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Year in review: British Columbia's year of Milestones and Challenges

In 2024, British Columbia witnessed a series of events that shaped its social, political, and environmental landscape and will impact its position in Canada in 2025. Here are the top news stories that left an indelible mark on the province:

NDP's Narrow Election Victory: The 2024 British Columbia elections were close and tense. Polls predicted a tight race between the David Eby led NDP and the Conservative Party, led by John Rustad. The polls were right, as no clear winner emerged after the initial count in B.C. Both parties fell short of winning the required 47 seats to form a government. Also, there were some shocking outcomes with NDP losing almost 70 percent of its seats in Surrey. However, after the final count the NDP narrowly won 47 seats, edging out the British Columbia Conservative Party's 44 seats. Premier Eby later called it a "near death experience." Eby acknowledged the narrow victory in a statement immediately after the results of the initial vote count. He said, "To British Columbians who voted for change, I hear you and the serious message you have sent. We have not done enough and we must do better."

Canada India fall out due to Nijjar death: The Involvement of the agents of Government of India in the homicide of Surrey Gurdwara president Hardeep Singh Nijjar had already been pointed last year by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Canadian police arrested and charged four Indian nationals in May for the killing of Sikh leader and Khalistan supporter Nijjar



who was shot to death on June 18, 2023, in British Columbia. And the Thanksgiving weekend of 2024 went down in history as a time marked by accusations, shocking revelations, and a troubling diplomatic clash between India and Canada. Experts said that relations between the two nations have reached a historic low— worse even

than the tense days following the Air India bombing. It all started after Canadian police held a press conference on October 14 and alleged that Indian diplomats and consular officials based in Canada were linked to serious criminal activity in this country, including homicides and extortions.

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Former Indian PM Manmohan Singh Passes Away

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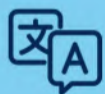
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Singh is credited with steering India to unprecedented economic growth and lifting hundreds of millions out of dire poverty.

Singh, breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, where he was admitted on December 26 in a critical condition. Doctors were unable to resuscitate him.

Born on September 26, 1932, in Gah village in the Punjab province of undivided India, Singh did his matric from Panjab University in 1948 and had an illustrious academic career before he became India's prime minister in May of 2004.

Singh went to the University of Cambridge, UK, to secure a First Class Honours degree in Economics in 1957. He got a D.Phil in Economics from Nuffield College at Oxford University in 1962. His book "India's Export Trends and Prospects for Self-Sustained Growth" was an early critique of India's inward-oriented trade policy—something he would go on to challenge himself in the 1990s as the union finance minister.

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A mild-mannered technocrat, Singh became one of India's longest serving prime ministers, holding the office from 2004 to 2014. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who succeeded Singh in 2014, called him one of India's "most distinguished leaders" who rose from humble origins and left "a strong imprint on our economic policy over the years".

"As our Prime Minister, he made extensive efforts to improve people's lives," Modi said in a post on X. "India mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished leaders, Dr. Manmohan Singh Ji. Rising from humble origins, he rose to become a respected economist. He served in various government positions as well, including as Finance Minister, leaving a strong imprint on our economic policy over the years. His interventions in Parliament were also insightful. As our Prime Minister, he made extensive efforts to improve people's lives."



Singh's ascension to prime minister in 2004 was even more unexpected. He was asked to take on the job by Sonia Gandhi after she led the centre-left Indian National Congress party to a surprise victory.

As reported by Al Jazeera, "Riding an unprecedented period of economic growth, Singh's government shared the spoils of the country's new-found wealth, introducing welfare schemes such as a jobs programme for the rural poor. In 2008, his government also clinched a landmark deal that permitted peaceful trade in nuclear energy with the United States for the first time in three decades, paving the way for strong relations between New Delhi and Washington."

Rahul Gandhi, leader of the opposition, said, "Manmohan Singh Ji led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and deep understanding of economics inspired the nation. My

heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kaur and the family. I have lost a mentor and guide. Millions of us who admired him will remember him with the utmost pride."

The Union government declared a seven day national mourning.

Priyanka Gandhi said, "Few people in politics inspire the kind of respect that Sardar Manmohan Singhji did. His honesty will always be an inspiration for us and he will forever stand tall among those who truly love this country as someone who remained steadfast in his commitment to serve the nation despite being subjected to unfair and deeply personal attacks by his opponents. He was genuinely egalitarian, wise, strongwilled and courageous until the end. A uniquely dignified and gentle man in the rough world of politics."

Singh was tough on economic reforms, but he was often criticized for being silent or reluctant openly speak out. Shashi Tharoor shared one of Singh's lines, "I honestly believe that history will be kinder to me than the contemporary media, or for that matter, the Opposition parties in Parliament," Dr Manmohan Singh said in 2014. Just ten years later, he is already being proven right."

P Chidambaram, India's famous finance minister, said, "It is a deeply emotional moment for me to speak about Dr Manmohan Singh.

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Former Canadian Cabinet Minister Herb Dhaliwal Pays Tribute To A Visionary Leader And Gentle Statesman Dr Manmohan Singh

Former Canadian (Chretien) Government Cabinet Minister and privy councillor Herb Dhaliwal has expressed profound admiration and respect to the Late Dr Manmohan Singh, India's former Prime Minister.

"I am, personally, very saddened by the loss today of my good friend, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Beginning in the late 1990s I had the distinct privilege of becoming acquainted with this wonderful, gentle man. I met him several

times during his terms of Office, first as Finance Minister and then as Prime Minister, as well as since he and I both left politics.

He said that India has lost an icon, a distinguished past Prime Minister highly respected by his World Leader peers. "Dr Singh was a humble, long standing career official who rose to make an indelible mark as an inspirational economic visionary. His dynamic policies on deregulation changed many sectors, opening India to foreign investment and the prosperity resulting."

"Manmohan Singh was the first Sikh in history to occupy the Lok Kalyan Marg (Prime Minister's official residence). He also was a man whose legacy includes,



although with his characteristic soft voice, being outspoken on behalf of India's less fortunate. May he rest in peace, remembered for having been a kind human being, one who brought India forward to becoming a modern economic marvel among the community of nations."

Good Samaritan Killed While Trying To Help Woman Who Hit Her Minivan

A BC Highway Patrol investigation has led to six impaired driving charges after a Good Samaritan was killed and a woman seriously hurt on Vancouver Island.

On March 2, 2024, around 2:30 a.m., a woman driving a minivan lost control and hit a power pole on Highway #19A near Qualicum Beach, BC. An 80-year-old man who was in a different vehicle stopped to help. Both the Good Samaritan and the minivan driver were outside of their vehicles when another vehicle collided with the minivan and both pedestrians were struck.

The man trying to help, an 80-year-old man from Red Deer, Alberta, was

killed. The minivan driver, a 36-year-old woman from Bowser, BC, was seriously injured.

A BC Highway Patrol investigation was forwarded to the BC Prosecution Service, and 29-year-old Jacob Aaron Pardiac of Coombs, BC, has now been charged.

"BC Highway Patrol will do everything we can to investigate and charge people who choose to drive while impaired by alcohol and drugs," said Corporal Michael McLaughlin with BC Highway Patrol. "We have seen repeated incidents this year where people trying to help after a collision end up hurt or killed, and it's terribly sad."

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Income Inequality In Canada Rises To The Highest Level Ever Recorded



By Harinder Mahil

According to a report by Statistics Canada released in October 2024, income inequality in Canada has hit the highest level ever recorded as wealth becomes increasingly concentrated in fewer hands.

The gap in the share of disposable income between the richest two-fifths of Canadians and the bottom two-fifths grew to forty-seven percentage points in the second quarter of 2024. That's the widest gap recorded since 1999, when Statistics Canada first started collecting such data.

This occurs when the cost of living has risen sharply, and the lowest-income Canadians find themselves without enough income to afford basic necessities such as food and shelter.

The gap was driven by the top 20 per cent of income earners, who saw the largest increase in their share of disposable income. That increase was driven largely by investment gains, which Statistics Canada attributed to high interest rates.

The Statistics Canada report said that in the second quarter, the top 20 per cent of Canadians held more than two-thirds of the country's wealth, averaging \$3.4 million per household. By comparison, the bottom 40 per cent of Canadians accounted for only 2.8 per cent of Canada's wealth.

It is up to us to decide the type of society we want to live in. I would much rather live in a society where income disparities are not that huge, where there are no systemic barriers that

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Good Samaritan...

BC Highway Patrol is asking everyone to exercise extreme caution when trying to help after a collision:

Carefully consider whether you have reflective clothing, good footwear, and the physical ability to help;

If conditions are treacherous for cars, they are treacherous for pedestrians;

Emergencies can cause stress and tunnel vision; keep alert at all times;

Can you call 911 and get the professionals to help instead?

If you're involved in a minor crash, you may be safer in your vehicle, with your seatbelt on, while waiting for help;

Get yourself and anyone else on foot off the road and away from traffic as quickly as possible.

BC Highway Patrol applauds the sentiment of anyone trying to help after a collision, says Corporal McLaughlin, but we all need to understand that highways are extremely dangerous places when fast-moving cars and trucks come across unexpected pedestrians.



prevent people from achieving their full potential and where the benefits of increased prosperity are broadly shared. To reduce such income disparities and alleviate pressure on the lowest-income households, the government should target income support to those who need them most and make the tax system more progressive.

A progressive income tax system could include higher top marginal rates, full taxation of capital gains,

reductions in deductions and credits that disproportionately favor top earners, and increasing basic exemptions in favor of low-income households.

Here are some other steps suggested by progressive economists to reduce income equality:

Increase the minimum wage: Research shows that higher wages for the lowest-paid workers have the potential to help hundreds of thousands out of poverty. Additionally, increasing the minimum

wage does not hurt employment nor does it retard economic growth.

Provincial social assistance should be increased. Provinces and territorial governments should annually increase benefit rates in line with inflation. Social assistance benefits should be improved so that those with no other sources of income can lead a dignified life.

Differences in early education and school quality are the most important components contributing to persistent inequality across generations. Investments in education, beginning in early childhood can increase economic mobility, contribute to increased productivity and decrease inequality.

We must take steps to minimize social and economic disparities as they threaten democracy as those with the most wealth can influence political decision-making and do so to protect and strengthen their interests.

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

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BC Home Flipping Tax To Take Effect From January 1

VICTORIA, BC: Starting Jan. 1, 2025, the B.C. home-flipping tax will be in place to discourage investors from buying housing to turn a quick profit.

People who sell their home within two years of buying will be subject to the tax, unless they qualify for an exemption, such as divorce, job loss or change in household membership. It is expected approximately 4,000 properties will be subject to the tax in 2025. All revenue from the tax will go directly into strengthening housing programs and building new affordable homes in B.C.

According to the province, new actions are being implemented to help more people find affordable homes in the communities where they live and work.

"Everyone should be able to afford a home in their chosen community, but high home costs and real estate speculators are making that a challenge," said Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance. "We are working to ensure there are more affordable homes available for people, whether they're renting or buying, through measures like the B.C. home-flipping tax and property transfer tax exemptions."

The B.C. home-flipping tax targets investors who use the housing market as a stock market and drive up prices.

Profit from a residential property resold within two years of its purchase will be subject to this tax. The tax includes exemptions for life circumstances, such as divorce, death, illness, relocation for work, job loss or a change in household membership.

Builders adding to housing supply, such as building housing on vacant residential property or adding an additional suite or housing unit to a property that already has a home, will also qualify for an exemption.

All sellers that have sold a property within 729 days of purchasing are obligated to file a B.C. home-flipping tax return within 90 days of the sale even if they are exempt, or they might be subject to a penalty.

"The B.C. home-flipping tax is just one more tool in our toolbox to help people find affordable housing," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. "We're working to deliver more homes so the people who keep our communities working, like teachers, nurses and construction workers,



Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

can find a place to live they can afford in the communities they love."

Other measures to help make homeownership more accessible and improve the supply of housing, which came into effect April 1, 2024, are new thresholds for the first-time homebuyers' program and the newly built home exemption.

The threshold for the first-time homebuyers' program was increased to \$835,000 from \$500,000. Qualifying individuals will receive an exemption on the property transfer tax on the first \$500,000 of the home's value. Since April

1, more than 22,000 first-time home buyers - an increase from approximately 9,500 in 2023 - were helped into their homes through this program, saving as much as \$8,000 in property transfer tax.

To encourage the construction of new homes and support families to take the next step in home ownership, the threshold for the newly built home exemption was increased from \$750,000 to \$1.1 million. In 2024, this helped approximately 10,300 purchasers buy new homes, nearly 3,000 more than last year.

The Province is also supporting the delivery of more rental homes. New purpose-built rental buildings of four units or more, purchased between Jan. 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2030, may also qualify for an exemption from the general property transfer tax.

Chilliwack Driver Faces Charges After Tractor Collision With Police During A 2023 Anti Sogi Protest

A 54-year-old Chilliwack tractor driver has been charged with three criminal counts after multiple collisions with a BC Highway Patrol vehicle during a protest one year ago.

"The tractor was leading a slow-moving westbound convoy on the Trans-Canada Highway near 176th Street on Nov. 25, 2023, when the collision occurred. The convoy was protesting sexual orientation and gender identity programs, or SOGI, being taught in B.C. public schools," Vancouver Sun reported.

The tractor driver received serious injuries and a police officer received minor injuries as a result of the collision.

The BC RCMP notified the Independent Investigations Office of British Columbia (IIO BC) of the incident. According to police, "On November 25, at approximately 1:20 p.m., officers with the British Colum-

bia Highway Patrol attempted pull over a tractor which was travelling westbound on Highway 1 near the 176 street turn off. Officers had reportedly attempted to pull the tractor over for an extended period while it was part of a convoy that was heading to Vancouver. During the interaction, the tractor and police vehicle collided, the tractor inverted, and came to a rest on its side, resulting in the driver suffering non-life-threatening injuries. He remains in hospital."

On December 9, 2024, Malkiat Singh Bill Shoker was charged with dangerous Operation of a conveyance flight while pursued by a peace officer and assaulting a police officer with a weapon. Shoker was arrested on December 18, 2024, and his next appearance will be in Surrey Provincial Court on January 16, 2025.

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CBSA Investigation Leads To Seizure Of 3,826 Cartons Of Contraband Cigarettes From Vancouver Residence

In February 2024, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) criminal investigators launched an investigation into a cigarette smuggling operation after CBSA officers intercepted numerous contraband cigarette shipments at Vancouver International Airport Commercial Operations and the Vancouver International Mail Centre.

Following an investigation, on November 19, 2024, CBSA criminal investigators executed a search warrant at a Vancouver residence. The following items were seized: 3,826 cartons of contraband cigarettes; 4.2 kilograms of illegal cannabis; \$51,915 in cash and casino chips.

CBSA officers arrested a 34-year-old Vancouver resident



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for their suspected involvement in the cigarette smuggling operation and the investigation is ongoing.

“Our top priority is the safety and security of our communities. I want to thank CBSA officers and investigators for their

efforts in keeping our borders safe, holding those who violate Canadian laws accountable and ensuring the safety and well-being of our communities,” said Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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This time the accusations were much serious and disturbing as RCMP claimed Indian diplomats were involved in more serious crimes in Canada like extortions, use of organized crime and interference into democratic processes. Following this, Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs announced expulsion of six Indian diplomats and consular officials. Although RCMP's accused Indian government of many crimes, Joly in her statement only mentioned decision to expel diplomats was due to Nijjar case.

In response, India's Ministry of external affairs announced that it is withdrawing its envoy, High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma, along with "other targeted diplomats and officials" from Canada. India also announced it was expelling six Canadian diplomats, including acting high commissioner Stewart Wheeler, and hinted that it could take further action. The Canadian officials even hinted involvement of Prime Minister Modi, however later that comment was withdrawn by Canada.

Tragic trend of fatal crashes: It's been a deadly year on British Columbia's highways, with a majority of the fatal crashes during the summer. The province saw a staggering 51 driving fatalities in July alone — the highest number of deaths for a single month in over a decade, according to the BC Coroners Service. The BC highway patrols and various police departments in BC reported multiple accidents on the roads of BC. These were not just accidents, they were fatal that did not spare old, young or even the infants. Sandeep Singh Cheema, 41, a Surrey resident was the victim of the two tractor trailers crash along Highway 17 and and 116 Avenue. Nineteen-year-old

Saniya who arrived in Canada on July 9, 2024.

However, her life was cut short on July 11 when she died in the accident on July 11, 2024.

The White Rock Horror: Two tragic incidents of stabbing, just days apart left the White Rock community shaken, concerned and feeling unsafe since the area is considered safe and the pier is one of the most popular lookout places for Lower Mainland families. Kulwinder Singh Sohi, a young Punjabi male was stabbed to death. Sohi's stabbing came just a day after Jatinder Singh another Punjabi male was stabbed on April 21 in the evening at around 9 PM. The police located a 28-year-old victim and provided first aid until paramedics arrived. The victim was transported to a hospital by Emergency Health Services with non-life-threatening injuries. White Rock Police arrested and charged 28-year-old Dimitri Nelson Hyacinth for the incidents.

Reversal of Drug Decriminalization: The decriminalization of small amounts of illicit drugs like opioids, cocaine, and meth happened in Jan., 2023 — meant to be a three-year pilot aimed at reducing the stigma and criminalization around illicit drug use, often a barrier for users seeking help. However, there were soon growing concerns about open drug and disorder use in public spaces, even in hospitals, throughout many communities. In April of 2024, the B.C. government announced it was radically altering the pilot, with Premier David Eby saying the province was asking Ottawa to amend the federal exemption to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act that allowed the project happen. The federal government approved the B.C. government's request in May to exempt public spaces from

the province's decriminalization pilot project, meaning police now have the authority to seize illegal drugs possessed in public, even without the provincial law. But the Harm Reduction Nurses Association and other substance-use reform advocates launched a court challenge of the B.C. law and won, saying restricting drug use in public spaces would result in more drug users dying alone. The B.C. government repealed the law. Garry Begg, B.C.'s solicitor general, said in a statement the government has revoked the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, which was passed in November 2023.

Vancouver's entertainment boom: Vancouver had events that no other city in the country could match in 2024. Vancouver was the only Canadian stop during The Rolling Stone's Hackney Diamonds tour, when they rocked BC Place July 5. The city also hosted the 111th Grey Cup and the Jonas Brothers halftime show. The Vancouver Canucks made the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 2015, and the region held family-friendly outdoor watch parties in multiple municipalities. Meanwhile, the Rogers Arena hosted indoor watch parties for road games. 2024 eventually wrapped up with Taylor Swift's The Eras Tour, creating an unprecedented buzz in the city. Vancouver was the last stop of her tour, with three separate concerts held at BC Place from Dec. 6 to 8.

New era of policing in Surrey: The years-long saga over who will police the city of Surrey finally ended. At 12:00 a.m. on November 29, 2024, Surrey Police Service (SPS) assumed responsibility for policing and law enforcement as the City of Surrey's new police of jurisdiction. "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," said Chief Constable Norm Lipinski. 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). 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.

Hindu-Sikh Protests In Canada: A dark chapter in the history of Canada when people of Indian origin openly attacked each other in the name of religion. It all started when a group of Khalistan supporters were demonstrating outside Hindu temple in Brampton against a consular event hosted by the Consul General of India to give life certificates. According to various videos posted on social media and media reports violence erupted during the protest. Videos of fist fights and Khalistan flag bearers striking people inside the temple with poles started circulating on social media platforms. While

the exact cause of the violence remains unclear, both Pro-Khalistan supporters and people at the Hindu temple blamed each other for starting the violence. In turn, it triggered reactions from some Hindus who staged demonstrations against this violence at various temples in Toronto and Surrey. Hate speeches, use of abusive language and use of violence were some of the common threads running across the protests from both sides. While some Hindus and Sikhs protested against each other, the majority of the Indo-Canadian population stood against the protests and violence whether it was demonstrated by Khalistan supporters or Hindu supporters. The sentiment of the broader community is that of Unity, as shown in statements of both from the Hindu Federation and Sikhs and Gurdwara Council and political leaders.

BC Mourns Death Of John Horgan: John Horgan, former Premier of BC who was serving as Canada's 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.

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Express Entry Candidates Will No Longer Receive Additional Points For Having A Job Offer

As part of ongoing efforts to prevent and reduce fraud, Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced that Express Entry candidates will no longer receive additional points for having a job offer.



working in Canada temporarily. The changes will not affect candidates who have already been invited to apply or who have an application in progress. Once the change is introduced, it will apply to all candidates with job offers in the pool as well as new candidates entering the pool.

“Immigration is essential to our country’s economic success and growth. As we continue to welcome newcomers to support key sectors, the Express Entry system ensures that Canada has the skilled workers it needs to grow our economy. These changes support a responsive, well-managed and fair immigration system,” said Miller. “We are taking important steps to reduce fraud while continuing to attract the skilled talent our economy needs. Immigration

has always been a cornerstone of Canada’s success, and we remain committed to welcoming the best and brightest to Canada so



Express Entry is Canada’s flagship application management system for those seeking to immigrate permanently through the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Federal Skilled Trades Program, the Canadian experience class and a portion of the Provincial Nominee Program. In June 2022, the Government of Canada made changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to allow for the selection of immigrants based on key attributes that support economic priorities, such as specific work experience or knowledge of French.

that everyone has access to the quality jobs, homes and supports they need to thrive.”

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Flagpoling Ends For Work And Study Permits At Canada Border

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada’s Border Plan, work and study permits will no longer be provided to flagpolers at a port of entry, effective December 23 at 11:59 pm ET. Flagpoling occurs when foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and, after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter to access immigration services at a port of entry. This practice has taken up significant resources at the border, diverting Canadian and American officers away from important enforcement activities and has contributed

to wait times for cross-border travellers. Between April 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024, the CBSA processed over 69,300 flagpolers across Canada. Most of these requests occurred in the Pacific, Southern Ontario, and Quebec regions.

“This change will enable us to further streamline activities at our ports of entry and allow Canadian and American border officers to focus on what they have been expertly trained to do – border enforcement,” said David J. McGuinty, Minister of Public Safety.

Immigration services at the border are meant for individuals arriving in Canada, not for those already in Canada. Applications

and renewals for work or study permits need to be submitted through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Those who attempt to flagpole for a work and study permit will be told to submit their application to IRCC unless they meet limited exemptions.

These changes benefit Canada and the U.S. by allowing both countries to effectively manage border operations and maintain the integrity of our shared border.

“A strong Canada-U.S. relationship keeps people and goods moving safely while protecting both sides of the border. Flagpoling is unnecessary and diverts resources from

critical enforcement activities. This change will ease border congestion, improve fairness for applicants, and enhance the efficiency and security of our borders,” said Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

According to government of Canada website, in very limited circumstances, work and study permits may still be granted at a port of entry to individuals who otherwise meet the definition of flagpoling. The exemptions include:

- o Citizens and lawful Permanent Residents of the United States of America;
- o Professionals and technicians under free trade

agreements with the United States/Mexico, Chile, Panama, Peru, Colombia and South Korea;

o Spouses or common law partners of professionals and technicians under free trade agreements with Panama, Columbia and South Korea;

o International truck drivers who hold a work permit, where required to depart Canada for the purpose of their employment and held maintained status as a result of applying for renewal prior to departure; and

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Burnaby RCMP seeks public assistance in identifying suspect who allegedly scammed \$9,000 from senior

Burnaby RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a suspect after he allegedly posed as a bank employee over the phone to defraud a senior out of \$9,000.

On September 21, 2024, Burnaby RCMP received a report that a suspect entered a financial institution in South Burnaby and withdrew \$9,000 from the victim's account.

The suspect allegedly posed as an employee of the financial institution over the phone and managed to obtain the victims date of birth and several passwords the day before the



fraud occurred.

It was later discovered that the suspect had attended four financial institutions across the Lower Mainland between September 21 and 23, 2024. Of the four attempts, this

incident was the only case that the suspect successfully obtained any money.

"If you ever receive a call from someone claiming to be from the bank, hang up and call the bank directly," said Cpl Mike Kalanj with the Burnaby RCMP. "Criminals are continually finding new ways to commit fraud, so please take the time to have this conversation with your loved ones."

Police are asking anyone who may be able to identify the suspect in the above photos to contact Burnaby RCMP at 604-646-9999 and quote file number 2024-32632.

IHIT continues to seek witnesses in relation to Langley homicide

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) is identifying the victim of a homicide in Langley from September 2023.

On September 22, 2023, the Langley City Fire Rescue Service attended Nicomekl Park located at 5281 208th Street, Langley for a report of a bush fire. Upon attendance by first responders and Langley RCMP officers, human remains were located and the death was deemed suspicious.

IHIT was deployed at the onset and took conduct of the investigation.



Since then, IHIT has pursued a number of investigative avenues to determine the circumstances

surrounding the death and the investigation has been ongoing. In order to further the investigation, IHIT is now identifying the victim as Michael Kashani of Langley.

"Mr. Kashani was 36 years old at the time and his death has left a void in his family and community,

says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. We believe someone out there may have information about Mr. Kashani's death and we are interested in speaking with them. Anyone who may have information is asked to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Traffic fatality in Surrey on Christmas

Surrey Police Service informed public of a collision between two vehicles at the intersection of Highway 15 (176th Street) and Highway 10 (56th Avenue) in Surrey that resulted in the death of a passenger in one of the vehicles.

On December 25, 2024, at approximately 11:15 am a vehicle struck a second vehicle at the intersection of Highway 15 and Highway 10. A passenger in the vehicle that was struck, an adult woman, passed away despite life-saving measures at the scene.

BC RCMP Surrey Police Operations Support Unit officers responded and both the Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT) and Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) were called in to assist. The investigation is in its early stages and is ongoing to determine the cause of the collision. The driver of the vehicle that struck the other vehicle remained at the scene of the collision and is cooperating with police.

There were several road closures near the intersection of Highways 15 and 10, with Highway 10 being completely blocked for eastbound traffic. If you witnessed the collision or have any information, including dashcam footage, please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-181644 (SU).

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21 People Died Per Day In Canada Due To Toxic Illegal Drugs

The co-chairs of the federal, provincial, and territorial Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisonings—Dr. Theresa Tam, Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer, and Dr. Sudit Ranade, Yukon’s Chief Medical Officer of Health—issued the following statement on the release of the latest surveillance data on opioid and stimulant-related harms in Canada from January 2016 to June 2024.



Theresa Tam,
Canada’s Chief Public Health Officer

“From January to June 2024, there were 3,787 opioid-related deaths, representing an average of 21 deaths every day. During this same period, there were 2,846 hospitalizations (16 per day) for opioid-related poisoning, 18,792 emergency medical services (EMS) responses (104 per day) to suspected opioid-related poisoning, and 13,287 (73 per day) emergency department visits for opioid-related poisoning. While these figures are lower compared to the same period in 2023, the data is considered preliminary and subject to change as updated information comes in from the provinces and territories, such as completed death investigations. Similar fluctuations have been seen before, and while encouraging, we must remain cautious in drawing conclusions

on the trends for 2024. Sadly, the extent of opioid- and stimulant-related harms remains very high, and it is important to acknowledge that these numbers represent lives lost, with lasting and profound impacts on families and communities across Canada.

The most recent data from the Drug Analysis Service (DAS), which analyzes the contents of drug samples

collected by law enforcement, shows that from July to September 2024 fentanyl remained the most common subclass identified in opioid samples, reinforcing the prevalence of this dangerous substance. Of all accidental apparent opioid toxicity deaths so far in 2024 (January to June), 79% involved fentanyl.

As the drug supply in Canada evolves, it is important to continue monitoring the variations in the composition of substances across jurisdictions, how these impact drug poisoning indicators. It is also important to collect more detailed data that can be broken down into sub-categories (or disaggregated data) to examine the local drivers of these trends within each province and territory in order to target public health responses.

Health Canada recently launched the Canadian Drug and Substance Watch (CDSW), an early warning system that highlights drugs as they appear on the illegal market. This new tool uses data from multiple sources, including from DAS, public health officials, wastewater and web monitoring to identify and understand the changing trends in drug use and new and emerging

psychoactive substances in Canada’s illegal drug supply. Surveillance data and the integrated analysis of data from multiple sources, through tools like CDSW, provide a more complete view of this crisis and can help identify potential drivers for fluctuations in reported harms.

Data is essential for understanding the scope of the toxic drug crisis, and this latest data release underscores that substance-related harms remain an urgent public health crisis in Canada. Addressing this issue requires action across a suite of measures at all levels of government, and over the coming months we will continue to work with the provinces and territories to identify local drivers for changes in rates and determine which measures are most likely to have a lasting positive impact. Prevention and education, evidence-based substance use services and supports, and substance controls, are all critical to help mitigate future deaths and minimize substance-related harms. We encourage families and friends supporting loved ones who use drugs, along with all Canadians, to learn the signs of an overdose and carry naloxone.”

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Former Indian PM Manmohan Singh...

The life and work of Dr Manmohan Singh and the period from 1991 till 2014 will be a golden chapter in the history of India. I worked closely with him for many years. I have not met a person more humble and self-effacing than Dr Singh. He wore his scholarship lightly and never claimed credit for any of his historic achievements. The story of India turned, after Dr Singh became Finance Minister. The present middle class of India was virtually the creation of his policies as Finance Minister and Prime Minister.

Throughout his tenure, he had great empathy for the poor. He did not hide the fact that many millions of India are poor and reminded us that government’s policies must lean in favour of the poor. Examples of his empathy are MGNREGA and the restructuring of PDS and the extension of the mid-day meal scheme His story has not been told fully. His achievements have not been recorded fully. I am sure when we look back upon the 23 years that Dr Singh was in active politics, we will realize his true contribution.”

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Chetna Association of Canada urges the Indian Union Minister Shah to withdraw his remarks on Baba Saheb Ambedkar

Chetna Association of Canada, a nonprofit organization promoting equality in Canada, is urging the Indian Union Minister Amit Shah to withdraw his remarks on Dr Ambedkar and work towards restoring harmony in India, and among the Diaspora.

Chetna's Plea comes after Shah made remarks on BR Ambedkar during his address to the Rajya Sabha during debate on Constitution. On December 18, 2024, Shah said in Raj Sabha: "It has become a fashion to say Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar, Ambedkar". If they had taken God's name so many times, they would have got a place in heaven."

Amit Shah's remark evoked a sharp backlash from the Congress, including Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Those who believe in Manusmriti will definitely have problems with Ambedkar ji."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Congress and its "rotten ecosystem" of insulting BR Ambedkar for several years as he listed the party's several "sins" towards the architect of the Indian Constitution.

Defending Amit Shah's remarks in the

Rajya Sabha during the Constitution debate, PM Modi said the Congress was doing "theatrics" after being "stung and stunned" by the Home Minister's address. "Amit Shah exposed the Congress's dark history of insulting Dr. Ambedkar...They are clearly stung and stunned by the facts he presented, which is why they are now indulging in theatrics," he said.

Shah also launched a sharp attack on the Congress during a press conference in Delhi, accusing the opposition party of distorting remarks made in Parliament and adopting an anti-Ambedkar stance. Whether or not these words are taken out of context, or are being used for political reasons, Chetna Association of Canada believes these words are totally inappropriate for one of the highest profile positions of India to make. "The Union Minister's comments not only undermine the tireless contributions of Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar and other proponents of equality, they are also disrespectful of everyone who is acknowledging the wrongs and taking action to correct the past decisions and the current practices that reduce the fraternity of India," said Jai Birdi, President/Executive Director,

Chetna Association of Canada.

"Because of the difference Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar and other nation builders have made, Dr. Ambedkar is now being better understood and hence is emerging as a "passion, and a global icon- not just a fashion, among all proponents of justice and equality. If it is now "fashionable" to celebrate the legacy of Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar, well, it is about time because Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar had been largely ignored for over seventy-five years since India's independence," he said.



Jai Birdi, President, Chetna Association of Canada

Competition Bureau Sues Rogers For Allegedly Misleading Claims About Unlimited Data

The Competition Bureau is taking legal action against Rogers Communications Inc., alleging they are falsely advertising their Infinite wireless phone plans as offering unlimited data.

The Competition Bureau, as an independent law enforcement agency ensuring that Canadian businesses and consumers prosper in a competitive and innovative marketplace.

The Bureau claims that Rogers' advertisements create the false or misleading impression that the plans provide consumers with limitless data, allowing them to use as much data as they want. In reality, the plans have data caps and once reached, the data speed is reduced, or throttled, by over 99%.

As a result, the Bureau has filed an application with the Competition Tribunal seeking, among other things, for Rogers to stop the misleading advertising, pay a penalty, and issue restitution to Infinite wireless phone plan customers.

"Canadians need accurate and truthful information when purchasing goods and

services especially essential services like wireless data plans. This case demonstrates that the Bureau remains committed to ensuring that Canadian consumers are not misled. And that we take all appropriate measures to address false or misleading claims in the marketplace," said Matthew Boswell, Commissioner of Competition.

Rogers Communications issued a statement in response to litigation initiated by the Commissioner of Competition.

"We introduced unlimited data plans in 2019 to deliver great value to our customers. These plans helped eliminate overage fees and gave customers bill certainty at a time when data use started growing exponentially. These plans are commonplace in the industry and reflected a significant and positive development for consumers and small businesses. The advertising of our Infinite plans is clear and truthful, and we will fight this litigation. These plans represent the norm in Canada and the Bureau's decision to single out Rogers after five years is quite concerning."

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Trump's Indian-American Advisor Sriram Krishnan Faces Backlash For His Green Card Remarks

US president-elect Donald Trump recently named India-born American entrepreneur, venture capitalist and author Sriram Krishnan as Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence. Sriram Krishnan will serve as the Senior Policy Advisor for Artificial Intelligence at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy," Trump said as he announced a number of appointments on artificial intelligence or AI.



Krishnan, who has previously led product teams at Microsoft, Twitter, Yahoo, Facebook and Snap, will work along with David O Sacks who will be the White House AI & Crypto Czar. "Working closely with David Sacks, Sriram will focus on ensuring continued American leadership in AI and help shape and coordinate AI policy across government, including working with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Sriram started his career at Microsoft as a founding member of Windows Azure," Trump said. Krishnan said, "I'm honoured to be able to serve our country and ensure continued American leadership in AI working closely with David Sacks." Krishnan's appointment has been welcomed by the Indian-American community. However, Krishnan's appointment immediately faced backlash by the far-right groups who made racist remarks online for appointment of an Indian origin person for the job. Krishnan also came under fire after Laura Loomer shared his tweet about removing the country caps on green cards. "Anything to remove country caps for green cards/unlock skilled immigration would be huge," the entrepreneur tweeted. The investigative journalist expressed fears about his views, claiming they went against Donald Trump's "America First" policy.

Canada Announces Transfer Of More Than \$100 Billion To Provinces And Territories

Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, announced that the federal government will deliver \$103.8 billion in major federal transfers to provinces and territories in 2025-26, in addition to other significant financial support. This represents an increase of 4.4 per cent in major transfers compared to 2024-25. In 202526, the Canada Health Transfer will increase by \$2.6 billion to \$54.7 billion. This includes a top-up payment of \$713 million thanks to the 5 per cent annual increase guaranteed by the federal government under the 10-year health care package announced in February 2023. This marks the first year that top-up payments will be paid under the guarantee, which remains in effect until 202728. Major federal transfers to provinces and territories also include the Canada Social



Transfer, Equalization, and Territorial Formula Financing. In addition to this,

the federal government provides other significant annual support to provinces and territories, including \$11 billion over 10 years to improve access to home and community care, mental health and addiction services, and \$27 billion over five years for a Canada-wide system of affordable early learning and child care. "A cornerstone of our economic plan is a robust social safety net and effective public health care. This year, we are providing nearly \$104 billion in transfers to provinces and territories. That's close to \$2 billion per week, every week, to help ensure that Canadians receive the public services—including health care, post-secondary education, social services and early learning and child care—that they need. Our government will continue to play its part in building a stronger, healthier nation for Canadians from coast to coast to coast," LeBlanc said.



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Dr. Koonar Returns to Cedar Dental Centre: A Warm Welcome Awaits!

After a temporary absence, Dr. Koonar is back at Cedar Dental Centre, ready to serve the Surrey community with top-notch dental care. Located at Unit 201, 8434 120 Street, Surrey, BC, Cedar Dental Centre is once again buzzing with activity as Dr. Koonar reopens his practice doors to both old and new patients alike.

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Sahibzadas' Martyrdom Day

India Cultural Centre of Canada Gurdwara Nanak Niwas, 8600 # 5 Road, in Richmond paid tribute to the four Sahibzadas on Sunday, December 22. A large number of devotees joined the management committee of the Gurdwara in order to pay tribute to Sahibzadas Baba Ajit Singh and Baba Jhujar Singh who gave up their lives while fighting the huge Mughal Army at the Garhi Chamkaur Sahib in 1704. In the same month of December, 1704, the younger Sahibzadas Baba Joravar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh in order to protect their faith sacrificed their lives in Sarhand. This month brings back very sad and unfortunate



memories of these tragedies. The Kirtani Jatha of the Gurdwara moved the congregation with their kirtan and katha. Secretary Balwant Sanghera thanked the Gianis, sevadars and the congregation for paying a very fitting tribute to the Sahibzadas on this occasion.

Local Youth to Represent Canada at 2025 Australia Scouts Jamboree, Promoting Global Unity and Cultural Exchange

Two local teens, Akshay Mohan and Caitlyn Skleryk, are heading off on an extraordinary adventure to the 2025 Australian Jamboree as Volunteer Youth Leaders.

The Scouting event, held from January 6-15, 2025, in Queensland, Australia, promises an unforgettable experience to represent their community on a global stage, and forge connections with Scouts from around the world. Akshay and Caitlyn will be among over 1,100 volunteers and more than 10,000 youth and adult participants from over 30 countries.

They will travel with the Canadian contingent, which



includes 37 youth and parent volunteers from provinces across the country, including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

Both Akshay and Caitlyn are members of the local 6th Peace Arch Scouts group and have been involved in Scouts for many years. Akshay began his scouting journey eight years ago in Grade 3, while Caitlyn joined 13 years ago when she was in Kindergarten.

Their time in Scouts has had countless adventures with other youth in their group, including summer and winter camps, hikes, canoeing, kayaking, archery, rock climbing, community service and much more.

Although the pandemic was a challenge, their group continued to stay connected and engaged, switching to online meetings and the occasional outdoor activities that allowed for safe social distancing. This will be the second international Scout Jamboree for both Akshay and Caitlyn, who previously attended the Finland Scout Jamboree in the summer of 2022. They have both earned recognition for their leadership, citizenship and commitment.



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13025 238 STREET
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THIS IS THE ONE! 5 Bed 4 Bath home with a 1 bed MORTGAGE HELPER! Sitting on a CORNER lot of 4,062 Sq.FT. BEAUTIFUL Foxridge home located in the heart of Grandview Heights. This bright, open-concept design includes a spacious kitchen with a walk-in pantry, a generous great room, and a large covered patio perfect for year-round outdoor living. Central Air Conditioner. The upper level offers 4 sizable bedrooms, including a master suite with a walk-in closet and a spa-inspired ensuite featuring a separate soaker tub. The fully finished basement includes a 1 bedroom suite rented for \$1500 to very good tenants. You also have a large recreation room for your personal enjoyment. Backyard is tastefully designed. EV charger in garage. Come see this

14096 113A AVENUE
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Indulge in luxury living in this magnificent residence with breathtaking mountain views, ideally situated near the city center. The expansive living and dining areas, paired with a cozy family room on the main floor, offer ample space for both relaxation and entertainment. Upstairs, you'll discover five bedrooms and four bathrooms, including an oversized master suite featuring a lavish spa-like ensuite and a spacious walk-in closet. Thoughtfully designed with high-end finishes, this home also includes a double car garage, radiant heating, air conditioning, and more. Additionally, benefit from the potential for rental income with separate suites (1+1). Seize this extraordinary opportunity to own a splendid property, complete with the assurance of a 2-5-10 warranty.

7893 147A STREET
FOR SALE **\$2,149,000**

CUSTOM BUILD! Immaculately maintained, this home feels brand new. Nestled on a 6700+ sq. ft. corner lot in the serene neighbourhood of Chimney Hill, this 5000+sq.ft. residence boasts 8 bedrooms, a rec room, and 9 baths with a spacious floor plan. The grand entryway with high ceilings extends into the living room, while the expansive kitchen offers abundant cabinet space and includes a large spice kitchen with a pantry. The main floor also features a generous family room, a 2-piece powder room, and a bonus master bedroom with a full bath. The top floor comprises 4 sizable bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, including 3 master bedrooms with walk-in closets. The master ensuite is equipped with double sinks, a standing shower, and a Jacuzzi.

36 13670 62 AVE
FOR SALE **\$899,000**

Panorama South 62 complex! This is a beautiful four bedroom four bath Townhome backyard faces a greenbelt- ULTIMATE PRIVACY! Open concept main floor with 9ft ceiling and lots of natural light-bright and spacious living area and 3 bedroom upstairs. Main floor has beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances and bar fridge. Nice open dining room leading to living area which opens to sundeck. Additional bedroom in basement with 3 piece bath. This complex has lots of visitor parking. Close to schools and transit. Great neighbourhood.

14727 62A AVENUE
FOR SALE **\$1,999,000**

SULLIVAN STATION BRAND NEW HOUSE Features 8 BEDROOMS & 8 WASHROOMS! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. There is also a den/bedroom on the main with a FULL washroom. Glass railings throughout. Modern design and finishings. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! Also a patio! In the basement there is a media room perfect for entertaining with a 2 piece washroom. There are also 2 MORTGAGE HELPERS!

16918 0A AVENUE
OR SALE **\$1,088,000**

Imagine your ideal home on this generous lot of over 3905 square feet. This cleared and ready-to-build space is perfect for bringing your dream residence to life.

12347 103A AVENUE
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FOR SALE **\$449,000**

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5945 130A STREET
FOR SALE **\$1,849,900**

PANORAMA RIDGE CORNER HOME! Features 6 BEDROOMS & 6 WASHROOMS + THEATRE ROOM w/Full Bath + 2 Bedroom Suite! You are welcomed into this custom built beauty with beautiful finishings. Bright and spacious living and dining rooms. Custom built kitchen along with a spice kitchen! Huge family room with big windows to soak in that natural light. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their private ensuites and good size closets! In the basement there is a large media room perfect for entertaining with a FULL WASHROOM. There is also a 2 bedroom MORTGAGE HELPER! Fully finished with its own separate entrances. This home truly has it ALL! Perfect for the growing family.

17 7040 WILLIAMS ROAD
FOR SALE **\$1,099,000**

Bright and spacious townhouse in the sought-after, tranquil Broadmoor neighborhood. This corner unit has the feel of a duplex with a south-facing private yard and a balcony off the living room. The kitchen has been updated with new cabinets, countertops, and a dishwasher, while the main floor features upgraded tile flooring. Two master bedrooms, including one conveniently located on the main level. Laminate flooring throughout. Located near Broadmoor Mall, public transit, and directly across from Steveston-London Secondary School. The huge backyard with back lane access features a large covered deck ideal for BBQs and evening relaxation, and a massive paved driveway. Conveniently, the home is within walking distance of bus service, a Gurdwara, and a shopping centre.

10107 173 STREET
FOR SALE **\$1,599,000**

Over 13,000 SF Fully Serviced Lot - Ready to Build! Nestled among parks and the Fraser River, this stunning lot offers an unbeatable setting for nature lovers. Just a short walk to Tynehead Park Perimeter Trail and Surrey Bend Park, it's the perfect spot for outdoor enthusiasts. Conveniently located near Hwy 1 and Hwy 15, enjoy easy access to both the city and the valley. Building plans are available upon request. Don't miss this opportunity to create your dream home in a beautiful, serene location!

9540 WOODWARD ST.
FOR SALE **\$2,599,000**

Presenting a 7-bedroom, 4-bathroom home nestled at the end of a serene street within Silverdale's West Neighbourhood Plan. This expansive property offers ready-to-build potential and features a spacious 3,422-square-foot house, along with a detached 1,160-square-foot shop. Currently, the property generates an estimated \$4,500 in monthly rental income. With Silverdale on the cusp of significant growth, this property is ideal for those looking to create their dream estate or hold onto it for future development potential.

18536 64 AVENUE
FOR SALE **\$3,749,000**

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VICTORIA - More than 280 million trees were planted in B.C. forests in 2024 due to the Province's efforts. "2024 was a banner year for tree planting in B.C., including celebrating 10 billion trees planted since 1930," said Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests. "Our government's commitment to sustainable forests has seen us lead the country by planting more than two billion trees since 2017." Caring for B.C.'s forests has come a long way since reforestation programs began in 1930. Meticulous planning goes into selecting which types of trees are seeded and encouraged to grow on public lands. This year, 13 different native tree species



Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests were chosen in an effort to preserve

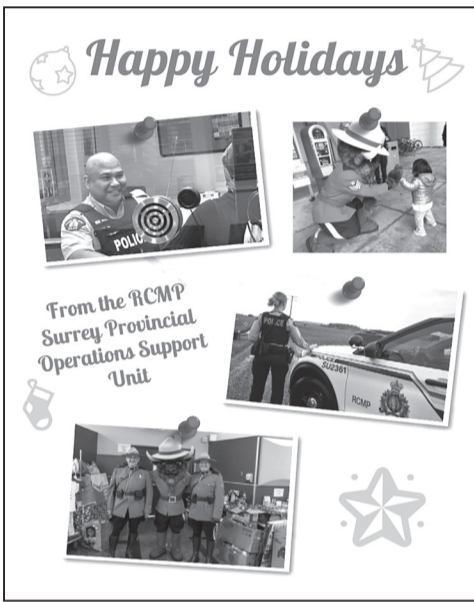
natural ecosystems and prioritize key characteristics, such as resilience to climate change. The Province's 2024 reforestation efforts were primarily focused on fire-damaged areas. This was in addition to the work undertaken by forest tenure holders as part of their legal requirements to regenerate harvested areas. "We are in good shape right now based upon a run of strong years and the government's commitment to tackling the impacts of climate change through adaptation and keeping reforestation programs at a level to help regrow our forests," said John Betts, executive director, Western Forestry

Contractors' Association. "Our members have been adapting to the concept of a restoration economy targeting ecosystem resilience through all kinds of different planting programs." B.C. Timber Sales (BCTS), a division of Ministry of Forests responsible for managing vast areas of forested public land, also marked a milestone this year. More than one billion trees have been planted since the organization was founded in 2003. BCTS supports local jobs and communities by issuing approximately 40 tree-planting contracts to small business operators throughout the province every year.

Chief Superintendent Wendy Mehat informs about RCMP Surrey Support Unit role in a holiday message

As we approach the holiday season, a time for joy and reflection I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support throughout this year. Hundreds of RCMP officers are here in the city, as a part of the Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (RCMP SPOSU). We are the same unit, the same dedication, the same officers - now with a new name. A majority of RCMP officers who previously worked at the Surrey RCMP Detachment, maintain their roles and remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in the City of Surrey. Many residents have approached our officers with

questions about our roles in the community, we are here providing support and assistance to our colleagues at the Surrey Police Service. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation, respect and understanding across police agencies - this makes our community strong. RCMP Frontline officers and Community Response Units (CRU) continue to work in the Cloverdale, Guildford and South Surrey districts as we maintain all police operations in those neighbourhoods. RCMP SPOSU officers are also running Investigative Services for the majority



of the city including supporting the Surrey Police Service in the Newton area. Specialized RCMP SPOSU teams, including the Youth Unit, Auto Theft, Drugs and Property Crime are also continuing their enforcement efforts in the designated RCMP zones. If you see our members out and about, feel free to stop and say hello or attend the District 2 office in Guildford for a visit. It brings us joy, to see so many smiling and supportive faces right before the holidays, just

as we did at the Santa Claus Parade in Cloverdale. Thank you for your generosity during our Pack the PC and Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive where we raised \$1015.95 and collected 265 lbs of food and 1,200 unwrapped toys. We are grateful for your continued trust in the RCMP. As we celebrate, let's remember to look out for one another, be safe on the roads and spread cheer. Together, we can make this holiday season brighter and safer for all. On behalf of the members of my team at the Surrey Provincial Operations Support unit, we wish you and your loved ones a safe and festive holiday season.

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Return of an Icon: All-New Hybrid-Electric Honda Prelude Will Come to Canada

Honda recently announced an all-new hybrid-electric Prelude sports coupe will be introduced to the Canadian market late next year, returning one of the brand's most iconic nameplates to the lineup. The stylish new Prelude will mark the debut of Honda S+ Shift, an innovative new drive mode that further advances Linear Shift Control to deliver maximum levels of driver engagement, in keeping with the heritage of the Prelude line.

“The



Honda Prelude has a storied history, joining Civic and Accord as

one of the first three products in our lineup in the 1970s, its return will put a nostalgic smile on the faces of those that have fond memories of this iconic car,” said Emile Korkor, Assistant Vice President Honda Canada. “The Prelude is yet another exciting hybrid-electric model that we’re introducing as part of our commitment to an electrified future, joining the Civic, CR-V and Accord as part of our expanding hybrid lineup.”

The hybrid-electric Honda Prelude Concept made its first North American appearance at the 2023 Los Angeles Auto Show following its global debut at the 2023 Japan Mobility Show, 45 years after the first-generation Prelude entered production in November 1978. A beloved favorite of automotive enthusiasts, the sports coupe consistently introduced innovative new technologies to the

Honda lineup and industry across its five generations, including four-wheel steering (4WS) and torque vectoring Active Torque Transfer System (ATTS).

Honda established a global goal to achieve carbon neutrality for all of its products and corporate activities by 2050. Toward that goal, the company’s vision is to make battery-electric and fuel cell electric vehicles represent 100% of its vehicle sales by 2040.

Hybrid-electric vehicles are a key step in this Honda electrification strategy, which includes equipping its core models with hybrid-electric powertrains – with the company celebrating 25 years of hybrid sales in North America. Honda Canada has achieved record electrified vehicle sales in 2024,

which now represent more than 30% of the brand’s total sales. Hybrid-electric trims currently make up more than 50% of Accord and CR-V sales, and the newly introduced Civic Hybrid is expected to ultimately represent about 60% of Civic sales. Cumulative sales of Honda electrified vehicles in North America top one million.

In December 2024, Honda celebrated 25 years of hybrid sales in North America. Honda began sales of the first-generation Honda Insight, North America’s first hybrid-electric model in December of 1999. Honda began sales this year of the Honda Prologue, the brand’s first all-electric SUV. And late next year, Honda will begin production of the first EVs based on the new Honda-developed EV platform at the Honda EV Hub.


At CES 2024 in January, Honda unveiled

two concept models of the Honda 0 Series, the Saloon, and the Space-Hub.

A production model of the Saloon, positioned as a flagship model of the Honda 0 Series is planned for introduction in 2026, and will be built at the Honda

EV Hub in Ohio. Moreover, Honda has announced plans to introduce a total of seven Honda 0 Series models globally by 2030, including small-, medium- and large-size models.


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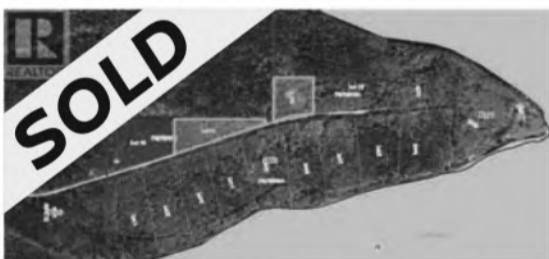
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11 Indians Killed In Georgia Gas Poisoning

In a tragic accident, 12 people including 11 Indian nationals were found dead at a restaurant in Georgia. According to the Indian mission in the capital Tbilisi, they reportedly died due to the carbon monoxide poisoning. The bodies were discovered on the second floor of a building housing an Indian food restaurant at a ski resort. Amongst 11, one deceased has been identified as Sameer Kumar who was a resident of Khanna city in Punjab's Ludhiana district. The Indian embassy issued a statement while offering condolences and said that the mission is in touch with the local authorities to fetch the details of the deceased. "Mission has just learned about the death of 12 Indian nationals in Gudauri, Georgia. Deepest condolences to the bereaved families. Mission is in touch with the local authorities to get details of the Indian nationals who lost their lives. All possible assistance will be given," said the Indian embassy.

Punjab Farmer Leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal's Health Deteriorates, Apex Court Issues Notice To Punjab Govt

Punjab farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal's health has deteriorated, with doctors warning that his life is "hanging by a thread". The 70-year-old has been on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border point between Punjab and Haryana for 25 days now. Dallewal, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) leader, is on an indefinite hunger strike to press the Centre to accept the demands of the protesting farmers, including a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) on all crops. Addressing the farmers from the special stage made in view of his deteriorating health, Dallewal expressed heartfelt gratitude to those lending support to the agitation. "I want to tell all of you that I am alright," he said in a frail voice as another farmer leader Abhimanyu Kohar helped him. "We have to win this battle. This battle will be won only if the whole country fights unitedly," Dallewal said and appealed to Punjab's "younger brother



Haryana" and other states that "this battle should be fought strongly". Farmers, under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, have been camping at the Shambhu and the Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 after their march to Delhi was stopped by security forces. A "jatha" of 101 farmers attempted to march to Delhi on foot three times between December 6 and 14 but were stopped by security personnel in Haryana.

Meanwhile, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha's Punjab unit leaders held a meeting and condemned the central and the Punjab governments' "indifferent attitude", saying they should have intervened by now as Dallewal's health was deteriorating. The Supreme Court on Friday raised serious concerns over the deteriorating health of Dallewal. The apex court directed the Punjab government to ensure that Dallewal receives the necessary medical assistance. The Punjab government has formed a high-level medical board comprising senior doctors to provide medical care to Dallewal. The Punjab advocate general further informed the court that Dallewal had submitted a letter addressed to the Prime Minister when a delegation visited him on December 24. In the letter, Dallewal expressed that he would be willing to cooperate with medical assistance only if the government opened a dialogue with the farmers.



SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami appeared before the Akal Takht and underwent 'religious punishment for "using

SGPC Chief Undergoes 'Religious Punishment' For 'Using Derogatory Words' Against Bibi Jagir Kaur

derogatory words" against former SGPC chief Bibi Jagir Kaur. Dhami held a meeting with Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh before appearing before the high priests, who asked him to wash dishes at the 'langar hall' and clean the shoes of the devotees at the 'jodha ghar' for an hour each. After compliance, Dhami recited the prayers and performed

'ardas'. An audio conversation had landed Dhami in trouble in which he is purportedly heard using derogatory words against Kaur. Following this, Dhami had volunteered to approach the Akal Takht to tender an apology and had also apologised to Kaur. Dhami said he was on a telephonic interaction with a Kotkapura-

based person recently when the conversation moved over to some reference pertaining to delay in accepting the resignations of Akali leaders. The caller levelled allegations against him in the name of Bibi Jagir Kaur. That infuriated him and he "unintentionally" used some objectionable words, he said. In a letter addressed to Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh,

Dhami said, "I humbly submit that in 'jaane-anjaane' (knowingly or unknowingly) I lost temper and used offensive words. I apologise to Bibi Jagir Kaur and the entire women fraternity. Being on a responsible Panthic post, I should have refrained from using such obnoxious language. The verdict of the Akal Takht on the issue will be acceptable to me unconditionally."

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Surrey Council Approves \$1.2M Demolition Contract For North Surrey Recreation Centre

Surrey Council approved a \$1.2M contract for the demolition of the former North Surrey Recreation Centre. This is a significant step in the development of the much-anticipated Centre Block that includes two high-rise commercial office towers, ground-level retail units, and a vibrant public plaza in the heart of the downtown City Centre.

“Centre Block is more than just a redevelopment project. It will be the catalyst for economic growth, innovation and community engagement in our ever-expanding City Centre,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “Centre Block will be a vibrant, accessible, and modern urban centre near rapid transit and major transportation routes. It is also a natural extension of the considerable civic investment in the area as reflected in the new City Hall, Library and Civic Plaza



and will progress Surrey’s long-term economic interests through advancing a downtown business district.” Led by Surrey City Development Corporation (SCDC), the project is poised to be a groundbreaking office and institutional complex adjacent to one of the region’s most intensively used transit hubs.

“The demolition of the old North Surrey

Recreation Centre will mark the start of a new era for our downtown core,” Locke added. “The redevelopment of the site will set the foundation for the transformative Centre Block project. This milestone project will not only enhance the downtown landscape with new office space and retail options but also foster a sense of community through the public plaza. Centre Block will be instrumental

in the continued evolution of Surrey’s City Centre into the region’s second downtown core.” The former North Surrey Recreation Centre, located at 10275 City Parkway, will undergo phased demolition beginning in early 2025, with an expected completion date of summer 2025. Given the site’s proximity to the SkyTrain line and the Surrey Central bus loop, Arena 1 on the north side of the building will be demolished first, and Arena 2 and Pool will follow. The project will prioritize safety and environmental compliance, including the careful removal of hazardous materials. Traffic control measures and strategic scheduling will be implemented to reduce inconvenience and disruption. Funding for the demolition contract is available in the approved 2024 Corporate Capital Budget.

Art animates Surrey Civic Plaza

The City of Surrey is excited to announce the launch of the newly relocated outdoor art venue UrbanScreen with the exhibition Nicolas Sassoone: Liquid Landscapes. UrbanScreen is an award-winning outdoor art venue operated and programmed by Surrey Art Gallery. Liquid Landscapes will be projected 30 minutes after sunset every evening at Surrey Civic Plaza until Feb. 16, 2025.

Nicolas Sassoone’s Liquid Landscapes is a mesmerizing series of pixelated digital animations that captures the colours, motions, and shapes of

seven different geographics sites around Surrey: Serpentine River, Redwood Park, Crescent Beach, Nicomekl River, Boundary Bay, Serpentine Fen, and the Fraser River. Each of the seven animations will be displayed on a different night of the week, accompanied by audio responses created by local music producers and sound artists, including Yu Su (You’re Me), J.S. Aurelius (Ascetic House), Jean Brazeau, Scott Woodworth, Baby Blue (s.M.i.L.e), Venetta (NuZi Collective), and x/o. Curated by Rhys Edwards, Assistant Curator at the

Surrey Art Gallery, Liquid Landscapes celebrates the geographic diversity throughout Surrey and challenges us to think about our complicated relationship with nature and technology. An essay about Liquid Landscapes in the “Surrey Art Gallery Presents” publication series is available free for download on the Surrey Art Gallery’s website.

UrbanScreen showcases innovative, site-specific, digital art made by artists from around the Lower Mainland and further afield. For over a decade, it has presented innovative, award-winning programming to commuters from



across the Lower Mainland as well as audiences local to Surrey. The next exhibition, Vavara & Mar: We Are the Clouds, will open on Feb. 27, 2025. This interactive exhibit invites visitors to engage with a virtual “community of clouds” through kiosks, creating a

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Baby John BO debacle: Video Of Atlee Pitting Varun Dhawan Against RK Has Aged Like Milk, Concludes Internet

Varun Dhawan's massy action hero era may just be tanking even before a full fledged take off. On Christmas day earlier this week, the actor saw through the release of what was being anticipated to be one of his stronger attempts at getting ahold of box office glory. The Kalees-helmed Baby John, incidentally an Atlee production, is an adaptation of Tamil blockbuster Theri (2016) starring Thalapathy Vijay in the lead. Easily among the Tamil icon's most memorable films, Varun had tall, TALL boots to fill as soon as he signed on.

With taking on an entirely new on-screen persona while attempting to live up to audience expectations that came with emulating Thalapathy Vijay's magic on screen, Varun already had enough on his plate. Atlee's astronomical claims however, may just have buried any cred Varun could have potentially walked away with from the project.

During a press event for the film, Atlee very confidently asserted how Varun Dhawan was the next 'superstar' in the making and that Baby John was going to be that final push for him. Now mind you, 'superstar' is a tag that in Bollywood only extends itself to the likes of Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan to name the most elite few. Atlee didn't stop there. A battle lost for Varun before it even began.

But that's not all. Atlee even went as far as to directly pit Varun against Ranbir Kapoor, who with one of the biggest fiscal successes of the industry last year, Animal, hit play on his golden streak again. As per Atlee, Baby John was supposed to do for Varun what Animal did for Ranbir. It seemed impossible, as soon as the filmmaker verbalised the thought. And now Baby John's box office report, rather dismal, has made sure that the internet reopens the (over) confident sell, with a lot of notes to share.

Comments like "Ye toh what Animal did to Bobby Deol bhi nahi kar paaya", "Ranbir already had a good fan base animal just increased it" and "Ranbir already proved himself many years ago with Rockstar and Barfi, Varun can never come close to what Ranbir can perform on screen!" summed up the internet's take on Atlee's foot-in-mouth moment.

Many even absolved Varun of direct blame when it came to the unsuccessful attempt

to create hype, raising eyebrows at Atlee instead: "Atlee jinxed the film by saying this sentence. Kanguva producers did the same mistake..The marketing wasn't right at all .. it didn't create any hype at all" read a comment.

Reportedly mounted on a budget of ₹180 crores, a Sacnilk report shares that over a 2-day run, one of which was a major holiday, the film has managed to rake in only ₹16.5 crores — and these are worldwide figures. Even a 'surprise' cameo from Salman Khan doesn't seem like a magic trick enough to save the film. Baby John, also starring Keerthy Suresh, Wamiqa Gabbi and Jackie Shroff, is currently running in theatres.



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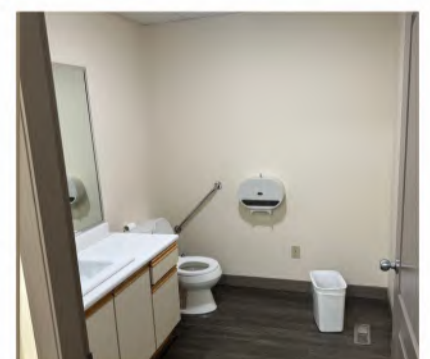
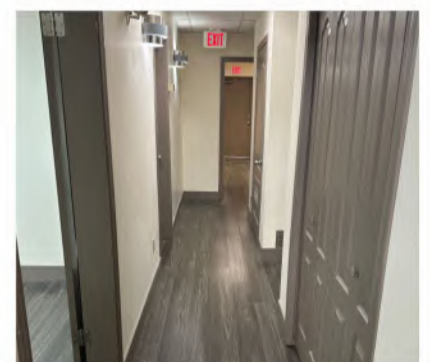
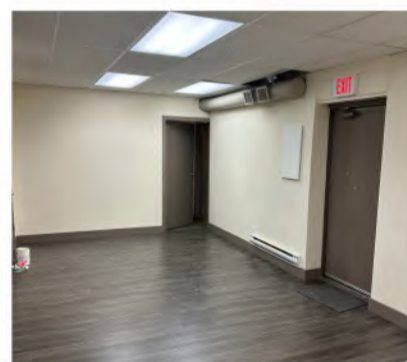
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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- 27th December, Friday** at 10:00 am, Sri Sukhmani Sahib path, Gurbani kirtan katha and langar seva by Sunny Mangat family.
- 29th December, Sunday** at 10:30 am, Weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Samagam will be held to commemorate the martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas Haba Zorawar Singh Ji, Haba Fateh Singh Ji and Mata Gajri Ji. Langar seva by the Sangat and the management committee.
- 30th December, Monday** at 11:30 am, Sahaj path bhog and antim ardas for late Sardani Johal by the Johal family.

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 Sobha Sahib will be recited and the closing ceremony will be held.

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

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- 5th January, Sunday** at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Akhand Path, Kirtan Diwan will be arranged and Guri 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:

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Special Notice (Lohri)

12th 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 langar seva on this occasion. A Dhansi 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 Saugrand in memory of the unique sacrifice of the 40 Mukta. 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 Ardas
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Year-End 2024: Malaika Arora-Arjun Kapoor, Hardik Pandya-Natasa Stankovic; Celebs Who Called It Quits

The year 2024 saw not only grand marriages and blockbuster films but also some heart-wrenching celebrity breakups that left fans disheartened. Here's a look back at celebrity separations that made headlines this year.

Malaika Arora-Arjun Kapoor
Actors Malaika Arora and Arjun Kapoor had been in a relationship for nearly six years. Although neither officially confirmed a breakup, Malaika deleted their pictures from her social media, and her cryptic post on November 1 hinted at the separation. In October, Kapoor confirmed his single status during an event to promote his film Singham Again, putting an end to the speculation. Despite the breakup, Kapoor was by Arora's side when her father passed away in September.

Hardik Pandya-Natasa Stankovic

Cricketer Hardik Pandya and actor-model Natasa Stankovic announced their separation after four years of marriage in July 2024. They made the announcement on social media, where Stankovic shared a heartfelt message: "After four years of being together, Hardik and I have decided to mutually part ways. We tried our best and gave it our all, but we believe this is what's best for both of us." They continue to co-parenting their son, Agastya.

Sania Mirza-Shoaib Malik

In January 2024, former tennis star Sania Mirza and former Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Malik announced the end of their 14-year marriage. Rumours of their



separation had been circulating for months, but the confirmation came through a statement from Mirza's sister, Anam. The statement read, "Sania and Shoaib have been living separately for several months, and their divorce was finalized some time ago." It also requested

privacy and respect for Mirza during this difficult time.

Urmila Matondkar-Mohsin Akhtar Mir

In September 2024, Bollywood actress Urmila Matondkar announced her separation from husband Mohsin Akhtar Mir after eight years of marriage.

Matondkar had already filed for divorce months earlier, but the news was only made public at that time. A source confirmed to HTCity that the divorce was not mutual, though the reasons behind the split remained undisclosed.

Jayam Ravi-Aarti

Tamil actor Jayam Ravi and his wife Aarti ended their 15-year marriage, citing personal reasons as the cause for their separation. In a statement shared on social media, Jayam Ravi wrote, "After much thought and discussion, I have made the difficult decision to proceed with the dissolution of my marriage with Aarti. This decision, though painful, is in the best interest of all involved." The couple share two sons, Aarav and Ayaan.

Anupam Kher Pays Emotional Tribute To Manmohan Singh, Reveals He Initially Refused The Accidental Prime Minister



Anupam Kher is mourning the loss of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, paying a heartfelt tribute to him through a video on social media. In the emotional post, Anupam reminisced about his meetings with Singh while working on The Accidental Prime Minister, saying he will miss the "man in the turban

Anupam brought his life to the big screen through the 2019 film The Accidental Prime Minister.

Anupam pays his tribute

The actor took to Instagram to share the video message. "I am deeply saddened to know about his demise. I am outside the country. I have spent almost 1.5 years with the character of Dr Manmohan Singh, studying his nature, mannerisms and character," he said in the video.

Anupam added, "To portray a character truthfully, you must go inside the person. Dr Manmohan Singh was inherently a good man; gentle, bright, brilliant and kind. And if you see The Accidental Prime Minister now, you will discover that I could to some extent imbibe all those qualities. I refused this film for various reasons. I thought people would think I am making fun of him through the role".

That being said, Anupam feels it is one of the "most truthful portrayals" of his career.

In the video, Anupam was being cautious while describing Singh and his nature.

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Ranbir Kapoor And Deepika Padukone's Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani To Re-Release In Theatres On This Date

Earlier this month, Karan Johar's Dharma Productions shared a cryptic post about Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani leaving fans speculating about its possible sequel. However, following the trend of re-releases, Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone's film is all set to hit the theatres again in 2025. Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani re-release date

PVR INOX is bringing back one of Bollywood's most cherished films, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani, to theatres on January 3, 2025, across 140 PVR INOX Cinemas in 46 cities. This comes after Dharma Productions' Kal Ho Naa Ho's successful re-release. Apart from this, in 2024, several films like Tumbbad, Veer Zara, and Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein, re-released in theatres and movie-goers flocked to the theatres to see the magic of these movies once again on the big screen.

Karan Johar and Ayan Mukerji on film's re-release Karan Johar, Producer, expressed his excitement on Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani's re-release, and said, "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani holds a special place in the heart of Dharma Productions. The film has great music, stunning locations, some of our most loved actors, and a story that resonates across all generations. It's just the perfect film to start the new year. The film leaves you with a warm, fuzzy feeling about life. We can't wait to see how Gen Z feels about watching it as adults on the big screen while millennials join in, singing along and repeating all the dialogues before the actors do."

Reflecting on the film's re-release, Director Ayan Mukerji shared, "This movie feels like my second child, a part of my heart and soul. More than a decade later, I can confidently say that creating it was one of the greatest joys of my life. What we accomplished, despite its perfections and imperfections, remains a source of immense and lasting pride for me."

Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani is a coming-of-age romantic comedy-drama that stars Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Kalki Koechlin, and Aditya Roy Kapur in key roles. Apart from its storyline and the cast's performances, the film is popularly known for its chartbuster songs like Badtameez Dil, Balam Pichkari, and Dilliwaali Girlfriend among others. Over the years, the film has achieved a cult status and it will be interesting to see if it proves to be a successful re-release.

Honey Singh Endorses Fan's Reel Claiming Badshah Doesn't Deserve To Be Singer: 'Yo Yo Army Is With You'

Yo Yo Honey Singh is in no mood to settle his feud with fellow rapper and former collaborator Badshah. In his latest move, Honey Singh endorses a fan's Instagram Reel arguing why Badshah doesn't deserve to be a singer.

Honey Singh fan's Reel Ridey Behl, a Honey Singh fan, who goes by the Instagram handle @rideyay, posted an Instagram Reel in which he is addressed the audience. Ridey said in the video, "Recently maine abhi ek Reel banayi thi Badshah ke upar. Usmein kya hua ki Honey Singh ne bhi like kari hai wo. Maine ye bola that ki Badshah Indian Idol ka judge banne layak nahi. Uske baad bhai Badshah ke itne saare



fans aa gaye. Bhai mujhe DM mein, comment section mein itni gandi-gandi gaaliyan likhne lag gaye. Jab Honey paji ne like kari, tab Honey Singh wale fans bhi aa gaye (I made a Reel on Badshah, which Honey Singh also liked. I said that Badshah doesn't deserve to be an In-

nahi hai. Wo singer banne ke hi layak nahi hai wo. Main ye bolna chahta hu ki nahi ho paega aap se. Bhai gaali dene wali toh baat hi nahi thi. Kya kara maine zyada se zyada? Aaj Honey Oak lagaya hai maine perfume, ab iss par gaali doge tum mujhe? Nahi na? Mere bathroom mein honeybees ka chhatta lag gaya hai. Ab mujhe batao, gaali doge ispe? It's a regular thing kya? Ab batao, Badshah ke ghar pe honeybees ka chhatta nahi lagta kya kabhi? (I'd like to apologise to all Badshah fans with folded hands that they're Badshah fans. I'd also like to apologise that I said he doesn't deserve to be an Indian Idol judge. In fact, he doesn't deserve to be even a singer. What's the point of abusing me? If I say I've applied Honey Oak perfume today, will you abuse me? No, right? There's a honeycomb in my bathroom. Will you abuse me now? Tell me, is Badshah's home immune to a honeycomb?) (laughs)," added Ridey.

Honey Singh extends support to Badshah as Indian Idol judge. Subsequently, so many of Badshah's fans abused me in the comment section and DMs. After Honey Singh liked the post, his fans also jumped in."

As it began to seem that Ridey would apologise for his words, he switched gears. "Badshah ke jitne bhi fans hain, main unse haath jod ke mafi mangta hu, ki aap Badshah ke fans ho. Aur main hath jod ke ye bhi mafi mangta hu ki maine bola ki wo Indian Idol ka judge banne layak

Honey Singh not only liked Ridey's previous Reel, but also commented on the new one. "Yo Yo Army is with you li'll bro! Don't worry," wrote the singer. Ridey pinned Honey Singh's comment on his Reel. Honey recently addressed his feud with Badshah in an India Today interview. "People often ask me about my fight or controversy with Badshah. A fight happens when both people are involved, but for 10 years, one man kept abusing me, making songs about me, mocking my illness, and I never responded," he said. "It was only this year, in 2024, that I started speaking up, and that too because of my fans. They sent me messages saying, 'Please speak up; this is about our dignity now."

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Return of an Icon: All-New...

In October, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. held its Honda 0 Tech Meeting 2024 in Tokyo, Japan and introduced some of the next-generation technologies to be applied to the Honda 0 Series. Honda is planning to

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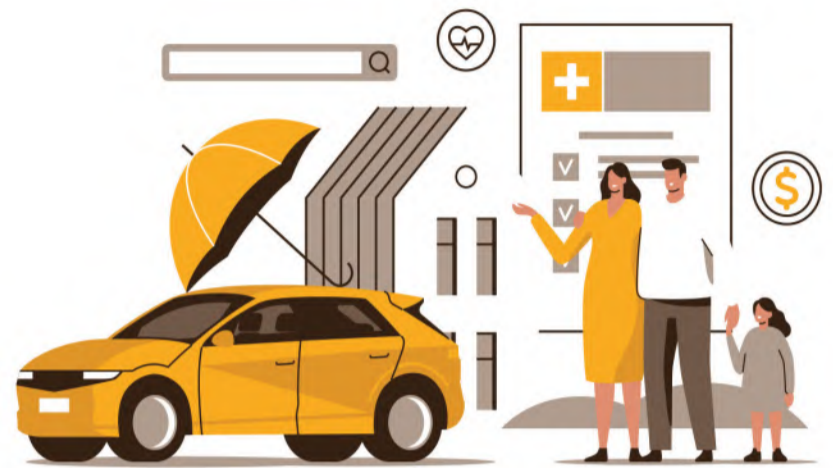
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