

International Student From India Brutally Killed By Stranger In Edmonton

An international student from India was brutally attacked by a sharp weapon by an unknown man on September 4 in Edmonton Alberta. According to Edmonton police, Jashandeep Maan, 22, died of multiple sharpforce injuries allegedly inflicted by a man unknown to Maan.

According to media reports and a GoFundMe page, Maan, 22, was stabbed while he was working at a Tim Hortons and had gone out to take a delivery for the restaurant. Occupational Health and Safety spokesperson Shanna Schulhauser confirmed that the agency is investigating according to a CTV News report. They said the restaurant worker was allegedly fatally injured by



a worker from a delivery company.

Police in a release said that they received complaints of a weapon the area of 101 Street and 102 Avenue in central Edmonton parkade Photo credit: GoFundMe

at 12 PM. Upon arrival, officers located a male with significant injuries. but he was declared deceased on scene. Maan's identity was confirmed by the police after the autopsy.

Edgar Wesker, 40, was taken into custody shortly after the incident, has since been charged with seconddegree murder and has been remanded. "We can confirm that both men were not known to one another, and this appears to be an isolated incident," says Staff Sergeant Colin Leathem with EPS Homicide Section. "The accused remained on scene, was swiftly taken into custody by our officers

and we have no additional concerns for public safety at this time." The fundraiser created

by Pawandeep Batth said Jashandeep had come to Canada just 8 months ago to pursue his dreams and support his family.

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended a BBQ hosted by Surrey-Newton MP Sukh Dhaliwal at Bear Creek Park where 100s of people surrounded him to take a selfie with him. While sharing a picture on his social media platform he said: Surrey Liberals know how to throw a BBQ.

Pakistani man, living in Canada on Student Visa, Charged For Plotting Terrorist Attack In New York against Jews

A Pakistani citizen living in Canada is facing criminal charges for allegedly planning to carry out a mass shooting in New York against Jewish people on the anniversary of the 7 October 2023 Hamas attack in Israel, the US justice department announced.

Muhammad Shahzeb Khan was arrested on Sept. 4 in Quebec, Canada for allegedly attempting to enter the U.S. illegally to carry out the mass shooting. U.S. authorities allege Khan intended to use automatic and semi-automatic weapons to carry out the shooting in support of ISIS at a Jewish — information police say they got from conversations between the accused and two undercover officers.

One more time the opposition and media are questioning Canada's immigration system as immigration minister Marc Miller told reporters at the Liberal caucus retreat in Nanaimo, B.C. that Khan came to Canada on a student visa in June 2023. The cases have raised questions about how criminals and terrorists with intent on carrying out terrorist attacks are able to get through the government's immigration security screening net.



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Sikh man shaved without consent at Brampton hospital: WSO

he World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) has written to William Osler Health Systems CEO Dr. Frank Martino, expressing shock and outrage over a deeply troubling incident at Brampton Civic Hospital where an elderly Sikh patient was shaved without permission.

WSO informed that this incident involving Mr. Joginder Singh Kaler, a practicing Sikh patient took place last month, despite explicit instructions from Mr. Kaler's family to respect his religious beliefs and not shave him.

Mr. Kaler maintains the Sikh articles of faith which include maintaining uncut hair. Shaving or removal of hair is a violation of the beliefs of practicing Sikhs. The hospital contacted Mr. Kaler's family to seek permission to shave him. As Mr. Kaler was unconscious and unable to provide consent himself, the family clearly refused the request. Nonetheless, on either August 28 or 29th, Mr. Kaler was forcibly shaved in violation of his religious principles and personal dignity. Mr. Kaler had never shaved or cut his beard in his life prior to this violation. As per the wishes of the family,



we are releasing images of Mr. Kaler before and after the incident.

This incident has not only inflicted emotional distress upon Mr. Kaler's family but has also caused them profound trauma during an already challenging time.

"The attending physician attempted to shift blame for the incident to the nursing staff,



however, the lack of a formal apology or satisfactory explanation from the hospital further exacerbates the situation," said WSO in a media release.

WSO President Danish Singh said, "We are shocked and deeply saddened by the incident that took place with Mr. Kaler. Despite specific instructions by his family not to shave him, Mr. Kaler still had his faith violated in such an egregious fashion. Given that Brampton is home to the largest Sikh population in Canada, it is inconceivable that such disregard for Sikh faith practices could occur at Brampton Civic Hospital.

There have been several incidents of insensitive treatment of Sikh patients or a lack of understanding of the Sikh faith at the William Osler Health System over the past few years. We had previously offered to provide cultural sensitivity training to healthcare providers to prevent such occurrences. Unfortunately, these offers have not been adequately addressed. The Sikh community has always supported the William Osler Health System however it is clear to us that the hospital has a lot of work to do to ensure members of the Sikh community receive the respect and dignity they deserve. We need concrete action to ensure incidents like this do not happen again in the future. The William Osler Health System must respond promptly and take action to prevent any future incidents of this nature."

NDP will slash carbon tax if federal requirements change: David Eby

D says the province will end the consumer carbon tax if the federal government removes the legal requirement to have one.

In a statement, David Eby said, "For many years, B.C. had a consensus on the carbon tax as a useful tool in fighting climate change.

Unfortunately, a series of decisions in Ottawa have politicized it and undermined support across the country. At the same time, we must recognize that British Columbians are being squeezed by global inflation and high interest rates.

ritish Columbia's premier The reality we face is the federal requirement is still in place. If that changes in the future, we will remove the carbon tax on individual British Columbians while ensuring big industrial polluters pay their fair share. We can reduce emissions, keep our climate plan on track, and keep moving forward.

> I'm deeply committed to both fighting the climate crisis while helping British Columbians with costs so they can afford and benefit from lower-cost clean energy alternatives.

> Unfortunately, John Rustad has



said that climate change is 'a lie.' He is promising to completely rip up BC's climate action plan, leaving British Columbians more vulnerable to extreme weather events like wildfires and floods that add to costs we all pay and place huge pressures on the services we all count on."

John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, called it a move "nothing more than a desperate, last-minute flip-flop." Rustad blasted Eby as a "flip-flopping liar" who cannot be trusted, warning British Columbians that Eby will likely reverse this decision if reelected.

"David Eby's sudden reversal on the carbon tax is a desperate attempt to salvage his sinking political ship," said Rustad. "Let's be clear: Eby has spent years championing this disastrous tax that punishes families and businesses. Now, faced with growing opposition, he's pretending to care. It's nothing more than a cynical ploy."

Rustad emphasized that Eby's decision comes after years of pushing a carbon tax that has increased the cost of living for ordinary British Columbians, everything making from groceries to gas more expensive without delivering meaningful environmental benefits.



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Wrestler Jasmit Singh Phulka Gets Community Champion **Achievement Award From City Of Abbotsford**

In recognition of his athletic excellence Land unwavering commitment to service in Abbotsford, famous South Asian wrestler and Commonwealth champion Jasmit Singh Phulka is receiving one of the 2024 civic awards given by the City of Abbotsford.

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For more than 15 years, Jasmit Singh Phulka has been representing Canada and his hometown of Abbotsford on the world stage through his love of the sport of wrestling. Beginning his career at just 10 years old, Jasmit's longevity in competitive wrestling showcases his perseverance, commitment and passion for the sport. That same perseverance, commitment and passion has also been the backbone of his prolific community service in Abbotsford. He is a dedicated coach, generous philanthropist and enthusiastic volunteer, and his efforts are sure to leave a lasting impact on our community.

Jasmit was born and raised in Abbotsford and was introduced to wrestling at an early age. He started training in the sport at the age of 10 and soon after was inspired to turn his passion into a career by family influences, including his brother Chanmit, a Pan American Champion wrestler. His commitment and dedicated training led him to rapidly develop his skills and technique as a freestyle wrestler and to success in local and regional matches and championships. In 2010, at the age of 16, Jasmit won a gold medal at his first-ever international tournament representing Team Canada at the Youth Commonwealth Championships in Singapore, where he also made Canadian history by becoming the first Canadian to win the Outstanding Youth Wrestler Award.

Since that very first international victory, Jasmit has consistently been a top wrestler in Canada and worldwide. He debuted at the Senior World Wrestling Champion-



Jasmit Singh Phulka, Photo: City of Abbotsford

ships in Budapest in 2018 and quickly rose to notable heights. In addition to winning a bronze medal in the 2022 Commonwealth Games, he is a 14-year member of Canada's National Wrestling Team, a 12-time Canada Nationals medalist, a two-time Senior Pan-American Silver Medalist, fivetime Canada World Team Trials Champion, and a 2020 Olympic Trials Champion, among numerous notable international accolades and accomplishments.

Jasmit's accomplishments and impact extends far beyond his personal athletic achievements. He has been a committed volunteer wrestling coach since 2011, mentored at-risk South Asian youth for over three years through a program with the Abbotsford Police Department, dedicated two years to weekly volunteering at Canucks Place Children's Hospice and currently serves as a director of the Abbotsford Police Foundation and as a board member at Archway Community Services, Sport Abbotsford, Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce's Company of Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs, Character Ab-

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Federal ministers visit Gurdwara Sahib Paldi, announce Investments in Sikh Heritage



On September 8th Kamal Khera, Minister of Diversity, Inclusion, and Persons with Disabilities; and Hariit S.

Sajjan, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Emergency Preparedness, and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, visited the Gurdwara Sahib Paldi in Duncan to highlight new federal investments supporting Sikh heritage and culture.

As part of Budget 2024, the Government of Canada will invest \$1.8 million in 2024-25 for the Indus Media Foundation in Surrey, B.C., to produce a short film highlighting the shared military heritage of Canadian and Indian soldiers in the First and Second World Wars. Additionally, starting in 2024-25, \$11 million will be invested over two years to support the construction of museums and cultural centers, including \$6 million for the Sikh Arts & Culture Foundation and the Royal Ontario Museum's project to create a space in Toronto dedicated to Sikh arts, culture, and heritage.

Through these investments, the government recognizes the immense contributions Sikh Canadians have made to our country and remains committed to building a stronger and more inclusive Canada for future generations. Canada's history is woven from countless diverse stories, each contributing to the strength and richness of our nation's cultural fabric. By sharing these stories, we foster understanding, build bridges, and bring communities closer together. For over a century, Sikh Canadians have played an essential role in shaping the Canada we know today. Their continued contributions drive the growth and prosperity of their communities and enrich Canadian society as a whole. "Today is a significant day for the Sikh community in Paldi, on Vancouver Island and across Canada. It's a moment to reflect on our past, our shared history and future as Canadians. Sikh history is Canadian history, marked by hard work, resilience, and strength. These investments will help ensure that the contributions of Sikhs to our country are recognized for generations to come," said Parm Bains Member of Parliament Steveston-Richmond East.

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Global Punjabi book prize releases finalists vying for awards of \$51,000

The Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature has announced the 2024 finalists for its awards of \$51,000 CAD, cumulatively. The Prize promotes Punjabi literature on a global scale by awarding \$25,000 CAD annually to the best book of fiction published in either the Gurmukhi or Shahmukhi script, along with two finalist prizes of \$10,000 CAD each.

As of 2024, an additional \$6,000 CAD is awarded for the transliteration of winning books into Gurmukhi or Shahmukhi.

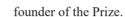
The winner will be named at ceremonies held on November 14, 2024 at Northview Golf & Country Club in Surrey, B.C.

"Our goal is to make known the excelling works of Punjabi fiction that are released each year, to the wider public. As an organization, we have always strived for the bridging of the two Punjabs. Transliteration is one of the most effective ways to do that.



"We hope that through transliteration, more of these curated books will make it into the hands of Punjabis around the world," says Barj S. Dhahan, the primary





Awardees are also provided with airfare and hotel accommodations in Vancouver, to attend award ceremonies and other events.

The 2024 Finalists of the Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature are: Jungle Rakhey Jag De, Short Stories by Shahzad Aslam, Lahore; Safety Kit, Short Stories by Jinder (Jalandhar, Punjab, India), Taboo, Short Stories by Surinder Neer (Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, India).

"2024 is a very rich year for the Dhahan Prize, not only in quantity (we received 54 submissions) but also in quality. Our juries did a great job shortlisting the submitted works by selecting the ones that best enrich Punjabi fiction and literature.

"The shortlisted books encompass current issues relating to Punjabis in several countries. Themes include the environment, women's empowerment, caste, human relationships between males

and females, Punjabi diaspora and more," says Zubair Ahmad, Chair of the Dhahan Prize Advisory Board, as well as a 2014 & 2020 Dhahan Prize Finalist.

"The authors have demonstrated excellent command of storytelling. We also feel we have good candidates for English translation," continues Ahmad.

Launched in 2013, the The Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature has garnered international recognition among literary creators and critics in the Punjabi community. This year, submissions arrived from India, Pakistan, Australia, USA and Canada.

The three finalists were announced at a media conference on September 12, 2024 at Simon Fraser University Surrey Campus.

This year's ceremonies are set to feature musical performers Sunny Matharu (tabla), Pavittar Singh (dilruba esraj) and Saanjh Jaura (vocalist).







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City Council Votes For Surrey's Charter

Surrey city council has approved "in concept" a proposed charter which would provide the City with additional powers, responsibilities and exemptions. Mayor Brenda Locke will send a letter to the Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting that the Province enact the Surrey Charter.

"As we stand on the brink of becoming the largest city in British Columbia, it is imperative that we empower ourselves with a Surrey Charter," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "This proposed Surrey Charter is not just about granting power; it's about ensuring that our community has the tools it needs to thrive amidst rapid growth. With more autonomy and flexibility, we can be more responsive to the needs of our growing and unique community. With these new powers, we can build a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future for every Surrey resident."

Surrey is projected to be the largest city in B.C. by 2030 and current legislative framework in the Community Charter and Local Government Act fails to address many of the challenges faced by larger municipalities.



The initial concept of the Surrey Charter proposes exemptions from new provincial housing legislation:

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Hundreds of new homes, amenities announced near Surrey Langley Skytrain

Province has purchased 14 properties around Surrey Langley SkyTrain project providing a land footprint of approximately 1.6 hectares (four acres) for both the station site and accompanying development.

It is estimated the project will deliver at least 700 homes and include potential for amenities, such as retail and commercial space, child care and educational services, as well as activetransportation connections. Over the next decade, the Province plans to support transit-friendly neighbourhoods at all eight new stations along the Surrey Langley SkyTrain route.

"From the beginning of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain planning process, we recognized the tremendous potential to include housing and amenities

for people near these station locations," said Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "We made the necessary legislative changes so we could buy land to support transit-oriented developments along the route, and today's announcement is the latest example of us delivering on that promise."

Legislation passed in November 2023 requires municipalities to designate transit-oriented development areas within 800 metres of SkyTrain stations and 400 metres of major bus exchanges.

The Province will work on the redevelopment with key stakeholders to advance the project. This includes work to prepare the property for mixeduse residential buildings and



to ensure the development will deliver both market and belowmarket homes.

The Surrey Langley SkyTrain project is a 16-kilometre extension of the Expo Line from King George Station to Langley City Centre, the first rapid-transit expansion south of the Fraser River in 30 years.

Once complete, the project will provide high-quality and lowcost transportation for people in Surrey, Langley and across Metro Vancouver.

The location of 152 Street Station is a key transit connection in the region with average daily bus ridership of 27,000 for routes crossing this intersection. It's

also been identified as a growth area under the City of Surrey's Fleetwood plan.

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This is the fourth transit-oriented development the Province has announced in recent months, following projects in Port Moody (Moody Centre), Saanich (Uptown) and North Vancouver (ICBC headquarters). All four are made possible by 2022 amendments to the Transportation Act that allow the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to acquire land near transit hubs to develop housing and amenities, helping create vibrant communities.

Housing development will begin to take shape upon completion of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain extension.

Two truck parking sites coming to Surrey

In response to the persistent shortage of truck parking spaces in the city, Surrey City Council is advancing plans for two new sites to address this urgent issue. The Surrey Council has approved two Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) for truck parking sites on Cityowned land to proceed to public notification. One site at 17768 96 Ave. in the Anniedale-Tynehead area would have capacity for 41 trucks and another 36 truck spaces would be made available at 13134 115B St. in Bridgeview.

"We have taken a significant step towards addressing the urgent need for truck parking spaces in our city," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "As we advance plans for these two new sites, we're committed to ensuring that our truck drivers have the facilities they need to



operate safely and efficiently, while balancing the needs of the community. It is vital we address this issue because I have often said trucking is our economy on wheels. This is just the beginning and we look forward to initiating plans at additional sites in the near future."

In all, the City of Surrey plans to introduce four truck parking sites Prudential at four City-Transportation Ltd. on а temporary basis, specifically for truck parking purposes.

Prudential Transportation Ltd. was selected as the preferred operator based on their strong financial standing, experience in operating large truck parks, and commitment to prioritizing Surrey-based trucks for parking. After proceeding with public notification for the TUPs, Council will vote on the permit approvals at a later meeting.

Surrey Receives 2024 CPWA **National Public Works Week Award**

The City of Surrey has received Locke. the 2024 CPWA National Public Works Week award for communities with a population over 25,000. This recognition, bestowed by the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA), highlights the city's exceptional commitment to promoting the importance of public works and its dedication to community service. The official announcement of the award took place during the CPWA Luncheon at PWX 2024 in Atlanta, GA, on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024.

"We are honoured to receive this award, recognizing the City of Surrey's unwavering commitment to public works and community service," said Mayor Brenda

"Providing essential services to our residents is a top priority for us, and our dedicated public works staff are the backbone of this effort. Their tireless work ensures that our infrastructure is safe, reliable, and efficient, and we're grateful for their dedication to making Surrey a better place to live. This award is a testament to their hard work and a reflection of the City's values of excellence, transparency, and communityfocused service."

The City of Surrey looks forward to participating in National Public Works Week again next year, scheduled for May 18-24, 2025, and continues to thank its dedicated public works staff and engaged community for their support.



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International Student From India Brutally Killed By Stranger In Edmonton

"On the day of the tragedy, Jashandeep went to the parkade to receive a delivery for the Tim Hortons store where he worked part-time. In an unimaginable act of violence, a 40-year-old truck driver attacked him multiple times, taking his life. We are raising funds to support Jashandeep's family during this incredibly difficult time. The financial burden they face is immense, from the money they spent on his education to the additional legal costs they will now bear as they fight for justice. While no amount of money can ever replace the loss of their beloved son, we hope these funds can at least help alleviate some of the financial strain they are under and allow them to focus on their grief and the fight for justice. Please consider donating and sharing this page to help Jashandeep's family. Any contribution, big or small, will make a difference in supporting them through this tragic time," wrote Batth on the fundraiser page (https:// www.gofundme.com/f/help-supportjashandeep-singh-manns-family-after-

tragic-los)

Many international students from India have become victims of random stranger attacks. Tragically some lost their lives some got seriously injured. Chirag Antil, who was an international student from Haryana, was fatally shot inside a car in Vancouver South in the city's Sunset neighborhood on April 12, 2024. Gagandeep Singh, was attacked at a bus stop in March 17 2024, near Highway 97 and McCurdy Road in Kelowna. Kartik Vasudev who came to Canada in 2022 was brutally shot dead at Toronto's Subway station. Satwinder Singh became a victim of a shooting rampage while working at a gas station in Sept 2022. Harmandeep Kaur was working as a security guard at UBC Oknagan campus. She was attacked by a man on the campus and succumbed to her injuries 2 days after the attack.

Gurvinder Nath, a 24-year-old man from Brampton, who came to Canada in 2021 as an international student, was also attacked while working.

Continued from Page 01 Pakistani man, living in Canada on Student Visa,...

Khan's case comes after Ahmed Fouad Mostafa Eldidi and his son Mostafa Eldidi were arrested earlier this summer for allegedly plotting to carry out a terror attack in Toronto. Police said the father has Canadian citizenship, while the son does not. Several media outlets have reported that men accused of killing Surrey Gurdwara president Hardeep Singh Nijjar also came to Canada on study permits.

The Conservatives have asked for the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to be recalled to look into about how security screening failed to detect Khan's past.

Leading Jewish organizations in Canada expressed their concern over the ease with which terrorists are entering Canada. B'nai Brith Canada, a Jewish service organization, saying it had been briefed on the arrest by law enforcement and federal officials.

"Our government must act immediately to prevent the entry into Canada of those who harbour radical views and to prevent the further radicalization of its citizens," the organization said. "Canada is becoming a breeding ground for terrorists. There can be no more excuses. The safety and security of our nation must

remain paramount."

"We are seeing a dangerous trend of increased terrorist activity in this country, which is heightening safety concerns in the Jewish community at a time when it is already dealing with antisemitic attacks on its schools, synagogues and community centres," president and CEO of a Jewish centre Michael Levitt said in a statement.

Khan, 20, also known as Shahzeb Jadoon is alleged to have "planned a terrorist attack in New York City around October 7th of this year with the stated goal of slaughtering, in the name of ISIS, as many Jewish people as possible," said US Attorney General Merrick B. Garland.

"The defendant was allegedly determined to kill Jewish people in the United States, nearly one year after Hamas' horrific attack on Israel." said FBI Director Christopher Wray.

As alleged in the complaint, Khan, who resided in Canada, attempted to travel from Canada to New York City, where he intended to use automatic and semi-automatic weapons to carry out a mass shooting in support of ISIS at a Jewish center in Brooklyn, New York. Khan began posting on social media and communicating with others on an encrypted messaging application about his support for ISIS in or about November 2023, when, among other things, Khan distributed ISIS propaganda videos and literature.

Subsequently, two undercover law enforcement officers (UCs) began communicating with Khan.

During those conversations, Khan confirmed that he and a U.S.-based ISIS supporter had been planning to carry out an attack in a particular U.S. city (City-1). The US court document mentions that during subsequent conversations, Khan repeatedly instructed the UCs to obtain AR-style assault rifles, ammunition, and other materials to carry out the attacks, and identified the specific locations in City-1 where the attacks would take place. Khan also provided details about how he would cross the border from Canada into the United States to conduct the attacks. On or about Aug. 20, Khan changed his target location to New York City. After initially suggesting certain neighborhoods in New York City to the UCs, Khan decided to target a Jewish center located in Brooklyn, New York. Khan told the UCs that he planned to carry out this attack on or around Oct. 7, 2024 which Khan recognized as the one-year anniversary of the brutal terrorist attacks in Israel by Hamas, a designated FTO, which, on Oct. 7, 2023, launched a wave of violent, large-scale terrorist attacks in Israel.

During one communication, Khan noted that "if we succeed with our plan this would be the largest Attack on US soil since 9/11." On or about Sept. 4, as Khan said he planned to do in connection with his attack, Khan attempted to reach the U.S-Canada border. To do so, Khan used three separate cars to travel across Canada towards the United States, before he was stopped in or around Ormstown, Canada, approximately 12 miles from the U.S.-Canada border.

Khan is charged with one count of attempting to provide material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

After Khan's arrest, U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said U.S. officials were "deeply grateful to our Canadian partners for their critical law enforcement actions in this matter."

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Canadian Armed Forces Major Paul Dhillon named Chief Medical Officer for Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025

BC: **J**ANCOUVER, The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025 named Major Paul Dhillon as Chief Medical Officer for the Games. Maj. Dhillon brings a wealth of diverse experience and a strong military background, lending his considerable skill and expertise to ensuring the health and safety of all participants, and particularly the up to 550 competitors — wounded, injured and sick service members and Veterans from up to 25 Participating Nations.

The Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025, presented by ATCO and Boeing, is an international



sporting competition for wounded, injured, and sick service members and Veterans. From February 8th – 16th 2025, the seventh Invictus Games will bring together up to 550 competitors from up to 25 nations in 11 adaptive sports in BC. Invictus means unconquered and Games the celebrate courage, resiliency and the strength of the human spirit. Through the power of sport, the Games will inspire recovery, support rehabilitation, and generate a wider understanding and respect for those who have served their country.

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us at the Games next February, is our number one priority," said Robyn McVicker, COO, Deputy CEO, Invictus Games Vancouver Whistler 2025. "Major Dhillon's incomparable experience and leadership give us great confidence that competitors, their family and friends, our workforce and attending supporters are in the best of hands with his oversight of the planning and delivery of medical support at the Games." Major Dhillon is a Canadian Armed Forces Reservist General Duty Medical Officer at 11/12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance. Following medical school at Ireland's Royal College of Surgeons, he pursued postgraduate training in the UK, Italy, and Canada in Tropical Medicine and Disaster Medicine. In 2014 he joined the military in Regina, Saskatchewan with 16 Field Ambulance and served as 39 Brigade Surgeon. In 2021/22 he completed his Flight Surgeon qualification and his MBA at Royal Military College. His civilian medical practice includes emergency room and rural family medicine as well as national family medicinerelated teaching engagements.

"As I reach 10 years as a Canadian Armed Forces reservist, I'm awed and humbled to offer world leading medical support - both mentally and physically ---- to the Invictus Games competitors as they continue their recovery journey through the Games in 2025," said Major Dhillon. "A gold medal performance is to fully deliver on the Games' medical support requirements, so that competitors can laserfocus on their sports and their path to recovery along with their families and friends, and all participants can enjoy the Games knowing we're here if needed."

Major Dhillon's role will be to coordinate a fully comprehensive medical team of generalists and specialists with appropriate background and experience in supporting Veterans and service members. Major Dhillon will collaborate with National, Provincial, and local public health professionals to facilitate a seamless delivery model that places the competitors and their families and friends at the core of service. As spectators worldwide watch and cheer on Paralympians at the Paris 2024 Paralympics Games, the importance of medical support, both mentally and physically, for any sport and especially adaptive sport, is highlighted. Just 152 days after the 2024 Paris Paralympics end, Canadians and spectators around the globe will again be inspired by the courage, determination and resiliency of competitors overcoming adversity through adaptive sport. Inspired? Pre-register for tickets at invictusgames2025.ca.

BC's local organization participates in education summit in India to strengthen international education



Representatives of BC-India Business Network (BC IBN), an organization fostering connections between British Columbia, Canada, and India, recently participated at a summit organized in New Delhi to discuss emerging trends in international higher education.

The Eduverse Summit India 2024 brought together over 700 dignitaries and attendees, representing a diverse range of stakeholders from education, government, and industry sectors.

A key highlight of Eduverse Summit India 2024 was the strategic partnership with the BC IBN that played an integral role in facilitating discussions about educational collaborations between the two regions.

From BC IBN, Dr. Raghwa Gopal, Advisor, and Ms. Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan, President, were present. Both leaders made significant contributions through their insights and expertise, adding tremendous value to discussions surrounding crossborder educational initiatives, technology integration, and policy reforms. Dr. Gopal's participation in various round tables and Jaya-Madhavan's involvement in shaping key dialogues helped enhance the global collaboration efforts that are central to Eduverse Summit Series.

The summit featured other keynote speeches from H.E. Stewart Wheeler, Acting High Commissioner for Canada in India; Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, National Skill Development Corporation, India; Neha Grover, Senior Director, Trade and Investment, Australian Trade and Investment Commission

The event was supported by 17 nationalities, showcasing a vibrant international community and backed by over 60 institutions from across the globe. This diversity fostered rich dialogues and collaborative opportunities among participants.

The summit offered engaging panel discussions on global education trends and innovations, hands-on workshops designed to inspire and educate, and insights from more than 50 speakers from around the world.

The Eduverse Summit Series 2024 has been a monumental success, spanning four continents and cities, including Lagos, São Paulo, Vancouver, and New Delhi.

Commenting on the successful completion of Eduverse Summit India 2024, Mr. Raghwa Gopal, CEO at MSM Unify, stated, "Attending Eduverse Summit India





2024 has been an inspiring experience. The summit is not just a gathering but a global movement that unites education leaders and innovators to address the pressing challenges of our time.

MSM Unify is proud to be part of this transformative dialogue, as we continue to leverage technology to simplify global higher education and foster meaningful collaborations worldwide."





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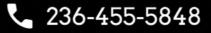
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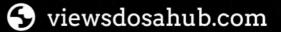
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Missing **Person To** Locate – **Charlotte** Verma



 $S^{\rm urrey \; RCMP \; is \; requesting \; the}_{\rm public's \; assistance \; in \; locating \; a}$ missing 38-year-old female.

Investigators with the Surrey RCMP Missing Persons Unit spoke with Charlotte as recently as August 26, 2024. She was reported missing to the Surrey RCMP on August 19, 2024.

Since then, officers have been following up on all leads to locate Charlotte. She is believed to have been in the area of Sendall Gardens in Langley on August 28, 2024.

It is unusual for her to go this long without contact with her family and police have not been able to speak with her in person to confirm her wellbeing.

Charlotte is described as:

- 38-year-old South Asian woman - 5'3"
- slim build
- with dark brown hair.

She may be driving her grey 2014 Volkswagen Jetta, with British Columbia license plate GS6 80B. "Surrey RCMP is appealing to the community for assistance to help investigators speak with Charlotte in person," says Sgt. Tammy Lobb, Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer. "Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Charlotte Verma is asked to call police," added Sgt. Lobb. with Anyone more information is asked to contact

the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file# 2024-122922.

Pro-Khalistan activist Gurpatwant Pannun backs Rahul Gandhi's statements on Sikhs in India

▶ urpatwant Singh Pannun, the GU.S.-based pro-Khalistan leader, has backed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's take on Sikhs in India, saying that Gandhi "justified SFJ's global Khalistan Referendum campaign".

While speaking at an event in Herndon, Virginia, on Monday, the Congress leader said, "The fight (in India) is about whether a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear a turban...whether a Sikh will be allowed to wear a kada or go to the Gurudwara. That's what the fight is about, and it's not just for Sikhs, but for all religions."

In a social media post, Pannun said that Gandhi's statement on the "existential threat to Sikhs in India is not only bold and pioneering, but is also firmly grounded in the factual history



of what Sikhs have been facing under successive regimes in India since 1947".

"(It) also corroborates SFJ's (Sikhs for Justice) stance on the justification for the Punjab Independence Referendum to establish a Sikh homeland, Khalistan," he added.

Gandhi's statement caused a political storm and drew sharp criticism from top BJP leaders.



Addressing the media, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri called the remarks "sinister" and said the Narendra Modi-led Central government has "gone out of its way" to address issues concerning the Sikh community. Referring to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, Puri said, "If there has been one time in our history when as a community we have felt anxiety, a sense of insecurity and existential

threat, it has been the times when Rahul Gandhi's family were in the seats of power."

"In 1984, a pogrom was carried out against the Sikh community. As many as 3,000 innocent people were killed. People were dragged out of their homes, tyres were put around them and burnt alive,... In the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, many of my friends shed their turbans and got clean-shaven out of fear because they were attacked," he added.

On his part, BJP national spokesperson RP Singh said he would file a complaint in court against Gandhi if he makes such statements in India.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju also criticised the Congress MP and questioned the need for airing internal issues on foreign soil.

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NDP Treating Surrey Like Second Class City - Linda Hepner

Former Surrey mayor Linda Hepner, the Conservative Party of BC candidate in the new provincial riding of Surrey-Serpentine, says Eby's demand for more housing and density from the province's cities, without coming to the table with any dollars for sewer, water, schools, hospitals and transportation, is heavy handed and just plain incompetent.

"During my time as mayor, Surrey approved more than 30,000 homes," noted Hepner. "Meanwhile, David Eby hasn't built a single home, and has absolutely no experience when it comes to building communities, so it's hard to take him and the NDP seriously on the issue of housing. Surrey has been growing by more than 1,000 residents every month for years, we know how to ensure predictable, responsible development to create the homes our community needs. Cities certainly don't need David Eby or Victoria bureaucrats telling them how to build homes or communities. They should just keep up their end of the bargain and build bridges, tunnels, schools and hospitals!

Hepner says over the past seven years the NDP have treated Surrey like a second class city, and typically only show up at election time, then disappears once the votes are counted.

"Surrey is going to be British Columbia's biggest city in five short years, but look at our infrastructure deficit, look at the nearly 400 portables we have, or the Cloverdale hospital that is already \$1 billion over budget, and it doesn't even have a maternity ward in a city and neighbourhood that is all about kids and families," added Hepner. "Now that we're headed to an election the NDP have



Conservative Party candidate in Surrey-Serpentine Linda Hepner

suddenly discovered Surrey, and they're making promises once again, just like the promise they made to get rid of portables, but simply grew the number instead. Today we have 8,000 Surrey students in portables, and they have no credible plan to make things better."

Hepner said with 10 seats in the legislature Surrey needs to flex its political muscle, something Conservative candidates will do when they are elected.

"Our Conservative candidates in Surrey are committed to speaking up for our city, and taking a list of priorities to Victoria once we're elected," said Hepner. "Meanwhile, the last thing we need from the NDP is any kind of mandate demanding more housing without solid provincial commitments for the infrastructure that goes with that. We know how to produce housing, but the provincial government needs to do its job and provide the infrastructure that makes growth possible. That's the part of the equation David Eby and his candidates keep ignoring. When it comes to housing, we've been

doing our job for decades and we'll continue to do our job in Surrey, but the NDP government has yet to demonstrate that it is ready to step up and do its job. Instead, they sit in Victoria and dictate to British Columbia's cities."

Hepner said as a former Surrey mayor she understands the importance of the city's working relationships with both Victoria and Ottawa.

"It's laughable that the NDP want to lecture cities about growth and density," said Hepner. "Anyone who has any kind of working relationship with Victoria, regardless of the issue, knows how slow the NDP have been to deliver, the NDP are known as the "Never-Deliver-Party". They love process, but hate being held accountable when nothing gets done. The fact is, they don't know the first thing about building or managing a city, and it shows. Taking direction from Victoria wouldn't be so bad, if they were competent, but they're not."

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Surrey RCMP reported two cases of brutal violence on the streets of Surrey where 4

On September 8, 2024 at approximately 12:38 a.m., Surrey RCMP received a report of

a disturbance at a park located in the area of 120 Street of 70 Avenue. Upon arrival, police

located two victims who had been assaulted. The victims, men ages 18 and 22, were transported to hospital. The 18year old man was treated and

people got injured.



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released and the 22-year-old man remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries. Surrey RCMP's General Investigation Unit has assumed conduct of the investigation and is continuing with CCTV canvassing of the area. "Police believe that someone must have seen or heard something suspicious around the time of this incident", says

one must have seen or heard something suspicious around the time of this incident", says Cst. Parmbir Kahlon, Media Relations Officer with Surrey RCMP. "Investigators are asking anyone who was in the area between 12:00 am and 1:00 am on September 8, 2024, to call police, added Cst. Kahlon.

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Construction begins for new senior care home at Guru Nanak Diversity Village





Seniors in Surrey are one step closer to accessing new long-term care (LTC) beds as construction begins for a new LTC home at 6471 175A St.

The South-Asian community, seniors, and the city of Surrey, the PICS Society participated in the historic groundbreaking ceremony for the Guru Nanak Diversity Village. This project is set to become one of the largest community developments in Canada, funded by the government to support seniors, and also amongst the largest global projects named after Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Guru Nanak Diversity Village project is going to be a 3-storey, 125 bed, residential care home that will provide culturally sensitive care to the seniors.

PICS Society paid gratitude to the Fraser Health, BC Housing, Ministry of Health and the Provincial Government for providing the required \$118 million financing and support for the long-term care facility.

"This was the vision and dream of the Founder and Founding CEO, late Mr. Charanpal Gill to build the Diversity Village for our seniors. And today, we are starting on our journey to build it and fulfil



that vision", said the President & CEO Satbir S. Cheema.

The ceremony was a significant event, bringing together key figures from various sectors to celebrate this landmark development. HEalth Minister Adrian Dix; Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing; Brenda Locke, Mayor of Surrey; Randeep Sarai, Member of the House of Commons of Canada; Jagrup Brar, MLA Surrey-Fleetwood & the First Full-time staff member of PICS Society; MLA Mike Starchuk, Garry Begg, Jinny Sims, Rachna Singh, Randeep Sarai; Natalie McCarthy; Vice President, Regional Care Integration; Satbir Singh Cheema, President and CEO of PICS; Dr. Gulzar Cheema, family

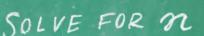
physician, community leader, and PICS Society member; Ranbir Manj, Chair of the PICS Board with current and few past board members; Jack Gill, son of Mr. Charanpal Gill, Founder and Founding CEO of PICS Society; Anita Huberman, International Trade, Government Relations, Public Relations; Indra Bhan, Interim CEO & Chief Operating Officer -Surrey Board of Trade were present at the occasion along with PICS Staff members, volunteers, PICS Founding members, Lifetime and Regular members, donors, stakeholders, local temples, community members and leaders, the consultants who have worked on the project.

The ceremony began with a traditional

Indigenous welcome by David Kenworthy from the Katzie First Nation, setting a respectful and inclusive tone for the event. This was followed by the speeches from dignitaries and a prayer ceremony led by Giani Jagdish Singh Ji, Head Granthi of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, invoking blessings and unity for the project. This was followed by the ground-breaking ceremony which marked the beginning of construction for the much-awaited facility. The event was hosted and lead by the Ministry of Health.

"As Surrey's population rapidly grows, it's important that people can access the health services they need within their community," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "That's why our government is furthering our partnership with PICS and Fraser Health Authority to build a new long-term care facility. The Guru Nanak Diversity Village is a much-needed longterm care home with 125 beds designed by the community that will offer comfortable and culturally sensitive care for their seniors."

It is expected that construction will be completed and the care community will be open to residents in 2026.



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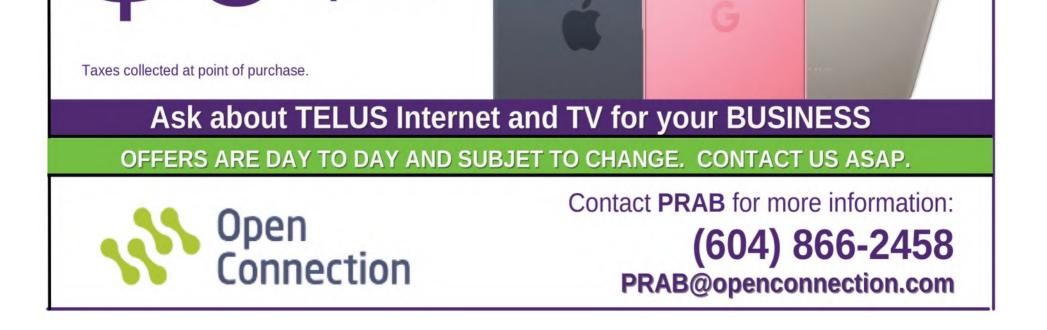
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iSAFF Canada Expands 2024 Festival with 'Crossroads' Theme

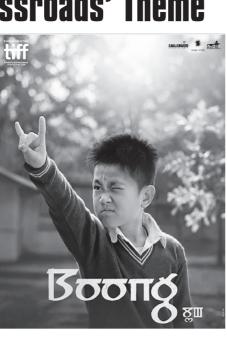
The International South Asian Film Festival (iSAFF) will be running from September 25th to 29th. Promising to captivate film enthusiasts with the theme "Crossroads", this year will be a celebration of innovative and intersectional South Asian cinema and artists.

"We've made incredible strides in the past decade, every year we strive to support diverse voices in storytelling with different themes and perspectives and provide a platform for new talent while ensuring the best films make theline-up. We've also significantly expanded our year-round programming through collaborations with major industry players. With this year's expansion, we're able to offer more innovative programming, attract a greater range of talent, and strengthen our relationship with our home, City of Surrey," says Mannu Sandhu, iSAFF Festival Producer.

iSAFF 2024 will feature 19 World Premieres, 8 North American Premieres, and 23 Canadian Premieres. The festival will open with the feature film Boong, right after its World Premiere at TIFF in early September.

Lakshmipriya Devi makes her directorial debut with this stirring film inspired by some of her own life experiences. Boong is produced by Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani of Excel Entertainment, Alan McAlex of Suitable Pictures, and Vikesh Bhutani and Shujaat Saudagar of Chalkboard Entertainment.

The opening night film will be followed by the Purple Carpet Gala, a glamorous celebration of all the artists at the festival and the industry partners and sponsors.



The festival will also feature DEAR JASSI, a film inspired by story of a Surrey girl who was murdered in Punjab. Directed by Tarsem Singh Dhandwar movies narrates story based in in 1996 Punjab, India, Canadian-born Indian girl Jassi falls in love with Mithu, a rickshaw driver. Their attraction is pure and unconditional, but is it strong enough to fight the dictates imposed by Jassi's family and Punjabi society?

iSAFF will close with Amar Wala's Shook, starring Saamer Usmani (Succession, Inventing Anna, Three Body Problem) and Amy Forsyth (CODA), another promising debut feature from TIFF.

Tickets and passes for iSAFF 2024 are available for purchase at www.isaff.ca. For the latest updates and program details, follow us on Instagram at https://www. instagram.com/isaffcanada/







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2024 Lexus RZ 450 — the Lexus brand first All-Electric SUV Shines!

Review by Veeno Dewan

exus now has its first All- electric SUV, namely the Lexus -RZ 450e. Sharing a platform with Toyota's BZ4X, the RX is great and much needed addition to the Lexus lineup. In terms of design, there is the signature Lexus spindle-faux grille, a sleek floating roof design, flowing to a neat reat aero trunk lid. A cool rear light bar closes up the styling. Introduced in 2023, there are few changes for 2024, but do include introduced For 2024, the RZ offers some options mono and bi-tone exterior paint designs, and minor interior styling changes.

The 450e is powered by a 71.4 kWh battery that juices two electric motors. The front motor twists out 201 hp; the rear-mounted motor chips in with another 107 hp. The combination delivers a net system output of 308 hp and a run from rest to 100 km/h in 5.3 seconds. One of the RZ's keys is the DIRECT4 system. It's a clever extension that uses the two electric motors and allwheel-drive ability to control pitch and roll. In short, it improves the handling by a large margin. Also, it can flip torque splits between 100:0 and 0:100 front: rear - pretty impressive and useful in our Canadian climates.

It has a driving range of up to 354-km. Charging on a Level 2 charger will take between 9.5 and 11 hours for a full charge. A Level 3 charger, the RZ will charge at up to 150 kw and charge up to 80% in 30 minutes.

The Lexus RZ is offered in three trims. The RZ 450e starts with the Signature at \$64,900, Luxury at \$74,150 and the range-topping Executive at \$81,050. If you opt for the Signature trim with 18-inch wheels, range clocks in at up to 354 km on a full charge. However, if you opt for the top-trim as tested you gain 20-inch wheels,



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The Signature trim highlights include wireless charging, Lexus Safety System+ 3.0, a 10-speaker audio system run through their 14-inch touchscreen infotainment system, heated NuLuxe seats, a heated tilt and telescopic steering wheel, and full LED exterior lights.

the optional Luxury Package box and some of what you'll get is a panoramic moonroof, 360° camera, cooled front seats, decorated instrument panel, and a radiant front knee heater.

The top Executive trim highlights include a 13-speaker Mark Levinson audio system, 64-colour ambient interior lights, acoustic glass, the advanced touch steering wheel (and a head-up display. 2024 Lexus RZ Canadian Pricing

Interior wise - Interior wise No glovebox Lexus opted to give the front passenger extra leg room

occupants to use the decent -sized centre console and or the pass-through storage beneath the gear selector. The highlight is the large 14-inch touchscreen looks after all multimedia functions including wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The clever touches include a home button, which makes life so much easier, and real knobs for the volume and the climate controls. The optional Mark Levinson sound system is, in a word, superb! The RZ has generous dimensions in all areas. The rear seat delivers 952-mm of legroom; the trunk, says Lexus, has 966L with the seats up, which is massive

On the road, the Lexus RZ is exceptionally smooth, refined and extremely comfortable. Lexus has some of the best driving dynamics in the luxury world and their first electric offering is impressive. It sails over bumps with minimal feeling for passengers, acceleration is respectably brisk

given that it's got instant torque. Although its 320 lb-ft of torque may not sound as impressive as many other luxury EVs, you'll still be able to overtake with ease, even considering its curb weight is 4,618 pounds.

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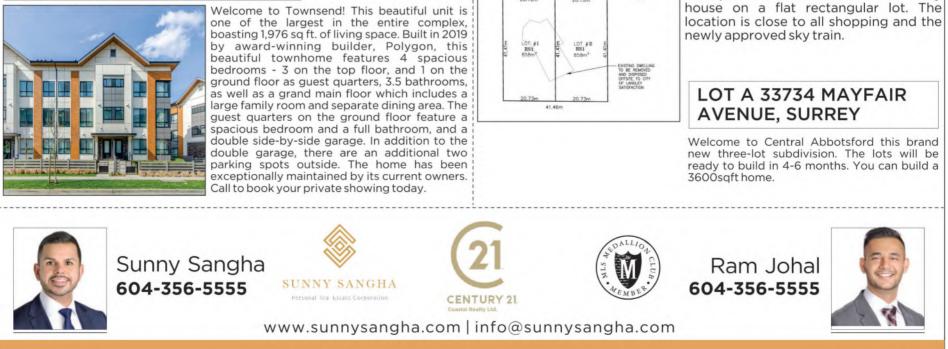
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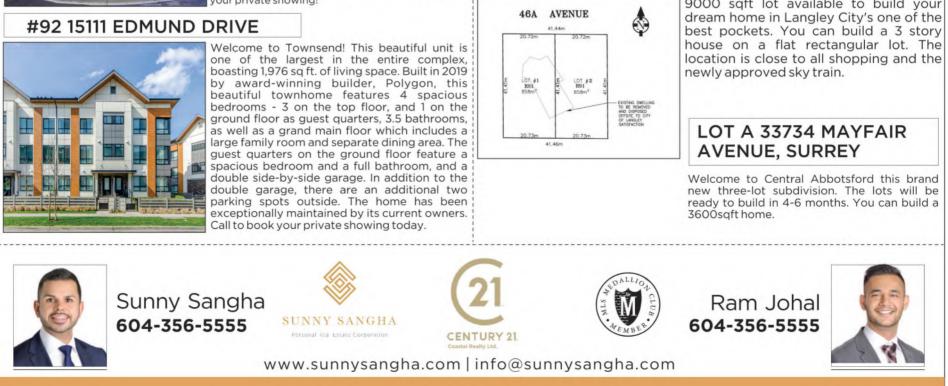


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Volunteers Appreciation at Richmond Gurdwara

7 olunteers the are backbone of every community and organization. Their role is crucial to every society and organization. These include places of worship. India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas , located on Richmond's popular Highway to Heaven is honoured to have a lot of volunteers who help with different tasks at the Gurdwara.

These include help in the kitchen, serving langar, , help with the Punjabi school , Yoga Centre and various other commitments like helping with the Doors Open program



and student groups who come to learn about Sikhism and the South Asian community.

On Sunday, September 8, Gurdwara management the presented these volunteers with Certificates of Appreciation. The certificates were presented by Mrs. Kashmir Kaur Johal, Chairperson of the Gurdwara in the presence of President Mohan Singh Sandhu and Balwant Singh Secretary Sanghera. Both of them, along with Mrs. Johal thanked the volunteers for helping with various tasks at the Gurdwara. The volunteers were very pleased with this recognition.

No Frills and Maxi Join Cricket Canada Family as Official Grocery Partner

BRAMPTON, ON: No Frills and Maxi, Canada's popular hard discount grocery retailers, have announced an exciting new partnership with Cricket Canada as its Official Grocery Partner.

Cricket Canada is the official governing body for the sport of cricket in Canada, overseeing and promoting the development of the game at all levels. With a focus on inclusivity and excellence, Cricket Canada is dedicated to fostering a vibrant cricketing community and achieving success on the international stage. Cricket Canada is recognized by the International Cricket Council, the Government of Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee.

"As Canada's fastest-growing sport, cricket has captured the hearts of many and brings communities together through the power of teamwork, passion and a shared love for the game," said Melanie Singh, President of Hard Discount, Loblaw Companies. "We look forward to working closely with Cricket Canada to bring customers and fans closer to the sport they love and ensuring our contributions make a meaningful and lasting impact."

This partnership establishes No Frills as a key sponsor for select international matches organized by Cricket Canada on Canadian soil. The inaugural event under this new partnership will be the No Frills T20 Cup, an international tri-nation T20 cricket series featuring Canada, Nepal, and Oman.

Set to take place later this month at the Maple Leaf Cricket Ground in King City, Ontario; this series promises to deliver thrilling cricket action to fans across Canada and further elevate the sport's profile in North America.

Through this partnership, No Frills and Maxi will support and invest in the growth of cricket in Canada. This includes a range of experiential activations in-store and at Cricket Canada events, as well as National Team matches.

Amjad Bajwa, President of Cricket Canada, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership: "Cricket Canada is thrilled to partner with iconic Canadian grocery brands that are so entrenched in the daily life of so many Canadians. No Frills® and MaxiMD share our commitment to community and accessibility. This exciting new partnership represents a significant step in our mission to not only enhance our National Teams and programs but also to grow the sport and help make cricket more accessible to Canadians from all walks of life."

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Two more schools coming to Langley

B^C has provided funding for a new secondary and middle school in Langley. The new joint school campus will be located in the Willoughby area of the Township of Langley and will be home to Smith Middle and Smith Secondary schools.

The Smith Secondary school will provide spaces for 1,900 new students through approximately \$203 million from the Province. This is the largest amount of funding provided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care

for a school project in the province's history. An additional \$103 million in provincial funding will be used to create 900 new seats at Smith Middle school, and will include



a neighbourhood learning centre for child care to benefit the broader community. Both projects will incorporate greenhouse gas reduction measures.

Coverage for first round of IVF to begin in April 2025—BC NDP

C NDP leader David Eby Bannounced that coverage of the first round of in-vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment will begin in just over six months. Coverage for the first round of IVF treatment will begin in April 2025 as the next step in the BC NDP's plan to protect women's reproductive freedom and their ability to choose. IVF is part of the BC NDP's plan

to support and protect reproductive choices. This includes providing prescription birth control for free, which has since been accessed by hundreds of thousands of people, and saving them money. And it is providing universal, no-cost access to Mifegymiso, the abortion pill, removing the cost barrier and ensuring that everyone can access this safe, legal and available option if they need it.

New regulations to cut harmful methane emissions from oil and gas sector

sector will be coming in effect to cut harmful methane emissions.

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas with a climate impact at least 28 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 100-year period. Rapidly reducing methane emissions, such as leaks from tanks and pressured equipment, is considered one of the most immediate and cost-effective ways to fight climate change. Methane emissions in the oil and gas sector can occur due to venting, which is the intentional and controlled release of methane into the atmosphere, or from fugitive emissions (e.g., leaks from natural gas equipment). Currently, the oil and gas industry is responsible for approximately 50% of industrial emissions and 20% of B.C.'s total emissions.

Following the introduction of regulatory requirements in 2020, the Province is well on

Three new regulations in the oil and gas track to achieve its 2025 target of reducing methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45% from 2014 levels. The BC Energy Regulator has amended three regulations under the Energy Resource Activities Act to strengthen these requirements in order to achieve the Province's 2030 target of a 75% reduction from 2014 levels, and put B.C. on the path to near-elimination of methane emissions by 2035.

> The new regulations will come into effect on Jan. 1, 2025, and will apply to new and existing wells, facilities and pipelines throughout the province. The regulations take a risk-based approach to detecting methane leaks, with the highest-risk sources requiring continuous monitoring. They will also require industry to phase out methane-emitting equipment, such as pneumatic devices and pumps, and install zero-emissions technology.

More classrooms coming for Surrey elementary students

 $\mathbf{F}_{915}^{\mathrm{amilies}}$ in Surrey will have The innovative use of prefabricated $\mathbf{F}_{915}^{\mathrm{amilies}}$ more elementary seats in construction means the addition their community as part of the B.C. government's plan to expand schools quicker. Forsyth Road Elementary will receive a 14-classroom addition, adding 340 seats to the school, and will include space for child care. George Greenaway Elementary also will get a 14-classroom prefabricated addition, the equivalent of 350 new seats through a new provincial investment of \$21 million. City Central Learning Centre will be converted into a new elementary school in Surrey's City Centre neighbourhood, through a partnership between the Province and the school district, creating 225 elementary seats.

at George Greenaway Elementary will be built much quicker than a traditional build, and is expected to be ready in fall 2025. At the City Central Learning Centre, a \$635,000 provincial investment, along with a \$450,000 investment by the school district, will create these new seats by fall 2025. With sustainable and energy-efficient designs, the addition at Forsyth Road Elementary aligns with the Province's CleanBC targets and meets B.C.'s enhanced energy requirements. The 14-classroom addition at Forsyth Road Elementary is expected to be ready for students in 2028.



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UBC welcomes health profession students to new training facility in Surrey

 $M^{\rm ore\ students\ will\ have}_{\rm the\ opportunity\ to\ train}$ in the Fraser region for indemand careers as physical therapists, occupational therapists and midwives thanks to a new UBC faculty education medicine of facility in Surrey.

On Friday September 6, UBC and the Government of British Columbia held a celebration to welcome health profession students in the Fraser to the academic year and celebrate the new facility, located on the second floor of the City Centre 1 building in Surrey, adjacent to Surrey Memorial Hospital.

"We're thrilled to have UBC's physical therapy, occupational therapy and midwifery students in the Fraser region together under one roof for the first time," said Dr. Roger Wong, vicedean, education, UBC faculty of medicine. "By creating more opportunities for students to learn closer to home in a collaborative environment, we're building a future health-care workforce that will improve community access and care for people living in the

Fraser." As of this month, 88 students are based in the new facility, with annual intakes of 20 master of physical therapy students, 16 master of occupational



Students in class at UBC's new health profession training facility in Surrey. Credit: Paul H. Joseph, **UBC Brand & Marketing**

therapy students and eight midwifery students to serve fast-growing communities in the region. The recently renovated space provides а collaborative learning and teaching environment for students, faculty and clinical teachers across the three health profession programs.

Karn Athwal, a secondyear UBC occupational therapy student in the Fraser cohort, spoke about how the fully distributed programs and new facility are empowering students like him to train and serve the region.

"It's been an incredible privilege to be part of UBC's first occupational therapy program in the Fraser, learning in a newly designed, modern facility alongside our health-care

peers in physical therapy and midwifery," said Athwal. "The new facility and program are empowering us with the expertise, skills and confidence to drive transformative change in health care, but also creating new opportunities for students to grow within their communities, making a lasting impact."

The new facility is equipped with stateof-the-art teaching and research laboratories, seminar rooms and student common areas, as well as multi-purpose spaces for assessment, treatment and health promotion within the community.

The B.C. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills provided \$24.9 million in capital costs for the new facility. This is in addition to more than \$4 million in startup funding between with the Ministry of Health, and ongoing the three programs, provided in partnership

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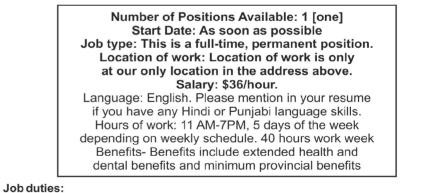
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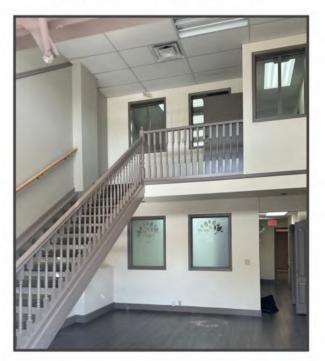
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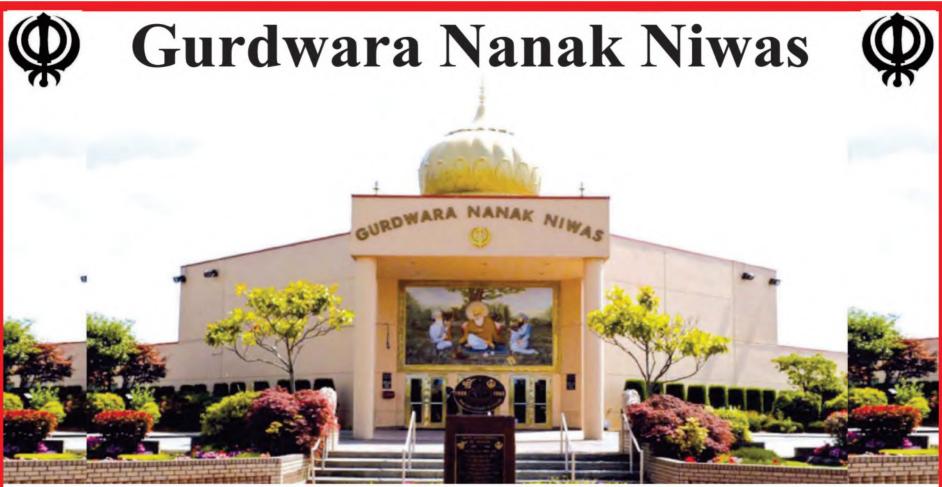








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The Buckingham Murders Review: Kareena Kapoor's Restrained Act **Powers Slow-Paced Thriller That Might Test Your Patience**

The Buckingham Murders movie review I | Imagine: You're visiting one of those fancy Michelin star restaurants, where the portions turn out to be tiny (what else did you expect going in, though?) You are served Hakka noodles mixed with shahi paneer, topped with pineapple - it doesn't fit, I know. What if it tastes good, though? The Buckingham Murders' runtime of roughly one-and-a-half-hours is akin to that 'tiny portion', and the dish is a combination of the unlikeliest of minds coming together- Kareena Kapoor (as mainstream as it gets), Hansal Mehta (as realistic as it gets) and Ekta Kapoor (dramatic, what else). All three belong to different schools of thought, yet they join hands to churn out a film none of them have attempted before in their respective

Priyanka Chopra **Responds As** Salma Hayek **Shares Their Pic With Thank** You Post

careers What the film is about

The story revolves around sergeant Jasmeet 'Jass' Bhamra (a wonderfully restrained Kareena) grieving the loss of her young son Ekam (Mairaaj Kakkar). She is assigned a case of a missing boy, Ishpreet, roughly as old as Ekam, and she refuses to take it on initially. Reminded that work is work, she begins to investigate. Daljeet Kohli (Ranveer Brar) and Preeti Kohli (Prabhleen Kaur), the parents of Ishpreet have a dead marriage. As the investigation deepens after is Ishpreet

found dead, new angles unfold, leading us towards a finale

which though not shocking, is impactful. Writing anything more about the plot would be criminal (pun unintended). What works

Set in Buckinghamshire, Buckingham The Murders is decidedly a slow burner. Hansal, the skilled being filmmaker he is, wraps up the track about Jasmeet's loss in the first five minutes itself, so that the focus remains on the case at hand. Proceedings are set against the 2022 Leicester Hindu-Muslim unrest following the India-Pakistan Asia cricket cup. This gives writer Aseem Arrora enough scope to come up with scenes and plot points which blend in with the tense situation. The film isn't preachy, which is a respite. 'Justice trumps religion' is the only takeaway.

The first half of the film takes time to build up, and neither does it leave you on a high before the intermission card pops up. In fact, I was surprised when it came up just 40 minutes into the runtime.

But things progress fast as soon as you return with your popcorn tubs to decode how did Ishpreet die. If you are a hardcore

Crime Patrol fan, you might just guess it right before the big reveal. That doesn't take away from the film because it touches upon themes like drug abuse and gender identities too.

EDAR DENTAL CENTRE



ctor Priyanka Chopra $\mathbf{A}^{\mathsf{curr}}_{\mathsf{recently}}$ attended The Kering Foundation's Caring for Women dinner as it returned to New York Fashion Week for its third consecutive year. Earlier this week, the event drew a remarkable assembly of celebrities united in support of organizations combating gender-based violence. Now, Salma Hayek, one of the co-hosts, shared a note on Instagram giving a shoutout to the attendees and thanking them. Salma shares pics with Priyanka, Kim, Naomi

Salma also posted a bunch of pictures featuring Priyanka, Kim Kardashian, Naomi Watts, Julianne Moore, Viola Davis, Dakota Johnson, Julia Garner, and Orlando Bloom. The pictures also had Lenny Kravitz, Matthew McConaughey, Katy Perry, Jeff Bezos, and Carmelo Anthony posing for the camera. In a few photos, Priyanka was seen posing with Salma as well as Julianne and Naomi.

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Salma pens thank you note

She captioned the post, "I'm so proud of this event, it was so inspiring, I am endlessly thankful to all of you who stood by us to raise awareness and vital funds for @girleffect @itsonus @nnedv your participation will have such a strong impact on the lives of women, children and families that will create a ripple effect in their communities."

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

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Sonam Kapoor's Father-In-Law Buys \$27 Million London Property

Conam Kapoor and businessman-Dhusband Anand Ahuja are planning to relocate to a new home in London. According to a Bloomberg report, Anand's father, Harish Ahuja, who owns and runs an apparel empire, has just paid £21 million (\$27 million) for a home in London's Notting Hill, marking 'one of this year's biggest UK residential deals that defied a wider slowdown in luxury sales'. Also read: Sonam Kapoor opens doors to her London home, check out her

₹18 lakh couch

More about the property

As per the report, according to a UK filing, Harish bought the eight-story residential convent in July, and his son Anand and daughter-in-law Sonam plan to use part of the sprawling property as the couple's home following redevelopment, while a separate section of the building is likely to be converted into flats.

The property – offering more than 20,000 square feet of space – is a short walk from

Shahid Kapoor **To Work With Triptii Dimri In New Vishal Bharadwaj Film: 'Super Pumped For This One'**

Vishal Bhardwaj will reunite with Shahid Kapoor once again. The filmmaker and actor are set to work together on a new film backed by Sajid Nadiadwala. It will also star Triptii Dimri, marking her first collaboration with Shahid. Reacting to the news shared by the makers. Shahid expressed his excitement over the upcoming project. Also read: Vishal Bhardwaj confirms Haider 2 is not happening

Shahid can't wait to begin shooting for Vishal film

On Friday, he wrote on Instagram Stories, "Super pumped for this one. Can't wait to begin... Vishal Bharadwaj, Sajid Nadiadwala, Triptii Dimri." The film's producer Sajid Nadiadwala made the announcement by sharing on Instagram and X, "I'm thrilled to join forces with the genius director, my dear friend Vishal Bharadwaj and the

phenomenal powerhouse Shahid Kapoor! Delighted to welcome the incredibly gifted Triptii Dimri to the NGE Family!" This reunion marks a significant milestone for Shahid and Vishal, whose previous collaborations,

Kensington Gardens and was previously owned by a UK-registered charity religious order, according to a brochure, reported Bloomberg. Sonam's current

London house Sonam keeps sharing a glimpse of her current home in London, also located in Notting Hill. Back in 2021, she spoke to Architectural Digest India about her and

Anand's intimate, art-filled London home and studio.

The actor, who we clomed son Vayu in August 2022, had said, "This is a sanctuary for us, and for those we love, rather than a showcase home. It is not large but it makes an impact."

She had added, "Anand and I

decided very early on that I would take the reins with the design of our home. I saw us both growing in this space for years to come and that feeling informed the level of detail Rooshad and I have gone into... nothing is quite as beautiful and pristine as solid-wood flooring. It opened up the space and we laid down precious rugs that tie the rooms together. Being barefoot is a

such as Kaminey and Haider, were critically acclaimed for their intensity and complexity. Many reacted to their new film's announcement on X. An X user said, "We are super duper excited." Another said, "Cannot wait to watch this movie." **Recent work**

joy here."

Shahid was last seen in Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (2024) with Kriti Sanon. The film had Shahid essaying the character of a robot scientist, who develops feelings for Kriti's Sifra, a highly intelligent female robot. Released in theatres on February 9, Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya was produced by Dinesh Vijan, Jyoti

> Deshpande, and Laxman Utekar. Triptii was last seen with Vicky Kaushal in Bad Newz. Triptii has been working on Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, and recently finished shooting for the horror-comedy. She will be seen alongside Kartik Aaryan and Vidya Balan in the film produced by T-Series Films and Cine1 Studios. The horror-comedy is slated to be released on November 1. She also has Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video with Rajkummar Rao as one of her upcoming projects.





Continued from Page 21 2024 Lexus RZ 450 - the Lexus...

Despite its taller stance, cornering and handling score well here, thanks in part to the Direct4 system. There are also five drive modes; Eco, Normal, Sport, Range and Custom, with Range capping your speed at 100 km/h, only using the front motor and eliminating the A/C function. There are, however, four levels of regenerative braking controlled by paddle shifters.

the RZ 450e Executive trim's range of 315 km is simply too low. If Lexus can get their range closer to the 400km mark, becomes more enticing. The Lexus RZ 450e wearing 18-inch wheels has a posted average economy of 2.2 Le/100 km and an annual cost of \$627. Move up to the RZ with 20-inch wheels and the economy and annual cost rise to 2.5 Le/100 km and \$717, respectively.

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Anyone with further information is asked to call the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file number 2024-132124. Another incident occurred on September 11, 2024 at approximately 4:30 pm, Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a fight in the 6000-block of 130A Street. Police arrived on scene and located two men who had been stabbed. Both men were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The suspects had fled the area in

a vehicle.

This is believed to be targeted incident as the victims were meeting with the suspects to conduct a transaction. Police are looking for three suspects who are described as three black men in their late teens to early twenties.

Anyone with information about this incident, including dash camera footage, is asked to call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-136201.



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