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Tragic Loss: Two International Students From Punjab Die In Edmonton And Kelowna

wo students from different I regions of Punjab met a tragic end last week in Canada. Twenty-year-old Harshandeep Singh, was allegedly shot to death in the building he was working as a security guard in Edmonton. Rittika Rajput, a 22-year-old, student from India, was killed by a falling tree near Kelowna last weekend.

The local community has stepped forward to raise money for both of the deceased students and send their dead bodies back to Canada.

Edmonton Police informed that on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at approximately 12:30 a.m.,



Harshandeep Singh

Downtown Branch patrol officers responded to a report of a gunshot inside an apartment building in the area of 106 Street and 107 Avenue. Upon



Rittika Rajput

arrival, officers located an unresponsive 20-year-old male security guard Harshandeep Singh in a stairwell and immediately conducted first

aid. EMS responded, treated and transported him to hospital where he was declared deceased. An autopsy on Singh's dead body determined the cause of death was a gunshot wound and the manner of death was homicide.

The Edmonton Police arrested and charged Evan Rain, 30, and Judith Saulteaux, 30, with 1st degree murder on Friday, Dec. 6 in relation to Singh's death. Investigators do not believe anyone else was involved in Singh's death and a weapon was recovered during the arrest. Court dates for both accused

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South Asian Members Of BC Children's Foundation Pledge To Raise \$1 Million For **Children's Diabetes Research**

Peter Raju and Kamal Sharma, members of the South Asian Development Committee at BC Children's Hospital, are uniting 50 South Asian business owners to each contribute \$20,000 to support diabetes research in children.

The South Asian com-The South Asian community forward to address an issue that hits close to home. While diabetes disproportionately affects the South Asian



Kamal Sharma

are being diagnosed with the disease. The BC Children To contribute to this research, Hospital has been a leader in members of the South Asian



Peter Raju

increasing number of children help find new ways to diagnose and treat children with diabetes.

raise \$1 million to support groundbreaking research into childhood diabetes.

Peter Raju, owner of the dutyfree shop at Peace Arch border and chair of the South Asian Development Committee, at BC Children Hospital (BCCH) Foundation, has come up with a unique and impactful fundraising strategy. Instead of hosting a traditional gala, Raju has called on 50 prominent South Asian business and community leaders to contribute \$20,000 each to raise \$1 million in total by March 31, 2025.



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BC Man Part Of Group Arrested In Ontario For Extortion-Related Incidents In South Asian Businesses

Bandhumaan Sekhon, a 27-year-old from British Columbia, is one of the 5 South Asians recently arrested by **Ontario police** in connection to recent occurring in Brampton and Mississauga, targeting the South Asian business community.

Investigators from the Peel Police Regional Extortion Investigative Task Force (EITF) have made multiple arrests and seized four firearms The police said the arrests are part of an investigation related to extortions across Canada. "These threats have all included demands for large sums of money under the threat of violence."

Sekhon was charged with conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence and unauthorized Possession of a Prohibited Device or Ammunition. He was held in custody for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton and has since been released with court-imposed conditions.

Harmanjit Singh, a 25-year-old from Brampton; Tejinder Tatla, a 44-year-old from Brampton, Rukhsar Achakzai, a 21-yearold from Brampton; and Dinesh Kumar, a 24-year-old from Hamilton are others arrested and charged in connection to extortion incidents.

The police said, "These incidents have included damage to property, threats of violence, and firearm-related offences. Victims of these incidents are often contacted through social media



platforms, such as Whatsapp and Facebook, which allow online chat groups." "In late 2023 Peel region experienced a disturbing trend

where business owners became

the victim of extortion attempts

for large sums of money under

the threat of violence. These

incidents deeply impacted

victims and their families

and were felt throughout our

community and communities

right across this country. In

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Police took immediate steps

to announce the mobilization

of what we call an extortion

investigative task force also

known as the EITF. This team

is comprised of specialized

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that have been tasked to

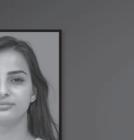
protect our community prevent

further violence and hold those

responsible accountable. To date,

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27-year-old from British Columbia



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Dinesh KUMAR Extortion

the EITF has investigated over 60

incidents, made 21 arrests, and

laid 154 criminal charges. These

investigations have also led to

the seizure of 20 firearms, over

11kg of methamphetamines, over

\$10,000 in proceeds of crime,

and the recovery of 6 stolen

vehicles," said Peel Region

Police chief Nishan Duraiappah.

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to work closely with law enforcement partners across Canada to investigate these incidents. Anyone who receives a demand for money under the threat of violence is urged not to make any form of payment and to call the police immediately. These incidents can be reported to the Peel Regional Police EITF at 1-866-966-0616.



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Tractor-Trailer Driver From Surrey Facing Impaired Driving Charges After A Series Of Collisions In Port Coquitlam

C Highway Patrol is recommending Btwo criminal charges of impaired driving after a semi-tractor that was towing a trailer hit four parked vehicles in Port Coquitlam.

just before 3:00 p.m., when BC Highway Patrol received a report of a semi-trailer driving erratically on the Mary Hill Bypass, Port Coquitlam. Before police arrived, the semi-trailer hit four parked vehicles on Industrial Avenue, Port Coquitlam.

The incident began on December 9, 2024,





"BC Highway Patrol stopped and identified the driver thanks to an alert citizen who called police," said Corporal Michael McLaughlin with BC Highway Patrol. "It is unbelievable that a professional driver would consider operating a vehicle of this size while impaired, and that's why BC Highway Patrol is recommending criminal charges."

The 42-year-old Surrey man who was driving will not be named until his first court appearance in Port Coquitlam on March 12, 2025. The following charges are being recommended:

Impaired operation of a motor vehicle, section 320.14(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; Operating a conveyance with a blood alcohol level over 80 mgs/ 100 ml, section 320.14(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

The driver is also facing a 90-day Administrative Driving Prohibition and his BC Driver's Licence has been seized. The semi-tractor was impounded for 24 hours.

21-Year-Old Missing Tajas From Delta Passes Away

The Delta Police Department (DPD) Police informed on December 10 that has informed that 21 year old missing male from Delta has been located and has sadly passed away.

The Delta Police informed December 9 that on approximately 3:40 am Tajas left a residence on foot and wearing only underwear, with a significant injury. Tajas, was described as approximately 5'9" tall and 120 lbs.

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Police urgently requested residents in the Sunstone neighbourhood and immediate surrounding area to check their yards, sheds, and cars for an injured missing man.

Tajas was locaed and he passed away. The police said that his death is not

considered suspicious and no further information will be released. "Our thoughts are with Tajas's family and friends during this difficult time, and we extend our deepest condolences for their loss. Thank you to our community who provided help in looking

for Tajas, including the public, as well as partner agencies South Fraser Search and Rescue, Delta Engineering, and Vodasafe," said A/Insp. James Sandberg, DPD.

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International Students Are Not Responsible For Canada's Immigration And Housing Problems



By Harinder Mahil

There has been a lot of discussion in L the press lately about Canda's housing problems. Some commentators suggest that international students have caused the housing crisis.

We will be hearing a lot about Canada's immigration problems as the next federal election approaches. Immigration is likely to be a much bigger issue in the election than it has ever been before.

Last month, the federal government unveiled a three-year immigration plan that will reduce the annual intake of permanent residents over the next three years. It will also reduce the temporary population including international students and foreign workers to 445,901 in 2025 and 445,662 in 2026.

Miller, Marc Minister of Immigration, has confirmed that new regulations impacting the International Students Program have now taken effect, including the number of hours international students may work off campus. Work permits for thousands of students are no longer being renewed.

For three months, current and former international students have been staging a permanent protest near the busiest highway in Brampton, Ontario. They started the encampment on August 30, 2024, to draw attention to the over 200,000 Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) holders at risk of deportation due to the government's immigration policy changes, and to build support for their demands for fairness, respect, and a path to permanent residency. Last week, I had an opportunity to hear a presentation by two international students Bikram Kullewal and Mehakdeep Singh, who are part of the encampment in Brampton to get their work permits extended. They made the following points during their presentation:

Canada openly marketed the international students' program as a pathway to permanent residency and citizenship. Their slogan was: "Study, Explore, Work, Stay." Colleges and their recruiters abroad propagated this promise. Most of the students came from

working class and farming



The students' protest is receiving a lot of support for their cause from the labour movement and community organization in Ontario. These students say that they are fighting back against unjust deportation orders.

pandemic, the international students took on jobs that many Canadians refused to do and considered too dangerous. In doing so, they put themselves in harm's way and kept Canada's economy going. Lauded as "heroes" and exploited as cheap During the height of the COVID-19 labour, they are now being told they are

disposable and unwanted. This treatment is irresponsible, unacceptable, and unjust. The labour movement and community groups in Ontario echo these workers' demands for an extension to work permits that are set to expire in 2024 and 2025. They are also demanding a five-year postgraduate work permit for all international students. They say it is important to end 'Labour Market Impact Assessment'-based exploitation; and a fair pathway to permanent residency.

In my view, the students' demands are reasonable and should be seriously considered by the government. If the government believes they need to tighten up its policies with respect to international students, it should apply new policies to students who are arriving now and not to those who have been in the country for years.

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

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families. They sold their land and spent their life savings to come to Canda.

Their tuition, labour and taxes contribute \$31 billion annually to the Canadian economy.

During COVID, the government allowed international students to work full-time, extended postgraduate work permits, and made it easier for many students to obtain permanent residency. The government also hailed them as heroes.

The government could choose to "grandfather" current and former international students with respect to the new policies, which means that the new rules would only apply to future cohorts of students.



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Two International Students...

are on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024. In the meantime, a video of a security guard's cold-blooded shooting in an apartment building was circulating on social media platforms. In the video, a man and a woman can be seen walking down the hallway. The man can be heard yelling as he lifts and points a large gun several times. At the end of the hallway, he appears to use the gun to hit someone off camera multiple times, while the woman and another person stand nearby. All three enter a stairwell with what appears to be the security guard with his hands above his head. The next moments are caught on video from inside the stairwell. It shows the security guard being held by the woman briefly before he runs down the stairs and is

shot by the man in the back. He falls to the ground at the bottom of the stairs, and all three people exit the stairwell.

The police said that they were aware of a video circulating online that depicts Mr. Singh's shooting death on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. "We are unable to comment on the authenticity of the video as the investigation is ongoing. While three individuals are observed in the video, EPS is confident that only two individuals were involved in the shooting death."

"Edmontonians are rightly outraged by this tragic incident," said EPS Homicide Staff Sgt. Rob Bilawey. "Posting or sharing incorrect information during an ongoing investigation impedes the process and disrespects the victim and their loved ones.

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South Asian Members Of BC...

He says every dollar raised will go directly to research, bypassing administrative and event-related expenses.

"This remarkable initiative will allow caregivers and families to envision a future without diabetes," said Raju. "It will enhance the lives of children and families battling this disease."

Reflecting on the origins of this initiative, Raju shared, "About three years ago, following the COVID-19 pandemic, BC Children's Hospital approached us to help



we are all travellers,

We send our deepest condolences to the friends and family of the deceased."

According to a GoFundMe fundraiser, Singh was the only son of his parents. He came to Canada just 1.5 years ago. "Singh's family resides in Pind Matehri Jattan, Ambala, Haryana, India. The funds raised through this campaign will be deposited into the account of Harshandeep's aunt, Balwinder Kaur Waraich, who will then forward the full amount to his parents in India. These funds will help cover the costs of sending Harshandeep's body back to India for his last rites, as well as assist with funeral expenses, legal costs, and other unforeseen financial challenges.

The killing of Singh in central Edmonton is raising renewed calls for training and safety protocols for the job. Many international students from India have become victim of senseless acts of violence across Canada. While others have met tragic fate due to

raise funds for research into childhood diabetes. It's a cause close to our hearts. I organized a small event at my home, inviting a few community members. In just half an hour, we raised \$540,000 through their generous support."

Building on that success, Raju aims to raise \$1 million this time. Raju added, "At the end of the campaign, we will hold a reception to recognize and thank the contributors."

The fundraising efforts are part of a larger research project led by BC Children's Hospital. According to Rita Thodos, Executive Vice-President, BC Children's Hospital Foundation, "More than 2,400 children across BC live with diabetes: a constant, unrelenting challenge that requires daily vigilance from patients and families. But at BC Children's Hospital, we are on the brink of groundbreaking advancements thanks to world-class clinical research. Our experts are uncovering new ways to predict, prevent, and even reverse this life-altering disease. We're moving faster than ever towards a cure, and this simply wouldn't be possible without the commitment of donors."

The funds raised will support BC Children's world-renowned researchers

accidents.

A recent in the list is accident of Rittika Rajput. Rittika died a tragic death, due to a tree collapsing and impaling her head on December 7, 2024, in Kelowna. Rittika is from Punjab and according to the fundraiser, Ritika comes from "a low income family, her mother, Kiran Rajput, worked day and night stitching clothes for people to make their ends meet. Kiran also took out a loan of thousands of dollars for Rittika to send her to Canada and pay her educational fees. This unforeseen accident has left Rittika's parents shattered and struggling to cope with this devastating loss."

To help the family find closure, and to allow them the opportunity to conduct a proper funeral, a GoFundMe page was created by cousin Balwinder Heer to raise funds to transport Rajput's body back to India.

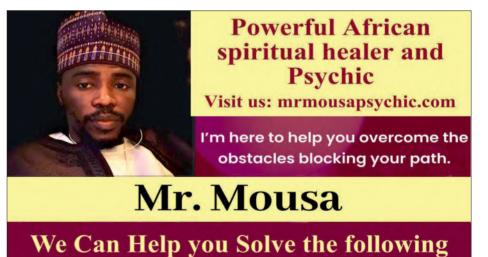
Donations can be made at gofundme.com.

in lab-Based Research -- Developing innovative methods to predict, prevent, and reverse childhood diabetes and clinical research: Discovering new ways to diagnose and treat children affected by this devastating disease.

Kamal Sharma, director of the South Asian Development Committee and president of KVP Entertainers, said, "Diabetes is a common lifestyle disease among South Asians. We all understand its impact, not just on patients but on their families as well. There's a lack of awareness, and education is critical."

Sharma explained how the idea of involving 50 contributors took shape. "In our initial event, a small group raised \$540,000. This time, we wanted to expand the circle, ensuring that more people contribute equally. The idea has been well-received by the community. It wasn't difficult to approach South Asian business leaders, and we hope this will inspire even greater participation."

Anyone interested can contact Kamal Sharma for more information. Together, the community aims to make a lasting impact, paving the way for a future where no child's life is shortened by diabetes.



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155 British Columbians Lost To Toxic-Drug Supply In October 2024

Preliminary reporting released by the BC Coroners Service (BCCS) finds that 155 people died from unregulated toxic drugs in October 2024.

While this represents the lowest monthly number of deaths from drug toxicity since September 2020 in British Columbia, the risk of harm and death remains high. Throughout the province, 1,925 people have died from unregulated drug toxicity in 2024. This is a 9% decrease, representing a significant decline in the number of deaths, compared with the first 10 months of 2023 (2,107 deaths). October's data equates to about five deaths per day. The BC Coroners Service does not have the investigative data to suggest why this decrease has occurred, though it is consistent with reporting from other ju-



risdictions and BCCS is working with partners to understand this further.

Unregulated drug toxicity remains the leading cause of unnatural death for people in British Columbia aged 10 to 59, and accounts for more deaths than homicides, suicides, accidents and natural disease combined.

The service says 22 per cent of deaths in October were female, and in 2024, the rate of death

among women and girls was more than double what it had been five years ago.

But there were no deaths in October due to unregulated drugs for people under 19.

The report mentions that the two primary drug types detected in decedents who underwent expedited toxicological testing in October were fentanyl (87.1%) and stimulants (80.7%); By health authority, Vancouver

Coastal had the greatest number of unregulated drug deaths (48), followed by Fraser (43). Vancouver had the highest number of unregulated drug toxicity deaths during the month (39), followed by Surrey (16), then Greater Victoria (nine).

Josie Osborne, Minister of Health, said, that her heart goes out to the family, friends and colleagues of the 155 people lost in October. Each of these people mattered deeply and their absence is felt by everyone who knew and loved them. "The toxic-drug supply remains one of the most serious threats to public health, affecting people from all walks of life. While we have seen encouraging progress, with the lowest number of deaths in four years, there is still much work ahead."



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and complements the new mortgage rules that will take effect this month. Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem said during a news



government's decision to lower immigration targets, will impact the outlook on economic growth and inflation going forward.

Canada Post Employees Asked To Go Back To Work

fter almost a month Aof strike between Canada Post and its employees, Federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon is asking the Canada Industrial Relations Board to assess the situation and order employees back to work if they

think a deal will not be reached.

The 55,000 employees who are part of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) want better wages, safe working conditions, the right to retire with dignity, and the expansion of services at the public post office, according to a news release from the union. The strike began on Nov. 15, after the union said it made little progress after a year of bargaining.

MacKinnon released a statement in a post on X. "I have asked the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) to assess the likelihood of the parties reaching negotiated agreements



by the end of 2024 under the current circumstances, and if the CIRB considers this unlikely, to order the Canada Post Corporation and all employees represented by CUPW to resume

and continue their operations and duties, and to extend the terms of the existing agreements until May 22, 2025," he said.

After MacKinnon's announcement, the union released a statement. "The Union denounces in the strongest terms this assault on our constitutionally protected right to collectively bargain and to strike," per the statement. "This order continues a deeply troubling pattern in which the government uses its arbitrary powers to let employers off the hook, drag their feet, and refuse to bargain in good faith with workers and their unions."

Government To Double Loan Limit For Canada Secondary Suite Loan Program To \$80,000

C tarting in early 2025, the Canada Secondary Suite Loan Program will double the loan limit from \$40,000 to \$80,000, making it easier for homeowners to finance the creation of rental units on their property, such as basement suites or laneway homes. In a speech, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said, "This program offers 15-year loan terms at just two per cent. That makes it easier for homeowners to add a secondary suite. It's going to



be administered by CMHC and it will launch in early 2025. It

builds on existing measures in place allowing homeowners to refinance their mortgage to help cover the cost of adding a secondary suite."

Borrowers can access up to 90 per cent of the post-renovation home value up to \$2 million amortized over a period of up to 30 years and that starts January 15, 2025. Homeowners will be able to use both the loan program and will have access to mortgage refinancing. Together these two measures will make it easier for homeowners to build a secondary suite.

Ontario Premier Ford Threatens To Cut Off Ontario's Energy Supply To U.S. Amidst Tariff Threats

Premier Doug Ford says Ontario could cut off energy to the U.S. if president-elect Donald Trump makes good on a threat to impose steep tariffs on Canadian goods. Ford told reporters at Queen's Park that federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland will put together a list of items upon which Canada could impose retaliatory tariffs and so will the Ontario government.

"We will go to the full extent depending on how far this goes. We will go to the extent of cutting

off their energy, going down to Michigan, going

down to New York State and over to Wisconsin. I don't want this to happen, but my number



one job is to protect Ontario, Ontarians and Canadians as a whole since we're the largest province," Ford said. "Let's see what happens as we move forward. But we'll use every tool in our toolbox, including cutting them off energy that we're sending down there," he added.

Ford and other provincial and territorial premiers met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau virtually on Wednesday to discuss a threat by Trump to impose

25 per cent tariffs on goods coming in from Canada unless the country improves security along the Canada-U.S. border.

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Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder And Depression



By Dr. Kala Singh

For centuries, poets and writers have drawn parallels between the weather and mood. We all know how the weather affects what we wear, how we travel, what we choose to do, and how we feel.

Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a type of clinical depression that usually starts with the shortening days of late autumn and lasts through the winter. Since the days of winter get shorter, SAD has been found to be more common in northern countries. In Canada, about 2 to 3% of the general population will experience SAD in their lifetime.

Symptoms:

•May be similar to depression making it difficult to diagnose. •Change in appetite. Often, the person gets cravings for sweet, starchy, or other carbohydraterich foods. This can result in overeating and weight gain.

•Often tired all the time, tend to oversleep, and can sometimes feel anxious and desolate. •Suicidal thoughts.

Although SAD may affect some children and teenagers, it tends to begin in people over the age of 20 and is more common in women than in men.

SAD may be caused by a lack of daylight. Each of us has an internal "biological clock" that regulates our routines, a wakesleep and active-inactive cyclical routine called a circadian rhythm. This biological clock responds to changes in season, partly because of the differences in the length of the day. One useful way to combat



this is to use light therapy, also known as phototherapy. This can be done using a fluorescent light box, a device now available in a variety of safe, economical and portable designs.

People with certain medical conditions or who are taking certain medications should have special eye examinations before considering light therapy. In addition to using SAD lamp

lifestyle changes like exercise, relaxation, healthful diet, social supports, medical supports, and compliance to medications are helpful.

Following suggestions may help ease or even prevent SAD:

•spend more time outdoors during the day and try to arrange your environment to maximize sunlight

•keep curtains open during the

day

•move furniture so that you sit near a window

•install skylights and add lamps •regular exercise

•daily noon-hour walk

•try a winter vacation in sunny climates-although keep in mind that the symptoms will recur after you return home. When back at home, work at resisting the carbohydrate and sleep cravings that come with SAD

•for those more severely affected, antidepressant medication and/or short-term counselling (particularly cognitivebehavioural therapy) may also prove to be helpful.

(Dr. Kala Singh gives spiritual counseling and psychotherapy to clients with stress and mental health problems. For more information he can be contacted at 604 327 5253 or kala.singh18@ gmail.com.)



Surrey City Council has directed staff to file notice on titles to two properties, 5858 140 Street and 16653 31B Avenue, where the owners have illegally constructed and occupied the buildings without permits and in violation of the City's Building Bylaw.

"Today's decisions by Surrey City Council reaffirm our commitment to curb illegal construction that jeopardizes the safety of our community," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "By taking action against these properties, we protect not only the character of our neighborhoods, but also the well-being of our residents. I want to acknowledge the Il-

Two Houses In Surrey Illegally Constructed And Occupied Without Permits, City Files Notice

legal Construction Enforcement Team for their efforts in holding

accountable those who attempt to circumvent necessary permits and safety regulations."

The notice on titles are a result of a Special Council Meeting on Dec. 9, 2024, where Surrey City Council voted unanimously in favour of filing the notices on titles to the properties. The notices will alert potential buyers, lenders, and insurers about the illegal construction and the potential risks associated with the property.

A notice on title under Section 57 of the Community Charter is a legal measure used by a city to inform the public, including potential purchasers, about unauthorized structures on a property that were built without the necessary building permits or inspections. It serves several purposes, including: • Encouraging Compliance: It encourages owners to bring their property into compliance with the City's Building Bylaw, to en-

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sure homes are built to the minimum health and safety requirements. The legislation provides that the notice will be removed once compliance is achieved.

• Transparency and Awareness: It acts as a warning about unauthorized structures, protecting prospective buyers and informing the public.

Enforcement and Accountability: It emphasizes the City's commitment to enforcing its Building Bylaw by holding property owners accountable for illegal construction activities.

The City of Surrey's Illegal Construction Enforcement Team, established in 2022, is dedicated to enforcing the City's bylaws and targeting residential construction that is done without permits, inspections, or compliance with safety standards. The City of Surrey has also increased fines for illegal building activities and sought compliance through court action.

To file a complaint about construction you suspect has been done without permits, email bylawcomplaint@surrey.ca or call 604-591-4370. Complaints can also be submitted online through the Report a Problem application.







KPU Scholars To Focus On Ignored Research On Surrey Drug Crisis With Recent Funding

research community-led Aproject is mapping the Surrey drug crisis with a \$339,159 grant from the College and Community Social Innovation Fund.

Researchers Dr. Michael Ma and Dr. Tara Lyons, who teaches criminology at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, are working closely with the Surrey Union of Drug Users (SUDU) to address the lack of specific research on Surrey's toxic drug supply crisis, harm reduction and the regulation of people who use drugs.

Recent data from the B.C. Coroners Service reveals Surrey had the second highest number of toxic drug overdose deaths in B.C. for the first nine months of 2024.



Dr. Tara Lyons (left) and Dr. Michael Ma (right).

people to toxic drug overdoses, with at least four to five people more support and resources in dying every week," says Gina Egilson, a board member at an empowering skill-building

"Surrey's losing more and more SUDU. "There's a deep urgency to improve the system through Surrey. This research will be opportunity that will help guide SUDU's advocacy."

In an article for Oxford University Press's Community Development Journal, Dr. Ma says that although most overdoses have taken place in Vancouver, Surrey and Victoria in recent years, a majority of the research has focused on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

"For too many years there hasn't been enough focus on the escalating drug crisis in Surrey," says Dr. Ma, a sociology professor at the University of Victoria. "So we want to try to build more capacity and support in Surrey through resources, funding and infrastructure."

The goal of the project is to provide contextual and cultural

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data on the lived experiences of the research team and study participants in an effort to address the multi-layered and nuanced issue in a way that reflects the realities of impacted individuals.

The instructors are drawing on the participatory action research method, which means people with lived and living experience of substance use take an active role as participants and collaborators in the research.

"We don't see people as objects of study in the work we're doing," says Dr. Lyons. "They're experts who are guiding the kind of questions we're going to ask and how we will communicate the information."

"I've never seen this kind of collaboration between people of lived experience and established researchers," says Pete Woodrow, a board member at SUDU. "It not only creates a bridge of understanding between two groups that would not normally have contact, it also gives us an opportunity to gain a greater handle on where services are most needed. So often the intent of help falls short or misses the mark due to the lack of a proper map of marginalized population."

Dr. Ma says this project doesn't assume a traditional research structure, but is rather rooted in advocacy.

"This research is just not for pure scholarly academic reasons. It's a community development project that has a research component. It can be leveraged for social action to generate new social, economic and political policy that could benefit people who are suffering, being misunderstood or being under researched."

College and Community Social Innovation Fund grants are intended to foster community innovation by connecting the talent, facilities and capabilities of Canada's colleges and polytechnics with the research needs of community organizations.

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An Afternoon of Poetry, Melody, and Inclusivity by Ghazal Manch Surrey

By Sukhjit Kaur

Ghazal Manch Surrey recently organized a poetry event. It was a true celebration of poetic and musical talent, embracing inclusivity and diversity in its truest sense. Showcasing open Punjabi poetry, soulful ghazals, and evocative vocal singing, this platform united performers and audiences spanning generations, from budding 18-year-old artists to seasoned 80-year-old veterans.

A large number of youths participated, showcasing their passion and talent, and it was evident that the event successfully achieved its goal of empowering and inspiring the younger generation. Among the standout performers was Mehakpreet, a young artist born and raised in Canada, whose heartfelt performance beautifully bridged her cultural heritage with her personal experiences.

In addition, Arnav presented his poetry in English, adding a unique dimension to the evening's multilingual celebration. This inclusivity reinforced the event's commitment to breaking down linguistic and cultural barriers, ensuring a welcoming platform for poets of all backgrounds and languages. By embracing diversity in expression, the event not only honored traditional forms but also encouraged innovation and accessibility, making it a true reflection of the community's rich and evolving identity.

The event's primary goal was to nurture youthful creativity, amplify women's



voices, and create a vibrant space for diverse genres of expression. It not only met but exceeded expectations, as a remarkable 33 talented presenters took the stage, mesmerizing the audience with their heartfelt performances. Their craft, whether in verse or melody, left a lasting impression on the community, resonating deeply with elders, literary enthusiasts, and young dreamers alike.

This is the only poetry event where youth participation was remarkably high, setting an inspiring example for all Punjabi organizations. It demonstrated the importance of involving and promoting the younger generation, as succession planning is key to preserving and nurturing the Punjabi language and heritage. While many organizations often discuss the need to engage youth and promote Punjabi culture, few have taken concrete steps to achieve this goal. Ghazal Manch Surrey has shown that it can indeed be done, proving that with dedication and the right approach, it is possible to create meaningful opportunities that resonate with young people and encourage their active involvement in cultural preservation. This achievement serves as a blueprint for others to follow, ensuring the vibrancy of Punjabi heritage for generations to come.

The turnout was astounding, with attendees praising the Ghazal Manch Surrey team for their dedicated efforts in organizing such a well-rounded and inclusive platform. Many participants and audience members expressed their gratitude and admiration, acknowledging the importance of such initiatives in fostering cultural and artistic exchange.

The success of the event was further evidenced by the overwhelming interest for the next gathering in 2025, with numerous community members already eager to join the lineup. This afternoon of poetic brilliance and musical harmony not only celebrated artistic talent but also strengthened the bonds within the community, marking a significant milestone in the cultural calendar.

It is yet another milestone for Ghazal Manch Surrey team for creating a memorable and impactful event!



Delta Police Seek Witnesses to Semi-truck Collision on Hwy 17



A fully loaded semi-truck drove through a concrete centre barrier, through two lanes of on-coming traffic, and a concrete barrier on the shoulder of the road. When it came to rest, it blocked one eastbound lane, two westbound lanes, and the westbound shoulder of Hwy 17, resulting in a road closure lasting several hours. This collision occurred on Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 3pm, in the 7500 block of Hwy 17, impacting the afternoon rush-hour. There were no injuries.

Investigators are now asking witnesses to this collision to come forward. If any dash camera video exists, we would like to obtain a copy. Specifically, officers are looking for any actions between the truck in question and any other vehicles travelling in the same direction at the time of the collision.

The truck is described as a maroon 2006 Volvo tractor with a black and white checkered flag decal on its side, pulling a tridem container chassis with a nearwhite container decaled with "ONE" on the sides.

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Chandigarh Born Harmeet Dhillon Named Assistant Attorney General In Trump Administration

US President-elect Donald Trump on Monday nominated Indian-American Harmeet K Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice.

"I am pleased to nominate Harmeet K. Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the US Department of Justice," Trump announced on Truth Social, a social media platform owned by him.

"Throughout her career, Harmeet has stood up consistently to protect our cherished civil liberties, including taking on big tech for censoring our free speech, representing Christians who were prevented from praying together during COVID, and suing corporations who use woke policies to discriminate against their workers," he said.

"Harmeet is one of the top election lawyers in the country, fighting to ensure that all, and ONLY, legal votes are counted. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School, and clerked in the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals," Trump said.

"Harmeet is a respected member of the



Sikh religious community. In her new role at the DOJ, Harmeet will be a tireless defender of our constitutional rights, and will enforce our civil rights and election laws FAIRLY and FIRMLY," said the President-elect.

In a post on X, she said she is "extremely honored by President Trump's nomination to assist with our nation's civil rights agenda."

"It has been my dream to be able to serve our great country, and I am so excited to be part of an incredible team of lawyers



led by Pam Bondi. I cannot wait to get to work!" she wrote.

Dhillon, a well-known lawyer from San Fransisco, who runs Dhillon Law Firm, has remained in the headlines since COVID. According to Los Angeles Times, "Dhillon has been an ardent defender of Trump and represented him in some of his legal cases." Legal Defense Fund (LDF), an American premier legal organization fighting for racial justice, denounced the nomination of Dhillon to serve as the Department of Justice's Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. In a release it said, "Dhillon has spent her career eroding public trust in our electoral process and participating in a larger effort to undermine racial equity initiatives. In 2020, she recklessly spread conspiracy theories about the integrity of our elections, going so far as to suggest that Supreme Court justices should intervene on President Trump's behalf. 'We're waiting for the U.S. Supreme Court – of which the President has nominated three justices – to step in and do something. And hopefully Amy Coney Barrett will come through,' she said. This suggestion that justices should be influenced to rule in favor of a president simply because he appointed them is a stunning departure from the rule of law and should be disqualifying for any Department of Justice lawyer, let alone the head of the Civil Rights Division."

Dhillon was born in India and raised in rural Northern California. Her ascent in Republican Party politics began in San Francisco, where she has long lived and first served as chair of the local chapter of the GOP. She later rose to the No. 2 position in the state party and still represents California on the Republican National Committee. She also made headlines internationally when she offered Ardas at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, during election campaign. She said while praying, "I come from a family of Sikh immigrants and I'm honoured to share with you, my fellow Republicans and guests tonight, a prayer from my faith and tradition practised by over 25 million worldwide."

"These last 48 hours have been some of the most intense, yet most prayerful of our lives... We recite the Ardas prayer before any new endeavour, giving thanks to God and asking him for his protection and help uphold the values of humility, truth, courage, service and justice for all," and thanked "Waheguru."

She described Trump's Chardikala spirit as "the tireless and uplifting spirit that is sustained even in the face of violent adversity, like a founding father centuries." She has openly criticized India for the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar and plotting murder of Khalistan supporter Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

Former Union Cabinet Minister and current MP – Bathinda Harsimrat Kaur Badal, while congratulating her on platform X, wrote, "It is a matter of great pride that Indian American lawyer Harmeet Kaur Dhillon who is steeped in Sikh culture and heritage, has been nominated as the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights by President elect Donald Trump. I wish Ms Dhillon the very best for her new assignment and am confident she will champion civil rights in keeping with the concept of 'sarbat da bhala' as propounded by the Guru Sahiban."



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KVP Entertainers Invites Cinema, Music Lovers To Mark Centenary Celebrations Of Greatest Showman Of Indian Cinema Raj Kapoor

This December 2024, the music fans **I** around the world are celebrating legendary filmmaker and actor Raj Kapoor. Kamal Sharma, president of KVP Entertainers & KVP Heritage, is bringing a unique sing and dance event for the South Asian community of Lower Mainland, to celebrate the centenary of Raj Kapoor (Dec.14, 1924-June 2, 1988), acknowledged as ' the Greatest Showman of Indian Cinema ', and Mohammed Rafi (Dec.24, 1924 - July 31, 1980), voted as ' The Greatest Voice in Hindi Cinema ' and honored as the ' Best Singer of the Millenium '.

Sharma informed, "Most of us grew up with the memories of their films and music. Raj Kapoor and Mohammed Rafi's contribution to the Indian Cinema is unparalleled and enjoyed by many

generations over the years, so let's get together and celebrate the towering figures of South Asia. It would be fitting to celebrate the legends with an evening dedicated to their film songs and hence, KVP Entertainers & KVP Heritage have organized 'Celebrating 100 ' on Sunday, December 22nd, 2024 at the Taj Park Convention Centre, Surrey where fans can sing their songs and share their memories."

Tickets at \$25 feature full course dinner (Cash Bar) and the prospective singers can register at kvp kamal@msn. com with their choice of songs for \$10.

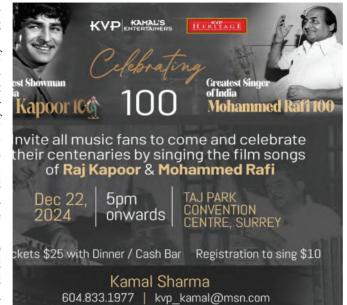
Event: Celebrating 100 When:

Sunday, Dec.22nd, 2024 **Time: 5 PM Onwards** Where: Taj Park Convention Centre (8580-132 St., Surrey) Program: Cocktail Hour 5-7 PM Cocktail Hour Singing: 6-8:30 PM Dinner: 8:30 PM

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The truck entered Hwy 17 eastbound from Deltaport Way and remained on Hwy 17 until the collision location.

"Currently, we are looking



Guru Teg Bahdur ji's **Martyrdom observed**



ndia Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 8600 # 5 Road, Richmond observed the Martyrdom Day of Guru Teg Bahadur ji with an Akhand Paath beginning on Friday, December 6 and concluding on Sunday, December 8. The congregation respectfully listened to the Kirtan, speeches and recitation of Shabads by students of Gurd-

wara's Punjabi school. After the conclusion of this very somber occasion, the congregation had langar. The management committee of the Gurdwara Sahib is very thankful to the attendees, students, kirtan jatha, the speakers and sevadars. (In picture: Students with their teacher reciting shabads. Photo by Balwant Sanghera, Secretary

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Collision witnesses or public who have dash camera video can contact the Delta police at (604)946-4411 and quote file number 2024-23160.

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

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PICS Assisted Living Facility Gets A Gift From Ministry Of Health

As part of British Columbia's larger push toward sustainable transportation, the Ministry of Health and Fraser Health has funded a new electric bus for PICS Assisted Living Facility.

PICS said in a release, "Bus was initially promised in December 2023, but it has now officially arrived at the facility."

With support from both the provincial and Canadian governments, British Columbia has been accelerating the electrification of transit options for seniors, aiming to enhance their accessibility while reducing environmental impact. The addition of the electric bus at PICS will significantly improve the quality of life for our senior residents, enabling them to partake in outings and engage more deeply with the local community.

"PICS Society is grateful to Premier



David Eby and Former BC Minister of Health, Adrian Dix for their continuous support. This generous gift will significantly enhance the mobility of our beloved seniors. With this electric bus, residents will have greater opportunities for community engagement and social participation, allowing them to enjoy outings and activities that

enrich their lives," said Satbir S. Cheema, President & CEO of PICS Society.

PICS Administrator, Inderjeet Hundal, remarked, "We are thrilled to welcome this electric bus into our facility. Not only does it provide our seniors with increased mobility, but it also represents a step toward a greener future for our community."



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John Horgan Memorial Service



VICTORIA - A provincial state memorial service for former premier John Horgan will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024,

All ticket inquires should be directed to: B.C. Office of Protocol 250-387-1616 at the Q Centre in Colwood. John Horgan served as the 36th premier of British Columbia from July 2017 to November 2022. He was first elected as member of the Legislative Assembly in 2005, representing the riding of Malahat-Juan de Fuca from 2005 to 2009. From 2009 to 2017, he represented the constituency of Juan de Fuca, and from 2017 to 2023, he represented Langford-Juan de Fuca. He was Canada's ambassador to Germany from December 2023 until his

passing on Nov. 12, 2024. The provincial state memorial service is open to the public. However, admission tickets are required. Tickets, limited to two per person, can be obtained through the link: https://tickets. victoriashamrocks.com/

Tickets will not be available at the door. For individuals who do not have access to the internet, contact the Office of Protocol at 250 387-1616 for assistance in acquiring tickets. Public entry will be through the main lobby entrance. Doors will open at 11:45 a.m. (Pacific time) on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024. Please aim to arrive at 11:30 a.m. All guests must be seated by 12:45 p.m. The service will begin at 1 p.m. and is expected to end at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Parking near the Q Centre is limited. Attendees are encouraged to use public transit or park by the library and walk to the arena.

The ceremony will be livestreamed at: https:// www.youtube.com/live/ TDdSwnZ-p_0

In lieu of flowers, at the request of the family, consider making a donation to the Goldstream Food Bank: https:// goldstreamfoodbank.org Or to a food bank of your choice: https://www.foodbanksbc.com/ find-a-food-bank A book of condolences is available online and will remain available to sign until Monday, Dec. 16, 2024: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/ gov/content/governments/ organizational-structure/ office-of-the-premier/ intergovernmental-relationssecretariat/protocol/inmemoriam



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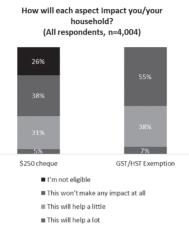
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Missing the Mark? Lower-Income Individuals Least Likely To Be Eligible For \$250 Govt. Cheque

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberals are trying to write their way into Canadians' nice list by removing the GST (and HST, in provinces where the provincial sales tax is combined with the federal tax) from everyday goods and common gifts for two months starting Dec. 14.

The new tax break will apply to children's clothing and toys, books, Christmas trees, most food, and some beverages that were not already tax exempt including some alcohol. The government has also promised, but since delayed, a \$250 rebate cheque that was set to be delivered to Canadians who worked, earned \$150,000 or less, and filed taxes in 2023 sometime in the new year.

And while some are merry about the prospects of a forthcoming GST/HST



holiday and a (now uncertain) one-time \$250 cheque, many are greeting what is viewed as an "entirely political" move with a "bah humbug".

The latter move has also been criticized for excluding seniors, those living with disabilities and other vulnerable Canadians.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds that 45 per cent of Canadians believe the announced tax holiday, set to take effect on Dec. 14, will help them at least a little over the next two months. Fewer, approximately one-inthree (36%), say the same of a one-time \$250 cheque from the government, an idea that was initially a part of the Liberal plan for Canadians but has now evidently been shelved like an elf, facing criticism from the NDP.

The lack of support from leader Jagmeet Singh and the NDP is due to the criteria for eligibility to receive a cheque. The federal government announced The Working Canadians Rebate for those who worked in 2023 and earned less than \$150,000. Singh argues that new graduates, people with disabilities, and seniors should be included. These new data suggest that lower-income people are the least likely to say they are eligible for the rebate. Twoin-five (38%) with incomes lower than \$25,000 and 35 per cent of those earning between \$25,000 and \$49,999 say they would not be eligible. So, while lowerincome Canadians are most likely to say a payment would benefit them, they are also most likely to say the offering would miss them entirely.

For their part, 84 per cent of Canadians believe these policies are politically motivated, while far fewer (7%) say the government genuinely wants to help people.

Anita Huberman Honored with King Coronation Medal

Huberman, nita а Aprominent leader in business and economic development, was honored with the King Coronation Medal in recognition of her significant contributions to the economic growth of Surrey and Canada. The King Coronation Medal, established to mark the historic coronation of King Charles Canadians III, recognizes who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities, organizations, and to the country's progress

in various sectors This prestigious award acknowledges exceptional dedication and outstanding service.

"I am deeply humbled to receive the King Coronation Medal," said Huberman. "This recognition highlights the importance of the work I do in Surrey and across Canada to foster economic development, create jobs, and build stronger communities. I



am proud to contribute to the prosperity of our region and to have opportunity the to collaborate with so many passionate individuals and organizations working towards a brighter future for all." Huberman has been a trailblazer in advancing economic initiatives supporting and businesses in Surrey, position helping to the city as a vibrant

hub for innovation, trade, and investment. Her leadership has been instrumental in creating jobs and driving growth, and she continues to be an advocate for economic policies that benefit the people of Surrey and Canada. The King Coronation Medal serves as a tribute to Canadians who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and service in their respective fields, while also embodying the values of community and national development.











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Tips from "The Grinch" and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers to help keep your Christmas from being "stolen"

rooks don't take ∠holidays, so we should all be prepared. With all the extra shopping we do, and the online deliveries we get at this time of year, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is passing on some easy-to-remember, but effective, reminders to help make sure no "grinches" get away with stealing your Christmas. "Every year, we ask The Grinch himself to help

us remind people to follow some very common-sense precautions. Nonetheless, every year we hear stories of people who still take chances with their valuables and their personal safety," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. "That's why we like to come out as the shopping season heats up with some helpful reminders, and a few things people might not have thought about."

Annis says the message is especially important as 2024 ends, with concerns about our personal safety on the streets at an all-time high, and property crime increasing all across the province.

"Now is not the time to let down our guard when it comes to porch pirates, purse snatchers, home break-ins, parking lot B&Es and online fraudsters. If you see a crime in action, call 9-1-1 or the local police right away. And if you have information about what nefarious deeds somebody's up to, or see a suspicious person in the neighbourhood, but want to remain anonymous, call us at Crime Stoppers. Don't hesitate. Please contact us by phone, online, or through our "P3"



smartphone app and our call handlers will help. Your anonymity is guaranteed by the Supreme Court of Canada. You'll never be questioned or called to testify." CRIME STOPPERS' TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

1.**Don't leave easy pickings for porch pirates**. Ask neighbours to help keep an eye on your front door for deliveries. Some thieves actually follow delivery trucks to people's homes so they can steal parcels as soon as the truck is gone.

2.Keep an eye on your home security video app. Use your video camera feeds to watch for both deliveries and crooks. Maybe you'll spot someone stealing your Christmas lawn display, or packages from your porch.

3.Register your doorbell and home security cameras where programs exist, to help police quickly find recordings of neighbourhood crimes. Voluntary programs in some cities, like Project Iris in Surrey, could help police solve a break-in or other crime at your house or your neighbour's.

4. Think twice before clicking "yes" on that online shopping cart. Organized

retail crime costs Canadians about \$5 billion annually, so buy from established businesses. Money from shoplifted or

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2025 Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition Unveiled

Windsor, Ontario - At the 2024 Los Angeles Auto Show, in the city known as a global leader and trendsetter in electric vehicles and fashion, the FIAT brand revealed the new 2025 Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition, the perfect balance of elegance, style and sustainability.

An embodiment of made-in-Italy design, the Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition is a statement piece, reflecting Giorgio Armani's expertise and the refined artistry of FIAT's Centro Stile design studio in Turin, Italy. "The Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition represents the finest expression of Italian design, bringing together two legendary icons in the Fiat Cinquecento and Giorgio Armani," said Aamir Ahmed, head of FIAT brand North America. "Featuring Armani's unparalleled design influence, including two bespoke colour combinations and high-end touches befitting an Armani fashion collection, not to mention the artistry instilled by the FIAT Centro Stile design team, the 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition epitomizes the exceptionality of Italian design and craftsmanship."

Produced at the FIAT Mirafiori plant in Turin, the Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition is the result of an immersive collaboration between the Italian designer and the FIAT design team: a vehicle



crafted with the same meticulous attention to detail and dedication to quality expected in a fashion collection.

For the exterior, designers focused on achieving a sleek, monochromatic look that seamlessly aligns with Armani's aesthetic. The most striking feature of the exterior design are the wheels, custom-made to display the GA logo on a grand scale, ensuring the car makes a bold impression from a distance. The design enhances aerodynamic efficiency through subtle three-dimensional а surface. The wheels feature a sophisticated, burnished twotone anodized finish and precise lateral grooves, adding elegance to the overall appearance.

Two distinguishing and exclusive colours have been specially created, each underlying the car's elegant design. The first is a signature green, a unique and technically advanced colour that mirrors Giorgio Armani's style and refined taste. Both timeless and modern, the second is ceramic Greige, a sophisticated and unmistakable shade created by Armani that merges grey and beige.

The interior, inspired by Armani/ Casa and the fashion collection, exemplifies great craftsmanship. Chevron stitching and threedimensional patterns on the central seat inserts evoke traditional tailoring techniques, while materials within the cabin blend cutting-edge and artisanal methods. Innovative touches include a laser-cut dashboard insert that offers an exquisite woodgrain appearance and delivers the soft touch of luxurious fabric. This is complemented

by an intricate embroidery that showcases a dedication to fine, handmade expertise. The vehicle also features the Giorgio Armani logo on the front-seat headrests, with the designer's signature displayed on the dashboard, interior door panels and rear window, reinforcing the collaboration's distinctive character and attention to detail. For audiophiles, the sevenspeaker JBL audio system features four Virtual Venues hand-selected by Maestro Andrea Bocelli, offering listeners a virtual-reality audio experience that changes the acoustic characteristics of the car depending on the chosen location. The different ambient sounds include: My Music Room – An intimate musical experience as if the artist was playing right in front of you.

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Additionally, the 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition is offered with the latest safety equipment, ADAS and Level 2 assisted driving technology, ensuring both advanced functionality and a safer driving experience. The Fiat 500e is the first all-electric car in its segment to offer Level 2, hands-on driverassist technology.

The lightest passenger BEV in the market, the 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition features a 42kWh battery with a Level 2 (11 kW) charge time of 4.5 hours. BEV capability combined with quintessential design cues make it unmistakably FIAT, with style and sustainability at its core.

Under the hood, the 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition is driven by an electric motor with an output of 117 horsepower and 162 lb.-ft. of torque, delivering spirited performance while managing range, 0-48 km/h in under three seconds, and delivers a range of up to 227 kilometres (149 miles). The 2025 Fiat 500e Giorgio Armani Collector's Edition will be available in the first quarter of 2025. Pricing will be announced at a later date.





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continues to resonate through his

words: "Do not worship heroes."

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ideology of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.



ahaparinirvan Divas also known as the death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, is observed on December 6th each year. On April 14, 1891, BR Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, was born. Dr BR Ambedkar, fondly known as Baba Saheb. He is known to many as a social reformer who opposed the caste system. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the

Greatest Indian, Bharat Ratan and the Principal Architect of the Indian Constitution. He was the Champion of Human Rights. He

> Worship not the alive nor who are the dead. Do not hang me on the neck nor on the wall. My message to all is, "Set out your own stall".

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(Set out your own stall = Show your ability)



Sukhbir Badal, Other 'Guilty' Akali Leaders Reach Akal Takht After Completion Of 'Tankhah'

A ftersuccessfully undergoing religious atonement for 10 days, the former Deputy CM and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and other 'guilty' Akali leaders paid obeisance at the Akal Takht on Friday.

Heavy police force and SGPC task force have been deployed for security in and around the Golden Temple complex. In another update on the security aspect, the security was being supervised by the police personnel from other districts.

On December 2, five-high priests headed by Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh pronounced the 'tankhah' from the faseel (podium) of the Akal Takht, as the centuries old precedent goes. The 'guilty' Akalis were made to wear a plaque with Gurbani's inscription pertaining to 'admittance of guilt' on their neck.

Sukhbir, other leaders, including SAD working president Balwinder Singh Bhunder and former ministers Gulzar Singh Ranike and Daljit Singh Cheema, performed 'ardas' of penance and offered 'bheta', 'degh' of karah



parshad as per the directions of the Akal Takht. Sukhbir was in a wheelchair as he suffered a hairline fracture on his foot.

They were held responsible for the 'gunah' (sins), the term used by the five Sikh high priests while punishing him, for taking 'controversial decisions' during the SAD's tenure in alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) between 2007-2017.

On December 4, when Sukhbir was undergoing 'sewa' for the second consecutive day, an assassination bid was attempted on him by a pro-Khalistan activist Narain Singh Chaura, but the timely intervention of an ASI rank officer Jasbir Singh and his colleagues deputed on his security foiled it.

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B.C.'s Economy Faces Challenges Now That Mega Projects Are Completed, Says Business Council Report

Columbia (BCBC) has released its last B.C. Economic Review and Outlook of the year. While B.C.'s economy is weak by historical standards, it has still bested the rest of Canada in recent years. According to the report, B.C.'s outperformance reflects the impact of mega capital projects - Trans Mountain, Site C, LNG Canada, and Coastal Gas Link - along with very high levels of government spending and public sector hiring. In contrast, privatesector investment and hiring remain weak. Now that provincial mega projects are complete, BCBC expects B.C.'s economic performance will align more closely with the rest of Canada. Topline GDP growth is expected to be around one percent in 2024 rising to 1.8 percent in 2026 - a modest pace by historical standards, which are closer to 2.5 percent.

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> Having changed the level and composition of immigration in recent years, the federal government now plans to reverse course. Both Canada and B.C.'s population growth will slow, which should gradually alleviate pressures on housing, infrastructure, health, and other services.

> "On a population adjusted basis, Canada's economy has been one of the worst performing out of the 38 advanced OECD countries and seen little or no growth for a decade. B.C. has done slightly better, owing to the lift from mega capital projects and very high government spending. The projects are now completed, and current levels of government spending aren't

sustainable, so it's not clear what will drive future prosperity." says David Williams, BCBC's Vice President of Policy.

The Business Council urges policymakers to focus on improving the competitiveness of B.C.'s tax and regulatory environment relative to other jurisdictions. A more vibrant private sector economy is key to raising living standards in the province over time. BCBC also reiterates its call (see here) for the government to place the province's finances on a more sustainable footing.

Once driven by major capital projects, B.C. now faces an economic plateau. With no large projects on the horizon, B.C.'s economic outlook remains uncertain. While service exports like professional services and tourism are growing, these gains are offset by losses in forestry and manufacturing.

"Where will B.C.'s economic growth



come from is the question we're asking," said report co-author Ken Peacock, BCBC's Senior Vice President and Chief Economist. "We need a stronger private sector, but unfortunately investment and hiring in B.C.'s private sector appear weak."

The report stresses the need for swift action to avoid stagnation. As Canada's trade relationships become more volatile, particularly with U.S. policies, B.C. must reassess its economic strategies.

B.C.'s GDP per capita – a key metric of

Copper Theft Plaguing Telecommunications and Businesses: SBOT Calls For Urgent Action

The Surrey Board of Trade is calling for urgent government action to address the escalating issue of copper theft, which is causing significant disruptions to telecommunications services, businesses, and public safety across Canada.

"Copper theft is more than an economic crime; it is a public safety crisis," said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson for the Surrey Board of Trade. "Telecommunication outages resulting from these thefts jeopardize emergency services and disrupt business operations, costing the economy millions annually." Copper theft has become a widespread problem, targeting critical infrastructure



such as phone and internet lines, electrical grids, and transportation systems. This crime leaves communities without essential services and poses risks to public safety, including delays in emergency response and dangerous repair conditions for utility workers.

The SBOT is advocating for immediate measures, including: enhanced laws and resources for law enforcement to deter copper theft. SBOT is asking for mandating documentation of copper sales to scrap metal dealers to reduce demand for stolen materials.

Gosal says collaboration between government, businesses, and law enforcement to protect infrastructure and educating the public on the impacts of copper theft and how to report suspicious activity is also important.

"Telecommunications outages hurt local economies, especially small businesses relying on reliable internet and phone services. This issue needs national attention and comprehensive action to safeguard Canada's critical infrastructure, which is why we submitted a formal letter to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications highlighting our concerns. The Surrey Board of Trade is committed to advocating for the business community and ensuring the reliability of services that sustain Canada's economy and public safety."



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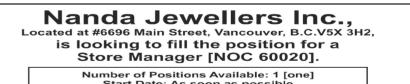
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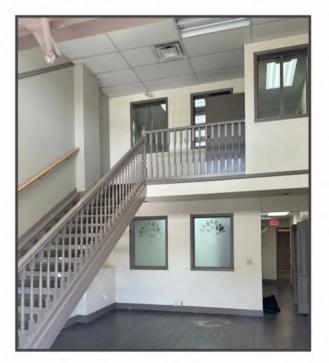
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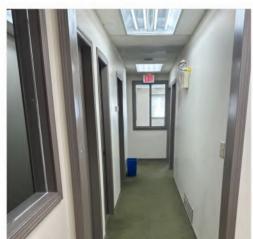
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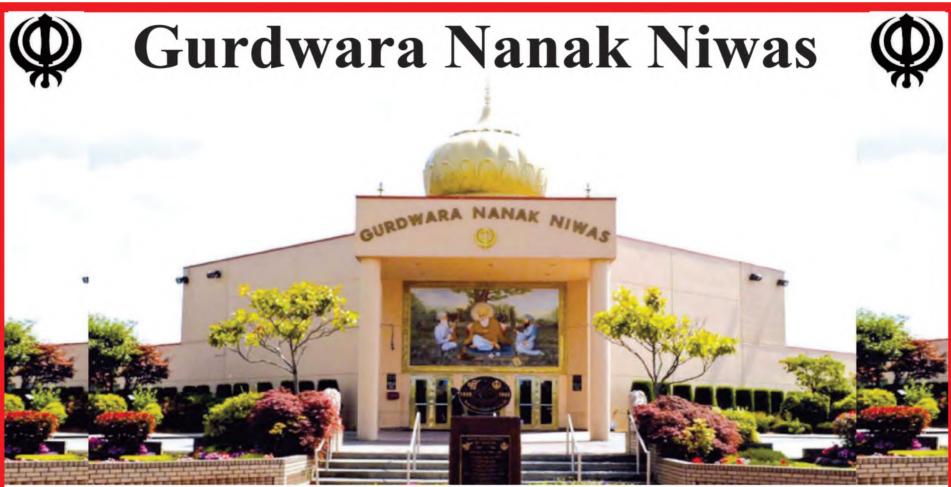








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Upcoming Program

- WEEKLY PROGRAMS -----

14th December, Saturday

14th December, Saturday at 12:30 pm, Sehaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Gurdev Kaur Purewal by the Purewal family. at 4:30 pm, Sri Sukhmani Sahib path by Harnek Bindra family and Kitan, kath vichar

15th December, Sunday

program regarding Poh month sangrand. Langer sewa by the sangat. at 10:30 am, Weekly kirtan diwan and katha vichar program. Langer sewa by the sangat.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

31st December, Tuesday From 5:00 pm to 12:00 am, Kirtan Darbar will be arranged to bid farewell to the year 2024 and welcome the New Year 2025 and at 12:01 am, the New Year will be welcomed with enthusiasm.

1st January, Wednesday From 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Kirtan Diwan and Katha will be held. Then the Ardas and

Sohila Sahib will be recited and the closing ceremony will be held

The Langer service will be done by the Sangat and the Organizing Committee.

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

All three days, the langer 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 Notice (Lohri)

13th January 2025, Monday at 6:00 pm, As in previous years, the social festival of Lohri will be celebrated with those lucky families who have been blessed by God with the gifts of children. There will be Gurbani kirtan and langer sewa on this occasion. A Dhuni Balan ceremony will also be held in the parking lot behind the Guru Ghar. The fortunate families who have received the gift of children are requested to contact the Gurdwara Sahib to join this joyful event.

14th January 2025, Tuesday at 6:00 pm, A special Diwan will be arranged on the occasion of Maghi Sangrand in memory of the unique sacrifice of the 40 Muktas. The service will be provided by the 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

Phone number of Gurdwara Sahib is (604) 274-7479

Chiranjeevi visits Allu Arjun's home with wife Surekha





llu Arjun was taken into Acustody by the Telangana police on Friday. His uncle, actor Chiranjeevi, was spotted visiting his residence.Actor Chiranjeevi was spotted visiting his nephew, actor Allu Arjun's home after his arrest on Friday. The actor and his wife Surekha looked troubled as they were clicked entering Arjun's home in Jubilee Hills. Chiranjeevi visits Allu Arjun's home

After the news of Arjun's arrest broke and he was taken into custody by the Chikkadapally police, Chiranjeevi and his wife Surekha were clicked visiting their nephew's home. The actor looked concerned as he walked in, briefly looking at the press gathered there, before heading in. He will not be visiting Arjun at the police station, confirms a source close to the actor to Hindustan Times. This is to avoid escalating the situation further, given that Arjun's fans are gathered outside the police station.

What happened

On Friday, Arjun was arrested by the police in connection to a fan death during the premiere of Pushpa 2: The Rule. The arrest occurred two days after the actor petitioned the Telangana High Court to quash the FIR against him filed by the police.

Priyanka Chopra Reveals She Was Told 'Non-English Films Don't **Travel' When She Was Looking For Work 'Across Borders'**

Priyanka Chopra showered love on 'gentleman' Nick Jonas and also called him a "wonderful husband" at the Red Sea Film Festival Actor Priyanka Chopra opened up about being told that "films with subtitles or films that are non-English don't travel" when she was "seeking work across borders." Speaking during the Red Sea Film Festival, Priyanka thanked her family, remembered her late father, Ashok Chopra, and praised her husband-singer Nick Jonas.

Sarah Jessica wParker praised Priyanka Chopra Priyanka was bestowed with an honorary award at the event held in Jeddah. The award was presented to Priyanka by actor

Sarah Jessica Parker. She described it as a "true honour" to recognise Privanka's achievements. Sarah said, "It is my honour to present the Red Sea honorary award to the exceptional Priyanka Chopra Jonas."

Priyanka was escorted to the stage by Nick. After receiving the award, in her acceptance speech, Priyanka said, "Thank you so much arah S Jessica, you are s u c h

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icon to so many of us. To take the time to say those kind words about me and my work over the years, just meant a lot to me.'

Priyanka on what she was told about 'non-**English films'**

Reflecting on her career, she shared how, early in her journey, she was told that non-English films wouldn't be able to "travel" internationally. "When I started working, I was 18 years old. I remember I was told that, I come from an industry that spoke Hindi and Telugu, non-English films. I remember when I was seeking work across borders, I was told that films with subtitles or films that are non-English don't travel. Yet, here we are today," she said.

"You have been able to create a safe, incredible space for filmmakers and storytellers around the world to come together without the thought of nationality, language and borders. We know as people who work, and I might be biased, but in one of the best, most incredible industries in the world, we get to play for a living we get to tell stories for a living, we

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Big Twist In Allu Arjun Arrest Case, Victim's Husband Says He Will Withdraw Complaint: 'Stampede Not His Fault'



A llu Arjun arrest: The complainant has said he will withdraw his case and that he does not hold the Pushpa 2 star responsible. The drama around Allu Arjun's arrest in connection with a fan's death at Pushpa 2: The Rule premiere has seen another twist. The husband of the deceased woman, Revathi, has now said that he is willing to withdraw the case and he does not hold Allu Arjun responsible for the stampede or his wife's death.

What victim's husband said Speaking with reporters hours after Allu Arjun's arrest in Hyderabad on Friday, Bhaskar, the husband of Revathi, said, "We only went to Sandhya Theatre that day because my son wanted to watch the m o v i e .

n o t A 1 1 u Arjun's fault that he visited the theatre that day. I am ready to withdraw my case. Police didn't inform me of his arrest, I watched it on the news at the hospital. He (Arjun) has nothing to do with stampede." Incidentally, it was on the basis of Bhaskar's complaint that Allu Arjun was arrested. On Friday morning,

Police said a case was registered against the actor, his security team, and the theatre management at the Chikkadpally police station under sections 105 and 118(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) based on the complaint by the deceased's family. Allu Arjun has moved the High Court to quash the FIR and the court will hear his plea later on Friday.

Shraddha Kapoor

'Bullies' Rumoured Boyfriend Rahul Mody For Vada Pav Date, Puts An End To Breakup Rumours

Shraddha Kapoor shares a picture of enjoying vada pav with boyfriend Rahul Mody months after unfollowing him on social media.

Months after separation reports, Shraddha Kapoor has once again set social media abuzz with her recent post with rumoured boyfriend Rahul Mody. The actor shared a photo of herself holding Mumbai's iconic snack, vada pav, and shared a wish for her rumoured boyfriend.

Shraddha Kapoor's vada pav date with Rahul Mody

On Friday, Shraddha Kapoor took to Instagram stories and shared a photo of herself sitting in a car and enjoying vada pav. tagged She her rumoured boyfriend Rahul Mody. The actor captioned the post, 'May I always bully you into

taking

me



for vada pav," and added Kishore Kumar's classic tune Yeh Vaada Raha in the background. With this, the actor has put the separation rumours to rest. Shraddha Kapoor and Rahul Mody

relationship rumours Earlier this year, Shraddha Kapoor

and Rahul Mody sparked relationship rumours after they were spotted together in Mumbai post a dinner date. The actor also shared a goofy photo with him on Instagram and captioned it, "Dil rakhle yaar, neend toh vapas de de (keep my heart but at least return my sleep)." A source told HT, "They got close to each other while working on Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar, and have been going strong. B u t they don't want to go public

> with the relationship. They were shocked when they were p h o t o g r a p h e d together out on a dinner date, which is why they are being more cautious about their outings together."

H o w e v e r, in August 2024, reports suggested a fallout between the rumoured lovebirds as S h r a d d h a u n f o 11 o w e d Rahul and his close circle on Instagram.

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ips from "The Grinch" and Metro....

officials from H y d e r a b a d Police came to Allu Arjun's residence in Jubilee Hills and took him into custody. He was shifted to the police station, where he would be questioned, the police station, where he would be questioned, the police station where he would be questioned to the police station to the police station where he would be questioned to the police station to the p

On the night of December 4, a large crowd of fans thronged the Sandhya Theatre at the busy RTC Crossroads to glimpse the actor, who had reached there to watch his film, Pushpa 2: The Rule. A stampede-like situation arose and one woman died, while her son was hospitalised in critical condition.

5. Think about who night be watching your sunny vacation pics on social media. Remember, your post from the beach tells the whole world you're not at home – and that includes thieves.

6.Large empty boxes outside your home tell everyone what valuable goodies are inside your house to steal. Boxes from that gaming computer, 65-inch TV, or other expensive gifts should be stored out of sight until the cardboard can be recycled. You can also close blinds to keep people from seeing inside your house.

7.Etch your valuables in case they're stolen. Ask local police to help etch your property with your driver's license number. Also photograph valuables showing make, model and serial number.

SHOPPING - DOWNTOWN AND AT THE MALL

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2.Car break-ins are rampant, don't leave valuables in your car. Before you lock up your car, leave nothing visible inside. Not even pocket change or empty bottles or cans.

3.Leave your garage door opener at home or in your pocket. A thief who finds both your garage remote and your address in your car considers that an open invitation to come by and open your garage for a look.

4.**Beware purse snatchers and pickpockets** - Watch your **pockets** and who's bumping into you in stores. Keep purses and wallets where you can keep track of them while jostling with holiday crowds.



