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# With A Narrow Majority And Strong Opposition, BC NDP Government Will have challenging path ahead

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With the dust settling on British Columbia's closely contested election, Premier David Eby-led BC NDP has narrowly won the 47 seats

required to form the next government. Elections BC confirmed on October 28 that the final count had wrapped up, revealing 47 seats for the NDP, 44 for the Conservative

Party, and 2 for the BC Green Party. The razor-thin margins have also led to automatic judicial recounts in two ridings, Kelowna Centre and Surrey-Guildford, as required

by law when results are separated by less than 1/500th of the total votes.

In Surrey-Guildford, NDP incumbent Garry Begg ended up ahead of his Conservative opponent Honveer Singh Randhawa by just 27 votes. The margin for a judicial recount – which is mandatory in ridings where the leading candidate is ahead by less than one-five-hundredth of total ballots cast following the final count – was 38 votes.

While judicial recount is still awaited, both parties have accepted the result. With Eby meeting BC's lieutenant governor to form the government. Eby said in a statement,

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# Toronto Police Arrest 61-Year Old Narinder Nagra, Her Sons For Smuggling Drugs And Guns In Canada

A 61-year-old Brampton mom and her two sons are among five people facing 160 charges in a Peel Regional Police investigation into gun and drug dealing.

As per a media brief by the Peel Regional Police, the accused include Brampton residents Narinder Kaur Nagra, 61, and her two sons, Navdeep Nagra, 20, and Ravneet Nagra 22, along with Ranveer Araich, 20, and Pavneet Nahal, 21. They face about 160 violation charges. Between July and September 2024, officers from the Specialized Enforcement Bureau conducted Project



Sledgehammer, an investigation targeting a group suspected of drug trafficking in the Region of Peel and across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

In September 2024, investigators conducted five residential search warrants in the GTA resulting in arrest of the five accused with nearly

160 charges laid and recovery of 11 firearms, 32 prohibited magazines, over 900 rounds of ammunition, 53 Glock selector switches and a quantity of drugs.

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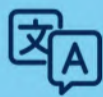


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# BC RCMP Arrest Gaganpreet Randhawa, Alleged Mastermind Behind Canada's Largest Transnational Drug Superlab

In a joint effort, several regional RCMP police officers have busted what is believed to be the largest illicit fentanyl, and methamphetamine facility ever discovered by law enforcement in Canada. The lab was used for domestic production, and international export of fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Police launched an investigation in BC into a transnational organized crime group believed to be involved in the mass-production, and distribution of fentanyl and methamphetamine across Canada, and internationally. On Friday, October 25, 2024, RCMP Federal investigators conducted a series of coordinated enforcement actions across Metro Vancouver, and executed search warrants on a massive drug superlab in Falkland, BC, and associated locations in the city of Surrey, BC. Gaganpreet Randhawa was identified as the main suspect, and arrested by Federal Policing Group-6 investigators. Randhawa is currently in custody, and has been charged with numerous drug, and firearms-related offences.

Describing the drug superlab as the largest, and most sophisticated of its kind with the capability of producing multiple types of illicit drugs, Assistant Commissioner David Teboul, called it a decisive blow to a major transnational organized crime group by



dismantling the largest and most sophisticated fentanyl and methamphetamine drug superlab in Canada. "The combined fentanyl and precursors seized at this facility could have amounted to over 95,500,000 potentially lethal doses of fentanyl, which have been prevented from entering our communities, or exported abroad."

Police seized 54 kg of fentanyl, massive amounts of precursor chemicals, 390 kg of methamphetamine, 35 kg of cocaine, 15 kg of MDMA, and 6 kg of cannabis. In addition to the massive quantities of drugs and precursor chemicals, investigators seized a total of 89 firearms, which included 45 handguns, 21 Ar-15-style rifles, and submachine guns; many of which were loaded and ready for use. To date, nine of these guns have been identified as stolen.

The searches also yielded



small explosive devices, large amounts of ammunition, firearm silencers, high-capacity magazines, body armour, and \$500,000 in cash.

During the course of the investigation, members of the RCMP Drugs and Organized Crime team became aware of several large shipments of methamphetamine that had been prepared for shipment, and destined for international

export. In order to prevent the export of these major drug shipments, with assistance from the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Federal investigators executed an additional series of search warrants, and seized 310 kilograms of methamphetamine prior to it departing Canada.

"It is important to note, that the environmental safety mitigation and clean-up cost for this drug superlab has thus far amounted to over half-a-million dollars, and increasing. These expenditures have a direct impact on our operating budget, resources, and ultimately taking away from funds that are provided by Canadians. Today's results serve to demonstrate the dedication and commitment of our Federal Investigators to serving and protecting our communities; and I couldn't be prouder of them all, of their determination and unshakable work ethics,

the personal sacrifice they made and the very long hours they worked during months of sustained investigative efforts, for their team work, focus and partnerships they maintain domestically and internationally. I am also thankful for the work and expertise of our Clandestine Lab Team who put their safety at risk to support investigators. I also want to express our gratitude to the RCMP South East District, and in particular Kamloops RCMP and the Forensic Identification Specialist that provided invaluable assistance to our investigators. Although our enforcement actions have dealt a decisive blow to transnational organized crime, our investigation is ongoing and our investigators are working to determine the common source of these chemicals, and all individuals involved," Teboul said.

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# Ghazal Manch Surrey organized a special meeting with Prof. Bawa Singh and Dr. Prithipal Sohi

By Hardam Maan

Surrey- Ghazal Manch organized a special meeting last Sunday with renowned scholar Prof. Bawa Singh and Surrey's famous signatory Dr. Prithipal

Sohi in which both scholars shared valuable ideas about the Canadian Punjabi community, politics, world system and literature. The general secretary of the forum, Devinder Gautam, welcomed both the personalities and gave brief



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information about the activities of Ghazal Manch Surrey. Prof. Bawa Singh shared many experiences while narrating his life journey. He shared a fascinating and inspiring account of his educational life, teaching career and his tumultuous journey from being influenced by Marxist ideology to becoming the Vice Chairman of the Minorities Commission of India. He presented his perspective about the life of the people living in Canada, especially the Punjabi community. Talking about the binding of people by the system around the world, he said that there is no doubt that no person in the world is free, every corner

of the world and every person is under the yoke of the system, but still a person is completely a system can't be controlled in. He said literature and books will not be ended but their form can definitely change. He also shared about his work of literary creation and presented some of his poetic works. Dr. Prithipal Sohi told about his life that he has had a special interest in politics. Through political analysis on Doordarshan Jalandhar, various radio channels, newspapers, he kept his views in the people's court for a long time. Even after coming to Canada,

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# Seminar and documentary film screening related to Challenges of International Students organized at Strawberry Hill Library

In a dedicated effort to address the issues faced by international students in Canada, Folk Art and Cultural Exchange Society (C Face) in collaboration with Studio 7 organized a seminar and a documentary film screening at Strawberry Hill Library in Surrey on October 27. Central to the event was Navalpreet Rangi's documentary, Bay-Watne, which sheds light on the unique challenges international students face. Following the screening, Rangi led a discussion on solutions to these pressing issues.

When the youth of any nation begins to stray, it is the duty of community leaders—including politicians, doctors, and social service organizations—to offer guidance and encouragement. After the film screening, Rangi invited the esteemed poet Mohan Gill to open the seminar, followed by the society's CEO, Kanwaljit Singh Mananwala, who spoke about the role of C-Face and issued a heartfelt call to the established business community and long-time residents to support students who have invested heavily in their education abroad.

Society Chairman Bhupinder Singh Ladhar detailed future initiatives of C-Face, while Parminder Singh Dhaliwal motivated the attendees with his poetry. Baljinder Kaur, a prominent radio and TV host, shared personal experiences and insights from her involvement in the community, complemented by Radio Punjab's Lovey Pannu and Punjabi Press Club's Balbir Kaur Dhillon, who also provided valuable guidance.

Answering questions from the students, speakers like novelist Jarnail Singh Sekha, writer Bhupinder Malli, and Indo-Canadian Workers Association representative Surinder Sangha offered seasoned advice. Eminent lyricist Sukh Dhaliwal and businessman Amritpal Singh Dhot added their voices to encourage students to persevere and seek success on the right path.

The event also saw participation from other notable figures, including Kuljit Kaur Mananwala, Mrs. Ladhar, and members from Sea Face Society and Studio 7 such as Navi Dhanju of Punjab Boxes, Lakhbir Singh Lakha, Kaka Sekhon, Gagandeep Singh Sahota, Mankeerat Singh Ball, and Karamjit Randhawa. Young artists Harman Singh Ladhar from the Hasal Group and singer-director Angad Tanveer Singh contributed, inspiring the youth to respond positively to the society's initiatives for progress.

This seminar not only created a platform for valuable discourse but also strengthened the resolve of attendees to navigate the challenges of their international journeys with greater resilience and community support.



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# Canadian Officials Allege Amit Shah Behind Plot To Target Sikh Separatists

Canada-India relations have taken another blow after an article appeared in The Washington Post which mentioned that Canadian officials have "identified" India's home minister Amit Shah behind a campaign of violence and intimidation targeting Sikh separatists in Canada.

In a parliamentary committee, two officials who offered the information to The Washington Post were present. They were Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister David Morrison and Nathalie Drouin, national security and intelligence advisor (NSIA) to the prime minister.

Drouin and Morrison were called as witnesses at the committee alongside RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme, CSIS director Daniel Rogers and associate deputy public safety minister Tricia Geddes.

Testifying before the committee, Drouin said that the decision to leak information to The Washington Post was part of a strategy she and Morrison devised to ensure a major US outlet reported on Canada's stance in its escalating foreign-interference dispute with India.

She said that after multiple failed attempts to talk to Indian officials about information and evidence sharing, Canada



decided to go public blaming Indian and high-ranked officials about the violence against some Sikhs on Canadian soil. On one hand, Federal RCMP organized a press conference and Canadian officials talked to The Washington Post journalists. Drouin said Canada RCMP issued a public statement, "we also decided to roll out our media engagement strategy to seek a broader audience and maximize impact Deputy Minister Morrison and I spoke to the Washington Post on background late Sunday afternoon October we provided non-classified information on the action we had taken to cooperate with India and

explain how the evidence showed links to the government of India conducting illegal activities against Canadians including threats to their lives."

Conservative public safety critic Raquel Dancho asked why information was shared with The Washington Post before being made available to the Canadian public. "You can confirm then that the information about, for example, the Indian home affairs minister and his alleged involvement in these crimes in Canada, that was not released in Canada, however [to the media]? That was only released in the Washington Post ...?" she asked.

Morrison said, "The journalist called me and asked if it (Shah) was that person. I confirmed it was that person."

Canada in mid-October expelled Indian diplomats, linking them to the 2023 murder of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil. India also ordered the expulsion of Canadian diplomats.

Washington has also charged a former Indian intelligence officer, Vikash Yadav, for allegedly directing a foiled plot to murder Sikh separatist leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, a dual US-Canadian citizen, in New York City.

## Police arrest Abjeet Kingra, issue warrant against Vikram Sharma allegedly involved in firing outside singer AP Dhillon's house

The Canadian Police have arrested an Indian man and issued warrant against another for their alleged involvement in firing outside Punjab singer AP Dhillon's house in Vancouver.



The police informed that on October 30, 2024, police arrested 25-year-old Abjeet Kingra of Winnipeg charged in connection with recklessly discharging a firearm into a residence as well as setting fire to two vehicles in the 3300 block of Ravenwood Road, Colwood on September 2, 2024. "On that date, police located two vehicles on fire and evidence that multiple shots had been fired at, and into, a residence. An occupant of the residence was evacuated by police and Colwood Fire Department extinguished the vehicle fires," said the statement.

While the West Shore RCMP did not confirm it to be Dhillon's home, a video

showed a person firing 14 shots into the front windows and garage of home believed to be of Dhillon, while a black truck and a smaller vehicle burned.

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

safe. Thank you to everyone who reached out."

Kingra has been charged with Discharge of a Firearm with Intent and Arson. Abjeet Kingra was arrested in Ontario.

Also an arrest warrant has been issued for 23-year-old Vikram Sharma who is last known to be residing in Winnipeg. Police believe that Vikram Sharma is currently in India. Vikram Sharma is wanted on an Unendorsed warrant for discharge of a Firearm with Intent and arson.

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# Man pleads guilty to manslaughter in Mehakpreet Sethi death

In November 2022, 18-year-old Mehakpreet Sethi was stabbed in the parking lot of Tamanawis Secondary School located at 12600 66 Avenue, Surrey. After two years, the accused in Sethi's murder has entered a guilty plea to manslaughter. In a release, IHIT informed that on November 20, 2023, BC Prosecution Service approved charges of Second-Degree murder against a youth. On October 23, 2024, the accused appeared in Surrey Provincial Court and entered a guilty plea to manslaughter. The sentencing hearing is currently scheduled for January 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Surrey Provincial Courthouse. "This was a tragic incident affecting many members of our community. The Surrey RCMP Victim Services are available



should anyone wish to speak to them," says IHIT spokesperson Cpl. Sukhi Dhese. Sethi was attacked in the parking lot of Tamanawis Secondary School on Nov. 22, 2022, shortly after noon, while classes were still in session. Frontline officers attended and located Mehakpreet Sethi stabbed. Despite life-saving efforts, Mr. Sethi succumbed to his injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in to investigate. RCMP officers arrested his accused attacker – who was then 17 – on the same day. Because the accused was also a minor at the time of the stabbing, his identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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# Ghazal Manch Surrey organized...

he got this opportunity and through the programs of many radio and TV channels, he is conveying his politics views to the people. He also presented his views on world politics and especially the political issues of Punjab. Presenting his thoughts about Ghazal Manch Surrey, Dr. Sohi said the annual poet event held by this organization every year is of an international level, in which the ghazals of the poets presented give the listeners a lot of pleasure while giving them mental peace. He said that Ghazal Manch has played an important role in changing the environment of Surrey by providing a musical and subtle form to the culture of Surrey. Leaders of the Ghazal Manch, Jaswinder, Krishan Bhanot, Rajwant Raj, Devinder Gautam, Hardam Maan, Preet Manpreet and Dashmesh Gill Feroze expressed their passion through their questions. At the end, the president of the forum Jaswinder thanked the guests. Ghazal Manch honored both the guests by giving mementos. On this occasion, Punjabi poetess Man Maan's book 'Pal Do Pal' was also released.

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# WSO Calls on Canadian Parliament to Recognize the 1984 Sikh Genocide

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Sikh Genocide in India, the World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) has sent a formal letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copied to all opposition party leaders, urging the Canadian Parliament to formally recognize the event as a genocide.

WSO President Danish Singh said in the letter, "Recognition of the Sikh Genocide in Canadian Parliament would honor those who suffered and lost their lives. It would also underline

Canada's commitment to justice, human rights, and the healing of trauma inflicted upon the Sikh community."

This call comes amidst recent controversy surrounding Indian transnational repression and foreign interference, which has targeted Sikh activists in Canada.

"In November 1984, tens of thousands of Sikhs across India were killed, rendered refugees, and subjected to extreme violence in state-orchestrated attacks that also targeted



Sikh homes, businesses, and gurdwaras. The organizers and

perpetrators of these horrific events have yet to be held accountable, perpetuating a culture of impunity. This environment endangers minority communities in India and has recently extended to transnational repression affecting the Sikh diaspora," Singh said.

The letter lists incidents where various Indian leaders and justice departments have also mentioned 1984 riots as genocide.

The letter states that in

December 2014, India's then Union Home Minister (now Defence Minister) Rajnath Singh acknowledged that the November 1984 massacres of Sikhs across India were "not [a] riot, it was genocide instead" those responsible for the killings have not been brought to justice. (Kant, V. 2014, December 27. 1984 Riots Were Genocide, Says Rajnath. The Hindu.) In November 2017, Minister Hardeep Singh Puri also referred to the events of November 1984 as a "genocide."

## Kelowna Police Arrest Vancouver's Jaskaran Lidder Who Fled From Police And Drove Dangerously On Several Streets

On October 24, 2024, Kelowna RCMP arrested a man who is alleged to have fled from police and driven dangerously on several streets including Ethel Street and KLO in a black Ford Escape.

24-year-old Jaskaran Lidder of the lower mainland was arrested and has been charged with Flight from Peace Officer and Dangerous Operation. Mr. Lidder has remained in custody since his arrest and is scheduled to appear in court again

on October 29, 2024. During this incident, police officers observed several vehicles having to avoid collision with the black Ford Escape including the suspect vehicle narrowly missing an elderly woman walking her dog on Ethel Street. Anyone who may have witnessed this vehicle operating in this manner and has yet to speak with police, is asked to phone the Kelowna RCMP at 250-762-3300 and reference file number 2024-62955.

## 4 Indians Die In High-Speed Car Crash In Canada's Ontario

Four Indian nationals were killed and one injured when the car they were travelling in crashed and burst into flames in Canada's Ontario province, authorities said.

The accident occurred last week on Thursday in the Lake Shore Boulevard East and Cherry Street area of Toronto city, police said in a press release.

The five people, between the ages of 25-32, were travelling in a Tesla when it "lost control and struck the guard rail and then a concrete pillar" before bursting into flames, the press release said.

"We have gathered some evidence so far to suggest that speed was a factor," Toronto Police Duty Inspector Phillip

Sinclair was quoted as saying by the Toronto Sun newspaper.

Four of the car occupants were pronounced dead on the scene by the police officials responding to the accident, the press release said. The fifth occupant, a 25-year-old woman, was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

She was rescued by a passing motorist who stopped to help, according to the report.

The police have yet to release the identity of the people. But Indian Consulate wrote in the post the deceased were Indian nationals. "Heartfelt condolences on tragic loss of Indian nationals in car accident that took place yesterday in Toronto," the

official handle of the Indian Consulate in Toronto said in a post on X.

According to multiple Indian media, all the deceased belonged to Gujarat. The deceased include Ketaba Gohil (29) and her brother Neelraj Gohil (25), both residents of Godhra, as well as Jayrajsinh Sisodia, who belonged to Borsad in Anand district, Times Of India reported.

The post added that the consulate was in regular touch with local authorities and affected families in Canada and India. "All required assistance is being provided," it said.

Police have asked residents and drivers who may have dash camera footage or witnessed the event to contact investigators.

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### Police arrest Abjeet Kingra, issue...

Police do not have any photo of Vikram Sharma, but described him as a South Asian male, 5 feet 9-inch-tall, with black hair and brown eyes.

"West Shore RCMP officers have been working diligently through this

investigation which has led to the identification of the suspects involved. We will continue to pursue this investigation as well as the outstanding suspect until they have been located and arrested," said Superintendent

Todd Preston, officer in charge of West Shore Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Anyone with additional information on the whereabouts of Vikram Sharma is asked to call the West Shore RCMP at 250-474-2264. As this investigation is ongoing and before the courts, no further information will be released at this time.



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# Community Expects New Surrey Police To Be Highly Visible And Provide Professional But “Human” Approach To Policing

Surrey Police Service (SPS) has concluded its second comprehensive community consultation. The results of the feedback from residents, stakeholders, and community groups have been gathered into an 2024 SPS Community Consultation Executive Summary.pdf of the extensive work that can be found on the SPS website.

Similar to the first SPS community consultation in 2021, this consultation had three components: a community survey of residents, interviews, and focus groups with key community stakeholders. The timing of these two consultations created a unique opportunity to assess community sentiment at two critical junctures in the development of SPS: at the outset of the transition (2021) and just prior to SPS becoming the police of jurisdiction on November 29, 2024. As a result, the 2024 community consultation report reflects not only the new data, but the consistent themes identified through both projects.

“Feedback from the community and our willingness to act upon it, are integral to the success of Surrey Police Service,” said SPS Chief Constable Norm Lipinski. “SPS will work to deliver on the priorities identified in this community consultation in order to provide residents with a progressive, top tier police service.”

**Several key themes emerged from the consultations, including:**

**Police Visibility** – SPS should be highly visible and accessible in the community order to create a sense of safety and to build trust in SPS.

**Community Engagement** – Officers need to be connected and responsive to the community to build relationships and help residents understand current issues and police response.

**Crime and Social Issues** – Issues pertaining to housing, vulnerable

populations, and gangs need to be addressed as they have significant negative impacts to feelings of safety.

**Addressing Perceptions of Safety** – Provide information to the public and work to promote the positive happenings in the community, in addition to sharing crime issues and trends.

**Early Intervention and Prevention** – Strong support for school liaison officers who can support prevention and intervention efforts with youth. It was noted that this type of police-school involvement must be managed carefully and involve the right type of officers.

**Community-Focused Service Delivery** – SPS needs to provide a professional but “human” approach to policing where community members are given a voice, and officers embody the values of honour, integrity, and respect.

**Officer Training and Accountability** – Trauma-informed practice and cultural training are critical components of officer training. Accountability systems must be in place, and the civilian police board must be made up of the right people. Strong support for body-worn cameras.

**Timely Response and Localized Delivery** – SPS must have the appropriate level of resources to deliver policing services and timely call response, and to deploy officers at the neighbourhood level.

**The primary recommendations for SPS included:**

Develop a community policing model that is reflective of the community being served.



environmental scans and impact analyses to assess risk-impacts and community policing opportunities.

SPS will now utilize this feedback to inform its 2025 SPS Strategic Plan. The priorities identified by residents, stakeholders, and community groups will be the guide for SPS to set objectives that will be quantitatively and qualitatively measurable. SPS remains committed to regular consultation with the community to help guide and inform our policing service to the community.

The 2024 community consultation was conducted for SPS by Curt T. Griffiths, Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, Stephanie Dawson, Ph.D., Dawson Analytics, and Eli L. Sopow, Ph.D., University Canada West.

SPS 2021 and 2024 Community Consultations can be found at [www.surreypolice.ca/publications](http://www.surreypolice.ca/publications).

Use the findings from the 2024 Community Consultation to inform SPS policies and decision-making going forward.

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# Toronto police arrest 61-year...

In 2024, we have achieved unprecedented success, with record-breaking investigations, arrests, and charges related to violent crimes. I want to extend my deepest appreciation to all our officers for their relentless dedication and exceptional work in this investigation," said Chief Nishan Duraiappah. The police informed that Pavneet was on release order for drug-related offences at time of his arrest. They were all held for bail hearings and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. Narinder Nagra was released on conditions



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and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton at a later date. Anyone with information about this matter can contact the Specialized Enforcement Bureau at (905) 453-2121, extension 3504. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477) or visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

# Raj Kumar Mehmi in list of Crime Stoppers' most wanted fugitives

It's the spookiest time of the year, and Police and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers are asking everyone to be on the lookout for BC's five most-wanted fugitives who remain on the loose this Hallowe'en.

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Pulled from police files, these fugitives all face serious charges – and are known this time of year as Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' five "Least Wanted Trick-or-Treaters".

Tips to Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and charge of any wanted criminal can lead to rewards of up to \$5,000. In addition, Crime Stoppers has partnered with the national BOLO (Be On the Look Out) Program to offer an extra large reward up to \$100,000 for Rabih ALKHALIL. He escaped from



the North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Port Coquitlam more than two years ago with help from two men posing as contractors.

Three more on the list (Raj Kumar MEHMI, Duc Quan PHUNG and Kevin Asi GONZALES) are wanted for serious drug related offenses.

A fifth (Andrew Joseph SMID) faces a raft of charges involving stolen property, fraud, identity theft and more.

61-year-old Mehmi is convicted of importation of a controlled substance. Mehmi was initially arrested by the BC RCMP Federal Serious and Organized Crime (FSOC) – Waterfront Joint Force Operation unit (WJFO) on November 6, 2017, after the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) discovered 80 sealed bricks of cocaine hidden inside a semi-trailer truck being driven, and owned by Mehmi. At the time of this seizure, the bulk street value of the cocaine was estimated at \$3.2 million.

Mehmi was charged under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. On September 6, 2022, a Supreme Court Judge found Mehmi guilty on both charges, and a sentencing hearing was scheduled for January 9, 2023. The police informed that on October 11, 2022, Mehmi fled to India after boarding a flight from Vancouver, BC, and arriving in New Delhi the following day.

"Hallowe'en is a good time to keep an eye out for 'scary' characters like these," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "If everyone were watching, we'd have literally millions of pairs of eyes available around the province. A single anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers with the right information could help police get any of these five off the streets."

"We receive almost 5,000 anonymous tips a year for all kinds of crimes including gang, drug and illegal weapons offences. We ask anyone seeing something suspicious not to think twice. Call us anonymously at Crime Stoppers right away to make sure police have all the information they can get to solve a crime. Any tip is gratefully received, and your anonymity is guaranteed by the Supreme Court of Canada. There'll be no follow up. You'll never be questioned or called to testify."

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of these five individuals is asked to contact police directly, or Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous. Do not approach them yourself.

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# Strike at Radisson Blu continues after more than three years Community Must Support Striking Workers

By Harinder Mahil and Gulzar

Guests who have booked a night at the Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport or held an event recently at The Deck at Radisson Blu may be surprised to be confronted by noisy demonstrations and striking women shouting chants in Punjabi. Indo-Canadian workers are among a group

Imagine being a 60-year-old woman terminated from a job with good pay, health and pension benefits and having to start all over again for no good reason. In the years before the pandemic, workers fought to make these good, unionized hospitality jobs. The last time workers at this hotel went on strike was nearly twenty-four years ago. For some first-generation

boycott against Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport and The Deck at Radisson Blu. Despite the boycott, members of the Indo-Canadian community have attended wedding events at The Deck at Radisson Blu or stayed overnight at the hotel unaware of the ongoing strike. We urge the South Asian community to support workers at Radisson Blu & The Deck by using other hotels and venues

that are not behind picket lines. There are a number of unionized hotels in Richmond that have similar or larger facilities than those at Radisson Blu. For a list of such hotels go to FairHotel.org. *Harinder Mahil is a human rights activist and is secretary of the Dr. Hari Sharma Foundation and Gulzar Grewal is Vice President of UNITE HERE Local 40.*



Submitted (This picture was taken in 2022)

leading the longest hotel strike in British Columbia, and perhaps the longest hotel strike in Canada's history. For three and a half years, workers at Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport and The Deck at Radisson Blu, members of UNITE HERE Local 40, have walked the picket line in every kind of weather – enduring the rainy cold as well as summer heat domes – to fight for justice on the job. The issues in the strike are wages, working conditions and reinstatement of employees.

At the height of the pandemic as vaccines were being rolled out, hotel management terminated 143 long-term workers, or 70% of the staff at the hotel (then called Pacific Gateway). Unlike other hotels which struggled during the pandemic, the hotel pocketed millions of dollars from the federal government while it was used as a quarantine site for twenty months. In stark contrast to other unionized hotels, management refused to agree to recall workers to their jobs as business returned to normal. That was devastating to workers, particularly for those who had invested decades working at the hotel, including Indo-Canadian grandmothers who had worked at the hotel for over forty years. Most of the impacted workers are women, many of them immigrants, including Punjabi room attendants and cooks.

immigrants, this hotel has been their only workplace since arriving in Canada. The workers who remained launched a strike in May 2021 to protest the employer's mass terminations of their co-workers and efforts to undermine their union. They have walked the picket line daily for over 1,200 days, held demonstrations with community supporters and elected officials, urged customers to boycott, and shared their stories with the media. Yet, the owner has repeatedly violated labour laws by using impermissible workers during the strike. Recently, the BC Labour Relations Board issued a cease and desist order against the owner for threatening and intimidating strikers on the picket line. (The owner has faced other legal troubles unrelated to the labour dispute.) This has been a difficult strike. One may wonder why workers would continue to fight after three years and counting. Ask any of the strikers and they will tell you that they take great pride in working at this Richmond hotel, their home away from home, and they will continue to fight for the family-supporting hotel jobs they built here. They will not let anyone unjustly take away their livelihoods. The BC Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress have issued a

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# Police Seize Thousands Of Counterfeit Cannabis-Laced Candy Bars In BC



RCMP Federal Policing investigators in BC have dismantled a criminal operation on Vancouver Island and arrested six suspects who were believed to be involved in the distribution of illicit drugs, unregulated cannabis, and contraband tobacco.

Federal Investigators also seized thousands of counterfeit cannabis-laced edibles, including chocolate bars, candies and chips with packaging resembling popular name-brand snacks. On October 3, 2024, Pacific Region RCMP Federal Policing

investigators executed search warrants at two dispensaries and five residences on Vancouver Island. These warrants were associated to an organized crime group allegedly involved in the production and distribution of illicit drugs, and contraband

tobacco in Port Alberni and Nanaimo. The dispensaries in question were Green Coast Dispensary in Port Alberni and Coastal Storm Dispensary located in Lantzville. Search warrants were also executed at a suspected stash site in Port Alberni, and a

storage and production facility adjacent to Coastal Storm Dispensary. This included two modular trailers where cannabis edibles were being produced, stored, and distributed.

Although the contraband cannabis-laced candy bars and chips resembled professionally manufactured, packaged, and quality-controlled products, they were discovered to have been produced in the highly unsanitary, and heavily contaminated modular trailers. A preliminary assessment of the edibles also indicates that they had been treated with unknown amounts of THC, and likely cross-contaminated with other drugs and substances present in the trailers where they were being produced and packaged. Of equal concern were that counterfeit snacks with packaging claims of possessing medicinal properties, and dangerously high drug potency values, with many of the candy wrap labels claiming to be one-hundred times more potent than regulated cannabis products.

“Given the highly contaminated and unsanitary conditions of the illicit drug production facility where these cannabis edibles were being produced, it is possible that the consumption of these products can lead to serious health risks. We urge members of the public to practice extreme caution if they already possess, or come across such products in the future, especially with Halloween being just around the corner,” said Chief Superintendent. Stephen Lee, Deputy Regional Commander – RCMP Federal Policing Program – Pacific Region. This investigation is ongoing and numerous drug-offence-related charges are being pursued.

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# BC-India Business Network Honors Community Excellence at Grand Diwali Gala Celebration



On October 25th 2024, the BC India Business Network celebrated Diwali with nearly 350 guests at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. The Chief Guest for the festive occasion was Consul General Masakui Rungsung who warmly wished the guests a happy Diwali and appreciated the Indian diaspora for celebrating Diwali. The event included cultural performances, the best of Indian cuisine, silent auction, door prizes and networking. ICICI Bank Canada was the presenting sponsor as in previous years, and the platinum sponsor was Scotia Wealth Management. Many other sponsors generously contributed and helped make the event a great success. One of the major highlights of the evening was the giving away of 4 awards.

**BC-IBN Business Family of the Year Award 2024** went to Kalala Organic Estate Winery.

Dr. Joanne Curry got the **BC-IBN Community Leadership Award 2024** and James Howey got the **BC-IBN Community Leadership Award 2024**.

Dawood Shakir got the **Appreciation Award 2024** for outstanding contribution to the success of BC-IBN.

Dr. Vivek Savkur, Founder and President Emeritus and Sobhana Jaya-Madhavan, President, welcomed the dignitaries and guests on behalf of the board of BCIBN. Jatinder Dhir (Vice-President) proposed the thanks and expressed deep appreciation to all guests, performers and volunteers.

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## With a narrow majority and strong opposition, BC NDP government...

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He said, "With renewed determination, we will build on the progress we've made to reduce daily costs like car insurance and childcare, hire thousands of health care workers and get you a family doctor, deliver homes you can afford, and make sure our economy works for everyone—not just those at the top. There is so much more work to do to lighten the load for people."

In a social media post, Rustad said he was proud to have led a party with no seats in the 2020 election to being the Opposition in the next legislature.

"I accept the results of this election. I thank our Elections BC workers for their hard and dedicated work," he posted. I am ready to begin the important work

of leading B.C.'s official Opposition. B.C.'s Conservative caucus is committed to holding government accountable and advocating for policies that reflect the best interests of all British Columbians."

The NDP will be forming the government in BC for the third time. With a narrow majority and strong opposition, the BC NDP faces a challenging path forward. Community and industry leaders, as well as voters, have made it clear that they expect meaningful progress on affordability, environmental protection, and economic stability.

Eby acknowledged this in a statement immediately after the results of the initial vote count. He said, "To British Columbians who voted for change, I hear you and the serious message you have sent. We have not done enough and we must do better.

Also, Rustad-led Conservative party will pose a strong opposition in the BC legislature. Rustad in his first public appearance after the final count minced

no words to deliver this message. He said that his party wouldn't hesitate to try and bring the government down should it carry on with its "destructive policies."

He said he thinks voters had spoken "very loudly and clearly" about changes they want to see and their expectations for the government.

Rustad said he would be willing to work with the NDP on any policies they put forward that dovetail with Conservative priorities, Global news reported.

Various industry groups and organizations wished Eby and his party for winning but they demanded action on the problems that were left unresolved during last tenure.

"We've seen the NDP government start to address the serious challenges facing our health-care system, but emergency room closures and nurse staffing shortages are still impacting British Columbians every day," said BCNU President Adriane Gear. "More must be

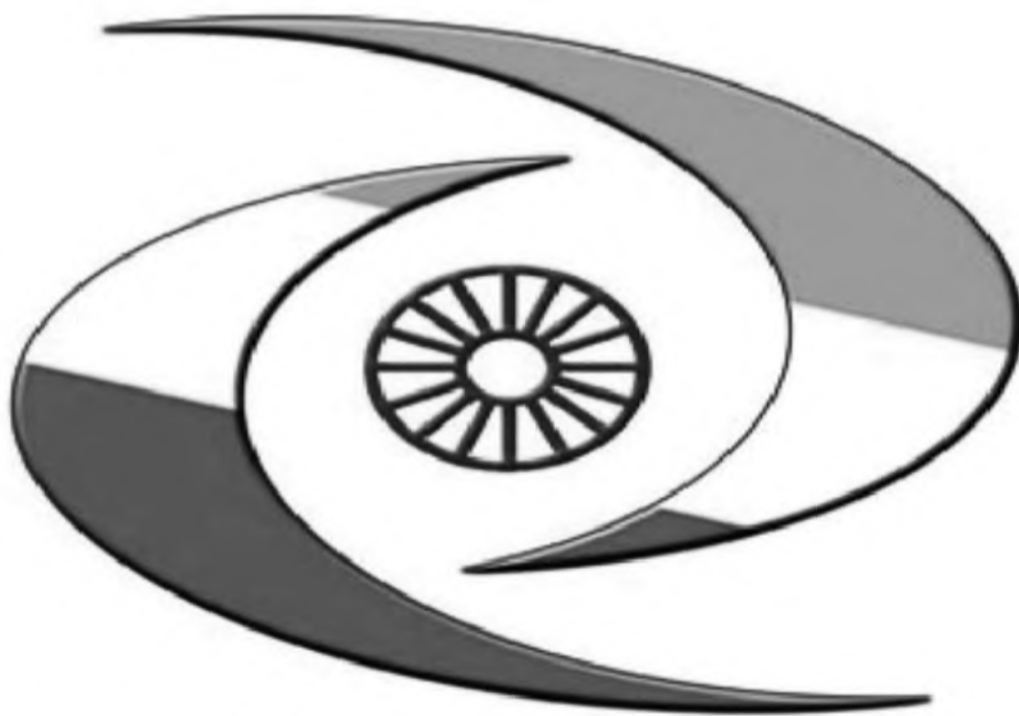
done, and nurses will continue pushing the government and health employers for solutions that give everyone access to high-quality care when they need it." Various business groups including Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, The Canadian Federation of Independent Business wrote an open letter to Eby demanding actions.

"We now know that we are headed for the narrowest of majorities in the legislature. However, given parliamentary conventions, including the need for a Speaker, greater collaboration may be required to ensure the effective operation of the legislature. Regardless, we urge you all to prioritize improving the state of the B.C. economy. Without a strong economy, affordability will remain unachievable for British Columbians. British Columbia's economy is falling behind, and many sectors are faced with deteriorating performance and job losses. The province has lost 12,400 manufacturing jobs since 2017, and the lack of investment in the sector is "nearing crisis levels," according to the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME). Forestry has shed over 10,000 direct jobs in just four years and hundreds of millions of dollars of lost investment," the business organizations said in an open letter.

"Now that the election results are in, a workable solution must emerge to govern B.C. in the spirit of the voters: 53% voted NDP or Green, giving the two parties a mandate to follow through on commitments to preserve old growth, protect biodiversity, and reduce carbon pollution in B.C.," said Shelley Luce, Campaigns Director at Sierra Club BC.

"However, the close results in many ridings also show the deep concern people have about increased costs of housing, food, childcare, and more. We know that climate crises like fires, floods and heat waves drive up costs of living whether it's food, power bills or home insurance. That's why we must make smart choices to lower climate pollution and conserve forests, to create economic stability rather than chaos and skyrocketing costs," said Luce.

Jens Wieting, Senior Policy Advisor for Sierra Club BC, said, "A new government has a mandate from voters to follow through on key commitments including increasing protection of the lands and waters to 30 percent by 2030, a cap on oil and gas pollution, and fully respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Taking these steps will be paramount to meet our climate goals, protect biodiversity and work towards reconciliation. There are deafening alarms that show the next four years will be critical to tackle the climate and biodiversity emergencies and enable a brighter future for everyone."



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**7688 115A STREET**  
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**12347 103A AVENUE**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,199,900**

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**410 13897 Fraser Highway**  
**FOR SALE** **\$449,000**

Gorgeous residence situated within a modern complex, perfectly positioned in central Surrey, just steps away from the SkyTrain, public transportation, shopping, and entertainment at the EDGE on Fraser Hwy. This is the PENTHOUSE unit, featuring a spacious one-bedroom plus DEN and one bathroom, complete with a generous walk-in closet, secured underground parking, and additional storage space. You'll appreciate the high-end kitchen and bathroom aesthetics, showcasing contemporary cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, a full-sized washer/dryer, granite countertops, and luxurious marble finishes in the bathroom.

**9 6089 144 STREET**  
**FOR SALE** **\$799,000**

Blackberry Walk II: This is a former show home and corner unit in the complex, featuring extra-large windows and a spacious yard. This exceptionally bright unit boasts a 9 ft ceiling and remains more impressive than any new units in the area. The main level includes a contemporary kitchen with shaker cabinets and quartz countertops, as well as a living room, dining room, powder room, and west-facing sundeck. The upper level has two generously sized bedrooms, including a master suite.

**3910 MARINE DRIVE**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,749,900**

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**12943 87 AVENUE**  
**FOR SALE** **\$1,399,000**

This super clean Rancher home, located in the prime Queen Mary Park area of Surrey, is fully updated. It features approximately 1,600 sq. ft. of covered space on a 7,512 sq. ft. lot with back lane access. The beautiful Rancher offers a large living room, a modern kitchen, and a dining area. It has three good-sized bedrooms, including one master bedroom, two baths, and a laundry area. The home boasts laminate flooring, a 6-year-old roof, and new appliances. Additionally, there is a one-bedroom side suite, perfect as a mortgage helper.

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# BC Election Results Signal Opportunity for Strategic Investment in Surrey

The results of the recent British Columbia election saw a victory for Premier David Eby and the BC New Democratic Party (NDP) alongside significant gains by the Conservative Party of BC across multiple ridings. With these shifts in political representation, the Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) is urging the Provincial Government to prioritize strategic investments in Surrey to address its critical infrastructure and service needs.

“The Surrey Board of Trade congratulates Premier Eby and all of the candidates that were elected in Surrey,” said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager for the Surrey Board of Trade. “Surrey is set to become the largest city in British Columbia within the

next five years and remains pivotal to BC’s economic landscape, yet a persistent gap in infrastructure investment has left this vital city struggling to keep pace with other major urban centres. We are eager to work closely with the Provincial Government to deliver the essential assets and infrastructure that will sustain Surrey’s growth.”

**Calls to Action:**

1. Incumbent and newly elected MLAs to meet with Surrey’s business community to hear their concerns and their needs.
2. Provincial Government to allocate funding and resources for transit, healthcare facilities, education, and social infrastructure



Jasroop Gosal, SBOT

to empower businesses and communities in this high-growth area.

3. Work with the Surrey Mayor and Council to ensure the current and future needs of Surrey are met to sustain the fast-paced growth.

As one of the top five chambers of commerce and boards of trade out of 430 across Canada, SBOT is a dedicated city-building business organization representing Surrey’s dynamic business community. “SBOT looks forward to productive engagement with the BC Government to address the urgent needs of our city and fulfill the promise of a well-supported, vibrant, and inclusive Surrey.”

# Western Community College Encourages New BC Government to Work Together to Focus on Private Educational Institutions to Drive Economic Growth

Western Community College, with 8 campuses across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, including its recent campus expansion in Surrey’s Health & Technology District, extends their congratulations to the new BC Government.

“Education plays a crucial role in economic development, and private educational institutions like Western Community College are key drivers of job creation and innovation,” said Anita Huberman, Chief Public Affairs Global Officer, Western Community College. “As the new BC Government begins their new chapter of leadership, we are confident that your vision will drive



Anita Huberman, Chief Public Affairs Global Officer, Western Community College

meaningful progress, benefiting the people of British Columbia.”

“Western Community College would welcome the opportunity to speak to the BC Government on how we are uniquely positioned to contribute to BC’s economic growth through our workforce programs, which directly align industry needs with curriculum development.”

As an innovative private institution, Western Community College is the only college in BC offering a Bachelor’s Degree Program in Hospitality Management in Fraser Valley, along with programs in aviation (North America’s only

International Air Transport Association (IATA) authorized training centre), early childhood education, and healthcare. In addition, Western Community College in collaboration with ICT Group and Lark Group, are developing Surrey’s first dedicated student housing complex, further enhancing the city’s role in fostering talent and innovation plus addressing the pressing need for student housing.

Western Community College is looking for an action plan to discuss how their shared commitment to education and economic development can help drive the future economic growth of British Columbia.

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# Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 Twitter Reactions: Fans call Kartik Aaryan and Vidya Balan starrer 'flag bearer of horror-comedy'

Kartik Aaryan is back as Rooh Baba with not one but two Manjulikas! Here's what netizens thought of Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 after catching first day shows

Two long years after Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2, Kartik Aaryan returned to the silver screen as



Rooh Baba today on Diwali with Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. This time he was joined by the OG Manjulika Vidya Balan, Madhuri Dixit and Triptii Dimri, which resulted in our excitement going over the roof! The trailer was intriguing, full of mysterious twists, which left fans with loads of questions. So when the horror comedy arrived in theatres today, many movie-buffs rushed to

their nearest cinema halls to get their answers. Well, the final verdict according to Twitter reviews is in Kartik and Vidya's favour. That's right! Netizens have absolutely loved this Anees Bazmee directorial, which spooked audiences while simultaneously leaving them in splits. Apparently, the climax is also quite unexpected. Don't worry, no spoilers here. Gushing over the horror comedy, a social media user shared, "Just finished watching #BhoolBhulaiyaa3 at theatre & I must say you and the whole cast did the fabulous work. @TheAaryanKartik . No one can even imagine the ending and it gave me a goose bumps... Loved the movie. Full paisa wasool..." whereas another Twitter review read: "#BhoolBhulaiyaa3 covers 80s se leke 2020s. Madhuri se lekar Tripti Dimri. The fans of the franchise won't be disappointed. The Aami je tomaar stays. The flag bearer of the Horror-comedy genre stays. It's inane it's hilarious!!"

# Singham Again Box Office Collection Day 1: Ajay Devgn's Movie Gets A Bumper Opening For Rs.43 Crore



Singham Again box office collection day 1 (updated live): Singham Again opens strongly at the box office, collecting ₹43 crore by 10 PM on its first day. Singham Again box office collection day 1: Rohit Shetty's latest instalment in the cop universe of movies is off to a roaring start. As per multiple film trade sites, the film will record about ₹45 crore opening (final figures arrive Saturday morning Singham Day 1 at 10 pm As per Sacnilk.com, as on 10 pm Friday, the film had collected ₹43.5 crore and has been 'performing well'. The occupancy report is as follows: Morning Shows: 39.39%,

Afternoon Shows: 71.90%. The highest occupancy was recorded in Jaipur, Surat, Mumbai and Pune around 70-60% each. Delhi NCR has most shows at 1304 and a 50% occupancy. A report in Box Office India says that it appears that Singham Again is set to outperform Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 in Maharashtra; however, the box office figures aren't as high as one might typically anticipate from a Rohit Shetty film or the Singham franchise. Notably, there are no bulk buys or discounted tickets for this release, making the box office numbers relatively straightforward at this stage.

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Rounding out the event will be a conversation and poetry performance by Mercedes Eng and Cecily Nicholson. Eng is the author of four books including the recent cop city swagger, a threat assessment of Vancouver's police, and Prison Industrial Complex Explodes, winner of the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize (2018). Nicholson, a past recipient of the Governor General's Literary Award for poetry (2018), is the author of five books including Harrowings, a study in Black rurality stemming from her experience growing up on a farm. The authors will speak to their recent years volunteering with an agricultural social enterprise that employs survivors/victims, ex-offenders, and offenders in the Fraser Valley.

Throughout the day, participants can create flower eco prints with Justine Redila. Eco printing, also known as tatakizome, is an ancient Japanese technique involving transferring plant pigment to create intricate patterns on paper or fabric.

South Asian Studies Institute at the University of the Fraser Valley and Indian Summer Festival are the community partners for this event curated by Surrey Art Gallery Associate Curator Suvi Bains.

The South Asian Studies Institute at University of the Fraser Valley fosters interdisciplinary scholarly research, studies, community, and public engagement on issues related to South Asia and the Canadian South Asian Diaspora.

Indian Summer Arts Society is a not-for-profit secular arts organization and registered charity. They present some of Vancouver's most distinctive arts and

culture events as part of the annual Indian Summer Festival, and ISF+ events are presented in collaboration with community and cultural partners.

Surrey Art Gallery has announced the media arts symposium Roots of Resilience on Saturday, November 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Gallery. This event will speak to the history of farmworker movements, working conditions of migrant workers, and sustainable practices in the face of climate change in the Lower Mainland from the 1970s to present. Admission is free.

The afternoon begins with presentations by University of the Fraser Valley's Director of South Asian Studies Dr. Satwinder Bains and media artist Craig Berggold. Dr. Bains will share the importance of the South Asian Canadian Digital Archive and why it is crucial to collect and preserve these stories. In particular, Dr. Bains will speak to South Asian Canadian labour history and the struggles of labour activists and leaders in the 70s and 80s. Berggold worked as an artist-in-residence with the Canadian Farmworkers Union (CFU) and will share his photographs used to campaign against discriminatory health and safety laws excluding farmworkers. Berggold is the lead researcher at the CFU Project housed at Simon Fraser University.

Bringing together his passion for music and nature, local artist Tarun Nayar of Modern Biology will perform plant music

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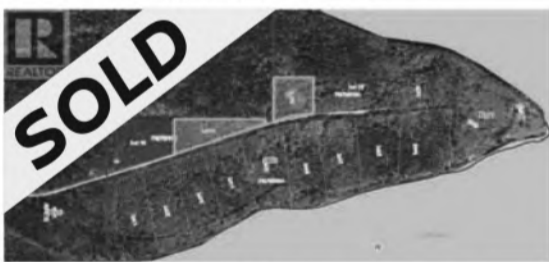
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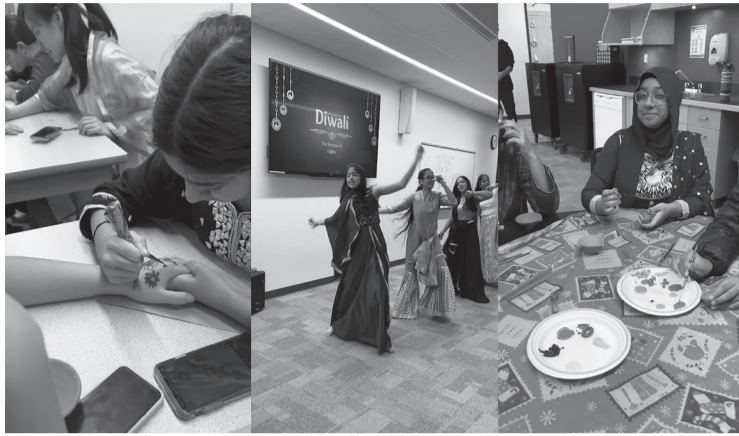
# Surrey Schools celebrates Diwali and Hindu Heritage Month

This Diwali schools across Surrey and White Rock are shining a light on India's biggest and brightest holiday of the year, as well as on Hindu Heritage Month all November long.

Diwali is a festival of light that celebrates the triumph of good (light) over evil (darkness) in South Asian cultures and is celebrated over five days in parts of India. Diwali takes place on the darkest night of the Hindu lunisolar calendar, during which Sikhs, Hindus, Jains and some Buddhists light diyas to celebrate the victory of light. This year, Diwali also falls at the start of Hindu Heritage Month, which acknowledges the contributions of the Hindu community to Canada's growth.

For Elgin Park Secondary principal Kavita Sharma, who is of Punjabi background culturally and Hindu background religiously, Diwali was a significant observance for her family – but not so much to the rest of her Interior hometown. “I grew up in the Kootenays and schools weren't really talking about equity, inclusion and diversity back then,” she said. “My brother and I really lived in two worlds growing up in our schools where school was school and home was where we did any of our religious and cultural celebrations.”

While Sharma and her family would worship at the mandir (traditional name for Hindu temple) and celebrate Diwali on their own, the experience was



**SAIL students celebrated Diwali with mehndi, crafts, food and dance performances in the Resource & Education Centre last week. More schools across Surrey and White Rock are celebrating the festival of light this week and next week, as well as Hindu Heritage Month throughout November.**

entirely different for Cedar Hills Elementary learner support team (LST) teacher Sukhi Sidhu, who is of Sikh background and spent her childhood on the other side of the world in Kolkata.

“Diwali was something really, really special,” said Sidhu. “We would have a procession in the evening for quite a few kilometres, and we would walk and people would sing. Then we would come back to the langar [traditional name for food hall] in the gurdwara [Sikh temple] for food.”

“We did have a Punjabi community but not as many as we see here in Surrey.”

Both Sidhu and Sharma eventually found their ways to Surrey Schools, and though their paths were quite different, they each had the same impression of Diwali as

a larger-than-life celebration for people of diverse backgrounds in Canada.

“It's more of a big deal here in Surrey than where I grew in India,”

said Sidhu. “I never thought when I came to Canada that celebrations like this would happen.”

“What I love about our district is that we've really honed in on the fact that every student should feel like they belong,” said Sharma. “Surrey's amazing for acknowledging Diwali or Eid or Christmas or Hanukkah – the kids actually see it and they feel it and they feel seen.”

“It's cool that we're embracing different parts of people's identities, and the more our students are exposed to different cultures, the more we create global citizenship and know how to engage with people who do things differently.”

Throughout the district, students and schools are holding numerous Diwali celebrations, both this week and next week, with art, food, dancing, music and much,

much more!

Elgin Park's Racial Equity committee is running its Diwali event on Monday, Nov. 4, as are the secondary's feeder schools, complete with food, activities and mehndi by the school's arts club. Cedar Hills is hosting a schoolwide gathering, with 19 performances by students from kindergarten through Grade 7, as well as a fashion show and a feast of samosas, pakoras and sweets. Meanwhile, Janice Churchill Elementary had decorations up for their Diwali celebration on Friday. All this week, Princess Margaret Secondary is selling Diwali candy grams at lunch.

SAIL students also made Diwali decorations and put on a dance performance in the Resource & Education Centre.

Happy Diwali to all.

## Diwali Celebration by Happyness Wellness Society

Happyness Wellness Community Society, a not for profit, is inviting all local community members to participate and enjoy the spirit of Diwali, a festival of lights that celebrates the victory of good over evil, on Nov 3 2024 at the Surrey Mandir Shantiniketan Hall from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Entry ticket is \$20 only and dinner will be provided at the event. The event is organized

on behalf of the which is organization.

The highlights of the celebration are -- kids fancy dress competition, a seniors performance and dance highlights by members of the society.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in Diwali related activities and games and kids crafts are also offered. Local City Councillor Linda Annis will grace the

event with her presence as well other dignitaries and members of the Indo Canadian community

Another highlight of the event is the significant focus on food donation. Happyness Wellness Society works closely with the Surrey Food Bank and invites everyone to the event to learn more about the food donation drive and the work done so far. Contact Asmita Lawrence/Deepa Sharma for more details.

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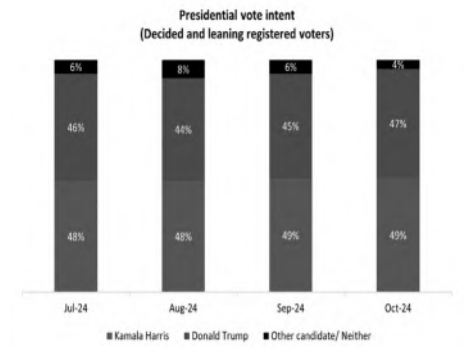
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# U.S. Election: Race Tight One Week From Election Day, Early Returns Favor Kamala Harris

With just one week until Election Day, tens of millions of voters have already cast their ballot, while millions more hear final arguments from Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Kamala Harris. New data from Angus Reid USA finds Harris faring well on early ballots, holding a 14-point edge over Trump. Half of those who have voted in advance say they supported her (53%) compared to 39 per cent who say they voted for Trump. Adding these keener early voters with those who plan to wait until Nov. 5, however, generates a much closer race. Overall, 49

per cent of registered voters have either voted for Harris or say they will, while 47 per cent say the same of Trump. Gender and generational dynamics tell much of the story. Among men, Trump holds a six-point lead in vote intent. Among women he trails by 10. Younger voters (ages 18-34) offer Harris a 21-point lead, while older voters prefer Trump by six. With vote intention suggesting a close race, voters are feeling uneasy. When asked to choose from a list of positive and negative terms to describe their sentiment around voting, the top option for both Harris and

Trump voters is “anxious”. Some of this may be due to publicity around Republican “poll-watching” groups the R.N.C. has recruited to monitor polls around the nation, while for many Americans the election is simply very stressful. Election security has been a massive point of contention in the leadup to Nov. 5, with questions over whether Trump’s willingness to accept the results driving much of the conversation. Just over half (54%) of Americans say they are confident in the safeguards in place, notably an eight-point increase compared to when the same question was asked by Angus



Reid in January of this year. That said, far fewer Trump supporters (31%) hold this confidence compared to supporters of their opposition (82%).

## How The U.S. Election Could Help Shape Canadian Politics

By Erik Rolfsen

The 2024 U.S. presidential election is poised to be one of the most pivotal in modern history, with outcomes that could radically reshape both domestic and international landscapes. The decision made by American voters regarding the two leading candidates—current Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump—will echo globally, influencing economic policies, social justice movements and international relations. As “culture wars” rage on both sides of the border, we spoke with UBC political science professor Dr. Terri Givens (she/her) about how politicians in both countries are defining their differences, and the potential effects of U.S. politics on Canada. **What challenges do current U.S. politics and economics pose to equality all over North America?** In both the U.S. and Canada, increasing inequality is influencing debates around



racial justice, gender equality and minority rights. Left-leaning politicians advocate for minority rights, while conservatives often argue that this support may negatively impact the majority. Amid these debates, financial pressures are growing, leading companies in both countries to scale back their diversity initiatives. Universities are also feeling the strain due to reduced state and provincial funding and a decline in international student enrollment. They may see reduced funding for initiatives supporting BIPOC faculty, students and

staff as their resources shrink. **How can U.S. debates over immigration policy impact Canada?** In the U.S., there has been a focus on security. This has also played a role in the Canadian government’s handling of relations with China, and support for U.S. policies in the Middle East. A Trump administration would be antagonistic to migrants, as Trump has called for a massive deportation that would decimate many parts of the U.S. economy, including agriculture. Although Harris has called for increasing border security, her administration would likely continue to welcome immigrants and try to ease visa requirements. Immigration reform and stronger border controls are bipartisan issues in the U.S., with both parties showing strong interest. Some form of immigration legislation is likely to be passed regardless of who wins the election. There is little difference between the parties, although Republicans have been more vocal.

A Trump administration could lead to disastrous outcomes, including pressure on Canada to accept migrants fleeing deportation in the U.S. The Canadian government will be challenged to find new ways to collaborate with the U.S., particularly in regard to security. **What about Indigenous rights and environmental concerns?** The Biden administration took several important actions to show support for Indigenous communities, from choosing the first Native American cabinet secretary, Deb Haaland, and restoring national monuments that will protect land that is sacred to many native communities. Given the actions taken by the first Trump administration, it is not a stretch to assume that Indigenous rights will be ignored if Trump is elected again. Trump is keen to open land to oil exploration, even though the U.S. is already producing a large amount of oil. These steps might influence public sentiment in Canada towards also increasing oil production.

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# 2025 Infiniti QX60 Black Edition: Luxury SUV is More Refined.

Review by Veeno Dewan

The 2025 Infiniti QX60 is a sleek three-row premium crossover utility vehicle that offers a good combination of luxury and versatility. Major changes for 2025 include more standard features, a new engine and an all-new key fob that unlocks and locks the QX60 automatically when walking towards or away from it. The biggest change is the absence of the 3.5L V6 engine and the adoption of a smaller more fuel-efficiency 2L turbo-four-cylinder unit with more torque and improved the towing capability. The new 2.0 Liter engine develops 268 hp and 286ft lb torque. A nine-speed automatic transmission, and Intelligent All-Wheel-Drive is standard on all models. The 2025 Infiniti QX60 is offered in five all-wheel-drive models starting with Pure version at \$60,345, the Luxe is \$64,345, the new Black Edition (As tested) at \$66,645 and the Sensory at \$70,445. The top of the range Autograph model is \$72,845 with Freight and PDI at \$2,495 in all cases. The 2025 model QX0 offers a highly quality opulent cabin

and come well-equipped. Standard equipment is luxurious and generous. Inside, the QX60 looks suitably luxurious and well designed with sharp leather seats and nice textures, materials, and a high standard of fit and finish. Soft-touch materials abound for driver and passengers, and the overall ambience is particularly good. The sumptuous leather seats offer superb comfort and are set off by gorgeous black open pore wood trim. The dash and console feature plenty of technology accessed by a host of buttons and switches. The dash also has a 10.8-inch head-up display, along with a new 12.3-inch interactive display. There is Apple CarPlay and USB-based Android Auto. Passengers gain second- and third-row roof-mounted vents, A premium Bose audio system is updated and there is expanded functionality to ProPILOT Assist with Navi-Link compatibility. A



highpoint is the excellent Infiniti Zero Gravity front seats which offer good posture and comfort support on long rides. The Black Edition (as tested) also enters with new gloss-black 20-inch wheels, roof rails, grille surround and exterior badging along with an illuminated Infiniti emblem in the grille, illuminated kickplates and welcome lighting. The interior adds a black headliner and the audiophile quality 17-speaker Bose sound system. The interior is extremely versatile with full sliding second-row seats that allow easy access to the third row. The second-row splits 60/40, slides, reclines, and can be

tilted forward for third-row access even with a child seat in place. The third-row seat is surprisingly roomy but is still only for kids rather than adults. With the second and third row seats folded there's up to 2,166 L of available cargo space compared to 447 L of cargo space when all seats are up. Meanwhile, the 50/50 split folding third row can be quickly and easily folded flat to expand the cargo area. The second row's captain chairs are only available in the Autograph trim. The third row's seats easily fold down and are power operated on the two top trim levels. On the road, the QX60 is powered by a new 268-hp turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and comes with a nine-speed automatic. The four-cylinder powertrain is obviously less responsive and urgent than the previous V-6 but does offer better fuel economy. The new VC- ( Variable Compression)

Turbo four-cylinder is smooth in operation and transmits the 286 lb-ft of torque to either the front or all four wheels as needed. Compared to the outgoing 3.5 V6 Engine there is 16 lb-ft more torque but 27 fewer horsepower. This is not largely felt in normal operation unless you need that quick burst of speed for highway emergency merging. The QX60 is also much quieter than the previous generation and is still more of a comfortable cruiser, than a sporty handling SUV. If you plan to tow a trailer or boat, the lower two trims have a 3,500-pound capacity, while the top two versions can handle a 6,000-pound towing load. Nothing much to gripe about, note the improved fuel economy in this all-new QX60 — it now has a combined rating of 10.0 L/100 km, 10.9 city, and 8.8 highway. Downsides are few; the ride can be inconsistent especially on the bigger wheel sizes and some may miss the V6 power. Otherwise, the 2025 QX60 is very impressive and nice to drive all day long. A wonderfully executed luxury Crossover. Highly recommended. 2025 Infiniti QX60 Black Edition. Price as evaluated - \$69.8900 including PDE ad delivery,

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## How The U.S. Election Could Help Shape Canadian Politics

which could be detrimental to the environment and Indigenous rights. **Could Canada see challenges to women's health rights like we're seeing in the U.S.?**

The U.S. election could be another blow to women's rights and bodily autonomy. Not only if Trump wins, but also at the state level as many state legislatures pass restrictive laws that are not only damaging to

women's health, but healthcare in general, as physicians and nurses choose to move to different states at a time when healthcare workers are in short supply everywhere. A Trump win or a significant

increase in support for Republican candidates at the state level could embolden more conservative candidates in Canada to take stronger positions that would appeal to fear rather than

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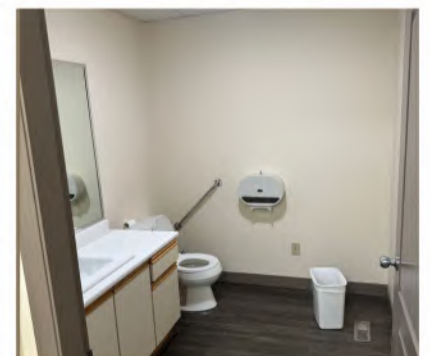
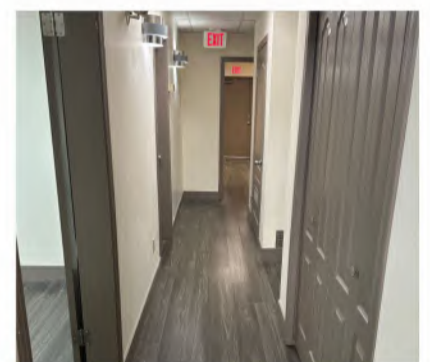
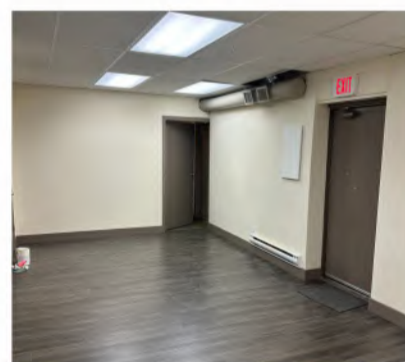
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- 9th November, Saturday** at 6.00 pm, Kirtan, katha and Langer sewa by Kuldeep Kaur Minhas family.
- 10th November, Sunday** at 10.30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha vichar program. Langer sewa by the sangat.
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## Salman Khan Gets Death Threat Again With Demand For Rs.2 Crore; Police Launch Probe



Bollywood actor Salman Khan has allegedly received a death threat again along with a demand of two crore following which the Mumbai police have registered an FIR against an unidentified person, an official on Wednesday (October 30, 2024). "The Mumbai traffic police on Tuesday (October 29, 2024) received an anonymous message, threatening the actor would be killed if he did not pay two crores," the official said. The police registered a case against the unidentified person and an investigation was on into the matter, he added. Earlier this month, the Mumbai traffic police's WhatsApp helpline desk received a threat message demanding 5 crores from the actor. The police have arrested a man from Jamshedpur in this connection. The Mumbai police on Monday (October 28, 2024) arrested a man from Noida in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly issuing a death threat to Salman Khan and NCP leader Zeeshan. Suspected members of the gang had opened fire outside the actor's Bandra home in April this year. A few months back, the Navi Mumbai police uncovered a plot by the Bishnoi gang to kill Mr. Khan, leading to security enhancement for the actor.

## 'Khiladi Steals The Show': Akshay Kumar's Massy Entry Wins Hearts; Fans Call Ajay Devgn's Singham Again A Blockbuster

Akshay Kumar's massy entry in Singham Again in winning hearts. Here's a glimpse from the theatres, shared by fans with Twitter reviews.

The day of one of the biggest box office clashes is finally here. Today on Diwali, Ajay Devgn's Singham Again arrived in theatres along with Kartik Aaryan-starrer Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. The excitement for both the films had sent the internet into a frenzy. Well, one reason why fans were waiting for Singham Again with bated breath was the unbelievable casting coup that director Rohit Shetty pulled off this time. Apart from Ajay as Singham, he roped in Ranveer



Singh, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Arjun Kapoor. But the biggest showstopper was

Bollywood's Khiladi Akshay Kumar as Sooryavanshi. At least that's what fans said in their Twitter reviews. That's

right. The internet cannot stop fawning over Akshay and his mass entry as DCP Veer Sooryavanshi, Chief of the Anti Terrorism Squad, who was first introduced to the audience in 2021 by Rohit's cop universe. Back then, Ajay and Ranveer joined him in an unforgettable cameo. This time, Akshay comes to their rescue. Lauding the superstar and the film, one fan shared, "#SinghamAgain peaks here. Manoranjan ke Maidaan mein, Rohit Shetty ne Utaara Sabse Bada Khiladi #AkshayKumar," whereas another social media user stated: "leading role ya cameo, khiladi steals the show everywhere!"

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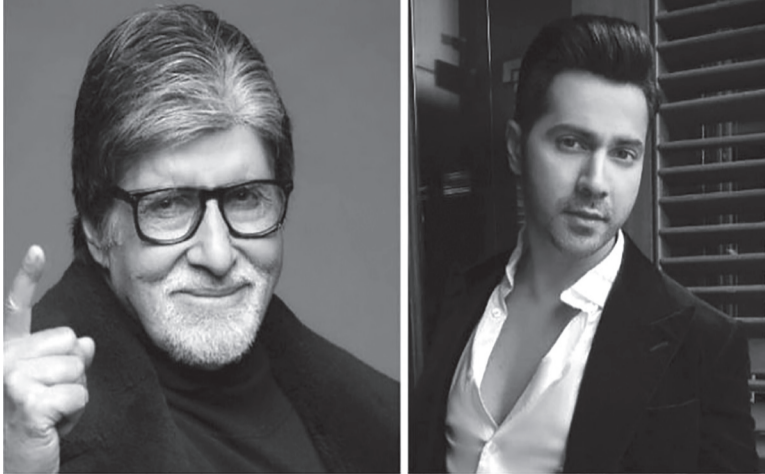
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## Kaun Banega Crorepati 16: When Varun Dhawan Was Intimidated By Amitabh Bachchan

Varun Dhawan recently made an appearance on the game show Kaun Banega Crorepati 16. The actor, who is gearing up for the release of his web series Citadel: Honey Bunny, attended the show with directors Raj and DK. During the conversation with Amitabh Bachchan, Varun recalled a childhood incident when he was intimidated by the veteran actor. In a promo shared by the makers, Varun can be heard saying, "Jab main chota tha aapne ghar pe bulaya tha bhojan ke liye, Bade Miyan Chote Miyan ke waqt. Main khane ke liye ja raha tha par aap aise hi baith ke mujhe ghoor rahe the. Mujhe laga main khana khau ya nahi, maine kuch galat kar liya cutlery ke sath. Phir Jaya ji (Jaya Bachchan) ne bola ki vo aise hi karte hain. Vo tumhe nahi dekh rahe, vo kuch or soch rahe hai. Tum khana khao. [When I was young, you had invited me over for a meal during Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. I was about to start eating, but you were just sitting there, staring at me. I didn't know whether to eat or not. I



thought I might have done something wrong with the cutlery. Then Jaya ji said, 'That's just how he is. He's not looking at you; he's lost in his own thoughts. Go ahead and eat.']"

This is not all. Varun Dhawan also impressed Amitabh Bachchan with his dancing skills. In another promo, the actor said, "Hum aapke itne bade fan hai..aapka koi gaana baje aur aisa ho he nahi sakta hai ke hame pata nahi ho. [I am a big fan of you...It is impossible for one of your songs to play without me instantly recognising it.]" Then, Varun moved on to show off his dancing skills on the song Khaike Paan Banaras Wala from Don. Varun also did the hook steps of Shava Shava from Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham.

## Madhuri Dixit Pays Homage To Painter MF Husain With Artwork In Her Mumbai Home

Actress Madhuri Dixit has honoured legendary painter MF Husain by incorporating his artwork into her opulent residence in Mumbai. Recognised by Husain as his muse, Madhuri had collaborated with the artist on her 1997 film Mohabbat. The actress shared this heartfelt homage during an exclusive interview with Architectural Digest, inviting the magazine into her stylish apartment to showcase the stunning pieces. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress will be seen sharing the screen with Vidya Balan, Kartik Aaryan, and Triptii Dimri in the upcoming horror-comedy movie Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3.

Earlier, Madhuri stepped out on a vada pav date with Kartik Aaryan during the city tour for their film's promotions. Kartik took to his Instagram, and shared a video in which they can be seen relishing Mumbai's iconic street food, vada pav. He wrote in the caption, "Vada paav date with my Manju". Kartik was referring to the character of Manjulika played by Madhuri in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3.

Meanwhile, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 also stars Vidya Balan. The film marks the new chapter in the horror-comedy franchise Bhool Bhulaiyaa which originally starred superstar Akshay Kumar. The film is the Hindi remake of the Malayalam film Manichitrathazhu directed by Fazil, the father of Malayalam superstar Fahadh Fazil. Kartik took the baton from Akshay Kumar in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2, and essayed the role of Rooh Baba. A few days ago, the title

track of the film was also released. It blends the iconic tune with Punjabi tadka topped with international flavour as it features international rapper Pitbull and Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh. The soundtrack is composed by Tanishk Bagchi while the original composition comes from Pritam. It is directed by Anees Bazmee and produced by Bhushan Kumar of T-Series Films, and Cine1 Studios, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 is set to release this Diwali on November 1, 2024.

## Vidya Balan On What Went Behind Her Drastic Weight Loss: "This Is The First Year That I Have Not Worked Out"

New Delhi Vidya Balan, who will reprise her much-loved character Manjulika in the Diwali release Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, opened up about her drastic weight loss in an interview with Galatta India. Vidya, who has been body-shamed in recent years, revealed she lost weight after following a strict "diet" and not through a tough workout regime. In fact, Vidya revealed that she hasn't even worked out for a year, ever since she started following the diet. Talking about her constant weight struggles, Vidya told Galatta India, "You know, all my life, I have struggled to be thin. I have dieted and exercised like crazy, and sometimes, I would lose weight, and it would come back... and then, early this year, I met a nutritional group called Amura (Amura Health) in Chennai. They said, 'It is just inflammation; it is not fat'."

Vidya added, "So, they put me on a diet to get rid of the inflammation, elimination of inflammation it is called, and it worked beautifully for me and the weight went like that

because they eliminated foods that were not suiting me. I have been a vegetarian all my life, (yet) I didn't know palak and doodhi (spinach and bottle gourd) don't suit me. We think all vegetables are good for us, but that is not the case. You have to figure out what's good for you as just because it is good for someone else, it may not be good for you."

Addressing the speculation about going through a tough workout regime, Vidya told the portal, "You know everyone has been telling me 'Oh my God, you are your slimmest' and I have not worked out all year. This is the first year that I have not worked out. And I want to say judgment around the body is brutal. A lot of times, people put on weight for various reasons because our bodies express what we are going through emotionally also...even I would not have believed last year if I had been told 'Stop working out'. I used to be a beast in the gym. And I had people telling me, 'You must not be working out at all'."

Sharing her unique fitness mantra, Vidya said, "And now, people tell me, 'So what are you doing?' and I am like, 'No, I don't do anything'. I am just enjoying myself and I am feeling healthier than ever. I am not saying you should not exercise... but remember no two people are the same... we must respect our individuality."

Vidya Balan is known for her work in films like Kahaani, Shaadi Ke Side Effects, Shakuntala Devi, Sherni, Jalsa, Neeyat, Do Aur Do Pyaar.





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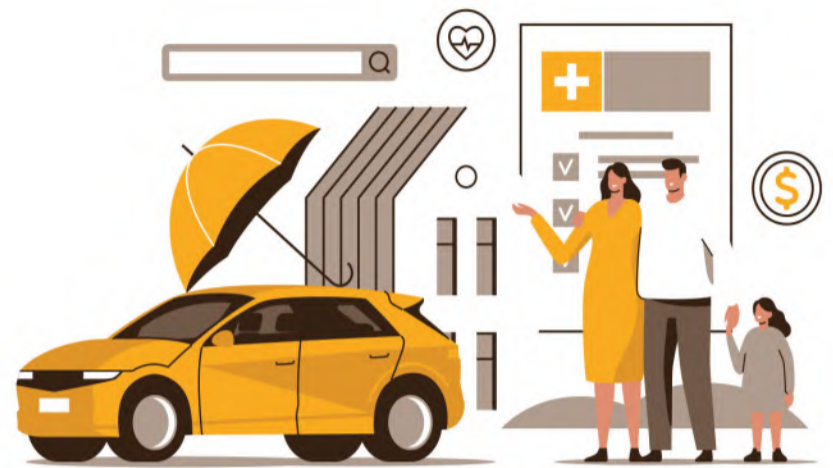
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