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Gang-Related Shooting Of Jaskaran Singh Minhas On Scott Road Raises Public Safety Concerns

A 29-year-old man, identified as Jaskaran Singh Minhas, was shot and killed in a brazen gang-related attack, marking Surrey's first homicide of 2025. Minhas, known to police, was believed to have ties to organized crime, according to police.

The shocking nature of the shooting and the events that followed have once again left the communities of Surrey and Delta in shock. "This was a targeted, brazen shooting in a high-traffic area," said Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "Those involved displayed a complete disregard for public safety."

The attack occurred in broad daylight at a busy strip mall near the 7900 block of 120 Street, a commercial hub with stores like Best Buy, Canadian Tire, Mark's, and The Keg—frequented daily by families and shoppers. A vehicle, allegedly linked to the shooting, speeding through traffic was seen by many people, before it was later found torched in a residential area of Delta, opposite a park. Several videos of the fleeing vehicle have surfaced on social media, along with images of



Jaskaran Singh Minhas (Photo credit IHIT)

Minhas, though police have not officially confirmed the authenticity of the videos. "This shooting has the hallmarks of a targeted, gang-related homicide and the IGHT will be taking lead. We believe there are at least two suspects involved and investigators are working diligently to identify all parties. Investigators are currently interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence and canvassing for video," Fong said.

According to Surrey Police Service, on

March 3, 2025, at approximately 5:25 officers attended the area and located the driver of a vehicle suffering life-threatening injuries. Despite life saving measures, one man succumbed to his injuries at scene. According Surrey Now the vehicle had crashed into a tree in the parking lot.

At approximately 5:35 pm, Delta Police Department officers responded to calls of a vehicle fire in the area of 64 Avenue and Westview Drive, Delta. Investigators later confirmed the burnt vehicle in Delta is the suspect vehicle involved in the shooting. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) newly established Integrated Gang Homicide Team (IGHT) assumed conduct of the investigation and later identified the victim as 29-year-old Jaskaran Singh Minhas, in an effort to advance the investigation.

Investigators are looking to speak with anyone who was in the area of the 7900 block 120 Street, Surrey and in the area of 64 Avenue and Westview Drive, Delta around the time of the events.

What's In BC Budget To Make Living Affordable For Families?

BC government has released the Budget for the year 2025. According to government, the budget was set with the aim of defending BC against US tariffs, strengthening healthcare, diversifying economy, lowering cost of living and making communities safer.

With a projected spending of \$94.9 billion in 2025-26 and total revenues at \$84 billion in 2025-26, the budget deficit is projected at \$10.9 billion in 2025-26.

Along with money allocated for various capital projects, healthcare, education, for families question is what budget means for their pocket this year. The BC NDP in 2024 election platform included a grocery rebate that would've seen \$1,000 in the pockets of most British Columbians. But that is off the



table. However, Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance said the budget continues to work toward reducing costs for families and enhancing tax measures to support jobs and economic growth. "It is not a flashy budget," Minister Brenda Bailey explained. Budget 2025 builds on government's affordability measures with

\$1.1 billion over four years, beginning in 2024-25, to tackle housing affordability and provide a one-time ICBC rebate. "People continue to deal with the challenge of daily costs, especially when it comes to finding a home they can afford. Budget 2025 commits an additional \$318 million over three years to BC Builds as part of the Province's goal of delivering thousands more rental homes for middle-income people."

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Once Again Surrey Has Been Overlooked In The Provincial Budget

Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke, while reacting to the BC budget, said, that once again, Surrey has been overlooked in the provincial budget, with no new projects announced for our rapidly growing city. She issued the following statement: “Our residents deserve equitable support from the provincial government to build a brighter future for all who call Surrey home. Yet time and again, we see clear evidence that Surrey is not receiving its fair share of funding and resources for transportation, education, healthcare, and social infrastructure. This continued neglect is both frustrating and unfair—not to mention damaging to our families. We have reached a critical tipping point: it is time for our city to be recognized and prioritized.

In healthcare, the disparity is glaring. While emergency rooms continue to close across British Columbia—most recently in our neighboring community of Delta, adding strain to Surrey Memorial Hospital—our city’s total hospital beds

remain drastically below Vancouver’s, despite nearly matching Vancouver in population. The new hospital in Cloverdale, which excludes a maternity or children’s ward, will leave Surrey’s overall capacity at roughly 300% fewer beds than Vancouver has today. Our families deserve better.

Education in Surrey is equally troubling. We have nearly 400 portables—more portables than some districts have students—forcing thousands of our children to learn in cramped temporary spaces. The Surrey School District faces a significant budget shortfall of \$16 million this year alone, despite already implementing deep cuts. Adding insult to injury, the budget reannounces just one new high school in Fleetwood, far short of the 10 new schools and 14 site acquisitions outlined in the Surrey School District’s Capital Plan. Our students deserve the same opportunities and learning environments as those in other districts.

Our public transportation challenges are



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke

also well documented. Surrey has the most overcrowded bus routes in the region, and only 27% of our residents enjoy frequent transit service compared to 90% in Vancouver. While we appreciate the SkyTrain expansion currently underway, it will not be completed until nearly 2030 and addresses only a fraction of our critical

transit needs.

Today also marks Tariff Day, as new U.S. tariffs threaten our economic stability. Let this serve as a reminder that we must carefully direct our spending to protect and strengthen our local economy and to ensure the well-being of all Surrey residents. It is not about spending more; it is about making the right investments. We need to shore up our city’s foundation—one that supports growth, health, and prosperity—for both today and tomorrow.

Surrey is on track to become the first city in British Columbia to reach a population of one million. It is time we receive the respect and resources this milestone demands. The provincial government must start laying the groundwork to support our city’s growth by investing in critical infrastructure, affordable housing, and accessible public services. Rest assured, we will continue to advocate for Surrey’s rightful share, ensuring a vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous future for everyone who calls this remarkable city home.”

Budget Needed Stronger Focus on the Economy, Surrey Investments Welcomed: Surrey Board of Trade

The Surrey Board of Trade’s Interim Spokesperson and Policy & Research Manager, Jasroop Gosal, was in Victoria at the BC Budget lock up to hear the BC Government’s 2025 Budget and Three-Year Fiscal Plan before it was released to the public.

“This budget needed to support the economy, but it missed that mark,” said Jasroop Gosal. “Although there were some initiatives that will result in good return on investment for the economy, such as a review of government programs and initiatives, we are disappointed that the government did not further invest in the economy.

“Budget 2024 had a \$7.911 billion deficit forecasted. Budget 2025 has an updated forecast of \$9.135 billion deficit. The deficit will increase in 2025/26 and 2026/27 to \$10.912 billion and \$10.203 billion, respectively, before coming down to \$9.863 billion in 2027/28.

“We were hoping to see tangible investments to help businesses pivot in the face of tariffs implemented by the United States President, but they were absent from this budget.

“We are pleased to see investments in Surrey prioritized. Surrey schools will be enhanced through capital and operational investments to address the budget shortfall

that was predicted by the Surrey School District.

“We are happy that the Surrey-Langley Skytrain project will be fully funded with the Provincial Government increasing their portion of the investment to \$4.441 billion. “There are also significant investments towards the new Surrey hospital, upgrades to Surrey Memorial Hospital, and the new medical school at SFU Surrey. Moving forward, the Surrey Board of Trade and the South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce will continue to champion the economy for not only Surrey and White Rock businesses, but for businesses across BC.”



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Canada To Grant Legal Status To Undocumented Construction Workers

Up to 6,000 undocumented construction workers will be given a pathway to gain legal status in Canada, Immigration Minister Marc Miller said in a news conference this week. Miller announced the government's intent to introduce a number of new measures to support Canada's construction industry. They include the convening of a tripartite advisory council to assess needs in the industry and advise on new pathways to bring in the skilled workers we need, a regularization pathway for out-of-status construction workers, and support for foreign apprentices.

"As our country faces a housing shortage and uncertainty in the face of tariff threats, Canada will immediately

convene a tripartite advisory council comprised of federal government and union representatives, and industry leaders. This advisory council will work to identify on the ground labour needs and advise on the parameters for potential pathways that would bring in and retain the construction workers we need for the long term, with robust protections against abuse and a strong wage threshold," he said.

In an effort to build on the success of initiatives such as the out-of-status construction workers in the Greater Toronto Area pilot, IRCC intends to create a pathway that would offer opportunities for undocumented migrants in the construction sector. These undocumented migrants are already living and working in



Canada, and are contributing to the sector, and this pathway will keep them here legally so that they can continue to build the homes our economy and communities need with the proper protections.

More information about these pathways will be shared in the near future as the new advisory council meets to develop these important policies.

Finally, to support foreign apprentices in construction programs and to address the current labour market needs in the construction sector, temporary measure to allow foreign apprentices to complete their studies without a study permit will be allowed. By removing this administrative barrier, apprentices will be able to gain the valuable skills they need to contribute to infrastructure projects more quickly.

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30 Firearms, Thousands Of Ammunitions Seized From Ladner Home

Delta Police have announced charges against a Delta, B.C., man after officers allegedly found dozens of guns inside his home, including some that were said to be lying underneath a dresser.

British Columbia Prosecution Service has sworn charges of possessing a weapon for a dangerous purpose, storing a firearm contrary to regulations, and two counts of careless use or storage of a firearm against Maximilien Pailleret.

On November 8, 2024, at 4:18 a.m., the Delta Police Department (DPD) responded to a 911 call reporting a home



invasion involving three armed suspects. Officers located a man outside the residence holding a handgun. The man was safely arrested and later identified as the home's resident.

Through further investigation, officers determined there was no evidence of a home invasion. Officers located over 30 firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition in various stages of storage and display. Some firearms were found unsecured on the floor, hanging on walls, placed on furniture, while others were properly secured in a safe.

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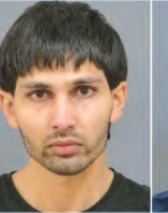



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Five South Asian Men Arrested For Running Ring To Steel Liquor

Peel Region police in Ontario have charged five individuals in connection to an organized, prolific theft ring targeting the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO). Anuj Kumar, Simarpeet Singh, Sharndeeep Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Prabhpreet Singh are facing charges with Theft Over \$5000, while three of them have received additional charges. According to police between August 2024 and February 2025, the group collectively stole from 50 LCBO locations across various jurisdictions. On many occasions, multiple suspects would enter the store together and operate in a coordinated manner to distract and keep watch of employees, while others entered through a restricted access point to steal volumes of liquor. To date, approximately



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Punit Sehja

\$237,738.95 worth of products were stolen. All five arrested individuals were held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. Additionally, two individuals Jagshir Singh and Punit Sehja are wanted for Theft Over \$5000 and Break and Enter. “The work of our Criminal Investigation Bureau has been nothing short of exceptional in dismantling this prolific organized crime group. By arresting and charging multiple individuals, we are sending a strong message that those who target our communities will be found and held accountable. We

remain committed to pursuing criminals who threaten the safety of our neighborhoods, and ensuring they face justice for their actions,” said Deputy Chief Marc Andrews, Peel Regional Police. The investigation remains ongoing, and police anticipate more charges to be laid. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators at (905) 453-2121 ext. 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.

Deadly explosion at Langley house speculated as result of illegal drug extraction lab operation



On February 28, 2025 at approximately 10:40 am, Langley RCMP received a report of an explosion at a residence located in the 7300 block of 196 Street. A body was found inside the residence. Preliminary examination of the scene has investigators focused on the cause of the explosion and fire which may be consistent with what is found at an illegal drug extraction lab. However, police said that it may take time to reach a definitive conclusion, as a thorough investigation and expert analysis are required. One “Over the past few days, investigators have remained on-site to meticulously examine the scene. I can confirm that a deceased person has been located inside the residence,” said Sergeant Zynal Sharoom of the Langley RCMP. “We are working with the BC Coroners service to identify the deceased individual.” Anyone with information about this incident who has not yet spoken with authorities is to contact the Langley RCMP and quote file 2025-6044.

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BC Premier Announces New Measures To Defend B.C. From Trump Tariffs

Premier David Eby has announced new tariff-response measures with the intention of bringing forward legislation that will defend British Columbians, workers and businesses from U.S. President Donald J. Trump's tariffs on Canadian goods and energy. "The White House started a trade war we didn't want, and we must answer with strength," Premier Eby said. "We are responding to this unprecedented attack with several targeted measures and in the coming weeks we will arm ourselves with even more tools as next steps to fend off a sustained economic aggression." The B.C. government intends to introduce tariff-response legislation in the coming days that will give the Province new tools to defend B.C. jobs and businesses and respond swiftly and nimbly to emerging challenges brought on by



Trump's trade war. This would enable a range of responses, including the ability to remove interprovincial trade barriers, mandating that low-carbon fuels

added to gasoline and diesel be produced in Canada, and allowing B.C. to apply tolls/fees to U.S. commercial vehicles using B.C. infrastructure to travel

to Alaska. "The tariffs imposed by Trump are a profound mistake and are hurting families on both sides of the border," Premier Eby said. "My team will continue to work hard every day to defend British Columbians through this and come out stronger on the other side. Every option is on the table." The Province's initial response to tariffs includes directing the BC Liquor Distribution Branch to immediately stop buying American liquor from "red" states and remove red-state brands from the shelves of public liquor stores. The B.C. government and Crown corporations have also been directed to buy Canadian goods and services first. The counter-measures are a first step and part of a Team Canada approach that includes 25% tariffs on \$155 billion worth of imported U.S. products imposed by the federal government, as well as additional measures from other provinces and territories. First ministers have also agreed to take meaningful action to reduce barriers to internal trade and labour mobility by June 1,

2025. The B.C. government's plan to fight back against the tariffs and defend British Columbians includes responding to U.S. tariffs with tough counter-actions; expediting projects and supporting industry and workers in BC ; and diversifying trade markets for B.C. As part of this approach, B.C. is moving full steam ahead on new actions to seize economic opportunities and find new trade markets to reduce B.C.'s reliance on the U.S. The Province is accelerating approvals and permits on major projects that are ready to move forward to create good jobs and support B.C.'s economy in the face of tariffs. The initial list of projects is valued at \$20 billion in investment and is expected to create 8,000 family-supporting jobs, especially in rural and remote communities. To support B.C.'s strong tariff response and ensure actions are swift, responsive and co-ordinated, Premier Eby has established a trade and economic security task force to bring together business, labour and Indigenous leadership. A new task force on agriculture and the food economy will help ensure B.C.'s food supply and food economy continue to grow in the face of tariffs, a B.C. softwood advisory council is developing a diplomatic and trade strategy to fight for B.C.'s interests in the ongoing softwood lumber dispute, and a new cabinet committee is co-ordinating the whole-of-government approach the Province is taking.

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Trudeau Says Trump Tariffs Are ‘Very Dumb Thing To Do’

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau slammed Donald Trump when 25% tariffs came into effect, calling it a “very dumb thing to do” and vowed to conduct a “relentless fight” to protect its economy. Although next day Trump paused the tariffs on Canadian exports for another month, Canadian politicians are retaliating with tough measures. PM Trudeau stood strong and addressed the nation. Setting out the US embrace of Russia and contrasting that with its approach to Canada, Trudeau said: “The United States launched a trade war against Canada, their closest partner and ally, their closest friend. At the same time, they’re talking about working positively with Russia, appeasing Vladimir Putin, a lying murderous dictator. Make that make sense. Canadians are reasonable and we are polite, but we will not back down from a fight, not when our country and the well-being of everyone in it is at stake.” He said it was not in his habit to agree with the Wall Street Journal

but they pointed out even though Trump is a smart guy, “this is a very dumb thing to do.” He elaborated on how Canada is progressing in preparing for trade war. He also talked about the border measures to stop the illegal fentanyl trade across border. “They have chosen to undermine the incredible work we’ve done together to tackle the scourge that is fentanyl, a drug that must be wiped from the face of the earth. On that point, let me be crystal clear. There is absolutely no justification or need whatsoever for these tariffs today. The legal pretext your government is using to bring in these tariffs is that Canada is apparently unwilling to help in the fight against illegal fentanyl.” Asked about Trump’s motivations for imposing tariffs, Trudeau said the US president, who has spoken often of making Canada the 51st American state, “wants to see a collapse of the Canadian economy because that would make it easier to annex us.” “The United States launched a trade



war against Canada,” Trudeau said. “Canadians are reasonable. We are polite. We will not back down from a fight.” He made his address direct to US president. “Now I want to speak directly to one specific American. Donald, in the over eight years you and I have worked together, we’ve done big things. We signed a historic deal that has created record jobs and growth in both of our countries. We’ve done big things together on the world

stage as Canada and the U.S have done together for decades, for generations.” He said Canada and America should be working together to ensure even greater prosperity for North Americans in a very uncertain and challenging world. “It’s not in my habit to agree with the Wall Street Journal but Donald, they point out that even though you’re a very smart guy, this is a very dumb thing to do. We two friends fighting is exactly

what our opponents around the world want to see.” To Canadians he said, “I won’t sugar coat it. This is going to be tough, even though we’re all going to pull together because that’s what we do. We will use every tool at our disposal so Canadian workers and businesses can weather this storm from expanding EI benefits and making them more flexible to providing direct supports to businesses. We will be there as needed to help. But Canada, make no mistake. No matter how long this lasts, no matter what the cost, the federal government and other orders of government will be there for you. We will defend Canadian jobs. We will take measures to prevent predatory behaviour that threatens Canadian companies because of the impacts of this trade war leaving them open to takeovers. We will relentlessly fight to protect our economy. We will stand up for Canadians every single second of every single day because this country is worth fighting for.”

Ontario putting 25% surcharge on U.S.-bound electricity Monday, Ford says

Ontario will impose a 25 per cent tariff on power it sends to 1.5 million homes in Minnesota, Michigan and New York in response to fresh United States levies, Premier Doug Ford announced this week. Ford has written letters to the governors of those states to inform them of the surcharge, he told reporters at the provincial legislature. “If these tariffs persist,

if the Trump administration follows through on any more tariffs, we will immediately apply a 25 per cent surcharge on the electricity we export,” Ford told reporters at the provincial legislature. “We will not hesitate to shut off their power as well.” The province has also banned all U.S.-based companies from government contracts, and Ford has ended his province’s contract

with Starlink, the Elon Musk-controlled satellite network. “It’s done; it’s gone,” he said of the deal. Ford also said he was prepared to cut off nickel exports to the U.S. “It will shut down manufacturing because 50 per cent of the nickel you use is coming out of Ontario,” the provincial leader said Monday in an interview with NBC News.

Trump Pauses 25-Per-Cent Tariffs On Canada, Mexico Until April 2

US President Trump said that he would allow both Mexico and Canada to avoid tariffs on most exports to the United States for one month, saying he would exempt products that are traded under the rules of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA),

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What's In BC Budget To Make Living Affordable For Families?

An additional 11 will be underway in 2025-26. This will result in nearly 1,400 rental units for middle-income people in communities such as Abbotsford, Cowichan Nation/Duncan, Fernie, Gibsons, Lake Babine First Nation, North Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Tsawout First Nation and Whistler. Budget 2025 builds on work underway with an additional \$318 million investment in BC Builds over three years. The new funding will deliver more homes and contribute to the Province's goal of thousands more middle-income rental units. Speculation and vacancy tax

To deliver more homes and help ensure residential properties are used as homes rather than investments, Budget 2025 increases the speculation and vacancy tax rates. The rate for foreign owners and untaxed worldwide owners rises to 3% of their home's value from 2%, and to 1% from 0.5% for Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The increase takes effect Jan. 1, 2026, and will generate an estimated additional \$47 million in revenue in 2027-28. This money will be invested back into housing in the 59 regions where the tax applies. It's one more measure alongside

the home-flipping tax and a tax for foreign owners to curb price escalations caused by speculators. Support for lower-income seniors and families Budget 2025 increases supports and helps more lower-income families and seniors with rental housing costs. New Budget 2025 investments increase monthly supports and nearly double the number of lower-income working families eligible for help through the Rental Assistance Program. By raising the income threshold for the program from \$40,000 to \$60,000, nearly 6,000 families

will be eligible for the program, up from 3,200. The average supplement families receive will increase from \$400 to \$700 a month. Up to 1,600 more seniors will benefit from the Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters program as Budget 2025 increases the income threshold from \$37,240 to \$40,000. The average supplement seniors receive will grow from \$261 to \$337, an increase of 30%. ICBC rebate To help people and businesses facing high costs, Budget 2025 provides a one-time rebate of \$110. In total, the rebate is

expected to return \$410 million to personal and commercial policy holders. Climate action tax credit The climate action tax credit will continue to help lower-income British Columbians while the national carbon tax remains in place. All of the incremental revenue from the federally required April 1, 2025, carbon tax increase will continue to go back to people through the tax credit. The Province remains committed to removing the consumer carbon tax should the federal government remove the requirement for carbon pricing across Canada.

BC Budget Invests In Critical Public Services To Meet Growing Demand

The provincial government has released Budget 2025: Standing Strong for B.C., a measured plan to protect jobs and the public services people rely on, while preparing British Columbia's economy to withstand the unpredictable impacts of unjustified tariffs. "With uncertainty on the horizon, it is prudent to protect the essentials and prepare for what comes next by investing in our greatest resource, the people of British Columbia," said Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance. "While our economy is built to withstand the threat of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs relatively better than most other provinces, the impact would still be significant. Our budget prepares us to carefully navigate these uncharted waters so we can put people first and support businesses as we build

a stronger, more self-sufficient future." Budget 2025 manages B.C.'s finances and invests in critical public services to meet growing demand. It provides \$9.9 billion more in operating funding over three years, including \$7.7 billion in new funding for health care, education and social services. The budget also includes \$4 billion in annual contingencies to address unpredictable costs, including a new collective bargaining mandate, pressures on critical services and for emerging needs, such as potential tariff response measures. The budget provides \$4.2 billion to respond to growing demand for health-care services, improve access to primary care, continue hiring health-care workers, reduce wait times at emergency departments and

hospitals, and open and operate new and renovated hospitals and facilities. It also provides funding to support addictions treatment and recovery programs. To address health-care needs throughout the province, \$15.5 billion in capital funding is provided over the fiscal plan to help build and upgrade hospitals, long-term care facilities and cancer centres. Budget 2025 provides \$370 million over three years to support students in the K-12 education system, including hiring additional teachers, special-education teachers, teacher psychologists and counsellors. The budget also invests \$4.6 billion over the fiscal plan in capital funding to build and upgrade schools. "In times of uncertainty, we will be there for British Columbians.

We are continuing to invest in the services people rely on to take care of their families, get the care they need, when they need it, and provide a good future for everyone across the province," Bailey said. "Our government is focused on building an economy that creates the wealth that is needed to deliver more jobs with bigger paycheques and protect our public services in the face of the threat of unjustified tariffs." Total capital investments of \$59.9 billion over the fiscal plan are anticipated to support 180,000 good-paying direct and indirect jobs over three years. The Province is investing \$325 million over three years to support safer communities. This includes \$235 million in justice and public safety programs for people to get timely access to justice, a new

program to fight vandalism and other property crime, increased police funding and more police officer training seats. Budget 2025 provides additional funding to expand HEART and HEARTH programs to help more people living outdoors access housing and better support services so the Province can work with communities to help people move indoors and close down encampments. "We can't leave our future to the whims of unpredictable forces beyond our borders," Bailey said. "This is our opportunity to stand up for B.C. families, workers and communities to build a stable and sustainable economy for years to come." Budget 2025 presents declining deficits from \$10.9 billion in 2025-26 to \$10.2 billion in 2026-27 and \$9.9 billion in 2027-28.

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New Crime Stoppers Ad Campaign shows what to do if you learn someone close to you is involved in gang crime


New advertisements from Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers have been unveiled that aim to reach people who unwittingly find themselves on the fringes of gang activity and gun violence and reach a “tipping point” about doing something about it. The ad campaign delivers some plain talk about what to do if you learn someone close to you is involved in gang crime or possesses an illegal weapon. When people call Crime Stoppers with an anonymous tip, they’ve usually been triggered to do so by a discovery, a feeling, or a sudden recognition

that something is really wrong – “a tipping point”. The campaign centres on a couple of real and relatable scenarios illustrating that “tipping point” moment. The ads end with the realization, “I had to tell someone, but he couldn’t know it was me” and an ANONYMOUS call to Crime Stoppers. **Scenario 1 -“When I found his gun”** A mom discovers her son’s illegal gun in a gym bag in his bedroom. **Scenario 2 -“When I realized his friends were gang members”**

A girlfriend suspects her boyfriend is involved in gang activity, and sees him take part in a drug deal at a secluded parking lot near a public park “We accept tips about all kinds of crime at Crime Stoppers, but these ads specifically target gun and gang crimes which remain an ongoing concern right across the Lower Mainland,” says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers. “Our series of targeted ‘Guns and Gangs’ ad campaigns has always urged anyone at that ‘tipping point’ to anonymously call Crime Stoppers. When you know it’s the right thing to do,

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but don’t want to be identified, a tip to Crime Stoppers is the answer. “Since we started these campaigns several years ago, tips to Crime Stoppers have resulted in 286 gang related arrests and 286 illegal weapons being seized. You can call us knowing no one will find out your identity. You will not be contacted again by police or anyone else or have to go to court.” “Gang violence and illegal firearms have no place in our communities,” said Garry Begg, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. “We know that these crimes put innocent people at risk and create fear in our neighbourhoods. Tackling organized crime requires a strong partnership between law enforcement, the justice system, government and people. That is why the Crime Stoppers ‘Guns and Gangs’ campaign is such an important tool in our shared commitment to tackling. The Crime Stoppers campaign empowers people to speak up and report suspicious activity anonymously, without fear of retaliation. Every tip, no matter how small, can help our law enforcement teams prevent violence, disrupt criminal networks and save lives.”

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Brampton Man Manjinder Kalra Arrested For Kidnapping A Girl While Pretending To Be Police Officer

Peel region Investigators have arrested and charged Manjinder Kalra, a 32-year-old man from Brampton following a kidnapping investigation in Brampton. According to police on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, the victim was confronted by a male suspect posing as law enforcement official in the area of Bovaird Drive and Airport Road in Brampton. The suspect inquired about the victim's immigration status demanded appropriate documentation and threatened arrest. The victim was then

escorted to her residence to gather her documentation, where the suspect told her family that she would need to go to the police station and money would be required for her release. When the suspect left the home with the victim, the family contacted police. A short time later, police located both the suspect and the victim who was found safe and in good health. As a result of this investigation Kalra was arrested and charged with Kidnapping, Personating a Peace Officer, Fraud x4 and Theft.



Kalra was held in custody for bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. It's important to note that police officers are required

to identify themselves when requested by a member of the public. This includes the officer's name, badge number and the name of the police service, as well as a telephone number for future contact. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact investigators in the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at (905)453-2121 ext. 2133. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca

Assault in Holland Park sends one to hospital

Surrey Police Service (SPS) informed that there was an assault in Holland Park early on the evening of March 1, 2025, that sent one man to hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

At approximately 6:45 pm on March 1, 2025, Surrey Police Service Frontline officers responded after a victim of an assault in nearby Holland Park made his way to a business in the 9900 block King George Boulevard. Officers arrived and determined that the victim was assaulted with a weapon and administered medical treatment with BCEHS paramedics.

The victim was transported to hospital by BCEHS, was treated for minor injuries, and has since been released. SPS's Frontline Investigation Support Team also responded and is leading the investigation.

The police said at this early stage no arrest has been made and there is no suspect description available.

If you witnessed the assault or have any information, please call Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file 2025-16950 (SP).

Two Arrested After Off-Duty Surrey Police Officer Spots Stolen Car

Two people were arrested with the help of the Integrated Police Dog Services (IPDS) and are facing Criminal Code charges after an off-duty Surrey Police Service (SPS) officer spotted a stolen car in the early hours of March 1, 2025.

At approximately 6:00 am on March 1, 2025, an off-duty SPS officer who had recently finished working night shift was in the area of 105 Avenue and 140 Street when they noticed a suspected stolen

vehicle that had been reported during their shift parked at a residence in the 10500 block 140 Street, Surrey.

SPS Frontline officers responded and with the help of IPDS, officers were able to arrest two people as they got into the vehicle and tried to drive away.

During a search of the stolen vehicle, officers located and seized a backpack containing approximately 255 grams of suspected cocaine in both powder and rock forms, approximately 24 grams of suspected

fentanyl, and approximately 24 grams of suspected methamphetamine.

Both suspects were later released from custody on Undertakings to Appear pending further investigation and are facing Criminal Code charges.

BC Residents To Get Free Access To Menopause And Diabetes Medications And Devices

Mark Holland, Canada's Minister of Health, and Josie Osborne, British Columbia's (BC) Minister of Health, announced the signing of a pharmacare agreement to invest more than \$670 million over four years to provide universal access to contraceptive and diabetes medications, devices and supplies for residents of BC.

Through this agreement, BC residents will receive public coverage for a range of contraceptives and diabetes medications at little to no cost. The funding from this agreement will also improve access to diabetes devices and supplies. This will support the reproductive freedom of more than 1.3 million British Columbians

and ensure that nearly 550,000 British Columbians with diabetes can access essential medications – reducing their risk of serious health complications and improving their quality of life.

As part of the agreement, BC will also enhance pharmacare coverage for its residents by providing free public coverage of hormone replacement therapy to treat menopausal symptoms for all residents. This additional coverage is a significant step toward improving health care for women and gender diverse people throughout their lifetimes. BC residents can anticipate beginning to receive coverage for these products in March 2026.

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Surrey Proposes New Sports Hall Of Fame To Celebrate Local Athletes

The City of Surrey is proud to announce a new Surrey Sports Hall of Fame which will honour the diverse sports heritage and enduring legacy of Surrey's vibrant and active sports communities. Members of the community are encouraged to get involved by sharing their thoughts through an online survey. Additional engagement opportunities will be planned for later in 2025.

"A dedicated space to pay tribute to our City's rich sports culture and history is long overdue," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "The envisioned Surrey Sports Hall of Fame will honour the athletes and teams that have shaped the vibrant sports landscape in our City. This initiative not only celebrates our past, but it also motivates future generations to continue engaging, excelling, and contributing to Surrey's thriving sporting community. In the long term, this permanent sports hall of fame is destined to be part of a future spectator facility. I encourage all of our residents in sports and explore Surrey's amazing sports legacy." As a city that fosters inclusivity and a



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to get involved and share their feedback." The Surrey Sports Hall of Fame will showcase and celebrate stories, achievements, and milestones that unite Surrey residents, cultivating a positive narrative about sport and community in the city. Supported by Museum of Surrey, this program and future displays will celebrate the outstanding achievements of athletes, coaches, builders, and other influential figures in Surrey sport. "We are thrilled to help facilitate the creation of the Surrey Sports Hall of Fame," says Lynn Saffery, Museum Manager. "We look forward to seeing how the Hall of Fame will engage and inspire visitors of all ages to be inspired

passion for physical activity, the Surrey Sports Hall of Fame will highlight how sports bring people together, transcend backgrounds, and help to create a sense of pride and belonging. It will serve as a reminder that everyone has a role in strengthening Surrey's athletic spirit, whether by competing, coaching, volunteering, or supporting local sports initiatives. In the short term, temporary exhibitions will be installed at Museum of Surrey and select community facilities. To learn more about the future Surrey Sports Hall of Fame and get engaged, all are invited to take the survey and provide input about this exciting project. Learn more at surrey.ca/sportshall

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Vivek Canada's Vasant Utsav Plants Seeds of Hope for Young Generation



Vivek Canada, a registered charity based in Metro Vancouver since 2006, dedicated to advancing rural development and education in India, aligning with the United Nations' sustainable goals, celebrated Vasant Utsav (the festival of spring) at the Taj Convention Centre, on March 1.

The event served as a fundraiser for Vivek Canada's programs in both India and Canada—each designed to lay a strong foundation for future generations. In India, the proceeds will go towards the



organization's current areas of focus including scholarships for female students, uniforms and winter clothing etc -- all aimed at uplifting the rural and undeveloped areas on the outskirts of the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, in Canada,

the proceeds will go to the Dawn to Dusk program, a unique initiative fostering intergenerational connections by encouraging seniors and youth to share experiences and wisdom.

Spring, with its rejuvenating energy. In

keeping with this theme, Vasant Utsav became a celebration of optimism and the promise of a brighter future.

With over 200 attendees spanning different ages, cities, and professions, the event was emceed by Monisha Shukla. The program commenced with a land acknowledgment delivered by Anisha Prahallad followed by Manjit Panesar and Heti Kaushal, sharing their enriching experiences from the initiative.

The evening featured mesmerizing performances, beginning with saxophone melodies by Omkar. A highlight of the event was a special performance by senior and youth participants, choreographed by renowned Kathak artist Prajakta Potnis



Tehran, narrating the evolution of Vivek Canada through a fusion of storytelling and classical Indian dance. Dancers from Nrityanjali Kathak Academy—Yashdeep Kaur and Eishita Rajeev—

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John Rustad Proposes Free Trade Act To Strengthen Economic Ties Across Canada

BC Conservative Leader John Rustad has introduced the Free Trade and Mobility within Canada Act, 2025, that aims to eliminate barriers to trade, services, and workforce mobility between provinces. This legislation aims to unlock economic potential, reduce red tape, and ensure that British Columbians benefit from freer and fairer commerce within Canada.

“For too long, outdated regulations and bureaucratic barriers have held back businesses, workers, and consumers,” said John Rustad, Leader of the Official Opposition Conservative Party of British Columbia. “Our Free Trade and Mobility Act ensures that if something is good enough for another province, it’s good enough for British Columbia.”

The proposed legislation would remove restrictions on trade in goods, services, and investments between British Columbia and other provinces and



territories. It also proposes to recognize equivalent certifications from other provinces, allowing skilled workers and service providers to operate in B.C. without unnecessary re-licensing or additional testing. It proposes to ensure regulatory cooperation between licensing bodies to facilitate seamless worker mobility and

business operations. Under this bill, goods produced and approved in other provinces will be treated as if they were made in B.C., preventing unnecessary duplication of standards, fees, or testing. Likewise, professionals licensed elsewhere in Canada will no longer face redundant certification processes in B.C.

Rustad criticized the NDP government for failing to champion interprovincial trade and economic freedom. “The NDP has done nothing to break down these barriers. Instead, their policies have made it harder for businesses and workers to succeed,” said Rustad. “The Conservative Party of BC is stepping up to lead where the NDP has failed.”

“British Columbians deserve an economy that works for them,” added Rustad. “This bill is about economic freedom, opportunity, and common sense.”

Buyers Gaining Upper Hand In Fraser Valley Real Estate Market

For the first time in four months, home sales in the Fraser Valley have increased as buyers capitalize on more selection and weakening prices.

The Fraser Valley Real Estate Board recorded 920 sales in February, up 13 per cent from January, but 26 per cent below sales recorded in February 2024.

Despite a nine per cent drop in newly listed homes on the Board’s Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®), new listings remained 14 per cent above the 10-year seasonal average, at 3,121. Overall inventory remains high, at 8,070 active listings, 45 per cent above February 2024 and 55 per cent above the 10-year seasonal average.

The overall sales-to-active listings ratio continues to signal a buyer’s market in the Fraser Valley, with a ratio of 11 per cent. The market is considered to be balanced with the ratio is between 12 per cent and 20 per cent.

“The combination of inventory accumulation and softening prices is providing buyers with increased leverage, especially in the single-family detached category,” said Baldev Gill, CEO of the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board. “Should this pattern persist, we could see a further shift toward a buyer’s market, particularly given the ongoing economic uncertainties and impending tariffs. With ample selection, buyers have flexibility and time on their side to explore their options before making a decision.”

Homes across the Fraser Valley sold in fewer days in February compared to January. The average number of days to sell a single-family detached home was 39, while for a condo it was 36. Townhomes took, on average, 32 days to sell.

The composite Benchmark price in the Fraser Valley dipped less than a quarter of a per cent in February, down 0.2 per cent to \$962,500.

MLS® HPI Benchmark Price Activity

Single Family Detached: At \$1,489,100, the Benchmark price for an FVREB single-family detached home increased 0.5 per cent compared to January 2025 and decreased 0.6 per cent compared to February 2024.

Townhomes: At \$820,600, the Benchmark price for an FVREB townhome decreased 0.7 per cent compared to January 2025 and decreased 2.1 per cent compared to February 2024.

Apartments: At \$533,200 the Benchmark price for an FVREB apartment/condo decreased 0.3 per cent compared to January 2025 and decreased 2.4 per cent compared to February 2024.



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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.

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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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Immigration Ministry Investigated Over 9,000 Cases Of Suspected Immigration Fraud Every Month In 2024

Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, issued the following statement for Fraud Prevention Month:

“March is Fraud Prevention Month, a time to address the harms caused by immigration fraud both to people seeking a new life in Canada and to the integrity of our immigration system.

“Fraudsters take advantage of hopeful applicants with false promises, and high fees for fake services and fraudulent applications. Fraud isn’t just about scams—providing false information or submitting fake documents in an immigration or citizenship application is illegal and carries serious consequences.

“As we implement Canada’s Border Plan to protect our borders and strengthen our immigration system, we are also taking strong action against fraud. By safeguarding the system’s integrity,



Marc Miller, Immigration Minister
we protect opportunities for honest

applicants and continue welcoming newcomers who contribute to our communities and economy.

“In 2024, we investigated an average of over 9,000 cases of suspected immigration fraud every month. This led to thousands of applications being refused every month, and tens of thousands of bad faith actors being banned from entering Canada. We introduced tougher penalties, including fines of up to \$1.5 million, for dishonest immigration representatives who help their clients with fraudulent applications. We also took action to reduce fraud in the Express Entry system by removing the incentive to illegally buy or sell labour market impact assessments in the hopes of having better chances of being selected to come to Canada as a permanent resident.

“In addition, we are working

to stop misinformation about the international study permits and application process and Canada’s asylum system. This is about providing accurate information about Canada’s immigration system to people around the world and helping prevent the exploitation of those seeking to come here.

“I urge all applicants to be cautious when seeking immigration advice. Only authorized representatives—licensed immigration consultants, lawyers or notaries—can legally charge fees for their services. And remember, all the information and forms needed to apply are available for free on the official IRCC website.

“Stay informed, be cautious and report any suspicious activity. Learn how to recognize and report immigration fraud to protect yourself and others. Fraud prevention is a shared responsibility.”

U.S. Intends To More Than Double Anti-Dumping Duties Imposed On Canadian Softwood Lumber Exporters

Premier David Eby has issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Commerce’s announcement that it intends to more than double anti-dumping duties imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exporters:

“B.C.’s iconic forestry sector and the people whose livelihoods depend on it have faced immense challenges for years and, today,

are facing a new, massive threat. We strongly denounce this latest announcement by the United States. B.C. has long maintained that any and all duties on softwood lumber are unjustified, and these anti-dumping duties are based on a biased calculation - one that has been criticized by many of the United States’ trading partners.

“Recent announcement comes

amidst U.S. President Donald J. Trump’s threat to put a 25% tariff on all products exported from our country to the United States, compounding the challenges for this important industry in B.C. It also follows the U.S. President’s order this past weekend to initiate another, separate investigation of forest products, with the possibility of additional tariffs, quotas or other actions aimed

at curbing imports of forest products to the U.S. These are unwarranted attacks, and not how allies treat each other. We are stronger when we work together. If the tariffs are imposed, we will stand with Team Canada to respond with strength.

“The U.S. Department of Commerce’s announcement will impact all Canadian companies selling lumber to the United



BC Premier David Eby
States, when and if the decision is confirmed later this summer.

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217 20696 EASTLEIGH CRESCENT

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19917 72 AVE LANGLEY

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\$1,599,998

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All rent approx \$3000 per month
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11516 PARKWOOD PLACE DELTA

NEW LISTING

\$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 with a good size family room and a large master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Downstairs features a full bath and a large living area. Close to schools, parks, and shopping.

#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY

\$699,000

Welcome to Kennedy Trails. This house checks all the boxes. Cost effective & environmentally friendly. GEOTHERMAL Heating & Cooling. E-star windows. Three level home with a large dining area, Gourmet kitchen, master bedroom with a walk-in closet, and a full bath. Below is very large 4th bedroom with a walk-in closet. 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 first time home buyers, investors, or those looking for a large family home. Upstairs features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large living area with gas fireplace, and a separate laundry. Massive deck, freshly painted. Downstairs comes with 3 bed, 1 den, 1 bath and kitchen. Lots of parking at the front and back. Detached garage. Some recent renos include roof, windows, paint.

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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

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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.

ASKING 1,699,000

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

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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

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7 BED - 8 BATHS - 20,211 SF

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2025 Honda Odyssey Minivan; Still the benchmark for Minivans!

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

The much-loved Honda Odyssey has always been the Minivan to beat in this sector and for 2025 the Honda Odyssey is the fifth generation of this classic 7-8-seater passenger Minivan. The Odyssey is an updated model for 2025 with edgier styling, a more luxurious cabin and increased standard features and technology improvements. First up, on the exterior, there is a new grille, and redesigned front and rear fascias. There is even a touch of the Acura NSX Super car in the rear lights design. Other exterior changes include new wheel designs. The premium top flight Black Edition, (As tested) has new black 19-inch alloys, red interior ambient lighting, wireless charging, CabinWatch™ rear seat monitor, a hands-free power tailgate with programmable height, and Black Edition seat piping, floor mats and special exterior badges. The single engine choice for all models is a Honda's 3.5-liter SOHC direct-injected i-VTEC® V6 engine, with 280 horsepower and with torque at 262 lb/ft. A nine-speed automatic transmission is standard on all trim levels except the top line Touring, which has the 10-speed automatic gearbox with paddle shifters. Unlike its competitors, the Odyssey isn't available with all-wheel drive or with a hybrid powertrain for now. The 2025 Odyssey is available in four trim levels: Sport, Sport-L, Touring and Black Edition. As standard features include Wireless Charging Pad, and Navigation system, power-adjustable front seats (8-way for the driver, 4-way for the



passenger), and active noise cancellation. The 2025 Honda Odyssey model comes in 4 trim levels: Sport (\$49,920), Sport-L (\$52,920), Sport Touring (\$58,320), Black Edition (\$60,120). Freight and PDI is \$2,000. The 2025 technology updates include a new fully configurable digital display and a larger 9-inch colour touchscreen with faster functionality. There is Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility, and extra USB-C ports

throughout the cabin. In addition, there are major improvements to the rear entertainment system, with more functions and larger 12.8-inch high-resolution screens, one of the largest in its sector. The top trim versions offer packages with 11-speaker Surround Sound Display & Controls, Voice Activating System Audio, Phone, Navigation, Climate Control, Satellite Radio, Hard Drive, Rear Entertainment System, HDMI, Wireless Headphones, and In-car WiFi Network. Other packages offer 19-inch wheels. Leather seats, CabinWatch™ day/night video monitor, Cabin-Talk™ in-car PA system, 4G LTE in-car Wi-Fi, hands-free power tailgate, ventilated front seats, and LED accent lighting. A roomy, comfortable, and versatile interior occupant room are the major

selling points and the most attractive feature of the Odyssey. There are twin power operated side doors and a low step-in height to allow easy access. The Magic Slide 2nd-row seats™ is an excellent feature and offers multiple seating options. The second-row middle seat are removable and with an Easy Access mode allows the outboard seats to slide

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Jagtar Singh Johal Acquitted In India Court Trial

A Scottish Sikh man detained in India for seven years on terror charges has been cleared in one of nine cases against him. Jagtar Singh Johal from Dumbarton was arrested in 2017 in the country's northern Punjab region weeks after his wedding there. He has been held in prison ever since, on trial for his alleged role in a series of targeted killings of religious and political figures. Now a verdict in the District Court in Moga, Punjab, has acquitted him of conspiracy under the country's anti-



terror law and of being a member of a "terrorist gang". According to BBC his legal team say the allegations against Johal in all the cases, for which he faces the death

penalty, are close to identical and that the other charges should now be dismissed. Johal was accused of being a member of a terror group, the Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF), which has carried out attacks in the Punjab region. The charges against him stated that he travelled to Paris in 2013 and delivered £3,000 to other KLF figures, with the money then used to purchase weapons which were used in a series of murders and attacks against Hindu nationalist and other religious leaders across 2016 and 2017.

Punjab Launches 'War Against Drugs'

The Punjab government has adopted a war-footing approach in its 'War Against Drugs' by constituting a five-member committee of cabinet ministers to monitor the ongoing crackdown on the drug menace in the state. Last week, the Chief Minister convened a high-level meeting with top police officials, directing them to collaborate closely. As part of several measures, the police will identify drug hotspots, dismantle supply chains, and take stringent action against traffickers. Additionally, properties belonging to drug traffickers will be seized and demolished. AAP cabinet ministers claim that, during their three-year tenure, authorities have arrested 6,500 major

drug traffickers, registered over 30,000 cases under the NDPS Act, transferred 10,000 police personnel involved in drug trafficking, and arrested 100 police officers linked to the drug trade. Announcing that the war against drug traffickers has begun, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that for the past three days, continuous bulldozer action has been taken against drug traffickers. The Cabinet subcommittee, led by Finance and Taxation Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, will oversee measures taken by the police and health departments to tackle the drug problem and implement the de-addiction programme, a spokesperson from the Chief Minister's Office said.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann Now Acting Tough On Farmers

From a breakdown in talks to the detention of hundreds of farmer leaders to then not allowing farmers to reach Chandigarh for a dharna outside the residence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Punjab in the past week saw a sudden escalation between farmers and the state government. Not long ago, Mann would act as a mediator between farmer leaders and the Centre and sit in the meetings for hours. But things have since changed and the CM has toughened his stance on farmers, who are protesting him and the Aam Aadmi Party government in the state. Mann time and again slammed the Centre for not allowing farmers to enter New Delhi. He now faces the same criticism. Things escalated between farmer leaders

and the state government when on March 3, the former accused the CM of inappropriate behaviour and walking out of a meeting with Sanyukt Kisan Morcha leaders at the Punjab Bhawan in Chandigarh. Mann allegedly left saying that if the farmers wanted to go ahead with the March 5 dharna in Chandigarh then they could do that. Mann, however, told reporters, "Yes I left the meeting and we will detain them as well, won't allow farmers to sit on tracks and roads, I am custodian to the three crore people of Punjab. I spent two hours in a meeting yesterday but the farmers straight up said they would protest on March 5. So, I left." Mann, in a tweet, appealed to all farmer leaders to understand that blocking roads,

halting trains, or calling for a Punjab Bandh is not the solution to any problem. "These actions only cause inconvenience to common people. It also has a significant impact on the work and businesses of other sections of society, and we should keep that in mind as well," Mann's tweet read. India Today quoted Professor Kuldeep Singh of the Guru Nanak Dev University, who feels this is not sudden. Singh said, "I feel that the popularity graph of the farmer organisations is not as strong as it was a few years ago and this entire happening is a result of that." "Moreover, the government might be feeling that there is a population other than farmers too and that population is perturbed by the daily dharnas and blockades by farmers. The government



might be thinking that they cannot make farmers happy all the time so at least they can please the other population," he added. SKM has decided to hold dharnas at the residences of all AAP MLAs on March 10, as a show of resentment against the government. This move is seen as an escalation of SKM's agitation, as it targets the ruling party's elected representatives.

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Miss Canada to speak at Surrey High Tea International Women's Day

Miss Canada Tanpreet Parmar will join other keynote speakers at an International Women's Day celebration and fundraiser in Surrey.

The High Tea with Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke will raise money for SurreyCares Community Foundation on Friday, March 7, with tickets sold for \$150 each, or \$1,400 for a table of 10.

The aim is to "celebrate women who inspire, lead and empower our community," with event emcee Keri Adams (CTV



news anchor) and guest speakers Indra Bhan (Surrey Board of Trade), Janet Brown (former journalist, now with Surrey Urban Mission) and Seema Tripathi (UNITI). Net proceeds support SurreyCares Community Grants,

which have funded more than 300 Surrey charities over the past 30 years. SurreyCares Community Foundation is thrilled to invite you to an elegant High Tea with Mayor Brenda Locke in celebration of International Women's Day!

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community. Don't miss this opportunity to unite, uplift one another, and support a great cause!

Single tickets are \$150 for the afternoon event on Friday, March 7 at Civic Hotel, or \$1,400 for a table of 10.

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Veteran Engineer Richard Harris Joins Guru Nanak Diversity Village Building Committee

Richard Harris, a Civil Engineer and Project Management Professional with over 30 years of experience in the design and construction industry, has joined the Guru Nanak Diversity Village project building committee.

As a passionate advocate for long-term care facilities, he is committed to supporting the creation of a state-of-the-art facility that will serve both South Asian and the broader community. In a recent conversation with PICS Society, Richard shared his personal connection to the project, noting his journey in finding appropriate accommodations and care for his 84-year-old mother. This experience has fueled his dedication to ensuring the success of the Guru Nanak Diversity Village project, which he believes will provide much-needed facilities for seniors in the region.

"I'm proud to be part of this important project. We're not just building a facility; we're creating



Richard Harris

a community that will provide long-term care and support for seniors in the South Asian community and beyond," said Richard. But this project needs everyone's help. As we continue with construction, I encourage others to volunteer their time, skills as well as donate to help make this vision a reality", he added.

Guru Nanak Diversity Village is going to be a 3-storey long-term care facility with 125 beds for seniors designed to respect and include cultural values, traditions, and beliefs in its care approach. The Project is currently in the early stages of construction. Those interested in contributing to the project are encouraged to contact the PICS Society head office in Surrey for more information. ToknowmoreaboutGuruNanakDiversityVillage, please visit <https://gurunanakdiversityvillage.ca>

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Business Councils from Four Provinces, Including B.C., Form Western Business Coalition to Boost Trade Flow

The Business Council of British Columbia, Business Council of Alberta, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Council of Manitoba have formed the Western Business Coalition. This alliance is dedicated to ensuring Canada reaches its full economic potential by unlocking the economic power of the West. For the coalition, that begins with

natural resources, and trade. Canada is home to vast natural resource wealth, yet federal policies have long constrained the growth and global export of these assets. A complex and uncompetitive regulatory environment, combined with trade barriers, and shifting global economic dynamics, has limited Canada's ability to fully leverage its energy, agriculture, mining,

forestry, and aquaculture sectors. The time has come for that to change. "Our provincial business organizations have come together to advocate for policy and action that will bring prosperity to Canada rooted in the strengths, assets and people of Western Canada," says Adam Legge, President at the Business Council of Alberta. "By starting with

policy solutions to unleash our natural resources sector, Canada can create a better life for all by meeting the world's growing demand for energy, food, materials and minerals. "Ironically, Canada's resource sector is our Trump card when it comes to strengthening the economy," says Laura Jones, President and CEO of the Business Council of B.C. "When



the resource sector thrives, so do our workers, families, and communities."

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Surrey Life Science Company Gets \$3.7 Million As Part Of Pacifican \$18.3 Million Funding To Scale Up Local Businesses

Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada (PacifiCan), has announced \$18.3 million in PacifiCan funding for seven British Columbian companies to scale up their operations, create more jobs, accelerate growth, and bring made-in-B.C. products to markets around the world. "British Columbians are known around the world for innovation. Business leaders across the province are transforming industries like agriculture and digital technology. PacifiCan is here to support these businesses. The investments announced will strengthen B.C. companies' competitiveness and help to ensure long-term prosperity for all British Columbians," Sajjan said. Among these companies, HealthTech Connex, a life sciences company based in Surrey, is receiving over \$3.7 million to expand its operations.



(From left) Dr. Ryan D'Arcy, co-founder, president and chief scientific officer of Surrey-based HealthTech Connex with Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada, City of Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke, Randeep Sarai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Surrey Centre and Kirk Fisher, CEO of Lark Group. The group toured the offices of HealthTech Connex in Surrey before the PacifiCan funding announcement at Surrey City Hall this morning.

The company's advanced brain imaging medical device, NeuroCatch Platform, evaluates cognitive function within six minutes and is designed to help healthcare practitioners, researchers, and clinicians provide

the best health care to their patients. PacifiCan's investment will allow HealthTech Connex to commercialize their device across North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. "HealthTech Connex focuses on

delivering advanced healthcare by connecting science and innovation to real world impacts in brain health. In medicine, you can't treat what we can't measure. NeuroCatch represents a global breakthrough to ensure there are objective and accessible vital signs for our brains. This PacifiCan investment will greatly help rapidly scale NeuroCatch deployment further across the globe to all points of care where clinicians need a simple and powerful tool to evaluate the cognitive health of their patients," said Dr. Ryan D'Arcy, Co-Founder, President & Chief Scientific Officer, HealthTech Connex. EggSolutions Vanderpol's, a family-owned and operated egg processor based in Abbotsford, is receiving \$5 million to expand manufacturing. With PacifiCan's support, this company will purchase new equipment, move to a larger manufacturing facility, and improve wastewater

treatment capability to reduce its environmental footprint. This investment will strengthen Western Canadian supply chains, increase food security, and bring more B.C.-made products to Canadian consumers. The investments announced are expected to create over 270 jobs, grow the local economy, and bring B.C. innovation to more people and markets locally and globally. Minister Sajjan also announced that the next intake for the Business Scale-up and Productivity (BSP) program will open on March 4, 2025. The portal will remain open for companies to submit expressions of interest until April 30, 2025. Through the BSP program, PacifiCan makes repayable contributions to high-growth businesses in B.C. that are scaling and bringing innovative goods, services or technologies to market. Potential applicants can learn more about the BSP program on PacifiCan's website.

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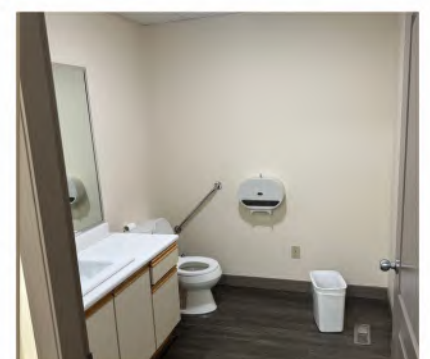
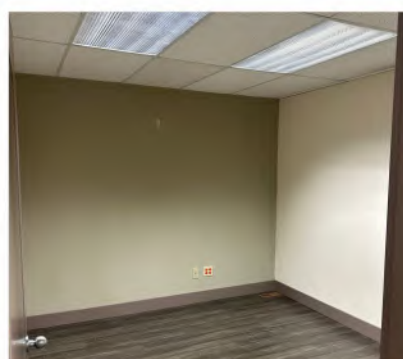
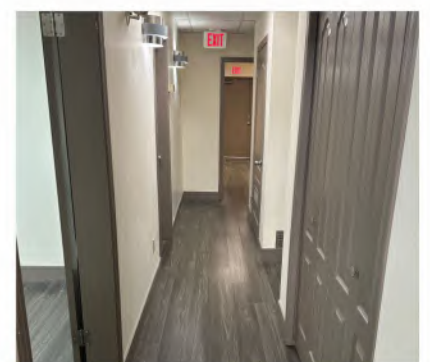
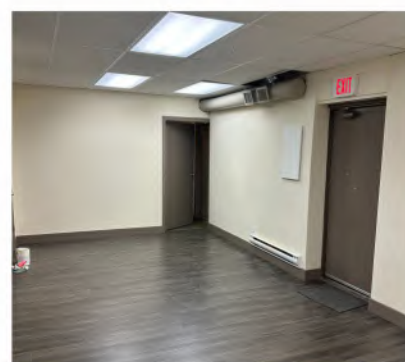
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9th March, Sunday at 10:00 am, Bhog of Sri Akhand Path Sahib, held by the devotees of Raja Sahib, followed by Kirtan, Katha Vichar and religious ceremonies of Dhadi Waran.

Special Program

Like every year, Sri Akhand Path Sahib will be started by the devotees of Raja Sahib.

The Dhadi Singhs will shed light on the life and teachings of Raja Sahib Ji.

All the Sangat are requested to come to the weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Smagam every Sunday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. The Sangat is invited to come to the weekly Smagam and make your life successful.

If any family wishes to do seva of Gurbani Kirtan and Langar in the weekly Diwan, they should contact the Management Committee.

*Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji by the Bibian and the Langer service will be provided by the group of Sukhmani Sahib Walian Bibian.

*Important Information:

Punjabi classes have started in Punjabi schools from Sunday, January 5th. Please enroll your children in the school so that they can speak, read and write Punjabi. For more information, contact Secretary S. Balwant Singh Sanghera 604-836-8976

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

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Tamannaah Bhatia

Opens Up On Her Idea Of Love Amid Breakup Rumours With Vijay Varma: 'It Can't Be Conditional'

Much has been said recently about Tamannaah Bhatia and Vijay Varma's supposed breakup. While the couple has yet to address the rumour, Tamannaah opened up on her idea of love and relationships on Luke Coutinho's

India's Got Latent Row: Ranveer Allahbadia, Apoorva Mukhija Apologise To NCW



YouTubers Ranveer Allahbadia and Apoorva Mukhija submitted written apologies to the NCW over their offensive remarks made on "India's Got Latent", panel chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar said on Friday and asserted that their comments on the online show were "simply not acceptable".

Ranveer Aallahbadia apologises for India's Got Latent remarks

Ranveer Allahbadia, Apporva Mukhija and show producers Saurabh Bothra and Tushar Poojari appeared before the National Commission for Women (NCW) here on Thursday. According to sources, the two YouTubers were quizzed for hours.

Addressing a press conference on Friday, Rahatkar said the NCW will not accept the use of inappropriate language.

Updates on the India's Got Latent controversy

"Four people appeared before the commission -- Tushar Poojari, Saurabh Bothra, Apoorva Mukhija and Ranveer Allahbadia. The commission will not accept the use of inappropriate language. Such remarks are simply not acceptable," the NCW chief said in response to a question.

Rahatkar said the individuals expressed regret over their remarks.

"Keeping the social impact in mind, they were issued notices. They came before the commission and expressed deep regret. They said they should not have spoken in such a manner and have now submitted 'maafinama' (written apology)," she said.

According to reports, Allahbadia, in particular, assured the NCW that he would be more mindful in the future. "This is the first and last time such a mistake has happened. From now on, I will think carefully and speak with respect toward women," he reportedly told the panel.

podcast. Here's what she said.

Tamannaah Bhatia on love and relationships

Tamannaah was asked about her take on love, and she stated that she believes love can only be unconditional, be it when it comes to a partner, parents, friends or even pets. She also stated that relationships, on the other hand, turn into 'business transactions' when you begin to have expectations from a partner.

She said, "I think people confuse between what love is and what a relationship is. The moment it is conditional, I feel it ceases to be love. Love can only be unconditional; it can only be ek tarafah (one-sided). Love is an inside job, it's how you feel for someone. The moment you have expectations, you want people to do what you want them to be doing, then that's just a business transaction.

I've realised if I have to love someone, I need to let them free, to be who they are."

Tamannaah also shared that she has 'always been much happier' when she's in a relationship versus when single. But she's guarded about whom she lets in her personal space, stating, "I feel like I've always been much more happier when I'm in a relationship versus when I'm not. I love the feeling of having companionship; it's a wonderful feeling. But it matters who you let in that equation because you give them some amount of access and power to influence your life. You need to choose wisely and that can be done when you're aware of yourself."



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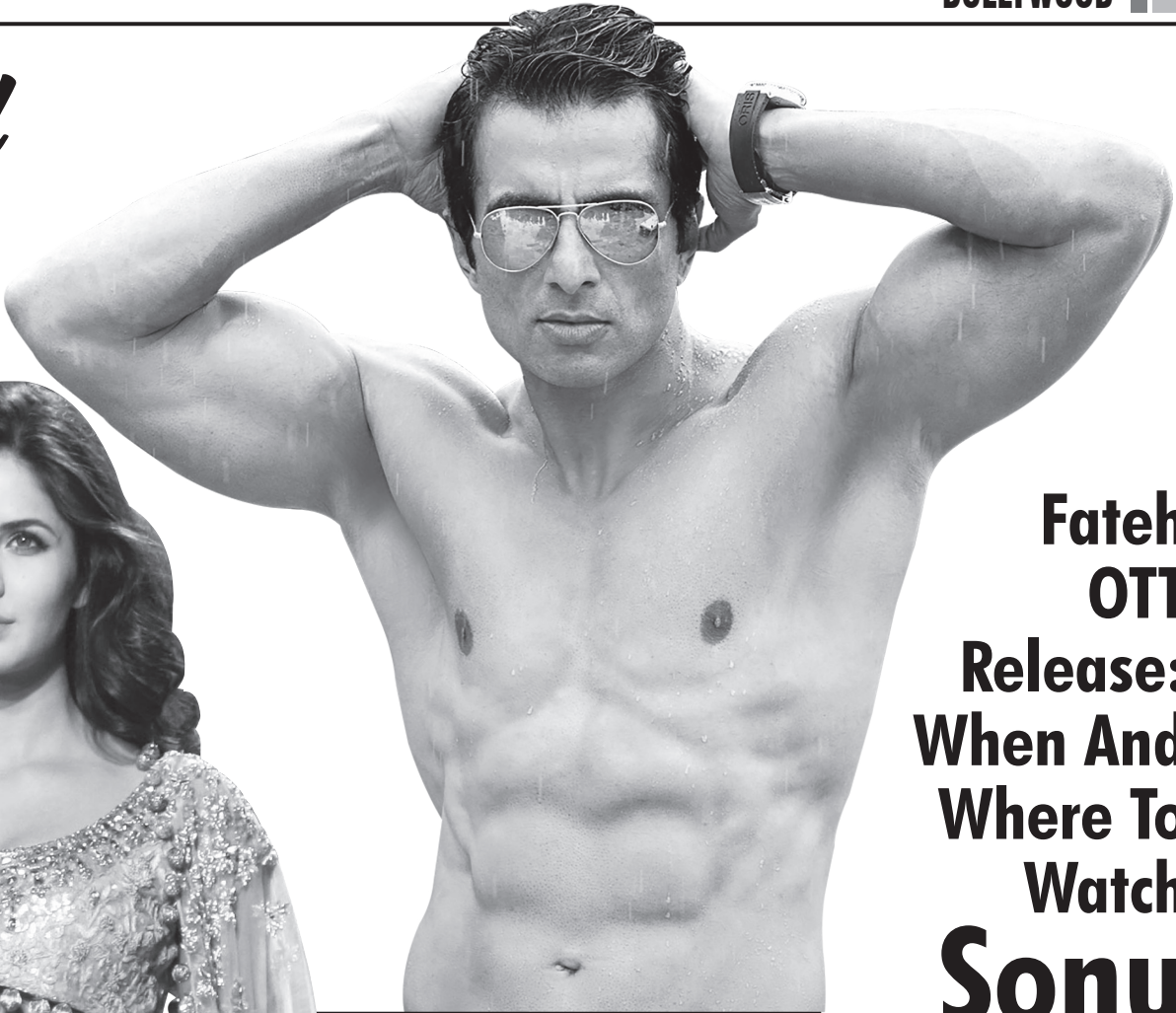
Katrina Kaif

Becomes Laila From Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara Again, Grooves With Mini Mathur’s Daughter In Unseen Video

The last time that we witnessed Katrina Kaif on the silver screen was over a year ago. But even when she’s not winning hearts with her films, the actor manages to remain in the spotlight with her aura! Just yesterday, we showed our readers a video of Kat from her filmmaker friend Karishma Kohli’s pre-wedding festivity, which was doing the rounds of the internet. In this viral clip, the actor channelled her inner Kitto Bahu as she danced to Aditi Rao Hydari and Abhishek Bachchan’s song Sasural Genda Phool from the 2009 film Delhi-6. Today, we have got our hands on another unseen gem featuring Katrina! This time, Katrina Kaif paid tribute to one of her most beloved characters of all time—the free-spirited Laila from Zoya Akhtar’s 2011 masterpiece Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara. The actor once again filled our hearts and minds with Laila’s positivity as she danced to the retro-pop track Sooraj Ki Baahon Mein from ZNMD. For this cute dance performance at Karishma Kohli’s mehendi ceremony, Katrina was joined by her fellow bridesmaid Sairah, daughter of her good friend Mini Mathur and filmmaker Kabir Khan. While Katrina looked stunning as ever in her periwinkle blue corset lehenga, Sairah was pretty in a pink lehenga with gold embroidery, paired with a gold blouse.

Soon after this video surfaced on social media, many fans showered love on Katrina, glad to see her burn the dance floor again. For instance, under one such video shared by another handle, an internet user shared, “Truly so happy to see her again dancing.,” whereas another fan gushed, “People vibe differently when they are genuinely happy, just plain simple happy.” Meanwhile, another netizen rightfully stated, “Queen we are obsessed with you ☐.”

Katrina’s dance videos from Karishma’s pre-wedding festivities are making almost as much noise on the internet as her actor husband Vicky Kaushal’s sexy moves in Tauba Tauba did last year, when his film Bad Newz (2024) released. We are so ready for the two to come together onscreen now!



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Sood’s Gory, Violent Directorial Debut

Fateh OTT release: Less than two months after its theatrical release, actor Sonu Sood’s directorial debut, Fateh, is now streaming on OTT. The action-packed thriller, which delves into the dark underbelly of cybercrime, is streaming on JioHotstar.

How Fateh fared at domestic box office

Fateh didn’t have a successful run in the domestic box office. It earned only ₹13.3 crore in less than a month since its release, as per Sacnilk.com. Fateh stars Sonu in the titular role. It also features Naseeruddin Shah, Jacqueline Fernandez, and Vijay Raaz in prominent roles. Fateh has been produced by Sonali Sood and Umesh KR Bansal under the banner of Shakti Sagar Productions and Zee Studios.

More about the film

The film follows Fateh Singh (Sonu), an ex-special ops officer who has left his past behind to lead a

peaceful life in Punjab. However, when a village girl, Nimrit Kaur, falls prey to a ruthless cybercrime syndicate led by Raza and Satya Prakash, Fateh is forced to come out of retirement. Teaming up with ethical hacker Khushi Sharma (Jaqueline Fernandez), he embarks on an intense, action-filled mission to dismantle the cyber mafia and rescue Nimrit, all while uncovering the deep-rooted dangers of the digital world.

What Sonu said about film

Speaking about the film Sonu said, “Stepping into direction while playing Fateh was an incredible journey—both challenging and exciting. I’ve always had a deep love for action, and it’s amazing to see how much my fans enjoy it too. With Fateh, we wanted to take things to another level. It’s not just about cybercrime; it’s a high-energy, action-packed ride.”

“Balancing acting and directing was definitely a learning experience, constantly shifting between performing in front of the camera and making creative calls behind it. But having such a fantastic team made it all feel effortless. I can’t wait for everyone to watch it on JioHotstar and feel the same rush we did while bringing this story to life,” he added.

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Vivek Canada’s Vasant Utsav Plants Seeds of Hope for Young Generation

were joined by youth performer Pratyaksha Awasthi and senior participants Champa Malhotra, Manju Sharma, and Pushpa Rani Krishnaswamy. A talented family trio featuring Gurdit Singh (tabla), Nimrata Rassna Namdhari (vocals), and Gian Singh (djembe, cajon) enthralled the audience, while Band Synthesis, led by Chandni Hari, filled the hall with symphonies of harmony and rhythm.

Harmesh Sindher, founder and director

of Vivek Canada, spoke about the organization’s impactful work in India and its alignment with the UN’s developmental goals. Reflecting on Dawn to Dusk, he emphasized the significance of intergenerational bonding, especially in an era where nuclear families have limited opportunities for youth to engage with elders. “This program reconnects young people with their roots. Once a month, seniors learn technology from the youth, while the youth gain invaluable

life lessons from seniors,” he noted. Raj Chauhan, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, lauded Vivek Canada’s incredible team for bridging generational gaps. “It’s inspiring to see how this organization fosters connections between youth and seniors. It demonstrates that our younger generation is engaged and active,” he remarked. Expressing confidence in the resilience of Canada’s youth, he also touched upon the importance of national unity in times

of uncertainty, particularly in light of economic challenges such as Trump’s tariffs.

MP Randeep Sarai, Surrey Newton MLA Jessie Sunner, Amana Shah, parliamentary secretary and MLA from Surrey central were also present at the occasion. Through Vasant Utsav, Vivek Canada not only celebrated the season of renewal but also sowed the seeds of a stronger, more connected future for generations to come.



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