/telescoping steering wheel, air conditioning, power accessories, cruise control, and a 12V power outlet.

The roomy comfortable front cabin also has a large pop up extended flat worktop between the front seats. The front seat now folds flat as well. The cabin materials, fit-and-finish, and execu-

tion was excellent The 12-inch infotainment screen handles most functions – however glad to see that Ford have retained hard buttons and dials for such features as the climate controls, heated seats and steering wheel and stereo.

The ride is impressive on all road surfaces, with a smooth sensation even when the bed is empty. The steering is responsive, and stability is good with the slightly wider track steering. The truck is surprisingly smooth and car-like to drive around town



and offers little noise and vibration. Throttle response is quick with eager torque delivery. Fuel economy is rated at L/100km - 11.8 combined. 13.2 City. 10.2 Highway. No real vices, but please make the driver seat adjustment power operated please, not manual! To sum up, the STX is a great move offering a unique look to the stellar F-150 range. Highly recommended.

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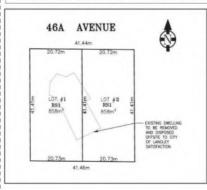
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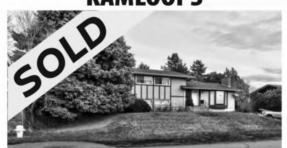
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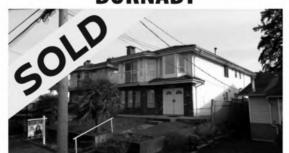
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Injured farm worker from Punjab dies after being dumped by Italian employer

The death of an Indian migrant The death of an include any worker in Italy, who was reportedly abandoned on a road after his arm was severed at work, has sparked outrage and prompted calls for a demonstration on Saturday in the town of Latina, in the country's central Lazio region.

Satnam Singh, a 31-year-old farm worker, was left on the street Monday after losing his right arm while working at a farm near Latina, which is southeast of Rome, CNN's affiliate SkyTG24 reported.

His arm was reportedly severed by a plastic wrapping machine on the farm. Singh died days later and has come to symbolize the plight of vulnerable migrant workers in the country, with several trade unions and



Latina's Indian community organizing demonstrations in the following days.

Italian state broadcaster RAI said Singh was hooked by the plastic wrapping machine, towed by a tractor, which severed his right arm and crushed his lower limbs. Singh was then loaded into a van and abandoned near his home, while his severed arm was left in a vegetable collection box, RAI reported.

An investigation into farm owner Antonello Lovato - who allegedly left the injured Singh outside his home after the incident - has now been opened over potential charges of manslaughter and failure to assist a person in danger, Reuters reported, citing lead prosecutor Giuseppe De Falco.

Reacting to the incident, Italian PM

Giorgia Meloni brought up the issue in the Italian Parliament and paid homage to Singh. While addressing the House, Meloni said that Singh was a victim of "horrible and inhuman acts" with a "disgusting attitude" from his employer. She also vowed strict punishment against those found guilty. After Meloni's condolences, the entire Italian Cabinet stood up to pay tribute to the Indian

According to the Embassy of India in Rome, Singh hailed from Punjab. Meanwhile, thousands of Indian farm labourers protested in Italy (June 25), seeking an end to "slavery" after Singh's death, news agency AFP reported.

One dead as roof collapses at Delhi International airport

roof at Delhi airport has collapsed Aafter heavy rain, killing one person and injuring eight others. Videos online show huge pillars supporting the roof smashing into cars parked along the airport's Terminal 1.

All flights from the terminal were suspended until further notice, airport authorities said. The incident took place at 05:00 on Friday, June 28. The cause seems to be the continued heavy rainfall over the past few hours," a spokesperson for the airport said.

Officials said four vehicles were damaged and eight people received minor injuries in the incident. India's aviation regulator has advised airlines to accommodate passengers on alternate flights or offer The accident has impacted the travel plans of thousands, as most domestic flights take off from Terminal 1.

Some airlines have shifted flight operations to the remaining two terminals at the airport. Authorities at the Delhi International Airport Limited said a technical committee had been formed to investigate the cause of the accident.

"We are working with all relevant agencies to assess the situation and restore operations," they added.

Federal Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu has announced a compensation of 2m rupees (\$24,000; £19,000) to the family of the deceased and 300,000 rupees for the injured.

He also told reporters that the situation

was under way to prevent any further incident. He added that airports with added structures across the country would also be inspected.

The incident was criticised on social media, with many users pointing out that the terminal had undergone a massive renovation at the cost of billions of rupees and had been inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March - a month before the recent general election began.

However, Mr Kinjarapu later said the portion that collapsed was not part of the renovated section.

"I want to clarify that the building inaugurated by PM Modi is on the other side and the building that collapsed here is



Heavy rains have lashed Delhi since Thursday, providing a much-needed respite from sweltering temperatures that the Indian capital was experiencing since April. But the downpour has pushed the city into chaos as several roads are waterlogged, leading to major traffic jams.

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Police urge public to enjoy summer while keeping safety in mind

he summer season is best spent cracking the window does enjoying the outdoors, basking in good weather, and spending quality time with family. Surrey RCMP would like to share some helpful tips to not only make this an enjoyable summer, but a safe and healthy one as well.

Heading out of town or travelling internationally

If you are travelling out of country, front counter staff at the detachment cannot create a file for just in case scenarios. Please register at the following website to ensure you receive the help you need in case of an emergency:

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Protect your home from property crimes Whether you intend on spending your summer at home or travelling, Surrey RCMP is reminding the public to remain vigilant of property crime thieves. Surrey RCMP's Property Crime Target Team recommends locking your front doors and windows, and keeping garage doors closed, even if you are home and spending time in the backyard. If you are going on vacation take some precautions such as stopping regular newspaper deliveries or have a neighbour collect your mail. Also setting up indoor lights to turn on and off automatically on timers could deter a theif. For more tips on home security, please visit our website at surrey.rcmpgrc.gc.ca.

Don't leave kids or pets in vehicles

Your car is basically a miniature greenhouse and temperatures can skyrocket extremely quickly inside. Don't leave children or pets in parked vehicles. Parking in the shade or slightly

not make it safe. On an average summer day, the inside of a parked vehicle can reach a dangerously high temperature of over 38 degrees Celsius in minutes.

Plan your trip accordingly and, if you need to make a "quick stop" then, for the health and safety of your child, take your child with you even if it means getting them out of their car seat. Heat stroke can occur very quickly and unexpectedly in children and pets causing symptoms such as dizziness,

disorientation, agitation, confusion, sluggishness, seizure, loss of consciousness, and/or death.

If you see a pet or a child in distress inside a parked vehicle call 9-1-1 immediately.

Block Watch Program

Consider getting involved in the community by joining Surrey RCMP's Block Watch program. The program helps get to know your neighbours while contributing to keeping the neighbourhood safe. To find out how to participate in the Block Watch program, please visit our website at bc-cb.rcmpgrc.gc.ca.

Road Safety

The nicer summer weather means more people including children are outside enjoying activities. Surrey RCMP are asking you to slow down and pay extra attention while driving near playgrounds or streets where children are at play.

Speed, Impairment and distracted driving are the three leading contributing factors for fatal crashes in the province,



according to ICBC. If your summer plans include the consumption of alcohol, ensure to plan ahead and arrange a safe ride home. Our officers will continue to conduct proactive traffic enforcement throughout the summer for dangerous driving behaviour.

Summer is also construction season on our busy roads. Be patienst with the construction workers and follow their instructions and posted speed limits as they keep you and the rest of their crew safe. Slow down and enjoy a safe summer.

Outdoor events

With a return to many in-person community events, there will be more opportunities to take younger children and seniors to outdoor events with large crowds. In the excitement, it can be easy for family members to become separated, and it is not uncommon for our officers to respond to multiple missing persons incidents. Make a plan with your family in case of separation that includes a pre-arranged meeting

place and some form of identification. On the day of the event, take a photo of your family members with your phone so you have an accurate description of them should they go missing. Most of all keep a close eye on children and seniors and stay close together.

Surrey RCMP Community Engagement Teams gear up for summer

In preparation for a busy summer events season, the Surrey RCMP's Community Engagement Teams are ramping up their attendance various community,

sporting, and cultural events throughout the city. Team members from various including Special Events, Diversity, Community Programs, and Youth Unit will be at these events connecting with children and youth and offering resources to parents.

Resources

A valuable resource for parents that will continue its operations throughout the summer is the Surrey RCMP's Parent Helpline 604-599-7800 (Mon-Fri). It is a dedicated phone line that provides guidance for parents/guardians who believe their child is involved or at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity. For more information about this program, please visit Surrey RCMP Parent Helpline.

Residents are reminded that the Parent Helpline is not to be used as a replacement for reporting a crime. Please call the non-emergency line (604-599-0502) or 911 for crimes in progress or in life-threatening situations.

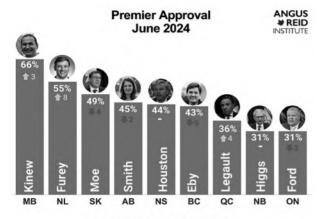




Premiers' Performance: Kinew on top as honeymoon continues; Eby slides as B.C. election approaches: Survey

As the country's provincial registatives of car for on infrastructure funding two-in-five (44%) approve of Houston; fever. Three provinces have elections this fall, but statements from premiers in two others have ramped up speculation that elections could be coming sooner than scheduled in those provinces as well.

New premier approval data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute brings good news for Manitoba Premier



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Wab Kinew, who continues his term at the top of the rankings with approval of two-thirds (66%) in the province, and Newfoundland and Labrador's Andrew Furey, who is reviewed positively by a majority (55%) of his residents after an eight-point bump from last quarter. But it's perhaps an election year trio – Saskatchewan's Scott Moe, B.C.'s David Eby and New Brunswick's Blaine Higgs – who are watching assessments most closely. Moe's approval remains statistically unchanged from last quarter at 49 per cent but continues to be down from highs seen earlier in his term.

Eby has consistently garnered appraisal from at least two-in-five constituents since replacing John Horgan, but his approval has declined by five points to 43 percent. According to Angus Reid report, "The relationship between the BCNDP and the federal Liberal government has historically been amicable, but with the federal politics landscape shifting in the province, Premier and BC NDP leader David Eby is trying a new tact. Eby criticized the federal government for uneven funding

for the province, in what's seen as a shift in tone. This comes as the province changes course on its drug decriminalization pilot project, which began in January 2023 and is scheduled to last three years. It was criticized heavily both BC United and the BC Conservatives. The federal government agreed to the B.C. government's request to re-criminalize both the possession and use of illegal drugs in public areas and hospitals, backlash following a widespread against public drug use. Use of illegal drugs in private residences, shelters and overdose-prevention sites remains legal as part of the pilot project. Eby's personal approval declines this quarter to 43 per cent. Near-equal numbers say they approve (43%) of the B.C. premier as disapprove (45%)."

Approval of Higgs remains low, with just three-in-ten (31%) saying they approve of the New Brunswick premier.

Premiers in and Nova Scotia have fueled early election speculation. Nova Scotia's Tim Houston holds the enviable approval position

s the country's provincial legislatures break for on immigration, and a lack to Ontario's Doug Ford. More than three-in-ten (31%) in Ontario offer Ford a thumb's up.

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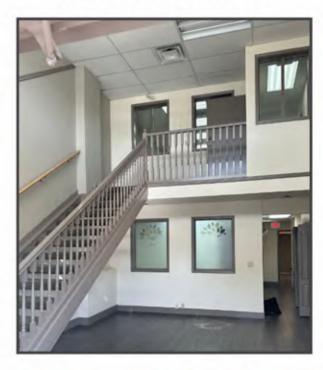
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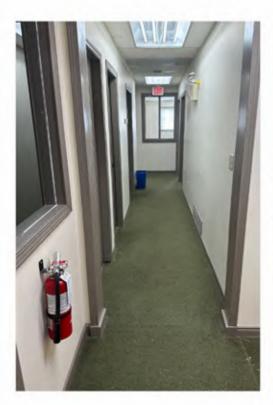
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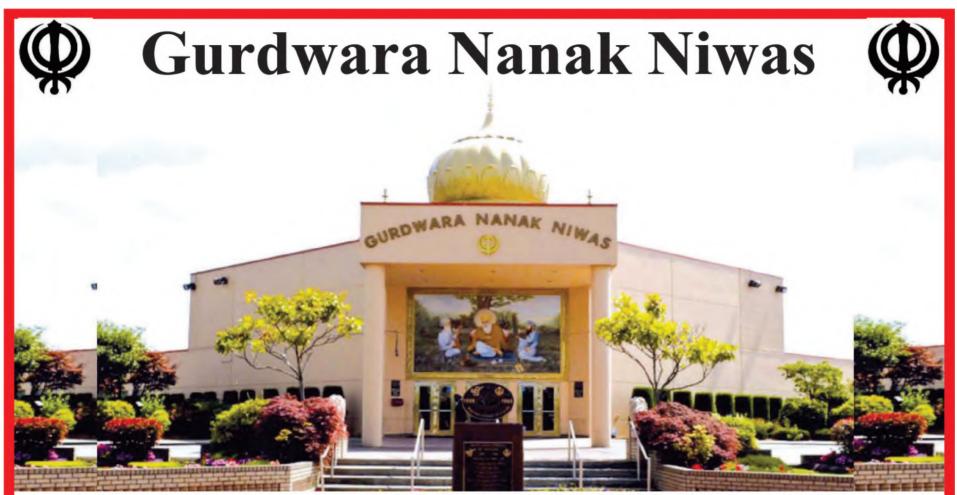








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Upcoming Program

- WEEKLY PROGRAMS -

26th June, Wednesday at 2:30 pm, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Surinder Kaur Bains by Bains family.

27th June, Thursday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Hardeep Sandhu family.

28th June, Friday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Kular family.

29th June, Saturday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Joginder Singh Raiwal family.
29th June, Saturday at 5:00 pm, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib, kirtan and langer sewa by Taranveer Maan family.

30th June, Sunday at 10:15 to 11.00 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and Prominent Sikh scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa talks about

Sikh religion and Gurbani from 11.00 am to 11.45 am.

1st July, Monday at 9:30 am, Engagement ceremony will be performed by Bhupinder Kler family after Sri Sukhmani Sahib path.

3rd July, Wednesday
4th July, Thursday
6th July, Saturday
at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Balbir Singh Natt family.
at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Hardeep Singh Dhillon family.

7th July, Sunday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jasbir Singh Pandher family.

There will be no serial story about Sikhism and Gurbani by renowned Sikh scholar Bhai Hari Nam Singh Khalsa due to marriage booked this Sunday in advance.

10th July, Wednesday
 11th July, Thursday
 at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Sukhdev Singh Bains family.
 at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Harbhajan Singh Bhatti family.

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12th July, Friday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Singh Gill family.

12th July, Friday at 10:00 am, Sri Akhand Path will be start by the sangat of Mithapur.

13th July, Saturday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Onkar Singh Shergill family.

14th July, Sunday at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path and kirtan by the sangat of Mithapur. All the three days langer will be served by

the sangat of Mithapur.

14th July, Sunday at 5:00 pm, Sri Sukhmani Sahib path, kirtan and langer sewa by Baljinder Badhan family.

16th July, Tuesday Sangrand of the Sawan month will be celebrated.

16th July, Tuesday at 5:00 pm, Sri Sukhmani Sahib path and langer sewa by Preet Gill family.

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Special Program: We are pleased to announce that prominent Sikh scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa has started a series of talks about Sikh religion and Gurbani at Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 5 Road, Richmond every Sunday from 11:00 am to 11:45 am.

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!

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The Reason Zeenat Aman Took "Any Work" That Came Her Way: "With No Husband To Turn To..."



ew Delhi: Zeenat Aman's detailed captions on Instagram often provide a sneak peek into her life. Whether it's her love for animals, her classic films, or her family, the veteran star writes about everything. On Monday, the actress shared her gorgeous pictures and recounted the time when she faced fina ncial issues. In the caption, Zeenat Aman wrote, "Those excruciating weeks that turned to months that turned to years. The time when the work dried up, the body aged, and one felt their relevance slip away. At first, there was the sheer relief of anonymity. But then came the fear of how to keep food on the table. With no husband to turn to, no sibling to lean on, and two helpless children to provide for, it was terrifyingly lonely."

Zeenat Aman also mentioned how she said yes to any projects and even did odd jobs to bring food to the table. She said, "Those were the years I took pretty much any work that came my way. I did not have the luxury of discernment or whimsy. It was bone-rattling drives to nondescript towns for event appearances, accommodation at nostar hotels with filthy sheets, trite renditions of 'chura liya' in smelly halls, poorly drafted scripts that pushed me to the edge of sanity, being jostled like a prop during stifling photo ops... and then there were the other odd jobs. Teaching poise and etiquette, writing agony aunt columns, even narrating audio tapes."

Expressing her gratitude towards the people who offered her work, Zeenat Aman added, "This was life as a 'has been' and I find no shame in it. I am grateful to those organisers who offered me jobs, to those fans that turned up to attend those events, for those laughable paycheques that kept the lights on in my apartment."

Zeenat Aman concluded her note by sharing how she is "wildly picky" about her work now. "This caption is my assertion of two matters. That there is dignity in all labour. And that, with some persistence and luck, the tough times can ease.

Kalki 2898 AD: Deepika-Prabhas' Film's Tickets Sell At Rs.2,300 In Mumbai

New Delhi: Kalki 2898 AD is poised to be one of the biggest releases in the Indian film industry, boasting of a 600-crore budget. This massive investment is reflected in its stellar cast, featuring Prabhas, one of Telugu cinema's most celebrated actors, alongside industry legends Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, and Kamal Haasan. Speculation about cameos by fan favourites has further driven up the frenzy. The high production costs and casting have vastly influenced ticket prices nationwide; prices range from 120 to 2,300. The upper end of this spectrum is seen in Mumbai's Maison PVR in BKC.

Film distributor Akshay Rathi commented on the soaring ticket prices: "The ticket pricing and programming entirely depend on the basic economy of the law of demand and supply. The spectrum of the pricing in Mumbai of the movie Kalki ranges from 120 to 2,300. You are paying not just for



the movie but the experience of watching the movie"

In the southern states, the usual cap on ticket prices seems to have been relaxed for Kalki 2898, because of its high budget and production costs. Theatre owners are now charging an additional 75-80 on average ticket prices. Movie trade analyst Girish Wankhede stated, "The sudden increase in ticket rates,

ATP (average ticket price) is increased because of Amitabh Bachchan, Prabhas, and Deepika Padukone. Everyone wants to make hay, that's why they increased the rate astronomically, which doesn't go well with cinemagoers."

Mass cinemagoers and fan bases have expressed surprise and frustration at the high prices, especially during the film's first week of release. Despite the outrage, high-priced tickets are reportedly sold out in most Mumbai multiplexes for the film's debut week.

The film, scheduled for release on Thursday, has already sold more than 1.4 million tickets, totaling 38 crore, as reported by industry tracker Sacnilk. It is projected to achieve advance sales approaching 50 crore.

Kalki 2898's grand release highlights the intricate balance between production expenses, star power, and the economics of ticket pricing in the Indian film industry.



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Inside Asha Parekh And BFFs Waheeda Rehman, Helen's **Vacation In Srinagar**



ew Delhi: Do not disturb Asha Parekh. The legendary actress is having the time of her life in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. Who is she with, you might wonder? Her BFFs— legendary stars Waheeda Rehman and Helen. On Saturday, Asha Parekh shared an image to keep her fans updated about her vacation diaries. In the snap, the trio can be seen standing inside a magnificent house. The chandelier and the intricate work on the walls scream royalty from every angle. Needless to say, the actresses look stunning while posing for the

also featured in the music video Jodi Blockbuster

last year.

camera. In her caption, Helen wrote, "Enjoying the houseboat in Srinagar."

A few days ago, Asha Parekh uploaded another picture from the same trip. In that frame, the three friends were sitting in a garden and enjoying their meal. The side note read, "With my dear friends #Helenji & #Waheedaji in Srinagar." Reacting to the post, Raveena Tandon wrote, 'How lovely!" and dropped red hearts.

Asha Parekh, Waheeda Rehman, and Helen truly set BFF goals. When Waheeda Rehman was announced as the winner of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2021, Asha Parekh could not contain her excitement. Sharing her reaction, the actress told NDTV, "I was thrilled. She is a lovely human being, a lovely actress, I am very very happy for her." Talking fondly about her friend, the actress continued, "She is beautiful. She is gorgeous because she is a good human being and that shows on her face.'

Shatrughan Sinha Reacts To Daughter Sonakshi Sinha's Wedding To Zaheer Iqbal

Sinha married longtime boyfriend Zaheer Iqbal in a private ceremony at her Bandra apartment in Mumbai on Sunday. Following the ceremony, the newlyweds hosted a grand reception at Bas-

tian. Now days after, Sonakshi's dad Shatrughan Sinha has reacted to his daughter's wedding Zaheer. When asked how he was feeling on the day of his daughter's wedding, Shatrughan told Times Now, "Yeh bhi koi

New Delhi: Bolly- poochne ki baat hai? Evwood star Sonakshi ery father waits for this moment when his daughter is given to her chosen groom. My daughter looks most happy with Zaheer. Unki jodi salamat rahe," he said.

"44 years ago, Shatrughan Sinha married a very suc-

very talented girl of his choice, Poonam Sinha. Now it is Sonakshi's turn to marry the boy of her choice," he further said. Sonakshi Sinha's brother Luv Sinha, who was not pictured at her wedding, addressed his absence in



an interview with Hindustan Times. When asked about his absence from sister's wedding, Luv Sinha Sonakshi told Hindustan Times, "Please give it a day or two. I'll respond to your question then if I feel I can. Thank you for asking." Sonakshi's parents Shatrughan Sinha and Poonam Sinha attended the registry ceremony as well as Sinha the reception party on Sunday night. However, Sonakshi's twin brothers Luv Sinha and Kush Sinha were MIA from the event. Several wedding pictures and **Reacts To Her Inter-Faith** videos have been doing the rounds on social media though the brothers were not seen in any family photo. Marriage With Zaheer Iqbal: Confirming the twin brothers' absence, a source told Hindustan "Love Is The Universal Times, "Sonakshi's parents attended the wedding, and were naturally elated about the day. However, her Religion" brothers didn't come to the wedding as well as the reception. The photogra-New Delhi: Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal got married in a civil ceremony on June 23. Ever since the reports of their phers didn't spot the two entering the venue, till wedding began doing the rounds on social media, the couple the very end. And everywere brutally trolled over their inter-faith relationship. In response, the couple disabled comments on their Instagram posts one found it to be really weird." to avoid unnecessary hatred and negativity when sharing photos from their wedding day. Now, the Heeramandi star has subtly addressed the trolling by commenting on illustrator Prasad Bhat's post, which featured caricatures of Sonakshi and Zaheer from their wedding reception. The caption on the post read, "Love is the universal religion." Sonakshi Sinha commented, "Truest words!! This is adorable! Thank you." She also re-shared the post on her Instagram story. ICYDK: Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal regis tered their marriage under the provisions of the Special Marriage Act. The civil ceremony took place at the actress' new apartment in Mumbai. Sharing the pictures from the ceremony on Instagram, Sonakshi wrote, "On this very day, seven years back (23.06.2017) in each other's eyes, we saw love in its purest form and decided to hold on to it. Today that love has guided us through all the challenges and triumphs... leading up to this moment... where with the blessings of both our families and both our gods... we are now man and wife. Here's to love, hope and all things beautiful with each other, from now until forever." For the unversed, Sonakshi and Zaheer have been rumoured to be dating since 2016. They shared screen space in the 2022 film Double XL. They





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