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Made-in-B.C.: Throne Speech Focuses On Economic Security In Face Of Trump Tariffs

British Columbia's recently re-elected NDP government laid out its priorities for 2025 amid a backdrop of looming U.S. trade tariffs and a record-high projected deficit.

Lt. Gov. Wendy Cocchia has delivered the speech from the throne outlining the B.C. government's plan to defend British Columbians from the economic impacts of the U.S. presidency and secure a stronger future for the province.

"In the face of an unprecedented and unjustified threat to our economy, British Columbians are joining with all Canadians to fight back. We've come together to support each other and stand up for our country. We are saying with one united voice: We will never be the 51st state. Not now or ever. Instead, we will take our destiny into our own hands – by building on our strengths," Lt. Gov. Cocchia said.

The throne speech focused on a tough and thoughtful response to any attack on Canada's economy and sovereignty, as part of a united Team Canada approach. With U.S. President Donald J. Trump's tariff threats looming over Canada and British Columbia, the throne speech outlined concrete steps the B.C. government will take



to grow a more self-reliant economy at home that delivers good-paying jobs. The speech also noted the crucial importance of creating wealth and reorienting the government to meet the challenges of a changing world. The B.C. government expects to introduce two bold new laws to get energy and critical infrastructure built faster, and British Columbia's economy growing.

The speech focused on creating good jobs in a growing economy by fast-tracking major private-sector resource projects and building on B.C.'s strengths in technology, life sciences and film.

"To unlock the incredible potential here in British Columbia, your government is expediting an initial 18 major projects.

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Police Release Picture Of South Asian Male Involved In Shooting Outside Surrey Pub

Surrey Police Service (SPS) and the RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (RCMP SPOSU) are appealing for the public's assistance to help identify a suspect in a December 29, 2024, shooting in Surrey that injured two people.

This has been an active and ongoing investigation led by the Serious Crime Unit of the SPOSU since it occurred on December 29, 2024. Frontline officers responded to multiple calls from people outside a pub in the 8500 block 132 Street who were reporting that a large fight involving several people had escalated and two men had been shot.

At the time of the incident, police released initial information describing two suspects

who left in a dark-coloured sedan. The investigation has led officers to believe that there is one suspect, and police are now appealing to the public to help identify a suspect in the shooting.

The suspect is described as a South Asian male, possibly in his 20's, with black hair shaved on the sides, a moustache and beard, and wearing a black or dark-coloured jacket and shirt.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2024-9249 (SP) and 2024-182359 (SU) or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or www.solvecrime.ca if you wish to remain anonymous.



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South Asian Male Arrested And Charged In Stranger Assault On 64 And Scott Road

The alleged suspect in two unprovoked stranger assaults that occurred on February 9, 2025 has been arrested by Surrey Police Service (SPS) and charged by BC Prosecution Service.

Shortly before 11:30 am on February 9, 2025, Surrey Police Service Frontline officers were called to a report of an assault in progress at a business in the 6400 block 120 Street. SPS officers arrived and found two men had been assaulted, one physically and the other with a weapon, and the suspect had left the scene.

Both victims were at the business when the suspect began to physically assault one of them, a staff member at the business. When the other victim, a Good Samaritan bystander who intervened, was assaulted with a weapon, believed to be knife.

The victim who was physically assaulted was treated on scene by BCEHS and the other victim was taken to hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. That victim has undergone surgery and is recovering in hospital.

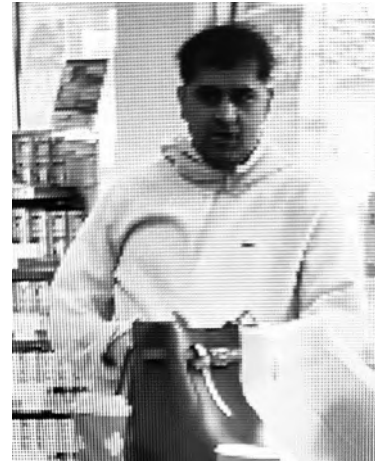
The suspect was last seen leaving the scene eastbound on 64 Avenue towards 121 Street. The suspect was described as a South Asian man with a heavy build, approximately 30 years old and 6'1" tall, with black hair, and wearing a light-coloured, possibly light purple, hoodie, beige pants, and white shoes. He may be in possession of a knife. Officers searched the area for the suspect, who was not known to the victims, but were unable to locate him.

SPS) officers appealed for

the public's assistance with identifying and locating the South Asian man involved in the unprovoked stranger assault.

SPS's Serious Crime Team led the investigation and over the course of the past week detectives were able to identify and locate the alleged suspect. He was arrested in Delta on February 15, 2025, with the assistance of the Delta Police Department and the Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team.

The suspect has been remanded into custody and has been charged



with one count each of assault with a weapon and aggravated assault. Police are not releasing or confirming his identity at this time due to the investigation being ongoing.

Liberal Candidate Viresh Bansal Apologizes After Coming Under Fire For Social Media Post On Nijjar Killing

A Liberal Candidate from Oshawa, Ontario has apologized for his insensitive comments he wrote on social media regarding killing of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

This week a social media post surfaced from Viresh Bansal in which he said, "You can thank India for cleaning trash people," he wrote. "Ask your gay friend @JustinTrudeau to do the same."

The message was in response to a 2023 social media post by federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh about the killing of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, which Canada has said was linked to the Indian government.

Nijjar was a Canadian citizen, temple president and prominent leader of the Khalistan movement.

The World Sikh Organization of Canada called on the Ontario Liberal Party to immediately withdraw Viresh Bansal



as their candidate for Oshawa after the emergence of deeply offensive and hateful social media comments.

The WSO also noted that in another post in response to a post by Conservative Party Deputy Leader Tim Uppal expressing

concern over the Indian government's crackdown against Sikh activists in Punjab in March 2023, Bansal posted "It's Indian internal matter. You better take care of your own. Dekhi kitten tere naal vi kutt khanni na hoje." Meaning 'watch out or you might get roughed up as well.'"

"Bansal's post is a disgusting endorsement of an extrajudicial killing by India and a homophobic attack on Canada's Prime Minister. The fact that the Ontario Liberal campaign has not immediately and unequivocally condemned these remarks is unacceptable. There is no place in Canadian politics for candidates who celebrate state-sponsored killings and use hateful, homophobic rhetoric. Bansal has shown a pattern of anti-Sikh hate targeting Sikh politicians. Bansal's words are not just offensive—they are dangerous and legitimize violence against minorities in Canada. The WSO calls on Liberal Leader

Bonnie Crombie to immediately withdraw Viresh Bansal's candidacy and send a clear message that hateful rhetoric and endorsement of violence have no place in their party or in Ontario politics. Anything less is a failure of leadership," said WSO President Danish Singh.

Bansal after the controversy issued an apology on social media saying, "I deeply regret the hurtful and thoughtless comments I posted on Twitter in the heat of the moment. I want to sincerely apologize especially to the Sikhs and LGBTQ2S+ communities. My words were offensive and wrong and I take full responsibility for the harm they caused."

He further added that Sikhs have long faced discrimination and violence. "And my comments only added to that pain. That kind of language should never be used, anywhere let alone in the context of a Canadian's murder."

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All Five Liberal Leader Candidates Get Ready For Debate

All five Liberal leadership candidates say they've paid the final \$125,000 due this week that's required to stay in the race. Now, ahead of English and French debates in Montreal next week, the contenders are rolling out more policy proposals to sway Canadians to join their side. The Liberal Party announced former TVA-Québec anchor Pierre Jobin would moderate the French leadership debate in Montreal on Feb. 24. The party also announced former CBC News host Hannah Thibedeau would moderate the English debate that will take on Feb. 25. **Here are the 5 contenders for Liberal leadership**



Mark Carney
The former governor of the Bank of Canada is considered the front-runner in the contest by the Liberal caucus, boasting more than 80 endorsements from MPs and cabinet ministers. Carney's campaign told CBC News it's submitted the final \$125,000 instalment. Mark Carney was born in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, and raised in Edmonton, Alberta. Both of his parents were teachers. Growing up, he played hockey as a goalie for Laurier Heights, went to St. Francis Xavier high school, and won a scholarship to study in the United States. He started his career in finance before joining Canada's public service, to help ensure our economy supports the things that Canadians value – like healthcare, security, and a life you can afford.

Chrystia Freeland
As Governor of the Bank of Canada during the 2008 financial crisis, Mark guided Canada through one of the most turbulent economic periods in modern history, protecting jobs and helping ensure that Canada came out stronger. In 2013, he was recruited to lead the Bank of England, stewarding the United Kingdom's economy through Brexit and the economic and political crises that followed. And in 2019, he began serving as the UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance — helping rally the world to build stronger economies as we fight climate change.

Frank Baylis
Frank Baylis is an engineer, a successful Canadian entrepreneur, and a passionate human rights advocate. A lifelong member of the Liberal Party of Canada,

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“PICS Society is now preparing for the next Mega Job Fair, set for July 24th 2025 in Surrey at the North Surrey Sport and Ice Complex” shared the President & CEO of PICS Society, Satbir S. Cheema. This is going to be our 20th Anniversary and we plan to make it grand, he added.

Raj Hundal, Senior Director of Employment and Planning Development at PICS Society, reflected on the event’s growth since its launch in Surrey in 2005 and its expansion to Vancouver in 2018. “We always have the greatest support from the exhibitors, many of them come every year. We have a number of enthusiastic people lined up outside, looking forward to coming in.” the director remarked.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fair was alive with energy as job seekers connected with potential employers, eager to explore new career opportunities.

To know more about the Job Fair: PICS Vancouver Mega Job Fair 2025, visit www.megajobfair.ca

To learn more about PICS Society, visit www.pics.bc.ca

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All Five Liberal Leader Candidates Get Ready For Debate

Frank served as a Member of Parliament for Pierrefonds–Dollard from 2015 to 2019, where he championed equity and inclusion as a founding member of the Parliamentary Black Caucus. As Chair of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association, he contributed to strengthening international relations between Canada and the United Kingdom. Born in Montreal in 1962 to Gloria and Richard Baylis, Frank draws deep inspiration from his mother’s trailblazing journey. Gloria, a nurse and human rights pioneer, courageously fought against racial discrimination in Canada, setting a powerful example of resilience and justice. An electrical engineer and Executive Chairman of Baylis Medical Technologies, Frank has revolutionized healthcare through life-saving medical devices, culminating in the company’s landmark \$1.75 billion sale to Boston Scientific in 2022. The dozens of patents he holds in medical devices that are used to improve the lives of people around the world are a testimony to his ingenuity. In 2004, Frank launched For the Children with a mission to improve education for underprivileged youth. This

initiative evolved into the Gloria Baylis Foundation, honouring his mother’s legacy and commitment to equity. Ruby Dhalla Ruby Dhalla Trailblazer, Politician, Hotelier and Philanthropist. Dhalla made history in 2004 when she became the first woman of Indian origin elected as a Member of Parliament in Canada and the western world. 21 years later she will once again look to make history as the first Woman of Indian origin elected as Canada’s Prime Minister. Throughout her tenure in Parliament, Dr. Dhalla took on key roles in Health, Labour, Multiculturalism & International Trade. She also chaired the Canada-US Parliamentary Caucus Committee and was the founder of the Canada-India Parliamentary Caucus. Her focus on building robust economies also helped to advance and strengthen Canada’s trade relationships with emerging economies like India and the UAE. Dhalla assumed the roles of CEO & President of the Dhalla Group of Companies, which operates in the healthcare, real estate, and hospitality sectors with Hotel Assets both throughout North America. She

was recently named Woman Hotelier of the Year by the world’s largest hotel association. Chrystia Freeland Chrystia Freeland was raised on a farm in Peace River, Alberta. As a journalist, she evaded Russian spies, covered the collapse of the Soviet Union, and exposed oligarchs, billionaires, and the economic policies that hollowed out the middle class around the world. After watching Pierre Poilievre and Stephen Harper put those economic policies into action, she moved back to her adopted home of Toronto—three young kids in tow—and ran for public office in 2013. Winning a contested nomination and competitive by-election, she then joined a third-place Liberal Party, in the back corner of the House of Commons, with a promise to fight for working Canadians. When the Liberals formed government in 2015, Chrystia became Trade Minister, where she fought for Canadian jobs and saved Canada’s trade deal with the European Union. After being appointed as Foreign Minister, she led Canada’s fight against Donald Trump to protect NAFTA, our trade deal with the United States and Mexico. A skilled negotiator who would be named Foreign Policy’s Diplomat of the Year in 2018, Chrystia became a personal target of Donald Trump—but secured a good deal for Canadians anyway. When Trump imposed steel and aluminum tariffs on Canada in 2018, Chrystia fought back — and she won again. In 2019, Chrystia was named Deputy Prime Minister, where she led Canada’s pandemic response and protected Canadians and Canadian businesses from the largest recession since the Great Depression. In 2020, she then became Finance Minister—the first woman in Canadian history to be entrusted with that role. As Finance Minister, Chrystia led Canada’s

recovery from the COVID recession and delivered historic expansions of our social safety net, including \$10-a-day childcare and affordable dental care for 9 million Canadians.



Karina Gauld Karina Gauld is a middle-class kid from Burlington, Ontario. Her mom ran a veterinary clinic and dad fought for farmers. In Her own words, “They taught me about hard work, passion, and tenacity. And they taught me to fight for the things I believe in. I want you to have an affordable home, access to healthcare, good jobs, clean air and water, and confidence that you and your family are safe and secure. We need to take care of the most vulnerable and ensure our social safety net remains intact, while we grow our economy in a way that allows Canadians to prosper. I am part of a generational shift in Canada and our Liberal Party needs to embrace this shift too. I am determined to rebuild the party and reconnect with Canadians. It is time for us to earn the trust of Canadians once again. I’m committed to providing you the opportunities you need to get ahead in this great country.”

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Fraser Health's Dr. Victoria Lee Resigns, Dr. Lynn Stevenson is new CEO

Fraser Health announced this week that effective immediately, the board and Dr. Victoria Lee have mutually agreed that she will be moving on from Fraser Health to pursue other opportunities. Dr. Lynn Stevenson has been appointed as interim president and chief executive officer at Fraser Health.

Following her appointment as president and CEO in 2018, Dr. Lee guided Fraser Health through the COVID-19 pandemic and a range of transformational changes including more than \$15 billion in multi-year large capital investments, a system-wide digital twin, and planetary health strategy.

"We would like to thank Dr. Lee for her leadership over the past six and a half years and on behalf of everyone at Fraser Health we



Dr Victoria Lee, outgoing CEO

wish her well," said Jim Sinclair, Board Chair, Fraser Health. "We are grateful Dr. Stevenson will be joining the organization, and the Board will be working quickly to recruit a new permanent president and CEO as quickly as possible." "As I embark on an exciting new chapter in my career, I'm filled with immense pride and gratitude



Dr. Lynn Stevenson, New CEO of Fraser Health for the remarkable achievements we've accomplished together at Fraser Health over the past 15 years. Our journey has been extraordinary, marked by innovation and unwavering commitment to finding integrative solutions for our patients, families and communities," said Dr. Lee.

"The dedication of our 50,000 Fraser Health staff, medical professionals, and volunteers continues to inspire me daily. I have the utmost confidence in our exceptional leadership team and Dr. Lynn Stevenson in enhancing the health and well-being of our communities."

Dr. Lynn Stevenson has held senior and executive positions with B.C.'s health care system spanning three decades.

She is an Adjunct Professor in UBC's Master of Health Administration program and formerly served as Associate Deputy Minister of Health responsible for a portfolio providing leadership to health services throughout B.C. Prior to this,

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B.C.'s Minimum Wage Increases From \$17.40 to \$17.85

B.C.'s lowest-paid workers will see a 2.6% wage increase on June 1, 2025, keeping pace with inflation. The general minimum wage increases from \$17.40 to \$17.85 per hour. This follows the changes made in spring 2024 to the Employment Standards Act, which mandated annual wage increases.

"Minimum wage earners are vulnerable to jumps in the price of groceries, rent and gas," said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Labour. "That's why we took action last year to ensure the minimum wage keeps up with the cost of living so workers

don't fall further behind." Minimum wage rates for residential caretakers, live-in home-support workers, camp leaders and app-based ride-hailing and delivery services workers will receive the same 2.6% increase on June 1. On Dec. 31, 2025, the minimum piece rates for 15 hand-harvested crops will also increase by the same percentage.

"Making minimum wage, I know how important this increase is for workers," said Olivia Brand, who works at the Burquitlam Liquor Store in Coquitlam. "It's vital for government to continue to raise the minimum wage in



Minimum wage goes up to \$17.85 on June 1

line with inflation because it helps workers like me cover everyday expenses more easily and it shows us our hard work is valued."

The minimum wage rates increase on June 1 of each

year, except for the minimum agricultural piece rates that increase on Dec. 31 of each year to ensure crop producers will not have to adjust wages in the middle of the harvesting season. The changes align with

government priorities to help lift more people out of poverty, make life more affordable, and build a strong and fair economy for B.C.

"Supporting workers is crucial for the success of my business. When my employees are paid a fair minimum wage, they feel appreciated and that translates into a more positive work environment. It also leads to higher efficiency and lower turnover, two things every business owner strives for," said Philip Aguirre, owner of Old Surrey Restaurant, and executive director of the Newton Business Improvement Association.

Haida Nation And Canada Announce A First-Of-Its-Kind Agreement Recognizing Aboriginal Title On Haida Gwaii

The President of the Haida Nation, Gaagwiis Jason Alsop, the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, Gary Anandasangaree, announced the signing of the Chiixuujin / Chaaw Kaawgaa "Big Tide (Low Water)" Haida Title Lands Agreement. The Agreement includes Canada's recognition of Haida Aboriginal title to lands on Haida Gwaii and marks a significant milestone in the journey to reconciliation.

"I congratulate the Haida Nation for their leadership on this landmark agreement. As we mark a new chapter in the history of our nation-to-nation relationship, let us also recommit to walking the path of reconciliation. Because by working together, we're showing that meaningful progress is possible," said Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

Canada's recognition of Haida Aboriginal title on Haida Gwaii includes the foreshore and extends to the low-water mark. The Agreement does not affect private property interests or local and municipal governments on Haida Gwaii, and it confirms the continued delivery of federal public services. The Haida-Canada Archipelago Management Board will also continue to co-operatively manage Gwaii Haanas through a transition period, during which both governments will work to reconcile jurisdictions and laws.

The Haida Nation collectively holds inherent Haida title and rights as described in the Constitution of the Haida Nation. At a Special House of Assembly on November 24, 2024, Haida citizens voted 97 per cent in favour of the Chiixuujin / Chaaw Kaawgaa "Big Tide (Low Water)" Haida Title Lands Agreement. As a result, the Agreement was signed by the Haida Nation and Canada on December 4, 2024.

"The recognition of Haida title to Haida

Gwaii by Canada acknowledges historic injustices and illustrates the transformative possibilities of working together for what is right. It takes leadership to recognize a wrong, begin the process of healing from a troubled history, and trust in the ability to forge a new relationship based on respect. This recognition of title by Canada – which was initiated in 1913 by our past leaders – means that we can begin a new era of peaceful co-existence knowing that we can look after Haida Gwaii and ensure the well-being of all who call these shining islands home," said Gaagwiis Jason Alsop, President of the Haida Nation.

Over an estimated five-year transition period, the Haida Nation and Canada will continue to work respectfully and co-operatively on matters relating to Haida Gwaii. Both governments have agreed that this transition will be implemented in an orderly and incremental way, providing ongoing stability for all island residents and other interest holders on Haida Gwaii.



This Agreement builds on previous reconciliation accomplishments, including the Nang K'uula / Nang K'uulaas Recognition Agreement signed by the Haida Nation, Canada, and British Columbia in 2023, as well as the Gaayhlxid / Giihlagalgang "Rising Tide" Haida Title Lands Agreement signed by the Haida Nation and British Columbia in April 2024.

The Chiixuujin / Chaaw Kaawgaa "Big Tide (Low Water)" Haida Title Lands Agreement is a concrete demonstration of Canada's commitment to implementing and advancing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Canada's recognition of Haida Aboriginal title results from Gud ad T'alang HlGang.gulxa Tll Yahda /

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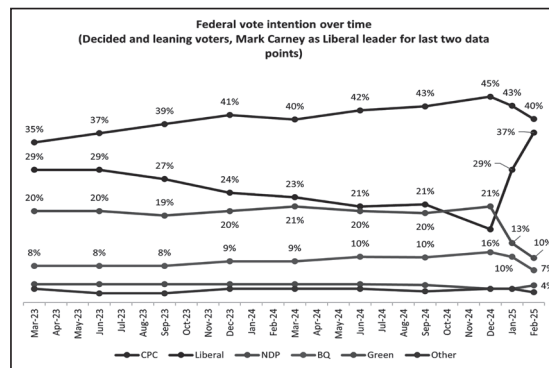
Mark Carney holds significant favourability advantage over Freeland among Liberal and NDP voters

The Liberal leadership race is set, with five individuals vying to be the next prime minister, before likely heading into a close-to-immediate federal election campaign. While two key debates loom for the contenders next week, many centre-left voters are already keen to back one candidate in particular.

New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds former Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney surging as the hypothetical leader of the Liberals. With Carney at the head of the party, vote intention has tightened to a three-point gap between the Liberals and Conservatives, with 40 per cent supporting the latter and 37 per cent the former. This, seemingly at the cost of the New Democrats, who have lost half of their vote intention (21% to 10%) since late December. Under Carney,

42 per cent of 2021 NDP voters say they would support the Liberals, while 44 per cent would vote for the party again.

With Carney's biggest rival in the race, former Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland as hypothetical leader, the NDP garners 16 per cent of vote intention instead of 10, and the Liberals drop from 37 per cent to 29 per cent. This disparity is partially explained by several factors. Carney performs significantly better as Liberal leader when facing off against the other parties and leaders on top issues. He and CPC leader Pierre Poilievre are statistically tied as best to handle the economy, the cost of living, and the U.S. threat, when Canadians are asked to choose between the three major federal parties. With Freeland



in place, Poilievre leads on the economy and cost of living, while Freeland and Poilievre are tied on U.S. relations.

Further, on net favourability (favourable minus unfavourable views), Carney scores a +70 among 2021 Liberal voters, a +43 among past NDP voters, and a +42 among

past BQ voters. Freeland receives positive scores among all three, but at far lower levels (+18 Liberal, +4 NDP, +28 BQ).

According to the survey, Poilievre has seen his unfavourable views rise to their highest level since taking over the party leadership. He is viewed unfavourably by 56 per cent of Canadians and favourably by 37 per cent.

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh fares worst among all federal party leaders and hopefuls in net favourability, facing a -25 score. His favourability is positive only among young women.

The top issues facing Canadians are reported to be the cost of living (52%), health care (39%), and relations with the United States (34%).

The Conservative Party launches ad set "If Carney Wins, Canada Loses"

The Conservative Party of Canada is releasing a series of ads showing why if Carney wins the election, Canadians will lose. The ads will run in French and English on TV and digital nationally.

A release from Conservative party said, "The first ad shows how Trump wants Canadian jobs, and Carney is just the man to help him.

Since at least 2020, Carbon Tax Carney has been advising and cheering on Trudeau, supporting policies that have ruined the lives of millions of Canadians and sent our jobs south, including his plan to quadruple



the carbon tax to 61 cents per litre by 2030. Carney opposed Canadian pipelines, while profiting off US coal. He moved his company's headquarters and jobs to New York as part of the half-trillion dollars of Canadian investment that has fled the NDP-Liberals'

economic vandalism to the US. This is just what Trump wanted. If Carney wins, Canada loses."

30-second ad: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OneDXompDI>

Border service officers get authority to cancel e visa or temporary resident visa if not satisfied

The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) updated Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations to strengthen authorities to cancel temporary resident documents.

These changes give immigration and border services officers explicit authority to cancel electronic travel authorizations (eTAs) and temporary resident visas (TRVs) on a case-by-case basis, including when

- A change in a person's status or circumstances makes them inadmissible or no longer eligible to hold the document (for example, the person provided false information, has a criminal history or is deceased)

- An officer is not satisfied that someone will leave Canada by the end of their authorized period of stay

- The document is lost, stolen, destroyed or abandoned

The changes also enable officers to cancel TRVs, eTAs, work permits and study permits issued to people when they become a permanent resident, they are deceased, or the document was issued based on an administrative error

The amended regulations came into force on January 31, 2025, and are published in the Canada Gazette II. These changes enhance the integrity of Canada's temporary residence programs and are expected to strengthen security at the border and within Canada.

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'This Was The Moment To Build A Strong Foundation, Not Just React To Tariff Threats'

B.C. Greens respond to Speech from the Throne

The BC Green Caucus applauded this government for recognizing the urgent challenges facing British Columbians. However, recognition alone is not enough. This was the moment to build a strong foundation, not just react to tariff threats. B.C. has been facing multiple, overlapping crises for years - housing affordability, access to healthcare, climate change, illicit-toxic drugs, and economic uncertainty - long before U.S. tariff threats surfaced. Yet this government remains stuck in a reactive cycle rather than pursuing a forward-thinking strategy.

"It's easy to employ wartime analogies in face of a fresh, headline-grabbing crisis, but a government with a real vision for the future needs to be laser focused on delivering results to all the longstanding crises British Columbians are facing," said Jeremy Valeriote, Interim Leader of the BC Greens and MLA for West Vancouver-Sea to Sky. "We are in this situation because we didn't look far enough ahead, so we need



**Jeremy Valeriote,
Interim Leader of the BC Greens**

a plan that delivers long-term stability and security for British Columbians, and it must benefit people first rather than corporations. "For too long, reactive decisions have left B.C. vulnerable to global shocks like volatile markets and looming U.S. tariffs. Instead of scrambling to respond, we must build a diverse, innovative, and sustainable economy that centers community well-

being, poverty reduction, and climate action.

"The U.S. administration's protectionist policies pose challenges for B.C.'s economy, but we cannot let them overshadow the progress we've made in protecting our environment, strengthening our institutions, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. This is not the time to lean into populism, it is a time for vision, action, and bold investment in a clean, green future."

Through the Cooperation and Responsible Government Accord (CARGA), the BC Greens will work to establish community health centres, expand mental health coverage, build non-market housing, enhance renter support programs, expand public transit and advance environmental initiatives for future generations.

"We remain committed to being a constructive opposition party that contributes smart, actionable ideas through our agreement, and will relentlessly push the government if it falls short on delivering the tangible results British Columbians

deserve. It's time to stop treading water. We need to move beyond reactive leadership, towards a vision for our province that builds a more secure future for us all," said Valeriote.

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Made-in-B.C.: Throne Speech...

They include natural gas and clean energy, as well as critical mineral and mining projects worth \$20 billion in investment. Twelve of them are majority First Nations-owned. These projects are estimated to create more than 8,000 jobs and support families, especially in northern and rural communities," she said.

She informed that this session, legislation will be introduced to allow the BC Energy Regulator to act as the "one window" for permits necessary to support the North Coast Transmission Line. In addition

to other important electricity transmission projects, new wind and solar.

Budget 2025 will also include increased tax credits to ensure province remains a destination of choice for filmmakers in Canada and around the globe, while employing B.C.'s world-class, skilled film crews.

The speech mentioned importance of diversifying where B.C. sells its products with new trade missions to strengthen relationships around the world and by breaking down trade barriers within Canada.

Strengthening access to health care by attaching more people to a family doctor and building new hospitals throughout the province, was also the focus of the speech. "Your government will work with regulatory colleges to ensure trained health-care workers from other countries have their credentials recognized faster. That includes attracting the best and brightest medical professionals from the United States who are already drawn to the benefits of our public health-care system," she said.

The speech shed light on importance of helping with costs by delivering more homes people can afford, locking in child care and car insurance savings, and passing new consumer-protection laws.

"We are at a crossroads. The journey ahead won't be easy but there's no place I would rather be to face the threat of tariffs than right here in B.C., and nothing I'd want to be more than Canadian," said Premier David Eby. "We have everything we need to protect ourselves from the economic impacts of the Trump presidency and come out stronger. That includes our most precious resource of all: British Columbians. Our people are hard-working, resilient and ready to meet this moment the same we always have - by looking out for each other and building together."

A new budget will be introduced that will focus on economic security and carefully managing finances to protect the front-line public services on which people rely.

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BC Minister And California Building Industry Association Reaffirm BC'S Critical Role In Rebuilding Los Angeles After Wildfires

BC's minister Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests, and Dan Dunmoyer, CEO, California Building Industry Association, have released the following statement on B.C. lumber and softwood duties:

"B.C. and California have a strong relationship and a history of co-operation that has benefited so many people up and down the coast.

"Together, we are working to make sure that our desire for fair, mutually beneficial trade policies is fully understood by U.S. industry leaders and policymakers,



Ravi Parmar,
BC Minister of Forests

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Dan Dunmoyer, CEO,
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the already challenging softwood

issue will only hurt people on both sides of the border.

"There's no doubt that our American partners need B.C.'s quality softwood products, and any tariff will simply increase the costs to build much-needed housing. This is particularly true following the recent fires in Los Angeles. More than 16,000 homes and buildings were lost, an almost unimaginable tragedy. There are now predictions that housing and rental units will now become even more unaffordable.

"B.C. can play a positive role in helping California rebuild

after the devastating wildfires in Los Angeles. Rebuilding is only possible using B.C. wood, and unjustified tariffs and duties will only make recovery more expensive and take longer. B.C. can help in this housing crisis and we have a role in shaping the future of trade between our two countries.

"The message we are bringing to Californians is this: B.C. is here to help. Our relationship creates reliable jobs and predictable, stable markets at a time when they can be hard to find. The best way forward is together."

Multiple Fatalities In Patullo Bridge Collision

Surrey Police Service informed that the Patullo Bridge was closed both ways while police investigated a three-vehicle collision on the east end of the Patullo Bridge that resulted in three fatalities and one person being treated for life-threatening injuries.

At approximately 10:07 pm on February 14, 2025, police were advised by BC EHS of a collision involving three

vehicles, two passenger vehicles and one semi-trailer truck, on the east end of the Patullo Bridge in the southbound lanes.

Surrey Fire Service and BC EHS administered lifesaving measures to three occupants at the scene, but they were declared deceased at the scene. One other occupant of one of the passenger vehicles was transported to

hospital for treatment of life-threatening injuries. At this early stage the extent of the surviving occupants' injuries are unknown. The driver of the semi-trailer truck was unhurt and remained on scene.

Both the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) and the RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit Criminal

Collision Investigation Team (CCIT) were called in to assist. The investigation is in its early stages and the cause of the collision is unknown.

Police are asking any witnesses to the collision, or anyone who may have dashcam footage, to please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2025-12779 (SP).

Indian National Jaspal Singh Among 4 Illegal Immigrants Arrested By US Authorities With Charges Related To Sexual Assault

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement recently arrested four criminal aliens with convictions or charges related to sexual assault.

Jaspal Singh, 29, is amongst those 4. According to US Immigration department, Singh, a citizen of India was arrested Jan. 29 in Tukwila, Washington, charged with assault with sexual motivation.

"Protecting our communities, and preventing further victimization is of paramount importance to ICE throughout the Pacific Northwest," said ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Seattle Field Office Director Drew H. Bostock. "These arrests reinforce the message that the presence of illegal criminal threats will not be tolerated."

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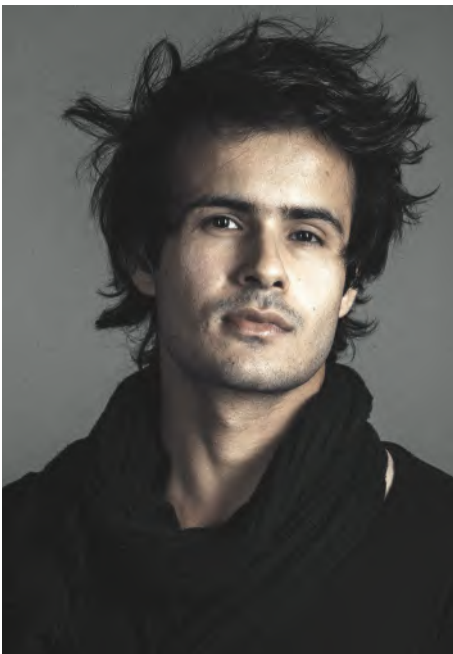
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Canadian Artist Gaurav Bhatti Premieres Groundbreaking Dance Solo Inspired By Sufi Mystic Bulleh Shah

Internationally acclaimed Kathak artist and choreographer Gaurav Bhatti is set to premiere his latest work, *Bulleh Shah: Seeker of Light*, a full-length solo dance production inspired by the life and poetry of the 17th-century Sufi mystic Bulleh Shah. Co-presented by New Works and The Dance Centre, the highly anticipated work will premiere at Scotiabank Dance Centre in Vancouver, BC, on March 28-29, 2025 at 8pm, with a special post-show artist talkback on March 29.

Gaurav Bhatti, a Canadian dancer-choreographer, trained in Kathak in India under gurus Saveeta Sharma (Ottawa), Lata Bakalkar (Mumbai), and Aditi Mangaldas (Delhi). He has performed internationally with the New Delhi-based Aditi Mangaldas Dance Company and interpreted works by Aakash Odedra and Gauri Diwakar. Bhatti's choreography merges classical Kathak with other dance forms and uses narrative structures familiar to contemporary dance audiences. In 2021 he received the inaugural Dr. Sunil Kothari Award for Emerging Artists for his work *Hemant*.

Blending the rich tradition of North Indian Kathak with contemporary and folk dance



Gaurav Bhatti Headshot:
Photo by Max Jamali

influences, *Bulleh Shah: Seeker of Light* explores the themes of spiritual longing, self-discovery, and universal love found in Shah's poetry. A beacon of unity in a time of religious strife, Bulleh Shah challenged

organized institutions, urging seekers to look within themselves to find God. His poetry, deeply embedded in Punjabi culture, continues to resonate across the subcontinent and beyond.

Bhatti interprets this stirring source material with power, grace, and captivating performance, conjuring through his body the thrum of dark ocean waves, murmuring bells of a heart beat, and flickering fingers of fire. The sets, lights, costumes, and music, come together in service of the dance to create a mesmerizing world. The production will feature an innovative soundscape that fuses classical North Indian music with contemporary electronic compositions.

"As an artist deeply rooted in Kathak, I wanted to bring Bulleh Shah's legacy to life through a movement language that is both traditional and modern," says Bhatti. "His call for tolerance and self-reflection is more relevant today than ever."

The project is particularly significant in its effort to highlight Punjab's cultural heritage, often underrepresented in contemporary Indian art. It also serves as a bridge between Indian



Gaurav Bhatti
Photo by Innee Singh

and Pakistani Punjab, a region historically united but now divided by borders. As a Canadian artist with roots in India and collaborations spanning both sides of Punjab, Bhatti seeks to embody the spirit of Punjabiya—a shared cultural identity that transcends national boundaries.

New Works and The Dance Centre present Gaurav Bhatti *Bulleh Shah: Seeker of Light* (world premiere)
March 28 & 29, 2025 at 8pm
Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie St, Vancouver
Tickets: \$37/\$28 students and seniors + \$1 facility fee
Available at thedancecentre.com and newworks.ca.

This project has been supported by technical and creation residencies at Newcastle - DanceCity and Aakash Odedra Company, rehearsal space from Aditi Mangaldas Dance Company and Oddbird Theatre, and by the Canada Council for the Arts and the City of Vancouver.

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#LoyalCanadian Movement launched by PICS Society on National Flag of Canada Day



Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society announced the launch of the #LoyalCanadian movement. The goal of this initiative is to educate and encourage people to buy local products made in Canada.

"PICS pledges to buy local Canadian products as much as possible, starting today. Our Women transitional homes, Senior housing, PICS head office, and other locations will follow the same practice" said PICS President & CEO, Satbir S. Cheema during the announcement ceremony. The name of the movement is #LoyalCanadian, he added.

This ceremony was also attended by Member of Parliament for Surrey—Newton, Sukh Dhaliwal and Maninder Grewal, PICS Board Chair. MP Dhaliwal also presented Canadian flag to PICS Society.

"Generosity, Openness, Equality; these are the values that this flag represents and continue to do", said MP Dhaliwal.

"Canada is not for SALE and we are not 51st State", said the Board Chair, Maninder Grewal.

"The movement is to raise awareness about the brands we use daily and inspire people to buy Canadian-made products. We are proud to launch it on National Flag of Canada Day as a celebration of our patriotism. We plan to host fun challenges and create educational content to promote Canadian brands worldwide", said Phalak Betab, Marketing, Communications & Fundraising Officer.

We invite everyone to join this movement by using the hashtag #LoyalCanadian when purchasing local Canadian brands, she added.

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Measles Case Confirmed In The Lower Mainland

A new case of measles infection has been confirmed in the Lower Mainland. Fraser Health and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) have determined the infection was acquired by a Fraser Health resident who travelled abroad to Southeast Asia. Public Health officials from both health authorities are following up directly with individuals who are known to have been exposed to the virus. Members of the public may have been exposed to measles if they were on Air Canada Flight 66, arriving in Vancouver on February 11, 2025, or if they spent time in the international arrivals area of YVR, including customs or baggage claim, from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Feb 11, 2025. Measles is a highly infectious disease transmitted by airborne spread. Most people in Canada



will be immune to measles due to prior immunization or natural infection. People who are at risk of getting measles are those who have never had measles disease and those who have not had two doses of a measles vaccine. For people who are not fully protected against measles and may have been exposed, Public Health officials are recommending the following:

- If you were born in 1970 or later and have not had two doses of measles vaccine, you should get a booster dose

of measles vaccine. It is most effective if received within three days of being exposed but still can be received after that. Measles vaccine is provided free of charge.

- Certain people should not get the measles vaccine. These include babies less than six months of age, pregnant people, and people with certain immune conditions. If you, or your child, are in one of these groups, please call your local Public Health team as soon as possible and no later than six

days after being exposed. You may be advised that you, or your child, receive a medication that can prevent measles disease. This is also provided free of charge.

- o For Fraser Health residents please call the closest Public Health unit listed below.
- o VCH Communicable Disease: 604-675-390 or 1-855-675-3900

Free measles vaccine is available to those exposed who are at risk of getting measles. A list of local pharmacies (call for weekend hours) or VCH Public Health Units (open weekdays) is available at www.vch.ca/en/health-topics/measles.

Individuals exposed should monitor for any symptoms of measles that develop up to three weeks after being exposed. Symptoms of measles include fever, dry cough, runny nose, and red eyes; followed a few

days later by a rash that starts at the hairline and spreads rapidly down to the rest of the body.

If you develop symptoms of measles, please contact your health care provider before you visit them so they can take precautions to prevent spreading measles to others.

The measles vaccine is provided free at public health units and certain family doctors and walk-in clinics. Pharmacists can immunize adults and children over five years old. Please call ahead to ensure vaccine is available at your preferred location.

For general information about measles visit www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/measles

For information on accessing your immunization history visit <https://immunizebc.ca/immunization-basics/immunization-records>

Continued from Page 08 Haida Nation And Canada...

Tłl yá’adee Gíi gud ahl t’álang hlGángulaang (“People Working Together to Make it Right”) – and, in this way, upholds the duty and honour of the Crown based on a principled and respectful nation-to-nation relationship.

“This landmark agreement is the first of its kind in Canada. It stands as a testament to the Haida Nation’s incredible leadership and determination to reclaim what has been rightfully theirs for generations. By recognizing Aboriginal title and rights, we showcase the progress possible when Indigenous, federal, provincial, and territorial governments work together to create a just and meaningful path to reconciliation that honours the unique interests of each nation. It is my hope that this agreement sets the stage for many others and inspires young Indigenous people that reconciliation is more than words and change is possible,” said Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency.

Continued from Page 07 Fraser Health’s...

Lynn held senior and executive positions in Island Health, Fraser Health, and BC Cancer.

Lynn has served on several boards including Board Chair of the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement (CFHI), and Health Excellence Canada and appointed member of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC. She is currently a member of the Canadian College of Health Leaders board and Chairs the Health Employers Association of BC Board.



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11316 CONFIDENTIAL



A highly profitable, busy and well established convenience store for sale in the Heart of downtown Vancouver. Close to Skytrain and surrounded by offices, this convenience store enjoys plenty of foot traffic and fantastic daily sales boosted by vapes and accessories.

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Very nice and clean business with double oven, walk in cooler, walk in freezer, food prep cooler, storage and many many more. Open 3pm and been operating from long time on this location. Great potential for adding food etc to this location and there is lots of extra space for that. 1400 sqft space.

FOR SALE OR LEASE

103 8363 128 STREET



\$1,988,900

Red FM Plaza with heavy exposure, popular plaza in front building exposure. Presently tenant occupied however tenants are willing to move any time. Ground floor and double door entry. Assets or share sale. Building can be used for multi-purpose, like schools, offices, etc. High ceiling and beautifully built mezzanine office. Retail style unit. Also have lease option see MLS C8062002.

2 Unit
Warehouse

total 2625 Sq ft, prime location 123st and 84 ave area, \$2,900,000 for both.

FOR SALE

\$1,688,800



11933 96 AVENUE

This stunning custom-built home in the desirable Royal Heights neighbourhood of Surrey sits on an expansive 8,500 sq. ft. lot, offering ample outdoor space and privacy. On the market for the first time, this home features a bright and airy interior designed with modern finishes, and large windows that flood the home with natural light. Two separate laundry. A separate rental suite provides excellent income potential or an ideal in-law suite. Located within walking distance to shopping, restaurants, parks, and schools, this home offers convenience and ease of living. Extra-large garage with additional room for your hobbies or extra storage.

FOR SALE

\$619,999



118 225 FRANCIS WAY

Located in the heart of New Westminster, this stunning one-bedroom unit at the Whittaker combines elegance and comfort for an exceptional living experience. With large windows that flood the space with natural light, the open-concept layout features a modern kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Move-in ready, this home is perfect for those seeking both urban convenience and a peaceful escape. The Whittaker's exclusive "Boiler Room" clubhouse enhances the lifestyle with a fully equipped fitness center, media room, and a party space for larger gatherings.

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Improper pruning of trees can weaken or kill a tree, so the City of Surrey is asking residents and businesses to leave the care of trees on public property to City arborists. Damaging and cutting of trees on City property is against

Damaging City Trees Can Carry A Fine Up To \$20,000 Per Offence: City Of Surrey

Surrey’s Tree Protection Bylaw and can carry a fine up to \$20,000 per offence. “Our street trees are valuable assets and we’re committed to properly caring for them,” said Rob Landucci, the City’s Urban Forestry Manager. “As these trees grow, they will help provide shade and reduce urban temperatures, while helping to manage rainwater and clean the air – benefits that help increase property values and support our mental and physical wellbeing.”

Surrey is a leader among municipalities when it comes to sustainability and is continually working to ensure the city continues to be a thriving, green and inclusive city. There are more than 113,000 trees on City property and an additional 2,100 trees were planted last year to expand our urban forest. These trees are routinely monitored and cared for by the City’s team of certified, professional arborists who pruned more than 23,500 trees in 2024, or roughly 2,000 per month.

If a City tree near your property appears to need pruning, please call 604-501-5050 or let a City arborist know by submitting a report online. To see if a tree is on City property, check out COSMOS, the City of Surrey Mapping Online system, which provides a map that shows City trees (search for “Park Specimen Trees”). Remember, it’s against the rules to cut trees on City property without permission. For more information, visit surrey.ca/treepuning.

Vivek Canada’s Vasant Utsav – Where Tradition Meets Transformation

Vivek Educational Foundation of Canada (Vivek Canada) a registered charity based in Metro Vancouver, will welcome the arrival of Vasant (Spring) and celebrate the 2024/25 Season of their Dawn to Dusk local program. Vivek Canada’s Vasant Utsav, set for March 1, 2025, at the Taj Park Convention Centre in Surrey, BC, will be a vibrant celebration where tradition meets transformation. This event is more than a ‘goodbye’ to winter, it’s a heartfelt tribute to the year gone by and an enthusiastic welcome to the possibilities that lie ahead. What sets this celebration apart from previous Vivek Canada events, is its unique blend of tradition and community engagement. The opening act of Vasant Utsav is a special performance that brings together senior and youth participants from

Vivek Canada’s Dawn to Dusk program and the renowned Kathak choreographer Prajakta Potnis Tehran. This collaboration is a mesmerizing fusion of storytelling, movement, and classical Indian dance, along with a splash of poetry. This abhinaya will guide the audience through Vivek Canada’s journey, using the expressive art of Kathak to bring the organization’s story to life. It’s a testament to the power of intergenerational connections, as seniors and youth from the Dawn to Dusk program share the stage. Vasant Utsav offers an evening filled with live music, featuring artists: Neeraja Aptikar accompanied by a youth ensemble; Onkar Chadha on saxophone; talented family trio of Gurdit Singh (tabla), Nimrata Rassna Namdhari (vocals) and Gian Singh (djembe, cajon); and Band Synthesis

comprised of Chandni Hari, Vishwesh Iyer, and Tilak Kaushik - not to mention mouth-watering food. This event will be a celebration of culture and community, where attendees can immerse themselves in the arts while supporting a worthy cause. Proceeds from the event will go towards Vivek Canada’s educational initiatives both in Canada and India, focusing on areas such as scholarships for female students and sustainable development projects. As we welcome Vasant and bid adieu to winter, Vivek Canada’s Utsav stands as a beacon of hope and renewal. It’s more than just a spring celebration, it’s a vibrant testament to the power of community, culture, and compassion. To join Vivek Canada’s Vasant Utsav please visit: <http://vasant-utsav.eventbrite.com>

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19913 72 AVE LANGLEY

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House with basement suite and a coach home
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UNIT 34 - 1010 EWEN AVE NEW WEST

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Hot location in New Westminster! Just minutes from Walmart shopping outlet and restaurants, 10 min to Richmond, 10 min to Metrotown. Walking distance to Queen Elizabeth School. Corner unit townhouse w/spacious layout. Spacious 3 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom. Shows beautifully! Living and dining room faces inside of complex and the other side has kitchen, family room and a den with large balcony for family entertainment.

217 20696 EASTLEIGH CRESCENT

\$699,000

Welcome to The Georgia, Langley's newest collection of homes centrally located in Langley City close to shops, restaurants, parks, schools and walking distance to the future Skytrain. Modern open concept designs, featuring inviting 9ft ceilings, high-quality laminate flooring, air conditioning in the master bedrooms, and granite stone kitchen countertops. Contact sales for more information! Don't miss out, only a handful of homes remaining!

19917 72 AVE LANGLEY

\$1,599,998

House with basement suite
All rent approx \$3000 per month
Open house Sunday 1-4

11516 PARKWOOD PLACE DELTA

\$1,499,000

Check out this well maintained, beautifully updated basement entry home in the heart of North Delta. Main floor boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, spacious living room/dining room, beautiful kitchen, sundeck. Downstairs features 2 bedroom legal suite with separate entry. Single garage and driveway can fit up to 4 cars. Steps away from Chalmers Elementary and Burnsville Secondary, Sun God Rec Centre, transit, shopping and parks.

5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN

\$1,495,000

Beautiful Corner House in the most desired area of Collingwood. Upstairs features three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Downstairs features a large living room with a fireplace, a kitchen with a granite countertop, and a full bathroom. The house is located on a large lot with a full back yard and a double garage. It comes with a lot of storage space and is very close to all amenities, walking distance to Joyce Collingwood sky train and Gaston Park.

#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY

\$699,000

Welcome to Kennedy Trails. This house checks all the boxes. Cost effective & environmentally friendly. GEOTHERMAL Heating & Cooling system. E-star windows. Three level home. Large dining area, Gourmet kitchen, Master Bed and DEN/Office. Below is very large recreation room with 4th bed and comes with a full bath and a full Backyard approx 360 SQ FT. Double side by side car garage, additional 1 car parking. New Paint. Professionally Cleaned Carpet. Close to all amenities: superstore, restaurants and very easy access to the highway as well. This is a must see.

9750 128 ST., SURREY

\$999,900

Solid 6 bed and 2 bath house in the heart of Surrey. A perfect home for home buyers, investors, or those looking for a large family home. Features include a large living room with a fireplace, a kitchen with a granite countertop, and a full bathroom. The house is located on a large lot with a full back yard and a double garage. It comes with a lot of storage space and is very close to all amenities, walking distance to Joyce Collingwood sky train and Gaston Park.

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6 BED - 4 BATHS - 10,318 SF

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ASKING 1,599,000

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

Builder's Alert! The Property is sub dividable and has been rezoned R1-C. PLA Application has been submitted to City & is in process. Excellent Heritage style home with three bedrooms and one bathroom . Large Private backyard.

ASKING 924,000

11956 98 AVENUE, SURREY



7 BED - 5 BATHS - 6,600 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This beautiful renovated home at a prime location in a quiet neighbourhood of Royal Heights features with 7 Bedrooms & 5 Washrooms, very spacious open concept kitchen with quartz countertops & stainless steel appliances, Huge Living Room & Family Room, tons of Natural Light, Stone front, Glass Railing, Air Conditioning Upstairs. 2+1 Bedroom Suites as great mortgage helpers. Enjoy your morning tea in the open front deck or the covered sundeck in the backyard. Easy Access to Hwy 17, Scott Rd Skytrain station, Schools and Shopping.

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7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

Welcome to this well-maintained and updated home in the heart of Newton with over 7100 sqft lot with 77 feet Front just steps away from school and Bus Stops. Upstairs there are 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms with a living room, dining room and kitchen along with a bonus Family room. There are 2 separate balconies off the Family & Living Room. 2 Mortgage helpers (1 bedroom each) currently rented to Nice tenants. There is one full extra bath Downstairs. This home has lots of options to rent. The home features an updated kitchen (2015) updated washrooms (2017) and has been freshly painted. The roof has been updated as well in 2017. Walking distance to George Vanier Elementary school, daycare and to public transportation. THIS IS A MUST SEE!! Please book your private Showings.

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10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



4 BED - 2 BATHS - 9,750 SF LOT

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This is a well kept home in one of the best & prime neighbourhood of Fairfield Island in Chilliwack. This Beautiful Rancher with Basement house sits on a huge 9750 Sq. Feet Lot with a wide frontage of 75 feet & a Subdivision Potential (Please confirm with City) features with 3 Bedrooms & 1.5 Washroom on the main floor with a spacious kitchen equipped with Stainless Steel appliances. Downstairs you got a very spacious space, complete with two large Recreation/family rooms plus a bedroom and storage area. Roof was replaced 2-3 years back. Close to all shopping amenities, plenty of schools nearby and more parks within walking distance than any other neighbourhood.

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1001 14881 103A AVENUE



2 BED - 2 BATHS

Best Opportunity for the first time home buyers & nature lovers to enjoy the scenic beauty, spectacular north shore & panoramic coastal mountain views. This amazing Corner unit features with 2 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms with a Huge Master Bedroom Ensuite, A Good Size Living Room, Dining Room with fully renovated kitchen with quartz countertops & new kitchen cabinets, New stainless steel appliances & pot lights. All these appliances & renovations were done two years ago. Carpet in the whole unit is one year old. You are minutes walk to Guildford Town Centre, TNT Supermarket, dining, public library and highways. The maintenance fees include gas & hot water, One Storage locker & One Parking. There is also a bike room and lots of outdoor Visitor Parking.

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5748 123 Street Surrey



7 BED - 8 BATHS - 20,211 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home! This Beautiful & Luxurious Architectural Masterpiece on a CORNER HALF ACRE LOT in the most prestigious neighbourhood of Panorama Ridge Features with Elegant Porte- Couchette Hotel Like Entrance with circular driveway, Italian Bricks Exterior, Open Concept Kitchen with Custom Italian Cabinets & Italian Black Marble, High Ceiling, Gorgeous sunken Living Room with oversized windows, which provide excellent Lighting, Circular Cherrywood Staircases, Huge Family Room & Dining Room with Master Ensuite on the Main Floor, High End Wool Carpet, 5 Bed rooms with 3 Washrooms upstairs. Downstairs Open & Bright Basement with Separate entrance with Wet Bar, which could be converted into a suite. Triple Car Garage with Ample Parking , Private Sports Court & Lot more. Must Visit

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2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e – Most EV range in a plug-in hybrid

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

One of the most popular models in the Mercedes-Benz lineup, the C300 Compact Crossover adds a plug-in hybrid powertrain for 2025 to boost its appeal. Not only does it offer a premium cabin, a range of advanced, high-tech features, the new 2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e delivers the best all electric driving range of any PHEV. Major updates for 2025 include: a new MBUX infotainment system, Digital key



capability and a new 5G communications module. There is also a new AMG GLC 63 S E Performance variant.

Powering the GLC 350e is a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that puts out 201 horsepower along with a 134-hp permanently excited synchronous electric motor. The hybrid power plant's total output is an impressive 313 horsepower with 406 pound-feet of torque. There is a 9-speed automatic that drives all four wheels through M-B's 4Matic all-wheel-drive system. It splits the power between the axles on a full-time basis ensuring all wheels maintain traction on adverse surfaces.

The electric motor receives power from a 23.3-kilowatt-hour (kWh) battery, which can be fully charged in approximately 3 hours on a home EV charger. Drivers can also plug into a DC fast charger, which reduces charging time to about 30 minutes. As standard equipment on the GLC

300 includes self-levelling suspension, wireless Apple CarPlay, and Android Auto, Keyless-Go and Keyless-Start, centre airbag between the front seats, and more. The GLC 350e also features the new third-generation MBUX (Mercedes-Benz User Experience) infotainment system, providing a more versatile and expanding range of in-car apps. The GLC lineup offers a number a number of options packages. The new plug-in hybrid model offers Standard, Exclusive and Pinnacle Trims, each level upgrades features, luxury, convenience, and advanced technologies.

Customers can personalize their vehicle with a choice of 11 different exterior paint colours, including four "Manufaktur" finishes, 13 different upholstery selections and six-wheel designs that include two new wheel styles exclusive to the GLC 350e.

Also available is the AMG Line and exterior Night Package which enable further individualization and prestige. The GLC is available as the 300 4Matic and 350e 4Matic as well as the AMG-infused 43 4Matic and 63 S E Performance versions with more power ranging from 416-horsepower to 469 hp. The more extreme the 63 SE AMG Performance 4Matic+ offers fully variable all-wheel-drive system, 671 hp system output and 752 lb-ft maximum system torque enable an incredibly quick acceleration time from 0 to 100 km/h takes just 3.5 seconds. The GLC 300 4Matic crossover has a starting price of \$59,500. The 350e has an MSRP of \$64,900. The GLC 43 starts at \$81,200. Opting for the topline 63 S E Performance will set you back \$109,500.

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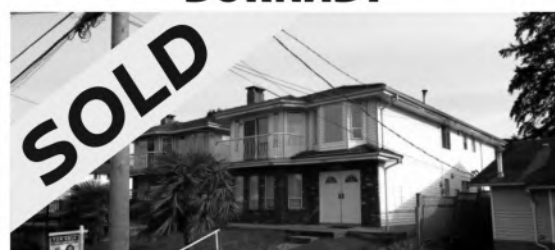




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Harjinder Singh Dhami Resigns As SGPC Chief On ‘Moral Grounds’

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Harjinder Singh Dhami has resigned from his post.

Dhami’s resignation came days after Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh strongly condemned the dismissal of services of Giani Harpreet Singh as the jathedar of Damdama Sahib by the SGPC.

In a hurriedly called media briefing, Dhami said he is committed to the Akal Takht.

Dhami has demanded that he also be removed from the seven-member committee formed by the Shiromani Akali Dal. He has submitted his resignation to the SGPC executive committee.

Referring to a February 13 Facebook post of Jathedar Raghbir Singh on the termination of services of Giani Harpreet Singh, Dhami said he wrote that his removal was “highly condemnable” and “unfortunate”.

“I being ‘pardhan’ (president of SGPC) take responsibility and resign



from the post on moral grounds with immediate effect,” he said while addressing the media in Amritsar. Dhami said he had written to the Akal Takht Jathedar to relieve him from his position in the seven-member committee formed to supervise the new membership drive of the SAD.

Punjab Launches Whatsapp Number For NRIs To Lodge Complaints

The Punjab government has launched WhatsApp number 90560 09884 for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in distress.

According to an official release, the complaints made on the number will be forwarded to the relevant government department, as well as to the additional director general of police (NRI

wing) of the Punjab Police.

The NRIs can also visit nri.punjab.gov.in for more information, it said.

Administrative Reforms and NRI Affairs Minister Kuldeep Dhaliwal said his department is facilitating the countersigning and attestation of various documents.

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2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC 350e - Most EV...

the gas engine shuts off when its power is not needed, for example

when coasting or stopped in traffic. Otherwise, the transition between hybrid power and the gasoline engine unit is seamless, and quiet. With its small size, 4Matic AWD, and excellent steering response, the GLC feels agile, delivering sure-footed handling and an overall enjoyable driving experience. The electric motor puts out instant torque for quick throttle response, which helps give it 0 to 96 kph speed of 6.2 seconds. Sport mode increases throttle response and changes the shift pattern to keep the revs higher for quicker performance.

Using the gas engine only, the 350e hybrid

system is rated at 10.2 L/100 km city, 8.5 highway, and 9.4 combined by NRCan. However, when working with the hybrid portion of the powertrain, fuel consumption decreases. There are few downsides, the 350e Hybrid is a shade slower than the non-hybrid versions due to the wight of its electric battery. To sum up, overall, the Mercedes GLC 350e is an impressive compact luxury hybrid SUV and has the best electric driving range in its class. It is not cheap by any means, especially when you load it up- but that is when you get the most appeal and owner satisfaction out of it. Highly recommended.

2025 Mercedes-Benz GLC350e priced from - \$64,900.

2nd Us Flight Carrying 116 Deported Indians Lands In Punjab’s Amritsar

A special flight from the United States carrying 116 illegal Indian immigrants, including 65 from Punjab, landed at Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport in Amritsar late on Saturday night, officials said.

This is the second such batch of Indians to be deported by the Donald Trump administration as part of its promised crackdown on illegal immigrants.

Earlier, there were reports that the C-17 Globemaster aircraft of the US Air Force would carry 119 immigrants, but now as per an updated list of passengers, the number of deportees in the second batch was 116, they added.

Among the deportees, 65 are from Punjab, 33 from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, two each from Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and

one each from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Most of the deportees are in the age group of 18 to 30, as per the sources.

The families of some of the deportees reached the airport to receive them.

Last week, 104 illegal Indian migrants were deported from the US. They were sent in a US military C-17 transport aircraft to Amritsar.

The deportations come in the immediate wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to the United States, where he met President Donald Trump to discuss key bilateral issues, including immigration.

Earlier in the day, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann questioned the move to land another plane at the Amritsar airport, as he accused the Centre

of trying to defame Punjab as part of a conspiracy.

“The BJP-led Centre always discriminates against Punjab. It does not let go of any chance of defaming the state,” Mann said while addressing the media in Amritsar.

“As part of a conspiracy, they are trying to defame Punjab and Punjabis,” he said.

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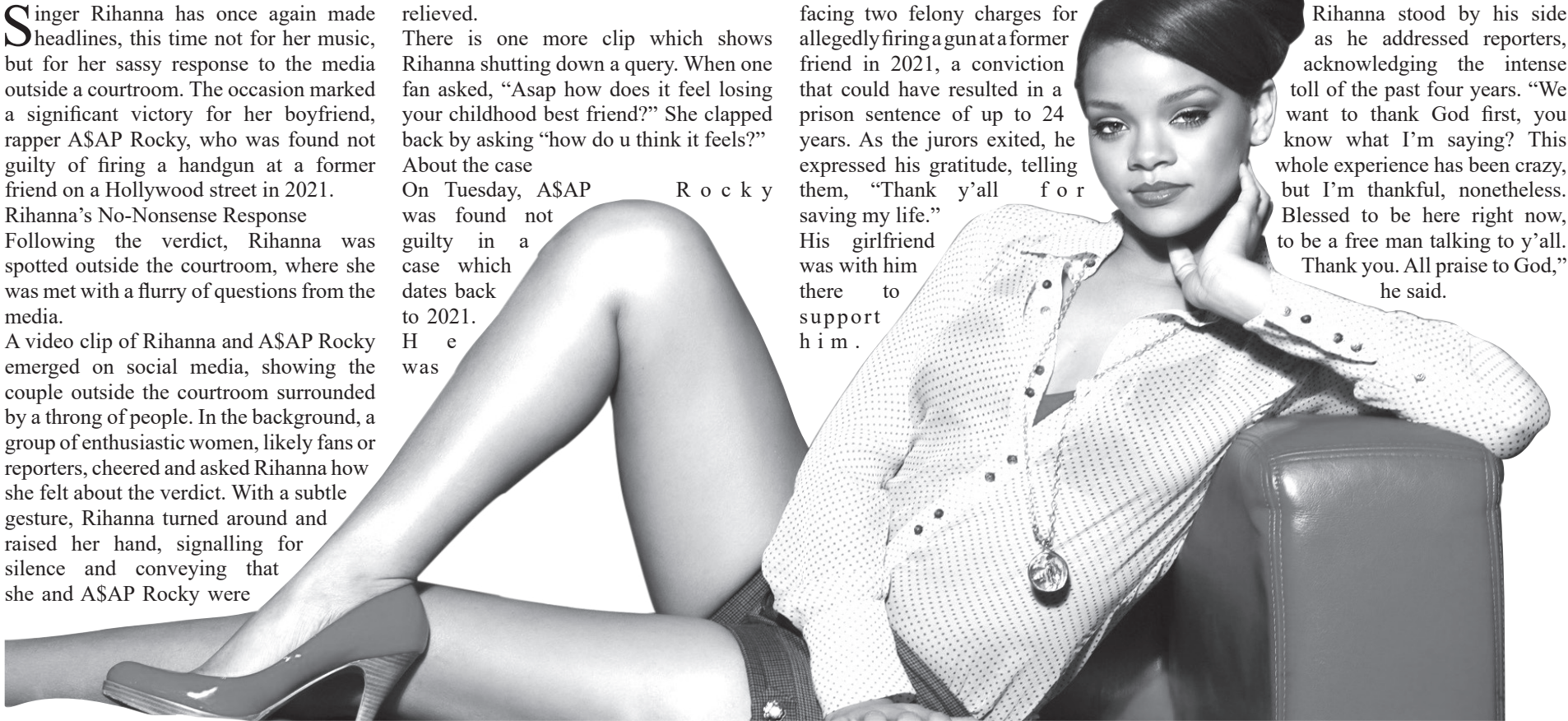
Bianca Censori Could ‘Ask For Lot More Than \$5M’ In Divorce Settlement From Kanye West: Here’s Why

Kanye West and Bianca Censori’s representative, Milo Yiannopoulos, has denied recent reports from the Daily Mail claiming that the couple has broken up. The media outlet also suggested the couple might be heading for a quick divorce, with a reported \$5 million settlement, however, now it seems Bianca could potentially receive more. Bianca may end up with more than \$5 million post-divorce. Despite the denial, the pair has not been spotted together in public for several days, with reports revealing that Kanye has been staying at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, while his wife is believed to be residing at their nearby \$35 million gated home. Attorney Neama Rahmani of West Coast Trial Lawyers has weighed in on the reported divorce, stating that Bianca could be entitled to much more than the rumoured \$5 million settlement. He told The US Sun, “I would advise Bianca to ask for a lot more than the \$5 million that was previously reported.” The lawyer continued, “California is a community property state and without a prenup, she is entitled to half of Kanye’s earnings during the past two years, minus any community obligations. Kanye made a lot more than \$10 million during this time.”



Rihanna Shows Off Bad Girl Riri Sass By Shutting Down Dumb Questions Following A\$AP Rocky’s Legal Victory

Singer Rihanna has once again made headlines, this time not for her music, but for her sassy response to the media outside a courtroom. The occasion marked a significant victory for her boyfriend, rapper A\$AP Rocky, who was found not guilty of firing a handgun at a former friend on a Hollywood street in 2021. Rihanna’s No-Nonsense Response Following the verdict, Rihanna was spotted outside the courtroom, where she was met with a flurry of questions from the media. A video clip of Rihanna and A\$AP Rocky emerged on social media, showing the couple outside the courtroom surrounded by a throng of people. In the background, a group of enthusiastic women, likely fans or reporters, cheered and asked Rihanna how she felt about the verdict. With a subtle gesture, Rihanna turned around and raised her hand, signalling for silence and conveying that she and A\$AP Rocky were relieved. There is one more clip which shows Rihanna shutting down a query. When one fan asked, “Asap how does it feel losing your childhood best friend?” She clapped back by asking “how do u think it feels?” About the case On Tuesday, A\$AP Rocky was found not guilty in a case which dates back to 2021. He was facing two felony charges for allegedly firing a gun at a former friend in 2021, a conviction that could have resulted in a prison sentence of up to 24 years. As the jurors exited, he expressed his gratitude, telling them, “Thank y’all for saving my life.” His girlfriend was with him there to support him. Rihanna stood by his side as he addressed reporters, acknowledging the intense toll of the past four years. “We want to thank God first, you know what I’m saying? This whole experience has been crazy, but I’m thankful, nonetheless. Blessed to be here right now, to be a free man talking to y’all. Thank you. All praise to God,” he said.





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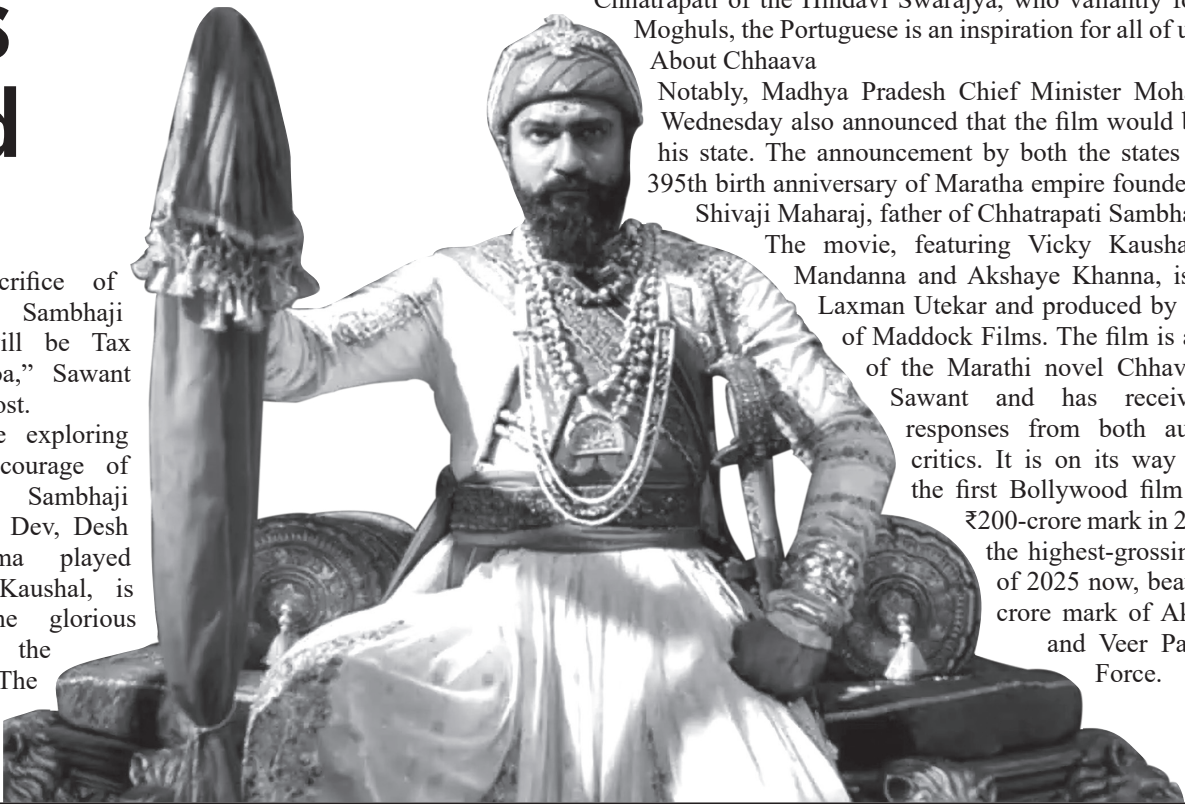
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Vicky Kaushal's Chhaava declared tax-free in Goa

The Goa government has announced that Hindi movie Chhaava, based on the life of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Sambhaji, will be tax-free in the state. The biopic drama starring Vicky Kaushal in the role of legendary Maratha ruler, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, released in theatres on February 14. What the Goa CM said about Chhaava Chief Minister Pramod Sawant made the announcement on Wednesday evening in a post on X. The sacrifice of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj is an inspiration for people, he said. "It gives pleasure to me to announce that movie "Chhava" based on the

life & sacrifice of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, will be Tax Free in Goa," Sawant said in the post. "The Movie exploring the valor, courage of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj for Dev, Desh and Dharma played by Vicky Kaushal, is bringing the glorious history to the screen. The sacrifice of the second



Chhatrapati of the Hindavi Swarajya, who valiantly fought against Moghuls, the Portuguese is an inspiration for all of us," he added. About Chhaava Notably, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Wednesday also announced that the film would be tax-free in his state. The announcement by both the states came on the 395th birth anniversary of Maratha empire founder Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, father of Chhatrapati Sambhaji. The movie, featuring Vicky Kaushal, Rashmika Mandanna and Akshaye Khanna, is directed by Laxman Utekar and produced by Dinesh Vijan of Maddock Films. The film is an adaptation of the Marathi novel Chhava by Shivaji Sawant and has received positive responses from both audiences and critics. It is on its way to becoming the first Bollywood film to cross the ₹200-crore mark in 2025. It is also the highest-grossing Hindi film of 2025 now, beating the ₹112 crore mark of Akshay Kumar and Veer Pahariya's Sky Force.

Swara Bhasker Says People Are More Upset By 'Filmy Torture' In Chhaava Than By Mahakumbh Stampede

Swara Bhasker, best known for her performances in films like Nil Battey Sannata, the Tanu Weds Manu franchise, and Veere Di Wedding, recently compared the public's emotional reaction over Vicky Kaushal's historical film Chhaava with the relatively muted reaction to a tragic stampede. She criticised society for its selective outrage. Swara slams society's selective outrage On Wednesday, Swara Bhasker took to X (formerly Twitter) and wrote, "A society that is more enraged at the heavily embellished, partly fictionalised, filmy torture of Hindus from 500 years ago than they are at the horrendous death by stampede & mismanagement + then alleged JCB bulldozer handling of corpses - is a brain & soul-dead society.

#IYKYK." Her statement came after videos and audience reactions to Chhaava went viral on the internet. While some users agreed with her take on selective outrage, others criticized her comments. One tweet read, "100% yes! People love good drama, not reality. It seems everyone is running away from reality only to submerge in dramatic dramas of celluloid..." Another user commented, "Selective outrage speaks volumes. True justice means standing against all tragedies, past and present. Priorities matter. #IYKYK." Swara faces backlash Criticizing Swara's remarks about Chhaava, an X user wrote, "Yes, Swara... Chhaava was fictionalized. Had the makers shown the original torture, the

Censor Board would have objected to the film's release. Your husband's cult committed massive atrocities under Mughal rule. More movies will come... You just need to learn to cope harder." Another comment read, "Wow, you've actually lost the plot." Another user wrote, "The torture in history was so horrific that the filmmakers had to tone it down just to get the movie released. The Mughals were barbarians!" About Chhaava and Mahakumbh stampede tragedy Chhaava, based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, played by Vicky Kaushal, has received an overwhelming response from audiences. Several videos showed viewers crying and getting



furious over how Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb tortured Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj and eventually killed him. In another video, a young fan was seen crying and reciting slogans in the theatre after watching the film.

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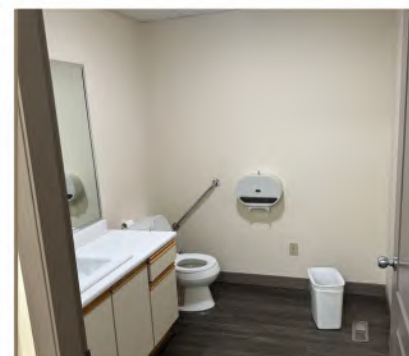
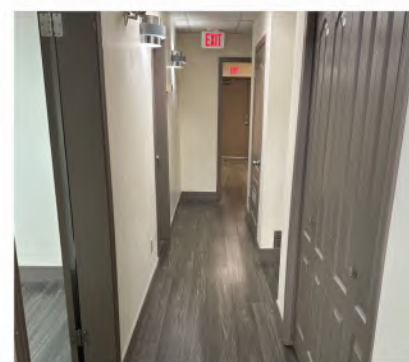
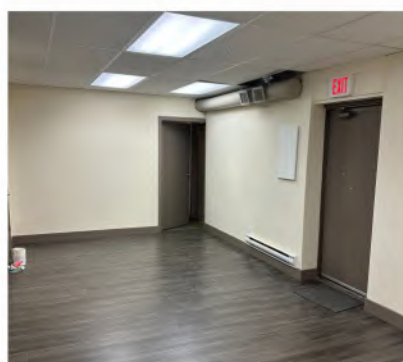
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Huma Qureshi

-Backed Startup Bags Rs1 Crore Deal On Shark Tank India

A health startup backed by actor Huma Qureshi managed to secure a ₹1 crore deal on the ongoing season of Shark Tank India. Moderate, the Hyderabad-based health brand, made a splash on the recent episode of Shark Tank India 4, by securing a ₹1 crore deal for 5% equity from two sharks. Huma Qureshi's brand on Shark Tank India The startup pitched their flagship product, Calorie Crusher Tablets on Shark Tank India. The tablets are designed to reduce calorie and carbohydrate absorption from meals. Their pitch impressed two sharks - Aman Gupta and Kunal Bahl - who joined hands to buy 5% equity of the company

for ₹1 crore. Moderate already has a celebrity backer in its investor and Chief Product Evangelist, Huma Qureshi. Reacting to her brand securing the big deal on the show, Huma said in a statement, "Moderate's been my daily ritual, whether I'm on set or juggling life's chaos. Really proud that our brand Moderate got a deal at Shark Tank India, but the real win. Building something that works for real lives, mine included. I'm thrilled to see Moderate swim with the sharks and prouder still to be part of India's startup wave." Talking about her experience on the show, Dr Lalitha Palle, co-founder of Moderate, said, "Shark Tank India has been an incredible platform to showcase our vision. This deal is a testament to the power of innovation and perseverance, and we're excited for

the journey ahead." About Shark Tank India Shark Tank India is an entrepreneur-based reality TV show where established

entrepreneurs aka Sharks and ask for investment in their businesses. Apart from Aman and Kunal, Shark Tank India 4 also features Peyush Bansal, Namita Thapar, Vineeta Singh, and Anupam Mittal as sharks. The show streams every Monday to Friday at 8 PM on Sony LIV.



When Ranveer Allahbadia Recommended Samay Raina's Show To Ajay Devgn



Ranveer Allahbadia aka YouTuber BeerBiceps was finally granted interim relief by the Supreme Court, after being criticised for his remarks on Samay Raina's talent show India's Got Latent. Earlier this month, when Ranveer joined Samay on the judges' panel, he asked a contestant an unnecessary question about 'sex with parents', which took social media by storm. Ever since then, many clips from Ranveer's old podcasts with celebrities have been resurfacing on the internet. Today, we came across a segment where Ranveer recommended Samay's show to Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn and filmmaker Rohit Shetty, during the promotions of their film Singham Again (2024). This episode of The Ranveer Show was shared by the YouTuber on his channel around 3 months ago. During the same, they revisited a scene from Rohit and Ajay's film Golmaal 3 (2010) where a stammering Shreyas Talpade shares a phone number. After watching it, the filmmaker shared that if he would have made the film today, he would have been heavily trolled. Hearing this, Ranveer claimed that this sort of humour should be brought back. The YouTuber stated,

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Samay Raina Gets Emotional About India’s Got Latent Controversy: ‘Shayad Samay Kharab Chal Raha Hai Mera’



Comedian Samay Raina, spoke about the Congoing controversy surrounding India’s Got Latent, during his standup comedy show in Canada. A fan named Shubham Dutta took to Facebook to share his experience, describing how Raina, despite the visible stress he was under, kept the audience engaged with his humour. Later, Dutta deleted the post, but it was widely shared by others.

Recounting his experience, Dutta wrote, “For the first time, I saw a 25-year-old guy, weighed down by immense mental pressure, dark circles under his eyes, a sunken face, and unkempt hair, walk onto the stage in a dust-covered black hoodie. His first words into the mic? ‘Thanks for paying my lawyer’s fees,’”.

He continued, “For the first time, I saw about seven hundred so-called ‘degenerate’ members of today’s generation cheering for him, while he stood there, tears in his eyes, just before starting his set.”

During the show, Raina joked about the ongoing controversy: “Iss show pe bahut mauka ayega, jahan aapko lag sakta hai ki main bahot funny kuch bol sakta hoon, par tab Beerbiceps ko yaad kar lena bhai (There will be many moments in this show where you might think I could say something really funny, but in those moments, just remember BeerBiceps, brother).”

Raina wrapped up his performance with a poignant line, saying, “Shayad samay kharab chal raha hai mera, par yaad rakhna doston, main samay hoon (Maybe my time is bad right now, but remember, my friends—I am the time).”

For the uninitiated, on India’s Got Latent’s latest episode, Ranveer Allahbadia made a ‘joke’ that did not go down well with viewers. A formal complaint was filed with the Mumbai Commissioner and the Maharashtra Women’s Commission against Ranveer, Samay, Apoorva Mukhija and the show’s organisers. The complaint is against abusive language being used and obscene remarks made on women for popularity and financial benefit.

Arjun Kapoor Says His Ideal Relationship Would Have ‘Comfort And Ease’, Months After Breakup With Malaika Arora

Actor Arjun Kapoor is gearing up for the release of his upcoming film Mere Husband Ki Biwi, which opens in theatres this Friday. The actor talked about his idea of an ‘ideal relationship’ in an interview with News18. Arjun has been in the limelight for his relationship with Malaika Arora, although the actor confirmed last year that he is single.

What Arjun said

During the interaction, Arjun said, “Jo de uska bhi bhala, jo na de uska bhi bhala (Good luck to whoever is here or even if they are not here). What I want from love today is someone to share my silences with and that’s very important. Even if you’re in two different spaces, you can still be connected without having to speak all the time. The idea is to share things without even

realising it.”

‘Love doesn’t mean staying together with the person all the time’

He went on to add, “There has to be comfort and ease. You should’ve to look forward to going back and spending time with your person after finishing the day. Love doesn’t mean staying together with the person all the time. You should be wanting to genuinely building your life with them. It’s necessary for two people to understand each other’s professions too.”

This statement comes months after the actor confirmed his breakup with Malaika Arora. Malaika and Arjun started dating in 2018 and often shared romantic pictures from their

vacations. During the promotions of Singham Again in 2024, while Arjun was addressing a crowd, they repeatedly chanted Malaika’s name. Smiling, Arjun responded, “Nahi, abhi single hoon. Relax karo.” (No, I’m single now. Relax.)

Mere Husband Ki Biwi also stars Bhumi Pednekar, Rakul Preet Singh, Dino Morea, Harsh Gujral, and Shakti Kapoor. Presented by Vashu Bhagnani & Puja Films, and produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Jackky Bhagnani, and Deepshikha Deshmukh, the film is set to release in cinemas on February 21.



Kareena Kapoor ‘Puts Negativity Behind’ After Attack On Saif Ali Khan

Kareena Kapoor is ready to party the night away with her family. The actor shared pictures on Instagram as she decked up for her cousin Aadar Jain’s mehendi function. In her caption, she made a reference to the recent, brutal attack on her husband Saif Ali Khan at their home.

Kareena wrote with her post, “After the darkness, comes the light. Putting the negativity behind and embracing the joy... celebrating love and family with my favourite people. Love conquers all.”

The photos show her dressed in a beautiful outfit by Sabyasachi. She wore large earrings and put kohl around her eyes in her trademark style. Fans of the actor loved her new look.

Also part of the celebrations are Kareena’s sister Karisma Kapoor, parents Randhir and Babita and cousin Ranbir Kapoor with his wife Alia Bhatt.

Aadar is the youngest son of Kareena’s aunt, Rima Jain, daughter of late Raj Kapoor.



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