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# The Deal Is Done: Jagmeet Singh Pulls Out Of Liberal-NDP Supply And Confidence Agreement

After months of speculation, Federal NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has ripped up the agreement that bound his party to the federal Liberal government and that had helped keep Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's minority Liberals in power -- sowing seeds of uncertainty and early elections in Canada which otherwise are due in late 2025.

The Liberal Party of Canada and Canada's New Democratic Party signed Supply and Confidence Agreement in 2022 which was to run until June of 2025. The agreement meant that the NDP agreed to support the government on confidence and budgetary matters. Under



the agreement, NDP would not move a vote of non-confidence, nor vote for a non-confidence motion during the term of the



arrangement. The end of the Supply and Confidence Agreement does not automatically send voters

to the polls. It means that Liberals will have to look for political support on a case-by-case basis on key votes, such as budgets, in order to stay afloat and stay away from a potential election.

In a video posted on social media Wednesday, Singh announced he's decided to cut ties with the governing party. "The deal is done," Singh said. The fact is, the Liberals are too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests to fight for people," Singh said in a video address to Canadians on September 5. "They cannot stop the Conservatives. But we can."

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## Gunshots Fired At BC Home Of Punjabi Music Star AP Dhillon

Gunshots were reportedly fired outside Punjabi singer and rapper AP Dhillon's house in Colwood, just west of Victoria, on Vancouver Island.

A video, which cannot be independently verified, showed a person firing 14 shots into the front windows and garage of the home, while a black truck and a smaller vehicle burned. While the West Shore RCMP did not confirm it to be Dhillon's home, Mounties shared they were called to Ravenwood Road around 1:15 a.m. on Sept. 2 after reports of gunshots and two vehicles on fire.

"On arrival, police located two vehicles on fire and evidence



that multiple shots had been fired at, and into, a residence.

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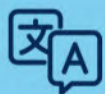
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## BC Election Scene Heats Up In Surrey-Delta

### NDP opens new office in Delta to kickstart provincial election campaign

The political winds are stirring in the Surrey-Delta region as the BC NDP launches its provincial election campaign. Led by David Eby, the BC NDP kicked things off with the opening of a new office on Scott Road, right at the heart of the Surrey-Delta border on September 3. The office, located at 11920 88 Ave, Delta, became the focal point for more than 100 supporters and several NDP MLAs who gathered to cheer on their party.

A group of local landlords also staged a protest outside the office voicing their displeasure with new renter protection laws introduced by the province.

Eby was welcomed with resounding applause, as the crowd showed their support for the BC NDP. NDP candidates Jessie Sunner for Surrey Newton, Rachna Singh for Surrey North, and Ravi Kahlon for Delta North will spearhead their campaign efforts from this new base. Current MLA Harry Bains, who recently announced his retirement, introduced Sunner, passing the



torch to the next generation of BC NDP candidates.

In his speech, Eby emphasized the challenges British Columbia has faced, particularly the influx of new residents at a time when interest rates and global inflation are on the rise. He was firm in his belief that now is not the time for

government belt-tightening, but rather for continued support for struggling families. Eby praised his MLAs for their hard work in Surrey and highlighted major projects like the Surrey-Langley Skytrain, the new hospital in Cloverdale, and the expansion of Surrey Memorial Hospital—projects, he claimed, the

previous BC Liberal government failed to deliver.

Taking a direct shot at BC Conservative leader John Rustad, Eby pointed out that these accomplishments were things Rustad and the Liberals couldn't achieve when they were in office.

When asked about Kevin Falcon's recent decision to withdraw from the provincial election race, Eby said, "The choice is in the hands of the people." He pointed out that many who never voted for the NDP are now siding with them, as they find it hard to support the BC Conservatives.

He informed that in the first four days following the announcement of the BC Conservatives and United coming together, the BC NDP raised \$400,000. He concluded by saying that the people of Surrey have the right to demand more, especially when it comes to deficits in schools, infrastructure, healthcare, and public transit. "These are real issues," he said, "and they need real solutions."

## Three BC United party MLAs join John Rustad's team, one South Asian Conservative candidate exits to run as Independent

The saga of BC United Candidates joining BC Conservative is continuing and has gained stronger momentum after Kevin Falcon decided to withdraw BC United participation in the upcoming provincial election. John Rustad, leader of the BC Conservatives, may appear strengthened by Falcon's decision, but the transition is not without its challenges.

This week saw the addition of three: Ian Paton, MLA for Delta South, Peter Milobar, MLA for Kamloops-North Thompson (now running as a Conservative candidate in Kamloops Centre), and Trevor Halford, MLA for Surrey-White Rock. Rustad expressed his

enthusiasm for the new members, stating, "I am thrilled to welcome Ian Paton, Peter Milobar, and Trevor Halford to our team," said John Rustad. "These MLAs have shown unwavering dedication to their communities and share our vision for restoring responsible, accountable governance in British Columbia. As we navigate a changing political landscape, it's more important than ever to unite our efforts to provide a real alternative to the NDP's mismanagement."

However, not all candidates are pleased with this alliance. Dupinder Kaur Saran, a well-known community member, who was running as a Conservative candidate

announced her departure to run as an independent. In a social media post, she explained her reason to step aside, she said, "As a candidate in Surrey - Panorama, I witnessed a Conservative candidate in Whiterock being bullied into leaving their riding and to choose either the Fleetwood or Panorama riding. I could no longer watch this drama unfold and did the right thing by moving to a side, to make room for the Whiterock candidate. I will now be running Independent in my riding. The Provincial Conservative Party is now a Liberal Party running under the Conservative Banner."

The BC NDP quickly seized the

opportunity to criticize Rustad. "John Rustad could have dropped Bryan Tepper or Brent Chapman, but forced out two South Asian women instead," said BC NDP MLA Jinny Sims. "It says a lot about who he's willing to make space for, and who he isn't."

Sims says this shows a pattern of Rustad giving South Asian candidates the short end of the stick.

"South Asian representation in Surrey is important, but John Rustad has twice forced out South Asian candidates in favor of white men," said Sims. "Why is he only sacrificing the South Asian candidates?"

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# Dramatic auto theft in Mississauga: Ramanpreet Singh arrested after he tries to drive over police cars at Tim Hortons drive-thru

A shocking video went viral on the internet where the driver of a stolen vehicle is seen trying to escape while driving over multiple police cruisers. A Punjabi origin male suspect was arrested by the police and identified as 25-year-

old Ramanpreet Singh from Brampton. Peel Region police said on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, just after 6:30 p.m., officers received a call for a suspicious vehicle in the area of Westwood Mall near Goreway Drive and Etude Drive in



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It was reported that an individual in a Ford Bronco was believed to be in possession of stolen property and in possession of weapons. Officers located the vehicle at a Tim Horton's drive-thru, and in addition to the possession of stolen property, officers determined that the vehicle was stolen. Officers surrounded the vehicle in order to stop it from fleeing. The driver attempted to flee in the vehicle but was taken into custody. Damage was caused to the police cruisers. The suspect suffered minor injuries. Singh, a 25-year-old man from Brampton is charged with: possession of Property Obtained by Crime (X3); Flight from Peace Officer; Dangerous Operation and obstruct Peace Officer. He was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

Video circulating on social media shows the large red and black Bronco sitting atop the cruiser.

In the video, police arrive to box in the vehicle at what appears to be a drive-thru window. The driver initially tries to reverse, but sees that he cannot back away. An officer then gets out of his vehicle and points a gun at the passenger-side window and tries to instruct the driver.

After a moment, the vehicle is then seen accelerating forward and attempting to go over the police cruiser to escape. However, the vehicle is unable to fully mount the cruiser and eventually backs off, revealing a shattered front window on the cruiser.

Speaking with CP24, Peel police Cons. Tyler Bell said that with the rise in auto thefts, police have had to step up their tactics as well.

"Sadly as we've seen over the last year-and-a-half, the rapid increase in stolen vehicles, with that comes increased tactics that we have to use to try and prevent these dangerous situations from unfolding and having tragic consequences," Bell said.

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# Delta Police Department's Acting Staff Sergeant Gary Koonar Recognized with the Top 40 Under 40 Award

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At 37, A/S/Sgt. Koonar serves as the Watch Commander for 'A' Platoon at the DPD, where he leads a diverse team of 20 officers with a focus on community safety, teamwork, and

proactive policing. With a career spanning over 15 years, A/S/Sgt. Koonar has exemplified operational excellence, investigative prowess, and a dedication to building positive cultural change within the department. "I am proud to see Gary recognized with this international award," said A/Chief Guy Leeson. "His leadership, commitment to community safety, and mentorship have had a great impact on our Department and the community we serve. This award is a reflection of his hard work, integrity, and dedication to policing."

A/S/Sgt. Koonar's journey into law enforcement began in high school, inspired by the mentorship of a school liaison officer. He later volunteered with a community-based crime prevention organization and pursued a degree in criminology, which laid the foundation for his career with



Acting Staff Sergeant Gary Koonar

His leadership in gang investigations has also been notable, particularly through an intelligence-led initiative that focused on reducing the risk of gang violence and shootings in the community. Additionally, as one of the primary trainers for the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) program, A/S/Sgt. Koonar is committed to cultivating a culture of accountability and excellence within the Department.

"Each step of my journey, from volunteering and pursuing advanced studies to my work on the frontline, has been driven by a deep desire to make a tangible difference in my community," said A/S/Sgt. Koonar. "It is an honour to be recognized among such a distinguished group of law enforcement professionals, and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues and family."

DPD. Joining the DPD at the age of 22, A/S/Sgt. Koonar quickly distinguished himself in various roles, including his work on Project Virtue, an investigation into child prostitution and human trafficking that led to the successful rescue of a teenage girl.

## Concern over immigration quadruples over last 48 months

While the number of Canadians galvanized over the cost of living and inflation is beginning to decrease, their attention is fixating on an issue that was once only glancingly thought of: immigration.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Canadians' concern over immigration has risen four-fold over the last two years, prompting the federal government to announce plans to shrink the Temporary Foreign Workers program. One-in-five (21%) say "Immigration/refugees" is one of the top issues facing the country, putting it in a tie with climate change (21%), though still far off from the high cost of living (57%), health care (45%) and housing affordability (32%).

The latter concern perhaps represents a ripple effect from Canada's booming population driven by immigrants, both temporary and permanent. Another may be unemployment, especially among younger Canadians, who encountered an especially difficult summer job market influenced by a growing number of temporary foreign workers. One-in-five (19%) 18- to 34-year-olds say the lack of jobs is a top issue facing the country, as two-in-five (40%) that age fret over housing affordability as well.

As noted above, the Liberal government will be rolling back some of the pandemic-era changes to the Temporary Foreign Workers program, but this has had no impact on vote intentions so far. The Liberals are still operating with a large support deficit which has lasted more than a year. Among decided voters, more than two-in-five (43%) say they would vote Conservative if the election were today, while similar sized groups of one-in-five say they would support the Liberals (21%) and the NDP (19%).

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# White Rock Man Arrested For Random Attacks In Downtown That Left One Dead And Another Injured

A 34-year-old White Rock resident was arrested in connection with two attacks in the downtown core, which left one man dead and another with life-altering injuries. The injured man's hand was sliced off in the attack.

Investigators called the incidents as unprovoked stranger attacks and Vancouver Police Chief Constable Adam Palmer echoed public sentiments when he called them attacks that shook "collective sense of comfort and safety."

"Attacks like these shake our collective sense of comfort and safety, and we're grateful that a suspect was quickly taken into custody by our officers," said VPD Chief Constable Adam Palmer. "Although it will take time before we have all of the answers, it does not appear either victim knew the suspect, and we believe these attacks were completely random."

VPD officers responded at 7:38 a.m. today



to reports of a man who had been attacked near Cathedral Square, at Richards Street and Dunsmuir. Officers found a man in his 50s who had been attacked with a knife, was bleeding from the head, and had suffered a severed hand. The man was taken to hospital for emergency treatment and is expected to survive.

Eight minutes later, at 7:46 a.m., VPD officers were called to West Georgia and Hamilton Street after a second man was attacked. Despite efforts to save his life, the man died at the scene. The victim's

identity and age have not yet been confirmed.

While investigators from VPD's Major Crime Section and Forensic Identification Unit began collecting evidence from the two crime scenes, VPD patrol officers obtained images of the suspect, confirmed the two incidents were linked, and began searching for him.

Shortly after 9 a.m., officers located the suspect on Habitat Island, near the Olympic Village, after responding to reports that a man behaving erratically had approached a stranger and began yelling at him. The suspect, a 34-year-old White Rock resident, was taken into custody and is currently at the Vancouver Jail.

"I applaud the witnesses who called police immediately and provided timely information," adds Chief Palmer. "I am extremely proud of the brave VPD officers who responded quickly to tend to the victims, to gather evidence, to arrest the suspect, and to stop this imminent public safety threat."

Melissa De Genova, Conservative Party of British Columbia candidate for Vancouver-Yaletown, and John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, issued a joint statement condemning the horrific stranger assaults that occurred near the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in downtown Vancouver. The attacks are the latest in a series of violent incidents that have plagued the city's core, which both De Genova and Rustad attribute to the failures of the current government.

"Just over a week ago, there was a shooting and murder in Gastown, and before that, we saw a triple stabbing

on Granville Street," said De Genova. "David Eby has normalized hard drug use, ignored the diversion of so-called safe supply to criminal gangs, and fostered a justice system that allows repeat violent offenders to face very few consequences. People with mental health and addictions issues are set up for failure, and the parole system is broken, as we have seen once again with the tragedy today. This will only improve with a change in government that will place the well-being of our citizens first."

Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim said, "We have taken important steps to strengthen public safety, but we still face gaps that require action and funding beyond the municipal level. We need the Provincial and Federal government to further address these gaps when it comes to public safety and the mental health crisis we're facing. The Province has already demonstrated their willingness to be partners when it comes to public safety by pivoting on policy that was not working, specifically decriminalization. Now we need to pivot on how we deal with mental health. Simply put, significant changes need to happen. The federal government has to be part of this conversation as well, especially when it comes to tackling repeat offenders and the mental health crisis which is being experienced by every town and city across our country."

"It's not enough to just accept the status quo, and as Mayor, I will always push for a safer Vancouver even if it means having these difficult conversations."

Witnesses, or anyone with information who had not yet come forward, are asked to call Vancouver Police Homicide at 604-717-2500.

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# BC Care aide who scammed seniors sentenced to four years

Surrey RCMP has informed that a woman who posed as a care aide and defrauded seniors has been sentenced on numerous charges.

Between December 2021 and April 2022, multiple seniors in the Lower Mainland were defrauded of funds and had their valuables stolen by a woman posing as a care aide. The total financial loss was estimated to be in excess of \$60,000.00. In all, 20 victims were identified in Surrey, Richmond and White Rock.

The Surrey RCMP Economic Crime Unit (ECU) identified Ana Chamdal as the suspect.

Police said that Ana Chamdal attended the residences or care homes of elderly victims under the ruse of providing them

health services and support.

“Upon gaining the trust of these seniors, she obtained their banking information and withdrew funds from their bank accounts and on some occasions, she stole property from them, including cell telephones, jewellery and wallets containing cash.”

Chamdal was arrested in April 2022. At that time, she was released on conditions pending further investigation. However she failed to comply with her release conditions and she continued to commit fraud and theft related offences.

The ECU assumed conduct of a fraud investigation from Richmond RCMP involving a 96-year-old senior. Seven charges were approved and



Ana Chamdal

a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Chamdal was arrested in and held for court. She was released on bail with court

ordered conditions.

On January 30, 2023, 65 fraud and assault related charges were approved in connection with the original ECU investigation and another arrest warrant was issued for Ana Chamdal's arrest. Some of the charges included Fraud over \$5000, unlawfully in a dwelling house, assault, theft of credit cards and possession of a forged document. On February 1, 2023, ECU arrested her again and she was remanded in custody until her sentencing.

On August 26, 2024, Ana Chamdal was sentenced to four years in jail, less credit for time served, two years probation, and ordered to pay restitution totaling approximately \$60,000.

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## IS SURREY READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL?

### Surrey Board of Trade Calls for Urgent Investment in Surrey's Education Infrastructure as Schools Return to Session

As schools reopen, the Surrey Board of Trade is raising concerns about the severe overcrowding in our classrooms and the ongoing lack of funding to support our rapidly growing student population. With 85,000 students currently enrolled in Surrey, and an additional 2,500 students joining each year, our education system is under unprecedented strain.

"As we begin the new school year, we must prioritize the future of our children and our community. The current overcrowding in Surrey's schools is unsustainable and compromises the quality of education our students receive. The BC Government must act now to invest in our education infrastructure, ensuring that every student has access to a safe and conducive learning environment," said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager, Surrey Board of Trade.

The current infrastructure simply cannot keep pace with Surrey's growth. Surrey Schools is the largest school district across BC. Unfortunately, without immediate and substantial investment, our students will continue to face compromised educational experiences due to overcrowding. Already schools are having to turn away in-catchment students and six secondary schools will be operating with extended hours in an effort to accommodate the growth. The nearly 350 portables in Surrey come at a significant cost to the school district's operating budget, which means less funding available for critical programs, staffing and other necessary supports.

The implications of an underfunded and overcrowded education system extend beyond the classroom. Our economic future is directly tied to the quality of education we provide to our youth. Businesses in Surrey and beyond depend on a well-educated workforce, and the current situation



Jasroop Gosal

threatens our ability to meet this need. To address this urgent issue, the Surrey Board of Trade calls on the BC Government to establish a Special Growth Fund for Surrey. This fund would be dedicated to meeting the unique challenges of our rapidly expanding population. It would ensure that resources are allocated swiftly and efficiently to where they are needed most. The Board also wants government to add Five New Schools. By working closely with the development industry, the government can expedite the construction of five new schools in Surrey. This collaboration will help alleviate the pressure on our existing schools and provide our students with the facilities they deserve.

The government needs to explore Innovative School Structures, suggests SBOT. In densely populated areas like Tokyo, K-12 schools are often multi-story buildings that maximize space while still providing quality education. These schools are designed to accommodate large numbers of students in a compact area, a model that could be adapted to Surrey's needs.

The time to act is now. The future of Surrey's students and our community depends on it.

### First Day Of School, But No Long-Term Solutions To Overcrowding In Surrey's Schools

Surrey First Councillor Linda Annis says the overcrowding of Surrey schools continues as students return to classes, with no long-term solution in sight from the provincial government.

"We expect 2500 more students will head to Surrey schools this term, but we continue to fall further and further behind," said Annis. "Our city continues to grow, and the provincial government is pressing us to build even more housing, but they continue to fail to do their part when it comes to building and opening more schools. Extending school hours this year in our city's high schools so students can attend in shifts, is nothing more than a temporary fix. It is not the solution we really need, which is more schools."

Annis says there are nearly 400 portables in Surrey housing some 8,000 students. She adds that with 2500 new students annually, it is the equivalent of four new schools each and every year, but the province is not keeping up.

"The fact is, there should be zero tolerance for portables, particularly when we know what the solution is," said Annis. "We also need more creative solutions to building public schools, including partnerships with the private sector, as they have done in Alberta and Saskatchewan. There should also be schools that are built higher to provide more capacity on the same footprint, and new condo towers should look at schools on their ground floors as a community amenity."

Annis said Surrey will be British Columbia's largest city in just five years, so continued growth in the city's student population can be expected for years to come.

"I'm not sure why the provincial



The portables that were there at the end of the school year, are still there: Councillor Linda Annis

government continues to shortchange Surrey students and their families, but it is real, and temporary fixes are definitely not the solution," noted Annis. "Our students and our school district deserve better. We will have 10 MLAs from Surrey after the October provincial election, and every one of them needs to make the need for more schools a real priority for our city. The simple fact is, the provincial government is not doing enough, and there is no serious plan to fix the problem they have created in Surrey. By not keeping up with new school construction, the government has made the problem worse. That has to change dramatically if we're going to get Surrey's children into the schools and classrooms they deserve."



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# 'Every student in B.C. should have access to safe and modern schools'

Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care, issued the following statement as students return to school: "Our government is committed to ensuring all of B.C.'s K-12 students feel safe, supported and reach their full potential. We are dedicated to building a quality, inclusive education system where every student throughout the province can have the best education experience possible. "We've taken steps to make life more affordable for families and help every child have what they need to participate and succeed in school this year. With the government's largest investment in school food programs in the province's history, more students have access to healthy food and snacks at school through Feeding Futures. In the most recent school year, almost 90% of B.C. schools reported having school food programs. To help schools provide support directly to students and families who need it most, we've added \$20 million to the Student and Family Affordability Fund, which helps cover the costs of school supplies and class trips, as well as sports and music

programs. "Since 2017, our government has more than doubled funding to school districts for inclusive supports and services to help kids who need additional support meet their full potential in school. We launched two Provincial School Outreach Teams to provide specialist supports to students with disabilities and diverse abilities in communities throughout the province, where access to these services can be limited. "K-12 literacy screening and learning supports will help all students, especially those with dyslexia and other learning disabilities, get the support they need to achieve their best in their education and beyond. "Every student in B.C. should have access to safe and modern schools. To meet the needs of B.C.'s growing communities, our government has provided more than \$5 billion over the past seven years to build, upgrade and expand schools that families need. "To ensure schools remain safe places for learning, we have activated protected



Rachna Singh, Minister of Education

"We continue to work with education partners to build a strong, sustainable K-12 workforce that students and families can rely on, now and in the future. With B.C.'s highest enrolment growth in 35 years, more teachers than ever are needed. Targeted initiatives on the recruitment and retention of teachers in high-demand areas, such as rural and remote communities, have boosted hiring efforts. We are building on these initiatives.

"We're also working collaboratively with universities to modernize teacher training through innovative online programs so we can have more teachers in the workforce in the years to come.

"Whether it's through historic school food and affordability programs, building more schools or safe-school programs, we're putting the health, safety and well-being of students and staff at the heart of every decision. We're committed to providing quality public education. This continues to be a top priority for our government.

"I want to extend my gratitude to all our partners across the education sector for your hard work and dedication to ensuring our students have the quality education experiences that they deserve. I wish everyone a safe and productive school year."

zones on and around school grounds for this school year to prevent any disruptive behaviour, such as aggressive protests, from occurring within 20 metres of schools.

"Our new cellphone policy will make sure that students have fewer distractions in the classroom and can concentrate on their learning. While technology plays an important part in our lives, we all know that digital literacy and developing healthy habits with technology play a vital role to keeping our kids healthy and safe.

## Students Return to Campus with Optimism Amidst Financial Challenges, says Students Federation

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burden for many young adults entering the workforce. The recent elimination of federal interest on student loans and the BC Access Grant offers some relief, but the cost of higher education remains a barrier for many.

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# Information wanted in Arson investigation

Police in Surrey are requesting the public's assistance in an arson investigation that occurred in June 2024.

On June 29, 2024, at 3:00 a.m., officers responded to a residential fire in the 14000-block area of Grosvenor Road. The occupants of the home made it out safely; but sadly one of family pets did not make it out and perished in the fire. The residence sustained substantial damage to the roof as a result.

Investigators conducted neighbourhood inquiries and an extensive CCTV canvass of the area determined that two unknown suspects were around the property, who allegedly set fire to a pile of belongings which caused the house to catch fire.

Suspect descriptions:

Suspect 1: medium build and wore a dark colour hoodie, dark pants and dark



Surrey RCMP - Information wanted in Arson investigation

shoes.

Suspect 2: heavy build and wore a dark colour hoodie, dark pants and dark shoes; suspect was riding a BMX style bicycle.

Police has released a photo/video of the suspects in order to advance the

investigation.

Anyone with any information about this incident or anyone with dash camera footage who was in the area at the time of the incident is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-93841.

# Brampton's Parmvir Singh charged with First Degree Murder

Police in Peel Region have arrested an individual in connection to a shooting homicide that occurred in Brampton on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Officers responded to a residential address on Milestone Drive in Brampton where they located an adult male deceased in a vehicle who had been shot. At the family's request, police did not release the victim's identity.

Shortly before midnight on August 30, 2024, Parmvir Singh, a 23-year-old from Brampton was arrested and charged with First Degree Murder.

He was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

"While the motive for the shooting remains under investigation, detectives are confident that this shooting was isolated to the individuals involved and does not appear to be random," said a release from Peel Region Police.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact the Homicide Bureau at 905-453-2121 extension 3205.

Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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# Concern over immigration quadruples over last 48 months

In the nearly two years since the party elected Pierre Poilievre as leader, the CPC have made gains across nearly all demographics and regions at expense of the Liberals. Support for the Liberals has declined double digits in Ontario (-13) and Atlantic Canada (-17), with the Conservatives enjoying concurrent nine- and ten-point positive swings in those places respectively. The CPC have also seen at least eight-point increases in support among women 18- to 34-years-old (+8) and older than 54 (+8) and men aged 35-54 (+10).

While the vote intention story is all about gains for the Conservatives since he became leader, Poilievre himself has made little progress at improving his personal favourability. Half (52%) say they have an unfavourable view of the CPC leader, statistically identical to the figure seen when he was first elected (51%). The same is true of his favourability (36% now; 35% Sept. 2022). He has made inroads on this front among men aged 35-54 (+9 favourability) and women 18-34 (+5), though for the latter opinions are still overwhelmingly negative (52% unfavourable). And any demographic gains are offset by a decline (-15 favourability) among 18- to 34-year-old men over the past two years.

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# The deal is done: Jagmeet Singh pulls out of Liberal-NDP Supply...

With the NDP's support, Liberal government has pushed through social programs designed to address the cost of living. "Through the Supply and Confidence Agreement, the NDP has delivered free dental care for millions of Canadians and pharmacare legislation, which together represent the largest expansion of free Canadian health care in generations. Through the Agreement, the NDP also delivered the Early Learning and Child Care Act to lower the price of child care, and anti-scab and sustainable jobs legislation to protect workers. All of those measures were opposed by both Liberals and Conservatives until the NDP forced the Liberals to enact them," Singh said. But the NDP's Singh had expressed growing frustration with Trudeau in recent months, especially over what he said was the Liberals' failure to deal with high prices at grocery stores.

"Today I notified the prime minister that I have ripped up the Supply and Confidence Agreement. Canadians are fighting a battle. A battle for the future of the middle class. Justin Trudeau has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed. The Liberals have let people down.

They don't deserve another chance from Canadians," Singh said.

Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre has been pushing Singh to pull out his support to Liberals. Just a week before, Poilievre called on Singh to join with him in calling for a carbon tax election. In a letter to Singh, Poilievre said, "Pull out of the costly coalition and vote non-confidence in the government this September to trigger a carbon tax election in October of THIS YEAR. Or you will forever be known as 'Sellout Singh.'"

Singh on the other hand clearly sent the message that pulling their de-facto support for the Liberals doesn't mean he is ready to push for an election or support to Conservatives. In fact in the video message, Singh distanced himself from the Conservatives. "There is another, even bigger battle ahead. The threat of Pierre Poilievre and Conservative Cuts. From workers, from retirees, from young people, from patients, from families—he will cut in order to give more to big corporations and wealthy CEOs. The fact is, the Liberals are too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests to fight for people. They cannot be change, they cannot restore the hope,

they cannot stop the Conservatives. But we can."

Singh said that in the next federal election, Canadians will choose between Pierre Poilievre's callous cuts or hope. Hope that when we stand united, we win. That Canada's middle class will once again thrive together. He said that he will be running for Prime Minister because "together, we can and will stop Conservative Cuts."

Pierre Poilievre held a press conference after the announcement Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Vancouver Island, where he characterized NDP leader Jagmeet Singh's decision to end the agreement as a stunt. "Mr. Singh promised he'd be an opposition voice, but then sold-out Canadians by signing on to a costly coalition with Justin Trudeau that has hiked your taxes, doubled your housing prices, and unleashed crime, chaos, drugs and disorder in your communities. Despite his announcement, Mr. Singh refuses to say that he would vote non-confidence to bring down his costly coalition partner and cause a carbon tax election," he said.

This major political announcement comes with just a week and a half to

go before Parliament resumes, and less than a week before Singh and Trudeau are scheduled to meet with their caucuses to plot strategy for the fall sitting.

Reacting to the news – which he was only informed of shortly before Singh went public – the prime minister said he's going to remain focused on Canadians' concerns until the next election "hopefully not until next fall." "I'm not focused on politics. I'll let other parties focus on politics. I'm focused on actually delivering the things that Canadians told me this summer they need," Trudeau said, speaking at an announcement about the Liberals' school food lunch program (opens in a new tab), in Rocky Harbour, N.L.

The prime minister also said he hopes the NDP stay focused on delivering for Canadians and help cement the policies they remain aligned on, in the face of their shared concern about prospective Conservative cuts.

"I think the NDP is going to have to make decisions about whether or not they want to stand with Pierre Poilievre," Trudeau said. "I certainly hope that the NDP will stay true to its fundamental values."

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# Gunshots fired into B.C. home of Punjabi music star AP Dhillon

Occupants of the residence were evacuated by police and Colwood fire extinguished the vehicle fires quickly, preventing further fire damage to the residence," the police said.

Mounties believe the shooting was targeted, and there's no "further risk to the public." "Preliminary investigation suggests that this was a targeted event and there is no information to believe that the general public is at any further risk as a result. The RCMP investigation is ongoing. There are no further details available.

Dhillon took to social media following reports of a shooting. "In a short message posted to Instagram, Dhillon says, "I'm safe. My people are safe. Thank you to

everyone who reached out."

The Indian media reported the Indian-based Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the shooting, stating on social media the attack was in response to a music video Dhillon filmed with Bollywood actor Salman Khan, with whom the group reportedly has a long-standing feud.

The West Shore RCMP are asking any motorists with vehicle cameras in the area of Veteran's Memorial Parkway from Sooke Road to Bear Mountain Parkway between midnight and 1:30 a.m. to on Monday, September 2, 2024, to call them at 250- 474-2264. #yyj #colwoodbc #colwood

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# Teachers' Day: Honoring the Vital Role of Educators in Shaping Lives



By Zile Singh

The Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society, Vancouver celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5, 2024. Its President, Vice President, Secretary and other speakers shed light on the role of teachers in our lives. Vice President Mukhtiar Singh Boparai expressed concern about teachers condition in Punjab where the government teachers' monthly salaries are delayed for months.

President Dr. Gurbax Singh Sidhu reflected on the life of Savatri Bai Phule, who just two days before her 17th birthday opened the first school for girls on January 1, 1848, in Maharashtra. Though it might seem like a normal development today, this act was met with strong opposition. She faced extreme harassment, enduring attacks with stones and cow dung.

A teacher is every child's first acquaintance in school. They are the ones who hold their hands and guide their steps to take the first giant leap into the learning journey. A good teacher can have a lasting impression on a child and can make school the most wonderful place for the child.

Teachers' Day in India is celebrated every year on the 5th of September to mark the birthday of President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was the first Vice President of India. He was born on 5th September 1888. He was also a great scholar, an ideal teacher, and a Bharat Ratna recipient.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed 5 October to be World Teachers' Day in 1994.

On October 5, the Canadian Teachers' Federation and its member organizations across the country celebrate World Teachers' Day through a public awareness campaign that

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## Three BC...

While Saran acknowledged Sims' stand, she does not want to be portrayed as a victim. "My situation is completely different than the Conservative Party of BC candidate Jody Toor. The best way to rectify the situation is to vote for candidates like me to stop this discrimination and provide an answer back to those who try to play chess of candidates."

Saran feels no political party is aligned with her beliefs and values at this time. She says her main value is to serve her community. She has been vocal on many prominent issues of the South Asian community.



highlights the contributions of the teaching profession.

In the United States, it is celebrated in the first week of May as Teachers Appreciation Week. All countries in the world commemorate World Teachers' Day and each holds its own celebrations accordingly.

People generally interchange the term teacher with guru. But there is a difference. A teacher explains the world and its nature to you. He gives you the knowledge to work hard and compete in the world for a better life whereas a guru explains to you a 'world beyond' and the usefulness of surrender and prayer.

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# Funding to Empower Fraser Health Researcher in Enhancing Lives of Punjabi Men Battling Substance Use

Sherry Sandhu, a clinical researcher from Fraser is among the first in Canada to begin a unique pathway to enhancing her skills through a new immersive, internship program.

Sherry has been awarded funding to participate in the Canadian Consortium of Clinical Trial Training (CANTRAIN) and Michael Smith Health Research BC Internship/Practicum for Clinical Research Professionals program.

The CANTRAIN clinical research internship program, in partnership with Michael Smith Health Research BC, offers a unique blend of online training, engaged learning opportunities and mentorship.

“Our research focuses on improving the lives of Punjabi men who use substances and their family members by creating interventions using a community and patient-centred approach,” says Sherry



Sandhu, a research assistant with Roshni Clinic. “The skills I will gain through the internship will help us get ready for the next phase in which we will test our interventions, understand their outcomes

and determine clinical relevance.”

It will provide Sherry with invaluable skills and experience in clinical research. She will complete her internship at the B.C. Centre on Substance Use and Changemark Research + Evaluation.

Sherry is currently supporting a research program called Rahi, which means ‘a companion along a path’ in Panjabi and Hindi. Rahi is co-led and co-created by Dr. Nitasha Puri and team at Roshni Clinic in collaboration with people who have lived and living experience using substances and their families. Together, they aim to develop and test the feasibility of culturally relevant interventions to treat substance use disorder among Punjabi men in the Lower Mainland.

As the team prepares for the next phase of testing the intervention, Sherry is using this unique opportunity to gain clinical research skills that she can share with her team as they test their commu-

nity-led interventions. The research will be crucial in changing the landscape of culturally tailored health care for South Asians across B.C.

“I’ve always been passionate about research and its power. Research is a cornerstone of health care, and we need to understand the needs and the barriers a community may face to support them,” says Sherry.

“Growing up in the Punjabi community, I’ve seen these challenges firsthand and always wanted to help build a stronger community. I’m grateful to contribute to this important work at Fraser Health.”

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## Students Return...

“It is important to remember that for many students and their families, back to school is a time of increased financial stress and

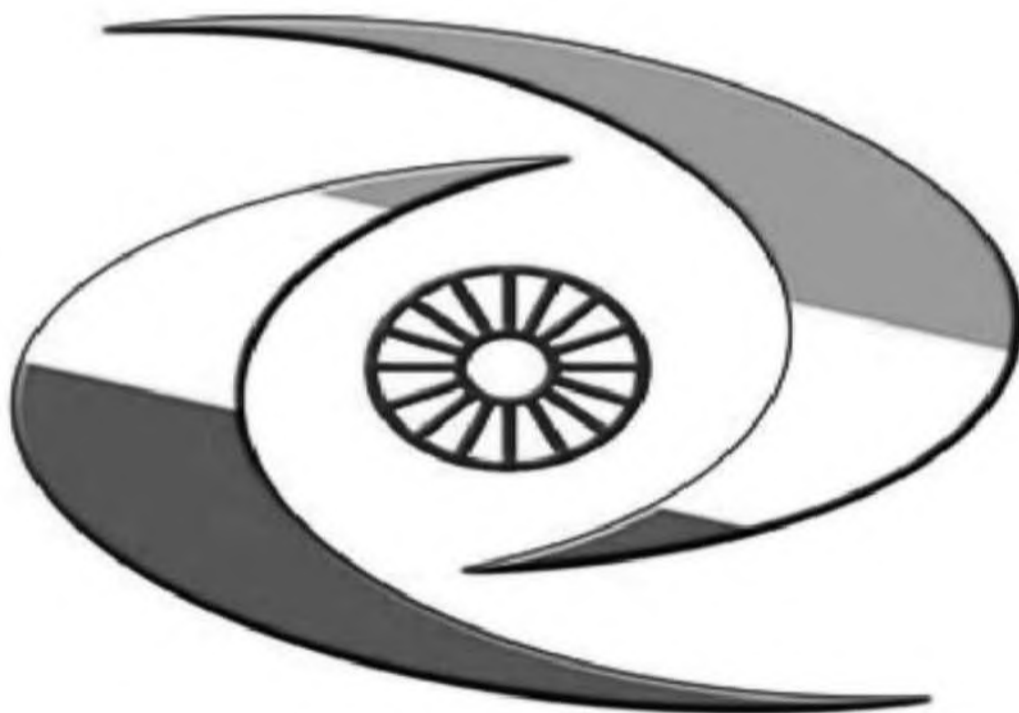
uncertainty. We still have work to do as a society to make college and university more affordable to people who want to study and retrain,” said Jessie Niikoi, Chairperson of the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS). “We need to invest in B.C.’s public post-secondary institutions so that tuition fees can be frozen, and progressively reduced.”

A recent poll published by TD shows that 65% of students define themselves as financially unstable and 45% are currently unable to adequately cover basic needs such as food and housing.

“We need to re-envision what being a student looks like today; students should be afforded the time to get involved in their campus communities, make social connections, volunteer and engage in deeper, applied learning in their areas of study,” said Niikoi. “Students are our future, they are the next generation of leaders, healthcare workers, trades people and change makers. We need to support their success, rather than accepting working multiple jobs, living in unsafe, overcrowded accommodations or skipping meals to make ends meet as the new normal for students. I’m confident we can do better,” Niikoi emphasized.

For several years, the BCFS has called on the B.C. Government to invest \$500 million annually to increase the public portion of post-secondary institution funding. In recent years, the proportion of funding to the province’s colleges and universities has dropped to near 50% of total operating costs, down from more than 80% in the 1980s and more than 90% in the 1970s. This constitutes a massive divestment in public education for the current generation of young people compared to the support provided to those who attended college and university in past decades.

“We know that most job openings in BC will require some form of post-secondary training, and we need to ensure that everyone can afford to access that education in our province” said Niikoi.



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# New exhibit by Jagdeep Raina delves into BC farming movements

The Surrey Art Gallery will be opening *Ghosts In The Fields*, a solo exhibition by interdisciplinary artist Jagdeep Raina, on Saturday, September 21.

The fall opening will feature a conversation with Raina at 6:30 p.m., moderated by educator and community organizer Harji Sangra. There will be a poetry performance by Phinder Dulai and music by DJ Aanam from Tala Collective. Admission is free.

Jagdeep Raina is an interdisciplinary artist and writer from Guelph, Ontario. He holds a master's degree from the Rhode Island School of Design and was a 2021 Paul Mellon Fellow at Yale University. Raina currently lives and works in Queens, New York City.

Marking a significant moment in the geographical, cultural, and political landscape in British Columbia's Lower Mainland, *Ghosts In The Fields* draws inspiration from archival images and interviews by media artist Craig Berggold and filmmaker Anand Patwardhan.

In addition to Raina's own interviews with union organizers and agricultural workers, he examines the history of the 1970s and 1980s farmworker movements. During this period, migrant workers and union organizers from the Canadian Farmworkers Union protested wage theft, long hours, and exploitative working and living conditions endured by racialized farmworkers on farms and in greenhouses.

Associate Curator Suvi Bains and Assistant Curator Jas Lally say, "We encourage visitors to reflect on the everyday lived experiences of farmworkers and the agricultural landscapes of BC where these stories are situated. Farms in Surrey and the Fraser Valley are deeply embedded in storytelling and have helped shape the farmworkers' movements for the right for workplace safety, fair wages, and access to facilities. The resilience of the agricultural workers live through archives, poems, drawings, and oral histories."

Raina's research materialized into a visual narrative depicting the generational experiences of South Asian farmworkers. A stop-motion animation positions these historic labour movements against the current backdrop of the Lower Mainland. Raina's black-and-white drawings are inspired by Berggold's archival photographs taken in the 1980s. What initially appear as idyllic scenes of farmworkers labouring in fields reveal a fiery red ghostly figure that disrupts the monochromatic composition. This figure symbolizes violence, exploitation, trauma, and loss experienced by the farmworkers. The works serve as ghostly reminders of past lived experiences while also reminding us of the ongoing farmworker movements in India



Jagdeep Raina, *Mass movement*, 2023, mixed media (on paper sewn with bordered fabric, batted, basted, bonded into a quilt). Courtesy of the artist and Cooper Cole, Toronto. Photo by Angela Chen

the dangers faced by women in agricultural work. Another tapestry translates this poem into Gurmukhi and incorporates Phulkari, a traditional Punjabi embroidery celebrated for its intricate geometric designs.

Indian Summer Festival is the community partner for this exhibition.

The fall opening on Saturday, September 21 will also celebrate Surrey Artswest Society—an eclectic mix of paintings, drawings, mixed media works, as well as Cheryl Pagurek: *Winter Garden*—an interactive digital collage developed out of a still life photography series.

Also in connection to Jagdeep Raina: *Ghosts In The Fields* is a Film Screening and Conversation with Anushay Malik on Saturday, October 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

since 2020.

Hand-stitched quilts further share the history of various farming activities, protests,

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protesting, with one tapestry featuring a poem written by Raina telling the story of a female farmworker. The poem highlights



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<p><b>9569 124 STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE \$2,099,000</b></p>  <p>This stunning residence in Queen Mary Park features 8 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms with 2 SUITES*(2+2). Sitting on a MASSIVE 8000+ Sq.Ft Lot! Impeccably kept, this 8 bedroom home features a fantastic layout, generously sized bedrooms. With its great finishes, abundant windows, hot water heating and huge covered patio this home has it all. Walking distance to L.A Matheson Secondary and Cedar Hills Elementary this home is centrally located close to shops/restaurants and major bus routes. Easy access onto 96 avenue and Scott Road which leads to major hi</p>	<p><b>14096 113A AVENUE</b> <b>FOR SALE \$2,298,000</b></p>  <p>Indulge in luxury living in this magnificent residence with breathtaking mountain views, ideally situated near the city center. The expansive living and dining areas, paired with a cozy family room on the main floor, offer ample space for both relaxation and entertainment. Upstairs, you'll discover five bedrooms and four bathrooms, including an oversized master suite featuring a lavish spa-like ensuite and a spacious walk-in closet. Thoughtfully designed with high-end finishes, this home also includes a double car garage, radiant heating, air conditioning, and more. Additionally, benefit from the potential for rental income with separate suites (1+1). Seize this extraordinary opportunity to own a splendid property, complete with the assurance of a 2-5-10 warranty.</p>	<p><b>7893 147A STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE \$2,249,000</b></p>  <p>CUSTOM BUILD! Immaculately maintained, this home feels brand new. Nestled on a 6700+ sq. ft. corner lot in the serene neighbourhood of Chimney Hill, this 5000+sq.ft. residence boasts 8 bedrooms, a rec room, and 9 baths with a spacious floor plan. The grand entryway with high ceilings extends into the living room, while the expansive kitchen offers abundant cabinet space and includes a large spice kitchen with a pantry. The main floor also features a generous family room, a 2-piece powder room, and a bonus master bedroom with a full bath. The top floor comprises 4 sizable bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, including 3 master bedrooms with walk-in closets.</p>	<p><b>36 13670 62 AVE</b> <b>FOR SALE \$899,000</b></p>  <p>Panorama South 62 complex! This is a beautiful four bedroom four bath Townhome backyard faces a greenbelt-ULTIMATE PRIVACY! Open concept main floor with 9ft ceiling and lots of natural light-bright and spacious living area and 3 bedroom upstairs. Main floor has beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and bar fridge. Nice open dining room leading to living area which opens to sundeck. Additional bedroom in basement with 3 piece bath. This complex has lots of visitor parking. Close to schools and transit. Great neighbourhood.</p>	<p><b>5945 130A STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE \$1,999,900</b></p>  <p>PANORAMA RIDGE CORNER HOME! Features 6 BEDROOMS &amp; 6 WASHROOMS + THEATRE ROOM w/Full Bath + 2 Bedroom Suite! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishes. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! In the basement there is a large media room perfect for entertaining with a FULL WASHROOM. There is also a 2 bedroom MORTGAGE HELPER! Fully finished with its own separate entrances. This home truly has it ALL! Perfect for the growing family.</p>	<p><b>31 6138 128 STREET</b> <b>FOR SALE \$1,099,000</b></p>  <p>PREVIOUS SHOW HOME UNIT! Situated in the heart of Panorama Park, this contemporary 4-bedroom townhouse is designed for the modern family. With four bathrooms and a state-of-the-art central AC and heating system, it ensures year-round comfort. The home is equipped with a Wi-Fi-enabled doorbell and switches, along with enhanced Cat6 wired internet, making it perfect for remote work. Upon entering, you'll find custom-built cabinetry and a full-sized mirror in the foyer. The living area is centered around a cozy fireplace, ideal for unwinding in the evenings. Residents can enjoy a variety of amenities, including a two-story clubhouse with a billiards room and a kitchen with a harvest-style table. Additionally, the community features a garden, outdoor playground, and walking paths. COME SEE NOW</p>
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# BC NDP, Conservatives in statistical tie as United's withdrawal leaves one-in-ten undecided

## Eby most likely seen as 'best premier', but majorities say B.C. on 'wrong track' on housing, opioids crises

An unprecedented withdrawal by the official opposition B.C. United mere weeks before the start of a general election campaign has levelled the playing field between the two remaining main competitors. New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute measured after Kevin Falcon announced B.C. United's exit finds a statistically tied race as voters survey the new election landscape.

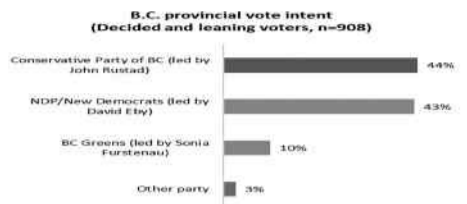
Both the Conservative Party of BC (44%) and the BC NDP (43%) currently have the support of more than two-in-five decided and leaning voters. The BC Greens gather vote intent from one-in-ten (10%).

The aftershocks of B.C. United's departure from the election are still being felt – many candidates in both the United and BC Conservative camps face uncertain electoral



David Eby

futures – and many British Columbians are still evaluating the options left on the table. Among the general population, one-in-ten



(11%) say they are currently undecided with no lean to any particular party. This includes one-in-six (16%) women older than 54, one of the more reliable groups of ballot casters in Canadian elections.

Voters will have several factors to consider, but perhaps the two that will play the biggest role in this election will be leadership and dueling crises of housing affordability and opioids addiction. Incumbent Premier and NDP leader David Eby is viewed more favourably (43%)



John Rustad

than his primary opponent, Conservative Party of BC leader John Rustad (33%).

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# B.C. substantially increases dangerous driving impound fees

Following two summers marked by a surge in highway fatalities, the B.C. government is taking action to make roads safer and place higher penalties on those who drive dangerously.

Effective Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024, drivers engaging in reckless driving behaviour such as impaired driving, excessive speeding, street racing or driving without a licence will face significantly higher fees for the towing and storage of their impounded vehicles.

“Too many lives have been lost due to reckless and dangerous driving, particularly this summer,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety

and Solicitor General. “We’re making it clear that if you endanger others on our roads, you will face serious consequences, both criminally and financially.”

The adjustments include a flat-rate towing fee increase of 38% to \$110, and a storage fee increase of up to 96%, up to \$40 per day. These increased fees send a strong message that dangerous driving will not be tolerated on B.C.’s roads.

By adding harsher financial penalties, the government aims to deter reckless behaviours and encourage drivers to think twice before engaging in dangerous activities that put lives at risk.

With these changes, B.C. is reinforcing its commitment to enhancing road safety and reducing the loss of life.

Deputy Chief Fiona Wilson, president, BC Association of Chiefs of Police, said, “The fee increases are a necessary step in our ongoing commitment to public safety. By imposing stricter financial consequences on dangerous driving, we are sending a very clear message that reckless behaviour on our roads will not be tolerated. Our goal is to protect all road users and reduce the tragic loss of life that too often results from these preventable actions.”

Changes to vehicle impoundment rates:

Flat towing rate is rising from \$79.78 to \$110.

Per-kilometre towing rate is rising from \$2.41 to \$3.32.

Storage Zone 1 rate is rising from \$23.98 to \$40.

Storage Zone 2 rate is rising from \$22.89 to \$38.18.

Storage Zone 3 rate is rising from \$20.71 to \$38.18.

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**ASKING 1,699,000**

**7028 142 STREET, SURREY**



**5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF**

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**2 BED - 2 BATHS**

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# What's New: 2024 Toyota GR Supra

Review by Veeno Dewan

The Toyota GR Supra traces its heritage back to the Celica Supra of 1979 and over the past four and a half decades it became a name associated with legendary sports performance. To celebrate, Toyota



is offering Canadians a limited production Toyota GR Supra 45th Anniversary Special Edition – one of four exhilarating GR Supra models in the 2024 lineup. Under the hood, the GR Supra is offered with a choice of two engine sizes and two transmissions – detailed by model, below. All GR Supra models have been carefully engineered to achieve a nearly perfect weight balance and low centre of gravity to optimize handling. Variable ratio electric power steering is sport tuned to deliver track-worthy control, while engaging Sport Mode sharpens throttle response, makes shifts crisper, and tunes the differential more aggressively. The GR Supra wears its performance capabilities boldly. The GR Supra body is shaped for dramatic effect and honed for aerodynamic perfection. Its signature looks include a wide grille flanked by large air intakes, a double-bubble cabin roof that reduces drag without sacrificing headroom. Inside, this two-seater is definitely driver-focussed, with an asymmetrical centre console that envelops the cockpit, com-

plete with console-mounted side knee padding for extra bolstering when leaning into high-G corners. All models feature the Toyota Smart Key System with Push Button Start, heated seats, dual zone automatic climate control, aluminum scuff plates, and carbon fibre interior trim. The instrument

cluster is anchored by a 3D tachometer flanked by displays that can be customized to show key driving information, navigation, or entertainment choices. While capturing the feel of a single-seat racing car, GR Supra also ensures the navigator enjoys an open, comfortable ride. Every GR Supra also comes with an impressive package of active and passive safety features – including a Lane Departure Warning with Steering Assist, full-speed Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, and a Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Detection. Other safety features include a backup camera, automatic high beams, eight airbags, a child seat restraint system on the passenger seat, and an anti-theft alarm system. Toyota Canada is priced as follows: GR Supra 2.0 AT - \$58,010, GR Supra 3.0 Premium AT - \$69,500, GR Supra 3.0 Premium MT - \$69,500, GR Supra 3.0 45th SE- \$77,220. The 2024 Toyota GR Supra 2.0 introduces Canadians to Toyota's authentic sports coupe experience. Under the hood, a 2.0L twin scroll turbocharged inline 4-cylinder

engine and eight-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters, launch control, and manual mode delivers 255 peak horsepower and up to 295 lb-ft of torque. Notable features on this model include an 8.8" touchscreen, digital gauge cluster, four-speaker audio system with USB audio

input, 18" alloy wheels, Alcantara upholstery, full LED headlight package, adaptive steering, and parking sensors. The 2024 Toyota GR Supra 3.0 Premium AT boosts performance to maximum thrill levels.

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# At least 192 British Columbians lost to toxic drugs in July 2024

Updated reporting from the BC Coroners Service about unregulated drug toxicity deaths indicates at least 192 people died in July 2024. Between January 2024 and July 2024, 1,365 lives were lost to drug toxicity, according to preliminary data. "Unregulated toxic drugs continue to cause more loss of life in British Columbia than homicides, motor-vehicle incidents, suicides and natural disease combined, tragically

equating to about 6.2 people losing their lives each day," said Dr. Jatinder Baidwan, chief coroner. "The unregulated drug market is volatile and continues to put people's lives at grave risk each month." The data from July 2024 represents a 15% decrease from the number of deaths reported in July 2023 (226). Further to that, the annualized rate of death in 2024 is 41 per 100,000 residents, which is less than the annual rates from 2021 (43.9),



Dr. Jatinder Baidwan, BC chief coroner

2022 (44.5) and 2023 (46.6). Despite the decrease, people who use drugs in communities across B.C. face risk of significant injury or death. While the greatest number of deaths in 2024 have occurred in the cities of Vancouver (296), Surrey (130) and Greater Victoria (101), the highest rates of unregulated drug deaths have been reported in the health authorities of Northern (75.7 per 100,000) and Vancouver Island (53.4 per 100,000).

"As we mark International Overdose Awareness Day. To the loved ones of the approximate 15,140 British Columbians who have lost their lives to drug toxicity since this public-health emergency was declared in 2016, I extend my deepest condolences," Baidwan said. "These losses impact people far beyond our province, and we must not forget these are sons and daughters, parents and grandparents, co-workers and teammates."

## Commemoration of Epic Battle of Saragarhi

The highest gallantry battle honour day of the "Epic Battle of Saragarhi" will be celebrated at 6:30 PM on September 11, 2024, (Wednesday) at The Riverside Signature Banquet Hall – 13030-76 Avenue, Surrey. All Ex-Servicemen of the Indian Armed Forces are respectfully invited to attend the occasion with their wives. Confirmation to attend the occasion can be communicated by September 8, 2024 on phone: 604-501-3939. Or by email: indianexservicemen@yahoo.com. For more information, please contact Capt (Retired) Mohinder Singh Jaswal on the same phone number.

## Standardized designs arrive to help build more homes faster

People building small-scale, multi-unit housing can plan faster and at a lower cost by using free standardized designs now available to the public. Most of the designs are based on "building blocks" that can be mixed and matched, to add features such as a garage or bedrooms, and stacked up to three storeys high. They include concepts for duplex, triplex, quadplex and townhouse designs. Also included are a variety of roof shapes and exterior finishes, so all the designs can blend in seamlessly with existing neighbourhoods, keeping with the intent of small-scale, multi-unit housing to add density. There are also designs for



accessory dwelling units, such as laneway homes, and a fully adaptable cottage suitable for aging in place. Each design complies with the 2024 B.C. Building Code and

can be customized for different lot sizes and configurations for use throughout B.C., recognizing that minor amendments may be required to manage specific site conditions.

Design files are available for download and have also been compiled into a catalogue for ease of viewing, all at no cost. Standardized design will result in time and cost savings as local governments and builders become familiar with the plans, leading to quicker approvals and construction, which is a key strategy of the Homes for People action plan to unlock more homes faster by creating the conditions to encourage faster housing construction.

Explore the new standardized designs here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/construction-industry/building-codes-standards/bc-codes/innovation>

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# MP Don Davis, Longtime Friend of the South Asian Community, Visits Gurdwara Nanak Niwas

Long-time Vancouver Kingsway Member of Parliament, Don Davis, visited India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas recently. He was accompanied by community activist Sarwan Singh Randhawa.

Mr. Davis is closely associated with the South Asian/Punjabi community. Davis has been serving his constituents as an MP for sixteen years.

After paying obeisance to Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji in the Darbar Hall, MP Davis took a guided tour of the Gurdwara Sahib. He was very impressed with this spacious place of worship and admired the Gurdwara management for its contribution



Picture from left to right: Sarwan Singh Randhawa, Gurcharan Singh Grewal, Avtar Singh Saddhar, Mohan Singh Sandhu, Don Davis, Balwant Singh Sanghera and Chain Singh Batth ).

to Punjabi community and the community at large.

He was pleasantly surprised to learn that this place of worship

also serves as the headquarter of the popular Highway to Heaven

Association. More than 25 places of worship along this small stretch of #5 Road is popularly known as Richmond's Highway to Heaven. Gurdwara Nanak Niwas is also very popular for weddings.

Afterward, Mr. Davis had a meaningful conversation with members of the Gurdwara management. Before leaving Davis enjoyed a delicious vegetarian langar and profusely thanked the Gurdwara Management for a very warm welcome.

Gurdwara President Mohan Singh Sandhu and Secretary Balwant Singh Sanghera thanked Mr. Davis and Mr. Randhawa for their visit.

# Surrey Local Immigration Partnership to Host Newcomer Open House for Welcoming Week 2024

The Surrey Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) will be organizing its annual hosting of a Newcomer Open House as part of Welcoming Week 2024.

The Newcomer Open House is designed to welcome and support newcomers to Surrey, helping them connect with the vibrant community and essential services available to them. The event will feature a wide range of agencies

from across Surrey, offering resources and information on various services, including employment services, English language training and housing support.

"This event encompasses our commitment to providing a seamless integration experience for newcomers," says Lenya Wilks, Director, Partnership & Stakeholder Engagement, Surrey LIP. "We're excited to facilitate connections

between newcomers and the array of services offered by settlement agencies, creating a strong foundation for their journey ahead."

**Event Details:**

**Date:** September 11, 2024

**Location:** Surrey Civic Plaza, 13450 104 Ave, Surrey, BC

**Time:** 12 pm – 4 pm

The Surrey LIP encourages all newcomers, community members, and local organizations to attend this event and take advantage of

the resources available.

"We are excited to bring together community partners and newcomers for the Surrey LIP Open House," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Our diversity is one of our greatest assets and Surrey takes great pride in welcoming all people. Newcomers who make Surrey their home bring much-needed skills and talents to our city. This special event is an opportunity to learn more



about services and programs that will help you and your families as you settle into your new life."

Mayor Brenda Locke will also be reading out a Proclamation, declaring September 13-22, 2024, as "Welcoming Week" in the City of Surrey.

For more information about the Newcomer Open House and Welcoming Week 2024, please visit our website at: surreylip.ca or contact Surrey LIP at: surreylip@dcrs.ca.



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# Why an eye exam should be on your child's back-to-school checklist

Amidst the flurry of buying notebooks and new shoes, it's easy to overlook an essential aspect of school readiness: your child's vision health.

Vision plays an important role in many aspects of a child's development, and prioritizing an eye exam can help identify issues before they impact a school year. We spoke with Dr. Jane Gardiner, clinical professor of pediatric ophthalmology at UBC's faculty of medicine, about why an eye exam may be the most important item on your child's back-to-school checklist.

## Why is it important for children to have their eyes checked before heading back to school?

Vision is critical to just about everything children do at school, from learning to social interactions and physical activity. But without an eye exam, many vision problems go undetected or get misdiagnosed. It's vital that impairments are identified early so that children can receive the treatment, help or resources they need for success at school. Some treatments only work when the child is young, so the earlier problems are identified, the better.

## How often should children have their eyes checked?

For children where there is no family history of eye problems and no immediate vision concerns, a formal eye exam should be done before school entry at about 3.5 years of age, and then every one to two years once in school.

The problem is that a lot of these exams aren't happening. Not every child has a primary care provider, and not every community has an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Some provinces and schools have a vision screening program, but this varies greatly across Canada.

In B.C., the school-based vision screening program was paused during the pandemic and hasn't returned. So, it is up to parents to be vigilant and proactive about their child's eye health. Parents will need to



arrange an eye examination for their child, which is covered by B.C.'s provincial health plan, by speaking with their primary care provider or visiting the provincial optometry association website to find someone in their area.

## What vision problems are common in children?

The most common issues are often the easiest and quickest to fix with a simple pair of glasses, including nearsightedness (trouble seeing far away), farsightedness (trouble seeing close up), and astigmatism (blurry or distorted vision at all distances). Other problems can include misaligned or crossed eyes, where both eyes do not look at the same place at the same time. Another condition, amblyopia or lazy eye, occurs when the eye and the brain do not work well together on one side versus the other, causing blurry vision. Both these conditions are commonly treated with either glasses, patching or surgery, but early diagnosis and treatment are key to preventing long-term challenges.

## What signs of a vision problem should parents watch out for?

The physical signs can be quite obvious, for instance, if one eye wanders, points a different direction, or appears different than the other. But parents should watch for other clues such as squinting, sitting too close to the TV, complaining of headaches or tired eyes, rubbing their eyes frequently, or struggling with reading.

It becomes much more difficult to notice poor vision affecting only one eye, as people can usually adapt and manage with

the other. An eye exam is often the only way to detect these issues.

What proactive steps can keep a child's eyes healthy?

Beyond an eye examination, it's important

to protect your child's eyes with sunglasses and a hat outdoors, and wearing proper eye protection during high-risk activities like sports.

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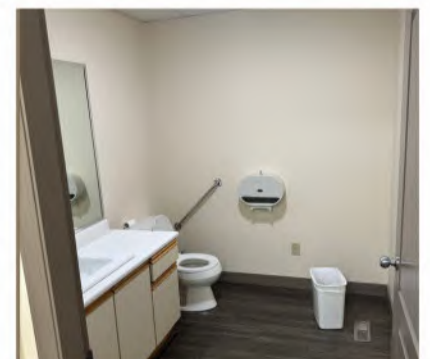
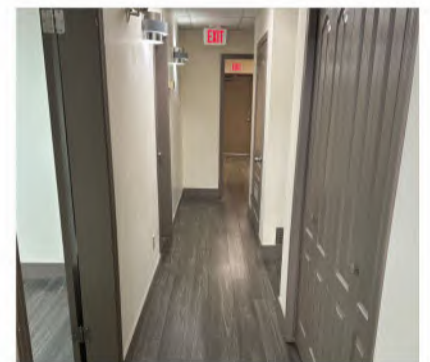
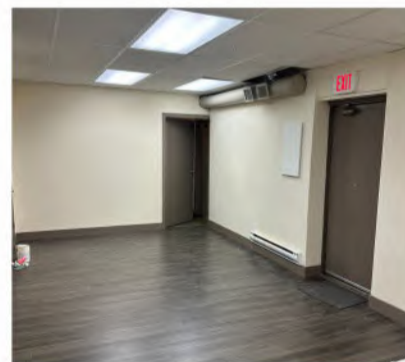
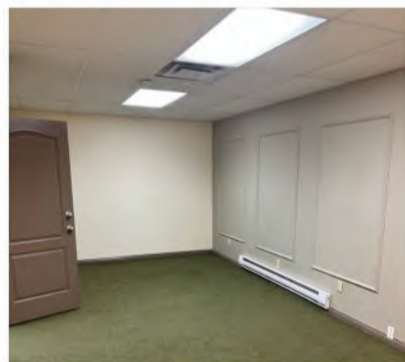
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## Upcoming Program

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 6th September, Friday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Kulbir Singh Pandher family.
- 7th September, Saturday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Rajbinder Singh Sidhu family.
- 7th September, Saturday** at 4.30 pm, Sri Sehaj Path bhog and antim ardas for late Mandeep Singh Grewal by Grewal family.
- 8th September, Sunday** at 10.30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan, langer sewa by the sangat.
- 8th September, Sunday** at 5.00 pm, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib, Kirtan and langer sewa by Satwinder Randhawa family.
- 10th September, Tuesday** at 5.00 pm, Sri Sukhmani sahib path, Kirtan and langer sewa by Banban Arora family.
- 12th September, Thursday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Baljit Maan family.
- 13th September, Friday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Sukhdev Singh family.
- 13th September, Friday** at 10:00 am, Parkash Sri Akhand Path Sahib and langer sewa all three days by the sangat of Raja Sahib
- 14th September, Saturday** at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Baljit Sahota family.
- 15th September, Sunday** at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib and langer sewa by the sangat of Raja Sahib.
- 15th September, Sunday** at 6:00 pm, Kirtan diwan regarding Sangrand of Assu month and langer sewa by the sangat.

### Special Program

**13th September, Friday** at 10:00 am, Parkash Sri Akhand Path Sahib and langer sewa all three days by the sangat of Raja Sahib.

**15th September, Sunday** at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib, Kirtan, Katha vichar and langer sewa by the sangat of Raja Sahib.

### Special Information

Punjabi school is starting from Sunday 8th September 2024. All the parents are requested to get admission of their kids so they can able to speak and write Punjabi.

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

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Shraddha Kapoor recently overtook Priyanka Chopra to become the second-most followed Indian celebrity on Instagram. Recently, the actor had shared a post on the social media account after her latest film, Stree 2, entered the ₹400 crore club globally. Priyanka had reacted to the post.

Priyanka reacts to Shraddha's post. Shraddha shared the post in August when Stree 2 earned ₹401 crore worldwide within a week of its release. She didn't caption the post but added folding hands emojis. Reacting to the post, Priyanka Chopra added raised hands, red hearts, and fire emojis. After Stree 2's release, Shraddha's follower count jumped to 92.7 million, while Priyanka has a follower count of 91.9 million.

**Shraddha is most followed actor on Instagram**

Earlier, Shraddha had surpassed Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has 91.3 million followers on the platform. Virat Kohli is the most followed Indian celebrity on Instagram, with

270 million followers. After Shraddha and Priyanka, some of the most followed stars from the film industry are Alia Bhatt, with 85.2 million, and Deepika Padukone, with 79.9 million followers.

**Shraddha's last film**

Shraddha's horror comedy Stree 2 has been directed by Amar Kaushik. It also stars Rajkummar Rao, Pankaj Tripathi, Abhishek Banerjee, and Aparshakti Khurana. Akshay Kumar and Varun Dhawan also had special cameos in the film. The film is a sequel to 2018 film Stree which was declared a hit. Stree 2 hit the screens on August 15 and has grossed over ₹500 crore in India so far. It is penned by Niren Bhatt and produced by Dinesh Vijan of Maddock Films.

**Priyanka's upcoming films**

Priyanka has several projects in the pipeline, including The Bluff, directed by Frank E Flowers. It features Priyanka as a former female pirate in a 19th-century Caribbean setting. She will also star alongside John Cena, Idris Elba, and Jack Quaid in the action comedy Heads of State,

directed by Ilya Naishuller. Fans are also eagerly awaiting Priyanka's Marathi film Paani, which is set for a big-screen release on October 18. Directed by Adinath Kothare and produced by Priyanka and her mother, Madhu Chopra's Purple Pebble Pictures, the film tells the story of a man from a drought-stricken village striving for water self-sufficiency. The film, originally released in 2019, received the National Film Award for Best Film on Environment Conservation.



**Priyanka Chopra Gives Approval To Shraddha Kapoor After She Surpassed Her Follower Count On Instagram**

**Malayalam Actor Nivin Pauly Booked For Rape; Actor Denies 'Baseless' Allegations**



Malayalam actor Nivin Pauly was on Tuesday booked for the offence of rape on a complaint by a 40-year-old woman that he sexually assaulted her over a year ago in Dubai, said the police.

**What the report said**

An officer of Oonnukal police station, where the FIR under section 376 of the IPC was registered, said that there are six accused, including a woman, in the case. The first accused is a woman and Nivin is the sixth accused, the officer said.

According to the woman, the incident occurred over a year ago in Dubai, the officer said, and declined to give further details. Nivin Pauly is among the many actors and directors who are facing allegations of sexual harassment or rape by female actors following the publication of the Justice K Hema Committee report.

Nivin responds to allegations. Nivin responded to the allegation via an Instagram post on Tuesday evening. He wrote in the statement, "I have come across a false news report accusing me of abusing a girl. Please know that this is entirely untrue.

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## Abhishek Banerjee Reveals How Rajkumar Rao's Improvisation Of Selena Gomez's Calm Down Cost Stree 2 Makers Rs.25 Lakh



Abhishek Banerjee has revealed that an improvisation by his Stree 2 co-star Rajkumar Rao cost the makers of the film a huge amount. In a recent interview with Fever FM, the host complimented Abhishek on his improvisation in the film over his line for co-actor Pankaj Tripathi. In the film, Abhishek improvised by talking about Pankaj's film Main Atal Hoon.

Abhishek talks about his improvisation. Abhishek said, "I did that and I forgot about it. So when I saw the movie, I started clapping telling Rajkumar,

'Wow, how amazingly you have improvised'. He said, 'You did it'. I was so proud of myself that, 'I thought about this?' But I forgot. This is what improvisation is, you are not doing it for the effect."

**Abhishek reveals how much Rajkumar's improvisation cost**

"Not even Raj. Woh lo lo lo jo pura karta hai woh pura improvise kiya usne. Us improvisation par ₹25 lakh kharch huye hai kyuki rights lene pade toh. Bohut mehenga improvisation tha. Rajkumar Rao ne I think Hindustan ke itihast ka sabse mehenga improvisation kiya hai (The lo lo lo part that he did was improvised by him. ₹25 lakh was spent on that improvisation because we had to take rights. It was a costly improvisation. I think Rajkumar Rao has done India's costliest improvisation)."

## Alia Bhatt Calls 'Sasu Ma' Neetu Kapoor Her 'Beauty Inspiration Always'

Actor Alia Bhatt has been roped in by L'Oreal Paris as its new global brand ambassador. Taking to Instagram, she and the brand shared a post along with a video. It was accompanied by a long note.

**Neetu, Alia showered each other with love**

The actor's mother-in-law, Neetu Kapoor, reposted the clip on her Instagram Stories and wrote, "You are (100 emoji)." Re-sharing it on her Instagram, Alia said, "My beauty inspiration always and forever (two heart emoji)." Alia married Neetu's son Ranbir Kapoor on April 14, 2022. The couple welcomed their first child in November 2022.

**Alia's upcoming films**

Fans will see Alia next in Jigra which will hit the cinema halls on October 11. Sharing the update about the change in release date, Alia took to Instagram and

wrote, "11.10.2024 | JIGRA | See you at the movies." Directed by Vasant Bala, the film will also star Vedang Raina. Alia will



also be seen with Ranbir Kapoor in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's directorial Love & War. **The film will also star Vicky Kaushal.** Apart from this, Alia will be seen in Alpha, a film that also features Sharvari as a super agent. Alpha is directed by Shiv Rawail. The title signifies a major shift for the action-packed series, previously centered on male protagonists but now featuring strong female characters.

## Kareena Kapoor Talks About Producing The Buckingham Murders, Praises Ekta Kapoor For Having The 'Guts' To Stand By Her

Kareena Kapoor is turning producer with her upcoming film The Buckingham Murders. The trailer of the mystery thriller was released on Tuesday in Mumbai, where the actor shared her experience on becoming a first time producer. The film is co-produced by her and Balaji Telefilms, headed by Ekta Kapoor.

**What Kareena said**

As per a report by NDTV, Kareena said, "The film is very special to all of us. Today, language does not matter. It is not important which language are you making a film in. What matters is, what are you making. Watch what we have made. We have done this with our hearts. I want to thank my dear Ekta (Kapoor), who had the belief and guts to always stand by me, to say 'Okay, we are going to do this together.' Whatever we have done, we have always been super successful. I am very confident again this time. It is going to be fabulous. She has been my backbone." Kareena, who has worked as an actor in Bollywood for over two decades, went on to add, "I have grown up wanting to be on the big screen, wanting to act all my life.

Acting is in my blood. I don't know anything else. I love being in front of the camera. It is my passion and I want to keep doing it forever."

The Buckingham Murders is directed by Hansal Mehta, and sees Kareena as a detective who must investigate the murder of a 10-year-old in Buckinghamshire. The film is also backed by Balaji Telefilms and TBM Films alongside Shobha Kapoor, Ekta Kapoor. It is written by Aseem Arora, Kashyap Kapoor, and Raghav Raj Kakker. The film will be released in cinemas on September 13, 2024.



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## Why an eye exam..

Screen time is also a big concern. There is increasing evidence to show that excessive screen time can promote progression of nearsightedness. Rates of nearsightedness are on the rise in children, particularly after the pandemic with increased time at home in front of screens.

Parents can encourage healthy screen habits by following the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, have your child take a 20-second break and look at something 20 feet away to relax their eyes. This should be accompanied by a whole-body break at least every 60 minutes. Also, aim for two hours of outdoor play daily to help slow the progression of nearsightedness.

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## What's New: 2024 Toyota GR Supra

This model's track-bred 3.0L twin-scroll turbocharged inline 6-cylinder engine puts 382 horsepower and 369 lb-ft of torque at the driver's command. The transmission is equally impressive: A quick-shifting eight-speed automatic with transmission cooler, paddle shifters, launch control function, and manual mode, capable of rocketing the GR Supra from 0-100 kph in 4.1 seconds. This model then builds on the feature set offered on the 2.0L GR Supra, introducing several upgrades. These include a head-up display, Hairpin+ Function

for remarkable performance on tight curves, adaptive suspension system, active rear sport differential, front strut bracing, 4-piston Brembo brakes with red painted and SUPRA logo calipers on the front wheels, 12-speaker JBL Audio System with integrated Sirius XM Satellite Radio, Navigation with Supra Connect (including SOS, Emergency Call, and Stolen Vehicle Recovery functions), Wireless Apple CarPlay, a wireless charger for personal electronics, 14-way power adjustable seats with leather upholstery and a driver's seat

memory system, 19" forged alloy wheels, and a sport exhaust. The 2024 Toyota GR Supra 3.0 Premium MT offers the same feature set as the automatic edition, but with a six-speed intelligent manual transmission with shift lever in a leather boot. This gearbox has been tuned specifically to the GR Supra's 3.0L inline-6, and fitted with a large diameter clutch with a reinforced diaphragm spring to ensure it squeezes the most out of the engine. This model also features red sport pedals. The 2024 Toyota GR Supra 3.0 45th Anniversary Special

Edition is a limited production model celebrating the Supra legacy. Starting with the 3.0L manual transmission model, Toyota designers then added a unique black leather interior, manually adjustable rear spoiler, 19" wheels with an exclusive matte black finish, black brake calipers, orange strut tower braces, orange SUPRA badge, and a serialization plaque. The model is finished in a stunning, exclusive Plasma Orange paint with black exterior side graphics. The Toyota Supra GR is in showrooms now.



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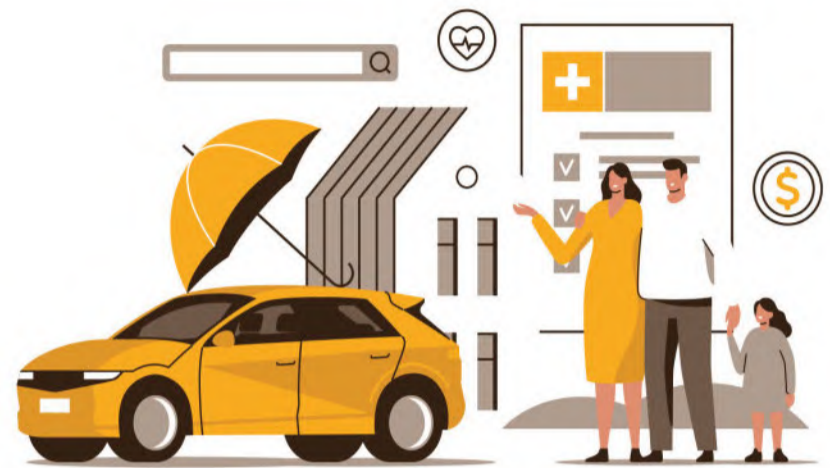
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