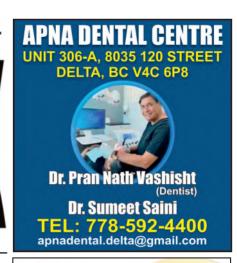


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The ongoing India-Pakistan crisis has Laken a dangerous turn. Both nations have, for the first time, carried out mass drone attacks, including on military installations and civilian cities beyond Kashmir.

The Indian Army has confirmed drone attacks at several places along the western borders, including Punjab and Rajasthan, and these were being engaged effectively by the armed forces.

The Indian Ministry of Defence said that Pakistan attempted to engage military targets using drones and missiles in northern and western parts of the country, including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bathinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai and Bhuj. All these sites have important Army and Air Force installations, including fighter jet and UAV bases, air defence

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planes. Also, Jalandhar is the headquarters of the Army's XI Corps while the Army's Western Command is based

units, tank formations and transport According to Tribune report, "Multiple drone attacks rocked Jalandhar city a little after 8 pm. As per reports, the UAVs were targeted at Army's ammunition dumps at at Chandimandir, less than 2 km from Suranussi and near the Mand police post. Continued on page 08

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BC Premier Calls for Balance and More Provincial **Autonomy in Immigration Policy**



Chandigarh.

By Surbhi Gogia

Premier David Eby may cut a tall figure,

that truly stands head and shoulders above the rest

On a recent visit to The Link newspaper's but it's his enduring connection with office in Surrey, Premier Eby set aside

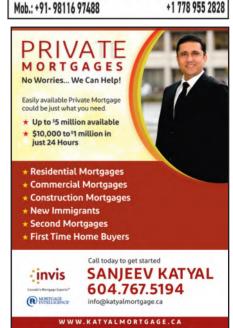
conversation, sipping on Indian chai and samosas. During his visit, which was part of his broader media outreach in Surrey, the Premier took the time to learn about the newspaper's historical legacy and grassroots origins. The staff briefed him on The Link's early days, printing and

In the interview, Eby addressed key issues facing British Columbians—especially those living south of the Fraser River touching on immigration, healthcare, education, economic resilience, and Canada's often testy trade ties with the United States.

Immigration

Premier David Eby deeply appreciates the vital role immigrants play in enriching British Columbia's economy and cultural

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How World Leaders Are Reacting To India-Pakistan Military Attacks

India said it attacked Pakistan early on May 7 following a deadly attack on tourists in Kashmir last month. Pakistan reported multiple deaths and said it was responding to the Indian strikes.

This is what global leaders have said about the latest hostilities between the nuclear-armed neighbours:

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

"It's a shame. Just heard about it. I guess people knew something was going to happen based on a little bit of the past. They've been fighting for a long time. They've been fighting for many, many decades. I hope it ends very

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MARCO RUBIO

quickly."

"I am monitoring the situation between India and Pakistan closely. I echo @POTUS's comments earlier today that this hopefully ends quickly and will continue to engage both Indian and Pakistani leadership towards a peaceful resolution." SPOKESPERSON FOR U.N.

SPOKESPERSON FOR U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTONIO GUTERRES

"The Secretary-General is very concerned about the Indian military operations across the Line of Control and international border. He calls for maximum military restraint from both countries. The world cannot



Donald Trump

afford a military confrontation between India and Pakistan."

ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO INDIA REUVEN AZAR

"Israel supports India's right for self defense. Terrorists should know there's no place to hide from their heinous crimes against the innocent."

NIKKI HALEY

Terrorists launched an attack that killed dozens of Indian citizens. India had every right to retaliate and defend itself. Pakistan does not get to play the victim. No country gets a pass for supporting terrorist activity.

FORMER BRITISH PRESIDENT RISHI SUNAK

No nation should have to accept terrorist attacks being launched against it from land controlled by another country. India is justified in striking terrorist infrastructure. There can be no impunity for terrorists.

JAPAN CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY YOSHIMASA HAYASHI

"In regard to the terrorist act that occurred in Kashmir on April 22, our country firmly condemns such acts of terrorism. Furthermore, we express strong concern that this situation may lead to further retaliatory exchanges and escalate into a full-scale military conflict.

For the peace and stability of South Asia, we strongly urge both India and Pakistan to exercise restraint and stabilize the situation through

dialogue." CHINA FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

"China finds India's military operation early this morning regrettable. We are concerned about the ongoing situation. We urge both sides to act in the larger interest of peace and stability, remain calm, exercise restraint and refrain from taking actions that may further complicate the situation."

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER DAVID LAMMY

"Current tensions between India and Pakistan are a serious concern. The UK government is urging India and Pakistan to show restraint and engage in direct dialogue to find a swift, diplomatic path forward. We need all sides to work urgently



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

to see regional stability restored and ensure protection of civilians."

RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

"We are deeply concerned about the escalation of military confrontation between India and Pakistan following the terrorist attack near Pahalgam. We call on the parties involved to exercise restraint in order to prevent further deterioration of the situation in the region."

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN-NOEL BARROT

"We call on India as well as on Pakistan to show restraint in order to avoid escalation. Nobody has anything to gain from prolonged confrontation between India and Pakistan. These are two major military powers, that is why we call for restraint"

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOREIGN MINISTRY

"Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the UAE Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed has called on India and Pakistan to exercise restraint, de-escalate tensions, and avoid further escalation that could threaten regional and international peace."

EGYPT FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY

"Egypt (is) following with great concern the current developments between India and Pakistan, calling on both sides to exercise the highest levels of restraint and uphold dialogue through diplomatic channels. The ministry stressed the need to exert efforts to defuse the crisis and avoid further escalation."

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Surrey's Amarjeet Singh Vabhana Receives Prestigious **Community Award By BC Achievement Foundation**

Amarjeet Singh Vabhana is one of the 24 recipients of this year's 2025 Community Award. Premier David Eby and Walter Pela, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation, named the recipients of the 22nd annual Community

The founder of Naad Foundation Award. The program, presented by BC Achievement – an independent foundation that honours excellence and inspires achievement throughout the province recognizes extraordinary British Columbians who build better, stronger and more engaged communities.

The recipients of the award were recognized in a formal presentation ceremony on May 7th in Victoria, BC, in the presence of the Honourable Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

"The recipients of this year's Community Award remind us that the strength of British Columbia lies in the compassion, creativity, and commitment of its people," said Premier David Eby. "Whether they're leading grassroots initiatives or mentoring future changemakers, these individuals exemplify the power of community and the impact of selfless service. Their efforts uplift us all and set a powerful example for what we can achieve together."

"This year's program shines a spotlight on emerging leaders alongside long-standing changemakers," said Walter Pela, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation. "Each recipient demonstrates what's possible when individuals step up with purpose and heart. Their contributions strengthen our communities and remind us that leadership isn't defined by title or ageit's defined by impact, generosity, and vision."

Serving as an advocate, leader, and mentor for artists from diverse backgrounds, Amarjeet Singh Vabhana has contributed to the arts and culture scene in Surrey. He founded the Naad Arts Festival in 2006 which has become a cornerstone cultural event and an essential platform for local talent—helping to elevate Surrey's cultural profile and foster greater community engagement through the arts. Through the Naad Arts Centre, Amarjeet promotes local arts, organizes largescale events like the Naad Festival of Music & Dance, and forges connections between local and international artists, strengthening community ties and pride. His mentorship inspires many aspiring artists, with several going on to successful music careers, and his creation of two



Amarjeet Singh Vabhana

widely used Tabla syllabus books ensures the continuity of cultural education.

Amarjeet's leadership has helped to transform Surrey into a vibrant cultural hub, fostering collaboration across artistic disciplines. His online teaching programs expand access to music education internationally, creating sustainable pathways for future cultural development. Amarjeet continues to celebrate and amplify cultural diversity through his work, ensuring the arts remain central to his community's identity.

Josephine Chauhan, Neera Vohra-Singh and Dr. Sabeen Tiwana from Vancouver were other persons of South Asian origin to receive the award.

Dr. Sabeen Tiwana is a mentor, educator, and advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion in healthcare. Since 2017, she has provided high school students particularly young women—with handson research opportunities at her dental clinic, helping close the gender gap in dentistry. Her academic publications often feature student co-authors, highlighting her commitment to uplifting emerging voices. Dr. Tiwana's mentorship extends beyond the clinic through co-developing and delivering equity workshops at Vancouver Coastal Health and the Canadian Conference for Physician Leadership. Continued on page 06

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Punjabi Language, Literature, and Culture Celebrated at UBC



The Department of Asian Studies and the Asian Library of the University of British Columbia held their annual Harjit Kaur Sidhu Memorial Program. The Program was established in loving memory of Harjit Kaur Sidhu (née Gill) who was a strong advocate for education, Punjabi culture and language, and women's issues.

This yearly Program has been held for many years, and every year it is successful in attaining its objective, which is to draw attention to the importance of Punjabi language and culture, encourage Punjabi education, and to inspire students to study Punjabi.

Each year, the Program recognizes the accomplishments of an outstanding individual for their contribution to Punjabi language and literature, and awards them with a lifetime achievement award.

This year Jasbir Gunachauria was the recipient of the award. Gunachauria is one of the most recognized Punjabi lyricists globally, as he has written approximately 600 songs for some of the most prominent Punjabi singers throughout the world. In addition, he has published six books, and been extremely successful in reaching a wide readership.

The audience appeared captivated by his address following the award ceremony. All those in attendance were able to listen firsthand from Jasbir Gunachauria about his journey in song writing, and the auditorium became further energized when they were fortunate enough to hear Gunachauria singing as well.

As the Harjit Kaur Sidhu Memorial Program does annually, the winners of the yearly Punjabi Essay Contest led by the Department of Asian Studies and the Asian Library were announced as well. This year, the essay contest received a substantial number of entries that were highly competitive. Students from UBC's Punjabi Program entered the contest in considerable numbers, and their entries proved to make the contest highly competitive. Once announced, the winners, and those who were second and third in the beginners and advanced category were invited on stage, where they were recognized and had the opportunity to take pictures





with the Program Committee. Concluding the event were presentations from current and former students that presented on various topics of language, literature, and culture. This event continues to be one of the primary Punjabi language events at UBC, and encourages students and the community at large to support Punjabi, and acknowledge excellence in Punjabi.

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'Surrey's Future Is Bright, And With Appropriate Federal Representation, We Can Achieve Even Greater Things'

Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke issued the following statement on election of Mark Carney as Canada's new Prime Minister:

On behalf of Mayor and Council at the City of Surrey, I extend sincere congratulations to new Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Mark Carney, on his election to this crucial role. We recognize the immense commitment and responsibility that comes with leading our country, and we value his dedication and pledge to Canada.

Beyond congratulations, I also wish to highlight the incredible transformation and growth happening right here in Surrey. We are not just a city on the rise; we are a city that is rapidly becoming one of Canada's most significant urban centres. Surrey is on track to become the largest city in British Columbia very soon, welcoming an average of 28 new residents every single day. In just the last 20 years, our



PM Mark Carney

population has surged by over a quarter of a million people. That's like adding a population the size of Richmond. If this trend continues – and all signs indicate it will – Surrey will soon, be home to over one million residents.

This growth isn't confined to one area. Each of our communities is experiencing development on a scale comparable to that of a city in its own right. Look at Surrey City Centre, our densest community. It grew by 25% between 2016 and 2021. That



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke

means one in every four people you meet there is new to the area, demonstrating the rapid pace of change and expansion. And consider Newton, our fastest-growing town centre in terms of businesses. It saw a 7% increase in its businesse base in just one year. Today, over a third of all businesses in Surrey are located within Newton. And with over 158,000 residents, Newton is equivalent to having an entire city the size of Coquitlam right within our own. City-wide, more than

281,000 people employed in Surrey – that is 20% of the region's employment, with more than 24,000 businesses located in our great city.

Surrey's influence as the economic engine of Western Canada is undeniable. We are a transformative city of opportunity - a place where businesses of all sizes find the don't just survive, they thrive. We also possess the most available developable industrial land in the Lower Mainland approximately 365 hectares. In a region facing a severe shortage of industrial space, this is a massive opportunity. It means that many industrial businesses looking to innovate, expand, or establish themselves will look to make Surrey their home. We are a city where potential meets progress. Given this extraordinary growth, our size, our geographical proximity to the United States, and our impending status as the first city in British Columbia to reach one million residents, we believe it is essential that Surrey has a strong voice at the federal cabinet table. That is why I have

written to Prime Minister Carney,

inviting his consideration and support for a Federal Member of Cabinet who is from Surrey. This would ensure the unique needs and opportunities of our rapidly growing city are represented in the federal government.

We believe this is a crucial step to support our continued development and to ensure that Surrey receives the attention and resources it deserves as a major Canadian city. I thank the Prime Minister for his attention to this matter and express my eagerness to work with him. Surrey's future is bright, and with appropriate federal representation, we can achieve even greater things for our residents and for Canada.

I also wish to thank Prime Minister Carney for meeting with United States President Donald Trump shortly after being elected to try to find a resolution to the impacts of tariffs. Surrey, as a major economic hub with the largest border crossing in Western Canada, is particularly impacted by this issue, and we are grateful for his early efforts and swift attention to this matter.

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Surrey's Amarjeet..

She equips underrepresented youth with practical skills, leadership experience, and the confidence to influence healthcare's future. At UBC's Faculty of Dentistry, she champions academic success for minority students through inclusive teaching and advocacy.

Josephine Chauhan and Neera Vohra-Singh, co-founders of the Touching Lives Foundation, lift up marginalized communities across British Columbia. As immigrants to Canada, they understand the struggles of newcomers and vulnerable populations, which inspired them to establish a community-driven initiative. Since founding Touching Lives, they have worked to support individuals facing homelessness, food insecurity, domestic violence, and mental health challenges. Their efforts go beyond financial assistance, providing mentorship, empowerment programs, and crucial resources to ensure long-term support and dignity for those in need.

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IHIT Continues To Investigate Suspicious Disappearance Of 25-Year-Old Man Navdeep Dhaliwal

Turrey Police Service (SPS) informed Othat they were transitioning a missing person's investigation to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) because of evidence indicating that the individual's disappearance is suspicious in nature.

On April 30, 2025, at approximately 10:45 pm, Surrey Police Service responded to a missing person report. Navdeep Dhaliwal, a 25-year-old man, was last seen by associates the previous day. He maintained regular contact with friends and family and therefore, even this seemingly brief period without contact was highly unusual.

SPS Serious Crime Unit assumed responsibility for this investigation and because of evidence gathered, there are indications that Navdeep Dhaliwal's disappearance is suspicious. For this reason, IHIT was engaged and has been deployed. IHIT will be taking conduct of the continuing investigation.



IHIT continues to work in partnership

with the SPS Serious Crime Unit and the Integrated Forensic Identification Service (IFIS) to determine whereabouts of Mr. Dhaliwal.

"Investigators are actively examining the last places he was seen, canvassing the neighbourhood and speaking with his family, friends and coworkers," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "We are working diligently to follow the evidence and it is crucial that those with information about Mr. Dhaliwal to come forward to speak to investigators."

"It is important to not spread speculation or jump to conclusions at this time. Investigators remain in contact with Mr. Dhaliwal's family and continue to work tirelessly to get to the truth of what happened."

Anyone with information regarding this investigation can call the IHIT information line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@rcmp-



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India-Pakistan Tensions Escalate After Drone Attacks, Shelling In Punjab...

Sources said all UAVs were neutralised by activating the air defence system. Three loud explosions were heard. Just as the explosions at Mand ended, attacks resumed at Suranussi again around 10 pm. Attacks at both the sites were confirmed by senior police officials.

In Pathankot, there were reports of a drone attack on the airbase, which is less than 25 km from the International Border, and another at the Shahpur Kandi dam, about 4 km from the city. So far, there are no reports of any damage from the drone

Local Army and police officials were tightlipped about the impact of the attacks. A blackout was enforced in Punjab's Pathankot and Amritsar districts."

Armed Forces launched 'OPERATION SINDOOR' on May 7, hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Jammu and

Kashmir from where terrorist attacks against India have been planned and directed. The Indian ministry said that these steps come in the wake of the barbaric Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen

According to Indian Ministry, altogether, nine (9) sites have been targeted.

"Our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in selection of targets and method of execution."

Pakistani security sources claimed they had shot down five Indian Air Force jets and one drone including three Rafales, sophisticated French-made jets that New Delhi only acquired a few years ago.

A high-ranking French intelligence official later told CNN that Pakistan had downed one Rafale, and that French authorities were looking into whether any more were brought down. A senior American official told CNN that US has assessed that Pakistani forces shot down at least one Indian jet during India's air strikes.

Pakistan claimed it had downed 29 loitering munitions across the country, which are Israeli-made flying bombs guided by an operator.

One of the drones was able to "partially" engage its target near Lahore - a city of around 13 million people near the border with India – wounding four army personnel, according to Pakistan Army spokesman Lt. Gen. Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry.

On May 8 night, Indian officials said Pakistan fired missiles and drones at military sites in India and Indianadministered Kashmir, which Pakistan has denied

Reuters reported that Blasts rang out across the Indian city of Jammu late on May 8 during what the government said was a Pakistani drone and missile attack on military stations around the Kashmir region on the second day of clashes between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"Military stations at Jammu, Pathankot & Udhampur were targeted by Pakistaniorigin drones and missiles along the international border in J&K today," India's Ministry of Defence said on X, citing places in and near the federal territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The threats were swiftly neutralised No casualties or material losses were reported."

Passions are running high, and the nationalist rhetoric has reached a crescendo on both sides of Indian and Pakistan. They are closer to war than in recent decades.

New Democrats Select Don Davies As Interim Leader

The New Democratic Party of Canada's The New Democratic Law, Experience of the New Democratic Law, Experience Law, Experience Democratic Law, the NDP caucus, selected Vancouver-Kingsway MP Don Davies to serve as the Leader of Canada's NDP for this interim

Don Davies will lead the federal NDP forward, replacing Jagmeet Singh who announced his resignation on election night. The Leader will work closely with our caucus, council, and party members to set a path forward as preparations begin for a leadership race in the months ahead. "New Democrats remain united in our mission to deliver for people across the country," said President Mary Shortall. "While the recent election results were not what we hoped for, our commitment to building a better Canada has never been stronger. With a renewed sense of purpose, we will hold the government to account and keep fighting for the issues we heard about on doorsteps across the country -



Don Davies

public health care, affordable homes, good jobs, and making the ultra-rich finally pay their fair share."

With the appointment of Don Davies as Interim Leader of Canada's NDP, the party begins reconnecting with working people, renewing its commitment to Canadians, and rebuilding for the future.

"This party was built by and for working people to fight for fairness, dignity, and opportunity," said Davies. "That's the foundation we will rebuild together."

Alongside a thorough review of recent results, Davies pledged an open, grassroots process - meeting, listening, engaging to shape the party's next chapter with workers and communities at its heart.

"We need to take a hard look at how we got to where we are, and we need a clear view of where we're going," said Davies. "We need to reconnect with working people and show them that the NDP is their party, the one that fights and delivers for them." The NDP caucus has already begun meeting to coordinate its efforts in Parliament and will strategically use the balance of power it holds to push the government to deliver real results for people.

"We heard loud and clear from voters in

every province and territory that life is too expensive and they want a strong economy in an independent Canada," said Davies. "I'm honoured to lead our party during this crucial time to bring their voices to Parliament."

Davies highlighted several key priorities that will guide his leadership in the months ahead:

- Tackling the housing crisis with truly affordable homes;
- Expanding and strengthening public health care, including mental health services; and
- Fighting for good jobs and better wages in every part of the country.
- "The strength of the NDP has always come from our members, activists, labour and supporters. I look forward to working with our caucus, our party, progressive allies and everyone ready to build a stronger, better, fairer Canada for everyone," Davies concluded.

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3 Men Arrested In Extortion Investigation In Brampton

Tnvestigators from the 22 Division ♣ Criminal Investigation Bureau have charged three men from Brampton in relation to an extortion investigation.

On April 30, 2025, police responded to a business which had been shot at in the area of Queen Street and Kennedy Road South in the City of Brampton. No individuals were inside the property during this incident, however, the victim began receiving messages from an unknown individual making demands for money.

On May 1, following a thorough investigation involving multiple teams, surveillance, including community incident response and tactical, the following three men from Brampton were identified and arrested for Extortion: 34-year-old Harpal Singh, 20-year-old Rajnoor Singh and 22-year-old Eknoor



Singh.

All three men were held pending a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

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"Our investigators are relentless, and we will use every tool available at our disposal to identify, arrest, and hold those who commit these offences accountable. No business owner should have to live in fear for doing honest work", said Peel Regional Police Deputy Chief Marc

Anyone with information is asked to contact investigators at the 22 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau at 905-453-2121, extension 2233. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visiting www. peelcrimestoppers.ca.

Brampton's Balreet Singh Gill arrested for first degree murder

Police from the Regional, Ontario have arrested and charged Balreet Singh Gill in a homicide investigation.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2025, just after 1 p.m., Peel Regional Police received a 911 call for a shooting near Bramalea Road and Dewside Road in Brampton. Emergency services responded and located an adult male suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced deceased a short time later.

Tuesday, April 29, investigators executed a search warrant at a residence in the area of Airport Road and Humberwest Parkway in Brampton and arrested Balreet Singh Gill, a 30-year-old man for First Degree

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Murder.

Gill was held for a bail hearing and attended the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton.

Anyone with information including video surveillance, dashcam, or digital video footage is encouraged to contact the Homicide and Missing Persons Bureau officers at 905-453-2121 extension 3205. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

"Homicides are among the most serious and devastating crimes, leaving lasting impacts on families and communities. These cases are highly complex and demanding, and I commend our dedicated detectives for their unrelenting work. Their efforts have removed a dangerous individual from our streets to face the consequences of his actions," said Chief Nishan Duraiappah, Peel Regional Police.

2 Males Arrested In Robbery **Investigation**

Dolice in Brampton have Charged to Indo-Canadian men after three search warrants were executed in Brampton.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, police responded to a robbery call in the area of McLaughlin Road and Charolais Boulevard, Brampton. The victim reported that several males demanded the keys for the victim's vehicle, and fearing for his safety, the victim complied. The males then took the victim's vehicle and fled. The vehicle has since been recovered.

On Tuesday, April 22, 2025, three search warrants were executed by police in Brampton and Caledon. As a result of this investigation, Jatin Kumar, a 21-year-old man from Brampton was arrested and charged with Robbery.

Safaldeep Singh, a 21-yearold man from Brampton was arrested and charged with Utter

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact investigators with the 21 Division Criminal Investigation Bureau 905-453-2121 extension 2133. Anonymous information may also be submitted by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), by visiting peelcrimestoppers.ca.



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Akal Takht Condemns Pakistani Shelling On Poonch Gurdwara

kal Takht, the highest temporal Aseat of the Sikhs, condemned the Pakistani shelling on Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Poonch town of Jammu region that claimed four lives, including that of raagi (devotional singer) Amrik Singh.

At least 3 members of the Sikh community were among 12 civilians killed in Pakistani shelling in Poonch district after India carried out missile strikes under Operation Sindoor.

Besides Amrik Singh, the gurdwara raagi, Amarjeet Singh, an exserviceman, Ranjeet Singh, a Poonch shop owner, and Mankote resident Balvinder Kour, alias Ruby, were killed in the cross-LoC shelling, Indian newspaper Hindustan Times reported.

Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, who is officiating as the Akal Takht Jathedar, said the governments of both India and Pakistan must make sincere efforts to resolve the dispute and restore peace. "War always harms humanity and often results in the death of innocent people. Every possible effort be made to resolve the current situation," he posted on X Harjinder Singh Dhami, said, "I term the attack on a Gurdwara Sahib in the Poonch area of Kashmirfollowing heightened tensions along the India-Pakistan border—as deeply distressing. Express my heartfelt condolences over the killing of four Sikhs during the attack in Kashmir. This painful incident has inflicted deep wounds on the Sikh community. Paying tribute to the Sikhs who lost their lives in the attack and offer Ardas before the Karta Purakh, asking for eternal peace for the departed souls. SGPC stands in solidarity with the affected families during this tragic time."

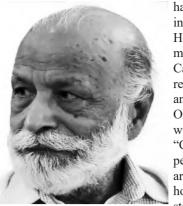
Obituary: Kulwant Nadeem Singh Parmar

Kulwant Nadeem Singh Parmar Kulwant Nadeem Singh Parmar, a man whose life journey spanned continents and blossomed with artistic passion, passed away peacefully in Burnaby, British Columbia. He was 88 years old.

Born on June 9, 1936 in Lyallpur, Punjab (now Pakistan) to Davinder Kaur and Lakhmir Parmar, Kulwant spent his early childhood with his maternal grandparents while

his father served as an engineer in the British India Army. The upheaval of the Partition forced his family to relocate to India, initially settling in Panchatta before later moving to Phagwara. In 1960, Kulwant married Surject Parmar and together they had two children, Bimalpreet Parmar and Rutnaish Prihar. Kulwant and Surject made the decision to immigrate, first to the UK and eventually settling in Canada in

Kulwant has always been driven by his creativity, something he channeled into his writing. He



has published many works, including novels and poetry. He was a vibrant member of many writing communities in Canada and abroad. Kulwant received a number of awards and recognition for his work. One of the highlights of his writing career was his ghazal "Chak Jigar Ke" which was performed by the renowned artist Jagjit Singh. Jagjit honored him by inviting him on stage to perform together.

In later years, Kulwant was pivotal in preserving the history of South Asians, specifically Punjabis in the lower mainland. He was incredibly passionate about his work on bringing awareness of the Komagata Maru incident in Vancouver. If you wish, you can visit the memorial in Coal Harbour or the museum at the Ross Street Gurdwara.

Kulwant Nadeem Parmar is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Surject Parmar; his son, Bimalpreet Parmar, and daughter-in-law, Asha Parmar; his daughter,

> Rutnaish Prihar, and son-in-law, Anoop Prihar; his cherished granddaughters, Nimritta Parmar, Anjlee Parmar, Aneesha Prihar, Aikta Parmar, and Sumeeta Prihar; and his brothers, Kuldip Parmar and Virinderjit Parmar, and sister, Harminderjit Kaur. His artistic spirit and the legacy of his poetry will live on in the hearts of his family and all who knew him.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Royal Columbian Hospital, especially his cardiologists Dr. Sina Alipour and Dr. John LeMaitre.

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Surrey Police Investigate Late Afternoon Stabbing

Surrey Police Service is investigating a stabbing in Surrey's Whalley neighbourhood that has sent one man to hospital in critical condition with serious injuries.

Shortly before 4 pm on May 6, a man entered the Surrey Police Service's District 1 office located on the southeast corner of King George Boulevard and 107A Avenue with serious stab wounds to his torso. SPS Frontline officers immediately provided emergency medical intervention, and the man was taken to hospital by BCEHS, where he remains in critical condition

SPS officers located what is believed to be where the stabbing happened in the 10600 block King George Boulevard. While searching for evidence and witnesses, officers located a person of interest and took them into custody. At this early stage it is unknown if there are any outstanding suspects.

SPS Frontline officers remain on scene canvassing for witnesses and evidence and Frontline Investigative Support Unit detectives have been called in to assist with the investigation.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the stabbing is asked to contact the Surrey Police Service at 604-599-0502 and quote file number 2025-36432 (SP).

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Vancouver City Council Adds Sikh Heritage Month to Official Observances

7ancouver City Council has unanimously endorsed motion to formally recognize Sikh Heritage Month as one of the City's official observances. Beginning in 2026, the City will proclaim April as Sikh Heritage Month, joining other jurisdictions across Canada in celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of Sikh communities.

The motion, brought forward by Sarah Kirby-Yung, Councillor highlights the deep roots and enduring impact of the Sikh community in Vancouver and across Canada. Sikh Canadians have contributed to the



Obituary Sardar Bir Singh Dhariwal

May 4th, 1925 - May 5th, 1925 ardar Bir Singh Dhariwal was born in The village of Chaukimann, Ludhiana District, Punjab, India on May 4th, 1925, and took his last breath on May 5th, 1925, in Victoria BC - just a day after his 100th birthday.

Sardar Bir Singh, whom most of us knew as "Papaji", is survived by his 3 children and their spouses: Amarjit Singh (Jagrup K.) Dhariwal, Ranjit Kaur (Kulwant S.) Johal, & Manjinder Kaur (Sukhbinder S.) Sekhon.

Papaji was also a proud grandparent of 6: Ripple, Mandeep, Ajitpal, Jagjitpal, Gaurav, & Monique; and 3 greatgrandchildren: Siyana (13), Raunaq (8), & Cian (2).

Papaji spent his childhood in Punjab with his 2 brothers and many friends, marrying and moving to Mumbai as a young man, and retiring after 40 years as Superintendent of Customs & Excise at the Bombay Port Authority. He supported & inspired many to join the shipping industry in a post-war time of globalization & trade. His retired life was mostly spent between Canada and India with his loved ones, and many, many friends.

Papaji is remembered as a voracious reader with a great sense of humor and a curious mind. We thank Papaji for his stories, his speeches, his advice, and, most



importantly, his secret stash of chocolates. We bid Papaji a heartfelt departure as he joins his wife of 75 years, Sardani Harbhajan Kaur Dhariwal, in the heavenly

A Service will be held in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 2:00pm. Following the service, Ardaas will take place at Gurudwara, 1210 Topaz Avenue at 4:00pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family at mccallgardens.com

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country since their first arrival in 1906, with a lasting influence across sectors including politics, business, arts, medicine, and education.

"Sikh Heritage Month is a chance to honour the incredible contributions of Sikh Canadians and to reflect on the values that continue to strengthen our communities, such as compassion, equality, and service," said Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim. "We are proud to officially recognize

this month in Vancouver and to celebrate the Sikh community's vital role in shaping our city."

"As the mover of this motion, I am incredibly proud to see Vancouver formally recognize Sikh Heritage Month," said Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung. "This is about celebrating the rich culture and traditions of Sikh Canadians and ensuring we uplift the stories, achievements, and values that have enriched our city for generations."

The month of April also includes Vaisakhi, a significant religious and cultural celebration for Sikh communities, commemorating the founding of the Khalsa and the enduring spiritual legacy of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the ten Sikh Gurus. Adding Sikh Heritage Month to the City's official observances is part of Vancouver's ongoing commitment to inclusivity, cultural recognition, and honouring the City's diversity. As with other observances, the City will issue an annual proclamation to mark the month and celebrate the contributions of the Sikh community.





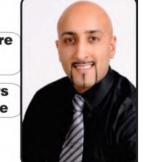
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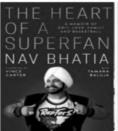
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SACH A Success! Second Annual Fundraiser is Sold Out Again



n May 2nd, 2025, the SACH South Asian Community Hub Society hosted its second annual "SACH a Worthy Cause" fundraising gala at Crown Palace Banquet Hall in Surrey. It was a well sought after event that sold out with nearly 500 attendees, and notable participation by many dignitaries, including politicians, business leaders, faith organizations, and key social services and health leaders.

Senator Baltej Singh Dhillon, the keynote speaker, inspired the audience to reach out to help those struggling with mental health and homelessness. SACH impact speakers included Fawad Kalsi, CEO of Penny Appeal Canada and Gary Thandi, Executive Director of Moving Forward Family Services, who both shared their personal struggles with mental health and addiction.



The event started with a prayer by



Kevin Kelly of the Kwantlen First Nation, Indigenous dances by One Nation Dance Troupe, and a moment of silence for the victims of the Lapu-Lapu tragedy, led by Narima Dela Cruz, a prominent Filipino Canadian community leader.

During the event, MLA Amna Shah, the Parliamentary Secretary for

Mental Health and Addictions, announced a \$100,000 funding commitment from the Government of British Columbia. The funding from the Ministry of Health allows SACH to continue providing the vital outreach support that is culturally sensitive,

linguistically appropriate, and familyoriented, for individuals who need it the

A \$15,000 donation from the Islamic Relief Canada organization will go to support SACH in providing a wraparound mobile hub of services through their SACH Clinics at various locations throughout Surrey. Other notable donations included \$7,500 from Pacific Hospitality Inc., \$5,000 from Foundation for a Path Forward, and \$2,500 from A-Class Autobody & Glass.

The impactful work that SACH is doing to raise awareness and advocate for a collective approach to improving mental health is making a significant impact as many individuals personally donated to support SACH a worthy cause!

The donations that poured in overwhelmed the SACH team and board of directors. The generous community support and their interest to discuss issues of mental health and addictions show how important it is to create safe spaces to educate, advocate and collaborate. Attendees noted that this is a unique event where long-needed conversations on the impact of mental health and addictions in the South Asian community are finally happening. SACH, which means truth in Punjabi, is truly creating a space for truth and healing.

"We are so grateful to everyone who has shown us their confidence and belief in our vision by not only attending the gala but by personally donating to our cause. When individuals, businesses, governments,

and faith organizations attend, donate and ask to join our movement, we feel reassured that we are on the right path, and we have the community support backing our efforts. This gives us more courage to continue creating safe and transformative spaces for social change. We are deeply honoured by the support for SACH a Worthy Cause!," said Daljit Gill-Badesha, Executive Director, SACH South Asian Community Hub. "We are so grateful to everyone who has shown us their confidence and belief in our vision by not only attending the gala but by personally donating to our cause. When individuals, businesses, governments, and faith organizations attend, donate and ask to join our movement, we feel reassured that we are on the right path, and we have the community support backing our efforts. This gives us more courage to continue creating safe and transformative spaces for social change. We are deeply honoured by the support for SACH a Worthy Cause!," said Daljit Gill-Badesha, Executive Director, SACH South Asian Community Hub.

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City of Langley holds 1st Annual Sikh Heritage Month celebration



The City of Langley and the Langley Library celebrated their first annual Sikh Heritage Month event with big success. Around one hundred people including City of Langley Mayor Nathan Pachal and Councillor Rosemary Wallace attended the event and enjoyed turbantying demonstrations, cultural displays, a presentation on the Sikh heritage, religion, and history in Canada, music performances, and refreshments.

The event began with a land acknowledgement, followed by a very informative presentation on Sikhs &

Sikhism by Jashanpreet Singh Randhawa. People enjoyed an entertaining and very energetic Sikh traditional music performance by Lakhwinder Singh and Jagraj Singh dhadi group.

They also introduced some popular Sikh music instruments. For attendees, the live turban tying demonstrations were also a big attraction. There was a display highlighting Sikh history in Canada. The city staff asked people to give their ideas for adding traditional foods to their newly opened café inside the building. The attendees enjoyed Samosas and coffee.

During the event, two families were recognized for their contributions to the Langley community. Manjit Gill and her husband Darcy Gill were recognized for their long commitment and making a giant impact especially for medical services in Langley. They have donated \$1+ million towards the expansion of Langley Memorial Hospital in addition to building a new MRI clinic and other services. Manjit Gill is a philanthropist, a dreamer, an adventurer, a community activist, a voracious reader and a poet who moved to Langley over 50 years ago. The Gill couple has contributed millions of dollars for the betterment of the community. Darcy Gill's family moved to Langley in 1924 and since then, the family has been living in Langley. The Gill family is very well known and well respected in the community. The other family that was recognized is living in Canada for a long time. Harcharan Singh Kundan migrated to Canada from England in February 1968, and briefly The City of Langley and the Langley Library celebrated their first annual Sikh Heritage Month event with big success. Around one hundred people including City of Langley Mayor Nathan Pachal and Councillor Rosemary Wallace attended the event and enjoyed turban-tying demonstrations,

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Province Tables Bill To Fast-Track Key Infrastructure Projects

B^C government, last week, tabled the infrastructure projects act to deliver key infrastructure projects deliver the schools, hospitals and other core services people rely on quicker, as well as provincially significant projects delivered by the private sector that are needed to drive economic growth.

During the past eight years, the Province has embarked on the largest, most ambitious capital plan in B.C. history to build the schools, hospitals, student housing and other infrastructure that growing communities need. "At a time of uncertainty caused by Donald Trump's tariffs, it's more important than ever that we create more good-paying jobs by delivering the critical infrastructure projects people need - faster," said Premier David Eby. "We are building a record number of new schools, hospitals

and major transportation projects across B.C., but too many others face unnecessary and costly delays. This legislation is designed to speed up permitting and approvals to get shovels in the ground more quickly on priority projects."

If passed, the infrastructure projects act will support the work of the ministry by:

* speeding up approvals for priority provincial infrastructure projects, such as schools and hospitals. The act can also help speed up approvals for other projects designated as provincially significant, including those delivered by other partners; * prioritizing and accelerating provincial permitting provincial and other designated projects, including developing a qualified professionals reliance framework;

allowing expedited an



environmental assessment process so designated projects can be reviewed more quickly without compromising B.C.'s high environmental standards;

* establishing a framework for alternative permit authorizations, through an agreement-seeking approach with local governments, to get shovels in the ground faster for provincial and other designated projects;

* putting the authority of the new ministry into law so it can carry out its roles and responsibilities, such as policy development, planning project prioritization, land acquisition, and procurement for vertical provincial projects;

* enabling the ministry to work with school districts,

health authorities and postsecondary institutions to deliver some projects on their behalf.

This will allow government to group multiple projects into a single procurement or allow government to purchase project components for multiple projects at a single time; and

* working collaboratively with schools, health authorities and post-secondary institutions will ensure projects are delivered efficiently and cost-effectively. In addition to provincial infrastructure projects, such as schools and hospitals, the legislation could streamline approvals for a limited number of other provincially significant projects that are delivered by other partners, such as Crown corporations, local governments, First Nations, and private



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The other family that was recognized is living in Canada for a long time. Harcharan Singh Kundan migrated to Canada from England in February 1968, and briefly lived in Montreal and then in Vancouver before ultimately settling in Langley, the place he has proudly called home and is living in with his family for the past 56 years. He has contributed decades of skill and hard work to this community. Harcharan raised his family in Langley, and says that watching his children build their own lives and other families in Langley has been a source of immense pride and fulfillment for him. Reflecting on his journey, Harcharan speaks with gratitude about the life he has built in Canada.

Overall, it was a great opportunity for locals to learn about Sikh heritage and culture and their generous contributions to the community. At the end of the program, the Library Manager Dr. Sarwan Singh Randhawa thanked the attendees, special guests, the speakers and performers, volunteers, the city and library staff, and the media.



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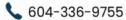
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This exceptional, world-class, Welcome to the highly sought-after Glenwood Village, a 55+ gated community. This bright and spacious upper corner unit features a generously meticulous attention to detail. Spanning sized kitchen and family room, large bathroom home boasts a bright, open-over 5.800 square feet, it occupies the bedrooms, vaulted ceilings, and two bedrooms, vaulted ceilings, and two inviting decks to enjoy your morning coffee include a covered patio complete with a gray fireplace and sound system, a fully includes a large ensuite with a walk-in. The main floor is bathed in natural light includes a large ensuite with a walk-in

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throughout. Modern design and finishings.

Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms, 3 with their

private ensuites and good size closets!



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6125 132A STREET



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16918 OA AVENUE



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10618 10620 142 STREET 22109 OLD YALE ROAD



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about 8 acres, this promising parcel finished living bedroom, 6-bathroom duplex in about 8 acres, this promising parcel finished living space. Offering 7 the highly desirable Willoughby is designated for future bedrooms and 4 bathrooms, this redevelopment under the Grandview property is perfect for large families or concept design, high-end finishes, OCP (Area #5). Grandview Heights includes a fully updated, detached 2-and large windows that fill the General Land Use Plan Designates bedroom mortgage helper, currently OCP (Area #5). Grandview Heights this property as Urban Residential (4 tenanted and generating renta a Great area sitting on a linestors alike. Includes a well-appointed open concept kitchen appointed open concept kitchen area's highest elevations, it offers schools, and essential amenities, this lighting in the kitchen, updated bathrooms, and a stone gas fireplace, plus a roofthat's only 11 years old.

BIG lot. Excellent that has premium appliances, a cozy great room, and private outdoor spaces.

Investment Opportunity.

BIG lot. Excellent that has premium appliances, a cozy great room, and private outdoor spaces.

7045 142 STREET

Welcome to this beautifully renovated This beautifully crafted custom hom Court-Ordered Sale. Spanning home on a generous 7,895 sq. ft. lot shows like a 10. Offering 7 bedroom with approximately 2,268 sq. ft. of and 7 bathrooms, including a self contained 1-bedroom legal suite (currently rented) along with a bedroon on the main floor with it's on ensuite multi-generational living. It also this residence features high-end finishings-2x6 construction, a gran entry with soaring ceilings, and elegar income. Located with convenient back Italian marble tiles. Detailed with wainscoting, crown moldings, and a main floor bedroom with full ensuite, also boasts a chef's kitchen with Boscl appliances and a gas range.

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5 Lots in Fraser Heights



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\$8,990,000

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FOR SALE



118 225 FRANCIS WAY

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Mayor Brenda Locke Proposes Administrator To Address Inequity In Health Care

significant **⊥**move to address ongoing health care crisis in Surrey, Mayor Brenda Locke introduced a Notice of Motion this week for the city to hire a Health Administrator Care address longstanding health-care inequities. Despite having a population of similar size to the City of Vancouver,

Surrey has 671 hospital beds compared to Vancouver's 2,572. Even with 168 beds slated for the new Cloverdale hospital that is under construction, Vancouver will still have triple the number of hospital beds for a population of similar size and has no maternity or pediatric wards.

"The creation of a Health Care Administrator will mark a significant step toward health equity for Surrey residents," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "These disparities are not abstract statistics; they are the anxious parent in a crowded ER, the senior awaiting a long-term-care bed, someone suffering with mental health challenges falling through the cracks, and the young family searching for a family doctor who is taking new patients. Health care is a provincial responsibility, and the Province must ensure equitable service for all British Columbians—including the people of Surrey. Our residents deserve better, and with a Health Care Administrator

we will be one step closer to ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are met."

Surrey residents continue to face an alarming shortage of critical health care resources including:

- Memorial Surrey delivered 6,000 babies in 2024 in space built for 4,000.
- Only 59 family doctors serve every 100,000 Surrey residents, barely

half the provincial average and less than half of Vancouver's 136.

- · Surrey Memorial still lacks cardiology cath-lab services, a stroke centre, and a trauma unit.
- Surrey and White Rock together have 996 hospital beds versus 2,572 in Vancouver; just 597 acute-care beds versus 1,138; and zero long-term-care beds compared with Vancouver's 535.
- Surrey children are treated in 16 pediatric beds while Vancouver has 252.
- Surrey has 84 mental health and addictions beds compared to 377 in Vancouver.
- Emergency physicians here spend 16 minutes per patient—Vancouver patients receive nearly three times that care.

Mayor Locke's Notice of Motion includes the following direction:

 Investigate health-care initiatives implemented successfully municipalities like Colwood,

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15611 ROPER AVENUE, WHITE ROCK



Well cared 4 bed/2 bath 2185sf House . Large FLAT LOT, Great Location to walk to Uptown or Beach. Open floor plan is perfect for family living. New Paint Bright Kitchen & dining with walk-out to oversized side deck Hardwood floors throughout. Living upstairs boasts a feature Fireplace. Spacious Kitchen Lower level has 2-Bedroom Suite with separate entry. Large Double garage with storage. Earl Marriott French Immersion Sec & WR Elementary +(Peace Arch) French Immersion Catchment.Large deck 578sqft nice patio 105sqft with double garage. Buyer agent to verify with city for duplex option. VIEWING SATURDAY 6:00pm to 8:00pm AND SUNDAY 1:00PM TO 5:00PM.

2880 169 ST., SURREY \$3,599,000 Listing ID: R2584077



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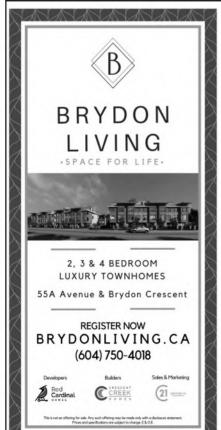
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6 BED - 4 BATHS - 10,318 SF

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ASKING 1,599,000

5758 131 A STREET SURREY



11BED - 11 BATHS - 20,255 SF LOT

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PRIME NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PANORAMA

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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 Shoppir

ASKING 1,699,000

7028 142 STREET, SURREY



5 BED - 5 BATHS - 7,107 SF

er 7100 sqft lot with 77 feet Front just steps av 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 & Uring 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 SEEII Please book your private Showings.

ASKING 1,699,000

10095 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, CHILLIWACK



4 BED - 2 BATHS - 9,750 SF LOT

best & prime neighbourhood of Fairfield Island in Chilliwack. This Beautiful Rancher with Basement house sits on a huge 9750 Sq. Feet Lot 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

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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 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.

ASKING 589,000

5748 123 Street Surrey



7 BED - 8 BATHS - 20,211 SF

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2025 Nissan Murano: New Updates Keep This Popular SUV Fresh

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

 2^{025} sees the introduction of the fourth generation Nissan Murano SUV. It remains a two-row, five-seat crossover crisply rendered with new styling that's similar to the all-electric Nissan Ariya. What's new for 2025 is a sleek redesigned body, a new four-cylinder engine replacing the previous V6 unit and an updated interior with new technology features. In profile, the Murano's styling is better than before with a sleek fastback roof and wonderful detailing all around. It certainly looks as futuristic as they come - especially from the front. There are new two-tone paint schemes available on the top Platinum trim with two-tone upholstery options.

changes Technology include new twin high -resolution 12.3-inch touchscreens to replace the single eightinch unit from before. Nissan's

Google-based infotainment software is also offered on the higher trim

Engine n -wise, the new turbocharged 2.0L generates 241 hp and 260 lb-ft of torque. A nine-speed automatic transmission is standard kit along with a standard allwheel-drive system on all models.

The 2025 Nissan Murano price starts at \$48,908 for the entry Murano SV. The SL trim is \$52,558, while the top Platinum version weighs in at \$56,558. PDE and freight is \$2,060. All Murano trims come with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and the mid range SL and premium Platinum models come with Google indash navigation, Active sound cancellation, a wireless smartphone charging pad, SiriusXM satellite radio, four USB-C ports, and a six-speaker stereo as standard. Mid and top SL and Platinum models come with a 10-speaker Bose stereo, Amazon's Alexa voice assistant, and an in-car wi-fi hotspot.

Othe tech feature include a subscriptionbased Wi-Fi hotspot, Option packages include heated rear seats, and ventilated and massaging front seats for the top line models, although a heated front seats and a heated steering wheel are standard across the three-trim lineup. Other options on top tier models include such niceties as a head-up display, 64-color ambient lighting, Semi- aniline leather seating surfaces, wireless phone pairing much more.

Interior wise, surprisingly

that sleek arcing roofline does not compromise headroom too much. The new Murano is wider than before, which means a shade more hip- and shoulder room. The front cabin has a dash design similar to the Nissan Ariya EV, with a faux wood panel, capacitive climate controls and an upscale feel with leather and plenty of soft-touch surfaces. Fit and finishing is good and there is decent level of luxury material and soft touch surfaces. There is good front cabin storage with a passthrough compartment, a well sized console bin, plus two USB-C charging ports for each set of seats.

All trims get the excellent Zero Gravity seats, front and back which must be amongst the most comfortable around for long drives. Rear-seat legroom is decent in the Crossover with 932 L of cargo space behind the back seat and the rear bench seat folds 60/40 using levers in the cargo area — revealing a total of 1,798 L of

On the road, the Murano's new turbo four- cylinder is more than up to the task with decent acceleration and power

delivery. The Murano feels solid and composed with good road feel. Driving Modes include Sport and Eco modes, Sport sharpens the throttle parameters and transmission responsiveness, along with a tad firmer handling. Eco offers a slighter damped down performance with slightly better fuel efficiency.

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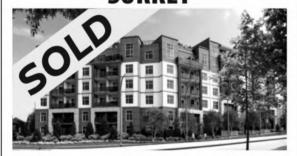
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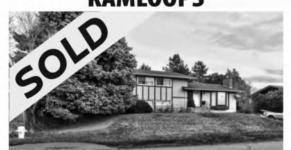
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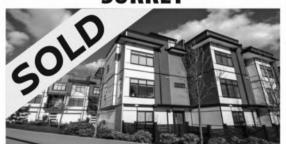
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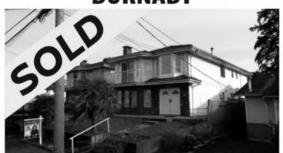
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BC Premier Calls for Balance and More Provincial Autonomy.....

As he put it, immigration is not just about numbers—it's about people, prosperity, and planning. That's why he raised concerns about the extreme swings in federal immigration policies in recent years, introduced by the previous

When asked about the dramatic pendulum swings in federal immigration policy—first opening the floodgates and now pulling up the drawbridge—Eby didn't mince words. He said, "I am worried. We went from one extreme to another. Over two years, British Columbia saw a massive influx around 300,000 new arrivals. Our housing, roads, and schools, especially in the South of the Fraser, simply couldn't keep up. But now the tap has been turned off almost completely. That, too, has serious consequences. It's affecting our healthcare system, our economic momentum, and our ability to attract the professionals we need to keep BC thriving."

He emphasized the need for a balanced approach—one that aligns immigration levels with the province's ability to support newcomers through housing, education, and language training. "We want to ensure people who come to BC can succeed," he said. "We need nurses, engineers, early childhood educators, and tradespeople."

Premier Eby revealed that his government has formally asked Ottawa for greater flexibility and more space in provincial immigration programs. "We understand our needs better than anyone in Ottawa can."

On the issue of international students, many of whom have borne the brunt of recent policy changes—Eby expressed frustration. "Some of these federal decisions were reactions to issues in Ontario, but they've hit us hard here in



BC," he said. "International education is one of our major exports. It brings jobs, fuels growth in our post-secondary institutions, and forges lasting global ties." He noted that British Columbia has taken proactive steps to manage international student enrollment responsibly: "We've introduced regulations, and we're investing in student housing so they don't drive up pressure on the broader housing market."

When run well, Eby said, international education is a "massive asset." But recent disruptions have dented Canada's global reputation. "I'm hopeful that with fresh leadership in Ottawa, we can restore our standing on the world stage."

When asked whether Western Canada, particularly B.C., feels left out of federal planning, he said, "The idea of separation is complete nonsense." But he admitted that B.C.'s geographic distance from Ottawa often translates into real disparities. "My message to the new Federal Government is to give us access to same programs that are available to provinces like Quebec and Ontario. Programs involving millionsfor immigration, for example—have bypassed us." He also gave the example of Ontario getting a hospital in the North built with federal government funding. "We never had any hospital built by the federal government."

He further noted that his priorities with the new federal government for BC will be to discuss national transportation corridor for goods and services. Though every province is hit with a tariff but impact on each province will be different. In Ontario, the auto industry will be hit harder and in BC it is soft wood lumber industry that will be hit. "The American president's renewed assault on our forestry sector needs the same Team Canada response as the manufacturing and auto industry jobs in Ontario and Quebec."

He said, "We need a federal government

that is ready to help address bottlenecks in our transportation corridor to get our goods to market, as well as expand training to build a highly skilled workforce.

"Our port is one of the slowest in the world," Eby lamented. "The reason? Congestion." He stressed that he intends to sit down with the Prime Minister to address these bottlenecks. "If we can't move goods quickly, prices go up, and evervone loses."

With seafood, agriculture, and natural resources among B.C.'s top exports, time truly is money. "Faster movement means fresher produce, lower costs, and more competitive trade," he said.

He also highlighted the government's efforts to address the healthcare crisis in Surrey. He said the new hospital is well under construction, expansion at Surrey Memorial including a renal centre, and the upcoming opening of a new medical school.

A Message to Business Owners: **Resilience and Reform**

When asked what message he had for small business owners worried about tariffs, Eby said:

"The U.S.-Canada trade relationship is deeply interconnected. Small businesses manufacturers, contractors—feel the ripples first. We're tackling it from three fronts: cutting interprovincial trade barriers, expanding international markets through trade missions, and pushing the federal government to reinvest tariff revenues into affected sectors."

He concluded, "Wherever we can reduce costs—like scrapping the carbon tax when the feds allowed it—we'll do it. We know businesses are under pressure. We're committed to helping them stay afloat and find new markets.

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Allegiance Creator Anar Ali Signs With Atlas

Anar Ali, the Creator and Executive Producer of the hit CBC and NBCUniversal police procedural, ALLEGIANCE has signed with Atlas Literary and Atlas Artists in the US. Ali's team at Atlas includes Alex Hertzberg, Ethan Harari and Adam Burger.

The acclaimed Canadian television drama ALLEGIANCE, which Ali created, executive produces and is a writer on, is currently nominated for eight Canadian Screen Awards, including a writing nod for Ali and for Best Dramatic Series. The series was nominated for four Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting awards with two nominations for Ali and it was just announced that the series has been picked up for a third season. Ali is an entrepreneur who left a successful career in the corporate world to pursue her dream of becoming a writer; working as

nar Ali, the Creator and Executive a Business Development Executive at Producer of the hit CBC and Procter & Gamble before attending the CUniversal police procedural. Canadian Film Centre.

"Anar is a unique artist with a powerful, transformative voice who has launched a hit in her native country. We look forward to helping her expand her audience to the global stage," says Alex Hertzberg, CEO of Atlas Literary.

Acritically acclaimed short story writer and novelist, Ali's first book, BABY KHAKI'S WINGS, was a finalist for multiple awards including the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, and her debut novel, NIGHT OF POWER, was published internationally by Penguin Random House. Ali started her TV career in 2016 when she won a development deal with CBC's Diverse Creators Program and shortly after she was a writer on NBCUniversal and CTV's hit medical drama, TRANSPLANT. In 2023,



ALLEGIANCE was ordered to series and is currently airing its second season in more than 100 countries around the world. She currently has three new series and two feature films in development.

Atlas Entertainment is one of the most successful film entertainment production companies in the world. An industry leader both commercially and critically, it has earned over \$11 billion in global box office to-date and won multiple Academy Awards and Golden Globes. Recent titles include Oppenheimer, Uncharted, Wonder Woman 1984, and The Suicide Squad. Through Atlas Artists and Atlas Literary, the Company manages a growing roster of top talent including Olivia Munn, Hannah Waddingham, Kirstin Davis, William H. Macy, John Woo (The Killer, Hard Boiled), Emma Tammi (5 Nights at Freddy's) and Pam Ribon (Moana, Ralph Breaks the Internet, Nimona).

Ali was born in Tanzania to Indian parents, grew up in Western Canada, has lived in Mexico and the UK, and currently makes her home in Toronto.

Surrey Teachers, Parents, and Education Support Workers Call on Minister Bailey to Invest in Public Education: "Surrey Students Deserve Better"

CUPE Local 728, the Surrey Teachers' Association (STA), and the Surrey District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), are united in a message to the provincial government: Surrey students deserve better

Together, these three education partners are launching a new campaign – Surrey Students Deserve Better - calling on Premier David Eby and Minister of Finance Brenda Bailey to end the decades of chronic underfunding of public education in B.C.'s largest school district. Rather than continuing to appeal to a rotating cast of Education Ministers, the groups are urging Premier Eby to support Minister Bailey in using her economic mandate to invest directly in public education.



STA President Lizanne Foster

"If we want a strong economy tomorrow, we need to invest in the children sitting in Surrey classrooms today," said STA President Lizanne Foster. "For too long, Surrey students have been expected to learn in overcrowded classrooms, outdated portables, and under-resourced schools." Despite being the second-largest economic hub in the province, Surrey students continue to face systemic barriers to learning caused by decades of underinvestment.

Among the most pressing concerns:

- •Inadequate mental health supports, despite NDP commitments to fund more school psychologists, counsellors, and social workers leaving many students without access.
- Cuts to Educational Assistants, even after the NDP promised one in every K-3 classroom reducing critical in-class

support for vulnerable learners.

- Constant staff reassignments, with teachers and EAs pulled from their roles to cover shortages destabilizing learning and burning out frontline staff.
- Ongoing reliance on fundraising and donations to supply basic classroom materials forcing teachers to spend out of pocket for essentials.
- Outdated classroom materials and technology putting students behind in a rapidly evolving digital world.
- Over 360 portables still in use, despite a 2016 NDP promise to eliminate them by 2020 resulting in overcrowded and inequitable learning conditions.
- Reductions to early learning programs like StrongStart weakening vital supports in the earliest years of





Poor Oral Health Affects More Than Our Teeth

id you know that 96 per cent of Canadian adults have had one or more cavities and that cavities are the most common non-communicable disease in adults and children worldwide? As Oral Health Month draws to a close, a new report by Fraser Health's chief medical health officer utilizes public health data to raise awareness of the effects of oral health on the lives of people in the Fraser Health region.

As chief medical health officer for Fraser Health, Dr. Ingrid Tyler's primary mandate is to prevent disease, protect health and promote wellness.

Dr. Tyler selected oral health as the focus for her report, Oral health in the Fraser Health region: Opportunities for action, given the significant connection between oral health and overall health and well-being.

Poor oral health can lead to gum disease, which has been associated with cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus and



poor pregnancy outcomes.

"Many people don't realize the enormous impact that oral health can have on our physical, mental and emotional well-being," says Dr. Tyler. "By sharing data, evidence and best practices from Fraser Health and other jurisdictions, this report aims to stimulate conversation about oral health, fluoridation practices and oral health inequities."

In her report, Dr. Tyler provides an analysis of the most recent dental survey of kindergarten students. A closer look at the Fraser Health data shows 33 per cent of kindergarten students in the Fraser Health region have had at least one cavity. Kindergarteners living in the lowest-income neighbourhoods experienced a cavity rate of 40 per cent, while children residing in the highest

neighbourhoods experienced a cavity rate of only 27 per cent.

Like the kindergarten age group, there is also evidence that social inequities influence oral health among adults, particularly for racialized populations, immigrants, Indigenous populations, people who identified as transgender or nonbinary, and those with disabilities.

Financial barriers prevent many Canadians from accessing dental care. An estimated 20 per cent of residents in the Fraser Health region do not have dental coverage. This is mitigated in part by B.C. dental supplements and more recently, the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Specialized dental programs are available to assist people in accessing necessary dental care. For example, Fraser Health operates a fluoride varnish program for children to help prevent cavities, reaching nearly 7,000 families annually. Families can determine their eligibility

for these services by contacting their local public health unit or visiting a public health dental outreach clinic in the community. Although fluoride is known to improve oral health, B.C. is one of only five provinces in which less then two per cent of the community water supply is fluoridated. Currently, no communities in the Fraser Health region are fluoridating their water. Fraser Health will continue to work alongside local governments and health care partners in support of community water fluoridation. "Poor oral health has a profound effect not only on individuals but on the wider community, resulting in increased health care costs and lost work and school days," says Dr. Tyler. "Through increased public awareness, monitoring, and collaboration across public health, dental professionals, governments, and Indigenous partners, we can continue to build awareness of the diversity of population dental needs and work together to promote equity and improve oral health for all."

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Mayor Brenda Locke Proposes...

particularly their operational clinic model.

- Explore additional pathways to increase the availability of family physicians in Surrey through creative solutions such as community health centres and interdisciplinary networks.
- Evaluate the viability of Surrey employing or contracting family physicians to meet demand
- Report back to the council

within 120 days with actionable recommendations.

Establish a Health-Care Administrator position within the City Manager's Office to coordinate these efforts and advocate for equitable health-care resources.

Now that Mayor Locke has introduced this Notice of Motion, Surrey City Council will vote on the matter at a later meeting.

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2025 Nissan Murano: New Updates keep this...

Overall roll stiffness is up 25.5 percent in front, 24.5 percent rear, and new frequencyselective dampers help smooth out rougher surfaces.

Downsides are few for the Murano no hybrid or all-electric version for now although plug-in hybrid (PHEV) powertrain is slated for next year. It is expensive and might make you want to consider the pricier Nissan Ariya EV if you

want to go that route, or on the flip side - the slightly less premium Nissan Rogue is an alternative if there are budget considerations.

To sum up the new Murano is a big improvement on the older generations of this popular SUV. It certainly looks fantastically upscale than the model it replaces. Key attributes include the fine family hauling capability that

can be outfitted from a decent standard base spec all the way to the Platinum models uber luxury spec, brimming with high technology and safety. With its excellent combination of looks, equipment, fit and finish, the Nissan Murano will not disappoint.

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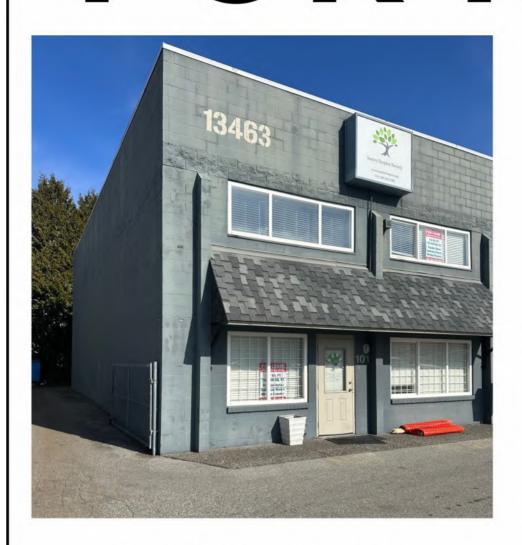
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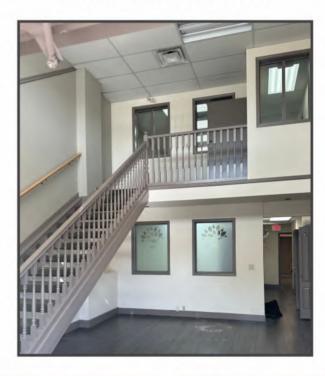
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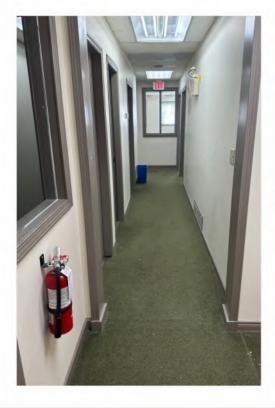
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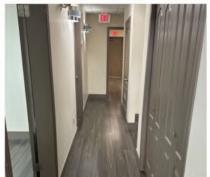






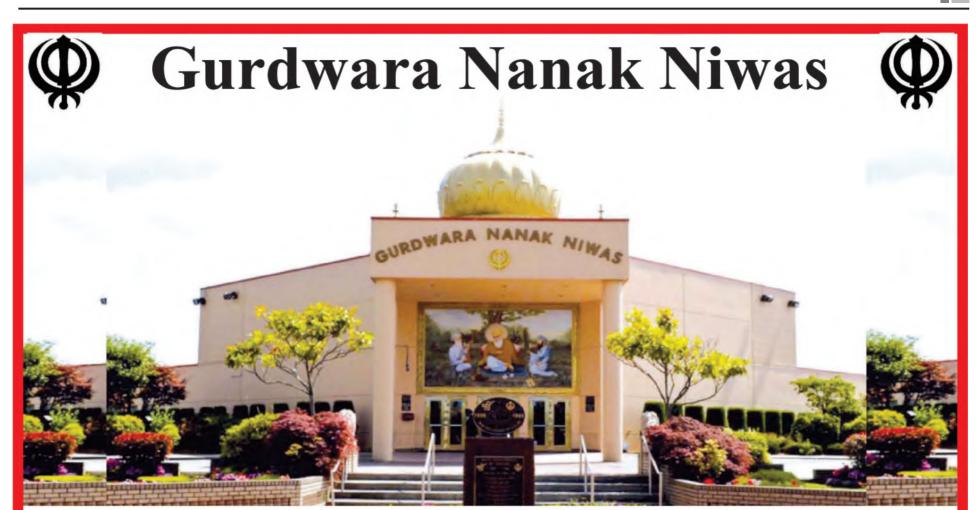








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WEEKLY PROGRAMS —

8th May, Thursday at 10:00 and at 5:00 and at

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Avtar Singh Atwal family. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Jaswant Singh Gill family. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Pirtpal Singh Sanghera family. at 5:00 am, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib, Gurbani Kirtan, Katha Vichar and langar seva by the Mike Hothi family.

11th May, Monday

at 10:30 am, Weekly Diwan will be dedicated to the birth anniversary of Guru Amar Das Ji, followed by Gurbani Kirtan and Katha Vichar Samagam. Langar seva by the Sangat.

11th May, Monday

at 4:00 pm, Sri Sehaj Path bhog and antim ardas for late Surjit Kaur Cheema by the Cheema family.

15th May, Thursday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Yash Dhingra family.

15th May, Thursday

at 6:00 pm, On the Sangrand day of the month of Jeth, there will be Gurbani Kirtan, Katha Vichar in

the evening diwan and Langar seva by all the Sangat and the Management Committee.

16th May, Friday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Ashwani Gaba family.

18th May, Sunday

at 10:00 am, Weekly Diwan, Bhog Sri Sehaj Path, Gurbani Kirtan, Katha Vichar and Langar seva by

the Shinder Sidhu family.

21st May, Wednesday at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Tajinder Kaur family.

19 July (Saturday) and 11 September (Thursday) are available for Anand Karj. Please contact Kanwaljit Singh (Assistant Secretary) to book Anand Karj.

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.

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Kangana Ranaut

To Make Hollywood Debut With Horror Drama 'Blessed Be The Evil'

Bollywood star Kangana Ranaut follows a Christian couple who are reeling from the trauma of a debut with the upcoming horror drama, Blessed Be The Evil. The film, directed by Anurag Rudra, will feature the star alongside actors Tyler Posey and Scarlet Rose Stallone.

According to Variety, the film, written by Rudra and Gatha Tiwary,

devastating miscarriage. They buy an abandoned farm where their love and faith are tested by a malevolent presence. Speaking about the project, Rudra

told Variey that the film is inspired by the stories he was told while growing up in rural India. "This folklore was so special that I truly believed in all the stories, and wanted to showcase them internationally through the art of cinema – the strongest and most beautiful way to connect to dreams and reality," he added.

Blessed Be The Evil will begin production in New York this summer. Interestingly, the makers have decided to shoot in the US to avoid "uncertainties stemming from the recently announced Trump," as per Variety. The project is set to be presented to buys at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival. Apart from co-writing Tiwary. script, the president and founder of Lions Movies, also produces the film along with Rudra.

Kangana was last seen in Emergency, which she also directed. The film featured the star as the former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



Why Anupam **Kher Calls Jackie Shroff** His 'Brother **From Another** Mother'





umbai: Anupam Kher shared Ma heartfelt note for his longtime friend and co-star, Jackie Shroff, calling him his 'brother from another mother.'

In a touching post, Kher reflected on their decades-long bond, both professionally and personally, revealing that Shroff's wife, Ayesha, has been tying him Rakhi for over 30 years. The two have worked together on numerous films, with Kher praising Shroff's golden heart and his unwavering

Kher, who is currently awaiting the release of his film Tanvi The Great, shared a touching anecdote about Shroff visiting him at home before the film's casting was finalized. After listening to a few songs Kher had recorded for the film, Jackie Shroff remained quiet for a long time before embracing Kher and telling him, "Don't make this film without me."

The Special 26 actor also expressed his admiration for Shroff's portrayal of his character, Brigadier Joshi, in the film.

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Why Karan Johar Was Afraid About Ranveer-Alia's Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani Not Doing Well

New Delhi: Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani, was a quintessential Karan Johar film with all the right commercial elements in place. Grand sets, beautiful costumes, killer soundtracks, and an ensemble cast that keeps viewers transfixed on the big screen.

However, Karan Johar initially was nervous about the film not doing well. The

reason he revealed was that, had the film tanked, he was worried that people would not take him seriously. In an interview with Raj Shamani, Karan said, "Andar hi andar main bahut nervous ho gaya tha ki what if I fail?"



Karan further elaborated, "I think trailer ek vibe de rahi thi ki been there, done that film hai. Mujhe ye baat ka ehsaas aa chuka tha kyuki main bahut aware hu."

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani marked Karan Johar's return to the director's seat after 7 years,

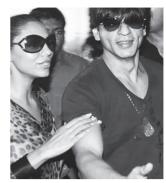
his last film before this was Ae Dil Hai Mushkil. Hence, the nervousness was justified. He went on to add how the film was stuck between big releases like Barbie and Oppenheimer, with Sunny Deol's Gadar 2 also in the cue. All of which went on to become massive blockbusters.

Karan Johar was as candid as he could be about his biggest insecurity being failure. The director candidly spoke about the fear he felt before the release, but then the film was released, and the rest is history.

Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani also had Jaya Bachchan, Shabana Azmi, Dharmendra, Tota Roychowdhury, and Churni Ganguly in key roles. The film

was released in theatres on July 28, 2023.





New Delhi: Shah Rukh Khan and Gauri Khan are one of the rock-solid couples of the industry. Gauri Khan has always stood by Shah Rukh Khan through thick and thin all these years.

Back in 2005, during an early session of Koffee with Karan, Karan Johar asked Gauri Khan what she would do if he ever cheated on her. Gauri Khan was asked by Karan Johar if she feels insecure about huge female fan craze around her superstar husband.

Gauri said, "I have an aversion to these questions. Since it's you... I totally go blank when people even want to ask me these questions, I get really irritated, but anyway... little off track I'll go... I pray to God every day that if we are not supposed to be together and if he has to be with somebody else, then God, let me find somebody else also. And, I hope he is handsome. It's true!"

She added, "This is what I pray to God, and I mean it. I feel if he has to be with somebody else, if he chooses to be with somebody else, I would not want to be with him. I would say, ok, great! Let me move on with somebody."

After six years of courtship, Shah Rukh Khan married Gauri Khan on October 25, 1991. They are parents to three children - Aryan, Suhana and AbRam.



Ignore Virat
Kohli At First
Public Outing
After Avneet
Kaur Row?

New Delhi: Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli were spotted on a dinner outing in Bengaluru on Tuesday. Several videos from the outing have been doing the rounds on social media.

One of the videos shows the couple arriving at a restaurant in Bengaluru. Eagle-eyed fans saw Anushka stepping out of the car while holding the door, seemingly missing Virat's extended hand.

The video also shows Anushka walking slightly ahead of Virat as they make their way to the restaurant.

The clip quickly went viral, with several users commenting on the hand gesture. One person referred to Kohli's recent Instagram story and wrote, "Algorithm mistakenly showed that Anushka didn't hold Virat's hand. There was absolutely no intent behind it." Another user

commented, "No more hand holding or big grins?" Some speculated that such interactions could fuel rumours about their relationship.

This was the couple's first public appearance since Kohli responded to the recent controversy involving Avneet Kaur. ICYDK: Virat liked Avneet's picture shared by a fanpage and then disliked it soon after.

The cricketer issued a clarification and said, "I'd like to clarify that while clearing my feed, it appears the algorithm may have mistakenly registered an interaction. There was absolutely no intent behind it. I request that no unnecessary assumptions be made. Thank you for your understanding."

Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli married in December 2017. They are parents to daughter Vamika and son Akaay.



New Delhi: Filmmaker Karan Johar has responded to long-standing accusations of sabotaging careers in the film industry. In a recent podcast with Raj Shamani, he addressed the "career destroyer" label, calling the allegations "unfair".

"People say iska iska career destroy kiya. Maine kisi ka kuch nahi kiya. Maine bas apna kaam kiya," he said, expressing frustration over the criticism.

Karan also spoke about the backlash he faces for supporting star kids, saying that people often ignore the outsiders he has launched. He gave the example of actor Adarsh Gourav, whose debut film, My Name Is Khan, was produced by Dharma Productions.

"I have worked with all kinds of actors. I can list several actors and other talents who did their first films with usmany of whom were complete outsiders," he said, adding, "I've launched around 50 actors and 25 directors, many of whom come from non-film backgrounds. Yet, no one ever talks about that."

He also questioned the lack of attention given to actors like Lakshya Lalwani and Raghav Juyal, who featured in Dharma's recent film Kill. "If I launch an outsider, it goes unnoticed. But if it's a star kid, it becomes a headline," he added.

On the work front, Karan Johar's next production Homebound will premiere at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival in the Un Certain Regard section.



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