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## BC NDP Promises To Finance 40 Percent Of Price Of New Home

Leader of BC NDP David Eby has announced his party's ambitious plan to help middle-class people buy their dream home. He says that if elected, his government will help thousands of middleclass families break into the housing market every year by financing 40% of the purchase price and allowing people to buy units at 60% of market value

The Opening Doors to Homeownership plan will enable thousands of families who otherwise wouldn't be able to buy a home. "Everywhere I go, families tell me they dream of buying their first home – but decades of rampant speculation in the market has put it out of reach for too many," said Eby. "Our plan will make that dream come true for thousands of first-time, middle-class homebuyers by substantially reducing the listing price and the mortgage you will pay."

Eby's plan would support middle-income families to purchase new homes while adding to housing supply. Land and pre-construction contributions from the



provincial government will allow people to buy units at 60% of market value. The provincial contribution is repaid along with a share of the appreciation when the owner sells the unit, or after 25 years, financing the next generation of homeowners.

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Namaste Canada 2024, an incredible day of cultural extravaganza was organized by Consulate General of India, at the Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza on September 21. With 439 talented performers, 30 vibrant cultural groups, and a tapestry of Indian heritage, this year's celebration was nothing short of magical. See more pictures on page 5.



## **2024 Surrey Good Citizen of the Year**



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke announced the 2024 Surrey Good Citizen of the Year award! This year two remarkable residents received the award for their outstanding contributions to the community. Tarlochan "Tochi" Singh Sandhu, is one of the recipients whose remarkable journey spans over 60 years of dedicated community service in banking and sports. "Since immigrating to Canada in 1988, Tochi has revolutionized the credit union industry and earned accolades for his leadership, including having the Envision Financial's President Leadership Award renamed in his honorreflecting his unwavering commitment to strengthening communities," said Locke while congratulating both the winners and sharing picture on her social media platform. Rick Hugh, whose decades of service and dedication to empowering youth have made a lasting



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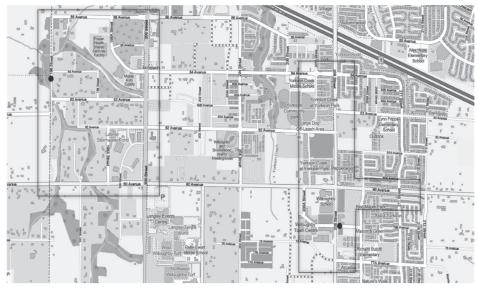
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## Edmonton man killed in Langley shooting linked to BC gang conflict

Police have released name of the person who was shot to death in a shooting that occurred in Langley on September 21, 2024. According to police, the victim was 38-year-old Johnathan Hebrada-Walters, from Edmonton, Alberta.

Police said that Hebrada-Walters was known to police and initial information indicates that shooting where two victims were involved was a targeted event, linked to the ongoing BC gang conflict. On September 21, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Langley RCMP responded to shots fired in the area of 196 Street and 84 Avenue, Langley. On arrival, first responders located two men suffering from gun-shot wounds. One of the victims succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The other victim was being treated for injuries. The area was secured and a neighborhood canvass was underway.

A secondary scene was located at 208 Street and 78 Avenue, where the other victim was taken to hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.



IHIT is asking for anyone with CCTV or dashcam in the areas of 196 Street / 84 Avenue and 208 Street

The surviving victim, whose name was not released by the officials, was also known to police. But according to

a report in Vancouver Sun, Barinder (Shrek) Dhaliwal was other victim who was taken to hospital. "Postmedia has

learned that the other victim, Barinder (Shrek) Dhaliwal, was shot twice before fleeing the scene in a black SUV. He was stopped on 208th Street and 79B Avenue and rushed to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries."

Forensic examinations at both scenes have been completed and homicide investigators continue to canvass for CCTV footage and witnesses.

"This investigation continues to unfold," says Staff Sergeant David Lee of IHIT, "We are in contact with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC (CFSEU-BC) as well as policing partners in Alberta to determine how these victims are linked to one another."

IHIT is asking for anyone with CCTV or dashcam in the areas of 196 Street / 84 Avenue and 208 Street / 78 Avenue, between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on September 21, to contact IHIT at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

## Large seizure of firearms, drugs and explosives by Surrey RCMP

Community Response Unit (NCRU) executed a search warrant at a residence in the 12200-block of Industrial Road. NCRU launched an investigation into the property as it had been identified as a problem residence in the spring of 2024 and this search warrant was obtained as a part of this ongoing investigation. The search warrant was executed with the assistance of Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team (IERT).

A total of twelve Individuals were arrested. Illicit drugs, cash, handguns ammunition rounds, Prohibited magazines, Radio

n August 22, 2024 North jammers, Two stolen vehicles, stolen license plates, three duffel bags found to contain 16 firearms; 30 pounds of explosives were seized.

On September 10, 2024, North CRU executed a second warrant to search 12200-block of Industrial Road after further grounds of trafficking were observed following the initial search warrant execution on August 22, 2024. IERT executed the warrant given the safety concerns after the firearms and explosives located during the previous search warrant execution. A total of eight individuals were arrested,



identified and released from scene.

investigation remains he ongoing to process all seized exhibits and complete a report to Crown Counsel.

Upon execution of the first



Search Warrant, the sheer volume of drugs, firearms, and explosives located by police inside this fortified unit over a business visited by the unsuspecting public, may be the most dangerous situation

I have seen in my service in Surrey, stated S/Sgt Nigel Pronger the Commander of the North Community Response Unit; Unfortunately in this investigation, crime did not stop with this enforcement, necessitating a second Search Warrant execution at the same location. This wanton disregard for public safety is inexcusable, and I extend my sincere appreciation to both the North CRU investigators and the members of Lower Mainland IERT and Explosive Disposal Unit for their excellent performance of their duties in executing this Search Warrant.



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## Herb Dhaliwal Denounces 'No Response' From BC United's Kevin Falcon

Herb Dhaliwal's campaign to revive offering a 'Liberal' option for next month's provincial election in British Columbia took a renewed, much more serious, turn. "I condemn the complete disrespect shown by the BC United Party's [BCU] Leader, Kevin Falcon (who on August 28th pulled his Party's nominees from competing and endorsed his previous political adversary - the BC Conservatives), has shown towards moderate, liberally-inclined centrist voters wanting no part of the polarization ongoing between the left (B.C. NDP) and right (BC Conservatives) when they vote on October 19th", stated Dhaliwal. "Mr. Falcon has not so much as acknowledged my appeal letter dispatched to him a week ago

to quit holding the Liberal brand hostage and approve Elections BC's permitting us to register and use on the ballot the name "New Liberal Party B.C.".

Given that Falcon has reversed his decision to run less than a handful of BCU nominees in the 93-seat contest now underway, Dhaliwal's legal counsel - Joven

Narwal, K.C. - is petitioning via a letter to the Province's Chief Electoral Office to rescind his interpretation, unfavourable to Dhaliwal's approach, of a regulation designed to prevent voter confusion.

According to Dhaliwal "No conditions which possibly would confuse the electorate now exist. So, while we await a hopefully prompt, favourable reaction from Elections BC, I have instructed our lawyer to prepare for a 'judicial review' application post

haste in the event that our request is denied."

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## From Surrey, Anita Huberman Re-Appointed as a Royal Canadian Navy Honorary Captain

Turrey's Anita Huberman was recently Dre-appointed as an Honorary Captain with the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). Her additional three-year extension, after serving in this capacity for three terms, will see her continue to be affiliated with the Canadian Fleet Pacific in Esquimalt, which is led by Commodore David Mazur. "My role as an Honorary Captain is to be an Ambassador of the Royal Canadian Navy," said Anita Huberman. "I am proud to continue the work to build a naval presence in Surrey and to do the work needed to ensure everyone understands the importance of a strong navy from an economic perspective."

The RCN noted that this honour is a testament to her outstanding commitment, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the naval community. Further it was indicated that Huberman embodies the spirit of service and excellence that defines the naval tradition. The Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), Vice-Admiral Angus Topshee welcomed Honorary Captain Huberman in continuing in her role for another three years and her continued dedi-



cation to the RCN.

Anita Huberman recently departed the Surrey Board of Trade as its President and CEO for 18 years, and an overall service of 31 years to the city-building business organization.

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a tapestry of Indian heritage, this year's celebration was nothing short of magical. From mesmerizing dance performances to lively music, the spirit of India came alive right here in Vancouver!

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## Organizations call to Add Caste as a Protected Category in the BC Human Rights Act

Multiple organizations from Lower Mainland, working to eliminate discrimination in society, are urging to add Caste as a Protected Category in the BC Human Rights Act.

In a statement issued by Chetna Association of Canada, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha (Vancouver), Ambedkarite International Coordination Society (AICS Canada), Ambedkar International Social Reform Organization (AISRO Canada), Mela Entertainers Ltd., Writers International Network, Poetic Justice Foundation, a call has been made to all party Leaders and candidates for the BC Legislature's forthcoming elections to come forward and commit to adding "Caste" as one of the protected categories against discrimination in the BC Human Rights Act.

The statement said, "Caste discrimination is like a hidden disease that carries a significant trauma, but is invisible to the naked eye. Caste is a centuries-old stigma, that is understood to be determined by birth and ancestry, as well as occupation, and is understood to shape people in a fundamental way. One can perceive caste discrimination only by listening to the untold bitter stories of those victimized by caste prejudice. Caste impacts people in all religions - Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists, and others, living across the world. British Columbia is not insulated from the global reach of caste-related discrimination."

There is significant precedent for recognition of caste discrimination. In 2010, the United Kingdom was the first country outside of India to recognize this issue and add caste as a protected category in its Equality Act. Since then, the City of Seattle passed an ordinance in 2023 and banned caste discrimination. Various universities and municipal governments in North America, including the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the





Jai Birdi

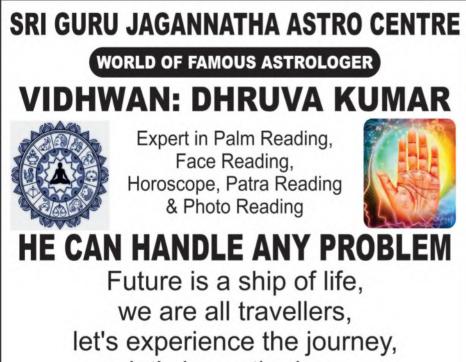
Toronto District School Board, City of Burnaby, and City of Brampton, have also acknowledged the issue and passed related motions. MP Don Davies (Vancouver Kingsway) brought forward a motion in June 2024 to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and add caste as a protected category.

This all resonates deeply in British Columbia. Caste-related activism has been ongoing in British Columbia for decades, with various community organizations holding events to spread awareness about caste discrimination. Significant groundwork has already been done to understand the operation of caste In Canada, through research projects at the University of British Columbia, University of the Fraser Valley, and Carleton University. This has enhanced our understanding of the experience of caste in this province.

In BC, many people have reported that they face discrimination or hear slurs and casteist remarks. In most situations, the media has cooperated and supported awareness campaigns to inform the public that any form of discrimination, including that related to caste, is unacceptable. A few cases have come to the notice of the BC Human Rights Commission. Some of the offenders, under social pressure, have publicly apologized for their caste slurs and hate speech targeting another's caste. In one situation, a complaint was filed, heard, and recognized by the BC Human Rights Tribunal.

Explaining the reason for this request, Jai Birdi, executive director, Chetna Association of Canada, said, "While "ancestry" and other protected categories in the existing legislations can provide safeguards for those impacted by caste discrimination, it often is very challenging to even file a complaint related to caste discrimination under such grounds, which only imperfectly match the situation. When filing a complaint, the initial response of the responsible authorities has consistently been that none of the protected categories apply. For this reason, the complaint is not accepted. The law enforcement agencies, RCMP/Police/BC Human Rights Tribunal, do understand the situation, but they are bound by the existing categories and legislation. It is therefore imperative that the BC Human Rights Code be amended to recognize caste as a protected category, so that the grounds exist for the pursuit of human rights cases related to caste, and to draw attention to the problem of caste-related discrimination in British Columbia."

"We look forward to hearing and receiving commitments from party leaders, spokespersons, and candidates in the general elections in British Columbia in October 2024," Birdi said.





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## John Rustad Announces "Rustad Rebate" Plan to Provide Relief for BC Renters and Homeowners

John Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, unveiled the BC Rent and Mortgage Rebate (the "Rustad Rebate"), a program designed to deliver financial relief to renters and homeowners across the province.

"My promise to the people of British Columbia is that, if elected Premier, I will systematically attack the cost pressures in all areas of life. Middle-class families deserve to get ahead and enjoy their lives, without constantly worrying about the bare minimum costs of existing." "People are being punished by having to pay for sky-high housing costs with their after-tax income. That's why, if I'm elected Premier, \$3,000 per month in housing costs will be exempted from BC income tax."

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"In 2017, David Eby and the NDP promised a \$400 rent rebate for all renters, regardless of income. As usual, they broke that promise not once, but twice," said Rustad. "Not only did they fail to deliver for five consecutive budgets, but when they finally introduced it in 2023, it was so severely incometested that the average family in Vancouver can't qualify."

Rustad criticized the NDP's rebate as a token gesture, calling it a "drop in the bucket" for those struggling with the skyrocketing cost of living. "The NDP's scheme barely covers 1% of the annual rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Vancouver. It simply isn't good enough. Families and individuals are being driven out of our cities because they can't afford to live here anymore. " To address this urgent crisis,



significant relief to both renters and homeowners by exempting up to \$3,000 a month in housing costs from provincial income taxes. The rebate will begin by exempting \$1,500 per month in Budget 2026, and increase by \$500 per year to \$3,000 per month.

Key elements of the BC Rent and Mortgage Rebate include: Largest tax cut for renters and homeowners in BC history – \$3,000 per month of rent or mortgage interest costs will be exempt from provincial income taxes. This will be achieved by issuing a tax credit worth 5.06% of eligible housing costs, equivalent to the rate of BC's base tax bracket.

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## Surrey Council awards contract for 1001 Steps replacement

During the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, Surrey City Council approved a \$724,500 contract for Calta Construction Inc. to remove and replace the iconic 1001 Steps stair system in Ocean Park. The 1001 Steps are an integral part of the South Surrey landscape, serving as a crucial recreational feature for residents and visitors alike. The pathway and steps offer amazing ocean views, with opportunities for viewing harbour seals

and other wildlife.

"This renovation will not only enhance the safety and accessibility of the 1001 Steps but will also preserve this beloved community landmark for future generations to enjoy," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "We are committed to investing in our parks and recreation infrastructure to improve the quality of life for residents in Surrey, with \$1.7B in approved capital projects over five years."





Originally built in the late 1980's, the 1001 Steps structure has now reached the end of its lifecycle. The project will include the removal and disposition of the existing stair/landing structure and the construction of a new stair system including new foundations. The City anticipates the project to start late October

of 2024 with completion scheduled for the end of March 2025.

The funding for this project is available in the 2024 Parks, Recreation & Culture Capital Budget.

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## Rahul's comments on Sikh freedom are in sharp contrast to his party's historical wrongs

Why Congress Party has not issued any apology to Sikhs for 84 riots till date?

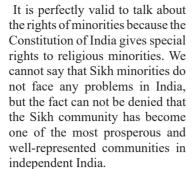


By Maninder Gill

Rahul Gandhi, the leader of the Congress party and the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, recently visited the United States. Rahul Gandhi's foreign visits have often been the subject of controversy.

During his recent US visit, Rahul Gandhi made a statement regarding religious freedom in India. He stated that Sikhs face discrimination in India for wearing turbans and kadas (Iron Bracelet). Rahul's reference was about the rights of minorities in India and he wanted to say that the interests of minorities are not protected during the tenure of the current government.

A leader of the opposition has to criticize the actions of the government and present a different and better political program to the country, but it is also the responsibility of the opposition and the leader of the opposition to maintain unity and integrity. To make political gains, the opposition should not make such rhetoric that is against the interests of the country, because the opposition can only oppose the government and not of the country. The leader of the opposition should understand the difference between the country and the government.



A Sikh Prime Minister, President, Army General, Home Minister and many other important positions have been held by Sikhs in India. Sikh community has played an important role in shaping the destiny of postindependence India. The Sikh community has also faced harsh times in India. The haunting memories of Delhi Sikh Massacre and the inhumane attack by the Indian Army on Sri Darbar Sahib complex have troubled every Sikh. The way the Sikh youth was murdered in the 1980s and 90s is not hidden from anyone.

Despite all these scars, the Sikh community continues to contribute to the national life of India because the Sikh community knows that there is no widespread discrimination against the Sikhs in India and in the Indian society, but what happened in the past was the result of the divisive politics of a political class. The same political class that is today led by Rahul Gandhi. Today, it is very surprising to see how the some separatists, have come in support of this statement of Rahul Gandhi. Congress party leaders Charanjit Singh Channi and Pratap Singh Bajwa are calling the military



attack on Sri Darbar Sahib wrong by holding press conferences in defense of Rahul Gandhi but they are not answering the question why there has been no apology from the Congress Part till date? Even Rahul Gandhi himself has admitted that the members of the Congress party were involved in the Sikh massacre of 1984 but still they see no point in apologizing to the Sikh world.

To exonerate Rahul Gandhi from all this, it is being argued that what was done was done by his grandmother Indira Gandhi and father Rajiv Gandhi. It is a wellknown fact that Rajiv Gandhi sheltered the perpetrators of the Delhi Sikh Genocide. Senior police officer Julio F. Ribeiro has revealed this fact in his book 'A Bullet for Bullet' where he writes that when he spoke to Rajiv Gandhi about the justice of the Delhi Sikh Massacre, Rajiv himself snapped at him and he was silenced.

Will the so-called repositories of the Sikh panth answer why Kamal Nath, who played an important role in the Delhi massacre, was made Chief Minister under Rahul Gandhi's patronage? Was Rahul Gandhi reminded of the Sikh turban and Kada while promoting Kamal Nath to the post of a Chief Minister?

Are Sikh sentiments being used only to create an atmosphere against the government of the day? Why Rahul Gandi was not opposed in the manner they are planning to oppose Modi's visit? After coming to power, the BJP government of Prime Minister Modi has resolved many important pending issues of the Sikh community,

including opening the Kartarpur Corridor, ending the blacklist of Sikhs, giving the right to vote only to the ordained Sikhs in the Shiromani Committee, removing GST from langar. He has tried to pacify Sikh hearts by building Sikh memorials, celebrating the Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji at the Red Fort and celebrating the Martyrdom Day of the Sahibzaade of Kalgidhar Patshah on a national level.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Prakash Utsav of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated in more than 180 countries of the world wherever there are Indian embassies. Prime Minister Modi has never turned his back on the Sikh Sangat and all the demands made by the Sikh Sangat were carefully considered and implemented. For 35 years, there has been a pain in the hearts of the Sikh community that the perpetrators of the genocide of Sikhs in Delhi and other cities of India, have not been brought to justice.

The murderers were made members of parliament by giving promotions and tickets and were rewarded with ministries. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, those accused have been brought to justice. Among the accused like Sajian Kumar, Jagdish Tytler, who were enjoying freedom after killing thousands of Sikhs, Sajjan Kumar has been sent behind bars. And charges against Jagdish Tytler have been filed in the courts. Wasn't this demand being made by the Sikh Sangat for the last 40 years?

Even after resolving the issues of the Sikhs on a large scale and respecting the sentiments of the Sikh community, Narendra Modi is being presented as anti-Sikh and Rahul Gandhi, who made Kamalnath, the killer of the Sikhs, the Chief Minister, is being called pro-Sikh.

The solution to the problems of Punjab and the Sikhs is not to be resolved through confrontational behavior but through dialogue.

(Maninder Singh Gill is Managing Director, Radio India, Surrey (Canada)



#### Continued from Page 01 **BC NDP promises to finance 40 percent**

Using the same model as the Heather Lands partnership with xwmə0kwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, the plan will enable people throughout the province to buy a home at prices 40% lower than market rates.

David Eby's plan commits to guarantee up to \$1.29 billion per year in financing to home owners to support the development of up to 25,000 new homes for middle-class families over five years. The BC NDP will partner with non-profits, local governments, First Nations, and market partners to identify land and projects for development.

Government financing at the start of the project and the use of no or low-cost land allows builders to offer the units for sale at 40% below market prices.

Buyers only need to secure financing for 60% of the market price. This would mean a two-bedroom condo that would normally cost \$1 million would be accessible at a price of just \$600,000.

In exchange for the upfront contribution, the

Province registers a second mortgage - at no cost to the buyer - for the remaining 40%. When a buyer sells their unit, the provincial contribution is repaid, plus 40% of the

appreciation in the value of the home. This allows the province to recover the full capital costs, as well as all financing costs, and a small return, without imposing costs on the seller.

Roughly one-third of people who buy a condo unit resell them within ten years as their life circumstances change. As people resell their units and repay the government financing, this will create funding that can then be used to support more families to get into affordable homes.

The new program will provide financing for up to 25,000 units over the next five years through partnerships with the non-profit and private sectors. It's part of Eby's larger action plan experts say will deliver 300,000 middleclass homes over the next decade. The plan includes action to take on speculators, break down barriers to construction, build more homes and protect renters.

## **Canada Announces Pilot Project To Improve Inter Provincial Truck Movement**

Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Anita Anand, President of the Treasury

Board and Minister of Transport, have announced the launch of a pilot project to mutually recognize regulatory requirements in the trucking sector.

Under this new trucking pilot, participating provinces and territories will commit to recognizing each other's regulatory requirements, even where differences exist, such as oversized vehicle signage requirements, to allow trucks and the goods they carry to move across Canada more effectively, without compromising safety and security measures. The pilot, the first of its kind on this scale within Canada, will help governments test and measure what can be achieved through

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mutual recognition and will help drive future work in other important sectors of the economy, including labour mobility.

The ministers thanked the coalition of willing jurisdictions: Ontario; Nova Scotia; Manitoba; Prince Edward Island; Saskatchewan; Alberta; Newfoundland and Labrador; Northwest Territories; Yukon; and Nunavut for joining this effort to improve the efficient movement of goods — a crucial aspect to Canada's productivity and affordability. The pilot project will be co-chaired by Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada.

"Everyone benefits when we reduce economic friction, promote cooperation, and maximize opportunities in Canadian industries. By working together with our provincial

and territorial colleagues, we can help improve productivity and create conditions for increased trade across the country. Today, our provincial and territorial colleagues are taking an important step in mutual recognition of regulatory requirements to enable trucks and their goods to move across Canada more efficiently and effectively. This pilot project is a perfect example of the results we can achieve by working together for the good of our economy, our businesses and all Canadians," said Anand.

### Continued from Page 04 Herb Dhaliwal Denounces.

Dhaliwal recently took the initiative to organize a new political movement for "Liberal-minded" voters in BC who want to preserve a moderate, centrist choice in the government of politics of BC. Dhaliwal has applied to register a new party for this election. He said, "British Columbia deserves better than a return to the dysfunctional political skirmishing of a bygone era when provincial politics degenerated into polarizing Right versus Left combat. This Province cannot afford such a wrong-headed approach by The Right manipulating the process to impede The Left. Now, because the unprecedented action of the BC United Leader abandoned middle-of-the-spectrum voters, what could be shaping up as a bitter battle between the 'Centre-Left' N.D.P. and the resurgent 'Far-Right' BC Conservatives would deny many thousands of liberal-inclined citizens a political home. On behalf of those orphaned British Columbian voters wanting a 'liberal', middle choice, we are taking the necessary steps to register the name New Liberal Party of B.C. with ELECTIONS BC." However, Elections BC rejected

the idea, because a similar name

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## **Punjab NRI quota expansion in** medical courses: **India's Supreme Court** calls it fraud

The Supreme Court of India dismissed The Punjab government's appeal challenging a Punjab and Haryana High Court order quashing its decision to expand the definition of 'NRI quota' for undergraduate medical admissions to include relatives of non-resident Indians. The Supreme Court was hearing appeals challenging the high court's September 10 order quashing the notification issued by the Punjab government on August 20. The notification expanded the NRI quota to include even distant relatives "such as uncles, aunts, grandparents, and cousins" of NRIs for admissions under the 15 per cent quota for this group in admissions in medical colleges.

Terming the government move a "complete fraud" and "a money-spinning machine", Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, presiding over a threejudge bench, said, "We must stop this NRI quota business now."

He added, "This is complete fraud and this is what we are doing to our education system! Judges know what they are dealing with."

Refusing to intervene, the Supreme Court said the high court had dealt with the case "threadbare...".

The apex court also sought to draw attention to the harmful consequences of such a quota move and said, "The candidates who have three times higher mark (in NEET UG exams) will lose admission."

Through a notification issued on August 20, the Punjab Government had widened the definition of an NRI candidate to include distant relatives such as uncles, aunts, grandparents and cousins of NRIs for 15 per cent quota for admission to MBBS/BDS courses.

On September 10, the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashed the notification, saying it opened the door for

a potential misuse, allowing individuals who didn't fall within the original intent of the policy to take advantage of NRI seats by bypassing more deserving candidates.

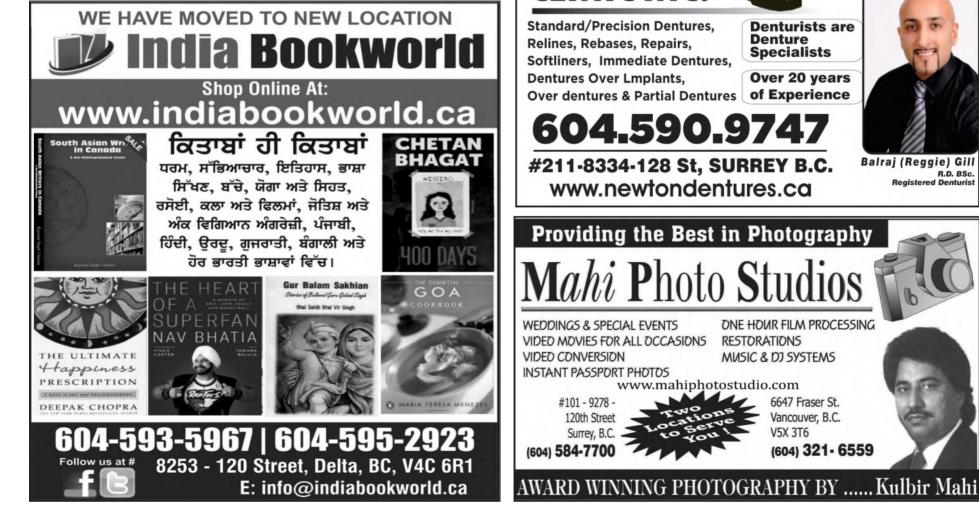
"Let us put a lid on this. This NRI business is nothing but a fraud. This must come to an end now... See the students who got three times higher (marks) and lost out. We can't lend our authority to something which is blatantly illegal," the Bench said, dismissing petitions filed by the Punjab Government and others.

Holding that the high court's decision was "absolutely right", the apex court pointed out that most of the applicants under the widened NRI category were from India. After hearing senior advocate Shadan Farasat for petitioners and senior advocates Abhimanyu Bhandari and DS Patwalia, representing other parties, the Bench said, "We must stop this NRI quota business now! This is a complete fraud and this is what we are doing to our education system. Judges know what they are dealing with. The high court has dealt with the case threadbare," the Bench said.

"Look at the deleterious consequences... the candidates who have three times higher marks (in NEET-UG) will lose seat," the Bench said.

You (Punjab Government) say the nearest relation of an NRI will also be considered. A ward is also anyone's ward. What is this? This is just a moneyspinning tactic of the state," said the Bench, which included Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra.

Noting that distant relatives of a "mama, tai, taya" settled abroad will get admissions ahead of meritorious candidates under the widened definition of NRI, the Bench said it could not be allowed.



## Mann Asks New Ministers To Work With Dedication

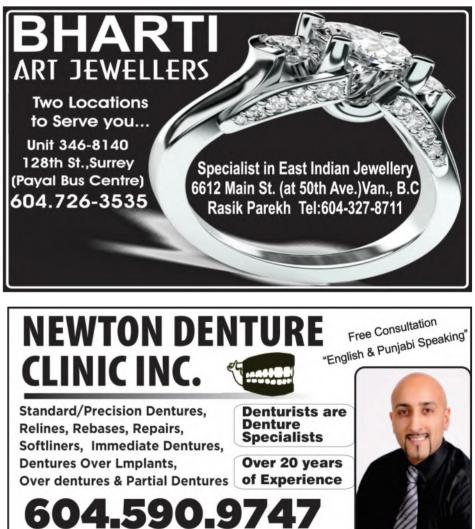


Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, at a meeting with newly inducted state Cabinet Ministers, emphasised the importance of serving the people with dedication, sincerity and honesty. Mann stressed that the ministers must ensure the effective implementation of pro-people schemes, ensuring the benefits reach citizens at the grassroots level.

The Chief Minister reminded the ministers of the significant responsibility entrusted to them by the public, following their strong electoral mandate. He highlighted the need for hard work and commitment to improve the well-being of the people and advance

the state's development. Mann underscored the urgency of restoring Punjab's former glory and positioning the state as a leader in India.

Mann welcomed the fresh faces in the Cabinet, noting that their energy and enthusiasm would contribute to Punjab's growth. He urged them to serve with a sense of mission and resolve pressing issues affecting the public swiftly. The Chief Minister expressed confidence that these new ministers would ensure the efficient execution of the government's development-oriented and welfare-driven schemes for the benefit of the people.



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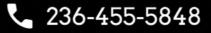
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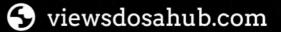
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## Surrey-based Greenwave Recycling Inc. and Wellons Canada win Environment & Business Awards

Greenwave Recycling Inc. and Wellons Canada are the winners of Surrey Board of Trade Environment and Business Award. The awards were presented at the at the 18th annual event on September 24th.

In addition to recognizing the award recipients, the event featured an engaging panel discussion on renewable energy. Industry experts explored the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in renewable energy, offering insights into how businesses can adapt and thrive in a rapidly evolving energy landscape.

The awards were presented to Surrey Board of Trade members or Surrey-based businesses that have demonstrated exceptional dedication to environmental leadership and/or issues. The award recipients are guided by a sense of respect for the environment and demonstrate this initiative consistently.

Greenwave Recycling Inc. won the award in Small Business category. Anilkumar Rohit and Nepal Rohit are the directors of the company. The company as described by SBOT is committed to post-industrial waste recycling, transforming materials surplus into reusable resources to reduce the environmental impact of industries across BC. The company collects plastic and paper waste from various sectors, extracting valuable materials to minimize landfill use and promote sustainable waste management. Since the project's inception, Greenwave has successfully diverted over 3,000 tons of waste from landfills annually. In recent weeks, they have collected over 400 tons of materials, representing significant recycling а initiative targeting industrial scrap. This initiative has notably reduced greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to removing 1,000 cars from the road each year. Wellons Canada won the award in Large Business category. Wellons Canada is a leader in designing energy systems and lumber drying solutions, specializing in biomass energy and cogeneration for the forestry sector. They have pioneered innovative on-site an water treatment system for lumber kilns, significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and operational costs. This system treats highly water-soluble organic contaminants, discharging clean water into local bodies of water. Wellons' advanced



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## **Highway to Heaven Gets New Addition**



#### **By Balwant Sanghera**

Richmond's #5 Road is also popularly known as the Highway to Heaven (H2H). This stretch of a few kilometers of # 5 Road in Richmond between Steveston Highway and Bridgeport Road is home to about 25 places of worship of different denominations.

Most of the world's major religions are represented on this stretch of few kilometers on the east side of #5 Road. These include Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism and many more.

A few years agoas president



of the Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS) I requested one of our staff members to prepare a list of all the places of worship springing up on the east side of # 5 Road. Based on that information, I wrote an article in the local newspaper (Richmond Review) and coined the phrase Highway to Heaven for this portion of Number Five Road. I wrote that this is Richmond's Highway to Heaven. Since then, it has caught on. Now our Highway to Heaven is well known all over. As a matter of fact, it has become as one of Richmond's favourite attractions.

Many students and other visitors from all over come to visit our Highway to Heaven and learn about different religions. Not only that, they also appreciate the way different places of worship work and support each other.

A few years ago, a Canada-wide survey of Canada's favourite places placed Richmond's Highway to Heaven as one of 50 most popular places to visit. Following that, BBC did a story about our Highway to Heaven. It went viral. In November 2017, 13 United Nations Ambassadors



attend a Conference on Peace and Defence. I was approached by Global Affairs Canda with a request to host them as they were keen to visit our Highway to Heaven. It was a pleasure for us to host them at India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwa, 8600 #5 Road in Richmond. They were very impressed with a delicious vegetarian lunch and discussion about our efforts in promoting intercultural and inter religious harmony. On this occasion, the Canadian Ambassador was beaming with pride and remarked to his fellow Ambassadors:" This is my Canada".

were coming to Vancouver to

Incidentally, around 2018, National Film Board of Canada did a short documentary on our H2H. That was another feather in our cap. This documentary is reported to be played occasionally on Air Canada's international flights.

As mentioned earlier, close to 25 places of worship are proud to work together in promoting our shared vision and common goals. As a chairperson of the Highway to Heaven Association (H2HA), it is a great honour for me to bring together our partners and work together in promoting intercultural and interreligious harmony.

As a group, it is an honour for all of us to support each other and stand with each other in times of need. We rejoice and celebrate any developments along the H2H. For example, one of our H2HA members, Lingyen Mountain Temple is adding new premises to its existing facilities. They had a big celebration for the Ridge Beam Completion Ceremony on Sunday, September 22. This is in connection with their new building for the Buddha Hall Phase 3. It was a very impressive ceremony. The event was overflowing with VIPs, special guests and the public. It was a historical occasion to mark this milestone in the history of Lingyen Mountain Temple.

The organisers of the Ridge Beam Completion Ceremony did an excellent job in ensuring that everything went smoothly. From parking to seating to lunch everything went like a clock work. The volunteers were very pleasant and helpful. The message from the organizers about this new facility was very succinct: "The temple will soon be able to provide even more services, guide sentinent beings onto the compassionate vessel, and lead the community in their Buddhist practice." On behalf of the Highway to Heaven Association, I offer my hearty congratulations to the organizers, volunteers, temple leaders and the congregation of this marvellous place of worship. Sanghera (Balwant is Chairperson, Highway to *Heaven Association*)

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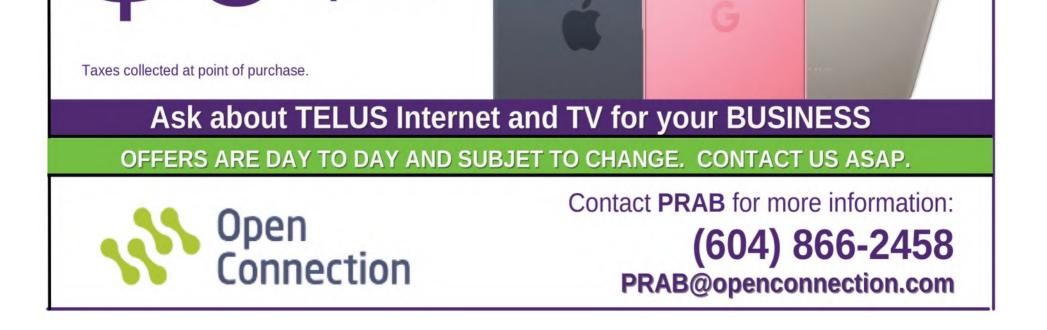
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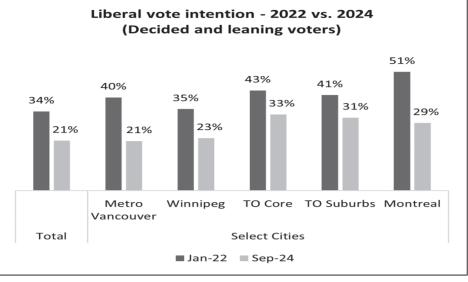
#### NEWS

## Dissatisfaction with Liberal government drives double-digit drop in urban support

The federal Liberals were dealt another difficult defeat last week, losing a once-comfortable seat in Montreal, adding to a string of byelection losses the party has suffered in what used to be metro strongholds.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute illuminates how sinking national support has affected the incumbent party's positioning in key cities across the country. In Greater Montreal, where the party lost the recent LaSalle – Émard – Verdun byelection to the Bloc Québécois, support for the Liberals has declined by 22 points since the beginning of 2022. In the city of Winnipeg, where a loss to the NDP was expected in the historically NDP riding of Elmwood – Transcona, Liberal support has dropped 17 points.

The harbinger of the Liberal's metro downfall was perhaps the party's June loss of Toronto – St. Paul's, a riding that had elected a Liberal in every election dating



back to 1993. The downtown core of Toronto has been swept by the Liberals in every federal election under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. That likely won't be the case in the next one unless things change drastically. In downtown Toronto, the Liberals and CPC under Pierre Poilievre are tied, while in the suburbs ringing the city, the Conservatives are the choice of a plurality of 45 per cent.

Metro Vancouver was a three-way race in 2021, with the NDP, Liberals and CPC each winning seats in the region. In current vote intention, the CPC have pulled ahead, with 40 per cent in Metro Vancouver saying they would vote for the Conservatives if an election were held today. The NDP are in second with 30 per cent. The Liberals, who were in the lead in vote intention at the beginning of 2022, have fallen to third, with 21 per cent support.

Perhaps at issue for urban voters is the lack of progress by the federal Liberals on key issues such as housing affordability and public safety. Canadians living in urban areas (33%) are much more concerned about the cost of housing than those living outside of them (22%). And crime and public safety rank as a top five issue in Vancouver (27%), Winnipeg (32%), and Toronto's core (21%) and suburbs (23%).

## Nanaimo RCMP Makes Significant Drugs And Weapons Bust

**66** The latest bust is yet another example of how their so-called "safe" drug sites have spiraled out of control, becoming havens for crime and violence in our communities," John Rustad

On September 11, 2024, Nanaimo RCMP SITE (Special Investigation Targeted Enforcement) arrested two adults for possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a prohibited firearm. Police responded to a complaint from a Nanaimo citizen who observed what they believed to be drug trafficking on Cavan Street. The information lead to the arrest of two adults and resulted in the police seizing drugs and weapons.

The investigation continued and resulted in a search warrant being executed at a local Motel room. The search of the room resulted in significant drugs, weapons and cash being seized. These items included;

The two adults who were initially arrested were charged by Federal Crown. They are 35-year-old Sara KOSHMAN and 30-yearold Gerid GREGORY-ALLEN.

Allen and Koshman were remanded into po-

lice custody to await their next court appearance in Nanaimo Provincial Court, set for September 25, 2024. "This was a significant seizure and it removed large quantities of illicit and harmful drugs, as well as dangerous weapons from the streets of Nanaimo," said Inspector Andrew Burton of the Nanaimo RCMP.

ohn Rustad, Leader of the Conservative Party of British Columbia, and Gwen O'Mahony, Conservative Candidate for Nanaimo-Lantzville said that this latest bust is yet another example of how their so-called "safe" drug sites have spiraled out of control, becoming havens for crime and violence in our communities.

O'Mahony was critical, condemning the government's total abandonment of community safety: "Nanaimo residents are living in fear because of the Eby-Trudeau agenda. Their failed policies have allowed these so-called 'prevention' sites to become breeding grounds for drug trafficking and illegal weapons. This is not prevention—this is outright negligence, and they should be ashamed."





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## 2024 Toyota 4Runner TRD Off-Road – A Canadian Icon!

**Review by Veeno Dewan** 

he venerable Toyota 4Runner has sold over four million units and actually celebrated it 40th anniversary in 2023. A Canadian icon, it is beloved for its ruggedness, durability, and longevity. It can be found wherever its toughness and reliability is needed, seen in the high desert, deep jungles, Arctic conditions and outside the coffee shop and on family driveways across the world. There is a totally new 4Runner coming in 2025, so for this 2024 model year is unchanged except for two new colours. The 4Runner still has a

a five-speed ECT-I automatic transmission featuring sequential shift mode, plus either on-demand or fulltime 4WD.

Aside from cosmetic packages the 4Runner carries on with its a rugged boxy look, high ground clearance and purposeful stance. It is still a solid body-on-frame chassis constructed vehicle featuring a four-link rear axle and coil spring suspension for harsh roads and off-road conditions.

The 2024 Toyota 4Runner lineup has a comprehensive range of models for any tastes. The line up includes grades SR5, TRD Sport, TRD Off-Road, Limited and

cool power-retractable rear window you don't really find any more on SUVs you don't really find anymore.

This midsize body-on-frame SUV is still powered by a V6 engine and with standard part-time four-wheel drive. Depending on the trim, the 4Runner offers two rows for five passengers, or a third row for up to seven.

Under the hood, a standard issue 4.0L V6 engine delivers 270 peak horsepower and 278 lb-ft of torque. This is mated to

TRD Pro with equipment options for more specialized off roading. Equipment and options on the different models vary according to package and trim lines selected. Pricing ranges from: \$51,050 to \$66,475. Standard equipment levels are decent with a heated steering wheel. heated front seats, a 120V and two 12V outlets, the Toyota Smart Key System with Push Button Start, and Connected Services is available on models fitted with Audio Plus with Remote include Service Connect, Safety Connect, and Remote Connect, while those fitted with Premium Audio with Remote add Embedded Navigation with traffic and weather and Destination Assist Connect. We tested the 4Runner TRD Off-Road trim which adds to the trail capability. There is a crawl control system works for tack-

ling rough surfaces, steep inclines, and declines. The cool terrain view monitor uses multiple on-board cameras to help a driver see obstacles on the trail. There's a lockable rear differential, and recovery points front and rear.

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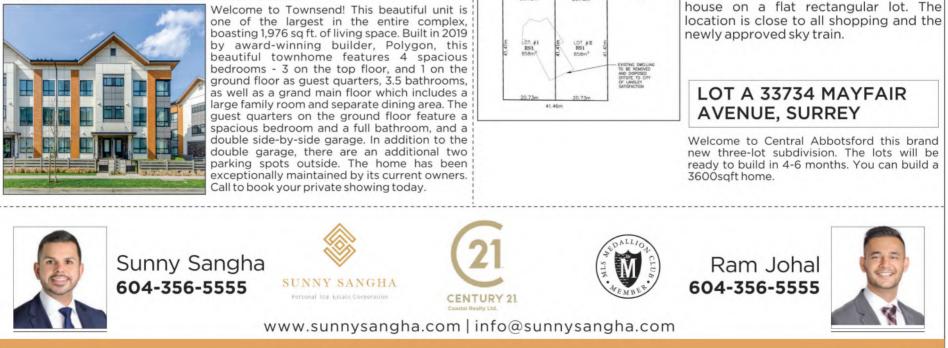
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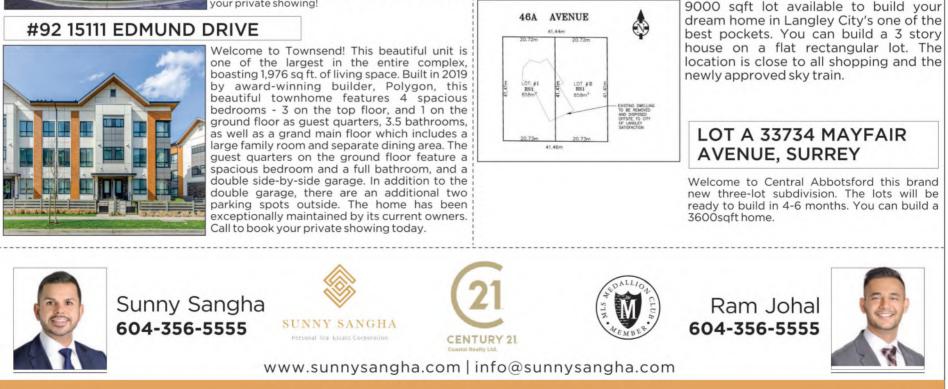
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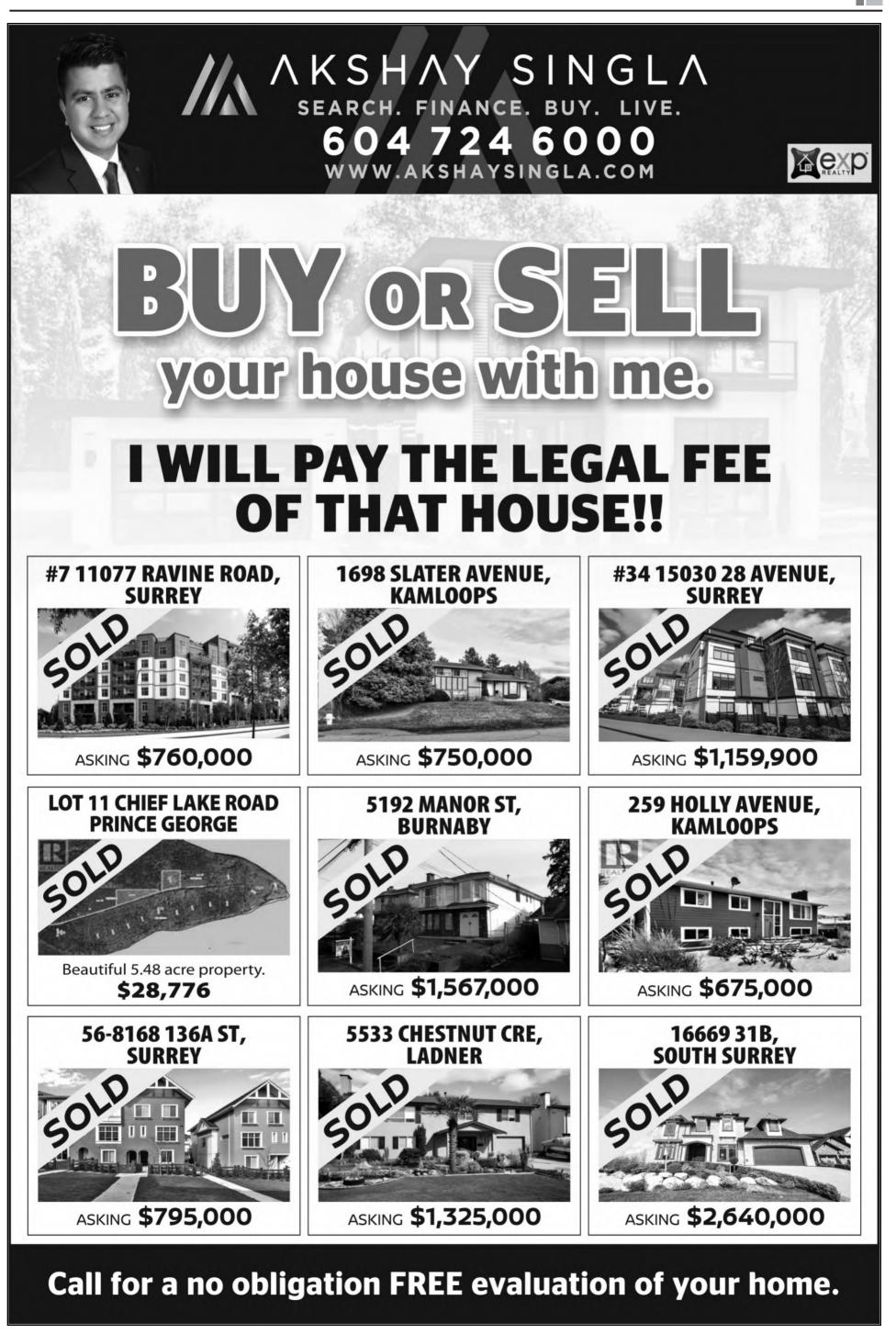
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## **Local Artist Finds Innovative Ways To Turn Passion To Profession**



Priya Seetharaman

Surrey Art Gallery Association announces their October Thursday Art Gallery Association Artist Talk with Priya Seetharaman at Surrey Art Gallery on October 3 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. titled "Passion to Profession." Admission is free.

Ever since she was a child, Priva Seetharaman has enjoyed experimenting with unique styles, patterns, and fusion art forms. She loves to incorporate different elements and features in her artwork, making it look three dimensional. Her "zendoodles" showcase this-intricate black and white pen drawings with structured patterns that she often adds embroidered beads, sequins, or pearls to. Seetharaman says, "Art, to me, is creative

expression and an exploration. It energizes and relaxes my mind and soul both at good and bad times of my life."

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Priya Seetharaman, Line art, 2022, fineliner on 300 GSM paper

In this illustrated talk, Seetharaman will share her various artwork styles, including zendoodling, stippling, line art, and concept art. She turned her artistic passion into a profession in 2018 with the launch of her artwork brand Preesha-The Handcrafted Stories established in India.

Born in India, Priya Seetharaman immigrated to Canada in 2022. She lives in Surrey, BC and splits her time between holistic healing practices, philanthropic charity, and artmaking under the brand Preesha-The Handcrafted Stories. She is a fierce advocate for positivity and emotional empowerment and has received a prestigious Global Peace Award in 2022, the "Unsung Heroine" award by the United Kingdom Women's Network (UKWNET) in 2021, and a Healing Light Award (India) also in 2021. Her journey has been celebrated in the pages of several prominent magazines. mysticmonkpriyasraman.com/ preesha





## Sher Vancouver launches Mentorship Program to Empower **Emerging BC and Canadian Filmmakers**

Supporting the community for Queer South Asians living in Metro Vancouver, has announced the launch of its Sundar



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Prize Film Festival Filmmaker Mentorship Program.

According to a press release, by Sher Vancouver, "It is a groundbreaking initiative designed to bridge the gap between emerging filmmakers and seasoned professionals in the BC and Canadian film industry. The program, set to commence in October 2024 with rolling intake, will provide a unique platform for knowledge exchange, skill development, and networking opportunities, with a strong emphasis on diversity and inclusivity."

The Filmmaker Mentorship Program will pair aspiring filmmakers with experienced mentors who have established themselves in key creative roles such as Producers, Directors, Editors, Writers, and Cinematographers. Each mentor will be compensated \$100 per session for their time. The mentors should be equipped with a minimum of three professional IMDb credits and deep expertise in the Canadian film landscape, will guide their mentees through a structured series of Zoom sessions focused on refining their film projects and navigating industry challenges.

Sidartha Murjani, Executive Director and Senior Programmer of the Sundar Prize Film Festival, expressed his enthusiasm for the program, "The Filmmaker stating: Mentorship Program embodies our commitment to fostering





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the next generation of Canadian filmmakers. We believe that by providing emerging talents with access to experienced mentors, we can help them develop the skills and confidence needed to bring their unique stories to life. This program is not just about learning; it's about building meaningful connections that will shape the future of Canadian cinema."

The program is open to filmmakers across Canada who are actively working on a film project, whether in pre-production, production, or post-production. Mentees will benefit from personalized guidance, expert feedback, and exclusive networking opportunities, including VIP access to the Sundar Prize Film Festival. The program's structure includes 15 one-hour Zoom sessions, a mid-year check-in, and a final review session to ensure that both mentors and mentees achieve their goals.

Alex Sangha, Co-Founder of the Sundar Prize Film Festival, emphasized the importance of mentorship in nurturing diverse voices: "At the Sundar Prize, we are deeply committed to amplifying underrepresented voices in the film industry. The Filmmaker Mentorship Program is a critical step in that direction. By supporting emerging filmmakers from diverse backgrounds, we aim to enrich Canadian cinema with stories that reflect the full spectrum of human experience. We are thrilled to see this program come to life and look forward to the incredible projects that will emerge from it."

In line with the festival's values, the Filmmaker Mentorship Program is particularly focused on encouraging applications from BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+, individuals with disabilities, and other marginalized communities.

https://sundarprize.com/mentorship-program/

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## Surrey RCMP Warn Of Blackmail, Bitcoin Extortion Scam After **Receiving 29 Reports In Three Days**

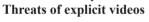
Surrey RCMP is warning residents about a recent uptick to a familiar extortion scam after receiving 29 reports in a three-day span.

In one of the scams, perpetrators claim to have acquired compromising pictures of the victim and direct them to send money to a Bitcoin wallet or else the pictures will be shared to their friends and family. In another scam, one suspect claim to have victim's browsing history on the internet and claims that victim accessed pornographic sites and threatens to expose the victim to their family and friends.

The scam starts with the suspect sending an email to the victim stating that they have been looking at adult content online and that malware has captured compromising photos of the victims doing so.

The suspect then provides a photo of the victim's house along with their name and date of birth as proof that they know where the victim lives. The suspect then demands a \$2,000 payment to be made immediately via Bitcoin wallet or they will release the photos to family and friends.

Surrey RCMP conducts pro-active education on scams and frauds regularly to the community and it has definitely helped as none of the victim who filed the police report gave into the threats. We want the community to be vigilant and call police if they receive this type of emails, texts or calls says Cpl. Sarbjit K. Sangha, Media Relations Officer for Surrey RCMP.





Often sent via email, a scammer claims to have hacked your computer and recorded you performing an explicit act (i.e., masturbation). They may cite some of your personal information (e.g. Social Insurance Number) or a password you have used as proof of the hack. They will threaten to release the video publicly if you do not pay a fee via Bitcoin.

Please know the computer has not been hacked. The password cited was likely obtained in a previous data breach.

#### **Protect yourself On the Internet:**

· Do not give out personal information or information about your computer.

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· Be very mindful in sharing information on Personal Accounts or Websites

#### If you are a victim of sextortion:

• Immediately stop all communication. Deactivate (but don't delete) any of the accounts you are using to communicate with the individual.

• Do not comply with the threat. In other words, never pay money and never send additional nudes. The situation will not get better by doing either of these things.

• If you have sent money, check to see if it has been collected and, if not, quickly cancel the payment. • Make a police report.

• Keep the correspondence. Keep information such as the person's username(s), social media account information, a copy of the communications, along

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You can find information more here Extortion (antifraudcentrecentreantifraude.ca)

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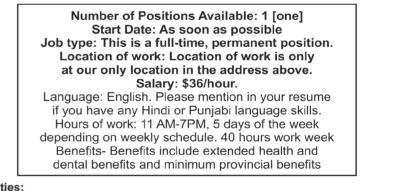
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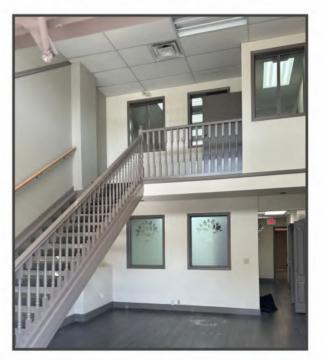
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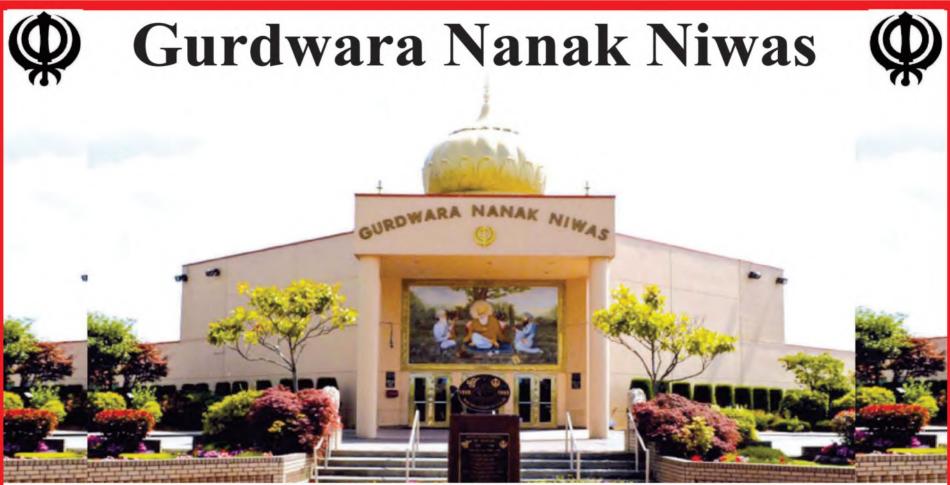








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27th September, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed
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28th September, Saturday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed
	by Varinder Singh Mander family.
29th September, Sunday	at 9:00 am, Sri Sukhmani sahib path, kirtan, katha and
	langer sewa by Gurpreet Singh Atwal family.
<b>3rd October, Thursday</b>	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed
	by Sarabjit Bains family.
4th October, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed
	by Kantpal Singh Virk family.
6th October, Sunday	at 10.00 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha.
	Langer sewa by the sangat.
9th October, Wednesday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed
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## ARIJIT SINGH Apologises To Female Fan; Schools Security For Holding Her Neck

A rijit Singh recently got annoyed with a security guard during his UK concert. In

video shared а by a fan account singer was the disappointed by the security personnel's behaviour with female fan. а Arijit was seen apologising to the fan when he noticed she was being held by the neck during his show.



Arijit Singh schools security guard

The video starts with the lady's voice in the background as she questions the security personnel for holding her by the neck. Arijit, then spoke on the mike in he middle of his performance and said, "It's not fair to grab somebody like that (gesturing towards the neck)." He then pointed out at the security guards, "Guys, please sit down." While turning to the lady he said, "I am really sorry, ma'am. I wish I was there to protect you, but I could not. Please sit down."

#### Arijit Singh's singing career

Arijit made his Bollywood playback singing debut with Mohit Suri's Murder 2. he sang Phir Mohabbat picturised on Emraan Hashmi and Jacqueline Fernandez. He later shot to fame with Raabta from Agent Vinod, Yaariyan reprise from Cocktail and Phir le aaya dil from Ranbir Kapoor starrer Barfi!.

## Divya Dutta Lashes Out At Indigo After Being Checked In On Cancelled Flight



 $A_{Dutta}^{ctor}$ Divya had the choices of for words air IndiGo carrier after she claimed she was checked in on a cancelled flight without any notification. The actor seemed to

have reached the airport and even posted a video from there, lashing out at the airlines for not helping her.

#### Divya Dutta's Instagram post

Early on Thursday morning, Divya took to Instagram to share a video, seemingly from the Mumbai airport, where she was standing at the gate However the entire area was deserted. The actor said her flight was cancelled but she was not notified. Tagging IndiGo, Divya wrote in the caption, "Thank you for a very horrendous experience in the wee hours! No notification of a cancelled flight..am checked in on a cancelled flight. The flight announcement reflects at the gate!" Divya added that there was no airline staff to assist her at the gate and that she faced 'huge harassment' there. "No staff to assist! Huge harassment at the gate to exit ad no staff from @indigo.6e @ indigoairways present...and the high-headed approach to t passengers! My shoot got effected and I am terribly upset," the caption further read. What Instagram users said

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Divya received support from several Instagram users on her post. "Put this on Twitter and they will respond immediately. They owe you a deep apology," wrote one. Another added, "What the hell. This is how they treat their clients."

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## Kapil Sharma show sees decline in viewership: Alia Bhatt-Karan Johar episode lags behind Ranbir Kapoor's season 1 magic

The Great Indian Kapil Show's highly-I anticipated second season kicked off recently, but its premiere episode failed to match the viewership of its first season opener. While Ranbir Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor, and Riddhima Kapoor Sahni had set the stage ablaze in the show's inaugural season, the latest premiere featured Alia Bhatt, Karan Johar, Vedang Raina, and Vasan Bala joining in to promote their upcoming film, Jigra.

Despite the star-studded lineup, the episode's viewership numbers fell short of expectations, drawing only half the audience of Ranbir's season 1 premiere.

#### A downward spiral

The Great Indian Kapil Show returned with the second season on September 22. As per Netflix's Global Top 10 list, the show, led by comedian Kapil Sharma, claimed the number eight spot on the non-English TV list last week, with 1.2 million views and 1.4 million viewing hours.



Looking back, the first season premiered with an episode featuring Ranbir Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor, and Riddhima Kapoor Sahni. The episode introduced Sunil Grover back to the

team. It garnered a viewership of 2.5 million with a global rank of 3 in the top 10 list. Despite a promising start, The Great Indian Kapil Show's viewership witnessed a decline throughout its first season. Following the successful premiere, the show's ratings spiraled downward.

In week two, the show slipped to the fifth spot, and by week three, it had dropped to seventh with a mere 1.7 million views. despite featuring the cast of Diljit Dosanjh's Amar Singh Chamkila. Throughout the season, the show hosted an impressive array of celebrities, including Vicky Kaushal and Sunny Kaushal, Aamir Khan, Sunny Deol and Bobby Deol, Ed Sheeran, Anil Kapoor and Farah Khan, Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao, Sania Mirza and Mary Kom, and the entire cast of Heeramandi. However, even this star-studded lineup failed to reverse the show's downward trend.

#### About season two

The second episode of the show's second season will feature team Devara Part 1: Jr NTR, Saif Ali Khan, and Janhvi Kapoor. As per the promos, it is going to be a fun ride. The film's cast will be seen dancing on the stage, entertaining the audience. In one clip, Kapil Sharma is seen asking Jr NTR to name his favourite heroine from the North. Without even thinking for a moment, he reveals that it is Janhvi Kapoor's mother and late actress Sridevi. "No, Sridevi is my answer for the South" said Saif Ali Khan in jest.

*Jigra Trailer:* Alia Bhatt turns 'action heroine'

The theatrical trailer of Jigra, starring Alia Bhatt and Vedang Raina in lead roles, released on Thursday. Taking it to its YouTube channel, Dharma Productions

shared a threevideo minute that features Alia Bhatt in an action heroine avatar. Jigra trailer

#### unveiled

The clip begins with Satya (Alia) receiving a call from her brother Ankur (Vedang). She

asks him a bunch of questions and tells him not to worry. The next scene shows Ankur inside a court, where the orders judge

his "death by electrocution in three months". Later, Satya also asks her friend if her brother will be allowed to meet her in a life-and-death situation as she holds a knife to her wrists. Alia's Satya is a protective

sister to Ankur

As the trailer proceeds, Satya is seen fighting people, jumping from trees, and eating voraciously as she travels by air. She is also seen atop a vehicle with weapons in her hand. Ankur, on the other hand, was seen hitting a person

> and being strip-searched by the police. He was also seen beating up the cops.

> Several action scenes also follow. Satya is seen getting emotional as she finally meets Ankur in jail. The video ends with Satya saying, "I never said I'm an ethical person. I'm only Ankur's sister." Taking to her Instagram, Alia shared the trailer. She wrote, "All set? #JIGRA THEATRICAL TRAILER OUT NOW! Link in bio. See you in cinemas, 11th October."

**About Jigra** 

The film is all set to release on October 11, 2024. Vasan Bala has directed the project. Jigra marks the second film of Vedang, who debuted last year with Zoya

Akhtar's The Archies. In February 2024, Alia shared pictures from the sets after wrapping up the film which is made under Dharma Productions banner

Jigra marks Alia Bhatt's second production venture after the 2022 Netflix thriller-comedy Darlings. She is co-producing this project with Karan Johar's Dharma Productions.

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## 2024 Toyota 4Runner TRD Off-Road - A Canadian Icon!

Also adding to the off-road performance is Toyota's kinetic dynamic suspension system (KDSS), with heavy-duty stabilizers

The TRD Off Road package adds a front skid plate and some graphics.

Interior wise the TRD offers a sunroof, sunroof an eight-inch touchscreen Wired connectivity allows for Apple CarPlay or Android Auto functionality. Have to admit its dated interior and a lot of fancy convenance

and high-tech equipment you see in the recent crop of SUVs is missing or just not available. No doubt he new 2025 model will address this.

Inside, the 4Runner's cabin is designed to carry five or seven people and a large amount of cargo. Interior room is impressive with a 40/20/40 split folding second row seats and, on seven passenger models, a 50/50-fold-flat third row seat. Stowing these opens up 2,540L (89.7 cubic feet) of cargo capacity behind the front seats, allowing the 4Runner to accommodate up to 773 kg (1704 lbs.) of payload. It is a versatile cargo area, especially with the optional slide-out floor.

With its integrated tow hitch receiver and wiring harness, every 4Runner is capable of towing up to 2,268 kgs (5,000 lbs.). Safety is also high with a comprehensive package of safety technologies and systems. These include Toyota Safety Sense-P – an advanced suite

of driver operated and active safety technologies and systems to keep drivers and occupants safe in all conditions.

The positives are the impressive off-road capability and excellent choice of vehicle configurations to suit most buyers. The 4Runner is at its best when off-road exploring or adventure camping. Its multimode 4WD system, and high ground clearance make it masterful on rocky trails and out in the boonies. However, the on-road ride is so-so and the V6

engine is a shade thirsty with all that 4x4 weight to lug around. Still, in a world of pretender 'soft roaders" the tough truckbased body on frame4Runner is extremely capable off-road, with good towing ability and cargo carrying capacity. The 4runner is legend and deservedly so.

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