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# Ripudaman Singh Malik Hitman Sentenced To Life In Prison

Tanner Fox, one of the hitmen in shooting of Ripudaman Singh Malik, was sentenced to life in prison with no parole eligibility for 20 years, on January 28, 2025. Jose Lopez another person involved in the shooting is expected to appear in court in March of 2025 for sentencing. "B.C. Supreme Court Justice Terence Schultes sentenced Tanner Fox for second-degree murder in front of a New Westminster courtroom packed full of Malik's friends and relatives following an emotional morning in which Malik's daughter-in-law begged the young killer to give up the names of the people who hired him," CBC reported. "We plead with you to reveal the names of the people who hired you," Sundeep Kaur



Jaspreet Singh Malik, son of Ripudaman Malik, addressing media outside the courtroom. (Photo by Sukhwant Dhillon)

Dhaliwal said as she stood at the front of the courtroom. Outside the court, Malik's son echoed Dhaliwal's comments. He said the sentencing gave a small sense of relief. "But our journey doesn't end today. People who hired Mr Fox and Mr Lopez still remain at

large. But our father's legacy lives on. In 1986 my father found Khalsa Credit Union and Khalsa School. The first Sikh private school in North America and the largest in BC. These are all the things he did and form large part of his legacy. He was a trailblazer,



Ripudaman Singh Malik served the community, and was an active changemaker." Jaspreet Singh stressed his father's leadership roles with the Khalsa Credit Union and Khalsa School. He said that his father was acquitted in Air India Bombing case in 2005.

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## Surrey Mayor Joins Border Mayors Alliance To Address Potential U.S. Tariffs



Mayor Brenda Locke has joined forces with fellow leaders through the newly formed Border Mayors Alliance that aims to protect local economies and advocate for the interests of communities along the Canada-U.S. border. Over 20% of Surrey businesses have direct trade ties with the United States, representing roughly \$2.8 billion in cross-border commerce each year. (Full story on page 11)

## Foreign interference report says no "traitors" in Parliament plotting with foreign states to act against Canada

A commission set by Canada to inquire extent of various countries interfere in Canada's election or parliament has finally released its report after 15 months of investigation and hearing from over 60 experts and diaspora members. The report details which countries have interfered in elections, how they interfere, and how much of that interference has impacted and changed Canadian election results and parliament.

India has emerged as the second most active country to engage in Canada's elections after China. India has been mentioned specifically on various occasions in the report. The



Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue Commission also heard testimonies on India's role in repressing diaspora voices which is known as "transnational repression."

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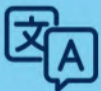
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# Surrey Realtor Who Used Couple’s Money To Purchase Own House, Fined \$250K

A realtor from Surrey has been fined for using the money his clients gave to him to invest in properties but instead invested in purchasing his own property in Aldergrove, near Abbotsford, BC. In a recent BC Supreme Court order, the realtor Alden Ashneil Chand has been ordered to pay the couple Amandeep Kaur Rahil and Jagvir Singh Rahil more than \$285,000 in fine. “Chand’s misconduct in this case is particularly repugnant and appropriately attracts an award of punitive damages,” Justice Francesca V. Marzari wrote in her decision, released Friday. According to Vancouver Sun report, Chand told the Rahils their funds would serve as “investments” in a pair of condos – one in Surrey and one in Kelowna. The



idea was that Chand would purchase the properties himself, then assign the sale contracts to other buyers at a higher price, which he would use to pay back the Rahils’ investments, plus substantial

profits. Instead, Justice Francesca V. Marzari found Chand did not make an offer to purchase either of the two properties. He deposited the Rahils’ money into

his own personal account, then used it to complete his purchase of a home in Langley’s Aldergrove neighbourhood. The Judge said, “I am satisfied that Mr. Chand breached his fiduciary duties as the Rahils’ realtor in a myriad of ways. I find that Mr. Chand also breached his agreements with the Rahils that he would use the funds they provided to invest in the Surrey Property, and later the Kelowna Property. Implicit in those agreements was that he would not use their funds to buy a property for himself. I also find that the Rahils have established unjust enrichment, based on the benefits and profits accrued by Mr. Chand following his breach of contract and use of the Rahils’ funds to purchase the Abbotsford Property in his own name.”

## Male Suspects Rob Car In Surrey At Gunpoint, Hit Another Vehicle And Flee From Accident Scene

A Surrey resident’s car was stolen after two males approached him and asked for the keys of his car at a gunpoint. The stolen vehicle was then found in an accident another day and the male driver fled leaving the stolen car at the accident scene. On Thursday, January 23, 2025, at approximately 5:05 pm, RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (SPOSU) officers responded to a report of a robbery in the 8700 block of 161 Street, Surrey. A male victim indicated that he was approached by two male suspects who demanded the keys for his vehicle at gunpoint. The victim was not injured, but his blue 2009 Subaru Impreza was stolen. Police conducted extensive area patrols searching for the vehicle and suspects with negative results. Next day at 5:45 am, a two-vehicle collision was reported in Langley at Fraser Highway

and the Langley Bypass. “Involved in that collision was the stolen Subaru and a Toyota Tacoma pickup truck. Witnesses observed the lone male occupant of the stolen vehicle flee from the area on foot immediately after the crash. Fortunately, the driver of the Toyota was not seriously injured. Langley RCMP members attended the scene and with the assistance of a K9 unit attempted to locate the suspect,” Ian MacDonald, SPS informed. The investigation into the incident is continuing and RCMP SPOSU General Investigations Unit is assisting Langley RCMP. Anyone with information, including any video footage of the incident, is asked to please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2025-4380 (SU) or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca if you wish to remain

## Squamish Resident Gagandeep Singh Bakshi Charged Following December Shooting Of Couple In Surrey

One man has been charged with a number of criminal offences following an investigation by the RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (SPOSU) into a December 16, 2024 shooting in Newton. Shortly before 6 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024, Surrey Police Service (SPS) Frontline officers responded to a call from a woman saying that she and her husband had been shot while outside in the 12600 block 67B Avenue, Surrey. In their car nearby, was a young child who was unharmed. Both victims were taken to hospital for treatment of serious injuries. On January 15, 2025, police arrested 21-year-old Squamish resident Gagandeep Singh Bakshi and on

January 16, 2025 he was charged by the BC Prosecution Service with one count each of attempted murder, discharge a firearm with intent, and aggravated assault, as well as two counts of assault with a weapon. The investigation into the shooting was led by the SPOSU Serious Crime Unit and resulted in search warrants being executed at residences in Squamish, Delta, and Surrey between January 16 and 17, 2025 with the assistance of Sea to Sky RCMP, Delta Police Department, SPS, and the Integrated Emergency Response Team (IERT). Gagandeep Bakshi has been remanded into custody until his next scheduled court appearance on February 10, 2025 in Surrey Provincial Court.

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# Rally in support of Conservative Party candidate Mike de Jong's nomination

By Baldev Singh Bham

ABBOTSFORD: After the resignation of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, political activities in the country have intensified. On one side, the race to become the next Prime Minister among Liberal Party leaders has begun, while the opposition Conservative Party has

also accelerated its activities to select candidates. As part of these developments, a massive gathering was held in Abbotsford, British Columbia, in support of Conservative Party candidate Mike de Jong's nomination. Notably, Mike de Jong, who holds the distinction of being the longest-serving MLA in British Columbia's history,



has served in key roles such as Finance Minister, Public Safety Minister, Health Minister, and Attorney General. Now, he has shifted his focus to federal politics. The rally saw significant attendance, with Stockwell Day and Mary Polak being key figures. The event began with Mary Polak, who has held important positions in provincial politics, appealing to the public for a significant political change and urging support for the Conservative Party. Addressing the rally, young barrister Lovleen Singh Gill said that the Liberal and NDP parties have falsely created the impression that the Conservative Party is anti-immigrant. He highlighted that former Prime Minister Stephen Harper's immigration policy was regarded as one of the best globally. According to Gill, immigrant community's values system aligns closely with the Conservative Party. Amid thunderous applause, Mike de Jong entered the rally and emphasized in his speech that the Conservative Party prioritizes public concerns. He promised that the next government would work to reduce the tax burden on the people. He criticized the capital gains tax imposed by the Liberal Party, calling it a betrayal of hardworking individuals who invest



in properties and labeling it as gross overreach by the federal government. He further stated that governments should avoid unnecessary expenses, as financial mismanagement often results in taxpayers being burdened further. As BC's Finance Minister, Mike de Jong earned recognition by delivering FIVE balanced budgets. He expressed special gratitude to the Punjabi community, acknowledging their unwavering support throughout his political career and treating him as a family member.

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# BC-India Business Event Highlights New Trade Opportunities With India Amidst Trade War With US

By Surbhi Gogia



**Brenda Bailey**



**Vivek Savkur**  
**President BC-IBN**

Canada-India diplomatic relations hit rock bottom last year, marked by the suspension of diplomatic ties. Despite political tensions, trade between the two nations never took a back seat, highlighting the significance of this partnership. With tariffs from the United States looming large over Canadian exports, industry experts argue that it is time Canada diversified its trade relations and forged stronger economic bonds with other nations, especially India.

Against this backdrop, the BC India Business Network (BC-IBN) in association with Scotiabank Wealth Management organized a highly informative session on Friday, January 24, at the KPMG building in Vancouver. The event brought together policy makers, diplomats and distinguished panelists, including Jean-François Perrault, Chief Economist at Scotiabank; Jeff Nankivell, President of the Asia Pacific Foundation; Sukesh Kumar, Partner at KPMG Vancouver; and Professor Andrew Gemino, Associate Dean of Executive Education at Simon Fraser University. The discussion underscored the enduring importance of the Canada-India trade relationship. Panelists observed that while political disputes have slowed potential growth, the foundational trade relationship has remained intact and continued, albeit without realizing its full potential.

## Celebrating a Decade of Connections

Vivek Savkur, President of BC-IBN, informed that the organization has been connecting businesses from both nations for a decade. "This event is the first of many planned to celebrate the 10th anniversary.

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# BC-India Business Event Highlights...

It's significant amid global economic uncertainty. The question we face is whether to retaliate or pivot towards new markets like India. India, with its fastest-growing economy and immense market potential, offers untapped opportunities for Canadian goods and services," he said.

Savkur also highlighted Trade Minister Mary Ng's commitment to ensuring economic ties with India remain unaffected by political strains.

"Both nations have demonstrated resilience, ensuring that trade continues as a cornerstone of our relationship," he added.

**BC's Strategic Response to US Tariffs**

Brenda Bailey, British Columbia's Minister of Finance, addressed the gathering with a sobering analysis of the potential impact of U.S. tariffs. "BC's trade with the U.S. accounts for 52% of our exports. Should these tariffs materialize, we anticipate significant economic repercussions, including job losses and a spike in unemployment," she said.

Minister Bailey outlined a three-pronged strategy to mitigate these effects. The first is responding to threats by collaborating with "Team Canada" to highlight the reciprocal impact of tariffs on the U.S. economy. Second is

strengthening BC's economic environment while maintaining commitments to climate protection and Indigenous objectives. And third and very significant was diversifying trade relationships, particularly with India, to reduce over-reliance on the U.S.

She stated that a crucial element of the strategy is diversifying trade to other countries. While trade diversification has long been considered, the focus on US meant the full potential of other markets remained untapped. Now is the time to seize this opportunity she remarked, highlighting India's significance as a trading partner.

She informed that the government has made significant investments to assist businesses in exploring international markets. "The trade representatives in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, and Chandigarh are invaluable resources for penetrating these markets. For small businesses, entering foreign markets can be challenging," she noted, sharing her own experience of starting a business in Japan. "Every door opened for me when I sought their help," she added, emphasizing the importance of their work.

She also underscored the potential of British Columbia's Clean Tech industry, describing it as a promising frontier for future trade opportunities.

**India's Consulate General Highlights Synergy**

Indian Consul General Masakui Rungsung stressed the natural trade synergy between Canada and India, rooted in shared democratic values and the vibrant Indian diaspora in Canada. "Canada's strengths in energy, agriculture, and clean tech align with India's expanding consumer base and rapid economic growth.

Trade and investment remain integral components of our partnership," he remarked.

Highlighting the robust trade figures, Rungsung noted that India's exports to Canada in 2023 were valued at USD 5.56 billion, while Canadian imports stood at USD 3 billion. Canadian pension funds have invested USD 95 billion in Indian markets, reflecting the country's appeal as a favorable investment destination.

The event concluded with a panel discussion addressing inflation, interest rates, and the path forward for Canada-India trade relations. Panelists agreed that despite the current diplomatic impasse, the trajectory for economic ties remains optimistic. It does not matter whether Liberal or Conservative leader becomes the prime minister, the relationship with India will be optimistic in every aspect. With someone saying "Any new government will be better."

Panelists also highlighted the "uncertainty" surrounding Canada's political and economic future as a key factor affecting investment confidence. Businesses remain cautious, postponing plans to explore opportunities in India and other markets.



Indian Consul General Masakui Rungsung

When Link asked if trade between Canada and India had real potential or if India was just simply seen by Canada as a backup plan, Jeff Nankivell, who has extensive diplomatic background, said, "Regardless of tariff threats, we were in conversation about the potential. For instance, before these issues arose, we were on track for a partial trade agreement, and a Team Canada trade mission was planned for October 2023, but it was canceled," he explained. "We often engage with the business community, and while existing trade volumes have continued to grow, it's reasonable to assume that the pace of growth might have been faster without recent challenges. Some businesses that had planned to expand beyond North America initially considered India but put those plans on hold," he added.

As Canada navigates turbulent times, strengthening trade ties with India could unlock new opportunities, ensuring mutual prosperity and a brighter future for both nations.

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# Rally in support of Conservative Party...

FORMER Conservative leader and Minister of FINANCE Stockwell Day also addressed the rally, criticizing the detrimental policies of the Liberal and NDP parties. He expressed support for Pierre Poilievre, stating that Pierre's political career began in his office and that his talent indicates he will become a successful Prime Ministers.

On this occasion, Abbotsford City Councillor and former MLA Simon Gibson also appealed to the audience to support Mike de Jong. Several senior party leaders and senators were also present at the event.

All the speakers urged the people of Abbotsford South Langley to register as members of Conservative Party of Canada and support Mike De Jong.



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# Ravi Kahlon Appointed As Chair Of New Cabinet Committee To Protect BC'S Economy From Tariff Threat

Premier David Eby is tasking a new cabinet committee with co-ordinating the whole-of-government approach to protect B.C.'s workers, businesses and economy against ongoing tariff threats from the United States. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, will chair the committee, which will act as a day-to-day war room, co-ordinating actions across government to fight back on behalf of British Columbians and grow the province's economy.

"The proposed U.S. tariffs are a direct attack on B.C.'s families," Premier Eby said. "This threat isn't going away anytime soon - not while this president is in power. Every minister has an important role to play in fighting back. Minister Kahlon brings deep experience in government to the table and is uniquely positioned to co-ordinate this work across government ministries."

The B.C. government has stepped up with a three-point strategy to fight back and protect British Columbians: respond to U.S. tariffs with tough counter-actions and outreach



to American decision-makers; strengthen B.C.'s economy by expediting projects and supporting industry and workers; and diversify trade markets for products so British Columbia is less reliant on U.S. markets and customers.

"We didn't ask for this fight, but B.C. will not be bullied," Kahlon said. "My colleagues and I will work shoulder to shoulder with workers, business and community leaders to

meet this moment."

The new committee will ensure that B.C.'s response is fast, tough and fully focused on protecting British Columbians, while strengthening, growing and diversifying the province's economy for the long-term.

Members of the new cabinet committee are:

- \* Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs (chair)
- \* Diana Gibson, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation
- \* Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
- \* Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
- \* Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food
- \* Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
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Surrey City is planning construction of a new synthetic turf field hockey field at Tamanawis Park by awarding a \$3.9M contract. The field is located at 12601 64 Ave. in Newton. This community park is evolving into a prominent hub for field hockey in Surrey. “The addition of a third synthetic hockey field at Tamanawis Park is not only an enhancement to our community’s sports infrastructure but also makes Surrey the only Canadian city with three water-based dedicated



hockey fields located in one location,” said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke. “Investing in new facilities is essential for fostering local talent, encouraging youth participation in sports and bolstering sport tourism in our community. We are committed to providing residents with high-quality recreational facilities that promote active lifestyles and community engagement.” Currently, Tamanawis Park offers two fully lit artificial turf fields, baseball diamonds, and a soccer field, making it a key hub for

sports in Surrey. Construction on the new field is set to commence in March and is expected to be completed in late 2025. “This new field will serve as a vital resource for sports enthusiasts and local clubs,” noted Councillor Gord Hepner, Chair of the City’s Parks, Recreation and Sport Tourism Committee. “It is an exciting opportunity for our community to host more events and cultivate an even greater love for field hockey in our city.” Funding for this contract is available within the approved 2024 Parks, Recreation & Culture Department Capital Budget.

## Surrey Expands Surety Bond Pilot Program To Enhance Land Development Opportunities

During the Regular Council Meeting Surrey City Council approved the expansion of the Surety Bond Pilot Program, increasing the number of eligible land development projects using surety bonds from 30 to a new maximum of 50. This pivotal decision reflects the City’s commitment to promoting sustainable economic growth while providing greater flexibility for developers in financing their projects. “The expansion of the Surety Bond Pilot Program is a significant milestone for our community,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “This enhanced capacity not only empowers developers with additional resources to drive their projects forward but also ensures that we are fostering the infrastructure improvements necessary for our growing city. As we embrace this innovative financing tool, we are taking a substantial step toward building a more resilient and



prosperous future for all our residents.” The Surety Bond Pilot Program, established in 2016, enables developers to use surety bonds as an alternative to traditional security methods like cash or

letters of credit. This approach enhances liquidity for developers, allowing them to reinvest in projects that support the city’s vision of sustainable urban development. Since its inception, 30

projects have successfully utilized the program, with many nearing completion, underscoring its effectiveness in facilitating crucial engineering works for land development. With the expansion now approved, the program will accommodate an even wider range of projects that meet specific eligibility criteria, including those located near Rapid Transit corridors and others that provide significant community infrastructure benefits. The Council has endorsed requirements for participating projects, including a minimum A+ rating for Surety companies and a securities amount ranging from \$3 million to \$15 million. This strategic enhancement positions the City of Surrey to be more competitive in attracting and supporting land development projects, ultimately benefiting residents through improved services and infrastructure.

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## Report mentions...

The specific case was that of assassination of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar is mentioned the report. However, Hogue said, it was not in depth examination. "My terms of reference did not allow for an in-depth study of transnational repression in Canada. Thus, the work that the Commission did in this respect likely only scratched the surface of this phenomenon."

The report by Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue mentions that foreign interference is increasing in Canada, however, no evidence suggests Canadian institutions have been seriously impacted by any foreign interference or that parliamentarians owe their successful election to foreign entities. "Nor have I seen any evidence of "traitors" in Parliament plotting with foreign states to act against Canada," she said. "Canadian institutions have held up well and remained robust in the face of attempted foreign interference."

Hogue's report mentions a number of countries or "threat actors" that targeting Canada including China as "most active" followed by India, Russia, Pakistan and Iran. The report states, "India is the second most active country engaging in electoral foreign interference in Canada."

India is a critical actor on the world stage. Canada and India have worked together for decades, but there are challenges in the relationship. Many of these are long standing and inform India's foreign interference activities. India perceives Canada as not taking India's national security concerns about Khalistani separatism (the goal of an independent Sikh homeland in northern India called "Khalistan") sufficiently seriously.

The report details, "India focuses its foreign interference activities on the Indo-Canadian community and on prominent non-Indo-Canadians to achieve its objectives. This interference has targeted all levels of government. Like the PRC (China), India conducts foreign interference through diplomatic



**The Commission also heard testimonies on India's role in repressing diaspora voices which is known as "transnational repression." The specific case was that of assassination of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar is mentioned the report**

(Photo by Sukhwant Dhillon)

officials in Canada and through proxies. A body of intelligence indicates that proxy agents may have, and may continue to be, clandestinely providing illicit financial support to various Canadian politicians in an attempt to secure the election of pro-India candidates or gain influence over candidates who take office."

But the intelligence does not necessarily indicate that the elected officials or candidates involved were aware of the interference attempts, or that the attempts necessarily succeeded. India also uses disinformation as a key form of foreign interference against Canada, a tactic likely to be used more often in the future.

The report also states India also uses disinformation as a key form of foreign interference against Canada, a tactic likely to be used more often in the future. "Disinformation is also used as a retaliatory tactic, to punish decisions that run contrary to a state's interests. This may have been the case with a disinformation campaign that followed the Prime Minister's announcement regarding suspected Indian involvement in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar (though again no definitive link to a foreign state could be proven)," the report states.

Pakistan's foreign interference activities are opportunistic and relate to the poor

relationship between Pakistan and India. Pakistan engages in foreign interference in Canada to promote stability in Pakistan and to counter India's growing influence. Its activities target various facets of Canadian society and all levels of government. "For now, Pakistan is more likely to rely on local community elements, rather than cyber measures or artificial intelligence, to facilitate its foreign interference."

The Commission also heard testimony about allegations of Government of India interference into a Conservative Party leadership race. "CSIS witnesses noted that they had no reason to believe the impacted candidates would have been aware of the alleged support. They also noted that, while they were concerning, not all of India's activities in this matter were covert. CSIS witnesses had no recollection of this intelligence being briefed to the political level, including the candidates themselves."

The report, apart from electoral interference also discussed, transnational repression which is when foreign governments reach beyond their borders to harm diaspora and exile communities.

"India's activities primarily target the approximately 800,000 members of the Sikh diaspora in Canada and aim to promote a pro-India and anti-Khalistan narrative.

The RCMP's statement in October 2024, on violent criminal activity in Canada, including homicides and extortion, with connections to agents of the Government of India, is consistent with the classified evidence. Further, the national security and intelligence community assesses India as an emerging cyber threat actor," the report mentions.

The Commission carried out its work in two phases. In the first phase, it examined and assessed foreign interference by foreign state and non-state actors and its potential repercussions on the integrity of the 2019 and 2021 federal elections. The Commission released an initial report on this in May 2024.

In the second phase of its work, the Commission examined and assessed the government's capacity to detect, deter and counter foreign interference directly or indirectly targeting Canada's democratic processes.

The Commission held 39 days of public hearings and 18 days of in camera hearings, during which it heard evidence from over 100 witnesses, including political party representatives, Members of Parliament, the most senior ranks of the public service, Cabinet Ministers, and the Prime Minister. Many witnesses appeared multiple times.

The Commission also heard from over 60 experts and diaspora members during a series of panels and policy round tables, and conducted extensive public consultations.

The Commission examined tens of thousands of documents disclosed by the government, the vast majority of which were classified.

"We have conducted a thorough and rigorous examination of foreign interference in Canada's electoral processes and democratic institutions," said Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue. "I believe that our investigation has enabled a better public understanding of foreign interference in Canada, and how the government attempts to counter it. The investigation has helped to identify what the government has done well, what it has not done well, and how it can do better in the future."

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## Police seek public help in pedestrian involved collision on 66 Avenue and Scott Road

A pedestrian was seriously injured in a collision at the intersection of 66th Avenue, and Scott Rd, Delta. The pedestrian is a 25-year-old Surrey man. Injuries are serious and extensive. Investigators are issuing a call for public assistance in identifying the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a black 2011 or 2012 Honda Accord 4-door sedan. From the collision, the car received moderate damage to its front end. CCTV images of the suspect vehicle



are attached below. Prior to the collision, the suspect vehicle dropped off two passengers at the Strawberry Hills Mall prior to the collision. We are looking to speak with these passengers, and we are appealing again, to the driver to contact the Delta Police.

If you know the identity of this vehicle or driver, or have CCTV/dash camera video of this car from the morning of January 26th, 2025, please contact our investigators. Information can be shared directly with the Delta Police Department by calling our tips line at (604)940-7321 or emailing us at tips@deltapolice.ca . Quote file number 2025-1521. To remain anonymous, call CrimeStoppers at 1(800)222-TIPS (8477). The pedestrian remains in hospital in critical but stable condition with extensive injuries.

## Man from Alberta dies in accident in Delta

Delta Police Department informed that there was a single vehicle rollover collision on Hwy 99 southbound at the Hwy 17 offramp exit. A white Dodge Ram pickup truck crashed into the collision impact attenuator before rolling onto its roof. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, a 40-year-old Alberta man, passed away at the scene. The Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) attended the scene to collect evidence. The exits were closed for several hours while crews investigated. Investigators are asking public for assistance with CCTV and



dash camera video and witness testimony. If you witnessed this collision or have video from the area at the time, please contact investigators at (604)946-4411 and quote file number 2025-1566.

## Female driver dies in 5-vehicle crash on Patullo Bridge

A five-vehicle collision on the east end of the Patullo Bridge resulted in one fatality and the Patullo Bridge being closed both ways while police investigate the collision. Just before 8:30 am on January 26, 2025, police were advised by BC EHS of a collision involving five vehicles, including one bus, on the east end of the Patullo Bridge. Surrey Fire Service and BC EHS administered lifesaving measures to one adult female driver, but she passed away on scene. There are injuries to other drivers and passengers involved in the collision, but at this early stage the extent of the injuries is unknown. Both the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) and the RCMP Surrey Provincial Operational Support Unit Criminal Collision Investigation Team (CCIT) have been called in to assist. The investigation is in its early stages and the cause of the collision is unknown. The Patullo Bridge was closed to traffic as police investigate. Road closures and traffic diversions lasted throughout the day as officers conduct their investigation.

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# Surrey Mayor Joins Border Mayors Alliance To Address Potential U.S. Tariffs

Mayor Brenda Locke has joined forces with fellow leaders through the newly formed Border Mayors Alliance that aims to protect local economies and advocate for the interests of communities along the Canada-U.S. border. Locke was joined by Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens who launched the Alliance in light of the imminent threat posed by United States President Donald Trump's proposed 25% tariff on all Canadian imports.

"This urgent situation demands immediate and unified attention from all levels of government and across party lines with a Canada First approach," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "With our city serving as the hub of British Columbia's largest trucking industry, we play a critical role in facilitating cross-border trade. One of my priorities in the Border Mayors Alliance is to safeguard Surrey's economic interests and the wellbeing of our local businesses, the bottom line is this would affect every city across the nation. The introduction of these tariffs threatens to disrupt vital supply chains, impacting cities and communities across the country."

"This situation is ever-evolving, demanding immediate action to counteract the looming pressures on our economy," said Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens, Chair of the Border Mayors Alliance. "There's a reason that it's called a 'trade war' – there are casualties on both sides. That's why Canadian mayors of cities and towns along the Canada-U.S. border are united in this partnership that serves as a unified, national voice to safeguard our communities and offer a municipal perspective within our national discussion. As mayors of border cities and towns, we witness firsthand the interconnected prosperity our communities contribution to the national economy."

As the largest Canadian trading partner of the U.S., Canada is poised to feel the immediate effects of these tariffs. More than 75% of Canadian exports are currently destined for American markets, and any disruption could cascade through our local economies.

"As the only city in Western Canada with two land-border crossings with the United States, Surrey faces significant risk,"



added Mayor Locke. "Over 20% of Surrey businesses have direct trade ties with the United States, representing roughly \$2.8 billion in cross-border commerce each year. If these tariffs go into effect, we could see hundreds of local jobs at risk, significantly impacting Surrey's economy. While the Mayors Border Alliance is made up mainly of border cities, the ripple effects of these tariffs will resonate far beyond Surrey, threatening the affordability of essential goods and services for all Canadian cities, a burden that our citizens simply cannot bear."

For Surrey, sectors such as manufacturing, forestry, and agriculture are particularly vulnerable, where affordable access to U.S. markets is crucial for business sustainability.

Surrey is home to approximately 113 import/export businesses and 900 transportation and warehousing firms that may experience spillover consequences from disruptions in manufacturing and exporting activities.

A recent Desjardins economic analysis highlights that subsectors heavily geared toward U.S. markets—primary metals, food and beverage, chemicals, machinery, and aerospace and parts—could face the steepest revenue declines if tariffs are imposed.

Surrey has nearly 90 manufacturers across these five subsectors, collectively employing around 6,400 workers who could be affected.

Surrey's manufacturing sector alone

is significant, employing over 23,500 workers and encompassing more than 960 businesses.

The food and beverage subsector, which includes approximately 50 companies such as top exporters Nanak Foods and Hardbite, is especially vulnerable.

"The Canada-U.S. relationship is one of the largest trade relationships in the world, with integrated supply chains, and supporting millions of jobs on both sides of the border," said Mayor Dilkens. "In Windsor, the Automotive and Automobility

Capital of Canada, over \$320 million in goods flow across the Ambassador Bridge between Windsor and Detroit every day. In 2023, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. produced over 16 million cars. Combined, Ontario and Michigan are responsible for approximately 22% of this output. Parts cross the border up to eight times before a car rolls off the line. The auto industry contributes \$18 billion to Canada's GDP, employs 128,000 Canadians, and is responsible for a total of 550,000 direct and indirect jobs. Through the Border Mayors Alliance, we will represent cities like Windsor and Surrey, and communities from coast to coast to protect our economic and development interests. We have already begun identifying alternative supply chains to mitigate immediate disruptions and we are working together to develop contingency strategies that put Canada first."

The City of Surrey and Mayor Locke, and the City of Windsor and Mayor Dilkens will continue to collaborate closely with industry leaders, provincial and federal governments, and counterparts across the border to measure and mitigate the impacts of these tariffs.

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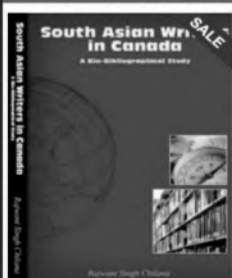
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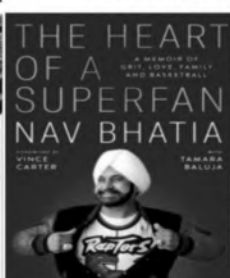
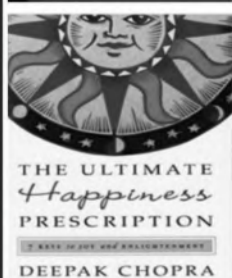
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# Literature Enthusiasts And Community Members Celebrate India’s Republic Day And A Book On Life By Zile Singh

Surrey, BC: The Chetna Association of Canada, Writer’s International Network (WIN), and The Link newspaper hosted a literary event on January 26 at the Newton Public Library to discuss columnist Zile Singh’s book, Life – An Act of Art. The gathering, attended by literature enthusiasts and community members, also marked India’s 76th Republic Day and honored the legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of India’s Constitution. Zile Singh, a former diplomat and a regular columnist for The Link newspaper, recently released Life – An Act of Art, a collection of essays and columns published



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across various platforms, particularly in The Link. The event commenced with opening remarks by Jai Birdi, president of the Chetna Association, who emphasized how Singh’s book aligns with the values of his organization, as well as the principles of both the Indian and Canadian constitutions. “The topics covered in this book—anger, bravery, humility, education, faith, and forgiveness—serve as powerful conversation starters for self-discovery and the sustenance of democracies globally,” he noted. Several distinguished speakers shared their insights on the book’s themes. Amar Ochani remarked, “If life is an act of art, we can approach it as artists and paint a beautiful existence for ourselves.” Ashok Bhargava, president of WIN, praised the book, stating, Life – An Act of Art liberates readers from the burdens of everyday emotions. “Most of the essays are written with clarity and profound knowledge that

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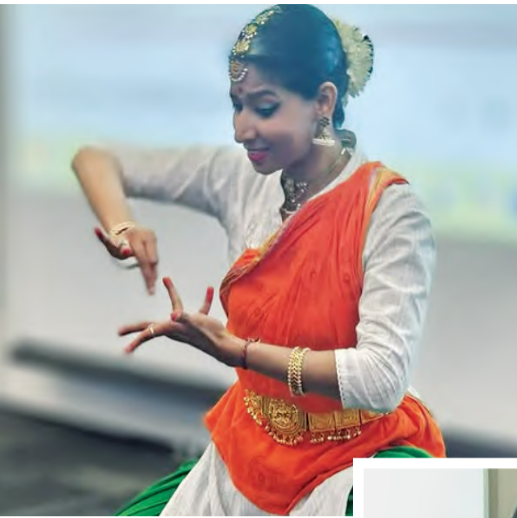
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comes from the heart. They present an uncompromising perspective, compelling us to look deep within ourselves and understand the world more meaningfully.”

The event was structured in two parts. The first segment focused on the significance of Indian Republic Day. India's Constitution, drafted under the chairmanship of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, was adopted on November 26, 1949, and came into effect on January 26, 1950 known as Republic Day. Speakers highlighted how we can work in modern society to eliminate inequality, works towards social justice.

Manjit Bains of Chetna, spoke about Ambedkar's transformative contributions: “Dr. Ambedkar's vision ensured the rights and dignity of all citizens, particularly those from marginalized communities. His principles of social justice and equality continue to inspire generations. His emphasis on women's education as a pillar of societal progress remains a guiding force.” She also reflected on Ambedkar's conversion to Buddhism and his lifelong advocacy against caste-based discrimination, quoting his famous motto: “Educate, Agitate, and Organize.”

Prominent community leaders and authors, including Arwinder Kaur, author of *Living While Human*; Harjit Sohpel, president of Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha; Rashpaul Bhardwaj, president of AISRO Canada; Param Kainth, president of AICS; Sucha Singh Clair; and Acharya Dwivedi of the Hindi Literary Society, also addressed the gathering. They spoke on Ambedkar's contributions and their global relevance.

Author Zile Singh expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support his book received. Reflecting on the guiding



philosophy behind his work, he remarked, “Equality is when we can embrace those less powerful than ourselves. Life – An Act of Art is my way of urging readers to see beyond the surface, as perception shapes reality.”

A key highlight of the evening was a series of cultural performances. Trained Bharatnatyam dancer Shruthi Subramanian mesmerized the audience with her performance

of Vande Mataram. Trained in Carnatic music, she has previously showcased her talent at events organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and various festivals across India.

Another captivating performance was delivered by Arjita Bansal, a trained Bollywood dancer who learned under India's celebrated choreographer Saroj Khan. A former top-40 contestant on *Dance India Dance*, Arjita

showcased the traditional Rajasthani folk dance Bhawai, balancing multiple earthen pots while dancing to the song Ghoomar—transporting the audience to the vibrant deserts of Rajasthan.

The event reinforced the principles of equality, inclusivity, and justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution, celebrating literature and culture as powerful means of preserving and propagating these ideals.

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# Police Discover Sophisticated Organized Property Crime Operation In Langley

The Drugs and Organized Crime Section (DOCS) of the Langley RCMP executed a search warrant and recovered approximately \$1,000,000 worth of stolen property. On December 17, 2024, DOCS began an investigation into a series of break and enters that had occurred in the Lower Mainland. Investigators identified a possible suspect and related property in the 19700-block of 28 Avenue, Langley. On January 7, 2025, with the assistance of the Lower Mainland District Integrated Emergency Response Team (IERT), a search warrant was executed and a sophisticated organized property crime operation was uncovered. Some of the items recovered included 10 stolen vehicles including trailers, boats



and ATVs; approximately 10,000 liters of gasoline and diesel; a multitude of various power tools; 3 loaded firearms; and numerous electronic devices believed to be involved in the production of fake and fraudulent identity cards and Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN). Eight individuals were detained in relation to this incident and have since been released pending further investigation. “The dedication and hard work of the officers of the Langley RCMP’s Drugs and Organize



Crime Section has disrupted this criminal operation. The sophisticated design of a large outbuilding resembled a hardware store that had been strategically established as a resale operation,” said Sgt. Zynal Sharoom of the Langley RCMP. “Officers continue to work to identify the rightful owners of several hundred seized items in order to advance the investigation.” If you purchased any goods from the area of 19700-block of 28 Ave, Langley after responding to advertisements on social media,

you are requested to contact the Langley RCMP and quote file number 2024-40997.

## Police obstructed by crowd during street racing incident

On January 24, 2024, just after 11 p.m., Langley RCMP responded to a complaint of a motor vehicle incident near Gloucester Way in Langley, BC. When the officer arrived on scene there were approximately 200 young people in the area who were there to participate in illegal street racing and stunting. The officer issued several traffic violation tickets and was in the process of having a vehicle towed when the crowd became unruly. The officer radioed for back-up just as another 16-year-old male obstructed and interfered with the officer’s investigation during the lawful execution of his duties. Despite multiple instructions to stand down—the 16 year-old rushed at police and they were forced to deploy a conducted energy weapon. A few bystanders also interfered with the lawful arrest of the youth. Officers repeatedly asked them to stand back, however they refused. Officers then deployed pepper spray to disperse them from the area in order to safely arrest the suspect. The youth was arrested and placed inside a marked police vehicle. However, a short time later, some members of the crowd managed to release the suspect from the police vehicle. But the suspect didn’t get far after the Integrated Police Dog Service (IPDS) arrived, locating him after a short dog track. The youth is now facing several charges including assaulting a police officer. “Not only is this incident extremely concerning from a public safety perspective, but the fact that these youth believed it was okay to obstruct police officers in the lawful execution of their duties, is unacceptable,” said Superintendent Harm Dosange, the Officer-in-Charge of Langley RCMP Detachment. “This behaviour is deeply troubling. I can assure our citizens that the Langley RCMP will be increasing patrols and employing traffic enforcement around the community where these activities are taking place,” he said. “Street racers put the public and police at significant risk,” Supt. Dosange added. The Langley RCMP continues to gather evidence and is reviewing video in order to hold those involved accountable. If anyone has information about this incident they are asked to call the Langley RCMP at 604-532-3252. Langley RCMP also wishes to thank the Abbotsford Police Department for their assistance in this matter.



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# Police warn BC residents of RCMP Text scams about document delivery

The Nanaimo and Kelowna RCMP are advising the public of a recent text message scam that has been circulating recently and appears to be sent from the RCMP.

In Nanaimo, the message states that the RCMP is attempting to deliver documents to you. A phone number and web address are provided.

The police say it is a SCAM. Do not call the phone number or open the link. "There is no need to contact your local police if you have received this text message. If we really needed to contact you, it would not be by phone or attending personally to your residence. It would not be through text messaging," said R/Cst Gary O'Brien of the Nanaimo RCMP.

In Kelowna too these unsolicited text messages claim that the RCMP is unable to deliver court documents and to click a link to reschedule a court date. The text message includes a Canada logo, a Canadian flag



and the RCMP logo in an attempt to deceive the person receiving this fake text.

"The RCMP will never ask for personal information through a text message or email," says Sgt. Laura Pollock, Kelowna RCMP Media Relations Officer. "Scammers have gone to great lengths to create this message that

looks like a legitimate notification, but don't be fooled and delete the message immediately."

Police do encourage you to share this warning with family and friends, particularly those vulnerable that don't understand the dangers of a fraudulent text message.

If you are the victim of a fraud or scam please call the Kelowna RCMP detachment immediately to report it at 250-762-3300 and contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

# Overnight shooting at Newton Residence

An overnight shooting at a residence in Newton has resulted in property damage. Shortly after 3 am on January 26, 2025 Surrey Police Service received multiple calls of shots fired in the area of 142 Street and 72nd Avenue and sounds of a vehicle speeding away.

SPS officers arrived and located evidence that the residence had been shot at. Nobody was injured in the shooting. The suspect vehicle has been described as a light-coloured sedan. SPOSU General Investigation Unit officers

have been called in to lead the investigation. Officers from the Integrated Forensic Identification Service (IFIS) have also been called in to examine the crime scene.

Anyone with information, or anyone who may have CCTV or dash cam footage of the shooting or suspect vehicle, is asked to please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2025-7493 (SP), or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca if you wish to remain anonymous.

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5758 131 A STREET SURREY



11BED - 11 BATHS - 20,255 SF LOT

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9097 BROADWAY STREET



3 BED - 1 BATH - 10,019 SF LOT

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11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



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7028 142 STREET, SURREY



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## 6 Indo-Canadians Arrested In Brampton For Stealing Ghee And Butter Worth \$60,000 From Grocery Stores

Peel region police have arrested and charged six individuals in a theft investigation in Brampton. In December 2024, investigators became aware of a significant increase in theft of butter and ghee from grocery stores within the Region of Peel, with losses of over \$60,000 in stolen property. This is an increase of nearly 135 per cent compared to 2023 and there were over 180 similar incidents reported to Peel Regional Police. Project Flaherty was established to target and combat the increase in butter and ghee



thefts. As a result, Vishavjeet Singh, Sukmander Singh, and Dalwal Sidhu, a 28-year-old man from Brampton were charged with Possession of Property Obtained by Crime. In addition, Navdeep Chaudhary, Kamaldeep Singh, and Harkerat Singh were

arrested and charged with Theft Under \$5000. The six individuals will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton at a later date. CIB continues to investigate these incidents, including which businesses are accepting these stolen products. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators with the 22 Division CIB at 905-453-2121 ext. 2233. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca

## Brampton's Jagtar Singh Arrested In Gas Station Robbery

Peel Region officers identified two suspects in relation to a gas station robbery in Brampton, arresting one and issuing a warrant for the other. On Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, it is alleged that two male suspects robbed a gas station in the area of Hurontario Street and Bovaird Drive West in Brampton. During this incident, the suspects displayed an imitation firearm, made a demand for cash, and managed to flee the area with a quantity of money. The victim did



Jagtar Singh

not suffer any physical injuries. Jagtar Singh a 30-year-old male from Brampton, was arrested a short distance away and charged with Robbery, Wear Disguise With Intent and use Imitation Firearm. Jagtar Singh was held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice. Further investigation identified the second suspect as Taranjot Singh, a 30-year-old male of no fixed address. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

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## Ripudaman Singh Malik hitman sentenced to life in prison

Yet, he said, media writes misleading headlines and wants to refer to his father as Air India Bombing accuse. "Why don't you refer to him as the man who was wrongfully accused because the judge said there was simply no evidence tending to point to any role he played in that conspiracy?" he said. "In fact, all the evidence shows my father was a man who was committed to education." "I'm asking both Mr. Fox and Mr. Lopez to do the right thing," Jaspreet Singh Malik said as he stood with a number of family members behind him. "Tell the RCMP who hired you. Let those people be brought to justice." Malik was shot on July 14, 2022, at the business complex at 8236 128 Street,

Surrey. Police found Malik suffering from gunshot wounds. Despite life-saving interventions, he died at scene. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in to investigate. On July 26, 2022, charges of first-degree murder were approved against 21-year-old Tanner Fox and 23-year-old Jose Lopez. Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez were arrested in their residences without incident. On October 21, 2024, both Tanner Fox and Jose Lopez appeared in the B.C. Supreme Court in New Westminster, and each entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder. There is an automatic sentence of life imprisonment for this offence. Crown Counsel and defence counsel made a joint

submission that the parole ineligibility period should be 20 years. "An agreed statement of facts filed with the court paints a picture of the events leading up to the murder, starting with the theft of a Honda CR-V in Coquitlam three weeks before the fatal shooting. A licence plate from another Honda CR-V was stolen the next day and placed on the stolen vehicle. The pair came and went from a residence in Whalley, a 15-minute drive from Malik's business, which was the site of the murder. They set the Honda on fire and were later traced to an Infiniti G37x registered to Lopez's sister," CBC reported. Prosecutor Matthew Stacey said Fox and Lopez shot Malik multiple times as he

sat in his vehicle. "This was a planned and deliberate killing of Mr. Malik," Stacey said. "And they were financially compensated for killing him." Malik's killing happened more than a decade after Malik was acquitted in the devastating double bomb attack - Canada's deadliest terrorist attack in history. On 23 June 1985, Air India flight 182 from Canada to India blew up off the Irish coast, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadian citizens visiting relatives in India. About the same time, a second bomb exploded prematurely in Japan, killing two baggage handlers. Following a two-year trial, Malik and his co-accused, Ajaib Singh Bagri, were both acquitted in 2005 of mass murder and conspiracy charges related to the two bombings, after a judge ruled that testimony against them was not credible.

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# Abbotsford Students Visit Gurdwara Nanak Niwas

Richmond's # 5 Road is home to more than 25 places of worship of different denominations. A large number of students and visitors come to visit this stretch of # 5 Road. On Monday, January 13, students of Life teams led by their leader James Parlee visited Gurdwara Nanak Niwas to learn about Sikhism and the South Asian community. Life Teams is a training school run by Youth United. It is a Christian organization that works with youth from various cultural and religious backgrounds. On behalf of the



Gurdwara management committee, Balwant Sanghera welcomed the group and gave an overview of Sikhism as well as the contribution of the Sikh community to Canada and the world. Students then asked very pertinent questions. They also took pictures before enjoying langar in the Langar Hall. Before leaving, they sincerely thanked and appreciated the Gurdwara management for a warm welcome. Photo by Balwant Sanghera

# Farming with drought? How KPU researchers are helping farmers go 'dry'

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) researchers are exploring innovative ways for farmers to grow food in drought conditions. Naomi Robert, Senior Research and Extension Associate at the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) at KPU, says farmers are on the front lines of climate change, and new soil studies could help growers pivot before their agricultural operations dry up. "Drought in agriculture has been a huge issue," says Robert, who leads the project. "In southwest British Columbia, we've always had relatively dry summers compared to our winters, but climate change has intensified summer droughts." At the end of a particularly dry growing season in 2023, KPU researchers partnered with the Dry Farming Collaborative at Oregon State University (OSU). Dry farming uses specific agroecological measures to cultivate crops with zero — or very little — additional water. It is best practised in areas characterized by a cool wet season, followed by a warm dry season — like the Pacific Northwest. "Basically, our goal is to hold water in the ground for as long as possible," explains Robert.

On Vancouver Island, where the ISFS team focuses their research, the response from the farming community has been positive. "In May, we invited an OSU soil scientist to our workshop, and we had over 30 farmers participate," says Robert. "One of them told me it was the most optimistic thing he's heard about for agriculture for B.C. The idea that you can figure out how much moisture your soil can hold, and grow certain crops based on that, is a real paradigm-changer." Dry farming practices include investing in soil health, using drought-tolerant species, appropriate spacing between plants, and mulching to prevent evaporation. "Although dry farming is not a new concept, it's not something we know much about in contemporary contexts, and research trials to improve our understanding require time," says Robert. "Farmers don't have the time or capacity to be doing research, so the response to our initiatives has been extremely positive. There's a lot of interest." In 2023, B.C. experienced a drought so significant that the province had to take emergency measures. For the first time ever, there was a fish protection order in the Comox Valley and approximately 45



forage licenses had to stop using water to irrigate. This forced farmers dependent on irrigation to pivot to other strategies. "We heard of farmers whose irrigation ponds were going dry as early as June," says Robert. "That impacts farm health in many ways. Your soil deteriorates if it dries up and gets baked in the sun, it gives rise to different types of pests and diseases, as well as the mental health impacts on farmers who have to deal with the precariousness of their livelihood." KPU is now working with the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food and collaborating with three B.C. farms to establish trial sites with specific crop varieties and practices.

"The goal is to understand how dry farming can be successful in this climate and to hold more workshops at the end of the growing season," says Robert. "We can gather and share what have we learned — our successes, challenges and new things we want to try." Jaclyn Kirby, owner and operator of Yellow Boot Farm on Vancouver Island, has been piloting dry farming techniques with KPU's assistance. "Dry farming is relatively new to the island and the events KPU has spearheaded will have a lasting impact here," says Kirby, who has hosted two on-farm workshops and plans to host more this year. "I never expected to be in a situation where I was farming without water, so establishing our dry farm initiative has been invaluable. KPU has connected me to so many great resources and given me one more tool when facing climate change." The Institute for Sustainable Food Systems is a multidisciplinary applied research and extension institute at KPU. The ISFS aims to shape local and regional food systems that nurture people's health and sustain thriving ecosystems. ISFS projects support local farmers, communities, Indigenous Peoples, businesses and policymakers.



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# Fraser Health enhances HPV immunization campaign to protect students from future cancers

Fraser Health has enhanced its Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunization campaign to offer the vaccine to all eligible students in Grades 6 through 12, providing additional opportunities for students who may have missed earlier vaccinations to get immunized. This enhanced initiative aligns with B.C.'s provincial cancer action plan and is aimed at providing crucial protection against HPV, a common infection linked to several types of cancer. "HPV vaccination is highly effective, offering over 95 percent protection when administered at a young age," says Dr. Maulik Baxi, Fraser Health medical health officer. "Vaccinating students before exposure to the virus provides maximum

protection and helps reduce the long-term risk of cancers, including cervical cancer, which is largely caused by HPV. Early vaccination is key to ensuring a healthier future for our communities." The HPV vaccine is routinely offered to students in Grade 6 in B.C., and this year Fraser Health is enhancing its in-school immunization clinics to provide a catch-up opportunity for students in Grades 7 to 12 who may have missed the vaccine. If students in these grades miss their in-school immunization clinic, they can still get immunized at their local public health unit, community pharmacies, or through some primary care providers. Students in Grades 7 to 12 who haven't been



immunized for HPV will receive a letter from Fraser Health with information about the immunization process. HPV is a common infection. It is spread through the mouth and through skin-to-

skin contact during sexual activity and can affect anyone, regardless of sex, gender or sexual orientation. The HPV vaccine is available at no cost to youth ages 9 to 18 in B.C. Some people over 18 may also be eligible for the free vaccine. In addition to in-school clinics, immunization is available at community pharmacies, public health units, and some primary care providers. For adults not eligible for a free vaccine, the vaccine is available for purchase at most pharmacies and travel clinics. For more information on HPV immunization, visit <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/hpv>.

# TransLink gets with more than \$663 million through the Canada Public Transit Fund

Canada has announced a federal investment of more than \$663 million in transit funding to improve Metro Vancouver's public transit infrastructure, providing predictable and long-term funding, tied to greater density near transit. This funding, which will be delivered over 10 years from 2026 until 2036, will help Metro Vancouver advance key improvements to its public transit system and help respond to critical transit needs caused by rapid population growth. Providing long-term, predictable funding will help TransLink plan, upgrade, replace, or modernize existing public transit and active transportation infrastructure. "Through a \$663 million injection of reliable, predictable baseline funding for TransLink, this federal government is keeping Metro Vancouver residents connected to their work and communities.



The funding, which will focus on expansions, improvements, and repair, is critical to the stability and future of public transit in the region, including along the North Shore. Reliable public transit infrastructure is key to reducing traffic, lowering air pollution, and improving affordability for all communities," said

Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. These investments, beginning in 2026 until 2036, will help increase the housing supply and affordability as part of complete, transit-oriented communities, while helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of climate change. "TransLink is grateful for the Federal Government's continued capital funding commitments through the Canada Public Transit Fund, which will allow us to upgrade our current infrastructure. We are ready to meet the demands of our growing region through the Access for Everyone plan and look forward to continuing work with the Government of Canada to advance much-needed transit expansion in Metro

Vancouver," said Kevin Quinn, TransLink Chief Executive Officer. The Surrey Board of Trade welcomed the funding. "The allocation of these funds is a vital step toward ensuring long-term, predictable investments in public transit infrastructure. This is what the Surrey Board of Trade has been advocating for," said Jasroop Gosal, Interim Spokesperson for the Surrey Board of Trade. "This funding will not only support Metro Vancouver's growing population but also enhance economic growth, workforce mobility, and environmental sustainability." "Reliable transit infrastructure is fundamental for economic growth," added Gosal. "As one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Metro Vancouver, Surrey requires robust transit solutions and investments to meet the increasing demands of businesses and residents alike."

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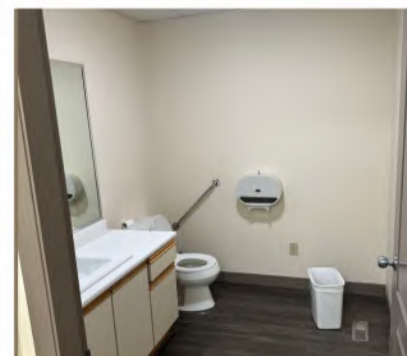
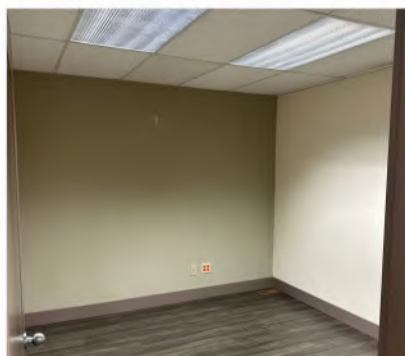
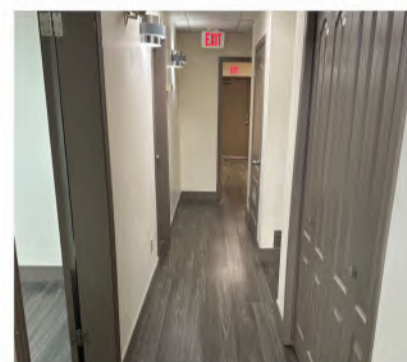
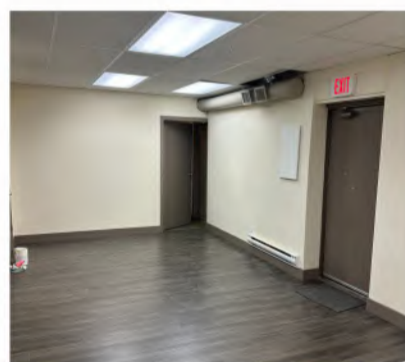
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# Deva Review: Deva Re Deva, Even An In-Form Shahid Kapoor Couldn't Save This Predictable Story

Deva review: Underwhelming. That's the one word review of Deva. And here's why. Whacky cops have always been a hit with the audiences, be it Salman Khan in Dabangg, Akshay Kumar in Rowdy Rathore or Ranveer Singh in Simmba. And Dev Ambre has all the makings to join that league. Except the film is a total let down. Interestingly, the film's title spells it Deva, when his name isn't that. Is the extra 'a' from the surname Ambre? Or is it a clever wordplay on a critical plot point? Unfortunately, that's where the smartness of this film gets wrapped up.

## Allu Arjun Trolled For Flying And Biting In Pushpa 2 Fight Scene



Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna's fans got a pleasant surprise on January 30 when their blockbuster hit film Pushpa 2: The Rule arrived on OTT within two months of its theatrical release. Movie-buffs were not expecting this sudden digital release and many celebrated the same with a binge-fest yesterday. Soon, social media was flooding with reviews, some calling Pushpa 2 'pure perfection' while other not so impressed netizens described it as an 'unbearable cringefest'. Well, currently the internet is obsessing over one particular fight scene in the action drama where Allu Arjun aka Pushpa Raj flies in the air, fighting off his villains in what AA fans would call a 'Godly' action scene. We are sure this particular fight scene between Allu Arjun and the goons received a standing ovation along with whistles when it played on the silver screen in theatres. However, now that Pushpa 2 is out on OTT for a larger audience, there are a lot of opinions on Pushpa's antigravity fight scene. In this moment, the lead star's hands are bound by a rope but that does not stop him from fighting the villains using his legs to kick and teeth to bite. At one point he even has a sickle knife in his mouth.

What is it about? The story revolves around Dev, a hotheaded star cop in Mumbai, who doesn't fear anyone. One day, he kills a dreaded gangster Prabhat Jadhav (Manish Wadhwa) in an encounter, and lets his best friend ACP Rohan D'Silva (Pavail Gulatie) take the credit. At a felicitation ceremony, Rohan is shot dead. An angry Dev starts investigation, cracks the case... and then loses his memory. What happens next is the rest of the story. Roshan Andrews, the director, has captured Mumbai really well, consciously avoiding the famous landmarks such as the Gateway of India, and choosing to focus on the chawls and destinations like the Crawford market. That lends an earthy feel to the scenes. Roshan also clearly loves



Amitabh Bachchan's famous mural, dressed in a blue shirt from the film Deewaar. It isn't a mere coincidence that he includes it in more frames than one. Amitabh's character in that film was convinced about his actions, however wrong they might have been for others. Dev is similar.

And things fall apart As we near the intermission point, things look promising. But the second half tests your patience. Shahid does justice to what the story requires from him- but we can't say the same vice versa. Post interval, things gets convoluted as there is an attempt

to add many twists as possible to the investigation drama. And the climax doesn't land as intended. Pooja Hegde as Dev's girlfriend and journalist Diya Sathaye doesn't have a lot to do here. Pavail is passable, so is Pravessh Rana as DCP Farhan Khan. What Deva needed is more action perhaps? And less of the layers. If the treatment is massy, with some truly stand out moments, why burden the story? Some promising arcs too feel left incomplete. The music has only one track, the title song, which is peppy. The dialogues by Abbas Dalal and Hussain Dalal are okay too. Overall, Deva had so much potential to give us a massy character, who is always on the edge, truly unpredictable. What we get is a predictable story with an in-form Shahid.

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# Swara Bhasker Slams Twitter For ‘Permanently Suspending’ Her Account Over A ‘Republic Day Wish’

Actor Swara Bhasker took to Instagram to share her frustration after her X (formerly Twitter) account was permanently suspended. The actor shared her frustration about how two of her tweets, including a Republic Day wish, were marked for copyright

infringement. Swara Bhasker on Twitter account suspension Swara posted screenshots of the notices she received from X, apart from the posts that were marked for copyright violations. She wrote, “(You can’t make this stuff up!!!!)”

Dear X, Two images from two tweets have been marked as ‘copyright infringements’. Basis which my X account is locked / disabled, I can’t access it and permanent suspension has been approved by your teams.” She then detailed which of her posts were marked for violation. “One with an orange background and text in Hindi Devnagri script reading “Gandhi Hum Sharmindaa hain, Tere qaatil zinda hain” is a popular slogan of the progressive movement in India. There is no copyright violation. It is akin to urban modern folk idiom.” Swara then questioned how a picture of her daughter can be marked for copyright infringement, “The second image marked as a violation is an image of MY OWN child with her face concealed waving an Indian flag and with writing ‘HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY India’. How can this possibly be a copyright infringement ??? Who has a copyright on my child’s likeness??? Both of these complaints are ridiculous and untenable by any rational, logical and objective understanding of any legal definition of copyright.”



The actor claimed that if the tweets were reported, it is because an attempt is being made to suppress her freedom of expression and speech, “If these tweets have been mass reported they are aimed to harass the user I.e. myself and are aimed at suppressing my freedom of speech and expression. Kindly review and reverse your decision. Thanks, Swara Bhaskar.” Recent work Swara was last seen in the 2022 film Mimamsa and will soon star in Mrs Falani. In 2023 she married activist and politician Fahad Ahmad. The same year she gave birth to their daughter Raabiya. Swara has been vocal about her politics through the years on X and Instagram.

## Anupam Kher, Guru Randhawa, Shankar Mahadevan: Celebs Who Took A Holy Dip At Sangam

Maha Kumbh 2025: Celebrities have been thronging the Maha Kumbh festival this year to partake in the festivities. Here’s a look at who all have been there till now:



Choreographer-film-maker Remo D’Souza attended the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 in Prayagraj, in incognito mode, where he sought spiritual blessings. The 50-year-old posted a video without any caption, but only hashtags, “#harhar-

gange, #mahakumbh2025, #mahakumbhmela2025,#uttarpradeshtourism #prayagraj.”

### Shankar Mahadevan

Music composer-singer Shankar Mahadevan performed twice at the Maha Kumbh Mela. His first performance was on January 16, at the inaugural ceremony of cultural events, followed by another one on January 28.

Anupam Kher took a holy dip in the Triveni on January 23. Taking to Instagram, he shared a glimpse of himself chanting mantras while offering his prayers. “Mahakumbh mein snaan karke jeevan safal hua!! Pehli baar uss sthaan par pahaunch ke mantra uccharan kiye...” he wrote.

Her first experience at the Maha Kumbh mela, Sharma had recited the Shiv Tandav Stotram live on stage at an event too. “There were so many people... maybe lakhs. My connection to Lord Shiva, is something that cannot be expressed in words,” she later said in an interview. Singer Guru Randhawa, taking to Instagram, shared a video from his spiritual visit, “Blessed to take a sacred dip in Maa Ganga at Prayagraj, where faith flows and spirituality thrives. Starting my new journey with God’s blessing. Har Har Gange!”

### Hema Malini

Actor Hema Malini said she has ‘never had such an experience before’ after visiting the Maha Kumbh on Wednesday.

### Kabir Khan

Filmmaker Kabir Khan, speaking to ANI, shed light on why he decided to pay a visit to Kumbh, “These things are not about Hindus and Muslims; they are about our origin, our civilisation. If you believe you are an Indian, then you should feel everything.”

### Milind Usha Soman

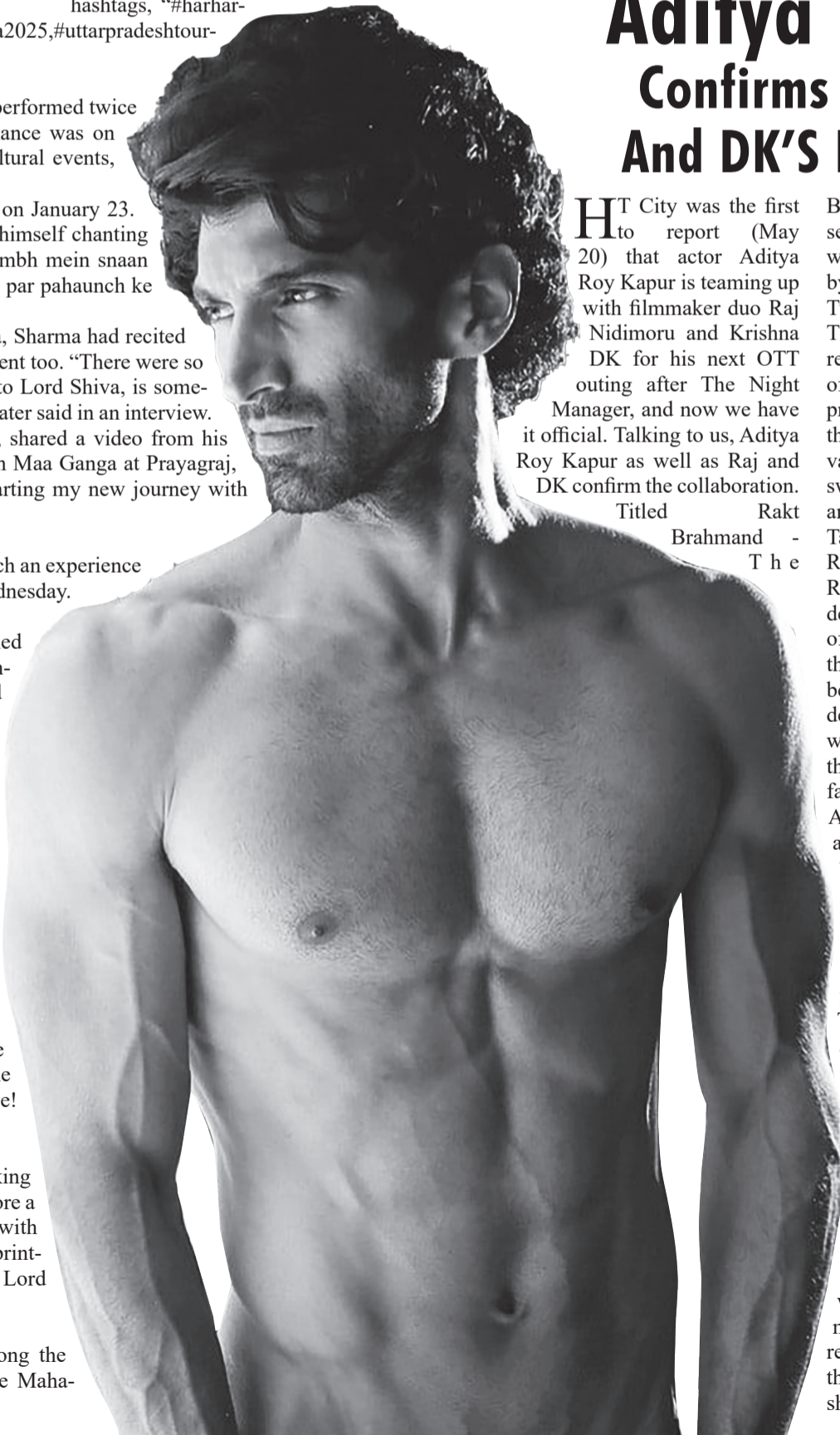
Milind Usha Soman and wife Ankita Konwar took a dubki at Kumbh, and shared the news on social media on Wednesday. “Blessed to be at the Mahakumbh with @ankita\_earthly on the very special day of mauni amavasya! Such a spiritual space and experience reminds me of how small and insignificant I am in the vastness of existence and how every moment that we are here is so special. Even though my heart is full, I am saddened by the events of last night, and my prayers are with the families who lost loved ones. Har Har Gange! Har Har Mahadev!!,” he wrote.

### Poonam Pandey

Poonam Pandey shared pictures of herself taking a dip in the Ganga at the Maha Kumbh. She wore a black printed shirt featuring ‘Mahakal,’ along with the chant ‘Jai Mahakal’ and the ‘Om’ symbol printed all over it. Mahakal is one of the forms of Lord Shiva. After the dip, she did Suryanamaskar.

### Sunil Grover

Actor- comedian Sunil Grover was one among the crores of people who made a beeline for the Mahakumbh



## Aditya Roy Kapur Confirms Headlining Raj And DK’S Rakt Brahmand

HT City was the first to report (May 20) that actor Aditya Roy Kapur is teaming up with filmmaker duo Raj Nidimoru and Krishna DK for his next OTT outing after The Night Manager, and now we have it official. Talking to us, Aditya Roy Kapur as well as Raj and DK confirm the collaboration.

Titled Rakt Brahmand - The

Bloody Kingdom, it is an action-fantasy series set in a fantastical kingdom that will stream on Netflix and is directed by Rahi Anil Barve, who has helmed Tumbbad (2018) before. The team of Rakt Brahmand has recently wrapped up the first schedule of their shoot in Mumbai and to prepare for his role, Aditya underwent three months of rigorous training in various physical art forms including sword fighting, weaponry, horse riding and archery. Talking about their leading man, Raj and DK say, “At the heart of Rakt Brahmand is a character that demands strength, intensity and a bit of wackiness, and Aditya brings all of that as the lead. And for his part, he’s been training very hard to meet the demands of the character. Our goal with this show is to create a world that is both original and evokes the fantastical tales we grew up hearing.” Aditya resonates with the excitement as he raves about his show’s makers. “I’ve been a fan of Raj and DK’s work and they are always finding ways to tell stories in new and exciting ways. The passion they have for this project is infectious and the vision they have for is so unique and genre-bending.” The actor returns to the action genre after the 2020 film Malang, and excited about that prospect, he says, “The prep has been intense but one of the most enjoyable perks of being an actor is to be able to pick up new skills and this show has me doing that in spades, with everything from sword fighting to archery and horse riding. But possibly even more important than the physical work, there is a huge amount of mental preparation which I’ve been relishing.” The show will soon get into the second leg of shoot, and will be shot through the year.



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