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# New era of policing in city: Surrey Police Service officially takes over from RCMP

*The primary ways that residents and business owners access policing services in Surrey will not change as a result of this change to the police of jurisdiction. Police office locations and the main police phone numbers are staying the same, including 9-1-1 and non-emergency (604-599-0502).*



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federal governments have been working together to implement a phased approach to the transition period. This is the next phase in the City's ongoing transition to a municipal police service. "November 29, 2024, marks the beginning of a new era of policing in Surrey, as Surrey

Police Service officially becomes the City's new police service. It's an exciting time and a historic moment, both in policing and in the development of Surrey, as residents will have their own municipal police service for the first time since 1951,"

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# International Student From India Allegedly Stabbed To Death by Flatmate in Ontario

Gurasis Singh, a 22-year-old international student from Punjab, was stabbed to death allegedly by his flatmate in Sarnia, Ontario.

According to Sarnia police, the stabbing took place in early morning hours on Sunday December 1. The accused and the victim were known to each other in that they shared space in the same rooming house.

"Two residents of a rooming house at 194 Queen Street in Sarnia were involved in a physical altercation while in the kitchen. During the altercation, one resident accessed a knife and stabbed the other multiple times, killing him," police said.

Initially, the names and identity of the people involved was withheld. But later police said Crossley Hunter (36-years-old) of Sarnia was charged with second degree murder. Hunter appeared by video before



a Justice of the Peace and was remanded into custody.

Once the post mortem examination was

completed, the deceased was identified as 22-year-old Gurasis Singh, a citizen of India who was an International student. According to police, Singh was studying business at Lambton College in Sarnia.

"Despite an arrest having been made, this complex investigation is ongoing. The Sarnia Police Criminal Investigations Division continues to gather all available evidence to determine the circumstances surrounding this criminal act and what, if any, motive may have existed that led to the murder of this young man. At this time, we do not believe this crime to be racially motivated. The SPS, in partnership and coordination with Lambton College, will continue our efforts to support Gurasis' family and friends as they seek to navigate these tragic circumstances," said Chief Derek Davis.

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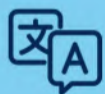
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# Sukhbir Badal escapes assassination bid while performing guard duty

Former Punjab deputy chief minister Sukhbir Singh Badal escaped an assassination attempt at the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Wednesday after a 68-year-old man fired at him before being overpowered by a police officer, in an incident that triggered outrage, posed questions about the security setup, and threatened to trigger turmoil.

The suspect, Narain Singh Chaura, was arrested and investigations revealed that he was the mastermind of the 2004 Burail jailbreak, apart from being involved in a raft of terror cases since 1992.

Badal, who suffered a foot fracture weeks ago and is currently wheelchair-bound, was performing his second day of duty as a "sewadar" in uniform at



the main entrance of the Golden Temple as part of penance prescribed to him by the Akal Takht – the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs – for "mistakes" the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) government committed between 2007 and 2017.

Police said they were working to ascertain if Chaura was working as a "lone wolf" or if a larger conspiracy was at play.

The attempted murder sparked national outrage, with senior political leaders condemning the incident and hitting out at the incumbent Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) administration even as the state government commended the Punjab Police for its "swift action".

He took his spot at 9.05am and was surrounded by 20-25 people. Chaura entered the temple

complex around 9.20am. He washed his feet at an ablution tank two-and-a-half metres away from the senior SAD leader, and pulled out a pistol.

The shooter was about eight feet away from Badal when he tried to open fire, before being overpowered by an alert police officer, Jasvir Singh. Singh grabbed Chaura's hands, who shot into the air, 7-8feet above Badal. Meanwhile, several people standing around him formed a cordon, while others began to thrash the 68-year-old shooter.

Volunteers of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), responsible for management of the gurdwara, and other police personnel snatched the man's pistol.

Badal, on a wheelchair, continued

to perform penance surrounded by dozens of people.

After wrapping up duty at the gate an hour later, he washed utensils at the shrine's community kitchen. Later, his wife and the SAD's Bathinda lawmaker Harsimrat Kaur Badal joined him and performed sewa there.

Other SAD leaders, including Bikram Singh Majithia, who were also made to atone, performed sewa at the shrine complex.

Police said that Chaura, who hails from Dera Baba Nanak town in Gurdaspur district, was spotted on CCTV footage in the Temple on Tuesday as well.

Punjab Police commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the security apparatus around the temple was shored up.

## Akal Takht issues 'tankhah' for Sukhbir Badal, strips Parkash Singh Badal of 'Fakhr-e-Qaum' title

The Five High Priests headed by Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh this week pronounced 'tankhah' (religious punishment) to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sukhbir Badal, former Akali ministers and the party's core committee members holding them guilty of religious misconduct for taking controversial decisions during SAD's tenure from 2007 to 2017, Tribune reported.

Giani Raghbir Singh addressed the 'guilty' Akalis from the podium of the Akal Takht, asking them to wear plaques around their necks with a message of their admittance of guilt.

The Akal Takht has also withdrawn the Fakhr-e-Qaum title, conferred on late

Parkash Singh Badal, keeping in view that he was the state's chief minister when the mistakes were committed that led to a dent to the Sikh Panth and its sentiments.

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Sukhdev Dhindsa was also awarded a similar punishment owing to his old age and health concerns. They were also

directed to perform sewa at Guru Ram Dass Jee Langar Hall.

Meanwhile, others were asked to clean up washrooms of the Golden Temple complex for an hour, followed by washing dishes and cleaning shoes of devotees for an hour each.

The Takht termed the 'mistakes' as sins, and asked Sukhbir to answer its queries, pertaining to controversial decisions taken during the party's rule from 2007-2017, in either 'yes' or 'no'.

The punishment stems from allegations that the Akali leadership maintained ties with Dera Sacha Sauda head Gurmeet Ram Rahim despite his excommunication by the Sikh community in 2007. Later, the



leadership allegedly facilitated his pardon by the Akal Takht.

The party leadership also faced criticism for failing to address key panthic issues when they were in power between 2007 and 2017. These included incidents of sacrilege, and police firing at Kotkapura as well as the appointment of DGP Sumedh Singh Saini, who was accused of rights

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# How Can Premier Eby Improve Public Services And Cut Taxes At The Same Time?



By Harinder Mahil

**I** congratulate Premier David Eby and his newly appointed ministers for their re-election. Although they don't have as many seats as before, it is still significant that they were able to get a majority of NDP candidates elected. On behalf of the NDP, Premier Eby made several promises during the election



campaign which he and his ministers must fulfill. I fully understand his promises relating to housing, healthcare, education, and public safety but I have difficulty understanding the promise relating to a tax cut.

During the election campaign, the NDP promised to reduce taxes for most residents by increasing the amount of tax-free income people can claim. The NDP's promise relating to affordability reads: "Putting \$1,000 in the wallets of BC households now, and every year. Over 90% of British Columbians will benefit with \$500 for individuals or \$1,000 for households."

When it comes to taxes, I am no different than most British Columbians. I would love to receive either \$500 or 1,000 in my wallet. Most British Columbians want to pay least amount of taxes but want to receive all the services the government can provide. We want the best healthcare with no emergency room closures in hospitals. We want the best teachers in our schools without students having to go into portable classrooms. We want the government to take action about the prices of food and housing. We do not want to see anyone in BC go hungry or without a home. In addition, we want the government to make sure we have excellent

roads, bridges and hospitals.

How can the government pay for all these services if it reduces taxes? The government's finances are no different than household finances. When a government reduces taxes, it has less money coming that leads to a higher budget deficit and a higher debt. A tax cut would erode the government's ability to tackle many of the challenges we face including childcare, healthcare and investments in housing.

A tax cut would make sense if the province was running a surplus. However, that is not the case. The provincial deficit is estimated at \$9 billion a year.

We have seen the results of tax cuts by the BC Liberal government in the early 2000s. Those cuts disproportionately benefitted the rich. At the same time, there was a dramatic cut in public services. Thousands of healthcare workers were laid off and services were provided by contractors. In addition, there were significant cuts to public services as well as to the education system.

According to a recently released report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives following the tax and spending cuts under the BC Liberals, the role of public spending

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## 72 Avenue Corridor Project To Get Largest Road Investment In Surrey's History

Surrey City Council has voted on the 72 Avenue Corridor project, which includes a road extension from 152 Street to Highway 15. This project marks the largest road investment in the

city's history, with work along the corridor estimated to cost more than \$150 million. The east-west route will help to reduce travel times, relieve congestion, and improve connectivity between key neighborhoods.

"This monumental investment in our infrastructure reflects Surrey's commitment to meeting the growing needs of our community," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The 72 Avenue Corridor improvements will not only ease congestion by enhancing east-west connectivity in Surrey, but will also balance the diverse needs of residents, farmers, and the environment. We are excited to move forward with this crucial project that will shape the future of our city."

The City conducted extensive public engagement process



for the 72 Avenue corridor, which included two community sessions and an online survey that engaged over 2,480 residents. The City is now sharing the preliminary design plans with Council. Feedback overwhelmingly supports the proposed improvements, with 74% of respondents satisfied or very satisfied with the design

along this segment. Residents surveyed emphasized the need for an alternate east-west route to ease traffic on neighbouring streets and highways.

The project includes three segments one is improvements from 144 Street to 152 Street with construction anticipated from 2026-27, featuring two travel lanes in each direction, left-turn

lanes at major intersections, and a multi-use pathway for cycling and walking on the north side, and a sidewalk on the south side. The second is extension from 152 Street to Highway 15 with construction anticipated 2025, featuring two travel lanes in each direction, improved ditches and wider road shoulders for farm vehicles to support both farming and transportation needs.

There will also be improvements from 188 Street to 196 Street with construction anticipated from Spring 2025-26, featuring two travel lanes in each direction, bike lanes, and sidewalks on both sides, and on-street parking in limited areas.

Funding will be sourced from Development Cost Charges and the Roads and Traffic Safety Levy, as well as potential external funding.

### B.C. Minister Grace Lore Stepping aside From Duties Following Cancer Diagnosis



The B.C. NDP's Minister of Children and Family Development and MLA for Victoria Grace Lore is temporarily stepping away from her role after being diagnosed with cancer.

"Late last month, I was diagnosed with colorectal cancer," Lore wrote in a statement. "This diagnosis was very sudden, and I am working with medical professionals to address this head on, right away." Lore writes the Children and Family Development file is important so she is stepping aside to ensure someone can give it the attention it needs.

"This file is so important and requires the full attention of someone to make the changes we need because kids need us to get it right," Lore said.

"By stepping back, I will be able to focus solely on my treatment and recovery, so I can get back to doing this work as soon as possible."

She will be staying on as MLA during the treatment.

"I'm committed to beating this cancer and getting back to work for British Columbians as soon as I can," she writes.

B.C. Premier David Eby fought back tears while addressing the news, offering support to Lore's husband and two children. Her diagnosis is not the family's first battle with cancer – her son Asher survived a brain tumour in 2001, when he was just four years old.

"Grace's family is one that's been through a lot," Eby said. "I mean, politics at the best of times is hard on families."

Eby says Jodie Wickens, MLA for Coquitlam-Burke Mountain, will serve as the Minister of Children and Family Development in the interim.

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# Surrey Council Commits To Supporting Development Of South Asian Museum Or Cultural Centre

During the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, Surrey City Council unanimously approved Mayor Brenda Locke's Motion outlining the City's commitment to collaborating with the province to build the envisioned Canadians of South Asian Heritages Museum or Cultural Centre in Surrey. With nearly 40% of residents being of South Asian descent, and home to the largest South Asian population in B.C., Surrey was the top location identified in the Provincial Government's Engagement Report. The City has since identified a number of strategic locations for this dynamic cultural facility.

"Surrey is home to a vibrant South Asian community and Council is committed to collaborating with the province to bring a South Asian Museum or Cultural Centre to life in our city," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "We have a remarkable opportunity to establish a cultural treasure that honours the rich history, diverse stories, and bright future of South Asian Canadians. This initiative promises to cultivate a deeper appreciation of our cultural diversity for



residents and visitors alike." Council is dedicated to working closely with the Provincial Government, communities and stakeholders to realize this vision, as outlined in the engagement report that reflects community feedback

on the museum's purpose, vision, and potential locations. The City of Surrey has proactively identified land holdings that can support the facility's development. Surrey is already distinguished by thriving cultural events, including the largest

Vaisakhi Parade outside of India, and numerous community organizations that contribute to its cultural tapestry. The establishment of the Canadians of South Asian Heritages Museum or Cultural Centre in Surrey will provide residents and visitors with an invaluable community amenity, serving as a tangible tribute to the significant contributions of South Asian communities throughout British Columbia.

As a next step, Mayor Brenda Locke will write to the Premier and appropriate Minister(s) to formally notify the province of the City of Surrey's interest.

"This is a significant policy victory," said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson for the Surrey Board of Trade. "The Provincial Government's engagement report affirmed what we've always known - Surrey is the natural home for this cultural landmark."

The City has identified strategic locations for the centre, enhancing Surrey's cultural leadership. Mayor Brenda Locke will now formally notify the Province of Surrey's support for the facility.

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## How Can Premier Eby Improve Public Services And Cut Taxes...

in the provincial economy was seriously diminished. As a share of the GDP, provincial government operating spending dropped sharply in the early 2000s and remains lower today than 25 years ago. This is despite some important investments in social programs by the NDP government since 2017.

By the 2023/24 fiscal year, the provincial operating budget was at 20.7 % of GDP, down from 21.5 % in 1999/2000. This

shows that right-wing claims of BC government engaging in reckless spending are not true.

The people of British Columbia are asking the provincial government for improved services. These services can only be delivered by raising more revenue and not by cutting taxes.

Harinder Mahil is a human rights activist and is secretary of Dr. Hari Sharma Foundation.

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# Surrey Board of Trade Raises Concerns Over Potential Removal of LMIA Points in Permanent Residence

The Surrey Board of Trade has sent a letter to Immigration minister Marc Miller to express concerns about the proposal to remove the 50 points awarded to permanent residence applicants through a positive Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) for certain job tiers.

The letter states, "The current tier level job system recognizes roles requiring specialized skills and education, ensuring that Canada attracts talented individuals equipped to meet our labour market needs. These points not only help skilled workers contribute to Canada's economic growth but also support employers who rely on these individuals for roles demanding expertise and knowledge that cannot be easily sourced locally. Moreover, for many applicants such as skilled workers with extensive experience from their home countries, these points can be critical to achieving a successful permanent residence application. For instance, an individual with seven years of professional experience from their home country may



only be able to count three of those years toward their Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score. Given the current high CRS thresholds, the 50 LMIA points could make a significant difference in helping such skilled applicants meet the required score and contribute to Canada's workforce."

"The Minister indicated that he is considering removing the LMIA points for permanent residence applications as a result of concerns regarding fraudulent job offers being sold for thousands of dollars," said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager. "While we

also share these concerns of individuals taking advantage of the system, the LMIA points are a signal to the world that we are welcoming to skilled and talented individuals. Given the current high Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) thresholds, the 50 LMIA points could make a significant difference in helping such skilled applicants meet the required score and contribute to Canada's workforce."

"Canada is facing a skills shortage in many fields, including health sciences and clean technology, and these skilled workers are highly sought after. Without the points, these individuals may decide to leave Canada, resulting in a brain-drain effect occurring."

SBOT is urging the government to focus on enhanced regulations and measures to verify the legitimacy of job offers. This approach would target fraudulent practices while protecting employers who genuinely rely on the LMIA system to attract and retain talent essential for their operations.

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# Canadian Families Will Pay \$800 More For Food In 2025

Consumers can expect food prices to continue to rise. Canada's Food Price Report 2023 predicts a 5% to 7% food price increase in 2023, with the most substantial increases in vegetables, dairy, and meat. The report forecasts that an average family of four, including a man (age 31-50), woman (age 31-50), boy (age 14-18), and girl (age 9-13) will spend up to \$16,288.41 per year on food, an increase of up to \$1,065.60 from what was observed in 2022.

"To say that it's been a challenging year for Canadians at the grocery store would be an understatement," says Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, project lead and Director of the Agri-Food Analy-

tics Lab at Dalhousie University. "Consumers will continue to get smarter about grocery shopping as they navigate through this so-called food inflation storm."

Canada's Food Price Report is an annual collaboration between research partners Dalhousie University, the University of Guelph, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of British Columbia.

International events continue to affect food prices at home. "The uncertainty from the ongoing Ukraine war shows no signs of ceasing and the Canadian dollar compared to the US dollar has recently ranged five to seven cents lower and this has driven up the cost of all imported American



products" says Dr. Stuart Smyth, University of Saskatchewan campus lead. "Labour shortages in key sectors, such as crop harvesting, food processing, and transportation lower supply and

drive-up prices." What can a concerned consumer do? Now is the time to become a "smart shopper" by consulting flyers for specials, creating and sticking to a budget and shopping

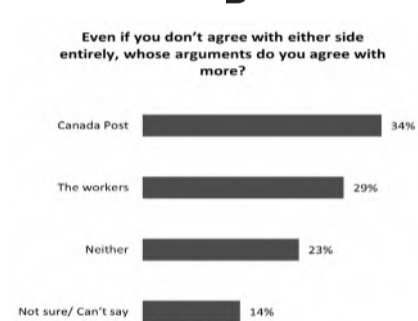
list, looking for substitutes for expensive foods (such as frozen fruits and vegetables instead of fresh, and plant-based proteins like chickpeas or lentils instead of meat), or freezing meat when it comes on sale.

"We haven't seen food prices increase this high in Canada for over 40 years and based on our findings, the increases we have predicted are still quite high but not as high as the increases for 2022," says Dr. Simon Somogyi, University of Guelph campus lead. "That may be cold comfort for Canadians, as food prices are already high, but if inflation can come down, it's possible that we could see price increases for 2023 at or below 5%."

## You've (not) Got Mail: Seven-in-10 Canadians affected by Canada Post strike, sympathy falls near evenly on both sides

This post-Black Friday week is the normally the busiest of the year for Canada Post, where it would be expected to deliver approximately two million packages each day. However, ongoing strike action from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has seen silent days joining unseasonably early silent nights at Canada Post offices across the country. As the stalemate continues, Canadians are facing significant delays in sending and receiving their holiday well wishes and gifts.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds seven-in-10 Canadians already affected by delays in either sending or receiving packages – a number that will only grow as the strike approaches the three-week mark. The dispute centres around a number of



different issues. Workers want a 24 per cent wage increase over four years and improved benefits including better sick leave. The union also disputes a push by Canada Post to add weekend deliveries and takes umbrage with the increasing number of part-time or contract workers Canada Post has been hiring.

Canada Post is countering by suggesting that these changes are needed, given the financial pressures the crown corporation is facing, losing close to half a billion dollars in the first half of 2024.

As the two camps swap proposals, Canadians are evidently sympathetic to both sides of the debate. One-third (34%) say that Canada Post is right to push back on demands and attempt to change how the business operates, given the financial hemorrhage it has endured in recent years.

Close to the same number (29%) say that they stand with the union in their demands. One-quarter (23%) offer sympathy to neither, and likely just want their letters and packages back on the move.

## Two people wounded in random downtown stabbing, suspect shot dead

Two people have been wounded and a suspect shot by police following a stabbing near Library Square this morning.

Vancouver Police responded at 11:34 a.m. to a 9-1-1 call from staff at a restaurant near Robson and Hamilton Street. The caller reported a man had stolen alcohol and was armed with a knife inside the restaurant.

Officers responded immediately, and located the armed suspect inside a nearby 7-Eleven convenience store

The suspect was shot by police and taken into custody. VPD officers and other first responders administered first aid to the suspect, who was taken to hospital and later died.

Two people were injured and taken to hospital. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.



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# New era of policing in city: Surrey Police Service officially takes over from RCMP

Chief Constable Norm Lipinski of SPS said. "SPS would like to express its gratitude to the past and current members of the Surrey RCMP who have served in Surrey since 1951. Their legacy of an unwavering commitment to public safety in the City of Surrey is deeply appreciated. SPS looks forward to the continued public safety contributions of the BC RCMP Provincial Operations Support Unit's temporary assistance until the transition period is completed."

Although SPS will assume overarching responsibility for policing on November 29, the BC RCMP Provincial Police Service will provide temporary policing supports in Surrey until SPS is fully established as a standalone policing service. The continuation of this plan for a phased transition means residents will continue to see both SPS and RCMP officers and vehicles in Surrey until the transition is completed.

Initially, there will be a higher concentration of Frontline SPS officers in Whalley/City Centre and Newton, with more RCMP officers in Guildford/Fleetwood, Cloverdale, and South Surrey. However, officers from both agencies will perform various policing duties across the city: SPS officers will manage several

city-wide services including traffic enforcement, emergency planning, and community programs, and RCMP officers will maintain conduct of most specialized policing services in Newton as well as the Criminal Crash Investigation Team, city-wide.

While officers from both police agencies will primarily provide policing services in "home" districts, the agencies will

**What changed on November 29, 2024 for Surrey policing:**  
 SPS assumed responsibility for policing in Surrey.  
 The RCMP shifted to providing temporary transitional policing supports, under the RCMP Provincial Police Service.  
 The primary ways to contact police in Surrey remain the same:  
 Non-emergency: 604-599-0502 | Emergency: 9-1-1  
 All police office locations in Surrey remain the same with new SPS signage.  
 The primary source for Surrey policing/public safety information is now [www.surreypolice.ca](http://www.surreypolice.ca).  
 SPS now manages media relations for all operational policing in Surrey.

coordinate responses where and when required to address any emerging public safety needs. Similarly, there will be no interruption to ongoing investigations during the transition. While not all files will be transferred to SPS at this time, both SPS and the RCMP are taking steps to ensure that every file transfer is done with the



A Message from the Chief Constable November/December 2024



over more of the frontline policing and investigative duties that SPS is not taking over on November 29th. The BC RCMP Provincial Police Service presence in Surrey will, over time, be reduced and RCMP members demobilized in alignment with SPS's growth.

Garry Begg, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, called it a landmark achievement and significant milestone in Canadian policing, as it represents a key marker in the largest police transition of its kind in the country. "As a former RCMP officer who served for 40 years, I am proud of the history of the RCMP in Surrey. No matter the uniform, I know that every officer puts their lives on the line day in and day out to keep people and businesses safe. Police officers serve with honour and dedication, and I thank both SPS and RCMP officers for

their unwavering commitment to the people of Surrey. As we start a new era of policing in Surrey, I look forward to the SPS's community-led, innovative approach to policing that brings together skilled officers with diverse backgrounds from across the country that meets the needs of our community. There is much work ahead as this transition moves into its final stages, and although the journey has not been without its challenges I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the City of Surrey, the federal government, RCMP, and Chief Lipinski and SPS administrator Mike Serr. Their dedication and collaborative efforts have brought us to this significant milestone, while staying focused on our number 1 job - keeping people and businesses in Surrey safe," he said.

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# International Student From India Allegedly Stabbed To Death By Roommate

According to a media report from India, Gurasis and his family are residents of Ludhiana. He is survived by parents and his

younger brother Manraj Singh who studies in Ludhiana. His father, Charanjeet Singh, told the Indian Express: "Hours before

our son was brutally murdered, he had spoken to us and was very happy. He was hoping to call us also to Canada soon and said that

we would live together again as a family. He used to prepare for college in the night itself and prepare his meals. He had a long

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# Provincial State Memorial Service Planned For Former Premier John Horgan

VICTORIA - A provincial state memorial service for former premier John Horgan will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, at the Q Centre in Colwood, starting at 1 p.m.

Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin, Premier David Eby and other dignitaries will be in attendance.

The service will include religious components by Rev. Dr. Keith Howard, musical interludes and words of remembrance.

The public is welcome to attend. Information about how members of the public can obtain entry will be released in the coming days.

John Horgan, former Premier of BC who was serving as Canada's



**John Horgan, 1959–2024**

Ambassador to Germany, died on November 12 at the age of 65, after his long battle with cancer. Horgan served as B.C.'s New Democrat premier for five years before stepping down in 2022,

then was appointed ambassador last year. But in June, Horgan announced he was on leave from his diplomatic post after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

Horgan's family issued a statement on social media saying he died peacefully Tuesday morning at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria. "The well-being of British Columbia and everyone in it was everything

to him. He was surrounded by family and friends and love in his final days."

Horgan is survived by his wife Ellie, and sons Evan and Nate.

# Fraser Valley Hospitals Facing Donations Losses During Holiday Season Due To Postal Strike

The Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation Team says that due to the ongoing postal strike, it had to suspend its direct mail campaign this year, which typically generates approximately \$140,000 in donations during the Christmas season.

This revenue is crucial in helping us purchase much needed medical equipment for our hospitals, ensuring we can continue to provide high-quality care to our community. The Foundation says while it is unable to conduct direct mail program, there are still several

ways to support our hospital foundation and make a difference in the lives of our patients-in-care in the Fraser Valley.

You can donate in-person, online through our secure website, or over the phone by calling: 604.851.4890. Every contribution, no matter the amount, will help us continue our mission to enhance healthcare services in your local community.

"We understand that this holiday season brings unique challenges, and we deeply appreciate your continued support during this time. Together, we can overcome the impact of the postal strike and ensure our hospitals in the Fraser Valley have the resources they need to serve our community effectively. Thank you for considering a donation this season. Your generosity truly makes a difference to patients-in-care," the Foundation said in a release.

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# Public Assistance Requested to Locate Missing Avtar



On December 4th, 2024, at 6:20pm, a car was left abandoned in the southbound lanes of Alex Fraser Bridge. The driver of the car has not been located, and no witnesses to the car being left on the bridge have been identified. While driving conditions at the time included fog, with rush hour traffic volume, police believe there are witnesses to the vehicle abandonment.

The driver of the car was believed to be a 46-year-old Surrey man by the name of Avtar. Checks with Avtar's family determined he was last seen at the family residence earlier that afternoon. Family and police are concerned for Avtar's well-being.

Avtar is described as 5'11" tall, weighing 230 lbs, with short black hair, short black beard, black rimmed glasses, possibly wearing a black toque, black winter jacket without hood, and pajama pants. Avtar has a tattoo on the back of his right hand. See the attached photo for an image of Avtar.

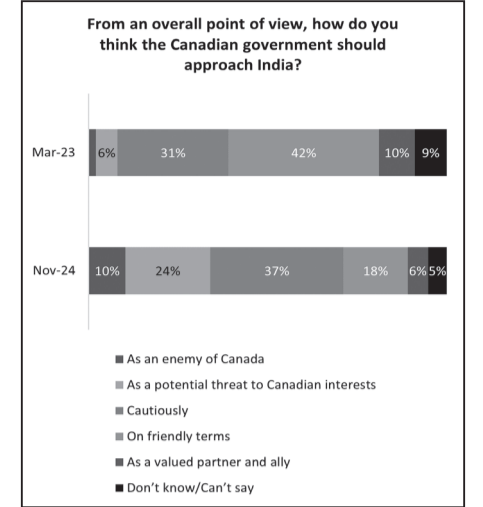
# Rising Diplomatic Tensions And Allegations Of Foreign Interference Fuel Plummeting Canadian Views Of India

Amid fresh, but so far denied, allegations of Indian political interference in Canada's 2022 Conservative Party leadership race, a new public opinion poll from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute, in partnership with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, indicates a significant decline in Canadian views towards the sub-continental superpower. Where a majority (52%) of people in this country told ARI 20 months ago that Ottawa should approach New Delhi either as a

valued partner and ally or on friendly terms, that sentiment has dropped by half to just 24 per cent. Further, favourable views of India have plummeted from a high of 56 per cent in January 2020 to 26 per cent today. The inverse negative view has more than doubled. These data also reveal India is now only seen more favourably by Canadians than Russia and China, while trust in New Delhi sits at less than one-third (28%).

There is less consensus over how Canada is perceived to be handling the relationship, although a plurality are inclined to say Ottawa isn't managing it well (39%) compared to one-third (32%) who say the opposite and almost the same number (29%) who say they aren't sure. A significant political tension colours these perceptions. Those who say they would vote for the Liberal Party of Canada in the next election are most complimentary of the Trudeau government's performance on this file, while professed Conservative supporters say the current government is mishandling the situation.

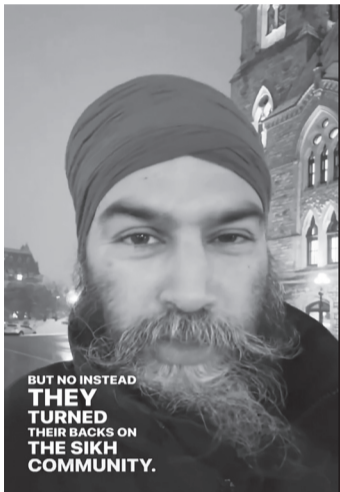
The froideur between the two nations shows little sign of warming in the short term. The belief among 39 per cent in Canada is things will not improve until Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is no longer in office, while 34 per cent say the same of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. That said, two-thirds (64%) of Canadians say this country should at minimum, "cautiously" attempt to re-open trade negotiations on a free trade agreement with India, a finding slightly boosted by threats from incoming U.S. President Donald Trump of blanket 25 per cent tariffs on



Canadian exports. The survey also finds the proportion of Canadians who want increased trade ties with India has halved from one-in-five (18%) in 2014 to eight per cent now. The survey finding mention that among Canada's top 10 trading partners, only China (76%) and India (66%) are selected by a majority of Canadians as not "strictly upholding the rule of law or respecting human rights." Two-thirds (66%) say Canada should "stand up for what it believes is right" with India even if it means a further deterioration of the relationship.

## Foreign Affairs Committee blocks NDP motion to recognise 1984 anti-Sikh violence as 'genocide'

A motion moved by the New Democratic Party or NDP for the recognition of the violence against Sikhs in India in 1984 as a "genocide" failed to be passed by a Parliamentary committee, this week. NDP leader Jagmeet Singh moved the motion before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. He said notice of the motion had been given on June 19 this year.



Screenshot of the video in which Jagmeet Singh is seen expressing his disappointment with the Liberal government for turning down the motion

motion to recognize the Sikh Genocide. They've known about this for months. They could have spent the time to listen to the concerns of the community, listening to the evidence, understanding why it is so important, listening to the evidence that clearly establishes it as a genocide and the definitions for genocide were met. Instead, they turned their backs on justice."

Sukh Dhaliwal, Liberal MP wrote on his platform X, "At the FAAE committee, Jagmeet Singh introduced a motion addressing the 1984 Sikh Genocide—a motion I fully supported. I'm deeply saddened that the debate was adjourned. I remain committed to honouring and advocating for the lives lost during this tragic chapter in Sikh history." World Sikh Organization while responding said, "Today in the Foreign Affairs Committee, Liberals and Conservatives blocked NDP Leader's motion to recognize the Sikh Genocide suggesting the motion was not the right "way of working" to raise the issue. On its 40th anniversary, this refusal to hear evidence or voices from the Sikh community is deeply disappointing."

Introducing the motion, Singh asked the committee to "call on the House to recognise that a genocide was carried out against the Sikhs in India" in 1984 and to "call upon Indian government to make measures to bring those responsible for this violence to justice." Canada's Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs Rob Oliphant described those events as "horrendous" and "tragic", adding it was "not just an Indian issue but also a Canadian issue by virtue of our population in this country." However, he raised procedural questions about it being adopted by the committee and suggested other alternatives. Later, Singh posted on X, "Today, in the Foreign Affairs Committee the Liberals and Conservatives teamed up to block a

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# Punjabi Community is thriving Across Big and Small Cities in California



By Balwant Sanghera

During our trip to US, we went to Mexico. After spending a few days in the bordering county, it was time for us to return. Our next stop was San Diego. The city is well known for its beaches, parks and warm climate and its Zoo.

San Diego also has lots art galleries, artist studios museums and gardens. This city of more than 1.3 million people has a very deep harbour that is home to a large active naval fleet. About 70 miles of pristine beaches and a dazzling array of world-class family attractions make this city, a very attractive place for the tourists.

San Diego Zoo Safari Park, Seaworld and Legoland are some of this city's other attractions.



the families. They have an almond farm surrounding a very spacious residence. The beauty of these almond, grape and other fruit farms is that they are in a straight line from whichever side you look at them. Also, there is few feet of distance between the rows. I found it quite convenient and comfortable to go for long walks between these spaces. Our relatives have all kinds of fruit trees around the house. Thus, it was a pleasure to walk around the house and enjoy eating these fruits.

Manteca and the neighbouring communities like Tracy, Lodi, Stockton etc. have spacious Gurdwaras. Most of these Gurdwaras have a large acreage with them for future expansion. During our trip, we had the

around the globe. Their ethics of hard work, perseverance and resilience have enabled them to succeed despite severe hardships. Countries like the United States, Canada, U.K, Australia and New Zealand are shining examples of their success.

While visiting California one is reminded of Punjab. The weather is warm year around and hot during the summer months. Punjab is famous for its flowing fields of wheat, rice paddy and sugarcane etc. However, California is famous for its miles and miles of farms of almonds, raisins, oranges and a variety of other fruits. Californians, like Punjabis, have big hearts and are very generous. As a matter of fact, in some parts of California there



After spending couple of days in San Digo, we were off to Manteca in central California to meet some more relatives. Manteca is a mid size city with 85,000 residents and a home to many well-settled Punjabi families. We went to visit one of

opportunity to attend a wedding in Selma. Selma is known as the capital of raisins. Some of the Punjabi farmers in this area are known as the almond king or raisin king etc.

This is a matter of great pride for our community. People of Indian Origin in general and Punjabis in particular have made unbelievable progress not only in California but also all

are mini Punjabs. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Baja California (Mexico) and California (U.S.). We are very thankful to our relatives there for a very warm welcome and wonderful hospitality. It will be great to see them again before long.

*(Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist)*

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# Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Kung Jaadee Inspires Connection To Roots At Vivek Canada Event

By Heti Kaushal

Living outside India for your entire life often means relying on stories to understand your culture. Whether it's stories of your family's history or traditions, these narratives become the bridge connecting you to your roots. Vivek Canada's Dawn to Dusk program embodies this spirit of connection by fostering a sense of community through meaningful activities that connect youth and senior citizens over Indian culture. Each event feels like coming home to a family gathering, where the lines between generations blur, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

Vivek Canada, is a Vancouver-based non-profit organization, dedicated to alleviating poverty and fostering rural development in India. It's Dawn to Dusk program is aimed at bridging the gap between South Asian youth and seniors. Every gathering is centered around a special activity, and November's event involved an Indigenous knowledge keeper, Kung Jaadee (Roberta Kennedy). Kung Jaadee has been sharing her stories for over 30 years across Canada. She belongs to the X̱aayda (Haida), x̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), S̱kw̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), Tlingit, Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and is part Hawaiian. Her name, which was presented to her by her cousin Crystal Robinson, means 'Moon Woman'. This name carries a deep symbolism, as it signifies her role as a storyteller who brings light and wisdom to her community, much like how the moon illuminates the night sky.

While educating us about her culture, she tried to connect with us personally. Her hands, her movement, and interaction with the audience displayed her animation and love for storytelling. Everyone was captivated by her beautiful Regalia, and her singing and drumming. Furthermore, she taught us how to say multiple things in her Haida and Squamish languages, helping us feel connected to her roots while learning about ours.

One of her most memorable stories was about the Raven, a central figure in Haida culture. In this story, the Raven, feeling lonely, hosts a grand feast and invites guests from all corners of the world. This story, which speaks to themes of community, inclusivity, and the power of love, resonates deeply with the Dawn to Dusk program's mission. The Raven's act of inviting everyone, regardless of their background, to share in a communal celebration, mirrors the program's efforts to bring people together and celebrate diverse cultures, through a journey of listening and learning. And of course,



just like at our events, everyone always looks forward to the food!

Overall, this event marked the first time an Indigenous knowledge keeper attended, and it was a significant milestone in the Dawn to Dusk program's path towards inclusivity and cultur-

al exchange. Indian and Indigenous cultures share numerous similarities, especially in their reverence for elders, storytelling traditions, and emphasis on community and interconnectedness. Each step we take moves us closer to becoming a more informed and unified society,

as we are all a part of the quest called 'Truth and Reconciliation', which asks us to unlearn what we think we know, and learn what we should know. This is understanding and honoring each other's histories and cultures. This is learning about other cultures and traditions.

This is Dawn to Dusk. To learn more about Vivek Educational Foundation of Canada, please visit: [vivekcanada.org](http://vivekcanada.org) (Heti Kaushal is Grade 12 student at the University Transition Program of UBC, and a youth volunteer with Vivek Canada's Dawn to Dusk program.)

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# Surrey Launches Early Excavation Pilot Program To Accelerate New Housing

Surrey City Council has endorsed an early excavation pilot program aimed at expediting the construction of new multi-family housing projects. This initiative allows for the issuance of “excavation only” building permits for qualified development projects, enabling excavation work to commence before the final adoption of rezoning and development permits.

The pilot program is designed to identify projects that have reached a satisfactory level of certainty, ensuring that rigorous safety and environmental standards remain a priority. Among the conditions for eligibility, projects must have received preliminary approval from Council and align with existing city regulations to minimize risks associated with excavation. “The early excavation pilot program is another example of Council’s commitment to accelerating housing in Surrey,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “By enabling



excavation work to begin earlier, we are taking an important step towards addressing our urgent housing needs, while ensuring community safety and project integrity. We are dedicated to providing a diverse range

of housing options in a timely and this initiative will help us achieve that goal.” With the current housing market under pressure, the pilot program seeks to optimize project timelines and streamline

the development process. Currently, with over 43,000 new housing units conditionally approved by Council, approximately 25,000 units may be eligible for this expedited process. By allowing excavation to occur concurrently with the finalization of necessary permits, the City aims to reduce the overall delivery time of new homes significantly. Moving forward, Council will monitor the program’s effectiveness and provide updates in the first quarter of 2025. If successful, the initiative may lead to permanent changes in housing development processes in Surrey.

On Monday, Council also approved amendments to the City Centre’s office and residential development density bonus policies. These changes will establish minimum density expectations and clarify the collection process for density bonus contributions, aligning the City’s policies with provincial legislation

while fostering growth in the City Centre.

For more information about the City of Surrey’s Housing Action Plan, visit [surrey.ca/housingaccelerator](http://surrey.ca/housingaccelerator).

## One man in custody after stabbing in Newton neighbourhood

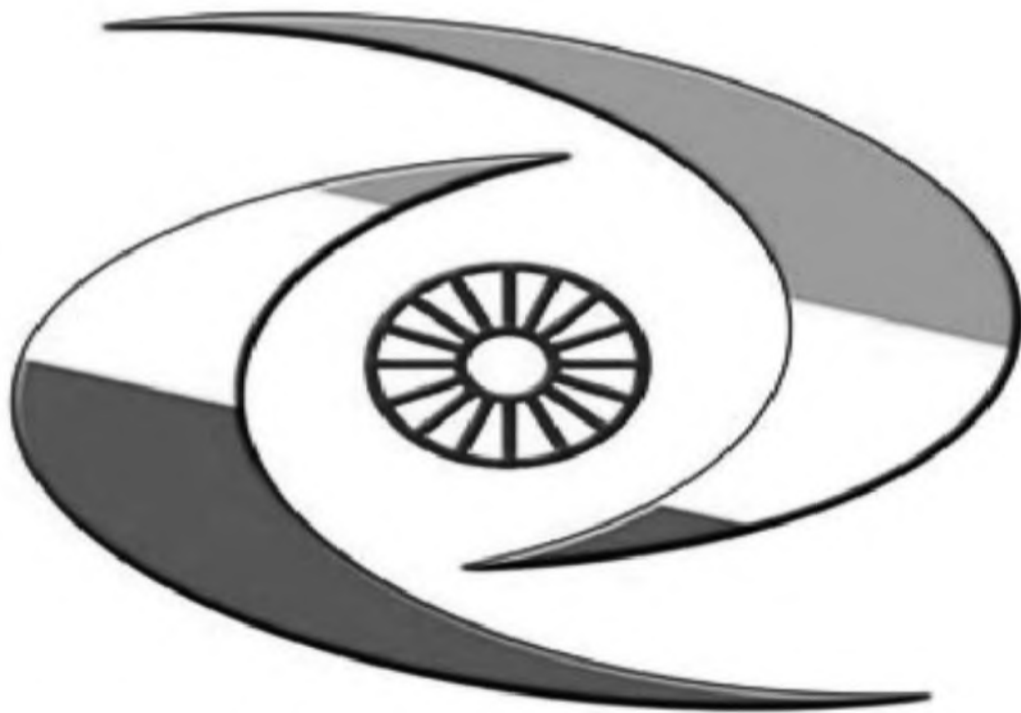
One man is in custody and a victim is being treated for serious wounds to their arm after a stabbing this morning near 73rd Avenue and 130th Street in the Newton neighbourhood of Surrey.

Shortly before 10:00 am on December 4, Surrey Police Service (SPS) was called by a victim who was stabbed multiple times in the arm. SPS officers were on scene within minutes and able to apply medical intervention to the victim while waiting for medical assistance.

Other SPS officers, with the assistance of the Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS), were able to locate a suspect male and arrest them without incident. During the search for the suspect, a nearby school, Princess Margaret Secondary, was placed in a temporary “hold and secure”, which has since been lifted.

The suspect remains in custody pending further investigation. The victim is currently being treated in hospital for his injuries.

There is currently a road closure on 130th Street between 73rd and 74th Avenues while police investigate. Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have dash or surveillance camera footage to please contact Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502.




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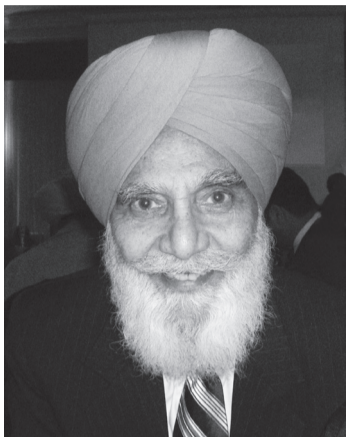
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# Remembering Life And Legacy Of Jagjit Singh Sandhu

By Balwant Sanghera

Our community has lost one of its prominent members recently. Jagjit Singh Sandhu, a Richmond resident and a good friend of mine passed away peacefully on November 26 surrounded by his loved ones. Jagjit was born on April 16, 1934. His ancestral village is Jethuwal in district Amritsar in the Punjab. He was the eldest child of his parents-Major Pritam Singh Sandhu and Tej Kaur Sandhu. After studying economics at Khalsa College Amritsar, Jagjit joined the Indian Army Signal Corp. He served as a police officer with the Himachal Police Service in Shimla before moving to Canada in 1970. His wife Balbir and children Bhagwant Singh and Nikki Kaur Sandhu joined him in 1972.



He started working as a taxi driver for a short period then took up trade and apprenticed to be a welder and pipe fitter, working in various machine shops including a stint in Fort McMurray, Alberta. He retired from Shell Refinery in Burnaby after working there for several years. Jagjit was a family man and dedicated his time to serve community. He helped his relatives and friends settle here in Canada. Sandhu was a tireless volunteer. He volunteered at Khalsa Diwan Society, 8000 Ross Street Vancouver for several

years in various capacities including as treasurer and volunteer principal at the Gurdwara's Punjabi School. I had the privilege of working with him on different organizations and projects. Both of us volunteered as directors at the Richmond Multicultural Community Services (RMCS) for several years. He was always willing to go the extra mile in helping not only RMCS but also many other organizations. Our time spent together with the Yoga and Chai Chaupal Program jointly sponsored by RMCS and India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, #5 Road Richmond was wonderful. All of us at these community settings looked forward to meeting and hearing from Jagjit. Be it as a seniors' peer counsellor, member of the Federal Seniors' Advisory Panel or as a fundraiser for the Cancer Society, Sandhu was always there leading the charge. He will be missed not only by his family and relatives but also by his friends and the community. May his soul rest in peace! Funeral Services for Jagjit Singh Sandhu will take place at Five Rivers Funeral Home, Hopkott Road in Delta on Sunday December 8 at 2PM followed by Sehaj Paath Bhog and Antim Ardas at Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 8600 # 5 Road, Richmond at 3:30 PM.

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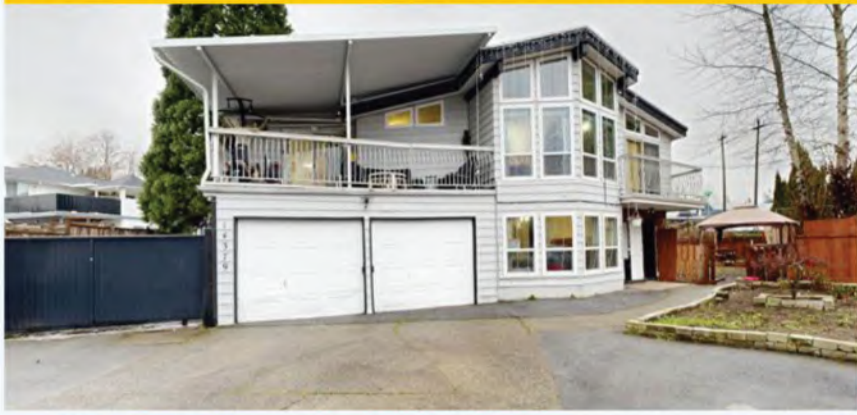
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<p>#51-7090 180 ST., SURREY</p> <p><b>SOLD</b></p> <p><b>Sold in 7 days</b> <b>\$185,000</b> <b>over asking</b></p>		

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**7028 142 STREET, SURREY**



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

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# 2025 Mazda3 3.5 Turbo Gt - Award Winning Compact

Review by Veeno Dewan

The Mazda3 is an award-winning car, much loved by Canadians for its sporty looks, refined interior, and sprightly performance, the Mazda3 arrives as either a hatchback or a sedan. For 2025, the Mazda3 continues with stylish good looks and an array of trim lines and engine choices to attract buyers. One major temptation for performance minded drivers is that you can still opt for a six-speed manual transmission version.



The exterior is stylish, and the interior a cut above the competition.

For 2025, all models get rear side airbags, and the with the middle GS trim, the 2.5L engine is replaced with the 2.0L on front-drive models. The 2.5L receives cylinder deactivation and a boost from 186 hp to 191 horsepower. The base Mazda3 GX is equipped with the efficient Skyactiv-G 2.0L four-cylinder that delivers 155 hp and 150 lb-ft of torque and is paired with a six-speed manual transmission, front-wheel drive, and G-Vectoring Control Plus. There is the option of six-speed automatic transmission with manual-shift mode and sport mode. Also of note is the availability of the Mazda3 Sport with the option of All Wheel Drive via an i-Activ AWD system for the first time. G-Vectoring Control Plus those aids in cornering is also provided. For 2025, the Suna Edition (Sport only)

adds to the GT Turbo trim with more performance, unique Zircon Sand paint, black exterior trim, and a dark interior. The GT trims also add Alexa Built-in Voice Application.

The Mazda3 Sport GS is available with either front-wheel with a 2.0L engine or all-wheel drive version with the bigger 2.5L four-cylinder unit). The GT comes with a 2.5L four-cylinder putting out 191 hp and 186 lb-ft and is paired with a six-speed

automatic transmission. The top AWD GT Sport Turbo is powered by a turbocharged version of the 2.5L four-cylinder delivering 250 hp and 320 lb-ft of torque on premium 93 octane gas, and 227 hp and 310 lb-ft of torque with regular 87 octane.

We tested a 2025 Mazda3 Turbo GT with the most powerful in the range, namely a turbocharged 2.5L four-cylinder engine with up to 250 hp on premium gasoline and 320 lb-ft of torque. Fill it with 87 octane fuel and horsepower drops to a still feisty 227 hp and 310 lb-ft of torque. The transmission options will excite performance drivers who like to shift their own gears with a six-speed manual transmission on the front-wheel-drive versions of the Mazda3 Sport, while the all-turbocharged models get a six-speed automatic as on our tester.

The GT adds exterior features as Gloss black front grille and 18-inch light

gray high lustre alloy wheels. The interior meanwhile adds such extras as: Leather-trimmed upholstery, an 8.8-inch color display for Mazda Connect, HMI Commander, Apple Carplay and Android, plus a rear-view camera with 7" LCD display are all standard. The

interior is exemplary with a sporty, neat driver orientated cockpit. And good cabin packaging. Various options deliver all you could want along with outstanding leather seating and trim. The dash features an 8.8-inch infotainment display.

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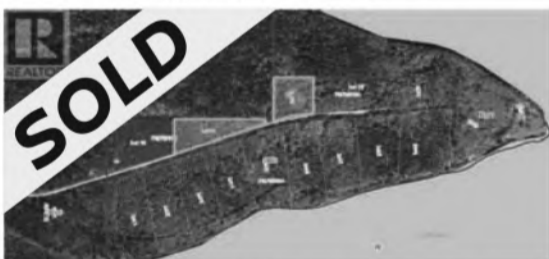
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# Mayor says Surrey ready for winter with snow-fighting equipment, online Snow Plow Tracker

The City of Surrey's snow-clearing crews are prepped and ready for winter with its salt supplies replenished, fleets winterized and snow response technologies activated. The online "Surrey Plow Tracker" returns this year that allows residents to keep tabs on where snow trucks are and to see which roads have been plowed. Once plowing begins, tracker can be viewed on <https://www.surrey.ca/services-payments/parking-streets-transportation/winter-snow-ice-control-operations>. "Ensuring our 4,200 kilometres of roads are safe and passable this winter is a top priority for the City of Surrey," said Mayor



Brenda Locke. "I commend our incredible snow removal crew for their dedication keeping our priority roads clear. We all have a role to play in helping keep our community safe this winter.

Please do your part to clear snow and ice from sidewalks outside your home and prepare your vehicle for winter driving." The City's comprehensive winter road preparedness

strategy includes a diverse 77-unit fleet, ready to clear snow and de-ice over 4,200 kilometres of roadway. To keep roads clear when snow falls, the City utilizes state-of-the-art technologies, such as the Road Weather Information System, Traffic Camera Network, and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Turn-by-Turn Route Assistance, all functioning together to establish the strongest municipal snow fighting network in the province. The City's focus is keeping priority roads as clear as possible to support public safety, ensure emergency services can respond quickly, and to maintain public

transit and vehicle travel on main arterial roads. The City uses a three-level priority system: Priority one roads include arterial roads, major collector roads, bus routes and hilly areas. Priority two roads include access routes to secondary roads which connect local traffic with arterial or major collector roads. Priority three routes include the remaining residential roads, which are addressed in a systematic manner, starting with identified problem areas, once all other roads are cleared. More information about the City of Surrey's snow removal and ice control plan is available at [surrey.ca/snow](https://www.surrey.ca/snow).

## Western Community College Donates \$5,000 to Surrey Urban Mission to Support Community Initiatives

On December 5, Western Community College (WCC) in Surrey's Health & Technology District was proud to present a \$5,000 donation to Surrey Urban Mission, an organization dedicated to providing essential services and support to vulnerable individuals in the Surrey community. Surrey Urban Mission is renowned for its work in addressing food insecurity, offering shelter,

and delivering outreach programs that empower those experiencing homelessness, poverty, and marginalization. The donation from WCC reflects its commitment to giving back to the community, fostering inclusion, and contributing to the well-being of Surrey's residents. "Western Community College is dedicated to supporting the communities we serve," said Gurpal

Dhaliwal, President of Western Community College. "This donation to Surrey Urban Mission aligns with our mission of building a better future through education and community collaboration. By contributing to such an impactful organization, we are ensuring that resources and care reach those who need it most." The donation highlights WCC's broader community

engagement strategy, which includes initiatives to support local organizations, empower underserved populations, and promote city-building efforts through education and outreach. Surrey Urban Mission will utilize the donation to expand its programming and provide critical resources to families and individuals in need, further strengthening its ability to make a tangible impact in the community.



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## KPU Alum's Book On Taylor Swift's Fashion Becomes New York Times Bestseller

Combining her passions for fashion and journalism, a Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) alum has found success as an expert on Taylor Swift's style. Sarah Chapelle is a graduate of KPU's Bachelor of Journalism program, and it was during her time as a student that she began a blog centred around Swift's fashion.

"I've been a fan of Taylor's since 2006," says Chapelle. "I wanted to create a space for fans who loved the intersection of Taylor's artistry. Her storytelling is crystallized in both the lyrics of her songs and the outfits that she puts on her body." Taylor Swift Style is a platform for "critically kind commentary" on Swift's fashion, says Chapelle. Through thoughtful analysis and documentation of Swift's outfits, she unravels the intention and deeper meanings behind the singer's style choices.



"Swift's fashion and music work in tandem to communicate a message," she explains. "We're most familiar with her confessional, emotional songs about her life, but her style is the other half of that story — the visual half that iconifies every era and makes moments memorable."

Chapelle's audience has grown extensively over the past 13 years, with over 350,000 followers on Instagram alone.

"I'm so grateful to have found so many other people who share my passion. Cultivating a space on the internet that embraces complex conversation and diversity of opinion feels like finding a unicorn. My followers are individuals who feel unified by our shared passions and excited by our differences."

Chapelle's latest accomplishment is publishing a book, Taylor Swift Style: Fashion Through the Eras, which she released on Oct. 8. The instant New York Times bestseller pairs insightful commentary with over 200 photographs of outfits Swift has donned throughout the years.

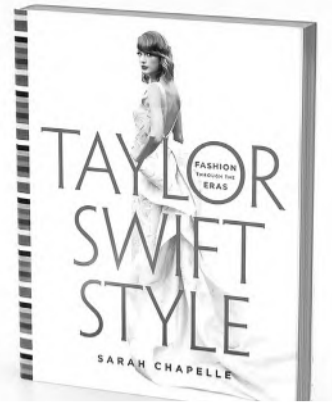
"In the 'blank space' — Taylor pun intended — left when asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would always write

'author.' Becoming a published author, and a bestselling one at that, is the definition of a dream coming true."

Chapelle credits KPU's Journalism program for equipping her with the skills necessary to launch her successful career.

"At KPU, I learned how to take my love of storytelling and plant it in reality," she says. "How to expose truths, cover events with fairness, and draw a person in words. I use my journalism background to provide commentary and historical context, backed by the writing and research skills I learned, to analyze the medium of fashion." Chad Skelton, chair of Journalism and Communications Studies at KPU, says that Chapelle's success proves that the program helps prepare students for careers beyond just journalism.

"The mix of skills we teach —



how to report, write, and use multimedia tools — is a great preparation for a whole host of careers in fields like public relations and communications. Sarah's success in becoming the go-to expert on Taylor Swift's style shows just how diverse the career paths are for KPU Journalism grads."

KPU's Bachelor of Journalism program is the only four-year journalism program in Metro Vancouver. Students produce journalism that draws on the full range of multimedia storytelling possibilities, including photography, audio, video and data visualization.

## Whistleblower Legislation Expands To 6 Research Universities, Worksafe BC

Employees will benefit from new protections when bringing forward concerns about serious wrongdoing as the scope of the Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA) expands to research universities and WorkSafeBC.

The act protects employees and promotes accountability and transparency by providing a system for employees to report serious wrongdoing to designated officers within their organization or to the Office of the Ombudsperson.

PIDA has been implemented using a phased approach since it came into force

in December 2019. This marks the final scheduled phase of implementation of the act in the broader public sector. Approximately 320,000 employees across 197 organizations are now covered by the act.

Disclosers and those who participate in PIDA investigations are protected from reprisal. This includes demotion, termination of employment or other measures that negatively affect their work conditions. The act also ensures that investigations are conducted fairly and promotes transparency by requiring organizations and the ombudsperson to annually report disclosures

received and the results of any investigations.

The Province passed PIDA in 2018 in response to the ombudsperson's 2017 report, Misfire: The 2012 Ministry of Health Employment Terminations and Related Matters. The report made 41 recommendations that the Province has fully implemented.

This expansion will cover WorkSafe BC and the following six research universities: University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Northern BC, Simon Fraser University, Thompson Rivers University, Royal Roads University

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# The Darkest Month Of The Year Is Here – Time To Be Extra Vigilant About Reporting Crime This Holiday Season

The holidays mean getting out to shop, socializing at parties, meeting friends at bars and restaurants, and going to shows and other special events.

But the days are also getting shorter and darker, and there are ongoing concerns about public safety in communities across B.C. It's time to take an extra minute to think about staying safe, being aware of our surroundings, and ANONYMOUSLY reporting any information you have about a crime to Crime Stoppers.

"Every year, someone becomes a victim of something this time of year, but there are actions you can take proactively to help you stay safe on the streets, in stores or at holiday gatherings," says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "Crime Stoppers has lists of common-sense tips to help keep parents, children and teenagers safe when they go out. And if you do know anything about who might be behind street violence, random attacks or any other crime, but want to remain ANONYMOUS, call us at Crime Stoppers. We'll pass the

information to police, but you will never be identified."

Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable "P3" app for Apple and Android phones, calling Crime Stoppers or 1-800-222-8477, online at solvecrime.ca, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Facebook page.

### PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS FROM METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS

#### STAY SAFE AT A CLUB/PARTY/ CONCERT

- Where possible, have friends/family with you, don't walk around at night on your own
- Familiarize yourself with the layout of the venue; try to stay in well-lit, crowded areas
- Take note of where to find event staff or security/police officers and first aid
- If you plan to drink, do so responsibly. Don't accept drinks from people you do not know or leave your drink unattended.
- If you see something, say something.



#### OUTDOORS

- Know your route, be aware of your surroundings, and avoid headphones
- Always walk in well-lit areas; avoid wooded and dimly lit areas, especially at night
- When out for a run, face oncoming traffic and wear reflective clothes
- If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street, go to the nearest home, service station or business and call the police

#### SHOPPING

- Keep your handbag closed and close at

hand – crowded shopping areas make you an easier target for purse snatchers and pickpockets. Never display large sums of money in public

- Stay alert when using your phone, be aware of who's near you; be aware of your surroundings in a parking lot

- Don't leave your house keys or portable garage openers in your car where thieves can steal them

#### TRAVELLING

- Use a valid rideshare or taxi service. If you feel uneasy about the driver, do not get in the car.

- When driving, make sure your car has enough fuel to complete your journey, check for broken lights, windshield cracks.

- Never give a ride to a stranger.

- Keep all the doors locked, even when you are in the vehicle

- On trains and buses, stand in a well-lit place near other people.

- If someone is bothering you, tell the driver of the bus or a Transit Security Officer - you can stay with them if you continue to feel uncomfortable.

## Noel Holiday Light Festival & Market Opens in Surrey

The highly anticipated Noel Holiday Light Festival & Market is now open at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. Running until December 23, 2024, the festival offers a magical holiday experience for all ages, with all activities and entertainment included in the price of admission. Admission is free for children aged six and under, \$15 for youth and seniors, and \$20 for adults. The only additional costs are for food, beverages, merch, and items purchased from the Christmas Market. Noel Surrey's Black Friday sale is currently offering 20% off tickets for select weekdays including Dec 5,



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12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 19. The discount is

valid for online purchases only and ends Monday, December 2. Tickets can be purchased at noelfestival.com.

Attendees can enjoy live music, light displays, the Winter Spice Kitchen, bar, Kidsville and more inside the Noel Village. Outside, the Holly Jolly Hub offers cozy fire pits, food trucks, and dining huts. Additional outdoor activities include a 1-km holiday light walk around the pond at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre, including along Electric Avenue and through the Electric Forest and Frosty Forest. Noel Surrey is fully

licensed, and 19+ attendees can sip on a variety of festive drinks as they explore the festival.

Admission includes unlimited access to rides on the 50-foot Ferris Wheel (until Dec 19), and on the Berry-Go-Round and Bumper Cars (from Dec 20-23), live music and dance performances, photos with Santa, and kids' activities including face painting, crafts, rides on the Candy Cane Slide, and balloon twisting. Guests can also explore enchanting themed areas, including Santa's Castle, Rudy's Reindeer Stable, the Illuminated Playground, Bavarian Plaza, and a lair for a "Green & Grumpy" guest.

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## LOOKING FOR BRIDE

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For more information Please Contact **604-729 8123.**

## LOOKING FOR GROOM

Jatt Sikh parents are looking for a boy for their beautiful 25 years old, 5'4", MBBS daughter. Boy should be a doctor from Jatt Sikh family and should be a Canadian citizen or PR. Girls family is very well reputed & settled in Vancouver. **Call 604-377-4085** for more details

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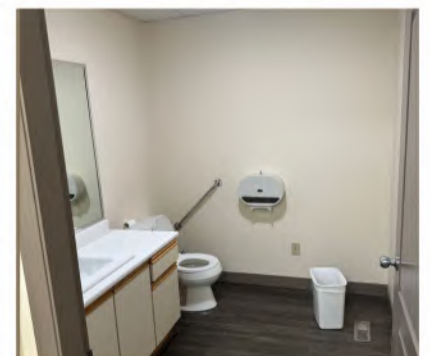
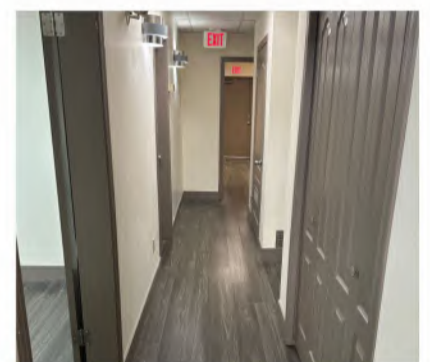
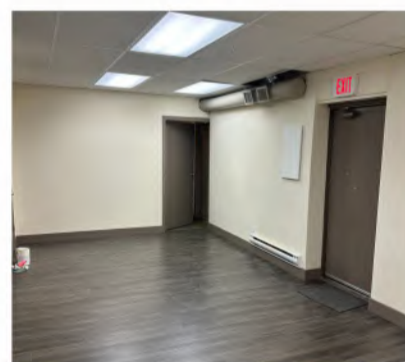
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## Upcoming Program

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 6th December, Friday** at 10:00 AM, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by Paramjit Singh Gill family.
- 8th December, Sunday** at 3:30 pm, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Jagjit Singh Sandhu by the Sandhu family.
- 14th December, Saturday** at 4:30 pm, Sri Sukhmani Sahib path by Harnek Bindra family and Kitan, kath vichar program regarding Poh month sangrand. Langer sewa by the sangat.
- 15th December, Sunday** at 10:30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha vichar program. Langer sewa by the sangat.

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**6th December, Friday** at 10:00 AM, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started in connection with the martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib.

**8th December, Sunday** at 10:00 AM, Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib in connection with the martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib. After that, Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar will be held in connection with the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib.

Langer sewa will be provided by the Sangat and the Management Committee for three days.

To bid farewell to the year 2024 and welcome the New Year 2025, a Kirtan Darbar will be arranged from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am and at 12:01 am, the New Year will be welcomed with enthusiasm.

3rd January, Friday, at 10:00 am, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started at 10:00 am in connection with the Parkash Purb of the tenth Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, whose Bhog will be held on Sunday, January 5 at 10:00 am, Kirtan Diwan will be arranged and Guni Giani will shed light on the life of Guru Sahib.

All three days, the langar will be served by the Sangat and the management committee

### \*Important Information:

The last day of Punjabi school is December 22nd, then Punjabi classes will start from Sunday, January 5th. Please enroll your children in the school so that they can able to speak, read and write Punjabi. For more information, contact Secretary S. Balwant Singh Sanghera at 604-836-8976.

### Special Information

Like in previous years, the social festival of Lohri is being celebrated collectively by those fortunate families who have been blessed with children by God on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6 pm by performing Gurbani Kirtan and serving Langars. A Dhuni Balan program will also be held in the parking lot behind the Guru Ghar. The fortunate families who have received the gifts of children are requested to contact the Gurdwara Sahib to participate in this joyful event.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6 pm, a special Diwan will be arranged on the occasion of Maghi Sangrand, remembering the unique sacrifice of the 40 Muktas. The service will be performed by the entire Sangat.

**Daily Program: 5:00 am Prakash Guru Granth Sahib, 6:00 am to 6:45 am Nitnem, 7:00 am to 7:30 am Kirtan Dewan, 7:30 am to 1:45 am Katha, 7:45 am to 8:00 am Ardaas**  
**Evening Diwan: Rehras Sahib 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm, Kirtan 6.00 pm to 6.15 pm, Ardas/Hukamnama 6.15 pm to 6.30 pm, Sukh Aasan 8.00 pm**

For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! [www.nanakniwas.ca](http://www.nanakniwas.ca)

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## Diljit Dosanjh Relishes Ghee Podi Idli At Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Café Ahead Of Concert



Punjabi pop sensation Diljit Dosanjh, known for his chart-topping hits and electrifying performances, made his first stop at Bengaluru's iconic Rameshwaram Café ahead of his much-anticipated Dil-Luminati India Tour concert in the city.

The singer treated himself to the café's signature ghee podi idli, a quintessential South Indian delicacy, setting the tone for his Bengaluru visit.

Concert details

Diljit will perform on Friday, at the NICE grounds in Madavara. The concert, part of his ten-city India tour, is expected to be a high-energy extravaganza. According to event organizers, the gates for the venue will open at 4 PM, with the show scheduled to kick off between 7 PM and 7.30 PM.

Fans are encouraged to arrive early to secure their spots and avoid delays caused by the expected massive turnout. The concert is set to conclude by 11 PM.

Tickets for the Dil-Luminati India Tour were initially available through exclusive pre-sales and later opened to the general public via Zomato Live. Bengaluru is one of the ten cities on this tour, which began in October and will culminate in Guwahati on December 29, 2024.

The tour has already garnered immense praise for its world-class production and Diljit's dynamic stage presence.

Diljit 'alcohol' controversy Diljit recently made headlines after the Telangana government issued a legal notice instructing him not to perform songs promoting alcohol, drugs, and violence during his concert in Hyderabad.

The notice was issued just hours before his performance on Friday. His songs, such as Patiala Pegg and Panchatara, were specifically mentioned in the complaint.

## Aishwarya Rai Dispels Divorce Rumours With Abhishek Bachchan; Attends Party With Him, Clicks Selfies

Amid divorce rumours about actor-couple Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai, new pictures of the duo have emerged on social media platforms. Taking to their respective Instagram accounts, entrepreneur Anu Ranjan and actor Ayesha Jhulka posted photos featuring Aishwarya and Abhishek Bachchan.

Aishwarya and Abhishek attend party together

In a photo shared by Anu, Aishwarya was seen clicking a selfie as she stood in front of her mother, Brindya Rai. Anu held Brindya's hand while Abhishek stood behind them. All of them smiled and posed for the camera. For the event, Aishwarya and Abhishek twinned in black outfits. She wore a suit, while Abhishek was seen in a bandhgala and



trousers.

Fans react to pics

Anu captioned the post, "So much love warmth (pink heart emojis)." Reacting to the post, a fan said, "Love this, Anu...you really changed everyone's mindset." A comment read, "Shutting off all false rumours." A person wrote, "Strong women don't just divorce

to avoid the problem. They look for solutions. Aishwarya Rai with her mother and husband Abhishek Bachchan last evening at a party." More pics of Aishwarya, Abhishek Ayesha Jhulka shared a bunch of pictures from the event on her Instagram Stories. In the photos, Aishwarya clicked selfies. Ayesha, Abhishek and Aishwarya

also posed for the camera. For the event, Ayesha wore a red saree. The party was also attended by Tusshar Kapoor and Sachin Tendulkar among others. The venue and other details of the party aren't known yet.

About Abhishek, Aishwarya divorce rumours

The rumours about discord between Aishwarya Rai and the Bachchan family began in July 2024 during Anant Ambani's wedding. It started when Aishwarya and her daughter Aaradhya Bachchan arrived separately at the venue. The rest of the Bachchan family, including Amitabh Bachchan, his wife Jaya Bachchan, son Abhishek Bachchan, daughter Shweta, grandson Agastya Nanda, and granddaughter Navya Naveli, made an appearance together.

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# Parineeti Chopra, Raghav Chadha to appear on Aap Ki Adalat

Actor Parineeti Chopra and AAP MP Raghav Chadha will be seen on the India TV show Aap Ki Adalat. Taking to X (formerly Twitter) on Friday, anchor Rajat Sharma



shared a video of the couple on the show. Parineeti, Raghav will be part of a show. In the short clip, Parineeti sang her wedding song O Piya. Raghav Chadha briefly joined her. As Parineeti continued singing, Raghav smiled and looked at her. Parineeti shared the post with the caption, "An honour, sir. Thank you for having us. @RajatSharmaLive @raghav\_chadha #AapKiAdalat."

Fans react to couple's new video

Reacting to the post, a fan said, "Can't wait to watch this episode, power couple setting goals together." A person wrote, "Absolutely superb !! May God bless you with happiness and togetherness till eternity." A tweet read, "Cant wait For This One. @ParineetiChopra @raghav\_chadha Parizaade Love Always #ParineetiChopra Sunshine Always." "He is so sweet, the way he looks at Parineeti. Smitten, mesmerised," read another comment.

**About Parineeti and Raghav**

Parineeti and Raghav tied the knot on September 24, 2023 at the Leela Palace Hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan in the presence of close friends and family members. It was attended by several well-known faces of the entertainment industry and politicians.

Last month, Parineeti and Raghav attended the famous Maa Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi. The couple was accompanied by Raghav's mother and other family members. Raghav and Parineeti looked moved by the spiritual experience as they participated in the Ganga puja. They were welcomed with traditional angavastra, prasadam, and a memento.

**About Parineeti's film**

Parineeti was last seen in Amar Singh Chamkila in which she starred with Diljit Dosanjh. Imtiaz Ali helmed the film. Diljit portrays 'Chamkila,' the top-selling artist of his era. Parineeti essays the role of Amar Singh Chamkila's wife, Amarjot Kaur.

Amar Singh Chamkila presents the untold true story of Punjab's original rockstar of the masses, who emerged from the shadows of poverty and rose to the heights of popularity in the eighties due to the sheer power of his music, angering many along the way, which led to his assassination at the young age of 27.

## Pushpa 2 Box Office Collection Day 2: Will Allu Arjun's Film Surpass Day 1 Haul?

Pushpa 2 box office collection day 2 (updated live): Allu Arjun's massy mammoth is off to a roaring start. On Day 1 (Thursday + Wednesday paid previews), the film broke all records and emerged as the biggest Indian opener of all time.



**Pushpa 2 BO report: At 5pm**

As per Sacnilk.com, Pushpa 2 raked in another ₹42 crore on Friday.

Added to the already swollen figure of ₹175 crore from Day 1, the total now stands at ₹216 crore.

Keep checking every hour for updated figures.

On Day 1, Pushpa 2 emerged as the new queen of the Indian box office. It overthrew Rajamouli's RRR to take the top spot. It also left behind the likes of Baahubali 2 and KGF 2. It is even the biggest film to release in Hindi, trumping last year's Jawan.

Movie Day 1 collection

Pushpa 2 - ₹175 crore

RRR - ₹133 crore

Baahubali 2 - ₹121 crore

KGF 2 - ₹116 crore

Ticket price hike

Some credit for that might go to the unprecedented price hike for tickets. Allu Arjun thanked the Andhra Pradesh government for approving the price hike of the tickets for the film, calling it a "progressive decision".

Arjun shared a post on his X handle on Monday evening for the same. "I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for approving the ticket hike. This progressive decision demonstrates your steadfast commitment to the growth and prosperity of the Telugu film industry," the post read.

The 42-year-old actor, who is set to return as labourer-turned-sandalwood smuggler Pushpa Raj in the sequel to 2021's Telugu blockbuster Pushpa: The Rise, thanked Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan of Andhra Pradesh.

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## 2025 Mazda3 3.5 Turbo Gt - Award Winning Compact

The "Commander" control knob on the center console, for the infotainment system is simple to use and quick in reaction. I have to say the dark red, almost burgundy colored leather trimmed seats and trim on our white tester looked superb.

The cabin also features specially designed seats and ergonomics that make the driver feel as if

they are at one with the car. There is excellent support and comfort. The front cabin is roomy enough, although it's a squeeze to fit three large adults in the back. Cargo capacity is rated at 566 liters (1,330 liters total with rear down. Safety is good with Windshield-projected colour Active Driving Display (ADD), 360° View Monitor,

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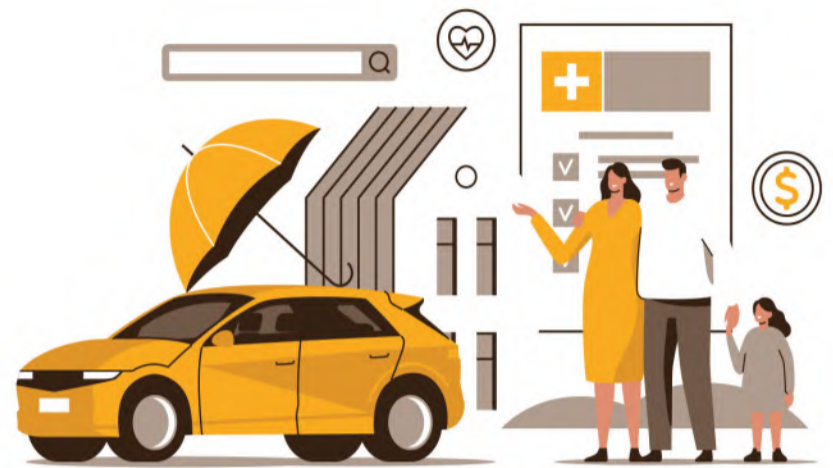
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