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# Four South Asian MLAs Appointed as Ministers In David Eby's New Cabinet



**Jagrup Brar,**  
 Minister of Mining and  
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**Ravi Parmer**  
 Minister of forests



**Ravi Kahlon**  
 Minister of housing and  
 municipal affairs



**Niki Sharma,**  
 Attorney General and  
 Deputy Premier



**Premier**  
 David Eby

Jagrup Brar is the only South Asian MLA from Surrey to get a minister's post. Garry Begg the longtime MLA for Surrey-Guildford — a riding he won by just 22 votes in October's election — has been named B.C.'s solicitor general and minister of public safety

**SURREY:** Premier David Eby announced this new cabinet this week, comprising 23 ministers, four ministers of state, and 14 parliamentary secretaries. Some new faces and some old return to the legislature with changes in health, public safety, and transport ministries. Lt.-Gov Janet Austin reappointed David Eby premier of British Columbia and swore in the cabinet ministers and ministers of

state. The NDP's narrow electoral win and poor performance in Surrey have significantly impacted the representation of South Asian MLAs in various ministries. The new lineup features only a handful of South Asian-origin MLAs appointed to various ministries, a noticeable decline compared to the previous NDP government.

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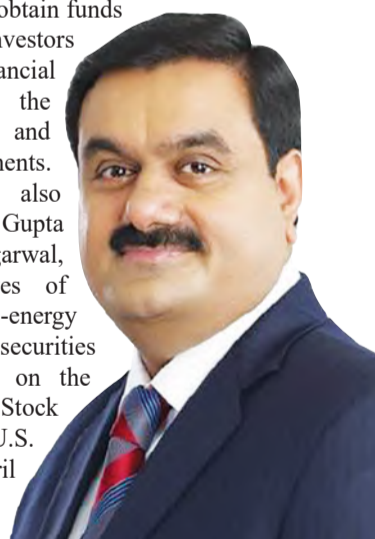
The Delta Police Board (Board) has announced the appointment Harjinder (Harj) Singh Sidhu as the new Chief Constable of the Delta Police Department (DPD). Board Chair Ian Tait called it historic. "This historic promotion — our first internal appointment to Chief in 38 years and the first South Asian Chief for Delta — reflects the strength of our department and our confidence in Chief Sidhu's ability to lead us into the future while continuing to foster trust, safety, and collaboration with the community," added Tait. Chief Sidhu will assume leadership of the DPD on November 25, 2024. (Read Full story on Page 11)

## Indian Billionaire Gautam Adani Charged In US Over Alleged \$250M Bribery Scheme

Indian billionaire Gautam Adani has been indicted for fraud by U.S. prosecutors and arrest warrants issued for him and his nephew for their alleged roles in a \$265 million scheme to bribe Indian officials to secure power-supply deals. The US court said a five-count criminal indictment was unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn charging Gautam S. Adani, Sagar R. Adani and Vneet S. Jaain, executives of an Indian renewable-energy company (the Indian Energy Company), with conspiracies to commit securities and wire fraud and substantive securities fraud

for their roles in a multi-billion-dollar scheme to obtain funds from U.S. investors and global financial institutions on the basis of false and misleading statements. The indictment also charges Ranjit Gupta and Rupesh Agarwal, former executives of a renewable-energy company with securities that had traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the U.S. Issuer), and Cyril

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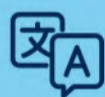
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# Dave S. Hayer Reminds Everyone To Speak Out Against Terrorism And Extremism

Dave S. Hayer issued the following statement on the 26th Commemoration of the assassination of newspaper editor & publisher Tara Singh Hayer

Tara Singh Hayer (Nov. 15, 1936 – November 18, 1998) was an Indo-Canadian Times Punjabi Weekly Newspaper's editor & publisher, who was assassinated in Surrey, Canada on November 18, 1998 after reporting about terrorism, he was recognized with hundreds local, provincial, national, and international awards.

Some of those awards include: The Order of British Columbia, the Journalist Award by the Municipality of Surrey for courageous and outstanding contribution to Punjabi Journalism in Canada, the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canada, the International Award of Distinction for Journalism from the International Association of Punjabi Authors and Artists, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

In 1999, Canadian Journalists for Free Expression renamed its Press Freedom Award the "Tara Singh Hayer Press Freedom Award" in Hayer's honour. Each year, the award is given to a Canadian journalist who, through his or her work, has made an important contribution to reinforcing and promoting the principle of freedom of the press in Canada or elsewhere.

In 2000 Tara Singh Hayer's name was added to the Canadian News Hall of Fame. He was the first Canadian of non-English, non-French origin to be added to the Hall.



In 2000, Tara Singh Hayer was also selected as one of the International Press Institute's (IPI) 50 World Press Freedom Heroes of the past 50 years.

One of the presenters of the Award for Late Tara Singh Hayer as "World Press Freedom Hero" in 2000 was USA Senator Ted Kennedy [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted\\_Kennedy](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Kennedy) in Boston, USA and Award was accepted by Dave Hayer & Isabelle Martinez Hayer on behalf of the Hayer family.

On Monday, November 18th we commemorate Tara Singh Hayer, my father's message of freedom of expression and freedom of speech, his message against hate, violence, extremism, and terrorism.

My father's life was devoted to democracy, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press to speak out against those who try to prevent those freedoms, the right that we in Canadian society hold so precious, to live and speak



without fear.

He believed in leading by example, and even though he knew he was putting his life in danger, he had the courage to not only speak out about his own beliefs but also speak out for victims and the innocent.

My father believed that it was not right to remain quiet while some individuals worked against our freedoms, because then they would win ... and we must never let those who promote hatred, extremism, violence, and terrorism succeed.

Fear is what drives terrorism around the world, but we must stand united against that, and fight back peacefully as my father did through his newspaper and through his words. And we must have the courage, as he did, to keep talking about, and keep fighting for our freedoms and our rights.

As a result of my father's teachings, and his example of standing up for others, I and all

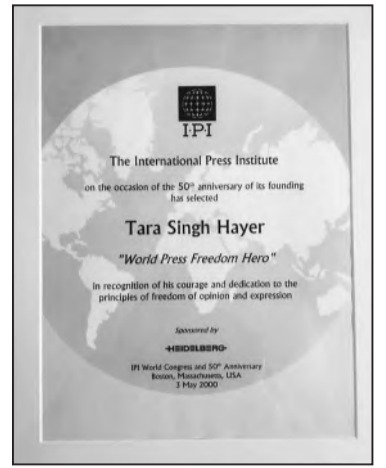
my family will continue the fight for the rights of victims, for the rights of families of victims & for the rights of all law-abiding Canadians. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that the rights of victims, and our rights as law-abiding Canadian Citizen's, are stronger than the rights of those who commit crimes against us.

All of us must work long and hard to ensure that Canadian Laws protect the rights of victims, rights of the victims' families and the rights of all innocent individuals.

The rights of all law-abiding Canadians must be stronger than the rights of those who commit criminal acts. Our justice system must recognize that.

Too often our courts and judges allow the rights of criminals to triumph, to supersede the rights of innocent victims, and as a result there is little redress or closure for the victims.

We must, as my father often



said, and our community members tell me, close the revolving door of our courts that allow criminals to essentially walk free, while victims and their families continue to suffer, grieve and be held hostage to the "rights" of the criminal.

I would like everyone to remember my father as a voice for freedom, democracy and for the courage that supported him to speak out against the terrorism that resulted in the deaths of 331 innocent people, over 268 Canadians & 86 children were killed in Air India bombings.

I would like everyone to remember that only by speaking out, by being strong and unafraid of threats can we win the fight against terrorism, hatred and violence. We all need to work together. We all need to be united in achieving those goals. Only then we will be truly free, and truly able to live in a society where our rights are equal.

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# Halifax Police Say Death Of South Asian Woman In Walmart Oven "Not Suspicious"

Halifax Police say that the sudden death of Gursimran Kaur that occurred on October 19 in Halifax has been determined not to be suspicious and there is no evidence of foul play.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a sudden death in the Walmart located at 6990 Mumford Road. A 19-year-old woman, identified by

community as Gursimran Kaur, who was an employee of the store, was located deceased in a large walk-in oven belonging to the store's bakery department.

"Investigators met with family to share this update and extend condolences. Our thoughts remain with them at this difficult time. The family asks the public to respect their privacy and the dignity and memory

of their loved one, as they receive this news," said Halifax Police in a new release.

Although police did not reveal the identity of the women, local Sikh organization and media said that the victim was a young Sikh woman from India who moved to Canada recently. A GoFundMe page has been created by Maritime Sikh Society to raise funds. The fundraiser identified the victim as Gursimran Kaur.

The GoFundMe page mentioned, "Kaur was only 19 years old, a young beautiful girl who came to Canada with big dreams. On Oct 19th, the fateful Saturday night, she was found burned to death in the walk-in oven at Walmart Bakery situated at Mumford Road, Halifax.

Gursimran and her mother both worked at Walmart for last two years. In that evening, like any watchful mother who breathes for her child's happiness, Gursimran's mother



tried to locate her after not seeing for one hour. She asked around, but everyone brushed aside thinking that she may be somewhere helping a customer, Walmart is a superstore after all!. Her phone was not reachable.

Mother started panicking as it was unusual for her to switch her phone off during the day.

She reached out to the onsite admin for help. As you all know now, her charred remains were found inside the walk in oven in the Bakery after a few hours

Imagine the horror that her mother experienced who herself opened the oven, when someone pointed out to the 'leakage' from it!"

Balbir Singh, the secretary of the Maritime Sikh Society, told the CBC that the society has been in touch with the mother of the 19-year-old victim and learned that the woman and her mother are originally from India and came to Canada two to three years ago.

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## Brampton Council Passes Motion Banning Protests Outside Places Of Worship

Brampton city council has unanimously voted to pass a motion to ban "nuisance demonstrations" within 100 metres of places of worship following a series of violent protests in the city earlier this month.

"(Essentially) it's about the right to pray," Brown said on the phone Wednesday afternoon with the Toronto Sun.

"Whether you go to a Mandir (a Hindu temple), a Gurdwara (a Sikh place of worship), a synagogue, a mosque, a church. Everyone has the right to pray free without harassment. We sought outside legal



opinions to make sure it met the legal threshold and in Canada, when one right infringes another right, you can put a limit on those rights to support both. There's a right to protest in Canada that's constitutionally protected, but there's also a right to religious freedom that is constitutionally and chartered protected. So we feel in Brampton, we found the right balance."

Brown said he chose to introduce his motion after protests and counter-protests occurred on Nov. 3 outside of a Hindu temple and Sikh place of worship in Brampton and Mississauga, respectively, and then two days later there was a march by 500 people.

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# South Asian Studies Institute Receives 3 Million + Photographs Taken By Late BC Photojournalist Chandra Bodalia

The South Asian Studies Institute (SASI) at the University of the Fraser Valley received 3 million+ photographs taken by the legendary BC photojournalist late Chandra Bodalia for stewardship and preservation.

The SASI plans to digitize, preserve, and provide open access to the photographs through its key initiative, South Asian Canadian Digital Archive (<https://sacda.ca/>) in partnership with the Royal BC Museum (RBCM), and BC Archives.

The Bodalia family donated the photos to SASI's care and SASI Director, Dr. Satwinder Bains states, "We are deeply beholden to the Bodalia family for trusting us with this family treasure. Their altruistic motive of his family to ensure that Chandra's work is preserved and memorialized as well, is to be commended. For many years, they have been the loving stewards of this legacy of Chandra's and the emotional heartfelt goodbye his son Vimal said to the photos will forever remain with us as caretakers of this valuable Canadian asset".

The Chandra Bodalia collection is the largest known private collection of a South Asian Canadian community member in Canada and the largest bequest to UFV. The collection spans three decades, from the 1980s to 2017, and covers a tremendously vast and diverse population demographic.

"I am very attached to all of Chandra's photographs," said Chandra's mother - Chanchalben Bodalia. "They keep the memory of my son alive for me. But I was also concerned about the deteriorating condition of these photographs in our garage. I am, therefore, very thankful to SASI for taking the initiative of digitizing his photographs and to the RBCM for safely storing them. Thanks to them, my son and his contributions will be remembered forever."

Chandravadan "Chandra" Bodalia was born in 1948 in the village of Sisodra near Navsari in Gujarat, India. Bodalia immigrated to Canada in 1976 and settled in Vancouver, BC. His artistic spirit followed him in all his work as he began a career as a photojournalist in the late 1980s. His photographs provide a vital link between the past and present since a significant amount of South Asian immigration to BC and Canada occurred from 1970s onwards. The collection is a vast and critically important body of records of arts and culture from diverse South Asian Canadian community events, activities, and supportive activism. The photographs also reflect the intercultural connections and collaborations within the immigrant communities in Canada as well as the ongoing complex transnational ties to the South Asian region.

"This is such a remarkable collection," said Vimal Bodalia (Chandra's son). "It shows the history of the Lower Mainland and the province whether it was political, religious, or events around the communities of British Columbia. Our family is so grateful that years of hard work and attending these events can be displayed for everyone to



see. We are looking forward to seeing all the important historical events around the province that our father has captured."

Director of Archives, Emma Wright affirms, "We are honoured to partner in preserving these records and assist the important community archiving efforts spearheaded by SASI. The Royal BC

Museum's ongoing support for the SACDA over the last few years reflects our commitment to amplifying marginalized and excluded voices. With the BC Archives future acquisition of this collection, we are actively working to address a more inclusive and representative archives." "This is a monumental collection," says

Thamilini Jothilingam, Digital Archivist for the South Asian Canadian Digital Archive. "The width and breadth of the diversity of the South Asian Canadian communities Bodalia documented here is very important. In the context of Canadian history and historiography that has systematically silenced and erased the South Asian Canadian lived experiences for decades and centuries, Bodalia's photographs hold the evidentiary and visual narratives, the ethnographical traces of a collective, intercultural, and communal presence."

The SASI welcomes all to join this collective archival journey! If you know Chandra Bodalia and/or if you or your organization have been photographed by him at any events, please reach out to us. We invite you to become a Volunteer Community Curator and help us select, sort, classify, and identify people and places from the Chandra Bodalia collection. Email SASI at [sacda@ufv.ca](mailto:sacda@ufv.ca) to learn more.

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# New International Student Program Regulations Take Effect

Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, has confirmed that new regulations impacting the International Student Program have now taken effect, including the change to the number of hours international students may work off campus that was proposed earlier this year. With this change, eligible students can now work up to 24 hours per week off campus while their classes are in session.

“By fixing the off-campus work limit to 24 hours per week, we’re striking the right balance between providing work opportunities and helping students stay focused on their education. We also expect institutions to support our efforts to preserve the integrity of the International Student Program. International students should have a positive, successful experience in Canada, and the important changes made today will help with that,” Miller said.

To work off campus without a work permit, international students must be studying full-time in a post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program, or a vocational

training program at the secondary level offered in Quebec, that lasts at least six months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate.

International students who are eligible to work off campus may work full-time during breaks in their academic calendar, such as the summer break between school years or the winter break between semesters.

Moving forward, international students must apply and be approved for a new study permit before changing learning institutions. This change is in line with the important work we have been doing to strengthen the integrity of the International Student Program.

Designated learning institutions (DLIs) play an important role in protecting the student program against misuse. There will now be consequences for DLIs that fail to submit compliance reports or verify acceptance letters. With this change, a DLI could be suspended from welcoming new international students for up to a year for failing to provide the required information.

Twice a year, designated learning institutions are expected to submit a report to IRCC that indicates whether



Marc Miller

each study permit holder associated with their school has remained enrolled. Students who are no longer enrolled can be investigated and face enforcement action, as they may be

breaking their study permit conditions. Designated learning institutions in Quebec have not, to date, participated in student compliance reporting. It will take Quebec and IRCC some time to set up this reporting system for Quebec DLIs. As such, Quebec DLIs have a grace period before they are required to comply with the compliance reporting requirement.

According to Miller, “Since its launch on December 1, 2023, through October 6, 2024, IRCC has received almost 529,000 LOAs for verification, confirmed nearly 492,000 LOAs as valid directly with designated learning institutions (DLIs), identified more than 17,000 LOAs that either didn’t match any LOA issued by a DLI or that the DLI had already cancelled before the individual applied for a study permit.

## Canada-Wide Arrest Warrant Issued For Navjeet Singh For Alleged Crash That Killed 2 In Manitoba

A countrywide arrest warrant has been issued for a 25-year-old Navjeet Singh of Brampton, Ontario accused of driving a semi-trailer truck through a stop sign before a crash that killed a Manitoba mother and daughter.



On November 15, 2024 RCMP received a report of a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Provincial Road 201 and Provincial Road 306, located approximately 13 kilometres west of Altona. The investigation has determined that a semi-trailer travelling eastbound on Provincial Road 201, being driven by a 25-year-old male from Brampton,

Ontario, failed to stop at the intersection with Provincial Road 306.

The semi-trailer entered the intersection and collided with a southbound SUV, being driven by a 35-year-old female from the RM of Rhineland. The 35-year-old female was pronounced deceased on scene. Her eight-year-old female

passenger was transported to hospital with life-threatening-injuries to which she later succumbed to. The 25-year-old male driver of the semi-trailer was transported to hospital where he was treated and released.

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# BC's Minimum Wage Is Not Enough To Pay For Rent, Food And Other Essentials In Metro Vancouver



By Harinder Mahil

The 2024 living wage update, released by the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) on November 20, 2024, shows that 2024 living wage for Metro Vancouver has risen to \$27.05 per hour, a 5.3% increase for last year. This increase highlights the region's deepening affordability crisis fuelled by high housing costs. Living wages are also going up across British Columbia according to the CCPA's report.

The living wage is the hourly rate that each of two parents working full-time must earn to support a family of four in Metro Vancouver. It ensures a family can afford necessities, support the healthy development of their children, escape severe financial stress and participate in the social, civic and cultural lives of their communities. While inflation has eased from record highs, essential costs like rent and food continue to rise faster than general inflation. The financial relief provided by the provincial and federal government measures, such as affordable childcare programs and increases in income-tested benefits, was intended to help offset rising costs, but is outpaced by the rising cost of rent.

Although minimum wage has increased in British Columbia to \$17.40 per hour on June 1, 2024, it is not enough to pay for rent, food and other necessities in Metro Vancouver. After housing, food is the second most expensive item in the living wage family budget, increasing by 3.3% since last year. The third most expensive item is child care expenses, which rose 1.9% during last year. The CCPA's report shows that a large gap exists between the 2024 Metro Vancouver living wage and BC's current minimum wage of \$17.40 per hour. The Metro Vancouver living wage has always been higher than BC's minimum wage, but the gap narrowed between 2018 and 2021 because of policy

changes such as substantial minimum wage increases, the elimination of Medical Services Plan (MSP) premiums, introduction of the BC Family Benefit and significant new federal and provincial child care investments. However, since 2021, soaring costs of living—especially for housing—have outpaced these affordability improvements. The gap has widened again, leaving many families earning less than it takes to get by. People who work for low wages face impossible choices—buy groceries or heat the house, keep up with bills or pay the rent on time. The result can be spiraling debt, constant anxiety and long-term health problems.

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# Trudeau Proposes GST Tax Break For All Canadians During Holiday Season, Poilievre Calls It 'Tax Trick'

The government announced that the GST/HST be fully and temporarily relieved on holiday essentials, like groceries, restaurant meals, drinks, snacks, children's clothing, and gifts, from December 14, 2024, to February 15, 2025. A family spending \$2,000 on qualifying goods, such as children's clothing, shoes and toys, diapers, books, snacks for the house, or restaurant meals would realize GST savings of \$100 over the two-month period.

"Our government can't set prices, but we can give Canadians, and especially working Canadians, more money back in their pocket. With a tax break for all Canadians and the Working Canadians Rebate, we're making sure you can buy the things you need and save for the things you want," Trudeau said.

Starting December 14, 2024, we're giving a tax break to all Canadians. With a GST/HST exemption across the country, Canadians will be able to buy essentials like groceries, snacks, and kids clothing – all tax-free.

This new tax break will apply to:

- Prepared foods, including vegetable trays, pre-made meals and salads, and sandwiches.
- Restaurant meals, whether dine-in, takeout, or delivery.
- Snacks, including chips, candy, and granola bars.
- Beer, wine, cider, and pre-mixed alcoholic beverages below 7 per cent ABV.
- Children's clothing and footwear, car seats, and diapers.
- Children's toys, such as board games, dolls, and video game consoles.



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Christmas trees. Working Canadians will also get some cash back, with a new Working Canadians Rebate. That means Canadians who worked in 2023 and earned up to \$150,000 will see a \$250 cheque in their bank account or mailbox, starting early spring 2025. With the Working Canadians Rebate, we are putting money directly into the pockets of the middle-class – those who have worked hard to beat inflation. This will give 18.7 million Canadians that extra help to buy what they need.

Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre called it a "tax trick". He said, "And today what we have is a two-month temporary tax trick. But this will not come close to making up for the permanent quadrupling carbon tax on heat, housing, food and fuel, and all to save Justin's job and Jagmeet's pension."

## Employment Minister Randy Boissonnault Resigns

Alberta MP Randy Boissonnault has resigned from cabinet amid allegations about his business dealings and criticism of his shifting claims about his Indigenous ancestry. "The prime minister and MP Randy Boissonnault have agreed that Mr. Boissonnault will step away from cabinet effective immediately. Mr. Boissonnault will focus on clearing the allegations made against him," a spokesperson for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said in a statement. Boissonnault has been under the microscope for months, from the House Ethics Committee's scrutiny on his former medical supply business partner's texts and subsequent probing around "the real Randy," to revisions of his past



Indigenous identity claims after federal contract bids surfaced. Veterans Affairs Minister and associate defence minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor will temporarily assume Boissonnault's responsibilities as minister of employment, workforce development and official languages.

## Arrest Warrants Against Israel's Netanyahu And Hamas Leader

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants this week for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defence chief, as well as a Hamas leader, Ibrahim Al-Masri, for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza conflict. In their decision, the ICC judges said there were reasonable grounds to believe Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant were criminally responsible for acts including murder, persecution and starvation as a weapon of war as part of a "widespread and systematic



attack against the civilian population of Gaza". While other countries like France and the Netherlands signalled support for the ICC, the United States joined Israel in saying it "fundamentally rejects" the arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada will abide by all rulings of ICC. "We stand up for international law, and we will abide by all the regulations and rulings of the international courts," Trudeau said, when asked if he would allow Netanyahu and Gallant to be arrested if they come to Canada.



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# Surrey RCMP Announce 'Largest Drug Seizure'

Surrey RCMP say a year-long investigation into a criminal group has resulted in one of the largest seizures of illicit drugs in the agency's history. In June 2023, Surrey RCMP Drug Unit began an investigation into a criminal group alleged to be involved in high potency drugs and illicit firearms trafficking in the Lower Mainland. Surrey RCMP Drug Unit executed seven search warrants in Surrey, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Vancouver and Richmond. Officers seized large quantities of Cocaine, MDMA, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, prescription and counterfeit prescription pills, firearms, cash and vehicles. Guns, ammunition, body armour, cars and \$119,000 in cash were also seized.



During this investigation, multiple suspects were identified and taken into custody.

Three suspects were arrested and they are between the ages of 24 to 47 years old. A report to Public Prosecution Services of Canada is under way to recommend charges against the three suspects. The Surrey RCMP Drug Unit remains focussed on pursuing those who aim to profit from illicit drug trade and illegal firearms trafficking. The totality of drugs seized in this investigation was significant and will disrupt the drug trade in Surrey. "I am extremely proud of our officers' dedication to duty and passion to investigate the high-level drug traffickers who are harming our community," said Officer in Charge Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards.

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## BC's Minimum Wage Is...

It is clear from the CCPA's report that coordinated government efforts at all levels are needed to both lift wages and lower the cost pressures people face so that all workers can thrive. The living wage movement calls on employers to pay wages sufficient to support families. In addition to higher minimum wages, BC workers need pay equity legislation, stronger protections from wage theft and other workplace rights violations and meaningful access to collective bargaining so they can exercise the right to come together to negotiate better wages and benefits if they so choose. The report recommends that

the provincial government should establish a living wage policy for both its direct employees and contractors and encourage all public bodies to follow suit (e.g., universities, hospitals, school boards). I urge all levels of governments to pay attention to the report and seriously consider its recommendations. It should also be seriously considered by business and community organizations to tackle the systemic factors—like inadequate wages, soaring rents and insufficient public supports—that play a role in the affordability crisis. Harinder Mahil is a human rights activist and is secretary of the Dr. Hari Sharma Foundation.

## Two People Dead In Motor Vehicle Collision In Surrey

Surrey RCMP are investigating a motor vehicle collision that occurred overnight that has left two people deceased. On November 17, 2024 at approximately 3:38 am, Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a vehicle rollover in the northbound lane of Highway 99 between 16 Avenue and 32 Avenue. When police and Surrey Fire Service arrived on scene, the vehicle was fully engulfed. The driver and a passenger were located deceased inside the vehicle and police are working to

identify the victims in this collision. The Surrey RCMP Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT) assumed conduct of this investigation and the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) is assisting. The investigation is in the early stages and investigators are working to identify all factors that led to this fatality. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has dash camera footage from the area is asked to contact the Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.

## One Dead In Surrey After Large Group Of Men Fight Outside A Business Hold And Secure

On November 17, 2024 at approximately 9:52 pm., Surrey RCMP responded to a report of a physical altercation between two large groups of men, outside of a business in the area of 102 Avenue and City Parkway in Surrey. The parties had fled the area prior to officers arriving on scene. A short time later, Surrey RCMP were called to a report of an injured man area near 67b Avenue and 146 Street. Despite live-saving efforts by BC Emergency Health Services and Surrey Fire Service, the man

succumbed to his injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called and working the investigation in partnership with Surrey RCMP Serious Crime Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or may have video footage of the incident, is asked to contact the IHIT Information line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448). Any media inquiries regarding this investigation can be directed to the IHIT Media Relations Officer or by email to ediv\_ihit\_media@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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## Four South Asian MLAs Appointed as Minister In David Eby's New Cabinet

Prominent figures like Rachna Singh, the former Minister of Education, and Harry Bains, the former Minister of Labour, are absent from the cabinet—Singh lost her seat in the election, while Bains retired before the polls. Additionally, long-time politician Jinny Sims from Surrey too lost from her riding. From Surrey, only Jagrup Brar and Garry Begg have been appointed as ministers, with Brar being the sole South Asian MLA from Surrey to secure a cabinet position. Garry Begg, the longtime MLA for Surrey-Guildford — a riding he won by just 22 votes in October's election — has been named B.C.'s solicitor general and minister of public safety. Begg has served as an RCMP officer before being elected MLA in 2017.

A significant appointment in the new cabinet is Niki Sharma, who has taken on the dual role of Attorney General and Deputy Premier. Premier Eby emphasized that the new cabinet reflects British Columbia's diversity and expertise, highlighting that it features more women than men. "Key portfolios are also filled by people with relevant professional and community experience, which will bring a real-world perspective to tackling today's big challenges," he stated.

Ravi Kahlon, MLA from North Delta, will keep his position as housing minister. He will also serve as minister of municipal affairs.

Ravi Parmar, former parliamentary secretary for international credentials, takes on a ministerial role in Eby's new cabinet as minister of forests.

Jagrup Brar, who previously served as minister of state for trade, and only one South Asian MLA from Surrey, will take on a new portfolio dedicated solely to mining in B.C.

Four of the newly elected South Asian MLAs have been appointed as Parliamentary Secretaries including two from Surrey. Parliamentary secretaries are tasked with assisting ministers in carrying out their duties.

Jessie Sunner, NDP MLA from Surrey Newton, who ran in place of Harry Bains, has found role as Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives. Amna Shah has become Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions.

Sunita Dhir, who is elected as the MLA for Vancouver-Langara in 2024 was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for

International Credentials in November 2024. Before being elected to the legislature, Sunita worked as a language instructor at SUCCESS, a non-profit organization that supports newcomers on their settlement journey, Sunita has helped hundreds of people learn English and connect to their new communities here in B.C.

Harwinder Sandhu, freshly re-elected as MLA for the new Vernon-Lumby riding, has been given a new portfolio as the parliamentary secretary for agriculture.

Other than the South Asian representation, some key ministries also witnessed big shuffle. Longtime former health minister Adrian Dix, who held the role through the COVID-19 pandemic, is now minister of energy and climate solutions.

Replacing Dix as minister of health is Josie Osborne, who has handled several cabinet portfolios, including municipal affairs; water, land and resource stewardship; and energy, mines and low-carbon innovation.

Vancouver-South Granville MLA Brenda Bailey will leave behind the jobs portfolio and take on the role of minister of finance.

There will be separate ministries for Energy and Climate Solutions and Mining and Critical Minerals.

The former Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been split into two: former minister of emergency preparedness Bowinn Ma will handle the infrastructure portfolio, and former solicitor general Mike Farnworth will take over as minister of transportation and transit. Farnworth has also been appointed House leader.

Eby said that the new cabinet's top priorities will be bringing down costs for families, strengthening health care, making communities safer and growing the economy so everyone feels the benefits. Foundational to this work is a commitment to build partnerships with Indigenous communities and take action on climate change, both key to building a more prosperous B.C. for future generations.

"These are big challenges and tackling them all will take time. Getting there will take listening and learning from British Columbians of different perspectives," Premier Eby said. "While British Columbians may sometimes disagree, we all want the same basic things in life - a good paycheque, a home we can afford in a safe community and high-quality health care that's there when we need it. By working together on these common challenges, we can build a brighter future for everyone."

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## Canada-Wide Arrest...

On November 20, 2024, RCMP charged Navjeet Singh, 25, of Brampton, Ontario, with Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle Causing Death x2 as well as Obstructing a Peace Officer in relation to the November 15, 2024, fatal two-vehicle collision in the RM of Rhineland.

Officers have attempted to locate Mr. Singh in Winnipeg without success and as a result, a Canada-Wide Warrant of Arrest has been issued.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Mr. Singh is asked to contact their local police of jurisdiction or the Pembina Valley RCMP at 204-822-5469, call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477, or submit a secure tip online at [www.manitobacrimestoppers.com](http://www.manitobacrimestoppers.com)

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# Harj Sidhu becomes first South Asian Chief Constable of Delta Police

The Delta Police Board (Board) is pleased to announce the appointment of Deputy Chief Harjinder (Harj) Singh Sidhu as the new Chief Constable of the Delta Police Department (DPD). Chief Sidhu will assume leadership of the DPD on November 25, 2024.

“We are thrilled to announce Harj Sidhu as our new Chief,” said Board Chair Ian Tait. “With 31 years of dedicated service to our community and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Chief Sidhu brings a wealth of experience, institutional knowledge, and visionary leadership to this role.”

“This historic promotion — our first internal appointment to Chief in 38 years and the first South Asian Chief for Delta — reflects the strength of our department and our confidence in Chief Sidhu’s ability to lead us into the future while continuing to foster trust, safety, and collaboration

with the community,” added Tait. “I am deeply honoured and grateful to the Delta Police Board for placing their trust in me to lead this incredible organization as its next Chief — a place I’ve been privileged to call home for the past 31 years,” stated Chief Sidhu. “I am inspired daily by the dedication and professionalism of our people, and it is truly an honour to now lead such an exceptional team.”

“As Chief, my focus will be on working collaboratively with the Board, our officers, civilian staff and volunteers, community partners, and residents to ensure Delta remains one of the safest places to live, work, and play. Together, we will build on our strong foundation, strengthening trust, and building on our shared commitment to community safety and well-being,” said Chief Sidhu.

The Board would also like to thank interim Chief Guy Leeson for his leadership during

this transition period. An announcement regarding a change of command ceremony will be forthcoming.

Chief Sidhu has 31 years of dedicated service with the DPD, beginning his career in 1993 as a Recruit Constable. Delta police said in a release, “Over the years, he has gained extensive experience across a wide range of policing roles. As a Constable, he served in the Patrol Division, Youth Section, and Investigations. Rising through the ranks, he became a Sergeant leading the Drug/Special Projects Unit, and later served as a Staff Sergeant in both the Patrol Division and Investigative Services.”

As an Inspector, Chief Sidhu oversaw Investigative Support Services, the Operational Support Branch, and Special Projects. In 2018, he was promoted to Superintendent of the Community Policing Bureau, where he led all

uniformed operations for the DPD. In 2021, he assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Community Policing Bureau, a position he held until his promotion to Chief Constable.

Throughout his career, Chief Sidhu has been dedicated to a community-first approach to policing, prioritizing community safety and well-being. He is actively involved in several external committees, including serving as Co-Chair of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) Community Safety and Well-Being Committee, Co-Chair of the British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP) Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Co-Chair of the BCACP Body Worn Cameras Special Committee. Chief Sidhu’s contributions to policing have been widely recognized, including awarding him with the Order of Merit of the Police Forces (M.O.M.) in 2022.

# Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrated At Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors’ Society



By Zile Singh

November 15, 2024, was the 555th birth anniversary (Gurpurab) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Sikhs celebrated the day all over the world. The Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors’ Society, Vancouver also celebrated this pious day. Dr. Jagjit Singh, Dr. Kala Singh, Dr. Gurbax Singh Sidhu, Mr. Sucha Claire, Giani Gurcharan Waraich, Mr. Rajinder Singh Pandher, Mr. Gurpal Singh Pandher, Mr. Joginder Sunner, Surjit Singh Gill and Zile Singh spoke about Guru Nanak’s contribution to uplift the society from inequality, dogmas, rituals, and superstitions prevailing at that time.

Dozens of other members of the Society recited poetry related to Guru Nanak’s life and his teachings. This day highlights Guru’s teachings of equality, selfless service, devotion to God, and universal love. Celebrations include processions, prayers, and community meals (Langar), emphasizing his values of justice and compassion.

Equality: Guru Nanak preached that all are equal irrespective of caste, creed, and gender. He believed God lives in every human being. Therefore, all should be

treated in a dignified manner. Selfless Service (Seva): He promoted selfless service with the belief that people should provide service without any intention of reward.

Devotion to God: Unlike the concept of priests and rituals, Guru Nanak focused on personal connection with God through devotion and prayer. The Guru further cautioned that true godliness emanates only from faithful devotion and a virtuous life.

Universal Love and Compassion: His message is about love for all beings, harmony, and reconciliation among communities.

Debunking Superstitions: He was against the social norms and superstitions prevailing at that time. He felt that spiritualism needs to be tackled logically with truth and just values. These values are written in the Guru Granth Sahib, which is the seminal scriptural text of Sikhism. It is a guide to truthful living. Today, when we look around, we find that an atmosphere of hate, division in the Sikh society on the basis of caste, selfishness, and dogmas are having an upper hand. There is a fight to control the Gurdwaras for selfish purposes. There are different opinions even on the date of Guru Nanak’s birth. Some say it is in the month of Kartik; some say it is in Baisakh.

Like any other religion, Sikhism also is divided in different ideologies and sects. Even after five centuries, gender inequality

is in place. Sex ratio in Punjab is 895 i.e. for each 1000 male, which is below national average of 940 as per latest census. Guru Nanak’s (the first Guru) message of ‘Ek Onkar’ and also the 10th Guru Gobind Singh’s Hukam ‘Guru Manyo Granth’ have

lost sight of. Instead of a par excellence logical thinker, we have painted him as a ‘Karamati.’ Are we the worthy inheritors of Guru Nanak’s heritage? Let us introspect and raise ourselves to understand Guru Nanak. That is the real Celebration. Waheguru.

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The world's signature prize for Punjabi fiction announced its 11th annual winner, Jinder (Jalandhar, Punjab, India), of a \$25,000 CAD award for his short story collection, 'Safety Kit.'

Alongside him, Shahzad Aslam (Lahore, Punjab, Pakistan) and Surinder Neer (Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir, India) were awarded \$10,000 CAD each as two finalists. Aslam was recognized for his short story collection, 'Jungle Rakhey Jag De,' and Neer, for her short story collection, 'Taboo.'

'Safety Kit' and 'Taboo' were written in the Gurmukhi script (commonly used in India), while 'Jungle Rakhey Jag De' was written in the Shahmukhi script (commonly used in Pakistan).

An additional \$6,000 CAD was awarded for the transliteration of the three books into Gurmukhi or Shahmukhi.

The Dhahan Prize, based in Richmond, B.C., is considered the largest international literary award for fiction books in the Punjabi language.

"I cannot express in words the joy of winning this prestigious award," said Jinder. "I never dreamt that I would receive it in Canada. Now I feel a greater



On November 13, 2024 the City of Vancouver read the Proclamation of Punjabi Literature Week in council chamber with the 2024 Dhahan Prize

responsibility towards my writings." Awardees were presented with their awards, along with a hand-crafted trophy, during the ceremonies held November 14, 2024, at Northview Golf and Country Club in Surrey, B.C.

Part of the ceremony included MLA Raj Chouhan presenting the Proclamation of "Punjabi Literature Week" by the Province of British Columbia.

Carole Richardson, Executive Assistant to Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke, also gave the

city's proclamation of the same. The City of Vancouver gave its proclamation a day earlier.

Shahzad Aslam shared, "To be acknowledged as a writer through a prestigious award is to know that the journey is worth traveling. My passion for writing has now turned into euphoria."

Surinder Neer noted, "I was so thrilled to be a finalist of the Dhahan Prize that I got goosebumps. It's a big honour for me. It also recognizes the entire literature of Jammu and Kashmir at the global level."

During a press conference on Sep 12, 2024 at Simon Fraser University's Surrey Campus, Zubair Ahmad, Chair of the Dhahan Prize Advisory Board said:

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

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

At the same press conference, Prize founder Barj S. Dhahan said: "Our goal is to make known the excelling works of Punjabi fiction that are released each year,



to the wider public. As an organization, we have always strived for the bridging of the two Punjabs with the diaspora Punjab. Transliteration is one of the most effective ways to do that. We hope that through transliteration, more of these curated books will make it into the hands of Punjabis around the world."

During the ceremonies, Mr. Dhahan announced the newly-formed, \$200,000 Dhahan Luminaries Award (including \$50,000 matched by the University of British Columbia). The funds will be distributed to a minimum of 42 master's students studying Punjabi at five partner universities around the world, over the next six years.

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# 555th Parkash Purab Celebration Highlights Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Enduring Spiritual And Cultural Significance



By Balwant Sanghera

The India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas in Richmond marked the 555th Parkash Purb (birth anniversary) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji with great fervor and devotion.

On Friday, November 14, devotees began arriving at the Gurdwara Sahib early in the morning to pay their respects and honor Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The celebrations commenced with an Akhand Paath (continuous recitation of sacred scriptures) that began on Wednesday afternoon and culminated on Friday.

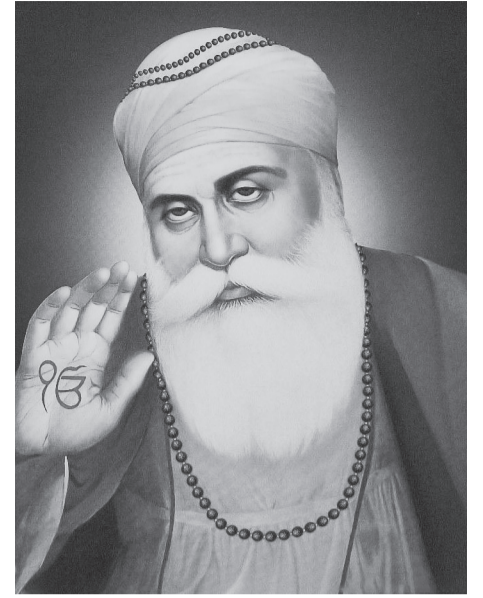
The bhog ceremony, marking the



conclusion of the Akhand Paath, took place at around 5 PM. Following this, after a series of formal rituals, I had the privilege of addressing the congregation on behalf of the Gurdwara management committee. During the address, I welcomed everyone and shared a brief yet meaningful overview of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's life, teachings,

and the timeless message he imparted to humanity.

Guru Nanak is affectionately called Yug Pursh (Man of the Millenium). His three principles- make an honest living, share and help others and meditate in the name of God Almighty- are applicable universally. He travelled widely to convey his message



of equality, pluralism and diversity. Guru Nanak is knoww as a visionary, explorer, scientist, and revolutionary. Guru ji was a fearless advocate for justice, fairness and equality. Guru Nanak Dev practiced what he preached. He fought against injustice of any kind. He laid the foundation of a unique spiritual and social structure based on universal brotherhood, equality, justice

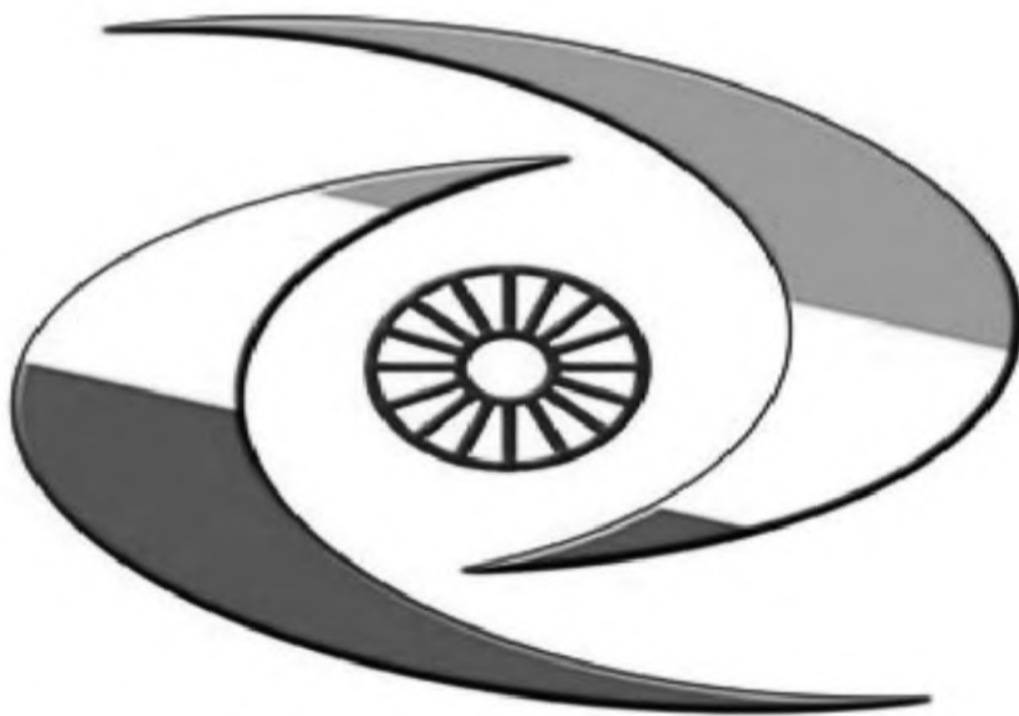
and mutual respect. Guru ji laid the foundation of four major institutions for the Sikhs-Sangat /Pangat, Langar, Dharmshala (Gurdwara) and Guruship.

Guru Nanak Dev ji strongly believed in the unity of mankind. His message of one God, one Creator had a very wide appeal. Guru ji believed that as children of God, we are all interrelated and that God alone is the ultimate source of authority. It has been reported that during his travels around the globe, around 1510, Guru ji arrived in Mecca and met Quazi Rukh Ud Din. The Quazi asked Guru ji about his religion. Guru Nanak Dev's answer was that he was a man of God and that he had no religion. A few years later, a Muslim scholar, Ubare Khan asked Guru Ji the same question (are you a Hindu or a Muslim?) when he was visiting Dera Baba Nanak in the Punjab. Guru Nanak's answer was the same. He further added that God is immortal and is neither Hindu nor Muslim.

He added that loving God and His Creation is extremely important and that all of this can be done without the label of religion.

Guru Nanak's contributions to the world and the Sikhs are beyond imagination. In this context, it gives us an excellent opportunity to remember and appreciate Guru ji's contribution to humanity. On Friday, the huge congregation at Gurdwara Nanak Niwas in Richmond, like numerous other places of worship around the globe, were honoured to pay tribute to Guru Nanak Dev ji. The congregation enjoyed listening to the kirtan and account of the contribution of Guru Nanak Dev ji to us. The celebration concluded with a prayer and langar. On behalf of the Gurdwara Management committee I would like to thank everyone for their attendance and participation on this very special day.

(Balwant Sanghera is secretary, India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, Richmond)



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Canadians to the social, economic and cultural fabric of British Columbia, whether it be through public events, art exhibitions, or educational resources,” said Mohnaam Kaur Shergill, Director of Media and Communications at SHBC. “We are deeply humbled to receive this recognition,” said Shergill. “Our mission has always been to create awareness and preserve the rich heritage of the Sikh community, and this award inspires us to continue our efforts.” To learn more about Sikh Heritage BC, please visit <https://www.sikhheritagebc.ca/>.

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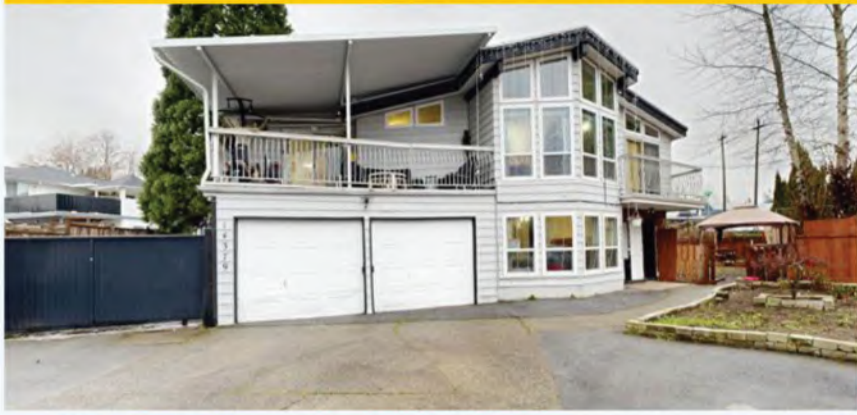
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# 2025 Genesis G70 3.3T Sport: Outstanding Premium Sedan!

Review by Veeno Dewan

The Genesis G70 is a compact, luxury-sport sedan designed to compete with such premium performance sedans such as: the Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Audi A4 and BMW 3 Series. And it does! For 2024/5, the G70 has a few changes. The sleek looks remain and I like the side vents on the front fenders and the imposing front fascia. The G70 looks expensive with a powerful athletic feel. The previous base 2.0L engine is now replaced by a turbocharged four cylinder 2.5L engine with power increased to 300 hp and 311 lb-ft of torque (The old engine had 249 hp and 260 lb-ft). There are dual exhausts and standard 19-inch wheels across the lineup, and two new wheel designs for V6-powered models. The latest G70 now has a digital key that allows users to lock, unlock, and start the car using their smartphone or smartwatch (Apple, Samsung, and Google compatible). There is also standard subscription-free Genesis Connected Services that enables remote vehicle access via a mobile app.

The 2024/5 Genesis G70 is offered in three incredibly well-equipped models. The Advanced (\$53,000), Premium (\$58,000), both of which are available with the 2.5L engine, and the six-cylinder Sport (\$64,000). Our 3.3 T Sport tester was powered by the 3.3 litre twin-turbo V6 with 368 horsepower. An 8-speed automatic transmission with paddle-shifters feeds power via a Limited-slip rear axle and an AWD system.

Genesis claim the 3.3T offers the most powerful engine in its class, capable of dashing from 0-100 km/h in a scant 4.7 seconds, and with a top speed of 270 km/h. With a rigid Nürburgring-tuned chassis and a wide-range of performance-enhancing components, the top dog 3.3T Sport is the Genesis you should be aspiring to get!



The cabin is truly wondrous, on par with any premium German sedan. It's beautifully finished, with plush diamond-stitched, pleated, and quilted Nappa leather seats with a driver's power-adjustable cushion extension and raised contrasting stitching all around. All the materials are upscale- heavy, expensive- feeling knobs and buttons reveal excellent attention to tactile luxury. For 2024/5 there are Interior updates such as a digital climate control panel, new aluminum trim patterns, and a frameless rearview mirror. The 10.25-inch dashtop touchscreen infotainment display remains easy to operate. Everything is driver-orientated, with all controls in easy reach. On the safety front, the G70 has a comprehensive suite of safety features. The cabin is roomy and comfortable, the fronts seat superbly bolstered and padded for sporty driving.

On the road, the 3.3 turbo engine offers smooth acceleration and is no slouch off the line. The G70 Sport offers a noticeably quiet, well insulated limousine like- ride. The AWD system can send up to 100% of torque to the rear wheels and makes use of brake-based torque vectoring. The steering has good on-center feel but is a fraction light in my opinion. However, there are multi drive modes which when used offer slightly tightened handling and more steering feel. There is also a launch control feature to maximize off-the-line acceleration. The mechanical limited slip differential helps improve traction and acceleration out of the corners. Drivers can

also choose from a variety of drive modes according to their personal preference or driving situation—Comfort, Eco, Sport, Smart or Custom. In Canada, the Sport trim gets an adaptive suspension system, as well as a limited-slip rear differential—so enhancing performance even more.

With a deeply satisfying crackling exhaust note, eerily quick cornering, the G70 is a pure engineered sports sedan that is very quick.

To sum up, the G70 3.3T Sport can easily compete with the BMW 3 Series,

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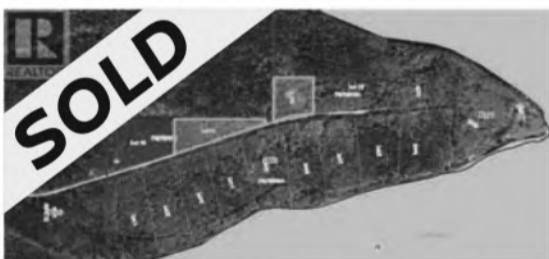
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# Transportation, Safety And Housing Top Priorities For Surrey Residents In 2025 Budget Consultation

Transportation infrastructure, public safety and housing were the top priorities for Surrey residents during the 2025 budget consultation process. For the second year in a row, open houses were held in each of the city's town centres, seeking feedback on budget priorities and preferred funding options for the financial plan. The combined open houses and online surveys generated over 3,300 in-person visits and responses. New this year, a full Punjabi survey option was offered as an option in line with the City's new Multilingual Communications Policy. Of note, budget engagement saw an 8% increase in the percentage of participants who speak languages other than English. "Public engagement is not just a process,

it's an integral part of our democratic process," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "I have attended several open houses and witnessed firsthand the value of community input in shaping our priorities. Every voice matters, and by listening to our residents, we can ensure that our final budget truly reflects the needs and aspirations of all Surrey citizens." Engagement findings revealed that respondents' top priorities for the upcoming budget include: transportation infrastructure; public safety and emergency services; preventing and responding to homelessness; and housing supply and affordability. Respondents also provided feedback on funding options for the budget, with



the highest level of support shown for maintaining existing programs and services with a combination of increasing user fees and property taxes. Over 100,000 community members were informed about the budget process

and engagement opportunities through a multi-channel communications campaign, including digital ads, an interactive engagement webpage, print and digital displays throughout the city at facilities and on the street. Engagement opportunities included an online survey offered in English and Punjabi, as well as six in-person open houses at each of Surrey's six town centres. The next step is for City staff and Council to review the engagement results and to utilize input to guide the 2025 budget as it is developed over the next few months. It is anticipated that a draft budget will be presented to Council in early 2025. View the full engagement report and learn more about the budget engagement process at [surrey.ca/budget2025](http://surrey.ca/budget2025).

# Mayor Hosts First-Ever Forum To Collaborate With Business Community On Surrey's Bold Vision For The Future

The first-ever Mayor's Forum took place on Nov. 19 at Surrey City Hall, hosted by Mayor Brenda Locke and the City of Surrey's Investment, Innovation, and Business Committee. Local business leaders, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders gathered for an evening of constructive dialogue aimed at uniting Surrey's diverse business organizations as Mayor Locke presented the City's ambitious vision for the future.



"This event marks a significant milestone in fostering collaboration between the City and our vibrant business community,"

said Mayor Brenda Locke. "I am incredibly grateful to everyone who attended the forum. Your insights and participation

are vital as we transform Surrey into a vibrant, connected, and welcoming city prepared to accommodate a population of one

million people. This event was just the beginning of a deeper partnership between the City and our business community to create an environment that supports economic growth and innovation." The forum featured several highlights a comprehensive presentation outlining the City of Surrey's top strategic priorities and growth initiatives including sports, entertainment and cultural venues, two destination entertainment districts, the new SFU School of Medicine and affordable rental housing.

The forum also held an engaging feedback session that allowed business leaders to voice their insights, concerns, and innovative ideas directly to Mayor, Councillors and City staff. It provided with networking opportunities that facilitated connections among attendees, fostering relationships that will be pivotal for future collaboration. As Surrey continues to grow and evolve, the insights gathered during the forum will be instrumental in shaping policies and initiatives that benefit the entire community.

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# Orion Construction and City Wide Produce Deepen Surrey Roots with New Facility, Creating Jobs and Boosting Agritech

The City of Surrey's business landscape, City Wide Produce, in collaboration with Orion Construction, broke ground on a new 26,680 sq. ft. facility in Campbell Heights. This purpose-built facility is designed to strengthen the city's agritech sector, triple its workforce as the organization grows, and expand access to fresh produce in the region.

Founded over 14 years ago as a local business, City Wide Produce has deep roots in Surrey, where the company has grown from a small operation into a major Western Canadian distributor of fresh produce. "We've always believed in the motto 'You Grow, We Grow'—it's been at the heart of our journey," said Gopal Gupta, Co-Founder and Chief Produce Officer at City Wide Produce. "Surrey has supported us every step of the way, from our early days to this exciting expansion. This facility allows us to give back to the community that has supported our growth by providing greater access



Left to Right - Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager for the Surrey Board of Trade, Gopal Gupta, Co-Founder and Chief Produce Officer at City Wide Produce, Fazleen Khan-Gupta, Co-Founder and Operations Director at City Wide Produce, Mayor Brenda Locke, City of Surrey, Joshua Gaglardi, President at Orion Construction | Courtesy of Orion Construction

to fresh produce and creating new job opportunities for local residents."

Mayor Brenda Locke highlighted the importance of City Wide Produce's investment in Surrey's future. As Surrey continues to grow, facilities like City

Wide Produce's new hub are exactly what we need to support our thriving economy," said Mayor Locke. "With the significant number of jobs anticipated, this facility contributes to Surrey's goal of becoming a center for economic

opportunity and sustainability. The impact will be felt across our community and reinforces Surrey's commitment to sustainable growth."

The Campbell Heights facility will be equipped with advanced storage solutions, including temperature- and humidity-controlled zones that ensure produce freshness and quality, a vital component for serving North America and the Lower Mainland. The layout and design of the facility prioritize efficiency in storage and distribution, enabling City Wide Produce to increase the volume and variety of fresh produce it provides. With expanded capacity, City Wide will be able to serve a broader network of retailers and restaurants, supporting Surrey's agricultural community and reinforcing its role as a central hub in the region's food supply chain.

For more information about the City Wide Produce facility, please visit <https://orionconstruction.ca/project/city-wide-produce/>

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## Indian Billionaire Gautam Adani Charged In Us Over Alleged \$250M Bribery...

Cabanes, Saurabh Agarwal and Deepak Malhotra, former employees of a Canadian institutional investor, with conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act in connection with a bribery scheme also perpetrated by Gautam S. Adani, Sagar R. Adani and Vneet S. Jaain, involving one of the world's largest solar energy projects. Billions of dollars were wiped off the market value of Adani Group companies and Kenya's president canceled a massive airport project with the group immediately after the announcement.

U.S. authorities said that eight people,

including Adani and his nephew Sagar, agreed to pay about \$265 million in bribes to Indian government officials to obtain contracts expected to yield \$2 billion of profit over 20 years, and to develop India's largest solar power plant project.

"U.S. law bars foreign companies which raise money from U.S. investors from paying bribes overseas to win business. It is also against U.S. law to raise money from investors on the basis of false statements," Reuters reported.

"As alleged, the defendants orchestrated

an elaborate scheme to bribe Indian government officials to secure contracts worth billions of dollars and Gautam S. Adani, Sagar R. Adani and Vneet S. Jaain lied about the bribery scheme as they sought to raise capital from U.S. and international investors," stated United States Attorney Peace.

Adani Group said in a statement that the allegations made by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a parallel civil case were "baseless and denied," adding it would seek "all possible legal

recourse."

Separately, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the US's top markets watchdog, charged Adani, 62, and two other executives over conduct it said had arisen out of a "massive bribery scheme" that involved \$175m from US investors.

Gautam Adani is worth \$69.8bn, according to Forbes magazine, making him the world's 22nd richest and India's second-richest person.

It's important to note that an indictment is just the beginning of a legal battle, not a declaration of guilt.



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# Watch Out For Fake Package Delivery Offers During Canada's Postal Strike

With Canada Post workers on strike as of early Friday, November 15, disruptions in mail and package deliveries are expected. This strike affects not only Canadians but also U.S. consumers awaiting packages or correspondence from Canada.

While the strike has led many businesses and individuals to seek alternative delivery options, scammers could use this as an opportunity to exploit the situation. Although this strike may disrupt deliveries, staying informed and cautious can help you avoid falling victim to opportunistic scams.

"These sort of disruptions in postal services create an opportunity for scam artists. It's important to exercise caution and look for the red flags that may indicate a scam, especially during a potentially busy holiday shopping season," said Neesha Hothi, Director of Marketing, BBB of Mainland BC.

Here's what you need to know about the Canada Post strike and how to avoid scams during this time:

About the Canada Post strike  
About 55,000 members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), including urban, rural, and suburban mail carriers.

All mail and parcels will not be processed or delivered, and no

new items will be accepted. Some post offices may also be closed. Government benefit cheques, such as pensions or child benefits, will still be delivered



during the strike. Once the strike ends, mail and packages will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, but delays may persist for weeks.

Tips to avoid scams during the strike

As businesses and individuals seek alternative delivery solutions, scammers may pose as legitimate couriers or Canada Post representatives. Follow these tips to protect yourself:

1. Verify delivery services. Avoid unsolicited offers from individuals or companies claiming they can deliver your mail or packages during the strike. Stick to reputable couriers for your shipping needs. Research reviews and check for the Sign of a Better Business aka BBB Accreditation before choosing a service. Vet any potential service

2. Beware of phishing emails and texts. Scammers may send fake messages claiming to be from Canada Post or alternative couriers, requesting payment for undelivered items or offering "priority service." Do not click on links in unsolicited emails or texts. Instead, visit the official website of the courier service for updates.

3. Scrutinize offers on social media. Be cautious of ads or posts offering mail delivery services. Many fraudulent businesses advertise on platforms with the intention of stealing personal information or money.

4. Confirm tracking information. If you're waiting for a package, use the official tracking tool the seller or courier provides. Fraudulent companies may provide fake tracking numbers to appear legitimate.

5. Look for signs of a scam. Be wary of urgent requests for payment or sensitive information. Legitimate businesses will not pressure you into making immediate decisions. Check for red flags such as poor grammar, unprofessional logos, or contact information that doesn't match official sources.

6. Report suspicious activity. If you suspect a scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker to help protect others in your community.

# Preparation Is Essential For Safe Driving In Winter Conditions



The arrival of a significant storm to the south coast of British Columbia is a reminder to drivers that weather conditions can change quickly at this time of year, and to be prepared for the onset of winter road conditions. If snow or freezing temperatures are in the forecast, people should check DriveBC before setting out, so they know what road conditions they will face. Drivers should stay off the road should conditions worsen and ensure their vehicle is properly equipped with snow tires should they need to travel.

Drivers can help maintenance crews by moving over safely when they see a vehicle with an amber light approaching. This will allow crews to clear snow and improve road conditions to reduce hazards for drivers and help them get to where they're going safely. With any winter weather event, road and bridge conditions can be unpredictable and can change quickly. The Ministry of Transportation and Transit's

contractors monitor the weather closely and will apply anti-icing brine to road surfaces when freezing temperatures are forecast.

As well, the Port Mann and Alex Fraser bridges are equipped with a cable collar system to remove ice and snow from the cables. Advanced weather data means crews are better prepared and can activate the systems sooner to remove snow in bad weather as quickly as possible.

In certain conditions, a partial or full closure of the bridges and roads may be necessary to ensure driver safety. The ministry will update people as quickly as possible about any closure via DriveBC and its social media channels, and through other methods such as signage and traffic advisories to local media.

For resources on how to stay safe on the road this winter, visit Shift into Winter: <https://www.shiftintowinter.ca>

Check road conditions here: <https://www.drivebc.ca>

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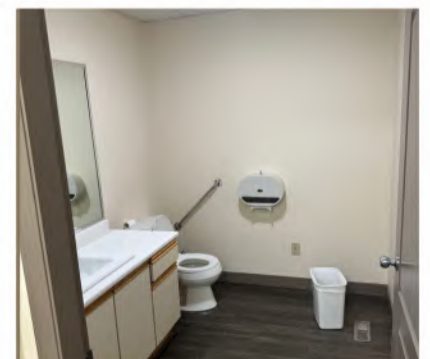
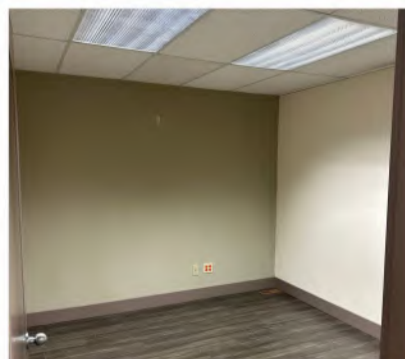
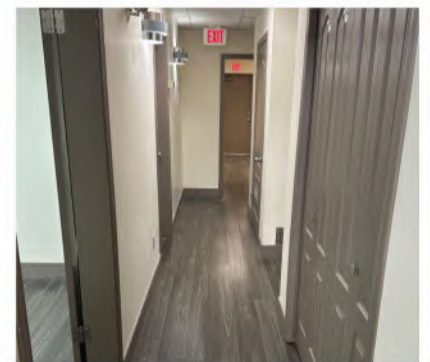
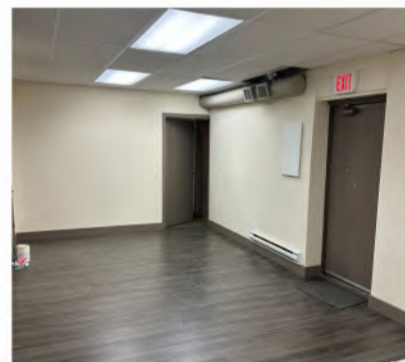
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# Rakesh Roshan Says 'Re-Releasing Karan Arjun Is An Experiment'; Here's Why



As Rakesh Roshan's 1995 film Karan Arjun re-releases in theatres today, the filmmaker confesses to feeling both "curious and nervous." "The re-release is an experiment for me as a filmmaker," Roshan says. "I'm nervous, because I'm presenting my film to a new generation, and curious to know what the reactions will be because the fate of the re-release will only help me gauge the mindset of the current generation of cine-goers," he explains.

Starring actors Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan, the film was a runaway success. Ask why the filmmaker chose to cast the two Khans and he replies, "I knew Shah Rukh was a hardworking and dedicated actor, having worked with him on King Uncle (1993). I had him in mind while writing Arjun." As for Salman, whom Roshan knew as a child, he shares, "He has very deep, expressive eyes. It was something the character of Karan needed, being a man of few words."

Working with two heroes seems like a challenge and one wonders how the filmmaker managed to pull it off with an ensemble cast featuring big names such as Rakhee and Amrish Puri. "I made sure the characters were balanced equally, from their songs to action scenes," he reveals, adding, "I weaved my script from an actor's perspective so that no one on my cast would have objections."

Almost thirty years on, is there a moment from sets that stands out to him? "I remember that the crew and I were extremely pumped while shooting the 'Bhaag Arjun Bhaag,' bit as it was a high-emotion scene that had to be done in one take. Another scene was where Rakhee says the line, 'Mere Karan Arjun Aayenge'. The amount of emotions she put into that scene — it was cinematic genius and we all had goosebumps," he wraps up.

# AR Rahman, Saira Banu's Daughter Breaks Silence On Their Separation, Calls Out 'Fools' Spreading Rumours

AR RAHMAN and wife Saira Banu announced their separation on Tuesday after 29 years of marriage, much to the shock of many fans. The couple has three children together. Now, their daughter Raheema Rahman has issued a statement on the rumours and speculations that have been going around ever since the separation was announced. Taking to her Instagram Stories, Raheema addressed the naysayers and haters and told them to 'get a life.'



Rahman won the Best Score - Foreign Language Film award at the Hollywood Music In Media Awards 2024 for his work in The Goat Life (Aadujeevitham).

The music composer had penned an emotional note after he and his wife, Saira Banu, announced their separation. "We had hoped to reach the grand thirty, but all things, it seems, carry an unseen end. Even the throne of God might tremble at the weight of broken hearts. Yet, in this shattering, we seek meaning, though the pieces may not find their place again. To our friends, thank you for your kindness and for respecting our privacy as we walk through this fragile chapter."

What Raheema said In her Instagram Stories, Raheema shared a statement that read, "Always remember... Rumours are carried by haters, spread by fools, and accepted by idiots." She then wrote,

"Honestly, get a life."

In another of her Instagram Stories, she shared a report of Rahman winning a Hollywood Music in Media Award for the background score of Aadujeevitham, and put a crown

emoticon on his head. In the caption, she wrote: "You will always be our King and our leader." She then added the hashtags 'haters gonna hate' and 'potatoes gonna potato.' More details

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# Janhvi Kapoor

## Excited As Her 2Nd Telugu Film Goes On Floors In Mysore; Here's When Ram Charan Will Join Shoot

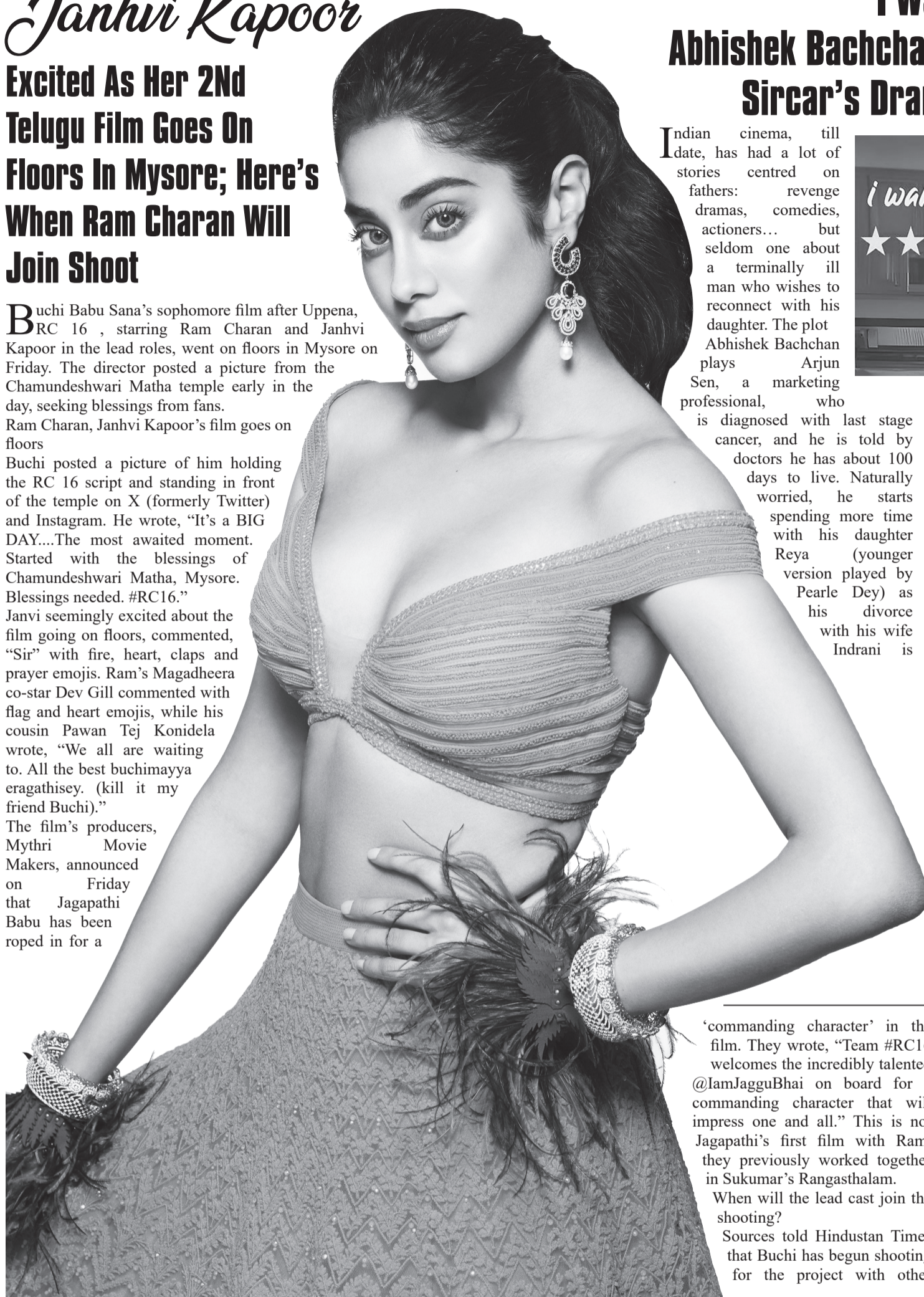
Buchi Babu Sana's sophomore film after Uppena, RC 16, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor in the lead roles, went on floors in Mysore on Friday. The director posted a picture from the Chamundeshwari Matha temple early in the day, seeking blessings from fans.

Ram Charan, Janhvi Kapoor's film goes on floors

Buchi posted a picture of him holding the RC 16 script and standing in front of the temple on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram. He wrote, "It's a BIG DAY...The most awaited moment. Started with the blessings of Chamundeshwari Matha, Mysore. Blessings needed. #RC16."

Janvi seemingly excited about the film going on floors, commented, "Sir" with fire, heart, claps and prayer emojis. Ram's Magadheera co-star Dev Gill commented with flag and heart emojis, while his cousin Pawan Tej Konidela wrote, "We all are waiting to. All the best buchimayya eragathisey. (kill it my friend Buchi)."

The film's producers, Mythri Movie Makers, announced on Friday that Jagapathi Babu has been roped in for a



## I Want To Talk Review: Abhishek Bachchan Shines In Shoojit Sircar's Drama About Mortality

Indian cinema, till date, has had a lot of stories centred on fathers: revenge dramas, comedies, actioners... but seldom one about a terminally ill man who wishes to reconnect with his daughter. The plot Abhishek Bachchan plays Arjun Sen, a marketing professional, who is diagnosed with last stage cancer, and he is told by doctors he has about 100 days to live. Naturally worried, he starts spending more time with his daughter Reya (younger version played by Pearle Dey) as his divorce with his wife Indrani is



finalised. He even thinks of ending it all one day, only to be convinced otherwise by his nurse, Nancy. And what gives him hope is a request by his daughter: she wants to dance with him at her wedding in the future.

Shoojit Sircar, the director, is in no hurry with I Want To Talk. It's an indulgent film, which takes its own sweet time to move the story forward. The first half is about Arjun's struggle to come to terms with being a patient (both as a noun and a verb), and forces you to think: what would you do if you were given just a few months to live, one fine day?

The diagrams Arjun prefers to be explained his surgeries on, him feeling like a medical 'project' - and the doctor reaffirming his belief - it catches you off guard simply because all this isn't something you discuss at the dinner table. Shoojit and his screenplay-dialogue writer Ritesh Shah have lent a lighter tone to a serious situation, which some viewers might take time to process. Yours truly laughed at a point, while the theatre was silent. Maybe it's this belief that Sircar targets: what if you look at the brighter side of things, even when it's all bleak? The winning blend

'commanding character' in the film. They wrote, "Team #RC16 welcomes the incredibly talented @IamJagguBhai on board for a commanding character that will impress one and all." This is not Jagapathi's first film with Ram, they previously worked together in Sukumar's Rangasthalam.

When will the lead cast join the shooting?

Sources told Hindustan Times that Buchi has begun shooting for the project with other

key actors. Ram and Janhvi will join the shooting on Monday and will can some key scenes. Ram has undergone a physical transformation for the role. His fitness trainer, Shivoham, posted a picture on Instagram earlier this year, hinting at it.

RC 16 is touted to be a sports drama set in Uttarandhra. Vijay Sethupathi, who worked with Buchi in his debut film, told the press in Hyderabad while promoting Maharaja that RC 16 will be a 'sure shot blockbuster'.

## Manoj Bajpayee Realised Industry 'Won't Give Me What I Want' Late In Career

MANOJ BAJPAYEE has delivered a scathing assessment of the support for independent cinema and artists in India. Speaking at the ongoing International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, the multiple National Award-winner addressed how streaming platforms also don't offer support to independent content, and his realisation that the film industry wasn't doing justice to talent.

Manoj Bajpayee on independent cinema

On Thursday, the opening day of IFFI 2024, Manoj addressed the gathering in a masterclass. He said that non-mainstream cinema in India is in a



flux. "We are at our lowest right now. We thought there is a strong platform for independent cinema, but now even the OTT platforms have stopped welcoming that kind of creativity," said the actor, adding, "We are living in a time of uncertainty. It kind of reflects everywhere. One day,

independent cinema will rise again. Independent cinemas are the only kind of cinema that is staying true to the definition of cinema as an art."

The actor also addressed how he arrived at a crossroads in his career over two decades after he began. "When I was doing Gangs Of Wasseypur, I realised that this industry is not going to give me what I want. They weren't writing the scripts that I wanted and not giving opportunities to the talents who have it in them. That's when I realised I have to look for my own directors and scripts or you just wait for eternity for that one script to happen to you, and I was desperate," said the actor.

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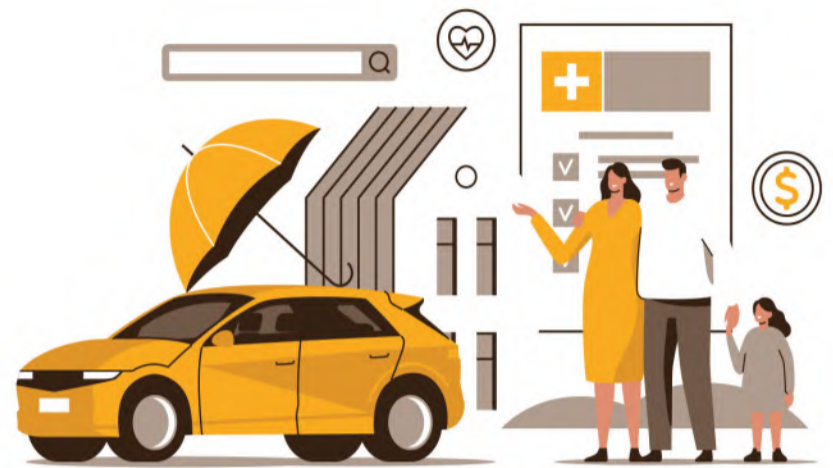
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