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# Province, Surrey reach agreement on police transition; Province to provide \$30 million per year until 2029

SURREY, BC: The B.C. government and the City of Surrey have reached an agreement that will complete the transition to the Surrey Police Service (SPS) by providing oversight, accountability and cost mitigation for residents and businesses in Surrey. "The people of Surrey have told both levels of government that they want us to be focused on keeping people safe," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. "This agreement provides stability, certainty and safety for the people of Surrey. I look forward to working with the mayor and City of Surrey, the Surrey Police Service and



the RCMP to complete this transition as quickly as possible, while ensuring safety for Surrey residents." Through the agreement, the Province will provide \$30 million per year to assist with

transition costs until 2029. The agreement also provides a financial guarantee of as much as \$20 million per year if SPS salary costs are higher than RCMP costs would be from 2029 to 2034 for actual costs.

The City of Surrey has agreed to fully support the transition and take all necessary steps to ensure the success of the transition to the Surrey Police Service. The city will continue working with partners to finalize transition planning documents and allocate adequate SPS budgets following the city's obligations under the Police Act. The City of Surrey has also agreed not to levy a separate police tax for any costs relating to the police transition for a period of 10 years; and the city will provide SPS access to required space and operational needs including access to payroll,  
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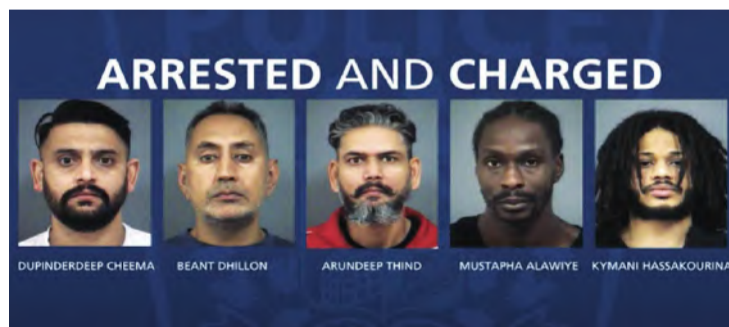
## Sahib Singh's play on international students comes to White Rock



The Chetna Association of Canada and Dynamic Creative Horizons are thrilled to present a solo play by the renowned Punjabi theatre artist, Sahib Singh, in Surrey. The thought-provoking play, "Sandookadi Khol Naraina," delves into the lives and struggles of students from Punjab, particularly international students. Two performances are scheduled for July 20 and July 21 at the White Rock Player's Club. Entry is free, but passes are required. (Read the full story on Page 3)

## Punjabi Male arrested second time with four others in violent extortions case

Conservatives Blast Trudeau Government for Turning Canada Into Safe Haven For Extortionists



The consequences of catch-and-release policies for repeat offenders was evident again last week when Peel Regional Police in Ontario arrested five people, including a Brampton resident who was out on bail, as well as Arundeeep Thind, who was charged of assault and extortion.  
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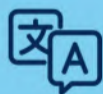
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## Sandokani Khol Narayana: Sahib Singh's Play on International Students Comes to White Rock

The influx of international students from Punjab in recent years has sparked many discussions within the Indo-Canadian community. While the challenges faced by these students are frequently highlighted, solutions are seldom discussed. Sahib Singh, a renowned Punjabi theatre artist who previously brought attention to the caste system with his acclaimed play Lacchu Kabadi, returns with another thought-provoking production focusing on international students from Punjab.

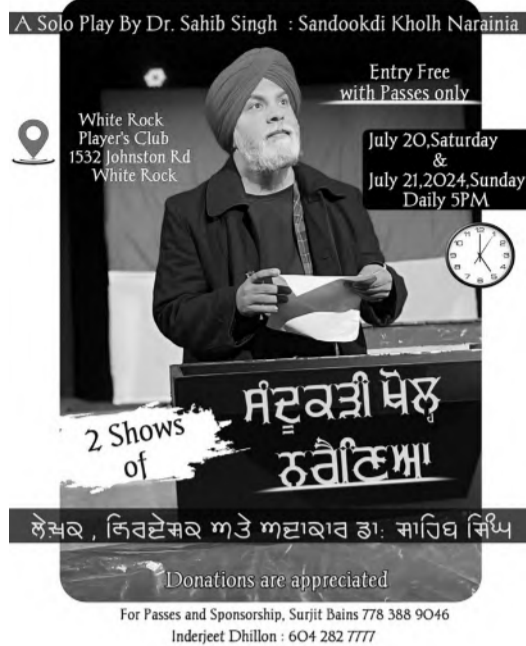
Written and directed by Singh, "Sandokani Khol Narayana" narrates three distinct stories along with a central narrative about a retired school teacher passionate about education. This teacher opens a box filled with memories of his students. The main story revolves around an international student who goes to Canada for further studies.

In an interview with the LINK,

Singh discussed his inspiration for this play. He said, "Over the past few years I have visited many countries. International students, their challenges and struggles were always part of my discussions with the local community. I feel there is lesser clarity about these students and the background they come from. This play seeks to understand the background of these students, their educational and cultural upbringing, and the work culture. When these students land in a completely different culture, an imbalance is inevitable."

Singh said that that the play is about the youth of Punjab facing numerous challenges. "I aimed to address these issues through three different stories. The main story

Chetna Association of Canada and  
Dynamic Creative Horizons present



is about the international student in Canada. The other stories involve students in Punjab, one grappling with communal strife and another dealing with

the struggles of being a Dalit."

Singh says that not only international students but long-time residents of Canada should also come and watch the play. "Those who are settled here understand Punjab's culture and struggles. Sometimes, they feel that current students have it easy, but these students face their own set of challenges, such as inflation and employment difficulties. Previously, one could work hard and dream of owning a house in Canada, but that is no longer the case."

Singh's plays are known to raise issues and concerns of today. Naam Likhari Nanaka, Samey di Daang, and Gurburab are just a few of the creations of Singh. He thinks that theatre is not about raising slogans or giving a message

through activism, it is a place where an artist has a platform to stir the emotions of the audience and question the status quo of established beliefs.

When asked about the message of the play, Singh said that his intention is not to guide anyone in a specific direction. "The underlying theme is about the students—one international and two in Punjab. The play ends on a note of optimism and hope. It emphasizes that, despite the crisis, we can overcome it by introspecting and analyzing the situation, rather than playing the blame game."

The Chetna Association of Canada and Dynamic Creative Horizons are presenting this solo play. Two performances are scheduled for July 20 and July 21 at the White Rock Player's Club. Entry is free, but passes are required.

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## Two targeted shootings in busy Newton areas

Surrey's Scott Road and 72 avenue area is extremely busy. Especially during summer, the plazas and shops are busier with parents taking their kids for movies, shopping, and to the Strawberry Hill Library. However, the area has already been rocked by two shootings this week.

First shooting happened on July 5, 2024 at approximately 5:30 am when a male was shot in the parking lot of Home Depot on 7300 block of 122 Street.

The Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit conducted the investigation, and

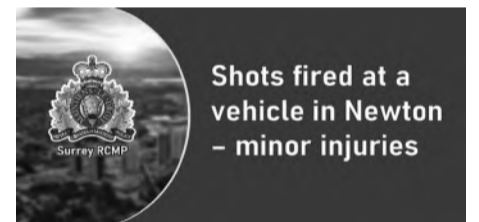
investigators are working to determine all of the circumstances surrounding the shooting. Evidence-gathering is still underway, but initial indications are this was a targeted, isolated incident.

The second shooting happened on July 10 at 12:24 am, when Surrey RCMP responded to multiple reports of shots heard in the 12700-block of 66 Avenue. Frontline officers attended the area and conducted patrols.

While Frontline members were conducting the initial investigation on scene and

patrolling the area, Surrey Memorial Hospital called Surrey RCMP to report a male attended the hospital and disclosed that he was shot. Officers attended the hospital and spoke with the victim. Evidence consistent with a shooting was then located in the driveway of a residence and on a vehicle.

Police believe this was a targeted incident as the victim is also known to police. "The victim has been uncooperative with investigators and sustained very minor injuries," police said.



Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit has conduct of this investigation and will be in the area for video canvassing. If you have any information including CCTV footage please call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.

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# Premier David Eby is facing unfair criticism



By Harinder Mahil

Sometimes both the public and press make unfair criticism of our elected officials. I have been guilty of it as well.

The Vancouver Sun columnist Vaughan Palmer wrote a column last Saturday in which he was critical of Premier David Eby. The caption of the column reads: "Premier David Eby's centralized control may play a role in sud-

den cabinet resignations." Palmer wrote that the resignations of three key ministers Bruce Ralston, Harry Bains and Rob Fleming was a surprise, because of the timing and because two had said they'd run again.

All three of them have been NDP MLA'S since 2005 and have served their constituents for almost 20 years.

Harry Bains is 72 and Bruce Ralston is 71. When should a politician resign? We see many politicians around the world who continue to run for office past 80. President Joe Biden is facing criticism for staying in politics past 80. It is damned if you do and damned if you don't.

There are many factors that come into play when someone decides to retire. This is especially true of politicians because they want to make sure they are not seen as lame ducks if they announced their retirement too soon.

I am not sure what facts were considered by Rob Fleming before he announced not to seek re-election. However, I have discussed this with Harry Bains and know that his wife played a role in his decision. They had decided months ago that he would not seek re-election in October 2024. Just because he did not announce it months earlier did not mean that the decision was made in the last few weeks.

Similarly, I know from my sources that Bruce Ralston had decided a number of months ago not to seek re-election but chose not to announce it publicly. I have a feeling that all three Harry Bains, Bruce Ralston and Rob Fleming had conveyed their decisions to Premier



Eby many months ago. I am not surprised that Bains and Ralston would think about retirement. Only a small percentage of people can make a commitment for another four years past the age of 70.

Bains said in a statement that, "it's time for someone else to continue the work we've begun."

Ralston in a statement to the Surrey Now-Leader said, "I've been at it almost 20 years, so I decided that it's time for the next phase of my life."

All three Bains, Ralston and Fleming have stated that they will campaign for the NDP in the next provincial election.

I do not know enough about Premier Eby or how he interacts with his cabinet ministers. I am certain that he did not have anything to do with the three ministers deciding not to run for re-election. If they were unhappy with him or the government, they would have said so. They had nothing to lose as they are leaving politics. There are also many other ministers and MLA's who have chosen to seek re-election.

There is a tendency amongst most of us to be cynical of the statements made by politicians. I feel in this case the columnist is being unfair to the Premier.

Harinder Mahil is a human rights activist and is secretary of the Dr. Hari Sharma Foundation

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# Surrey Guru Nanak Food Bank organizes Mega Food Drive



The Guru Nanak Food Bank (GNFB) of Surrey on its 4th Anniversary, organized a monumental Mega Food Drive. GNFB claims that it set a new North American record for the largest single-day donation. The event, held on Sunday, July 7th, amassed an astounding 384.5 tons of food.

The Mega Food Drive commenced at 9:00 AM and concluded at 8:00 PM, with over 200 dedicated volunteers ensuring its smooth operation throughout the day. Local radio and TV stations provided live coverage, capturing the spirit and generosity of the community.

GNFB received a wide array of essential items that will sustain the food bank for more than 76 months. Donations included wheat flour, canned foods, diapers, baby food, sugar, lentils, tea, coffee, and snacks. The continuous flow of donations throughout the day was a testament to the community's unwavering support.

Reflecting on previous years, GNFB raised 243 tons of food in 2023 and 143 tons in 2022. This year, the team set an ambitious target of 313 tons, but thanks to the community's generosity, they surpassed it by a significant margin.

The event saw the participation of notable figures, including the mayors of Surrey and Delta, who appealed for donations. BC Conservative Leader John Rustad also attended, contributing to the cause and encouraging the community to donate.

GNFB extends heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers and donors who made this achievement possible.

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# Surrey SFU New Medical School to train family doctors starting Summer of 2026

More family doctors will be trained faster as the new medical school at Simon Fraser University (SFU) moves forward with funding for space and operations, as well as a proposed three-year curriculum model and a founding dean.

“We’re training a new generation of doctors with a focus on family medicine to provide the services we need in our communities,” said Premier David Eby. “This investment in the first entirely new medical school in Western Canada in 55 years will mean more family doctors graduating each year to provide care for people.”

The interim site is at the existing building space at SFU’s Surrey campus, as well as a leased space nearby. SFU will design,



renovate and equip the spaces to accommodate classrooms, labs, and faculty and staff office space. The Province is supporting the

medical school through \$33.7 million in capital funding for interim space, alongside \$27 million in operational funding

through Budget 2024. This builds on a previous \$14 million for startup and planning. The medical school will focus on primary care and leverage the university’s strength in community engagement and strong partnerships with the First Nations Health Authority, Fraser Health Authority, other provincial health authorities and the practice community.

by fall 2025. Upon successful completion of planned accreditation stages within this timeframe, the school will have approval to recruit its first class to start in summer 2026.

On July 4, 2024, SFU’s board approved Dr. David J. Price as the founding dean for the medical school. An alumnus of the UBC faculty of medicine, he practised comprehensive family medicine, including obstetrics and palliative care, in Vancouver for more than a decade. A nationally recognized leader in family medicine and primary care, he has held faculty and leadership roles in the department of family medicine at McMaster University since 2000.

“Taking on the founding dean role for Simon Fraser University’s new school of medicine is both a huge honour and responsibility. I’m confident that our growing and diverse team is ready to tackle the job in creating a primary and community care focused medical school that all British Columbians will be proud of. The partnership and contributions of the First Nations Health Authority and Fraser Health among others will be critical to our success, and I look forward to developing and deepening those relationships,” said Dr. David Price, founding dean, SFU school of medicine.

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# Inderjit Singh Sandhu gets life sentence for killing wife

Inderjit Singh Sandhu, husband of slain Kamaljit Sandhu was sentenced to life in prison without parole eligibility for 13 years on July 4.

45 year old Kamaljit was located with life threatening injuries by police at her residence in the 2900-block of Eastview Street, in Abbotsford on July 28, 2022. Despite the best efforts of the responding officers and paramedics, Kamaljit Sandhu later sadly succumbed to her injuries. 48-year old Inderjit Singh Sandhu, Kamaljit's husband, was located on scene and taken into custody in relation to the homicide. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investigation and continued to work closely in partnership with AbbyPD and the BC Coroners Service to



**Kamaljit Kaur Sandhu**

advance the investigation. On April 19, 2024, Inderjit Singh Sandhu appeared in Abbotsford Supreme Court, where he entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder. Kamaljit also known as Kam by her colleagues was a bank

employee. A GoFundMe Page was set up for Kamaljit Sandhu by Sean Kelly. Kelly wrote on the page, "On July 28, 2022, we lost one of the most caring, loving, kind and strong women I have met. I was privileged to work alongside Kam for the last year in a half at the Seven Oaks Branch of RBC. One of our expert front-line advisors, she led with care and empathy with all of our clients and patiently worked with the staff, helping to teach and mentor individuals. She was funny, sweet, and went out of her way to make you feel good about yourself and what was going on in your world. Her passing is a tragedy. Kam leaves behind two children. This fundraiser is created to generate funds to assist the family in any way. Please show your love and support with your donations."



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## Squamish woman who traveled to Syria to join ISIS arrested and charged

Pacific Region RCMP Federal Policing Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) have arrested and charged a 51-year-old woman in relation to terrorism related offences. Kimberly Polman, a resident of Squamish, British Columbia, was charged for leaving Canada to Participate in the Activity of Terrorist Group. These charges stem from an ongoing criminal investigation regarding allegations that the individual left Canada and traveled to Syria in 2015 to join ISIS. Polman was repatriated to Canada in October 2022 and was placed on a series of bail conditions. She has been subject to a Terrorism Peace Bond under s.810.011 of the Criminal Code since November 7, 2023. "The success of this investigation is directly attributable to the work done by our dedicated investigators and the strength of our policing and intelligence partnerships. Along

with our Canadian and International partners, the RCMP remains committed to combatting violent extremism both in Canada and abroad," said Superintendent Jag Dhot, Pacific Region RCMP Federal Policing INSET. "Policing partners, local communities and families are all key in the successful identification, prevention and disruption of terrorist activities, as well as individual disengagement from violent extremism." Polman is scheduled to make her next court appearance on Friday, August 2, 2024 in Vancouver Provincial Court. The RCMP encourages citizens to remain vigilant and report any information on terrorism or related suspicious activity to the National Security Information Network at 1-800-420-5805, online at www.rcmp.ca/report-it, or to their local police. If there is an immediate threat to your safety, please call 911.

## IHIT seek public assistance in identifying a person of interest in Maple Ridge shooting

IHIT investigators are seeking public's assistance in identifying a person of interest in a homicide investigation. On January 20, 2024, the Ridge Meadows RCMP responded to a report of shots fired in the 22200-block of 123 Avenue, in Maple Ridge. Front line officers attended the scene and located an 18-year-old man suffering from gunshot wounds at the scene of a collision. A short time later, police received a call of a vehicle on fire in the 20800-block of 123 Avenue, believed to be linked to the shooting. On January 25, 2024, the victim of the

shooting, succumbed to his injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investigation. Photographs of the person, obtained from a store in Mission, BC, shortly before the murder on January 20, 2024, are being shared in hopes that someone will recognize the man. The person of interest is described as a Caucasian man in his 20's, light brown hair, brown eyes, wearing a Vans Get out and get lost hoodie and black pants with a red accent on the left leg.



## Two additional suspects charged in connection to robbery of a jewellery store

An investigation led by Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit has resulted in charges against four people in relation to an alleged robbery at a jewellery store in Guildford earlier this year. On February 18, 2024 at 6:23 p.m., Surrey RCMP responded to a report of shots fired at a jewellery store in the 15200-block of 101 Avenue, where one person sustained non-life-threatening injuries. In connection with the robbery, Michael Onischuk and Larissa Cowan were arrested in Calgary,

Alberta, on February 27, 2024. They were charged and remanded until their next court appearance. Through further investigation two additional suspects were identified and arrested on April 28, in Edmonton, Alberta with the assistance of Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Emergency Response Team and Major Crime Unit. Thirty-eight-year-old Jenna Interman, was charged with robbery using a restricted or prohibited firearm and aggravated assault. The other suspect was released pending

further investigation. On June 6, Calgary Police Service arrested 44-year-old, Rebecca Powless in relation to Surrey RCMP's ongoing investigation. Charges were laid against her, including robbery using a restricted or prohibited firearm, aggravated assault, and discharge a firearm with intent to wound/disfigure. Thank you to our partner agencies for their support and cooperation in this ongoing investigation, says Surrey RCMP Media Relations officer, Cpl. James Mason.



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# Semiahmoo Secondary student Dhruv Mehta takes first place in national French-speaking competition

For the second year in a row, Semiahmoo Secondary student Dhruv Mehta has placed first in the national finals of the Concours d'art oratoire, a French public speaking competition hosted by Canadian Parents for French (CPF) for Grade 6 to 12 students across Canada.

Mehta, a recent graduate, took the top spot in the Core French category, repeating his victory from last year in the national contest. The win also follows an impressive showing at the provincial Concours d'art oratoire where he finished first in the Core and Intensive French 11/12



Semiahmoo Secondary graduate Dhruv Mehta is a two-time winner of the national Concours d'art oratoire, a French public speaking competition hosted by Canadian Parents for French.

category. Additionally, SAIL (Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning) student Sophia Killawee placed second in the Late French Immersion category. Mehta and Killawee competed against students from seven provinces and territories, and were among 13 medallists across five categories: Core French, Core Extended/Enriched/Advanced French, Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion and Francophone. The competition was held virtually, with students submitting single-take videos showcasing their public speaking skills en français.

Mehta's speech was titled Vers l'infini et au-delà avec la technologie (To infinity and beyond with technology) while Killawee's speech was titled L'autisme. Other speech topics included sports, marketing, colonialism and racism, among other subjects. This year's winners will receive a cash prize and are eligible for a scholarship from CPF's partner post-secondary institutions: University of Ottawa, Université Saint-Boniface, Université de Moncton, Université Sainte-Anne, Campus Saint-Jean – University of Alberta, and Glendon Campus of York University.

## Surrey Council approves Design Contract for 72 Avenue Extension

During Monday night's Regular Council Meeting, Surrey City Council approved a \$744K contract to Aplin & Martin Consultants Ltd. to design the 72 Avenue Extension from 152 Street to 176 Street. The 72 Avenue Extension is a critical infrastructure project that will provide a new corridor for traffic, improve agricultural access, and enhance the overall safety of the area.

"I am thrilled to see this landmark project begin," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The 72 Avenue extension, with an estimated cost of \$138 million, marks a major milestone in the City's history as the largest municipal transportation investment to date. This transformative project will have far-reaching benefits, not only enhancing traffic flow and alleviating congestion in the area, but also significantly improving the overall quality of life for our residents and commuters. The 72 Avenue extension will be a crucial artery in our regional



transportation network, efficiently connecting people and goods across our city and beyond. I am proud to say that my Council is taking a bold and proactive approach to shaping our future and ensuring Surrey remains a thriving hub for living, working, and doing business." The 72 Avenue improvements will see the construction of a four-lane road with two travel lanes in each direction, improved agricultural ditches, and wider shoulders to accommodate farm vehicles and cyclists. This scenario, based on traffic modelling, ensures adequate traffic capacity well into the future while addressing the needs of

both transportation users and the farming community.

The corridor is expected to have regional significance, providing a continuous connection between Highway 91 to

Highway 15 and offering a desirable route into Langley and Maple Ridge. Given its importance for the movement of people and goods throughout the region,

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## Province, Surrey reach agreement on police...

IT and other operational systems. "Surrey city council has worked hard to ensure that the provincial government would support the police transition beyond its initial \$150-million offer," said Brenda Locke, mayor of Surrey. "With the \$250 million now offered by the Province, Surrey council has accepted the provincial funding for the police transition. The new funds from the Province will help to lessen the financial impact of the transition to Surrey taxpayers. City council fully recognizes the service of the RCMP in Surrey. We express our gratitude for everything Surrey RCMP has done to serve and protect our community for the past 70 years with their exemplary service. Through integrated policing units, such as IHIT, RCMP will continue to support the people of Surrey. As we go through this process, council will be constantly working in the

best interests of Surrey taxpayers." The SPS will become the police of jurisdiction on Nov. 29, 2024. With this agreement, the city has appointed two leading experts in the policing field, Tonia Enger and Clayton Pecknold to represent the city at the Joint Implementation Table, alongside representatives from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Public Safety Canada, the RCMP and the SPS. This table and the parties represented are leading the largest police transition in Canada. The Surrey police board's budget for 2024-25 fits within Surrey's financial framework. The budget sets out a plan to hire 526 SPS officers by the end of 2024 making up approximately two-thirds of the city's authorized policing strength for 2024. At this point in the transition, the SPS is already the second largest

municipal police department in the Province, after the Vancouver Police Department, with 431 sworn officers and support staff. On July 2, 2024, the SPS launched the first 10 SPS-branded vehicles into service and will deploy 20 more cars over the summer as it works toward becoming the police of jurisdiction. When the SPS becomes the police of jurisdiction on Nov. 29, 2024, the BC RCMP will provide transitional supports for the remainder of the transition period to ensure a seamless transition. The city's current authorized policing strength is 785 officers and is scheduled to increase by 25 officers per year, according to the city's fiscal outlook to reflect the population growth of the Surrey. The full transition is targeted to be completed in late 2026.

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## Punjabi Male arrested..

It is the second time this year that Thind has been charged with extortion. Dupinderdeep Cheema, a 36-year-old man from Brampton; Beant Dhillon, a 51-year-old man from Brampton; Arundeeep Thind, a 39-year-old man of unknown address; Mustapha Alawiye, a 32-year-old man from Mississauga; Kymani Hassakourinas, a 32-year-old man from Mississauga were arrested and charged. According to police, these men were involved in multiple extortions between December 2023 and May 2024 where they extorted victims by assaulting, threatening and discharging firearms.

It turns out Arundeeep Thind was also arrested in early January this year when on January 26, 2024, a 32-year-old victim allegedly received a phone call and threatening WhatsApp messages demanding large sums of money. Thind was arrested when Peel police launched a task force in December into a number of extortion incidents targeting the South Asian business community. The police said he was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton in February. The Conservative Party of Canada led by Pierre Poilievre blamed increasing extortions and violence on the Liberal government's "reckless policies." He claimed that since Trudeau became Prime Minister, extortion is up 218 percent across Canada while violent crime has risen by 39 percent. "This is happening because the Liberal Government made it easier for gangsters and extortionists to get out of jail and re-offend. They did this by passing Bill C-5, which eliminated mandatory jail time for committing extortion with a firearm, and by passing Bill C-75, which makes it easier for repeat offenders to get back onto our streets." The South Asian Business community has been rocked across Canada by extortion calls with maximum cases cropping in Lower Mainland, Brampton and Edmonton. Extortions calls started as rumours in 2023 October. But a few months later, police confirmed that the South Asian businesses were indeed facing threats through phone calls, WhatsApp messages, and letters, compelling them to provide monetary concessions. The cases were confirmed in Surrey, West Vancouver, Abbotsford, Edmonton (Alberta), and Brampton (Ontario). The Vedic Hindu Cultural Society of BC and led by Satish Kumar, President of Society and Lakshmi Narayan Temple also organized a big forum in January of 2024 to bring Canadian politicians and law enforcement agencies together to raise awareness about these threat calls. The primary focus of the forum was to urge victims to report extortions, explore the modus operandi of these incidents, and deliberate on the measures taken by local police and government officials to combat this unusual crime. However, a complication in BC's judicial system, where charges must be approved by the Crown, was identified as a contributing factor to delays. In February, a nation-wide alliance of various police departments across Canada was put in place to help coordinate and advance a series of threat/extortion investigations. Peel Regional Police quickly put together our Extortion Investigative Task Force (EITF) for the sole purpose of protecting community and to hold those responsible, accountable.

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# Police seize large quantity of drugs, cash, vehicles and firearms from 4 Surrey residence

Surrey RCMP Drug Unit seized a large quantity of illicit drugs, illegal firearms and cash stemming from an investigation into a drug trafficking network. In August 2023, Surrey RCMP Drug Unit initiated an investigation into a drug trafficking group which was believed to be operating out of Surrey. Over the course of several months, investigators gathered evidence which led to an initial search warrant that was executed on October 17, 2023

in the 7400-block of 184 Street, Surrey. Subsequently, four additional locations were identified. On January 31, 2024, police executed search warrants at the following locations:  
 □Residence in the 19400-block of 68th Avenue, Surrey;  
 □Residence in the 9100-block of 152nd Street, Surrey;  
 □Residence in the 2100-block of Kelly Avenue Coquitlam; and  
 □Storage unit in the 1100-block of Kingsway Avenue in Coquitlam.

During the execution of the search warrants, four people were arrested and later released pending further investigation. Surrey RCMP Drug Unit is continuing to advance the investigation and will be submitting a report to Public Prosecution Service of Canada recommending charges. "Surrey RCMP Drug Unit focuses on disrupting drug trafficking networks to prevent overdose deaths and to stop the toxic drug supply in our communities," said Surrey RCMP Media Relations



Officer, Cpl. Sarbjit K. Sangha. "It is believed that this group was supplying street level drug traffickers with cocaine, methamphetamine, fluorofentanyl and GHB



In Surrey, police was investigating single motor vehicle collision where one person died. The accident happened on July 11. Police arrived at scene to find a woman in her early 20's who had been ejected from the vehicle and was deceased. Two other occupants were located trapped in the vehicle and later taken to hospital for further assessment. Driver of the vehicle is a 23-year-old man and passenger is a 22-year-old man.

Surrey RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team has taken conduct of the investigation and being assisted by Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service. Preliminary investigation indicates speed may have been a factor.

Another accident was on Highway 3 near Becks Road in Keremeos, BC where an extended family of 4 died in a serious

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"This is a terrible tragedy. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of the deceased," Penticton South Okanagan Similkameen RCMP spokesperson Sgt Jason Bayda said. "Our thoughts are also with the first responders and members of the public impacted by this incident." Another one was on July 9, 2024 when Columbia Valley RCMP responded to a report of a single vehicle motor vehicle collision on Westside Road, near Panorama Drive, in Wilmer, BC.

Upon arrival, first responders located a vehicle which had driven off the highway, and down an embankment. "The driver was taken to hospital with what's believed to be serious, non-life-threatening injuries, while three passengers were sadly pronounced deceased," confirmed Cpl.

James Grandy, BC RCMP spokesperson. "Speed, along with intoxication, are both

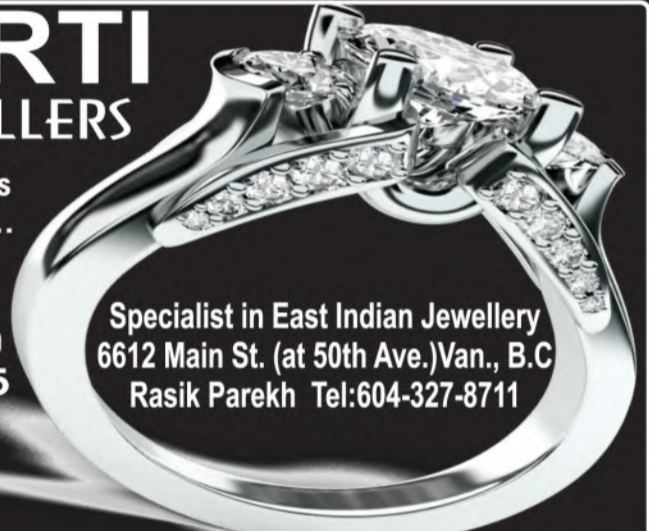
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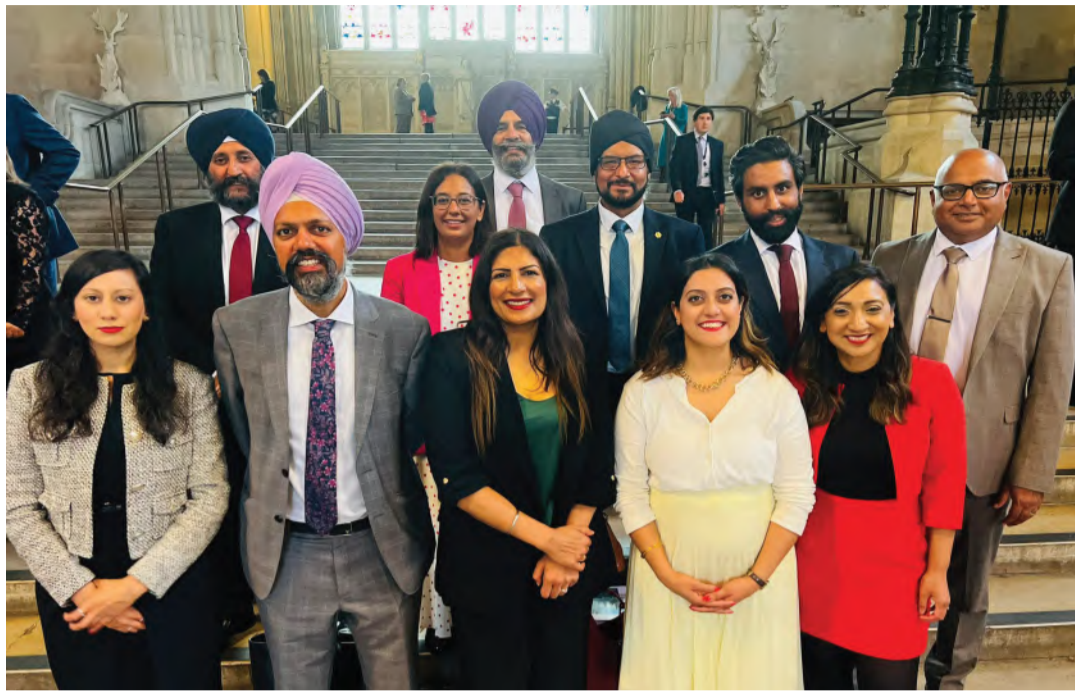
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# Record number of MPs with Punjab roots enter UK's House of Commons

A record number of Punjab-origin politicians entered the UK's House of Commons last Friday as the Labour Party registered a historic victory in the parliamentary elections. The count stood at five in 2019.

Of the 12 MPs, which includes six women, 11 belong to the Labour Party while Gagan Mohindra is from the Conservative Party. The prominent faces include Preet Kaur Gill from Birmingham Edgbaston, Seema Malhotra from Feltham and Heston and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi from Slough.

The trio have their roots in Jalandhar. Seema has won for record fifth time while it's third term for both Gill and Dhesi. Gill is said to be a



frontrunner to be a minister in the new UK cabinet. "An honour and a privilege to be re-elected again as an MP for Birmingham Edgbaston. Thank you to everyone who put their trust in me. I will continue to serve the people and place I love," Gill wrote on X. Her father Daljit Singh was the longest-serving president of Guru Nanak Gurdwara at Smethwick, which was the first Sikh shrine in the UK.

Gill was elected as a councillor for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in 2012 and re-elected in 2016. In 2017, she was given the ticket by the Labour Party from Birmingham Edgbaston and she became the first woman British-Sikh MP.

Dhesi, who is the first turbaned Sikh MP in the UK, posted on X, "Huge honour to be re-elected by the good people of #Slough as their MP. They voted for change, unity and progress, which is what I will work hard to deliver."

Dhesi's father Jaspal Singh Dhesi is the former president of Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara at Gravesend, the largest Sikh shrine in the UK. He was first elected as a councillor to the Gravesham Borough Council in 2007. He later went on to become the Gravesham Mayor between 2011 and 2012. He lost his MP poll from Gravesham in 2015, but won in 2017, 2019 and 2024 from Slough.

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## Surrey Council approves Design...

the City will be seeking designation to the TransLink Major Road Network for the 72 Avenue corridor.

Public consultation will take place in early fall to share more information about the project with the public. The preliminary design phase is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, with construction anticipated to commence in multiple phases starting in fall 2025. Funding for this Contract is available in the approved 2024 Transportation Budget. Read more about the 72 Avenue extension here. Learn more about the City's Capital Construction Program at [surrey.ca/construction](http://surrey.ca/construction).

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## Jagrup Brar to run again with BC NDP in Surrey-Fleetwood



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"In Surrey, we know that we need a government that is in our corner: one that understands our challenges and acts to make our lives easier. We know that what we'll get from Falcon and Rustad is the same deep cuts as they made when they were in government. We can't afford the risk," said Brar. "David Eby's BC NDP knows that our growing city needs investment. And we've invested, from building a new hospital to extending the SkyTrain to hiring new family doctors to putting money back in your pocket. We know that the future can sometimes feel uncertain. But know that our government is in your corner, taking action so that you can build a good life here in Surrey."

"I have served with Jagrup in caucus, and in cabinet, for years. In that time, I have known him to advocate powerfully for his community in Surrey-Fleetwood," said Premier David Eby. "In him, the people of Surrey have a real champion for their city." Jagrup Brar will join David Eby and 91 other BC NDP candidates in this fall's provincial election.



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# 2025 Mazda CX-70 PHEV GT- Aspirational SUV Impresses!

By Veenoo Dewan

The new 2025 Mazda CX-70 is not really new, it is based on the stellar Mazda CX-90 SUV but without the third row of seats. Still, it is as luxurious and refined as the CX-90, transporting five people in roomy comfort. There are only minor differences, as well, with a deleted third row and slightly different grille wheels and bumpers, plus blacked-out exterior trim. For 2025 added features include Amazon Alexa integration, and an underfloor storage compartment in the cargo area. It is a handsome, sporty vehicle with smooth unpolarizing lines.

The CX-70 is available with the standard e-Skyactiv G 3.3L turbo engine with 280 horsepower and 332 lb-ft of torque. The electrified powertrain options include two versions of the MAZDA e-Skyactiv G 3.3L inline-six turbo with 48-volt M-Hybrid Boost, and e-Skyactiv PHEV powertrain. All three choices are joined to an eight-speed automatic transmission and standard i-Activ all-wheel drive. Towing is rated at a maximum capacity of 5,000 lbs when suitably equipped. There is also a high-output e-Skyactiv G 3.3L turbo engine producing an impressive 340 hp and 369 lb-ft of torque with premium fuel.

We tested the e-Skyactiv PHEV version of the CX-70 which features an electric motor powered by a 17.8-kWh battery pack paired with a 2.5L four-cylinder. This combination produces 323 hp and 369 lb-ft of torque on 93 octane fuel. Mazda says the CX-70 PHEV can travel up to 50 kilometres on electric power and return an energy consumption rating as low as 4.2 Le/100 km. The PHEV equipped with the right tow package can tow up to 3,500 lbs.

Pricing for CX-70 starts at \$49,750 for the GS-L, \$54,350 for the GT and \$58,300 for the GT-P and tops out at \$62,300 for the Signature. PHEV pricing starts at \$58,750 for the PHEV GS-L, with the PHEV GT as tested coming in at \$63,350.

The CX-70 comes well equipped as standard with a 12.3-inch infotainment system with Mazda's latest operating system, but no touch screen, there's a control knob and a hard button on the center console that operate the display. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto capabilities are standard, and there is also the option for Amazon Alexa connectivity integration. A 12.3-inch digital gauge display and a head-up display are both optional.

Premium trims and above come with a 12-speaker Bose stereo system, quilted Nappa leather upholstery and leather-wrapped steering wheel, plus suede trim on the dash. Options include the high line Signature version with the 12.3-inch digital gauge display with a head-up Active Driver Display, Mazda Connect central infotainment display with touch control and other extras.

The CX-70 interior is rich in appearance and quality of materials and offers a sharp highly effective look combining



sport and comfort. High points include a roomy interior, features laden technology, excellent safety Features and a high-quality cabin and comfort area for six-footers both front and back. The trunk on the CX-70 has 1,131 litres behind the second row and 2,147 litres when the second row is folded flat. There is another 30 litres of hidden storage under the floor where the third row of seats on

the CX-90 Would have been. The PHEV version, which costs about the same as the high output, is quick when needed. It can be set to drive exclusively on electric power, It can also drive solely on gas power to recharge or conserve the battery. On the road, the CX-70 performs well with decent acceleration and good handling. The all-wheel drive system has a rear

tuned bias with Mazda's "kinematic posture control" that acts on the rear suspension, - its automatic systems that will apply braking to select wheels if the sensors detect lift at the rear of the CX-70 on corners and acceleration. This system allows the CX-70 to remain fairly neutral and stable around curves and braking, for a smoother, more controlled ride. It works impressively I found. No real vices in the driving experience. The only down is the infotainment system with the fiddly controller.

To sum up the CX-70 is a practical, capable, and comfortable SUV. The PHEV is good value for money with its better fuel consumption and ability to travel that 50 Kilometres using just electric power. The CX-70 is a great option if you like the CX-90, but only need five seats. Highly recommended as an all-round impressive family SUV.

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By Zile Singh

We all celebrated July 1 or Canada Day with fireworks, concerts, BBQ, sports, cultural events, parades etc. in distinct parts of Canada. Canada Day is also called the Canadian National Day. Its old name was 'Dominion Day', renamed Canada Day in 1947. The historic significance of the Canada day is that it is the anniversary of the Constitutional Act, of 1867 that joins New Brunswick and Nova Scotia into a single country. Other noteworthy events and breakthroughs on this day were: The First national radio was set up in 1927; the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation carried out its first broadcast throughout Canada in 1958; the first telecast in colour was held in 1966; the national anthem was also decided in 1980. The Day is celebrated in Vancouver also in a special manner. Vancouver's original name was 'Granville'. In 1886, it was renamed to Vancouver in the honour of George Vancouver, an English navigator. While celebrating the Day, it is important to reflect on 'Multiculturalism', the 'Unity in Diversity' and 'Diversity in Unity' aspects of Canada. Canada is in real sense a multicultural country as it ensures that all citizens can keep their identities and take pride in their ancestry. As more immigrants come to Canada searching avenues for a better life, the



society naturally becomes more multicultural and diverse. At the same time, the government is committed to a policy to achieve quality in economic, social, cultural, and political life. Multiculturalism can lead to many great outcomes, including racial and ethnic and linguistic harmony, which simply means that people from distinct cultures get along well together. Canada takes the concept of multiculturalism a step further with the importance it attaches to individual freedoms. Diversity is Canada's strength. In one of his addresses, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, "Canada has learned how to be strong not despite our differences, but because of them, and going forward, that capacity will be at the heart of both our success and of what we offer the world. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion is not about Canadians being nice and polite – though of course we are.

In fact, this commitment is a powerful and ambitious approach to making Canada and the world a better and safer place." About one-fifth of Canadians were born elsewhere. In Toronto, the largest city, more than half were born outside Canada. The country has shown that inclusive diversity is a strength that can vanquish intolerance, radicalism, racism, and hate. Canadian policy refuses to see a contradiction between individual liberty and collective identity. On the contrary, it has created a society where both thrive and mutually reinforce one another. Here the cooperation and understanding among various religions and communities is exemplary. In times of adversity, all come together. It is not that Canada has not committed mistakes in the past on account of ethnic and racial grounds, but it has recognized, accepted, and rectified those wrongs by The Charter of Rights and Freedoms,

The Multiculturalism Act, The Official Languages Act and welcoming Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, Hindus and Buddhists to practice their religion as they choose. Refugees from politically ravaged countries are welcome into Canada with open arms. Canada is a perfect place as far as 'unity in diversity' is concerned. Despite its multicultural and multi-religious society, every individual is free from any form of discrimination and will have guaranteed equality under the law. The Canadian Bill of Rights of August 1960 was a bold step in the protection of human rights. However, experiencing some flaws in the Bill of Rights, it was replaced by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. In addition to defending individual rights, the Charter aspires to promote national values as a counterbalance to regional and sectional loyalties. While introducing the Charter, the 15th Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Elliot Trudeau said, "We must now establish the basic principles, the basic values and beliefs which hold us together as Canadians so that beyond our regional loyalties there is a way of life and system of values which make us proud of the country that has given us freedom and such immeasurable joy." Someone has rightly said that "The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people." In fact, appreciating diversity is important to our very existence. "There is a Law that a man should love his neighbour as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it, he must perish."

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# Canada's Muslim Convention urges action on Gaza crisis



Canada's Muslim Convention Jalsa Salana Canada – came to a successful conclusion on July 7, 2024. A unique, 200-acre purpose-built tent village was erected in Bradford, Ontario, the new home of this grand convention. According to the release, more than 25,000 people from 41 countries attended the Jalsa Salana Canada, including non-Muslim guests. The event was also broadcasted live on Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA) to hundreds of thousands of viewers. More than 9,500 volunteers spent tens of thousands of hours to make Jalsa Salana Canada possible. The convention featured special exhibitions, live food bazaars, scholarly presentations and various panel discussions. The Jalsa Salana Canada received outstanding feedback by attendees at its new and re-

imagined outdoor venue. The host Mayor of the Town of Bradford, James Leduc, remarked “We are having the Jalsa here in Bradford and it’s such a proud moment for me. It was a long time coming and I can say that this is an exceptional event.” Amongst the objectives of the convention was the importance of bringing light to the devastating crisis in the Middle East and the catastrophic loss of tens of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza. “The urgent need in Gaza demands all sincere people to take action,” said National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at Canada, Mr. Lal Khan Malik. “Amongst the humanitarian aid, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’at is also providing water treatment technology to bring much-needed drinkable water to Gaza.”



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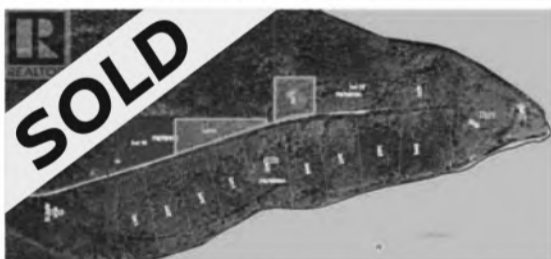
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# Archana Makwana joins probe online over yoga in Golden Temple complex

A Vadodara-based social media influencer Archana Makwana, who had sparked a row by performing yoga in the Golden Temple complex on June 21, joined the investigation. The Amritsar police had booked her for outraging the religious sentiments on the complaint of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). Amritsar's Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Dr Darpan Ahluwalia said, "Archana Makwana submitted her statement online, which



will be verified for further course of action." Sources said Makwana, in her reply, had stated that her intent was not to hurt sentiments of the Sikhs and it happened out

of ignorance. Makwana was served a notice under Section 41-A of the CrPC on June 26 and was directed to join the probe on June 30, but she didn't comply. The social media influencer had claimed that when she practised 'shirshasana' in the parikrama on June 21, she was never stopped by anyone, including the SGPC's task force. She had also questioned that how could she, as a first-time visitor from Gujarat, be aware of the 'code of conduct' of the Golden Temple. SGPC chief Harjinder Singh

Dhami had revealed that Makwana had submitted an apology letter to them and the Akal Takht secretariat, but her act was not pardonable, especially keeping in view her aggressive behaviour. SGPC secretary Partap Singh said the issue pertained to religious misconduct and was referred to the Amritsar administration after objections were received from several devotees. The SGPC had also suspended two of its staffers and penalised third staff member, besides transferring him out of the city.

# Sikh community support for Trump is 4 times more than what it was in 2020: Indian-American Jasdip Singh

Observing that the June 27 presidential debate did have some impact on the popularity of Donald Trump, the head of "Sikh Americans for Trump" has said the former president's victory will depend on whether the election is free, fair, and legal. "I think our community is very much in support. I have seen a lot of support in favour of President Trump. We are raising funds for President Trump. We are going to the convention soon," Maryland-based community leader Jasdip Singh Jassee, head of "Sikh Americans for Trump", told PTI ahead of the Republican National Convention (RNC) in Milwaukee next week. Republican delegates from across the country, during the four-day RNC

convention in Milwaukee, would formally nominate Trump as their presidential candidate for the November 5 general election. Incumbent President Joe Biden is the presumptive nominee of the Democratic party. "We will be mobilising our team nationwide this time, even on the West Coast, in New York, Texas, in support of President Trump," said Jassee, who has been appointed on the finance committee for President Trump, the Trump 47. "We all knew about President Biden's issues that he had for the last four years, but it was very interesting to see ... for the American public and media, to see it during the debate how much President Biden has declined his mental capacity

and his thought processes, which was very evident throughout. But somehow, the American media was kind of controlling it and not letting the people know about it," he said in response to a question. "So right now, we see that the debate did have some impact on President Trump's popularity, but the country's overall situation, such as inflation, illegal immigration, a disorderly border at this time, the infrastructure, the violence and the crime that is happening in America, and also zero foreign policy where America is not a leader anymore," he observed. "All of this has had an impact on Biden's campaign in addition to his debate performance and his physical and mental capacity. But again, the key issue is what



President Trump said in the debate when he was asked a question, will you accept the verdict? He said if it is a fair, legal, and honest election, yes, I will. So again, the key is, if this election is going to be fair,

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## Scouts Canada Launches The Camptastic Helpline Just In Time For Camping Season

Canada (the country's leading co-ed youth organization), is 'going to the phones' to help camping clueless Canadians navigate common camping calamities. Starting on July 8, expert advice on top camping conundrums will be available for free, 24/7, when calling Scouts Canada's 'Camptastic' Helpline at 1-844-SCOUT101 or 1-844-SCOUT10 (dropping the second 1) for Bell Canada users.

### Why a call-in phone line?

While Scouts Canada is all about 'being prepared' and planning ahead to anticipate challenges, this call-in line is designed for campers who are caught in a pinch, already at campsites and struggling with common camping concerns.

### What happens when I call in?

Confused Canadian campers will be able to call in, use simple number selections, and be directed to pre-recorded solutions from real Scouts and volunteer Scouters to get advice for real-time campsite concerns,

like wildlife encounters or 'how do I go to the bathroom outdoors.'

### How else can Scouts help me?

In addition to the 1-844-SCOUT101 helpline,



Canadians who have internet access on-site or while preparing for their trip, who may be less confident with their camping skills, can access helpful resources, guides and videos at <https://www.scouts.ca/CamptasticHelpline>. They will find helpful tips and guides like: The BEARmuda Triangle (how to avoid attracting unwanted wildlife), BUG OFF! (how to avoid getting eaten alive), and Don't be a CRAPPY CAMPER (your outdoor options for bathroom breaks).

## Pacific Chinese Cultural Society Raises \$30,000 for Richmond Hospital Foundation

Yearlong fundraising efforts by members of the Pacific Chinese Cultural Society have enabled a \$30,000 donation towards Richmond Hospital Foundation's Medical Imaging Centre Campaign. These funds will help bring in new and much-needed imaging technologies to the new Milan and Maureen Ilich Medical Imaging Centre and future Emergency Department in



the Yurkovich Family Pavilion. Richmond Hospital Foundation will help fund the acquisition of new imaging technologies

for diagnosing, tracking, and monitoring medical conditions. These technologies encompass CT scanners, MRI machines, mammography machines, SPECT machines, X-Ray machines, and interventional radiology machines, in addition to a satellite medical imaging centre in the future Emergency Department.

## Kitsilano Pool will reopen on August 7th, 2024



Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim announced that Kitsilano Pool will reopen on August 7th, 2024, pending any unforeseen challenges. Despite renovations in 2018, Kitsilano Pool faced significant challenges, including ongoing leaks that posed health and safety risks, resulting in its closure last summer. "Closing Kits Pool was a disappointment shared by the entire city," said Mayor Ken Sim. "But we didn't give up. We knew we couldn't lose this beloved asset, and thanks to the hard work of our City staff, Scott Construction, and expert Jeff Stibbart, we're ensuring that Kits Pool will continue to thrive as a vibrant community hub."

## New Vein finder equipment at Abbotsford Regional Hospital

It can occasionally be challenging for health care professionals to detect veins in humans. This is especially true in the case of babies and infants who may have for hard to see veins; and/or distress from being in the hospital space. Abbotsford Regional Hospital has received state-of-the-art equipment for Maternal, Child, Infant and Youth patients-in-care. The new vein finder is a hand held device that uses infrared light to help identify and locate veins

beneath the skin making the process a lot smoother than previous methods. The new easy-to-use equipment is safe, efficient and will definitely help create a calmer experience for patients. One of the nurses of the unit described how thankful she was for the vein finder "recently we had a patient in triage, and it was very difficult to see any of veins but when we brought in the vein finder we were able to easily find her veins and start her IV. The patient was very happy".

Dr. Jassal, donor relations, says "by helping to quickly and efficiently locate veins and arteries Fraser Health care teams are able to deliver excellent health care for even the smallest patients".

The Foundation relies on the support of the community to help fund state-of-the art equipment and if you would like to support our projects please contact: [Lakhbir.Jassal@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:Lakhbir.Jassal@fraserhealth.ca) and visit [fvhcf.ca](http://fvhcf.ca) to learn more.



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# Police issue water safety reminder



On July 3, 2024, Agassiz RCMP members were training on Harrison Lake where they noticed a group of people on flotation devices who had been pushed away from shore by the wind. Exhausted from swimming, the Members utilized a throw line to tow the group to safety. Water recreation can be a lot of fun, but it also presents certain risks, especially when spending the day in the hot sun. Pool floats, inflatable rafts, and children's water wings are not safety devices. While they reduce the effort required for swimming, they do not eliminate the risk. Swimmers are reminded of the following safety guidelines:

- Wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD): This is especially important for non-swimmers and children.
  - Understand the differences between natural water and pools: Being water competent in natural water requires additional knowledge and skills.
  - Check the weather: Changes in temperature and wind can quickly increase swimming difficulty.
  - Know your environment: Fast-moving currents, waves and rapids can be dangerous even in shallow water. Drop-offs, dams, underwater obstacles, rocks and debris can all present unexpected hazards.
  - Be aware of cold-water risks.
  - Avoid alcohol while participating in water activities.
- "I urge everyone to prioritize safety while enjoying our beautiful lake," says Sergeant Andy Lot, Detachment Commander with the Agassiz RCMP. Always wear

a lifejacket, stay within designated swimming areas, and keep an eye on changing weather conditions. Let's work together to ensure that everyone's time on the water is both safe and fun.

According to the BC Coroners Service, between 2008-2012:

- 58.7 per cent of drowning deaths occur between May and August
  - 81.1 per cent of drowning victims were male
  - Alcohol and/or drugs were contributing factors in 40.2 per cent of drowning deaths
  - People between the ages of 20-29 were most likely to be victims of drowning
- Of the 397 deaths, just over 50 per cent (200) were involved in recreational activities such as swimming and boating, 44.1 per cent (175) involved falls into water, motor vehicle incidents where vehicles landed in water or deaths in bathtubs; and 5.5 per cent (220) were occupational.

Whether you are in a canoe, kayak, SUP or inflatable tube, if you're getting from Point A to Point B, you're navigating and must carry mandatory safety equipment as outlined by Transport Canada's Small Vessel Regulations.

This includes:

- A correctly fitted Personal Floatation Device (PDF)
- A buoyant heaving line
- A whistle

Here are a few simple safety tips to remember:

- If you cannot swim, stay out of the water and seek the shade instead.
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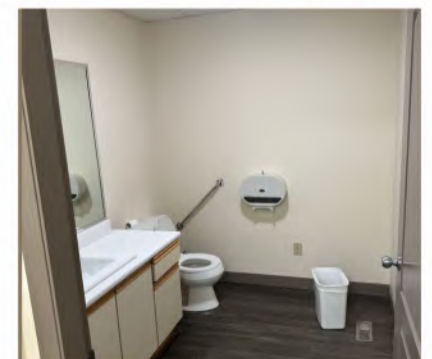
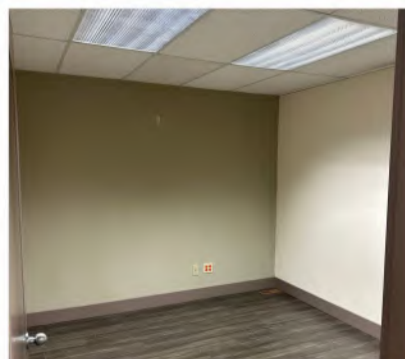
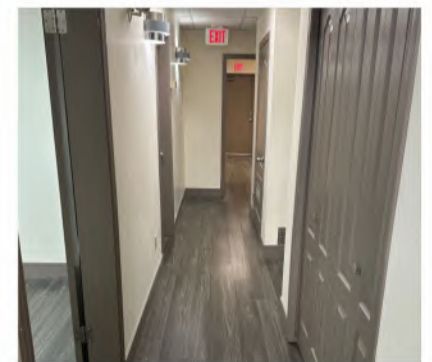
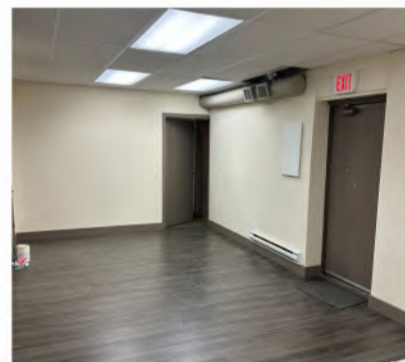
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### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 3rd July, Wednesday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Jaswant Singh Bains family.
- 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, Wednesday** 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, Wednesday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Ajit Singh Garcha family.
- 18th July, Thursday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Manjinder Singh Saroa family.
- 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 11:45 am, Prominent Sikh Scholar Bhai Hari Naam Singh Khalsa talks about Sikh religion and Gurbani.

### Special Program:

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

**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**  
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# Heeramandi actor Jason Shah opens up about battling sex addiction: 'It is not easy'

Heeramandi actor Jason Shah disclosed that he was addicted to sex, alcohol and women. In a podcast interview on YouTube channel Shaardology, Jason opened up about his various addictions and said that the journey was 'difficult' and that some of his 'worst decisions were made when it felt good. What Jason said During the interview, Jason got candid about his journey with addiction and how he came out of it, and said, "It was alcohol. I was smoking about two and a half packs a day. I can definitely say I was addicted to women. It was a sex addiction which was very difficult for me. I think it was one of the bigger ones to leave."

'It is tough because you have to say no' When the actor was asked how he came out of it, Jason said, "God is so good and his grace is so sufficient for me that his love just overrode everything. It's not easy, it is tough because you have to say no. There's that funda that if it feels good, do it. But I have realised that that is probably the worst advice that you could give anybody. From my life, I would say, my worst decisions were made when it felt good. What I say now is, if it feels good, think about it." Jason said that he tasted success after doing Jhansi Ki Rani, when there would be so many people, even policemen, who would recognize him and praise his work.

He also shared that he has been lucky in a lot of ways, and that went on to realize that fame, money don't matter because they are there for a moment and then they are gone. Jason garnered praise for his work in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heeramandi. The series showcases the clash between the courtesans of the red-light district of Heeramandi in Lahore and the officials during the British Raj. A second



season of the show was announced last month.

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## Mukesh Chhabra says Shah Rukh Khan works the hardest: 'Woh ek alag star hai jinko koi touch nahi kar sakta'

Shah Rukh Khan is one of the most popular stars in the world, and enjoys a huge fanbase. He is also a very hardworking star, perhaps more than any other star in this generation, according to casting director Mukesh Chhabra. In a new interview



with Pinkvilla, Mukesh talked about Shah Rukh's unmatched dedication and said that even though everyone works hard very few work harder than he does. What Mukesh said about Shah Rukh

During the interview, Mukesh said that the prerequisite to stardom is hardwork and love for one's craft, and said Shah Rukh fits that bill. He added, "Jaha tak

baat ati he Shah Rukh Khan sir ki, woh ek alag star hain jinko koi touch nahi kar sakta. Unse jyada mehnati bahoot kam log honge. Sabhi bade mehnati hote hai lekin woh jis tarah ki mehnat karte

hein iss tarah se, itne saalon tak, itne shiddat ke saath... I think unko mohabbat acting se hein. Aisi bahoot se logon ko mohabbat hein jinki wajah se bahoot se log Mumbai mein

aake kaam kar rahe hein. I think sab ka ek common inspiration he, and woh Shah Rukh sir hi he (He is on another level and no one can touch him. Everyone works hard, but very few work harder than he does. He has been doing it for so many years. He loves acting. Many people come to Bombay to work, inspired by him. He is a common influence for many)."

## Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh's PDA is too hot to handle in this unseen video. Fans ask 'how are some women so lucky'

An unseen video from the making of Fighter song Sher Khul Gaye has surfaced on Instagram. It shows how lead star Deepika Padukone's husband Ranveer Singh paid her a visit and even learned a few steps to the song.

Ranveer, in his Simba avatar, turned up to the sets in a white shirt, red pants and slick back hair.

Deepika, in her polka dot dress from the song, teaches him the hookstep. Ranveer aces it quickly enough but ends it by picking Deepika in his arms and showering her with kisses. It's all too cute. Fans of the couple loved their chemistry. "I don't care what you all say but they look hot together bhai," wrote a fan on Reddit. "How are some women this lucky," commented another person. "I guess they got the good news after this fighter shoot," joked another. Ranveer and Deepika are expecting their first child this September.



About Fighter Fighter, which also stars, Anil Kapoor, Karan Singh Grover and Akshay Oberoi, was released on January 25, this year.

The

film features Hrithik as Squadron Leader Shamsheer Pathania aka Patty, Deepika as Squadron Leader Minal Rathore aka Minni, and Anil as Group Captain Rakesh Jai Singh aka Rocky fighting for the country.

It also marked Hrithik and Deepika's first-ever on-screen collaboration.

Talking about Deepika's work front, the mom-to-be is basking in the success of Kalki 2898 AD. Directed by Nag Ashwin, the post-apocalyptic film is inspired

## Zaheer Iqbal shares romantic picture with Sonakshi Sinha from dating period: 'I knew

Actor Zaheer Iqbal on Monday dropped a romantic picture with wife Sonakshi Sinha from the initial year of their dating phase. In the picture, Sonakshi can be seen looking at her (then) boyfriend in admiration while she keeps her one hand around his neck. Zaheer wrote in the caption, "This day... This moment... This feeling. I knew it's FOREVER." He also mentioned that this particular snap was clicked in 2017.

Sonakshi Sinha reacted to the image with a priceless comment. "my jaan!!! Still singing to each other... may it never stop," Sonakshi wrote.

Fans and other members of the film industry also chimed in the comment section and showered love on the couple. "Heart is awwwwwww," actor Pulkit Samrat commented. Dia Mirza dropped a couple of heart emojis in the comment section.

Sonakshi and Zaheer got married on June 23 in the presence of their loved ones at their residence in Mumbai. It was an intimate wedding. The civil wedding was followed by a wedding bash at Bastian, which saw numerous Bollywood celebrities in attendance.

The reception was attended by a constellation of Bollywood stars, including Salman Khan, Vidya Balan with Siddharth Roy Kapur, and veteran actor Saira Banu among others, who came to congratulate the couple and celebrate their union. Sonakshi and Zaheer, who have been together for seven years, sealed their love in an intimate ceremony attended



by close family and friends. The couple recently shared glimpses of their wedding on social media. Sonakshi expressed her joy in a heartfelt Instagram post, reflecting on their journey of love and togetherness. "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. Sonakshi Zaheer23.06.2024," Sonakshi wrote announcing her marriage to Zaheer. Meanwhile, on the work front, Sonakshi will be seen in Kakuda, which is directed by Aditya Sarpotdar and will be out on ZEE5 on July 12. The film also stars Riteish Deshmukh and Saqib Saleem.

## Kareena Kapoor looks PHAT (pretty, hot and tempting) in another picture from her unending beach holiday with the fam

Kareena Kapoor seems to be in endless vacay mood. The actor has shared another selfie from her beach holiday in Europe, where she's currently vacationing with her actor-husband Saif Ali Khan, and their sons Taimur Ali Khan and Jeh Ali Khan. Kareena's new selfie

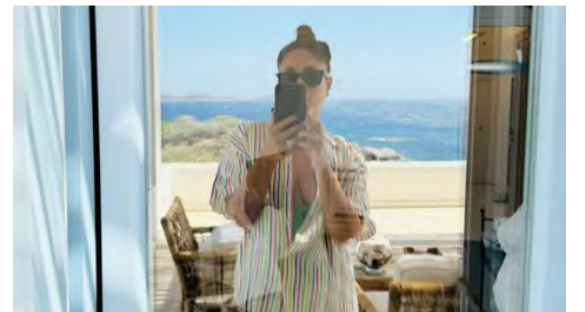
Kareena took to her Instagram handle on Monday and shared a mirror selfie in which she's wearing a colourful striped shirt over a green swimwear. She completed the look with sunglasses and hair tied behind her head. A stunning beach is visible in the background. Kareena captioned the post, "Is it monday?" Fans of Poo from Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham would agree that she looks PHAT (pretty hot and tempting).

Kareena's unending holiday

Last week as well, Kareena posted a series of stunning pictures from her vacation. The actor looked stunning in a teal monokini, with her hair down and stylish black sunglasses. Among the four pictures, the second one stands out. In the photo, Saif Ali Khan accidentally photobombs the shot. He appears shirtless, wearing navy blue shorts and black sunglasses. Kareena captioned the photo, "For me it's the one with the photobomber," accompanied by two smiling faces and red-heart emojis.

Kareena deserves a holiday basking in the success of her latest hit, Rajesh A Krishnan's heist comedy

Crew, alongside Tabu and Kriti Sanon. She also has a busy year ahead – with Rohit Shetty's cop drama



Singham Again, releasing on Diwali. She'll reprise her role from Singham 2 in the threequel, which also stars Ajay Devgn, Akshay Kumar, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, and Deepika Padukone. Before Singham Again, Kareena will be seen in a cop drama of her own. She will play a Mare of Easttown-ish character in Hansal Mehta's The Buckingham Murders, which is slated to release in cinemas on September 13. The film premiered in India at the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival last year. She's also reportedly signed Meghna Gulzar's next alongside Ayushmann Khurrana, a hard-hitting drama which is inspired by real-life events.

The collision knocked out power lines, which led to a power interruption to the community.

Ridge Meadows RCMP was also investigating a fatal motor vehicle incident that occurred on Wednesday July 10 evening on Golden Ears Way near Lougheed Highway in Pitt Meadows. The police informed that the driver of a motorcycle who had sustained severe injuries to their head and body.

Despite life-saving measures provided by BC EHS, the driver of the motorcycle, a 70-year-old male from Langley, was pronounced dead on scene at approximately 7 p.m.

Initial reports and eyewitness accounts indicate that the motorcyclist was travelling northbound on Golden Ears Way approaching

the overpass above Lougheed Highway before losing control of the vehicle, colliding with the centre median, and being ejected of the motorcycle.

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**\$2.69**  
bunch

**Almond Oil 1 L (Indican)**  
ਇੰਡੀਕੈਨ ਬਦਾਮ ਦਾ ਤੇਲ



**\$12.99**  
bottle

**Red Lentil Split or Whole**  
ਧੋੜੀ ਮਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਾਲ ਮਸਰਾ ਦੀ ਸਾਬਤ ਦਾਲ



**88¢**  
lb

**Russet Potatoes Snoboy 10 lbs**  
ਆਲੂ ਰਸਟ ਸਨੋਬੁਆਏ



**\$3.99**  
bag

**Gala Apples US #1**  
ਗਾਲਾ ਸੇਬ ਯੂ.ਐਸ. #੧



**\$1.49**  
lb

**Fresh Ginger**  
ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਅਦਰਕ



**\$1.98**  
lb

**Roasted Peanuts in Shell 800 g**  
ਭੁੱਜੀ ਮੂੰਗਫਲੀ



**\$3.88**  
pkg.

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