

Canadian Dream Or Nightmare For Recent Immigrants?

High housing costs has two-in-five recent *immigrants saying* they may leave their province (or Canada). 3 in 10 Canadians overall are considering relocating from their current province.

Canada's immigration levels have reached record highs in recent years, but as more immigrants seek the Canadian dream from abroad, many who have arrived in recent years have discovered less of a dream and more of a nightmare.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds recent trends that have seen Canadians concentrating in south, moving Alberta. or beyond Canada and the



U.S., potentially increasing in coming years.

The rapidly rising cost of housing has become a crosscountry story in recent years. Last year the housing market cooled somewhat as higher interest rates took hold, but there is an expectation that it

will heat up again with the Bank of Canada now looking at cutting rates instead of raising them further.

This evidently has led many Canadians to look for more affordable housing climates. Three-in-ten (28%) Canadians say they are seriously considering

leaving the province they live because of the current cost of housing. This sentiment is evidently higher in B.C. and Ontario, which have been dealing with high housing costs for longer than other regions in the country. Consider that while three-in-10 Canadians (28%) say they're giving serious consideration to leaving their province of residence due to housing affordability, this number rises to 39 per cent for those who have lived in the country for less than a decade.

The Survey Finds out that Canadians who have come to the country in the past 10 years are much more likely to agree they are thinking of leaving the province they currently live in because of the cost of housing than others.

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PICS Raj Brar Appointed to Board of Directors of Women's Economic Council of Canada

Career Services, has been selected as a Board of Director of the Women's Economic Council of Canada.

"This prestigious appointment is a testament to Raj's unwavering dedication to advancing women's rights and economic empowerment across the nation," said the release.

Raj Brar has been an integral part of PICS Society, consistently working towards creating quality and

PICS Society announced in a equitable opportunities for women. release that Raj Brar, Director of Her new role on the Board of the Women's Economic Council will allow her to further contribute to building a more inclusive and fair highlights Raj Brar's individual society.

> "Raj is committed to building on this legacy and working diligently to create quality and equitable opportunities for women across Canada. Her dedication to championing women's rights and economic empowerment will

drive change and inspire future generations in the country," said Satbir Cheema, CEO, PICS.

"This achievement not only excellence but also underscores PICS Society's commitment to fostering leadership and advocating for women's economic empowerment. Join us in celebrating Raj Brar's remarkable achievement and our shared commitment to empowering women everywhere," he said.



BC Landlords now required to share information on province website to end tenancy

TICTORIA, BC: A new website launching on July 18, 2024, will better protect renters from being evicted in bad faith and bring improvements to the process for landlords.

Starting July 18, 2024, landlords will be required to use the Landlord Use Web Portal to generate Notices to End Tenancy for personal occupancy or caretaker use. Landlords generating notices to end tenancy will be required to include information about the persons moving into the home.

"With this new tool, we're taking action to better protect tenants from being evicted under false pretences and ensure that landlords who need to legitimately reclaim their units have a straightforward pathway to do so," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "The portal will also provide government with a window to better understand when and how often these evictions occur so that we can continue to build on our work to improve services for renters and landlords."

While some landlords do need to reclaim their units (for example, a first-time homebuyer who wants to live in their new home), evictions initiated under false pretences continue to happen, either deliberately or unknowingly. Some landlords evict tenants under the guise of landlord use, only to rent out the unit again at a significantly higher rent.

Through this process, landlords are informed of the significant penalties they could face if they are found to be evicting a tenant in bad faith. By requiring landlords to include the information of who will be occupying the home on the notice, tenants can have a better sense of the landlords' intentions and may provide this information at the dispute hearing if they believe the landlord is acting in bad faith.

Under the Residential Tenancy Act, a landlord can evict a tenant if the following people will be moving in: they or a close family member (parent, spouse or child); a purchaser of the property or a close family member of the purchaser; or a superintendent for the building.

Effective July 18, 2024, the Province will increase the amount of notice a tenant must



receive and the amount of time they have to dispute an eviction. Landlords will also be required to give tenants four months' notice instead of two months when evicting for personal or caretaker use, giving displaced tenants more time to find a new home. Tenants will have 30 days to dispute Notices to End Tenancy instead of the current 15 days. The person moving into the home must occupy it for a minimum of 12 months and landlords who evict in bad faith could be ordered to pay the displaced tenant 12 months' rent.

The Landlord Use Web Portal will also allow the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) to conduct post-eviction compliance audits and provide information to the

RTB about the frequency of these types of evictions. Changes to the process for evicting tenants for personal and caretaker use aim to support the rights and interests of both landlords and tenants, while creating a standardized process for ending tenancies for personal and caretaker use.

"No one should lose their homes because of bad-faith evictions," said Spencer Chandra Herbert, Premier's liaison for renters and MLA for Vancouver West End. "Taking this step is a proactive way to help stop bad-faith evictions and keep people in their homes. The introduction of the Landlord Use Web Portal aligns with recommendations made by the Rental Task Force to make the Residential Tenancy Branch more responsive, accessible and proactive with more opportunities to learn from and educate landlords and renters on their rights and responsibilities."

To access the Residential Tenancy Branch Landlord Use Web Portal, which will go live on July 18, 2024, visit: https:// tenancydispute.gov.bc.ca/LandlordUse/ Login

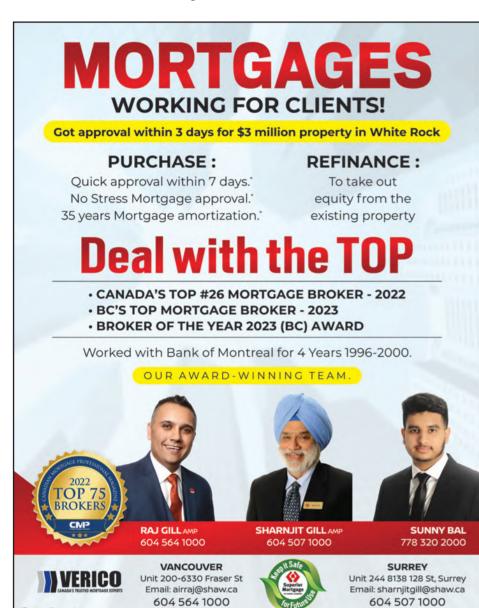


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Former Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi is Alberta NDP's new leader

ALGARY – After an exciting leadvership race, the Alberta NDP has announced Naheed Nenshi, the former mayor of Calgary, as the new leader of the party.

Nenshi won on the first ballot with 86 per cent at 62,746 votes. This is higher than the number of votes Danielle Smith received on the sixth ballot in the UCP leadership race, and in fact, the largest number of votes ever received by a provincial leadership candidate in Canadian history. "I am truly humbled and honoured to have been selected to lead the Alberta NDP into



its next era. The excitement and optimism I've felt throughout this leadership race proves that Albertans want a government they can trust and believe in," said Nenshi. "Every one of my fellow candidates demonstrate great passion, leadership, and intelligence - I want to thank them and their teams and I can't wait to get to work with them as part of the larger Alberta NDP family."

Across the other candidates, Kathleen Ganley received 5,899 votes, Sarah Hoffman received 3,063 votes, and Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse received 1,222 votes.

"We have accomplished a great deal over the last ten years and I look forward to the substantial potential we have as the largest provincial political party in Canada today," said Nancy Janovicek, Alberta NDP President. "The Alberta NDP is working from a position of strength as Albertans know this party represents a viable, credible, competent alternative to Danielle Smith and the UCP."



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Before the leadership race began the Alberta NDP had 16,224 members. By the end of the leadership race eligible voting members grew to 85,227. Of eligible voting members, 85.6 per cent cast their ballot by noon on June 22.

"We are now over 85,000 members strong and we will continue building this movement," said Nenshi. "Together, we will work hard to show our friends and neighbours that they have a home in the Alberta NDP and, in 2027, we will deliver a smarter and more capable government that respects all Albertans."

BC Minister Harry Bains not to run in next election

Tarry Bains, BC Labour Minister and Horgan and now David Eby, I am proud MLA for Surrey-Newton since 2005 has announced that he will not be seeking re-election. He issued the following statement. "It has been the honour of a lifetime to represent the people of Surrey-Newton since I was first elected in 2005, and to serve as the Minister of Labour for our province

"While this decision was not made lightly, I have decided to not run in the next election and allow someone new to continue the work we have begun.

"When I first decided to run many years ago, I started with a mission to take action on human rights and workers' rights. Under the leadership of Premiers John of the work we've accomplished and the difference we have made in people's lives. "Serving British Columbians and people in my community has been truly fulfilling, but now I am looking forward to spending more time with my loved ones who have stood by me during my time in public office. I could not have done any of this without them and their support.

"I want to thank all of my constituents in Surrey-Newton for putting their trust in me to represent this amazing community. "I also want to thank Premiers Horgan and Eby for the opportunity to represent working people and all British Columbians as the Minister of Labour.



Longest Serving president Anita Huberman to leave Surrey Board of Trade this August

A nita Huberman announced this week that she will leave the Surrey Board of Trade (SBoT) on August 30, 2024 to explore new opportunities in the next chapter of her career.

"It has been an honour and a privilege to be part of this esteemed city-building organization. I am incredibly proud of the leadership-oriented work my staff and I have accomplished over the past three decades to support and advocate for the business community," said Huberman.

Huberman is the longest serving President and CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade, having served for 18 years – unprecedented in the chamber of commerce/board of trade industry. During her 31 years with the organization, having served in a variety of roles, she has built the organization up from a struggling entity into one of the largest organizations of its kind in Canada. A release from the Board said that Huberman revitalized the Surrey Board

of Trade's government advocacy portfolio to take it beyond taxes and employment to include social policy issues like poverty reduction, healthcare, and childcare. This holistic vision for a more livable city with economic opportunity drove her to advocate for Surrey through policy resolutions instigating change at all levels of government. This enabled her to highlight important issues that impact both business and community, such as crime, transportation, environment, workforce development and international trade.

In addition to advocating for change, Huberman has brought opportunity to Surrey Board of Trade members and the community at large by hosting networking events, developing awards programs, making countless connections and opening a second location with the Surrey Technology and Skills Centre in partnership with Western Community College. The new centre, strategically located in Surrey's Health & Technology District, is designed to make Surrey a technology destination.

Huberman has been honoured with multiple awards while also making time for community service on committees ranging from disability and inclusion to innovation and investment. She holds the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, received a Canada 150 Community Medal and was a Business in Vancouver Top 40 under 40 recipient. In 2023, she was named one of the top 500 Influential Business Leaders in BC by the Business in Vancouver Media Group and in 2023 and 2024, she was one of the Top 50 Women Leaders in Vancouver. In 2022, Anita won SFU's Distinguished Alumni Award and in 2021, she was announced as being 1 of 15 Outstanding Canadians for her work in the private sector and through the pandemic. In 2019, in recognition of her many years of service, she was awarded the Surrey Community Builder of the Year. Huberman is also a long-time supporter of Canada's military and was appointed an Honorary Captain of the Royal Canadian



Navy by Canada's Minister of National Defence and is serving in her fourth term until 2027.

Huberman is a highly visible advocate for Surrey businesses at all levels of government with a demonstrated history of evolving and combining business Anita Huberman announces she will leave the Surrey Board of Trade on August 30

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and social issues to reinvigorate and transform the community. Rory Morgan, Chair of the Board of Directors, said the Board is grateful for Huberman's many contributions over the years: "Anita is a true champion of Surrey, the business community and the community at large. She lives and breathes this commitment – giving of her time and energy like few others to help make Surrey a better place to do business and a better place to call home."

Past Chair Baljit Dhaliwal agreeing with these sentiments, adding that, "Anita's entrepreneurial spirit guides her vision and is one of the reasons the Surrey Board of Trade is one of the top organizations of its kind in the country."

Huberman's contributions have set the Board of Trade up for success in the years to come. Joslyn Young, Vice-Chair, expands upon the role of the Board now and into the future: "The Surrey Board of Trade is part of a powerful network of Chambers that use their voice to advocate for change. Our role as the Board of Directors is to support the President and CEO in successfully achieving their goals.

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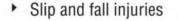
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Very first Surrey Police-branded vehicles roll on streets of Surrey

As the policing transition continues, you will see both RCMP and Surrey Police Service vehicles responding to calls for service.

The transition of policing service in Surrey reached another milestone with the first deployment of Surrey Police Service (SPS) vehicles into policing operations. On July 2nd, ten fully marked and equipped SPS police vehicles went into service. Twenty additional vehicles will be put into service in late July and August, for a total of 30 vehicles deployed by the end of the summer.

SPS officers will be driving these vehicles while responding to calls for service and providing proactive policing in Surrey. As we continue to grow the SPS fleet, some SPS officers will continue to drive RCMPbranded vehicles at this time. This is part of the phased transition leading up to SPS becoming the police of jurisdiction on November 29, 2024.

Surrey residents began seeing SPS officers and uniforms in the community when our first group of officers was deployed in



December 2021. Since then, SPS officers have had hundreds of interactions with the community and responded to thousands of calls for service, familiarizing residents and business owners with SPS. Now many of these officers will also be able to drive SPS branded vehicles while





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carrying out their policing duties.

"Getting Surrey Police Service vehicles on the road is an essential step forward in Surrey's policing

transition," says Chief Constable Norm Lipinski. "As we prepare to take over policing on November 29th, it is important for residents to become familiar with the look of their new police service so they will be comfortable approaching SPS vehicles and officers whenever they need help or have questions." "SPS will continue to share important developments as we move through the critical path toward assuming command of policing in Surrey," Lipinski added.

You can find more information on Surrey's policing transition at www.surreypolice.ca/ policing-transition.

Ontario Man and woman sentenced in a complex shoplifting scheme in Surrey

A n Ontario man and woman have been charged in a in a complex shoplifting scheme over a six month period throughout Lower Mainland cities. for their criminal actions, with the loss of their freedom and the opportunity to reside in Canada. Their fate serves as a warning to those who wish to profit through crime, states S/Sgt Nigel

51-year-old Nicoleta Rusu and 39-yearold Emil Marian Stan of Ontario have both pleaded guilty and been sentenced for their involvement in theft and possession of stolen items. They will both be deported after serving their time in prison.

Stan and Rusu have been held to account

for their criminal actions, with the loss of their freedom and the opportunity to reside in Canada. Their fate serves as a warning to those who wish to profit through crime, states S/Sgt Nigel Pronger the North Community Response Unit Commander; Surrey RCMP works closely with our retail partners and police agencies across BC and Canada to ensure our retail spaces are safe places for both staff and customers. We will continue our work in preventing retail theft as part of our crime reduction strategy.



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Parveen Nijjar appointed to BC Provincial Court

7ICTORIA The Government of British Columbia has appointed two new judges to the Provincial Court to support consistent and timely access to justice.

The new judges appointed to the Provincial Court are Parveen Nijjar (effective July 25, 2024); and Paul Pearson (effective July 25, 2024).

Parveen Nijjar has been practising law for more than 15 years. Nijjar started her career in international development for the United Nations in Uzbekistan, working in the areas of policy and legislation.

She returned to Canada and articled for a law firm that had a high-volume legal aid practice focusing on child protection, and criminal law. family After her call to the bar, Nijjar worked nearly six years in child

protection and family mediation, ultimately becoming director's counsel.

In 2018, she became director's counsel in the Legal Services Branch at the Ministry of the Attorney General. Shortly after, she was promoted to deputy supervisor. Nijjar is fluent in Punjabi and proficient in Russian and Hindi. She is highly active in the community and volunteers at many organizations, often doing fundraising and supporting families with low incomes.

Paul Pearson has been a criminal lawyer for nearly 25 years. He spent the first 20 years of his career as a partner at a wellrespected criminal defence firm before being appointed as Crown counsel in Victoria. He has conducted numerous challenging cases. taught at Crown conferences and mentored new

counsel.

He was awarded the Crown Leadership Award for developing a cross-examination training series for Crown counsel. Pearson was an adjunct professor at the University of Victoria faculty of law for four years, where he taught criminal procedure and ethics. His course was so successful that he received the inaugural adjunct professor award of excellence. Pearson was an elected representative for the Canadian Bar Association and held table-officer positions for the Victoria Bar Association, including president and vicepresident.

The Province is dedicated to ensuring fair access to justice for everyone in British Columbia. These judicial appointments are made by considering various

factors, such as the court's requirements, the diversity of the judiciary and the candidates' areas of expertise.

The process to appoint judges is when interested lawyers apply, and the Judicial Council of B.C. reviews the candidates. The council is a statutory body made up of the chief judge, an associate chief judge, other judges, lawyers and members from outside the legal profession. The council recommends potential judges to the attorney general, with the final appointment made through a cabinet orderin-council. Although judges and judicial justices are located in a judicial region, many leverage technology such as video-conferencing for court proceedings, and travel regularly throughout the province to meet changing demands.



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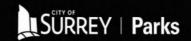
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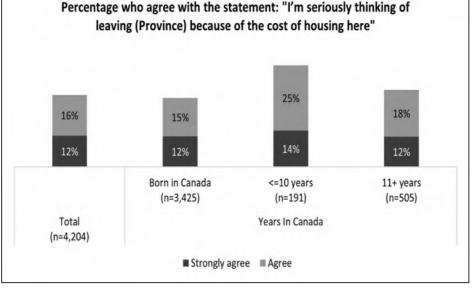
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Canadian Dream or nightmare for recent immigrants?

Notably, the Institute for Canadian Citizenship reported that fewer permanent residents are becoming citizens in recent years, dropping from 75 per cent who did so in 2001 to 45 per cent in 2021. Historically, Canada has been viewed as a "role model" by the OECD for labour migration and has outperformed most OECD countries when it comes to economically integrating immigrants. But many recent immigrants are departing the country because of the high cost of living, and especially housing, perhaps harming Canada's reputation as a welcoming country for newcomers.

Also the countrywide ramp up of housing prices has slowed, rent has continued to rise across the country, with some provinces seeing year-over-year average rent increases of more than 17 per cent. Renters across the country are also feeling the pinch of rising rent across the country. The Survey found that two-in-five (38%) say they are seriously thinking of leaving their province because of housing costs. Homeowners are less likely to be contemplating leaving, but more than one-quarter (28%) of those still paying off their mortgage are considering finding



cheaper housing elsewhere.

Housing isn't the only variable in Canadians' calculus as to deciding whether or not they are looking for greener grass elsewhere. Respondents who said they weren't considering leaving their province because of the cost of housing were asked a follow-up question to see if they were considering leaving their province because of other factors.

Three-quarters say no, but for the other quarter, searching for a better quality of life (8%) is the most chosen consideration. Equal-sized groups say

high cost of living (4%), health care (4%), and to be closer to family (3%)have made them think about leaving their province.

Where would they go if they left?

Fewer than half (45%) of Canadians who are considering moving due to the cost of housing say they are thinking of staying in Canada. Two-in-five (42%) say they are considering another country, whether that's the U.S. (15%) or elsewhere (27%). Within Canada, Alberta (18%) and Atlantic Canada (10%) are considered as potential destinations at higher rates than other provinces. Notably, Alberta was the most popular province for interprovincial migration in 2022/2023, surpassing British Columbia, the previous most chosen destination for Canadians moving between provinces.

Canada's newcomers tend to be urbanites with skills to quickly engage in the economy, and housing affordability challenges in these urban spaces is perhaps compounding their uncertainty.

In Toronto and Vancouver, the long-term risk would be one of losing the workforce required to keep the city cores humming.

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Family and BC Conservative Party call for judicial reforms after Tragic...

Originally from Ontario, Mann was charged with aggravated assault in the stabbing of a Surrey woman three weeks before Dunn was killed in an incident that RCMP said occurred after witnesses saw the suspect and the victim engaged in some kind of interaction."

This tragic event has shaken the entire community. This tragic event underscores significant concerns about public safety and the effectiveness of current bail and judicial processes.

The leader of the Conservative Party of BC John Rustad called it "a senseless act of violence committed by a repeat violent offender out on bail during a home

invasion."

Aron Dunn, father of Tori Dunn, held a press conference at Surrey Bend Regional Park on Friday (June 28). He expressed profound anguish and resolve in seeking justice for his daughter. "Tori will be missed, and we are going to fight for justice," said Aron. "My fight is going to be about how these judges let these guys go and this catch-andrelease thing they have going on in this province and how they're not implementing Bill C-48."

Bill C-48, introduced to enhance protections against repeat violent offenders seeking bail, has been a focal point in discussions following Tori Dunn's tragic death. The

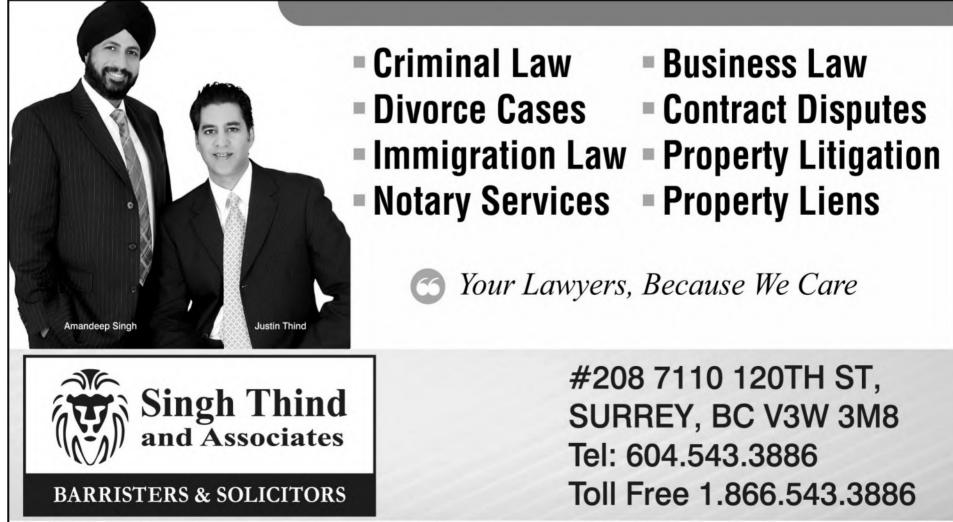
Conservative Party of British Columbia supports legislative measures that prioritize public safety and ensure accountability for those who pose significant risks to our communities.

Rustad and Elenore Sturko, MLA for Surrey South stood in solidarity with the Dunn family as they mourned the loss of their beloved daughter, sister, and friend. The Party echoed their calls for justice and accountability in light of this heartbreaking incident.

"The death of Tori Dunn is a devastating loss for her family and our community. We stand with the Dunn family in their call for justice and urge the Premier to take

decisive action to strengthen our justice system. It is imperative that we review and, where necessary, revise existing laws and procedures to prevent such tragedies from occurring in the future. That's why we're calling for the return of mandatory minimum sentencing for heinous crimes. It's time we stop the 'hug a thug' policies of this government and leave violent criminals locked up behind bars where they belong," Rustad said.

Sturko, MLA for Surrey South added: "Canada's criminal code was written in Ottawa, but the administration of justice is a provincial responsibility. Premier Eby has failed in this responsibility".



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Funding to support 102 community adult literacy programs in BC

TICTORIA - People looking to improve their reading, writing, math and digital skills will continue to benefit from access to free adult literacy programs throughout B.C.

The Province says that it invests \$3.4 million annually to support the Community Adult Literacy Program (CALP). CALP funding directly supports the delivery of adult, family and Indigenous literacy programs that help people gain skills in basic literacy, numeracy, life skills and employment preparation.

In 2024-25, the CALP funding support 102 literacy will programs delivered by 71 providers in 132 communities B.C. These across free, programs community-based help learners gain the skills



necessary to pursue job and educational opportunities, basic services and access

participate in their communities. The programs are delivered by trained volunteers and offer one-

on-one tutoring, small-group classes and drop-in literacy support.

The CALP is funded on a twoyear cycle, and the 2024-25 funding supports the second year of the current funding cycle (2023-25). The 2024-25 CALP year runs from Sept. 1, 2024, to Aug. 31, 2025.

In 2022-23, the CALP served more than 5,275 core learners. More than 8,000 individuals also accessed literacy supports on a casual, drop-in basis. Learn more:

For more details about the Community Adult Literacy Program (scroll to bottom), visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/ gov/content/education-training/ adult-education/adult-upgrading To see a list of the 2024-25 Community Adult Literacy Program funding recipients, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/ files/CALP_Recipients.pdf

International Credentials Recognition Act to streamline career opportunities for professionals comes into effect

7ICTORIA, BC: More internationally trained professionals will be able to use their skills for a career in B.C. as the International Credentials Recognition Act comes into effect on Monday, July 1, 2024. The act will remove barriers in 29 professions and make it fairer, more transparent and efficient for qualified professionals to pursue and achieve credential recognition, no matter where they were trained.

The professions include engineers, social workers, veterinarians, paramedics, early childhood educators, teachers, biologists, land surveyors, architects and others.

In addition, the Province will appoint a new superintendent of international credential



BC passes International **Credentials Recognition Act**

recognition. The superintendent will oversee the fair recognition of international credentials, addressing any systemic or procedural issues. They will also have the authority under the act to issue orders for compliance and impose administrative penalties as needed.

The International Credentials Recognition Act reflects feedback received through broad public engagement and consultation with regulatory bodies. The act complements the work being done by the Ministry of Health to create new pathways for health-care workers coming to Canada.

To learn more about international credential recognition, visit: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/ content/education-training/post-secondaryeducation/international-credentials







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Canadians with disabilities and youth can now apply for the Canada Dental Care Plan

VANCOUVER, BC: Eligible children under the age of 18 and adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate can now apply for the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Terry Beech, Minister of Citizens' Services joined the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of **Emergency Preparedness and Minister** Responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada to make the announcement.

"Oral health is crucial for your overall well-being. Applications to the Canadian Dental Care Plan have been seamless with more than two million successful applicants since its launch in December 2023. Our primary goal is to ensure that eligible individuals with disabilities, children under 18, and seniors have access to essential oral health services. Service Canada

is fully prepared to deliver highquality and smooth client service as Canadians continue to apply," Beech said.

Since the launch of the CDCP, more than 2 million seniors have been approved to receive coverage under the Plan and since May 1, more than 200,000 have already gotten care for services like cleaning, fillings, dentures.

With applications opening from June 27 for two new groups of Canadians, approximately 1.2 million more people will soon have access to improved oral health. This will mean approximately 938,000 children and close to 183,000 adults with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate will have more affordable access to the oral health care that they need.

There are currently more than 11,400 oral health providers including hygienists, dentists, and denturists offering a wide range of services to CDCP clients. If CDCP clients do not already have an oral health provider, they can consult Sun Life's CDCP Provider Search to find a provider in their community or speak to their local oral health provider to see if they accept CDCP clients. As of July 8, any oral health providers will be able to bill Sun Life directly for care provided to any CDCP client without having to formally participate in the program. Successful applicants will receive a welcome package from Sun Life within approximately three months of their application, which will include an overview of their coverage and their coverage start date. Expenses for treatments provided under the CDCP will not be covered prior to the

coverage start date. CDCP patients may have to pay

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additional charges, in addition to their co-payment, if applicable, depending on the services received and the cost of the treatment. Before receiving any services,

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CDCP patients should confirm the amount that is not covered by the CDCP.

In December 2022. the Government of Canada launched the interim Canada Dental Benefit (CDB) to help lower dental costs for eligible families. The CDB helped close to 450,000 children under 12 receive oral health care. With the CDB coming to an end on June 30th, those parents and guardians are now invited to apply to the CDCP for the children under their care to the CDCP for the children under their care. All remaining eligible Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 will be able to apply online in 2025.

Eligible seniors aged 65 and over can continue to apply to the CDCP using the online application. For more information, visit Canada.ca/dental.

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We take this responsibility seriously and employ a governance model that empowers while providing guidelines for success. Anita leaves big shoes to fill, but we are excited by the opportunities ahead of us and look forward to what the next chapter will bring." A Special Committee, including board members of the Surrey Board of Trade and the South Surrey and White Rock Chamber of Commerce, will conduct the search for the next President and CEO. "This is an incredible opportunity to lead an influential and growing organization that represents businesses of all sizes and sectors," said Morgan. "With the strong team we have in place at both the staff and Board level, we expect a smooth transition and a bright future for the organization and the Surrey business community."

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22 people died in Canada every day of overdose deaths: National Data

The latest surveillance data on opioid and stimulantrelated harms in Canada from January 2016 to December 2023 show that the number of opioidrelated deaths, hospitalizations and emergency service responses in 2023 were comparable to what we saw during the pandemic. Opioid-related deaths and harms rose dramatically in 2020, and have been high since then. Since 2016, there have been 44,592 opioid-related deaths. From January to December 2023, there were a total of 8,049 opioidrelated deaths in Canada, which represents an average of 22 lives

lost every day. In 2023, most (87%) of the accidental apparent

opioid Canada toxicity deaths in occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario.

Co-chairs of the federal, provincial, and territorial Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisonings-Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Yves Léger, New Brunswick's Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health said in a statement, "Looking forward, an updated simulation model suggests that under some scenarios, opioid-related deaths



may remain high or increase through to December 2024. We need to continue making every effort to address this crisis. The renewed Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy outlines the

Government of Canada's plan to address the overdose c r i s i s and other substance harms, use and includes actions to support both public health

and public safety."

A dangerous illegal synthetic drug supply is driving this devastating public health crisis in Canada. Powerful drugs like fentanyl and other emerging synthetic opioids are flooding the illegal drug supply. This has contributed to an increasingly unpredictable toxic drug supply that is more deadly for people who use substances.

A new report shows that the most common combination of substances identified in apparent opioid toxicity deaths between 2018 and 2022 were fentanyl with methamphetamine, cocaine or other psychoactive substances. Multi-substance poisonings can be more toxic and more difficult to treat than those involving a single substance. These insights help inform our understanding and response to the toxic drug supply and patterns of use.

Increasing public awareness about where to find help

Because of the toxicity of the drug supply, deaths and harms are not only limited to those who regularly use drugs, or struggle

with addiction; people using drugs for the first time are also at risk.

"We can all help by recognizing the signs of an overdose, carrying naloxone and knowing how to use it. Take-home naloxone kits are available at some pharmacies without a prescription, depending on the province or territory," Tam said. The Government of Canada also recently re-launched the Ease the Burden campaign which shares the message that "it takes strength to ask for help", and promotes resources for men working in trades who are struggling with substance use and addiction.

"Jurisdictions across Canada are taking steps to address this crisis. Together we can raise awareness of all the tools, resources and supports that are available for those looking for help. Visit Get Help with Substance Use for more information and resources for people who need help with substance use, available both nationally and in your province or territory," she said.

Richmond RCMP seeking witnesses to road rage incident that resulted in shots being fired

On June 28, 2024 shortly before 6:15 p.m. Richmond RCMP attended the 5500 block of Hollybridge Way for a report of shots fired. According to the victim, he was driving his white Mercedes van near Alderbridge Way and No 3 Rd. when he was cut off by a White Kia.

The victim advised he pulled next to the vehicle at the intersection of Alderbrige Way and Lansdowne Rd. and shouted at the driver. According to the victim, the passenger in the Kia responded by allegedly shooting at him with a gun. The Kia then drove away and was last seen travelling Eastbound on Lansdowne Rd.

Fortunately, the victim was not hit by any bullets, however, he suffered injuries from the shattered glass of his driver's side window.

Richmond RCMP frontline officers flooded the area and identified evidence consistent with a shooting.

"This was a reckless and brazen act which could have caused serious injury or worse to the victim or any pedestrian or motorist in the area," says Inspector Michael Cohee, Officer-in-Charge Richmond RCMP Investigative Services and Community Engagement, "We will go to every length



possible to identify those involved in this grievous criminal act. We are asking anyone that was in the area at the time of the shooting to contact us."

Richmond RCMP is seeking witnesses or dash cam footage from anyone who was travelling in the following area between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on June 28 to contact police.

Richmond RCMP General Investigation Section has conduct of this active and ongoing investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed, or have information regarding this file, is asked to call Richmond RCMP at 604-278-1212 and quote file number 2024-20250. Should you wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crimestoppers by phone at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit them online at www.solvecrime.ca.





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Filmmaker Shubham Chhabra to make documentary on international students caught in employment scams during KPU residency

SURREY: Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) is expanding learning opportunities for students by welcoming its inaugural KDocsFF Filmmaker in Residence.

Shubham Chhabra, an award-winning director and producer, joined KPU this week for a four-month residency.

Participating in the residency program is a "push in the right direction," says Chhabra.

"It's such a great push for somebody who just started their career and seeks acknowledgment. I'm looking forward to an opportunity to test my projects in front of new audiences before releasing my future films."

During his residency at KPU, Chhabra will be working on several projects, including a documentary version of his short film Cash Cows, a comedy-drama about the experiences of immigrants in Canada.

Cash Cows tells the story of an international student who tries to become a permanent resident but gets caught up in employment scams. It was the personal experience of him and his friends as immigrants from India that inspired Chhabra to make the film.

"The short film is complete, but I'm working on a documentary series that addresses the topic more sincerely."

Chhabra shares that newcomers can often meet people who want to take advantage of them at every step.

"It's really easy to make victims out of people when trying to tell their stories. I wanted to keep the film light and send the message to audiences who do not agree or know about such stories," says Chhabra. "With the documentary, I'm



trying to make a balanced viewpoint and not lean heavily just on the idea of people being exploited."

Chhabra will also work on a feature film about a local artist Maureen Coles, who is legally blind, rediscovering her artistic voice to create a full tactile art series. This film builds on his documentary series Through My Eyes: As artists re-creation, which is scheduled for release this fall on Telus Optik TV.

During his residency, Chhabra will consult with KPU film studies instructors and documentary producer Sean Farnel and lead filmmaking workshops in the KDocsFF Social Justice Lab. The lab, located at KPU Surrey, is an interdisciplinary makerspace for KPU students,



KPU: Shubham Chhabra

faculty and staff who want to materialize calls to action.

Bringing a local emerging filmmaker on board creates more opportunities for collaboration among students and faculty, says Greg Chan, an English instructor at KPU and co-director of KDocsFF, Metro Vancouver's premier social justice film festival based at KPU.

"I am excited to bring to campus such a talented filmmaker who tells Surrey-based stories. Shubham's storytelling is sure to deepen KPU's connections to the communities it serves," says Chan, who launched the residency program.

The filmmaker residency at KPU is part of the KDocsFF Best Emerging Filmmaker Residency Prize, awarded to a local emerging filmmaker in partnership with the Sundar Prize Film Festival. Chhabra received the award during the ceremony on June 15th at Centre Stage at Surrey City Hall.



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Surrey Canada Day sees Record-Breaking Attendance of 90,000 people

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On July 1, Surrey Canada Day saw its highest attendance of 90,000 people in its 20-year history. Presented by Prospera Credit Union, the event has become the largest celebration of its kind in Western Canada. Attendees enjoyed a variety of free entertainment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., including performances by headliners The Sheepdogs, Sass Jordan and Danielle Ryan. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn about Indigenous culture and the true history of Canada through cultural sharing with Semiahmoo and Kwantlen First Nations. The event closed with a fireworks finale sponsored by Guildford Town Centre.

"I am thrilled to see that Surrey Canada Day has broken its attendance record, with 90,000 people joining us at the Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "It's a testament to the incredible spirit and community pride that makes Surrey such a special place to live. I want to thank our partners at Prospera Credit Union for their support, and all the partners and performers who made this event possible. From the Indigenous Village



to the fireworks finale, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Here's to many more years of celebrating Canada Day in Surrey."

The Indigenous Village provided attendees with an opportunity to learn about the rich heritage and traditions of Indigenous Peoples through cultural sharing, education, contemporary performances, and as well as Bannock and bison food vendors. Attendees also supported Indigenous artisans and small businesses by shopping their handmade, authentic products from the Indigenous marketplace.

was so wonderful

"It

celebrating Canada Day with the City of Surrey and thousands of local residents," said Cary Ransome, Chief Member Experience Officer at Prospera. "Our volunteers were busy chatting with attendees, handing out thousands of popsicles and enjoying all the festivities. It was a fantastic event and one Prospera is proud to be a part of!"

The free, annual event also featured live performances on four stages, amusement rides, community booths, a sensoryfriendly space and food trucks. Additional activities included dance battles and performances by local DJs in the Community Hub presented by Chalo! Fresh Co.

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Richmond Multicultural Community Services: A testament to the power of human connection

By Balwant Sanghera

Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS) has been serving the people of Richmond area for 40 years. It provides services for newcomers to Canada and other needy people. RMCS also hosts a range of programs and community events facilitating and promoting multiculturalism, diversity and inclusiveness.

RMCS strives to promote intercultural harmony towards an inclusive community that values diversity and equality. Its settlement and integration programs have been a great success. Furthermore, it trains volunteers in some of the basic skills that enables them to enter the job market. RMCS also offers a variety of programs for youth, women, seniors and other groups.





For the past several years, RMCS has been partnering with India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 8600 #5 Road, Richmond in sponsoring a program called Chai Chaupal for Indo-Canadian seniors. This program takes place every Monday afternoon at the Gurdwara. It brings together a number of seniors to discuss various issues affecting the Indo-Canadian community and the community at large. At the same time, the participants enjoy tea and refreshments at the Gurdwara.

At tax time, RMCS provides annual income tax clinics and services to the needy in filing their income tax returns. Its English conversation classes have been helping a lot of newcomers gain confidence in expressing themselves in English. Its clients and volunteers appreciate the contribution RMCS has been making for their betterment. One such client /volunteers remarked: RMCS is not just a community service. It is a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of human connection.

India Cultural centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas is pleased to support organizations like RMCS who have been doing a commendable job in helping people. On Sunday, June 30, Mrs. Kashmir Kaur Johal, Chairperson of the Gurdwara Nanak Niwas Society, in the presence of President Mohan Singh Sandhu, Vice President Ubed Singh Sidhu and Secretary Balwant Singh Sanghera, presented a cheque to Parm Grewal, Executive Director of RMCS . The Gurdwara Management is pleased to assist RMCS in carrying on its commitment to helping those who need it the most. (Balwant Sanghera is Secretary, India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, Richmond)

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Four Surrey students receive \$45K scholarships from Cmolik Foundation

Students in the district are each receiving \$45,000 scholarships from the Cmolik Foundation for their post-secondary education.

Students from L.A. Matheson, Lord Tweedsmuir, Queen Elizabeth and Tamanawis secondary schools are among this year's Cmolik scholarship winners, recognized for their academic achievements, work ethic, philanthropy and ability to overcome adversity.

This year's Cmolik scholarship recipients are: Ishaq Ahmad, L.A. Matheson Secondary; Annie Khosa, Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary; Jennifer McLaren, Queen Elizabeth Secondary; Giya Gill, Tamanawis Secondary.

Founded in 2008, the Cmolik Foundation provides scholarships to youth who have experienced adversity, supporting their undergraduate and post-secondary education. Currently, 100 students are enrolled in the foundation's scholarship program.

Recognized for his hard work and commitment to academic excellence, Ahmad is pursuing a bachelor of business administration at Simon Fraser University and sees himself as a financial manager for an ethically and morally responsible business in his future.

With a smile on her face, Khosa received her Cmolik scholarship to study dentistry, first attaining a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Alberta before enrolling in a fouryear doctoral dentistry program.

Always putting others first, McLaren was selected as a recipient for her



desire to make positive change in the world. She will be studying history at Simon Fraser University before taking the school's professional development program to become a teacher, saying, "you must look to the past to change the future."

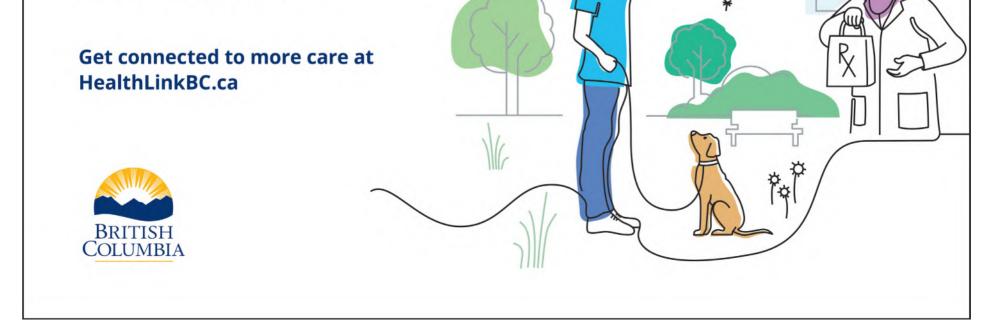
A past graduate of Tamanawis Secondary, Gill was awarded the scholarship as an alumnus towards her pursuit of a bachelor of science from Simon Fraser University. Gill intends to become a doctor and credits her academic motivation to the doctors she volunteers with the Korle-Bu Neuroscience Foundation, a Canadian charity that enhances the delivery of quality brain and spinal medical care in West Africa and beyond.



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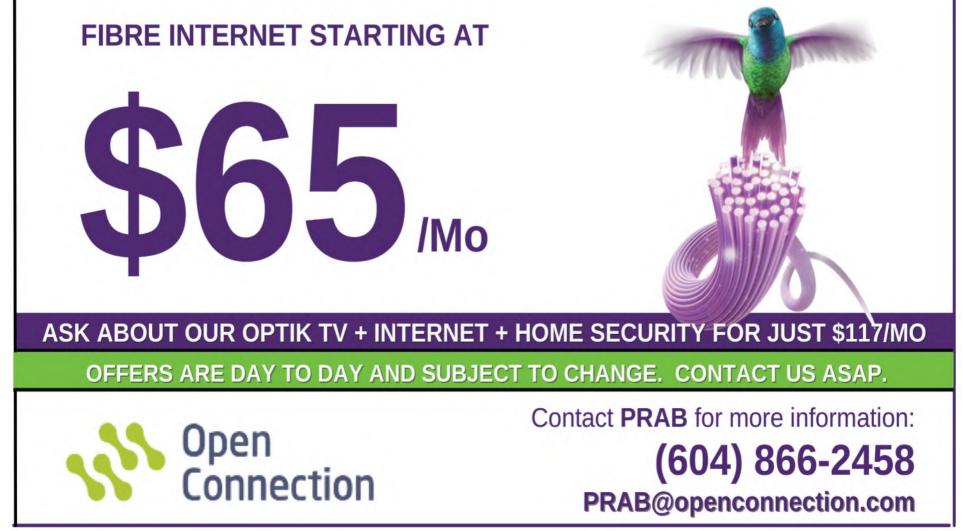
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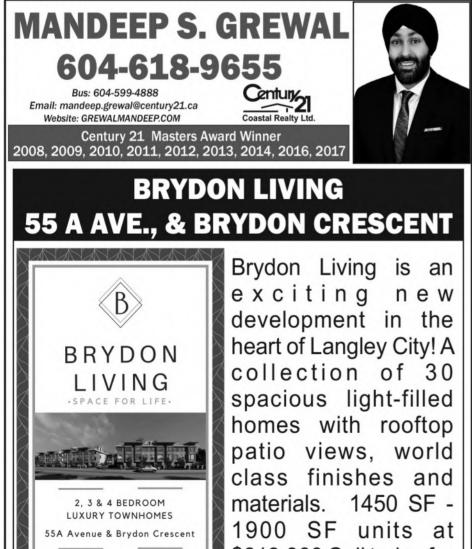
From now to Aug. 15, the City is hosting the Storm Drain Marking Challenge to engage the community in a fun, family friendly initiative to help spread the word that our fish and streams are directly impacted by pollutants that go into storm drains. To join the Challenge, residents can visit any participating recreation centre to pick up a kit and paint yellow fish at storm drains throughout the summer.

"I'm excited to invite our residents to join

the Storm Drain Challenge and make a difference in protecting our waterways," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With the stroke of a brush, you can help protect our fish-bearing streams. The Storm Drain Challenge is a fun and simple way to make your lasting mark on the City. Let's work together to make Surrey a cleaner and more sustainable place for future generations."

There are tens of thousands of storm drains around the City and more than 3.550 drains have been marked in past challenges. The Storm Drain Challenge is part of the City of Surrey's Salmon Tracks storm drain marking program in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

For a list of participating recreation centres, a map of storm drains and more, visit surrey.ca/salmontracks.





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After a temporary absence, Dr. Koonar is back at Cedar Dental Centre, ready to serve the Surrey community with topnotch dental care. Located at Unit 201, 8434 120 Street, Surrey, BC, Cedar Dental Centre is once again buzzing with activity as Dr. Koonar reopens his practice doors to both old and new patients alike.

Dr. Koonar, known for his commitment to excellence and personalized care, is eager to reconnect with familiar faces and extend a warm welcome to those seeking a trusted dental professional. Whether you're due for a routine checkup, interested in cosmetic treatments, or simply want to say hello, Dr. Koonar invites you to book an appointment today by calling 604-581-1362.

New patients are also encouraged to experience the difference at Cedar Dental Centre. Dr. Koonar welcomes individuals and families seeking comprehensive dental solutions tailored to their unique needs. From preventive care to restorative treatments, Cedar Dental Centre is your one-stop destination for all things dental.

In a special note, Dr. Koonar expresses his gratitude to the community for their continued support and loyalty. He emphasizes his commitment to providing the highest standard of care and looks forward to serving the Surrey community for years to come.



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2024 Ford Ranger Lariat Super Crew: Great for Work and Play!

Auto review By Veeno

he 204 Ford Ranger is the Blue l Ovals compact truck a good counterpart to the mighty full - size Ford F-150. Changes for the Ford Ranger in 2024 include a slick front fascia with differing grille styles depending on trim level. The rear lights are also revamped. The cabin is also a shade wider giving more interior room. Also changed up is the digital dash displays. There is a range of models and the addition of the new Raptor trim-line with amped up off-roading chops and the uprated V6 engine.

The engine choices ranges from a 2.3L turbo four-cylinder unit with 270 horsepower and 310 ft-lb torque. There is also the 2.7L EcoBoost V6 with 315 hp and 400 lb-ft of torque. A ten-speed automatic transmission and 4x4 drive are standard across the range.

The Ranger can carry up to 1,650 lb of cargo with the short bed Crew Cab 4 x 4 configuration, and 1,560 lbs for the SuperCrew. All Ranger models have a maximum towing capacity of 7,500 lbs, (When properly equipped with tow package) which Ford says is best-inclass.

All Rangers in Canada are 4×4 equipped. The mid-range XLT comes in Super Cab at \$38,290, or SuperCrew at \$40,090; while the top-line Lariat is a crew cab only, starting at \$44,640., Options and stands alone extra's will increase the price substantially. The Lariat as tested added the FX4 Off-Road Package with off road tuned suspension, 3.73 locking rear differential and the advanced towing package. Our tester had the FX4 Package offering aggressive tread



tires, front tow hooks, a steel skid plate, special suspension with off-road-capable dampers, an electronically locking rear differential, and an additional off-road screen in the main instrument cluster.

The Ranger's cabin design is neat and well organized. Kudos to Ford for ensuring there are proper button or knobs for major functions as well as a digital touchscreen. The dash is neat and uncluttered with nice big glove friendly dials for stereo volume and tuning. The infotainment system is powered by the latest version of Ford's excellent SYNC3 system. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity is also included.

There is also dual-zone climate control and heated front seats. The Lariat includes such niceties as front heated

leather seats, auto-dimming mirror, satellite radio, lane-keeping assist, and a blind-spot monitoring system that adjusts for trailer length for safer lane changes in traffic. The sandstone leather front seats are very supportive and comfortable and have eight-way power with lumbar support on the Lariat.

The rear seats can fold up for some extra cargo space. Storage space up front is good, with decent sized door pockets and cubby holes. The fit, finish, comfort in the interior is far better and luxurious than the Japanese competition-less utilitarian and truck like I have to say, with a more car-like ambience. So well done on that Ford!

On the road, the Rangers 2.3-liter Ecoboost four-cylinder engine offers good acceleration and cruising speed. The torque come on strong in the fully useable mid range. Meanwhile, the manoeuvrable size, and impressive turning circle make it easy to drive. The steering is light and responsive. In typical pickup truck fashion, the Ranger is bouncy and jittery over bumps if unloaded, but it's a generally smooth ride on most surfaces. Note, the 4×4 system is part-time and for less traction situations. Terrain Management, operated by a button on the console, optimizes performance in mud, snow, sand, and other conditions The Terrain Management system also features Ford's low speed forward crawl control system that can operate up o to 11 km/h. Fuel economy is pretty decent with a 11.9 city and 9,8 highways with 11.0 L/100 km combined rating (Natural Resources Canada). Downsides are few, no heated steering wheel, or heated back seats and the climate control buttons are kind of small and difficult to see.

I was impressed that although you sit high, the narrower cab and smaller size means it's not a chore to park the Ranger like a full- size truck. All in all, the Ford Ranger is very well executed. Ford expect customers who perhaps had a Ranger in the past to once more consider the advantages of a smaller fuel-efficient truck that easier to handle and nimbler than a full-size truck. With good payload, and towing capacity and five seats, the Ford Ranger s the ultimate versatile family or work and play truck. Highly recommended.

2024 Ford Ranger Lariat SuperCrew Base priced from: \$53.706. Lariat SuperCrew model as tested:\$60,860 with options, PDE and delivery. Website: www.ford,ca





116 killed in stampede at religious event in UP's Hathras

he death toll in the stampede at a religious congregation in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras district on Tuesday has m ounted to 116, including several women and children, officials said.

Aligarh Range IG Shalabh Mathur told mediapersons: "So far, 116 deaths have been confirmed. Twenty-seven bodies are at a mortuary in Etah, while the rest are in Hathras. The bodies are being sent for post-mortem to different hospitals.

"The administration is working hard to ensure that the injured get the best possible treatment. An FIR has been registered and the names of the organisers of the event will be added to it. It appears prima facie that there were more people than the permissible limit at the 'satsang'."

The 'satsang' of Lord Shiva, organised by the Manav Mangal Milan Sadbhavna Samagam Committee, was being held in Ratibhanpur where a huge crowd had gathered to listen to religious preacher Vishwa Hari Bhole Baba.

As per local sources, the stampede occurred as the event concluded when some people tried to move out of the



pandal amid the humid conditions while others tried to push them back, leading to confusion and chaos.

The sources added that the servitors of Bhole Baba reportedly stopped people from leaving the venue amid the heat and humidity, so that the preacher and his retinue could leave first.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh each to the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each to those injured in the incident.

The Chief Minister's Office has sought a detailed report about the organisers of the taken against those found guilty.

Additional police force from the adjoining districts has also been called in to help in the rescue operations.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also spoken to Yogi Adityanath regarding the tragic incident.

"The UP government is engaged in providing all possible help to all the victims. My condolences are with those who have lost their loved ones in this. Along with this, I wish for the speedy recovery of all the injured," he posted on X after the phone call.

Reacting to the tragic incident, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav slammed the state government for not taking enough safety measures for the religious congregation.

"We were inside the Parliament when we got information about the tragic incident. How can so many people die? What was the state government doing? If such a huge gathering was planned, the government should have made proper arrangements right from the start

'satsang', stating that strict action will be of the event. The state government is responsible for this and should now help the families of the victims and take care of the injured," Akhilesh Yadav said after coming out of the Parliament.

According to locals, Suraj Pal, or Bhole Baba, as he is called by his followers, hails from Bahadur Nagar in the Patiyali area of Kasganj district. He left his job in the state police 17 years ago to become a preacher.

According to a devotee, Bhole Baba had no religious mentor and soon after he took voluntary retirement from service, he had a 'vision' of the deity and since then he became inclined to spiritual pursuits. He used to hold his 'satsangs' every Tuesday and before Hathras, he held a similar event in Mainpuri district last week.

He courted controversy during the Covid pandemic period when he sought permission for a satsang in Farrukhabad district in May 2022 to be attended by only 50 people. However, the congregation grew to over 50,000, causing a major headache for the local administration.

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24-year-old Indian woman who was Atravelling from Melbourne to New Delhi in a Qantas flight died on the spot when she developed a medical condition while the aircraft was still on the ground, according to a media report on Monday.

Manpreet Kaur, who had dreams of becoming a chef, boarded the aircraft ready to fly from Melbourne to Delhi on June 20 and died onboard after the student reportedly "felt unwell" hours before arriving at the airport but managed to board the flight without any issues.

According to a friend, Kaur was travelling to India to see her parents for the first time

since she moved to Australia in March 2020.

The friend said Kaur fell on the floor and "died on the spot" when she went to put on her seatbelt.

The plane was still attached to the gate in Melbourne when cabin crew and emergency services rushed to help her.

"When she got on the plane, she was struggling to put her seatbelt on," her friend Gurdip Grewal told the Herald Sun newspaper.

"Just before her flight started, she fell in front of her seat and died on the spot." It is understood that Kaur likely died of

tuberculosis, an infectious disease that mostly affects the lungs.

Her roommate Kuldeep said Kaur had worked at Australia Post while studying cookery, with dreams of one day becoming a chef.

"She was kind and honest," she told the outlet.

A GoFundMe page has been created for Kaur to help her family.

"Our dear friend Manpreet left us too soon, leaving a void in our lives that can never be filled," the page reads.

"As we grieve her passing, we want to come together to honour her memory and



support her family in their time of need. "As we say our final goodbyes, every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to our goal. Your support means the world to us and Manpreet's family."

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Shah Rukh Khan to be honoured with career achievement award at Locarno Film Festival

Festival's career achievement award, which is the prestigious Pardo alla Carriera. The Festival site announced on Tuesday that the award will celebrate the Bollywood superstar's 'remarkable career in Indian cinema'. The statement from the festival team

Shah Rukh Khan is set to be awarded Shah Rukh will receive the award on August 10 at the open-air venue Piazza Grande. One of his most-celebrated film, Devdas, directed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali, will also be screened during the festival. Shah Rukh is all set to appear at the Forum @Spazio Cinema for a conversation on August 11

In a statement, the Artistic Director of the Locarno Film Festival Giona A. Nazzaro said, "To welcome a living legend like Shah Rukh Khan in Locarno is a dream come true! The wealth and breadth of his contribution to Indian cinema is unprecedented. Khan is a king who has never lost touch with the audience that crowned him. This brave and daring artist has always been willing to challenge himself while remaining true to what his fans all over the world eagerly expect from his films. A true 'people's hero', sophisticated and down to earth, Shah Rukh Khan is a legend of our times." Some of the noted recipients of the same award in the past include Tsai Ming-liang, Claudia Cardinale, Johnnie To, Francesco Rosi, Harry Belafonte, and Jane Birkin.

Shah Rukh had a blockbuster 2023, with three releases back to back in a year after a four years-long gap. He marked a big screen comeback with YRF's Pathaan and later teamed up with Atlee for Jawan. Both films were blockbusters and set records at the box office, becoming one of Rukh's last and third release of 2023 was the highest-grossers of the year. Shah Rajkumar Hirani's Dunki.

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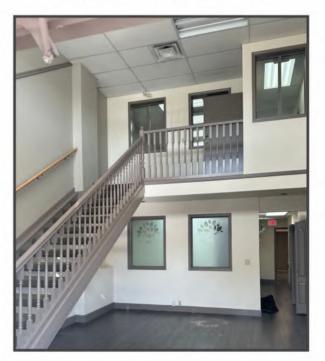
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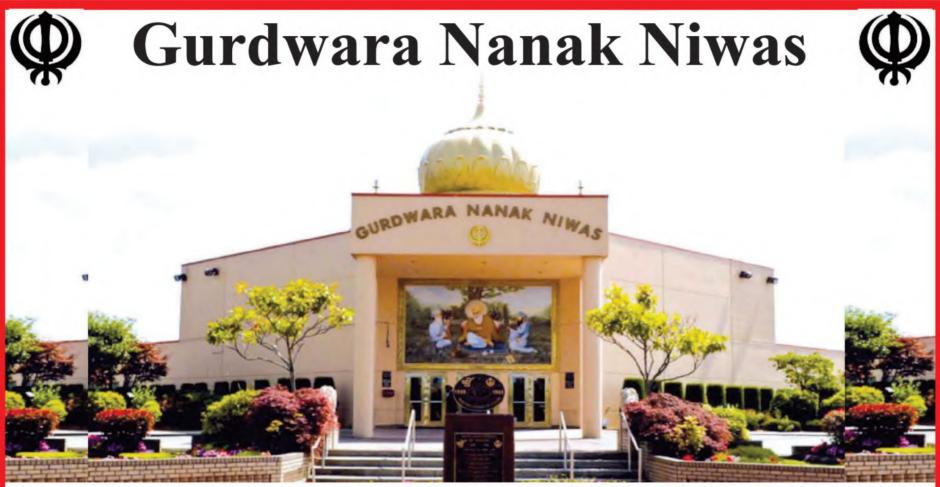








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4th July, Thursday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Balbir Singh Natt family.
6th July, Saturday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Hardeep Singh Dhillon family.
7th July, Sunday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony 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, Wednesda	y at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Sukhdev Singh Bains family.
11th July, Thursday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Harbhajan Singh Bhatti family.
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.
17th July, Wednesda	y at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Ajit Singh Garcha family.
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19th July, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Satwinder Singh Sidhu family.
21st July, Sunday	10,15 am to 11.00 am, Weekly Kirtan Diwan.
From 11:00 am to 1	1:45 am, Prominent Sikh Scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa talks about Sikh religion and Gurbani.

Special Program:

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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.

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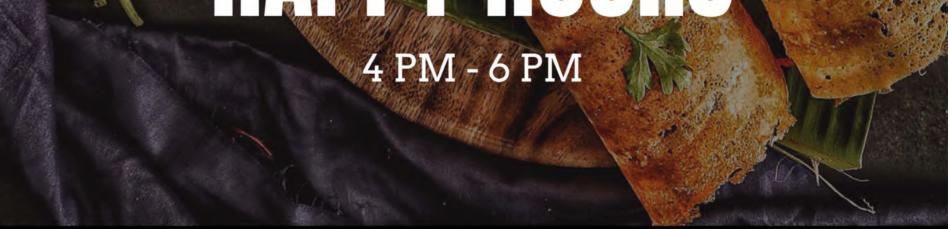
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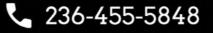
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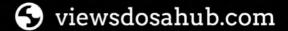
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Tauba Tauba from Bad Newz: Vicky Kaushal, Triptii Dimri steal the show with their chemistry

Tauba Tauba from Bad Newz: The first song from Anand Tiwari's upcoming film Bad Newz was released on Tuesday. The party number, titled Tauba fadduuu dance moves." Another wrote, "He performs killer moves with so much perfection & ease." Some commented about how they had a 'crush' on Triptii.



Tauba, features the film's lead pair, Vicky Kaushal and Triptii Dimri, apart from singer Karan Aujla in the video.

Tauba Tauba from Bad Newz Vicky, Triptii, and the rest of the film's team took to social media on Tuesday to share the video of the song. Composed, sung, and penned by Karan, the song features choreography by Bosco-Ceasar. The number itself is peppy, with Vicky showing off his moves in a dark suit while Triptii looks smouldering in a gold dress. The song also gives a glimpse of the lead actors' chemistry in the film.

Fans were so thrilled by Vicky's moves in the song, one of them commented, "This is exactly how a 6ft 2inches tall guy dances in swaag just to make the whole world sway in his grooves... stunninnngggggg choreo and

About Bad Newz

Bad Newz has been written by Ishita Moitra and Tarun Dudeja. The film is produced by Hiroo Yash Johar, Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta, Amritpal Singh Bindra and Anand Tiwari. It's presented by Amazon Prime in association with Dharma Productions and Leo Media Collective. Bad Newz will be released in theatres on July 19.

Recently, the film's team also released the trailer, giving an insight into the story. Bad Newz is based on the concept of heteropaternal superfecundation, where a woman, played by Triptii, gets pregnant and carries babies by two men at the same time. The trailer takes on a humorous tone as it shows the conflict between the two men, played by Vicky and Ammy Virk, as they decide who looks after her during pregnancy.

Shabana Azmi credits Amitabh Bachchan for enabling senior actors' second innings in

Shabana Azmi is having a great time in her second innings as an actor. From Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani and Ghoomer in Bollywood to Halo and What's Love Got To Do With It in Hollywood, she's packed in a diverse range of work across the globe. Appearing in The Invincibles season 2, Shabana credited Amitabh Bachchan for paving the way for senior actors in Hindi cinema. What Shabana said

"I really think it's got a lot to do with Amitabh Bachchan. Because Amitabh Bachchan has cleared the field for senior actors. The women's movement all over the world has also definitely influenced



films somewhere or the other. (It's just me) being in the right place at the right time," Shabana said.

Is Virat Kohli giving Anushka Sharma Barbados hurricane updates in this video?

Is there anything cuter in this world than 'men in love'? A new video of cricket star Virat Kohli has surfaced on social media from Barbados. He is stuck on the Caribbean island with the rest of the Indian cricket team due to Hurricane Beryl wreaking havoc. In the said video, Virat seem to be showing the terror of the hurricane to someone through a video call. While it is not clear who is on the other side of the call, fans assumed it must be his wife, actor Anushka Sharma. Virat, dressed in a casual brown shirt and relaxed white bottoms, went to his hotel balcony and panned the phone camera to the stormy ocean.

He then runs to another spot for a better view. Fans of the couple loved seeing his excitement to show Anushka everything. "A man being man to his wife and children," wrote a person. "He keeps anushka updated," noticed another. "What a girl wants more than this," wrote a fan. "Mnn hi nhi lagta uske bina king ka (Our king cannot be without Anushka),' said a fan.

Mumbai: Ever since her breakup with Tiger Shroff, there has been a lot of curiosity around Disha Patani's dating life. A fresh round of speculations started after she was clicked recently with an intriguing tattoo on her arm.

What's Disha's tattoo about? Disha was recently clicked by the paparazzi. She wore a blue tank top with a butterfly design on it, paired with white pants, and accessorised with a white handbag and dark sunglasses. But it was a certain tattoo on her left arm that got all the attention. It simply read, "PD," leaving many to wonder about what those initials expand to. Several Instagram users took to the comment section to shoot their guesses. Some even claimed it's the initials of Disha and her Kalki 2898 AD co-star Prabhas, suggesting that they may dating. "Prabhas (red emoji) disha," wrote a others simply com-

Disha Palani Addresses Her New 'PD' Tattoo As It Spark Prabhas Dating Rumours

bhas."

Disha on her tattoo Hours after the speculations, Disha finally took to her Instagram handle to open up on the and wrote in the caption, "Amused to see so much curiosity around my tattoo! discover what the joy is all about! #cloudnine." Disha's cryptic statement has only further fuelled the specu-

was recently seen going out with Aleksander Alex Ilic. Many speculated that the big tattoo on his arm and bicep resembled Disha. However, they haven't been spotted together again recently. They've neither confirmed or denied their relationship. Before Aleksander, Di-Disha sha had a long relationship with her Baaghi 3 co-star Tiger Shroff. They were recently

seen playing volleyball together at Akshay Kumar's residence. Interestingly, Akshay recently shared screen space with Tiger in Ali Abbas Zafar's action comedy Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. Akshay is currently filming the adventure comedy Welcome Back, the third instalment in the Welcome franchise, with Disha and several others.

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> Besides Welcome Back, Disha will also be seen in Kanguva.



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