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Anita Anand Named Foreign Affairs Minister Of Canada In PM Carney's New Cabinet



- Two Indian-origin Liberal MP's get important Ministries
- Surrey's Randeep Sarai becomes Secretary of State
- Delta's Jill McKnight names Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence
- Vancouver's Greg Robertson appointed as Minister of Housing and Infrastructure



Anita Anand,
Foreign Affairs Minister



Randeep Sarai, Secretary of State
(International Development)



Maninder Sidhu, Minister of
International Trade



Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State
(Combating Crime)

In a significant Cabinet shake up, Prime Minister, Mark Carney, announced the members of Canada's new Ministry. They were sworn in this week.

"Canadians elected this new government with a strong mandate: to define a new economic and security relationship with the United States, bring down the cost of living, and build a stronger economy. This new cabinet is focused, ready, and built for

this moment," said PM Carney. Carney reduced the number of ministers to 29 from 39 when he was appointed by the previous Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, but retained some key players in the same positions, including Finance Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne and Dominic LeBlanc, who handles US trade.

Carney named Anita Anand as foreign minister, replacing Mélanie Joly, who becomes the minister of industry. Anand previously served in roles including defense minister. Maninder Sidhu, representing the riding of Brampton East, has been appointed the Minister

of International Trade. Surrey's Randeep Sarai has entered Cabinet as Secretary

of State (International Development). He said, "I'm honoured to have been sworn in as Secretary of State for International Development. Our government is committed to global peace, supporting the most vulnerable, advancing sustainability, and investing in a world where local communities and economies can thrive, so that we all benefit. I'm deeply grateful to the people of Surrey Centre for their trust. I'll work hard to ensure Canadians have a strong voice at home and on the world stage.

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Surrey Mayor sets bold path forward with state-of-the-art facilities, a bold transportation plan in state of the city address

Mayor Brenda Locke delivered her 2025 State of the City Address, highlighting Surrey's remarkable growth, as well as the City's ambitious plans and unwavering commitment to building a vibrant, inclusive community. With Surrey poised to be the first city in B.C. to reach a population of one million people, the Mayor celebrated the city's evolution into a regional powerhouse, unveiled major initiatives, and outlined a bold course for Surrey's future.

"Surrey's future shines bright, driven by bold ideas and continuous progress," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "Building on the resilient spirit of our community, we are investing in world-class facilities such as a 10,000-seat arena in City Centre, expanding our transportation and rapid transit network, leading innovation in healthcare and advancing a comprehensive Surrey 2050 growth strategy. As our city enters a new era, our vision is for a community where opportunity, diversity, and innovation flourish side by side—a city where everyone matters. Together, we are building a Surrey that is vibrant, inclusive, and ready to embrace the opportunities of tomorrow."

She said a new facility in City Centre will transform Surrey's entertainment and recreation landscape. This arena will serve as a cornerstone for a new entertainment district, attracting major sporting events, concerts, and community gatherings. It will



be a destination with mixed-use development including a hotel, conference facilities, retail, and restaurants.

This project will create a lively, walkable downtown core, foster local economic growth, and become a hub where families and residents can enjoy world-class entertainment in the heart of Surrey. This is one of many projects planned throughout the city.

Visit surrey.ca/capital-projects to learn about other Capital Projects in Surrey, such as the \$310M Newton Community Centre.

She highlighted creation of a new Surrey Healthcare Administrator role. "Recognizing the urgent need to improve healthcare access and address inequity,

the City will establish this new role. This individual will serve as a champion for innovative health initiatives, working closely with Fraser Health, SFU, community organizations, and first responders to identify gaps and develop tailored solutions. The Administrator will coordinate efforts to streamline services, foster collaboration among partners, and promote preventative care strategies, such as exploring models involving the city employing or contracting family physicians to help alleviate Surrey's healthcare crisis."

She said that in response to regional plans that overlook Surrey's rapid growth, the City will develop its own Surrey 2050

strategy. This comprehensive growth plan will set targets for housing, employment, transit, green spaces, and community development, ensuring Surrey's aspirations are prioritized and integrated regionally.

She informed about A \$66 million expansion of Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre and the new \$310 million Newton Community Centre complete with fitness centre, swimming pool, and a 45,000 square foot library.

Key Highlights of the 2025 State of the City Address included: Completion of the \$132 million Cloverdale Sport & Ice Complex, as well as the revitalization of the Cloverdale Fairgrounds and Town Centre.

Major Transportation Investments: Breaking ground this month on Surrey's largest road project: the 72 Avenue east-west corridor, alongside the construction of the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain and planned King George Bus Rapid Transit line.

Housing Acceleration: A record 6,297 new homes approved in 2024, announcement of the Gateway project that will bring 1,800 new housing units to the City's downtown core, and new policies permitting secondary suites in townhouses near transit to boost family-friendly, affordable options.

Fiscal Responsibility: A 2025 budget that holds the general property tax increase to 2.8 percent plus a 1 percent road levy – one of the lowest in the region – while adding 25 police officers, 20 firefighters and 10 by-law officers.

"We are proving that a city can grow fast and still stay affordable," the Mayor added. "By negotiating \$250 million from the Province for policing costs, prioritizing public safety, and keeping taxes low, we're showing Surrey families that sound fiscal stewardship and visionary investment go hand in hand."

Mayor Locke closed with a call for continued partnership and civility. "Surrey's spirit is built on kindness, hard work and innovation," she said. "Together we're not just talking about the future—we're building it."

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Suspect Arrested And Charged In 2022 Murder Of Maanav Kinkar

A two-year investigation by Vancouver Police and IHIT has led to the arrest of a suspect for two murders in Vancouver and Surrey. One murder was that of Maanav Kinkar. Kinkar, 18, was found deceased at Hazelnut Meadows Park near 140 Street and 68 Avenue in Surrey on May 26, 2022. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) initiated an investigation and began the search for a suspect in May. In May 26, 2022, at around 8:43 p.m., Surrey RCMP responded to the Hazelnut Meadows Park near 140 Street between 68 Avenue and 70 Avenue and found a man deceased. BC Emergency Health Services (BC EHS) were already on scene. Early indications were that the man's death was as a result of criminality and IHIT was called in to investigate.

Homicide detectives determined that on the evening of May 26, Maanav Kinkar arrived at Surrey Central via Skytrain and may have got onto a bus. The second murder was ten months later, on March 3, 2023. 22-year-old Caleb Morin, was stabbed and killed at a residence near Boundary Road and East 45th Avenue in Vancouver. "Our teams worked diligently and in close partnership to solve these crimes and provide closure to the victims' families and our communities," says Constable Tania Visintin, VPD. "While these homicides were not connected, the cooperation between our agencies led to the evidence we needed to make this arrest." Although the two murder victims had no connection, Vancouver Police worked collaboratively with IHIT to gather evidence that eventually linked a single suspect to both cases.

The suspect was arrested near East 29th Avenue and Rupert Street on May 8 by VPD homicide detectives. Nahom Gizaw, 21, is now charged with two counts of second-degree murder, and remains in custody. "The charge approval stage is a significant milestone," says Sergeant Freda Fong, IHIT. "Our success was due to the collaboration between the VPD and IHIT whose investigators worked tirelessly to maintain the integrity of the joint investigation."



Gurtaj Singh Charged In December 2024 Guildford Homicide, Investigation Continues

On December 14, 2024 at approximately 3:00 a.m., RCMP Surrey Provincial Operations Support Unit (SPOSU) frontline officers were called to a residence in the 14700 block of 108A Avenue, Surrey for reports of a stabbing. Surrey Police Service (SPS) and SPOSU attended the area and located two individuals suffering from life-threatening injuries. Despite life saving measures, one woman succumbed to her injuries at scene. The second victim was transported to hospital and treated for serious injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the investigation. Following IHIT's deployment, investigators have worked closely with the Integrated Forensic Identification Service (IFIS), SPS, RCMP SPOSU and the BC Coroners Service to advance the investigation. On April 15, 2025, 21-year-old Gurtaj Singh was arrested and subsequently charged with one count of second-degree murder and one count of attempted murder. Mr. Singh remains in custody until his next court appearance. "While charges have been laid against Mr. Singh, this investigation is not over," says Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT. "We believe there are additional parties who were involved in this act of violence and we will continue in our pursuit to bring all those responsible to justice for the victims and their families." At this time, investigators can say that this was an isolated incident over a personal dispute and there is no ongoing risk to the public.

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Jarnail Singh: The Artist Who Devoted His Life To Promoting Sikh Art And Culture

Surrey's Beloved Artist Remembered at Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara

By Surbhi Gogia

The late Jarnail Singh, a cherished artist, was remembered with deep reverence by the Lower Mainland community following his recent passing in India due to health complications. A Shradhanjali Samaroh was held in his honour at Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara on Sunday, May 11, drawing over 200 attendees, including numerous organizations devoted to preserving Punjabi language and culture.

Jarnail Singh, founder of the Art Centre in Surrey and originally from Chandigarh, left a lasting imprint on Punjabi art across the globe—from India to Australia, the UK, the US, and Canada. With every brushstroke, he breathed life into Punjab's rustic charm, capturing its vanishing traditions, vibrant villages, and sacred landscapes.

Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara, the venue of the tribute, holds special significance in Singh's artistic journey. It houses one of his most profound works—a two-part mural chronicling the history of the Sikh faith during the era of the Ten Gurus. On the day of the event, his spirit lingered in every corner of the Gurdwara, present through the very artwork he lovingly created.

Those gathered did not merely mourn an artist—they celebrated a man remembered as a big brother, a true friend, and a person of integrity. "He gave selflessly," said one speaker, "He supported countless organizations dedicated to Punjabi art and heritage without asking anything in return." Another added, "He treated all with respect, even when views differed. He was a bridge between hearts, not a wall between minds."

Speakers also shed a light on his illustrious family legacy. Born in 1956 in the small town of Zira, Punjab, Jarnail Singh was the son of the legendary Sikh history painter Sardar Kirpal Singh—founding artist of the Central Sikh Museum at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Raised amidst pigments and paintbrushes, Jarnail's creative spirit bloomed under his father's mentorship. He soon developed a unique artistic voice of his own, one that lovingly depicted Punjab's rural soul, now slipping through the cracks of modernity. Carrying his father's torch with pride, Jarnail Singh showcased his work on global stages. In 2004, the Surrey Art Gallery hosted his solo exhibition Jarnail Singh – Discovering the Soul of Punjab. He was also a featured artist at the 2005 Harrison Arts Festival and contributed to landmark exhibitions like From Across the Oceans at the Langley Museum, Punjabi Visions at the Reach Gallery in Abbotsford, and From the Land of Five Rivers at the Surrey Art Gallery. His moving Komagata Maru Stories were exhibited in Surrey, Abbotsford, and Delta, etching



A heartfel portrait of Artist Jarnail Singh painted by his daughter Neeti Singh

forgotten tales into the public consciousness.

Dr. Gurvinder Singh, who anchored the event, remarked on the flow of talent in the Singh family. "May this river of art never run dry," he said. Jarnail Singh's wife Baljit Kaur and daughter,



Dr. Gurvinder Singh, Gurdeep Bhullar with Family of late artist Jarnail Singh (Daughter Neeti Singh, wife Baljit Kaur and son Jujhar Singh)

Neeti Singh—also artists—continue the family's creative legacy. His son Jujhar Singh is a photographer. A heartfel portrait of her father, painted by Neeti, welcomed guests at the Gurdwara entrance. Dr. Gurvinder also shared that a book on the life of Sardar Kirpal Singh was in the

works; now, its second half will honour the life and legacy of his gifted son, Jarnail.

The family expressed heartfel gratitude to the community for honouring the artist's legacy and standing by them with emotional support during this irreparable loss. They also thanked the

management of the Gurdwara for helping family in organizing the event.

Gurdip Singh Bhullar, a family friend and colleague who runs Bhangra classes at the same arts centre where Jarnail Singh operated his gallery, expressed his grief, saying, "The only words that can describe this loss are – a part of my soul and the soul of the community is gone with him."

As the gathering drew to a close, a profound silence settled in the air—a silence filled with admiration, love, and loss. A voice rose to recite:

"Woh bichhda kuch is tarah se,
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(He parted in such a way, the seasons seemed to change—he left the whole city desolate.)

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From War-Torn Lebanon to Cabinet: Lena Metlege Diab Named Canada's New Immigration Minister

Lena Metlege Diab, MP for Halifax West, was appointed the new minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship in Prime Minister Mark Carney's cabinet. Diab was elected as the Member of Parliament for Halifax West on September 20, 2021. She is the first female MP to represent the riding. Lena is the daughter of Lebanese immigrants to Canada and the eldest of six children. Born in Halifax, she lived in Diman, a small tight-knit Lebanese village, from the age of two, fleeing war at the age of 11 and returning to her family home in Halifax. Though she didn't



Lena Metlege Diab

she didn't speak English at the time, she applied

herself in school and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science, a Master of Public Administration, and a law degree. She also had three of her children while attending law school and articling. Prior to entering politics, Lena was a lawyer and small business owner for over 20 years. She balanced a busy family life with volunteering with her church, within her community, and with her children's soccer club. She served as President of the Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax, and has received numerous honours and accolades for her community work, including Queen's Counsel.

"Today, Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled Canada's new government - a focused, empowered team that will act with urgency to deliver on our mandate for change. I am incredibly grateful to be entrusted to serve in Cabinet, as the new Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. It's now time to get to work - to bring down the cost of living, grow and unify our economy, and chart a new trade and security relationship with the United States. I will put everything I have into the important work ahead. This new government will serve all Canadians, and there's a lot ahead to do for you," she said after her appointment as immigration minister.

Sean Fraser Is New Justice Minister And Attorney General Of Canada

Nova Scotia MP Sean Fraser was appointed as the new minister of justice and attorney general of Canada in Prime Minister Mark Carney's cabinet, which was unveiled on May 13. Fraser replaces Gary Anandasangaree as justice minister. Fraser will also oversee

the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. After earning his law degree from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, Sean travelled to the Netherlands for further studies in International Law at The Hague, with Leiden University.

In 2015 Sean was elected Member of Parliament for Central Nova and was re-elected in 2019 and again in 2021. His tireless advocacy for a more affordable future has positively impacted thousands of constituents. As a voice for his community in Ottawa, Sean has achieved over 300



Sean Fraser

solutions to the problems facing communities across Atlantic Canada. In 2024 Sean announced he would be stepping down from Cabinet to spend more time with his family in Central Nova.

"I want to express my gratitude to my constituents and volunteers for the opportunity to serve as the Member of Parliament for Central Nova. There is no opportunity to serve in cabinet without first earning

the trust of your community to serve as its representative in the House of Commons. Thank you as well to my wife, kids, and mom who were able to join for the ceremony today, and to the entire Fraser Clan for your love and support along the way. I am grateful beyond measure for the privilege to serve my community and my country. Now it's time to get to work," he said.

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22-Year-Old Yuvraj Singh, Suspect In 2024 Shooting Of Newton Couple, Arrested In Quebec

One of the two suspects allegedly involved in a December 2024 shooting in Newton was arrested in Quebec last week.

Surrey Police informed on May 9, Quebec RCMP arrested 22-year-old Yuvraj Singh in Montée Glass, Quebec. Singh is one of the two suspects allegedly involved in the shooting that took place outside in the 12600 block 67B Ave, Surrey and left two people injured.

The police had earlier charged Gagandeep Singh Bakshi on January 29 in relation to this shooting.

On December 16, Surrey Police Service frontline officers responded to a call from a woman saying that she and her husband had been shot while outside in the 12600 block 67B Ave, Surrey. In their car nearby, was a young child who was unharmed. Both victims have been taken to hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Two suspects, described as adult South



Asian men, were last seen driving away in a dark-coloured sedan.

On January 15, 2025, police arrested 21-year-old Squamish resident Gagandeep Singh Bakshi and on January 16, 2025 he was charged by the BC Prosecution Service with one count each of attempted murder, discharge a firearm with intent, and aggravated assault, as well as two counts of assault with a weapon.

The investigation into the shooting was led by the SPOSU Serious Crime Unit

and resulted in search warrants being executed at residences in Squamish, Delta, and Surrey between January 16 and 17, 2025 with the assistance of Sea to Sky RCMP, Delta Police Department, SPS, and the Integrated Emergency Response Team (IERT).

On April 22, 2025, RCMP officers from the Quebec RCMP Integrated Border Enforcement team located and arrested 22-year-old Yuvraj Singh in Montée Glass, Quebec. He has

been charged in relation to attempted murder and discharging a firearm with intent to wound.

Yuvraj Singh is remanded in custody until his next scheduled court appearance on May 15, 2025.

The SPOSU SCU team is continuing the investigation into the December shooting and anyone with information is asked to contact the SPS non-emergency line at 604-599-0502 and quote file number 24-179884 (SU).

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Carney Signs Order To Prioritize Middle Class Tax Cut

Prime Minister Mark Carney signed a symbolic order signalling his government will prioritize passing his promised middle-class tax cut, following the first in-person meeting of his cabinet on Parliament Hill.

Surrounded by his cabinet, Carney signed a note of instruction directing his ministers to prepare the legislation to be tabled first thing when Parliament returns later this month.

Once legislated, the lowest marginal personal income tax rate will be reduced from 15 per cent to 14 per cent, effective July 1, 2025. This tax cut will help hard-working Canadians keep more of their paycheques to spend where it matters most. This measure is expected to deliver over \$27 billion in tax savings to Canadians over five years, starting in 2025-26.

The bulk of tax relief will go to those with incomes in the two lowest tax brackets (i.e., those with taxable income under \$114,750 in 2025), including nearly half to those in the first bracket (\$57,375 and below in 2025).

“Last month, Canadians called for change to bring down the cost of living and to put money back in their pockets. My government will be delivering that change—cutting taxes for the middle class

and saving families up to \$840 a year,” Carney said.

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Prime Minister Mark Carney signed a symbolic order signalling his government will prioritize passing his promised middle-class tax cut, following the first in-person meeting of his cabinet on Parliament Hill.

Surrounded by his cabinet, Carney signed a note of instruction directing his ministers

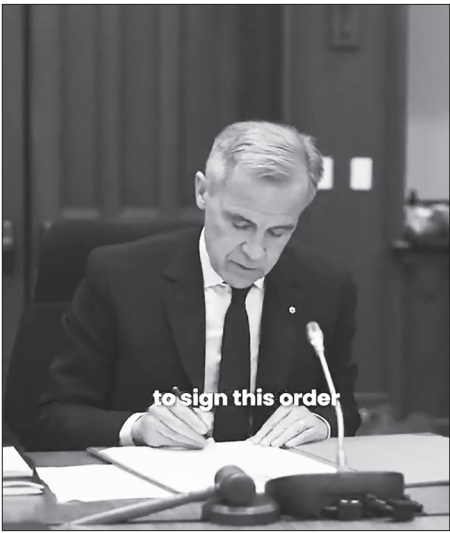
to prepare the legislation to be tabled first thing when Parliament returns later this month.

Once legislated, the lowest marginal personal income tax rate will be reduced from 15 per cent to 14 per cent, effective July 1, 2025. This tax cut will help hard-working Canadians keep more of their paycheques to spend where it matters most. This measure is expected to deliver over \$27 billion in tax savings to Canadians over five years, starting in 2025-26.

The bulk of tax relief will go to those with incomes in the two lowest tax brackets (i.e., those with taxable income under \$114,750 in 2025), including nearly half to those in the first bracket (\$57,375 and below in 2025).

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Spurious Liquor Claims 21 Lives In Amritsar, 10 Critical

More than 20 people have died after allegedly consuming spurious liquor in Amritsar’s Majitha area, officials said. In a swift breakthrough, nine people—including the main supplier and the alleged kingpin—were arrested as police expanded the investigation beyond state borders.

Majitha SHO Aabtaab Singh said, “Preliminary investigation revealed that they all took liquor from a single source on Sunday evening. Some of them died on Monday morning, and locals cremated them without informing the police. We received information about the deaths due to liquor in the late evening and initiated



an investigation.”

According to the Tribune, “Officials said Prabhjit Singh, the main supplier in the area, was among those arrested. Sahib Singh, identified as the kingpin of the liquor distribution network, was nabbed

from Rajasansi. Five others who had purchased liquor from the kingpin and supplied it to villages were also taken into custody.”

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann visited Marari Kalan village and met kin of the victims. He said the spurious liquor business could not have be carried out without the patronage of the police, bureaucracy or politicians, adding that this angle was being probed.

He announced a compensation of Rs 10 lakh for next of kin of each deceased and said the state government would bear the entire expenses of education of the children of the victims.

He said every possible help in terms of jobs and other things would also be extended to these families.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa also met victims and sought accountability from the CM.

“I agree that the tragedy couldn’t have occurred without political, bureaucratic or police support. If there’s complicity, the accountability starts with the CM,” he said.

SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia demanded the resignation of Excise Minister Harpal Singh Cheema for the tragedy.

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India-Pakistan Ceasefire: Modi Says Operation Sindoor Marks A Shift In India's Doctrine To Combat Terrorism

India-Pakistan announced a ceasefire after four days of intense cross-border conflict this week. Though brief, it left a significant mark on the subcontinent's geopolitical and economic landscape.

Sparked by a tragic terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 civilian lives, India launched "Operation Sindoor," a series of precision airstrikes targeting militant camps.

In response, Pakistan initiated Operation Bunyan al-Marsus. While Indian officials claimed that their intention was not to hit military or civilian targets in Pakistan but only to his terror camp sites, Pakistan retaliated with missiles, drones, shelling at the border where many civilian and Indian military sites were the target, as informed by Indian officials of the armed forces.

In response, India also targeted various military bases of Pakistan. The conflict concluded with a ceasefire on May 10, following Pakistan's request for de-escalation. The ceasefire between India and Pakistan was declared by Donald Trump. Trump further congratulated the two countries on "having the strength, wisdom and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have led to the death and destruction of so many, and

so much".

Although Trump took credit for the ceasefire, Indian officials disputed U.S. President Donald Trump's claim that the U.S.-mediated ceasefire between India and Pakistan came about in part because he had offered possible trade concessions. "The issue of trade didn't come up in any of these discussions," Jaiswal said, referring to the conversations held between U.S. Vice President JD Vance and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as well as between U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his Indian counterpart, S. Jaishankar.

Trump said he not only helped mediate the ceasefire, but also offered mediation over the simmering dispute in Kashmir, a Himalayan region that both India and Pakistan claim in entirety but administer in parts. New Delhi declined Trump's offer for mediation on Tuesday.

"We have a longstanding national position that any issues related to the federally controlled union territory of Jammu and Kashmir must be addressed by India and Pakistan bilaterally. There has been no change to the stated policy," Jaiswal said. During his visit to Qatar, Trump reiterated his mediation efforts between India and Pakistan, but toned down a bit. He said:



"I don't wanna say I did but I sure as hell helped settle the problem between Pakistan and India last week, which was getting more and more hostile and all of a sudden you'll start seeing missiles of a different type and we got it settled. I hope I don't walk out of here and two days later find out that it is not settled, but I think it is settled. And we talked to them about trade. Let's do trade instead of war. And Pakistan was very happy with that and India was very happy with that and I think they are on the way. They have been fighting for about a thousand years in all fairness. I said, I could settle that up. I could settle anything. Let me settle it up. Let's get them all together. How long have you

been fighting? About a thousand years. Oh, that's a lot. I'm not sure about that. I'm not sure about settling. That's a tough one. They've been fighting for a long time. But we got that settled. Nobody... Boy, everybody was very happy, I'll tell you. That looked like it was really going to be escalating out of control."

After the ceasefire both countries claimed that they emerged as the winner while announcing that both have brought down each other's sophisticated weapons and military bases. Pakistan said that it had brought down more than 2 of India's Rafale fighter planes and India's expensive S-400 missile system that it brought from Russia. When it comes to Rafale, Indian officials have not denied or confirmed claims made by Pakistan. But standing in front of the advanced S-400 air defence system in Punjab's Adampur, which Pakistan claimed it had destroyed with its China-made JF-17 fighter jets, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exposed sent a message.

In a stern message, PM Modi said Pakistan's army, and terrorists that it shelters, have nowhere to run or hide anymore. Crediting the Indian armed forces for sending a decisive message to Pakistan's military,

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Surrey City Files Case Against Former Employee Allegedly Involved In Irregular Transactions Of \$2.5 Million

The City of Surrey has filed a claim in the Supreme Court against a former employee who was allegedly found involved in irregular transactions currently assessed at approximately \$2.5 million.

Rob Costanzo, Surrey City Manager, informed this in a statement last week. He said, "In early 2024, following Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke and Council's

mandate to ensure fiscally responsible government and to safeguarding every taxpayer dollar, staff identified irregular transactions dating back to 2017 involving dormant development-deposit accounts.

Once the irregularities were discovered, the City immediately commenced an internal review and engaged external forensic specialists. The matter was also immediately reported to the Surrey

RCMP who are conducting a criminal investigation. Since then, the City has enhanced its processes to prevent a similar occurrence.

The City filed a claim against a former employee in B.C. Supreme Court in 2024 seeking the full recovery of funds, currently assessed at approximately \$2.5 million, plus costs and interest.

No current City employee is named in the City's civil action and no additional staff

member has been implicated. Privacy legislation prevents the City from commenting on individual employment matters, including those concerning relatives of the former employee.

Residents can be assured that decisive steps have been taken to protect public funds and to recover the full amount on their behalf. Because the matter is before the courts, the City is unable to comment further at this time."

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Anita Anand named new Foreign Minister of Canada...

Thank you to Prime Minister Mark Carney for the confidence he's placed in me. It's time to build with purpose, partnership, and a clear vision for Canada's role in the world."

Ruby Sahota, another Punjabi origin MP has is being names as Secretary of State (Combatting Crime).

Anand, the new foreign minister, was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Oakville in 2019 and was re-elected in 2021. She served most recently as Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and has previously served as Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, President of the Treasury Board, Minister of National Defence, and Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

Anand is a scholar, lawyer, researcher, and mother of four children. Born and raised in rural Nova Scotia, she moved to Ontario in 1985. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Studies from Queen's University, a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Jurisprudence from

the University of Oxford, a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University, and a Master of Laws from the University of Toronto. She was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1994.

As Defence Minister, Anand oversaw Canada's assistance to Ukraine in the war against Russia and addressed sexual misconduct amongst the Canadian Armed Forces.

Maninder Sidhu, the other minister has served as your Member of Parliament for Brampton East since 2019. For over four years, he has also been a Parliamentary Secretary at Global Affairs Canada.

Maninder is the founder of The Kindness Movement Charity. This family charity assists underprivileged school children and the less fortunate in India and here in Canada.

After graduating from the University of Waterloo, Maninder built a successful customs brokerage business, helping businesses across Canada navigate the

intricacies of international trade and regulations.

The new Cabinet is appointed as follows:

- Shafqat Ali, President of the Treasury Board
- Rebecca Alty, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
- Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety
- François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance and National Revenue
- Rebecca Chartrand, Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs and Minister responsible for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency
- Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
- Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Transport

and Internal Trade

- Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture and Minister responsible for Official Languages
- Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services
- Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario
- Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
- Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions
- Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy
- Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement
- Heath MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Steven MacKinnon, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
- David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence
- Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence
- Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
- Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
- Eleanor Olszewski, Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience and Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada
- Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada
- Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade
- Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario
- Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries
- Rechie Valdez, Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Secretary of State (Small Business and Tourism)

The Cabinet will be supported by 10 secretaries of State who will provide dedicated leadership on key issues and priorities within their minister's portfolio.

The new secretaries of State are appointed as follows:

- Buckley Belanger, Secretary of State (Rural Development)
- Stephen Fuhr, Secretary of State (Defence Procurement)
- Anna Gainey, Secretary of State (Children and Youth)
- Wayne Long, Secretary of State (Canada Revenue Agency and Financial Institutions)
- Stephanie McLean, Secretary of State (Seniors)
- Nathalie Provost, Secretary of State (Nature)
- Ruby Sahota, Secretary of State (Combatting Crime)
- Randeep Sarai, Secretary of State (International Development)
- Adam van Koeverden, Secretary of State (Sport)
- John Zerucelli, Secretary of State (Labour)

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Surrey Police Service Launches Inaugural Student Police Academy

Surrey Police Service (SPS) is launching its inaugural SPS Student Police Academy, a one-week program running from July 7-11, designed for Grade 11 and 12 students. The Academy will provide knowledge about the policing environment, provide hands-on experience through various scenarios and continue to foster an understanding between SPS and the community we serve.

"Surrey Police Service is looking forward to hosting our first Student Police Academy. This is an excellent opportunity for young people to gain insights into the policing profession and to enhance their fitness levels and problem-solving skills," says Superintendent Lav Mangat, Community Policing Bureau, South Division. "We are confident that the students and our SPS

officers and staff will enjoy the benefits of working together over the course of a very challenging and rewarding week."

A unique aspect of SPS's Student Police Academy is that the one-week long program will be taking place at the state-of-the-art SPS Training Centre, where students will be exposed to diverse team exercises, fitness sessions, legal studies, enhancing communication skills, de-escalation strategies, teamwork and problem solving.

As there will be a daily, rigorous physical component at the Academy, students should be active and physically fit to engage in the fitness sessions, including the POPAT (Peace Officers Physical Abilities Test), which is a series of physical tests and obstacles that mimic on-the-job



demands for police officers.

Eligibility requirements for each student:
Starting Grade 11 or 12 or graduating in June 2025

Desire to learn about a career in policing
Physically fit

Be able to complete and pass a criminal record check

Canadian citizen or permanent resident

The SPS Student Police Academy has 28 spots available and there is a \$150 registration fee, which includes SPS athletic gear and other related items. Please note: Each student is required to attend for all five days of the course and to develop and provide a fitness log leading up to the Academy.

The selection process for the potential participants is as follows:

Complete and submit required forms

Selection interviews

Final selection

Parent information session

To apply or learn more, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/surrey-police-student-police-academy-tickets-1359562912269?aff=oddtcreator>

Surrey's Children And Youth At-Risk Table Reaches Major Milestone Accepting 1,000 Clients

A thousand children and youth in Surrey have been given the supports they need through Surrey's Children and Youth At-Risk Table (CHART). Since launching in 2019, CHART has brought together a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team of community partner agencies to identify and coordinate support for children and youth facing various risks, including exploitation and other vulnerabilities.

"I want to commend all members of the Children and Youth At-Risk Table for their unwavering commitment to supporting children, youth and families in Surrey," said Mayor Brenda Locke. "This milestone is a testament to the power of collaboration, and it's because of the strong partnerships we've developed that we've been able to make a real difference in the lives of Surrey's children, youth and families. We are committed to continuing this vital work, so our most vulnerable young people have the tools and supports they need to thrive."

CHART involves 21 partner organizations representing health care, education, law enforcement, government and not-for-profit. Under the City's coordination, professionals from each member organization gather weekly to develop and implement tailored, multi-agency support plans for six- to 19-year-old Surrey residents and their families. Each plan takes into consideration an individual's strengths, interests and vulnerabilities, ensuring services are responsive to age,



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gender, culture, neighbourhood context and family needs.

CHART plays a critical role in addressing complex and interconnected challenges faced by at-risk youth. Since the table's inception:

- Approximately one in five female youth have been victims of sexual exploitation and were connected to professionals that specialize in supporting clinical counselling, empowerment and education.
- Over 60 per cent of male youth associated with negative peer groups and were paired with positive mentors and outreach services to build healthier social networks.
- Nearly half of youth experienced weak attachment to a parent or caregiver and were linked with counselling family preservation services aimed at restoring connection and trust.
- About one third of youth identified as

Indigenous and were offered specific supports to strengthen cultural identity and connection.

"CHART has paved the way for other communities to develop their own child and youth specific tables," said Councillor Rob Stutt. "The outcomes speak for themselves with roughly three quarters of those supported experiencing significant risk reduction and being successfully

connected to relevant services. While it's a difficult truth that so many children in our community are in need, the collaborative work of CHART is setting a powerful example for other communities on how to effectively support vulnerable young people."

For more information, including a list of CHART partners, visit surrey.ca/communitysafety.

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LA Matheson Secondary stages play on India's First Female Teacher, Savitribai Phule

A short play on the life and contributions of India's First Female Teacher, Savitribai Phule, was staged in April at LA Matheson School in Surrey. The play was written, directed, and acted by Surrey-based artist, Simran 'Kranti'. The play was arranged by the Chetna Association of Canada and coordinated by the teacher, Ms. Gurpreet Bains.

On April 28, another play (I Will Rise) by Simran Kranti was staged at the same venue. I will Rise depicts the societal expectations of women to look "pretty" and behave as content, obedient, and compliant irrespective of how she feels. Both plays were staged as a part of the Dalit History Month celebrations.

Savitribai Phule is honored for being the woman who "helped set up the first



school for women in India". Phule was a trailblazer in providing education for girls and for ostracized portions of society. She

became the first female teacher in India (1848) and opened a school for girls with her husband, Jyotirao Phule. She went on to establish a shelter (1864) for destitute women and played a crucial role in grooming Jyotirao Phule's pioneering institution, Satyashodhak Samaj, (1873) that fought for equality of all classes. Her life is heralded as a beacon of women's rights in India. She is often referred to as the mother of Indian feminism.

Savitribai was born in Naigaon, a small village in the state of Maharashtra, India. As a young girl, Savitribai displayed a strong sense of curiosity and ambition. Savitribai was married to Jyotirao Phule in 1840 at the age of nine and become a child bride. She moved to Pune with him soon



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after.

More infoay be found at:
Savitribai Phule <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/savitribai-phule-zubaan/mAWBW6eHcTWSLg>

Surrey Resident Wins Record-Breaking \$80-Million Lotto Max Jackpot

Justin Simporios is normally a sound sleeper who "can fall asleep anywhere" - but he had a very sleepless night, after learning he won an \$80-million Lotto Max jackpot from the May 9, 2025 draw. This

is the largest lottery jackpot ever won in B.C. and is also the largest jackpot ever won by a single individual in Canada. "It was 10:30 p.m.," recalled Simporios of the moment he realized he won. "I saw

that someone won \$80 million in Surrey. I was joking and told my wife 'we're millionaires!' and she told me to stop making that joke. After, I manually checked each number before scanning [using the BCLC Lotto! App]. I cried and shouted, 'we're millionaires!'"

The Surrey resident woke up his wife to share the news. "She was in complete disbelief and a bit mad at me because our daughter wasn't feeling well." Simporios' wife luckily agreed this was a good reason to wake her.

While still in disbelief about his win, Simporios is ultimately most excited to share his windfall with his family. "I want to help my family and my wife's family. I'll pay off my sister's medical school debt and help my mom retire early - just giving my family a head start in life."

Giving back to the community in Surrey and B.C. is also a key priority for Simporios. "I've struggled before and

needed help. Even if I can give an ounce of happiness, I want to help where we can. This feels like a dream."

As an avid LA Lakers fan, Simporios mentioned he would like to see LeBron James play before James retires. He also plans to visit his family in the Philippines for a family reunion. "My wife and kid have never visited!"

Simporios purchased the winning ticket at the Walmart Supercentre in Central City on King George Boulevard in Surrey.



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Celebrating Poet Laureate of Urdu Canada -Kulwant Singh Parmar 'Nadeem'



By Acharya S. P. Dwivedi

Nadeem was a reputed literary figure of the South Asian community. He authored five books of poems, ten novels, and one collection of stories. His poems are included in several national and international anthologies and journals. He wrote flawlessly in Urdu, Panjabi, and English. However, he was well known for his shayari (Ghazal).

To honor his exceptional contribution to literature and community a poetry recital session was organized jointly by the Hindi Literary Society of Canada and the South Asian Literary Society of Canada on May 10, 2025, at the Strawberry Hill Public Library in Surrey.

Reshma Misra, Vice President of Hindi Society welcomed the guests and Muhammad Afzal Malk, VP of South Asian Society spoke and paid his tribute to Nadeem.

Surjeet Kaur Parmar, wife of Nadeem, was honoured by Kanti Dwivedi and Reshma Misra.

Popular writers such as Mohan Gill, Narendra Bhagi 'Barham', Krishn Bector, Ajmer Rode, Ashok Bhargava, Mankaj Shreshth, Ismita Lawrence, Harmesh Siddhar, Reshma Misra, Suman Sharma, and Acharya Dwivedi admired the significant literary contribution of Nadeem ji and recited their poems.

Nadeem broke the taboo related to conventional Urdu poetry of using more words from the Arabic and Persian languages, but he opted for common Urdu and added fresh symbols to express his emotions and sentiments vigorously and heralding this trend in Canada. He invented and created a language that expresses his individuality and personality. Obviously, the impact of internal and external influences on the process of his creativity are visible. His genius and myriad creativity have got expression in poems and literary commentaries. No doubt, the socio-political contemporary conditions have shaped his sensibility.

His ghazal, style of poetry, is pre-dominantly of lyrical nature, which is an old phenomenon, but he has made special effort on the sensuousness of expression, brevity of words and rich musicalness. Nadeem's love for ghazal is neither an imitation

nor an exotic expression.

Nadeem's ghazals are filled with the spiritual fragrance, enveloped in the moonlight of Kafiya, and nicely colored with Radeef- 'Yaden hain tanhaayi hai, saaye hain deewaron ke'. (Memories and loneliness are, shadows of walls are). He has described honestly his experiences, hopes, dreams, challenges, frustrations and struggles. Nonetheless, he

has an astounding knowledge of bahar (meter) of ghazals. He conveyed his sentiments skillfully with poetic versatility and creative abilities.

He was an ardent advocate of peace, love, compassion, and harmony. It appears that there is a conspicuous shift towards universalism - "Aasaan hai pathar ko Bhagwan banana, pathar ko insan banana naheen

aasan". (It is easy to make God out of stone but not so easy to make human out of stone).

Humanity was to Nadeem so crucial and sanctimonious that it got dominating place in his poetry- "When religion is prayer, then why is this enmity". He bridged the gap between traditional and progressive writers with his vibrant language and fresh symbols- "Kankaree

fenke mat jheel men, chaand ko nahane do". (Don't cast stone in lake, let the moon take bath)".

Nadeem composed his first poem when he was only twelve years old. His interest in literary activities dates back to his college life in Jalandhar. His pen name 'Nadeem' was given by his teacher (Ustad) Pundit Molaram 'Vafa'.

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“Vesak, also known as Buddha Day or Buddha Purnima, is the most sacred Buddhist festival. It is a time for reflection, celebration and giving back to the community. Buddhists mark the occasion by visiting temples, participating in rituals and doing acts of charity.

“Vesak invites us all to reflect on the universal teachings of Buddha - including compassion, generosity and mindfulness - and how we can integrate them into our daily lives. Today is also an opportunity to learn more about the Buddhist faith and reflect on the many contributions the Buddhist community makes to our province.



Happy Vesak!

BC Brings New Act To Support Transport Service Businesses

VICTORIA - New rules will make it easier for businesses to collect debts for services they provide to repair, store or transport goods.

The new Commercial Liens Act comes into force on June 30, 2025, creating one clear set of lien rules for anyone who repairs, stores or transports goods. It replaces a patchwork of outdated laws, which created different rules for different services.

The act replaces the Repairers Lien Act, Warehouse Lien Act and Livestock Lien Act. Any existing liens under those acts will continue as commercial liens.

The change reduces risks and costs, meaning service providers will be less likely to lose their liens and the payment that liens secure. Updated rules and processes that are easier to understand benefit businesses and their customers.

Once in force, the act gives service providers flexibility by allowing them to

keep possession of goods or to register the lien in B.C.’s Personal Property Registry. This allows owners to keep using their vehicle or equipment to make money and pay off the debt. It means that liens can be registered on big items that cannot be easily moved or stored.

The Personal Property Registry, an online system that tracks legal claims on personal property, will be updated on June 30 to so that commercial liens can be registered.

The changes will also make it easier to enforce liens without going to court, which helps businesses get paid and cuts legal costs.

The changes respond to the B.C. Law Institute’s recommendation to follow Saskatchewan’s lead in adopting the Uniform Liens Act. It uses similar rules used by secured lenders across Canada to collect on loans against personal property.

This brings B.C. closer to the goal of having one set of lien rules across Canada so businesses that provide services in different provinces do not have to keep track of different rules.

B.C. Ranchers, Farmers Urged To Protect Livestock As Wildfire Risk Increases

VICTORIA - With wildfire season fast approaching, B.C. ranchers and farmers are encouraged to register the location of their livestock to protect their animals during emergencies.

“Ranchers and farmers are deeply committed to the well-being of their animals, especially in times of crisis,” said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food. “By registering with Premises ID, they ensure emergency responders have access to fast and accurate information - providing critical support and peace of mind when every second counts.”

Premises ID is mandatory in British Columbia. Registration is free and confidential. The program helps link livestock and poultry to the geographic areas where they are kept. This information helps emergency responders reach animals faster so they can quickly prioritize assistance during evacuations or animal disease outbreaks.

There are more than 10,000 ranchers and farmers registered with Premises ID with 100% supply-managed (i.e., dairy cattle and poultry) participation and over 80% of cattle producers.

“As we approach another wildfire season, it is important that we use what we have learned from the previous years of fire events,” said Kevin Boon, general manager, BC Cattlemen’s Association.



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Chief Justice BR Gavai Is India's First Buddhist To Head Country's Judiciary

Justice B.R. Gavai who was administered the oath of office by President Droupadi Murmu early on Wednesday as the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI), is the first Buddhist to head the country's judiciary. CJI Gavai, will have a tenure of over six months, and he will demit the highest judicial office of the country on November 23, 2025.

President Murmu, in exercise of powers under Article 124(2) of the Constitution, had appointed Justice Gavai, the senior most Judge of the Supreme Court, as Chief Justice of India, and the Ministry of Law and Justice had later notified his appointment on April 29.

Justice Gavai was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court of India on May 24, 2019.

Appointed as Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court in November 2003, he became a permanent Judge in November 2005.

Before elevation to the Bench, he practised in constitutional law and administrative law and acted as Standing Counsel for

Municipal Corporation of Nagpur, Amravati Municipal Corporation, and Amravati University.

He was appointed as Assistant Government Pleader and Additional Public Prosecutor in the Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench in August 1992 and served till July 1993.

He was appointed as Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor for the Nagpur Bench on January 17, 2000.

Earlier, in an informal interaction with the media, Justice Gavai expressed sorrow over the tragic incident in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and said that the Supreme Court cannot remain untouched when the country is mourning.

Son of former Bihar Governor R.S. Gavai, Justice Gavai also took pride in the fact that he would be the first Buddhist CJI of the country.

"My father had embraced Buddhism along with Baba Saheb Ambedkar. I will become the first Buddhist Chief Justice of the country," he said.

Asserting that he believes in all religions,



Justice Gavai said, "I go to temples, dargahs, Jain temples, gurudwaras everywhere."

In the Supreme court, Justice Gavai, a part of the 7-judge Constitution Bench dealing with the question of whether a sub-classification among reserved category groups for giving more beneficial treatment would be permissible under the Constitution, suggested the application of the "creamy layer" principle to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) for availing benefits of affirmative action.

In his detailed opinion, Justice Gavai said: "When the 9-Judge Bench in Indra Sawhney held that applicability of such a test (creamy layer test) insofar as Other Backward Classes are concerned would advance equality as enshrined in the Constitution, then why such a test should not also be made applicable to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes."

"Can a child of IAS/IPS or Civil Service officers be equated with a child of a disadvantaged member belonging to Scheduled Castes, studying in a Gram Panchayat/Zilla Parishad school in a village?" he asked.

Justice Gavai said putting the children of the parents from the SCs and STs who, on account of the benefit of reservation, have reached a high position and ceased to be socially, economically and educationally backward and the children of parents doing manual work in the villages in the same category would defeat the constitutional mandate. (IANS)

Video Of Sikh Youth Confronting Rahul Gandhi Over 1984 Riots At Brown University, Goes Viral

A video from a recent public interaction in the United States has gone viral, showing a Sikh youth directly confronting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his party's role in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. The exchange took place during a Q&A session at Brown University's Watson Institute, where Gandhi was addressing students and scholars as part of his international outreach.

The young man challenged the Congress

leader on the party's historical stance toward the Sikh community, accusing it of suppressing Sikh identity and failing to acknowledge past wrongdoings.

"You create a fear among Sikhs about what BJP would look like, but you haven't tried to reconcile with the Sikh community," he said, referencing the party's treatment of the Anandpur Sahib Resolution, which was historically portrayed as a separatist document by the Congress.

He also cited the conviction of former Congress leader Sajjan Kumar in connection to the 1984 riots and alleged that "many more Sajjan Kumars are sitting in the Congress Party."

In his response, Rahul Gandhi acknowledged the Congress's past mistakes, saying, "A lot of those happened when I was not there, but I am more than happy to take responsibility for everything



the Congress party has ever done wrong in its history."

Gandhi reiterated that he has previously condemned the 1984 violence and expressed his respect and close ties with the Sikh community, including his visits to the Golden Temple.

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2025 Mazda CX-30 Turbo – Compact Crossover Is A Joy To Drive!

Auto Review by Veenoo Dewan

The 2025 CX-30 is a compact CUV offering from Mazda. It is a cool looking thing with Mazda's Kodo design language and sleek, muscular lines. For the new model year there is a new native navigation system with extra features and over-the-air updates ability. The Alexa system also has extra features that can be controlled via voice commands, and a new Aero Gray Metallic paint color is available. The cool Suna special Edition with



exclusive Zircon Sand Metallic paint and Terracotta interior trim accents also remains.

Base CX-30's come with a 2.0-liter 155-horsepower four-cylinder under the hood. The GX, GS, and GT trims use a 2.5L four-cylinder engine with 191 horsepower and 186 lb-ft of torque and includes fuel-saving cylinder deactivation. A six-speed automatic transmission is standard across the trim lines. As tested is the optional GT with a turbocharged 2.5L four-cylinder rated at 227 horsepower and 310 lb-ft of torque on regular-grade gasoline, and at 250 horsepower and 320 lb-ft on 93-octane gas. All CX-30 models are All-Wheel drive.

The 2025 Mazda CX-30 model comes in 5 trim levels in Canada ranging from \$28,950 to \$41,000 MSRP. The entry-level, GX AWD is \$28,950 with the normally aspirated 2.5L four-cylinder

unit. The mid-range GT AWD is \$37,850. The funky Suna Turbo AWD is priced at \$41,000 with extra pizzazz. Freight and PDI is \$2,195. The GS Luxury Package adds a 10.25-inch centre screen with connectivity; and the GT version now has a wireless charger, off-road navigation, two Type-C USB ports, and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Our 2025 GT version came with standard equipment featuring: SKYACTIV-G 2.5L turbo engine, SKYACTIV-Drive 6-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode and Drive Selection switch, paddle shifters, G-Vectoring Control Plus, 18-inch

gunmetal alloy wheels, push button start, Mazda Connect with 8.8-inch display, HMI commander, rear-view camera, power moonroof, heated front seats, heated steering wheel, leather-trimmed upholstery, 10-way power driver seat (includes power lumbar support), and full LED exterior lighting. Also added was navigation system, Bose Audio system w/ 12 speakers, automatic climate controls, and advanced keyless entry.

Safety features included: Mazda Radar Cruise Control with Stop & Go, Pedestrian Detection, High Beam Control, Forward Obstruction Warning, Smart City Brake Support, Smart Brake Support, Smart Brake Support Rear, Smart Brake Support Rear-Crossing, rear parking sensors, colour windshield-projected Active Driving Display.

The interior layout is in the typical Mazda

style with its sports orientated neat, uncluttered design. There is a nice gauge cluster and the dash is a of a multi-tier two tone design with an available black and brown contrasting trim that looks very cool. Hits of brushed aluminum trim pieces add a very upmarket feel. The front seat are well designed with just the right amount of cushioning. Certain models

do offer heated front seats and a heated steering wheel. Mazda has also added a newly updated version of its infotainment system, using a high resolution 8.8-inch screen with Apple CarPlay and Android. Rear seating position is excellent as well with good headroom. However, rear legroom for adult passengers is a bit tight.

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New Cabinet, Familiar Challenges In Alberta, Saskatchewan

Vast majority say Canada would be worse off without Alberta and Saskatchewan amid separation talk

Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled a new cabinet this week, but some of the key challenges for him and his ministers (and secretaries) are hardly unfamiliar. Central among these will be assuaging separation movements in the Prairies by setting the agenda for resource development and environmental management. These priorities come to a head in perhaps no more obvious way than in dealing with new demands from Alberta Premier Danielle Smith. New data from the non-profit Angus Reid Institute finds Canadians offering competing views of how to handle a suite of requests from Smith. On some, residents offer a relatively clear preference for appeasing the premier and her province. Three times as many support than oppose offering Alberta guaranteed access to the east and west coasts for oil exports.

Would you support or oppose the federal government accepting each of these requests from Alberta Premier Danielle Smith?				
	Support	Oppose	Not sure/ Can't say	Net Support
Guarantee corridors / port access to the east and west coasts for oil and gas	64%	21%	16%	+43
A change to federal equalization payments to ensure Alberta gets the same treatment as B.C., Ontario, and Quebec	60%	19%	21%	+40
Repeal the ban on oil tankers on British Columbia's northern coastline	46%	34%	20%	+13
A guarantee that no export taxes, tariffs, or restrictions will be placed on Alberta's resources	46%	35%	19%	+11
Repeal Bill C-69	43%	45%	11%	-2
Cancel federal governments plan to make the electricity grid net zero by 2050	41%	45%	15%	-4
Remove any federal law that regulates carbon emissions	38%	50%	12%	-12

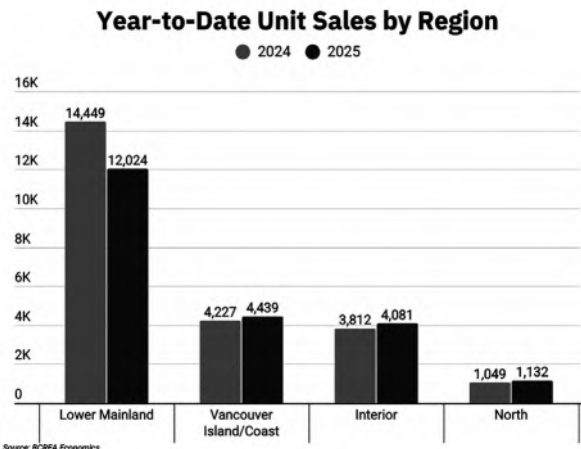
Canadians, and British Columbians more particularly, are less enthusiastic about repealing a ban on oil tanker traffic on B.C.'s northern coast, however, though a plurality do support this concept.

Further, Canadians are divided equally on each side of one of the key demands from Smith, repealing of the Impact Assessment Act, Bill C-69, also known as the "no new pipelines" law in some

circles. These tensions represent the micro of a macro issue in Canada, that is, the sense among many west of Ontario that Ottawa cares more about the priorities of central Canada than Alberta and Saskatchewan. Angus Reid Institute asked Canadians which provinces they feel will get greater attention and resources from the new Carney government (Ontario 48%, Quebec 41%) and which will get less (Alberta 32%, Saskatchewan 27%), finding regional perceptions largely following this intuition. All told, Carney's lift will be heavy in the early months. One-quarter of Canadians (24%) say the separation discussions burgeoning in Alberta and Saskatchewan are a national crisis, while half say they're a problem (52%), but not at crisis level. Approaching one-in-five (17%) say this is just a passing phase.

Homebuyers Remain Hesitant in April

The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) reports that 6,453 residential unit sales were recorded in Multiple Listing Service® (MLS®) Systems in April 2025, down 14.6 per cent from April 2024. The average MLS® residential price in BC in April 2025 was down 6.1 per cent at \$942,884 compared to \$1,003,638 in April 2024. The total sales dollar volume was \$6.1 billion, a 19.7 per cent decrease from the same time the previous year. BC MLS® unit sales were 27 per cent lower than the ten-year April average.



“Regional activity continued to diverge in

April with more expensive regions experiencing a larger drop in sales activity,” said BCREA Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson. “Uncertainty regarding trade and monetary policy has caused trepidation for prospective buyers, largely in the Lower Mainland, prompting overall provincial activity to fall far below historical averages.” Year-to-date, BC residential sales dollar volume is down 11.7 per cent to \$20.7 billion, compared with the same period in 2024. Residential unit sales are down 7.9 per cent year-over-year at 21,676 units, while the average MLS® residential price is also down 4.1 per cent to \$953,674.

Around the Province April 2025		
(year-over-year % change in italics)		
Board	Avg. Price (\$)	Unit Sales
BC Northern	439,426	368
	1.3	3.1
Chilliwack	785,954	229
	2.2	-18.5
Fraser Valley	1,008,003	973
	-3.6	-30.2
Greater Vancouver	1,211,073	2,163
	-7.1	-23.2
Okanagan	760,068	800
	1.3	3.6
Kamloops	632,131	215
	1	-8.5
Kootenay	570,817	262
	-3	-1.5
South Peace River	301,788	39
	8.6	14.7
Powell River	656,919	37
	-5.1	12.1
Vancouver Island	748,450	761
	1.9	5.5
Victoria	1,061,449	606
	7.9	-5.8
British Columbia	942,884	6,453
	-6.1	-14.6

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KPU to Offer Free Communication Course To Internationally-Educated Nurses

New funding from the B.C. government will support a Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) course that assists internationally-educated nurses in accessing health care jobs in Canada. KPU has received \$180,421 from the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, allowing the university to offer three sections of the course Introduction to Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses (PCIEN). PCIEN is designed to assist internationally-educated nurses improve communication for entry into professional practice, expand health and idiomatic vocabulary, and increase understanding of culturally expected behaviours of the Canadian health care system. Aimee Begalka, Dean of KPU's Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation, says the tuition-free course is a great option for students who are ready to grow their careers.



"The course is very practical and hands-on, with opportunities to work with standardized patients and receive coaching from both a language instructor and a nursing instructor," says Begalka. "Past students have felt overwhelmingly

positive about the class and the ways in which it helped them move to the next step in their career." This funding is part of a nearly \$4-million investment by the B.C. government to support tuition-free Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning pathway programs at 11 public post-secondary institutions and Native Education College. "Our government recognizes the importance of helping people upgrade their language skills and advance in careers in high-priority sectors," says Anne Kang, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. "Investing in this program at KPU is one of the important ways we are making it easier for internationally-trained nurses to practice in B.C., so that people can access the care they need." KPU's next PCIEN course runs from May 8 to Aug. 5 at KPU Surrey. To learn more about the course and eligibility requirements, visit the PCIEN page.

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Cargo capacity is a very useful 572L of space behind the rear seats, this increases with the back seats folded down. Rear cargo access is via a generously wide door and a low load floor to make it easier to place large and heavy items. On the road, the CX-30 Turbo is a joy to drive. The addition of i-ACTIV all-wheel-drive ensures stability in all conditions. Meanwhile, the six-speed automatic transmission delivers power to all four wheels via Mazda's i-Activ intelligent on-

demand all-wheel-drive system. Acceleration is good on highways. The 2.5 Turbo is an urgent and willing powerplant and is nicely matched to the responsive and smooth 9-speed transmission. The CX-30's sport driving experience is enhanced by the Mazda's G-Vectoring Control system Plus, which reduces engine torque, and adjusts steering and throttle inputs to add slight weight on the front wheels to make the steering feel firmer and more direct. The result is sharpened handling

during cornering, keeping understeer under control. The all-wheel-drive system offers superb traction. By the way, the CX-30 is able to achieve fuel consumption ratings of 10.5 L/100km city and 7.9L/100km highway. Not a lot to complain about, If you are in the market for a sporty, fun- to drive smaller compact CUV – The CX-30 is worth taking a look at. Highly recommended. 2025 Mazda CX-30 GT Turbo: Price as tested: \$40,1950 Including freight and PDE. More info @www.mazda.ca

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Video Of Sikh Youth...

The exchange has sparked political reactions. BJP leaders accused Gandhi of defaming the country on foreign soil. BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya shared a clip of the interaction on social media platform X, commenting, "It is quite unprecedented that Rahul Gandhi is now being ridiculed not just in India, but around the world."



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The Surrey Board of Trade, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce and Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce are responding to recent remarks by U.S. President Donald Trump proposing a 100% tariff on foreign-made films entering the United States, a move that could disrupt one of the most deeply interconnected creative industries in the world.



“Film and television production is a global industry built on collaboration, not competition,” said Joslyn Young, CEO of the Surrey Board of Trade and Acting Executive Director of the South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce. “Surrey, White Rock, and BC’s film sector work hand-in-hand with American partners to tell stories that resonate across borders. While the proposed tariffs are deeply concerning, implementing

President Trump's comments claim that incentives in countries like Canada are "stealing" U.S. film production. However, jurisdictions such as BC have long provided

“Rather than building barriers, we should be building bridges,” added Young. “Many blockbuster productions filmed in Canada are American-financed and distributed globally. Tariffs like these threaten jobs, delay productions, and limit consumer access to the content they love.”

BC's film industry generated \$2.7 billion in GDP in 2022 and continues to grow. In Surrey, the film sector is increasingly recognized as a vital economic driver, supporting local businesses, tourism, and high-paying jobs. Recent productions such as *The Last of Us* and *Shōgun* have underscored BC's capacity to deliver complex, high-budget

The Surrey Board of Trade, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber and Cloverdale District Chamber also continue to advocate for a regional policy change to strengthen local opportunities. Specifically, the organizations are calling on the Province of BC to amend the Regional Tax Credit boundaries and remove cities south of the Fraser from the Designated Vancouver Area. This would allow local productions to qualify for additional tax credits, creating a more level playing field across the region.

"If Surrey is the future of BC's economy, Cloverdale is its film capital," said Scott Wheatley, Executive Director of the Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce. "We need smart, forward-thinking policy—like tax credit reforms—that help us stay competitive and attract even more productions. Let's

“Cloverdale has long been a go-to location for major film and television productions, from *Smallville*, *Supernatural*, to the *Peacemaker*,” added Wheatley. “We’ve seen firsthand how this industry brings life to our streets and revenue to our small businesses. Tariffs that threaten international collaboration risk putting all of that at stake.”

As BC and its communities continue to attract international attention, the Surrey Board of Trade, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber and Cloverdale District Chamber are committed to working with all levels of government and industry partners to protect the province's creative advantage and ensure the film sector remains vibrant, resilient, and inclusive.

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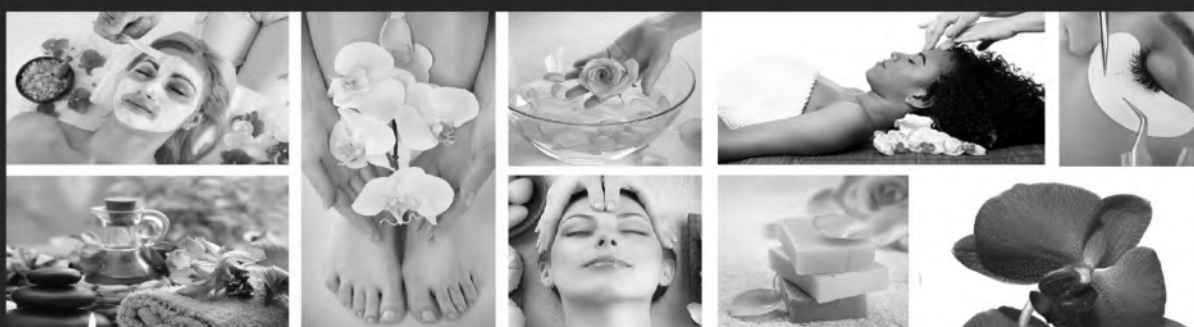
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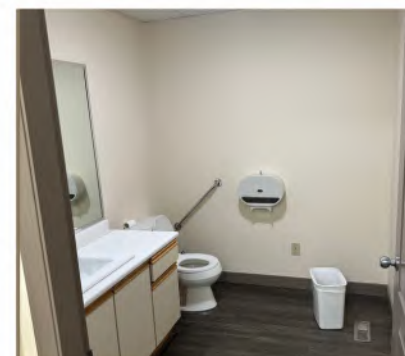
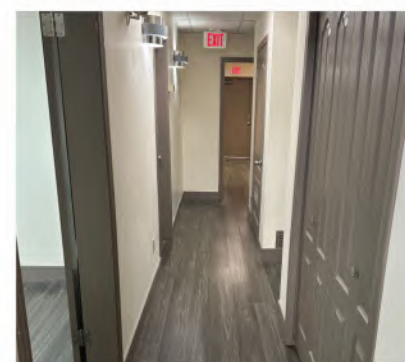
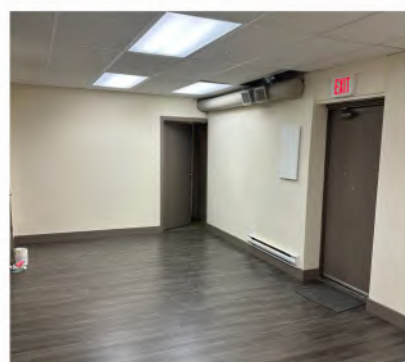
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WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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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 Gabha 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.
18th May, Sunday	at 3:30 pm, Sri Sehaj Path bhog and antim ardas for late Gurjot Singh Sran by the Sran family.
21st May, Wednesday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Tajinder Kaur family.
22nd May, Thursday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Ravinder Singh Dhanda family.
23rd May, Friday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Khushminder Brar family.
24th May, Saturday	at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Avtar Singh Shinger family.
25th May, Sunday	at 10:30 am, Weekly Kirtan Diwan and Katha Vichar Smagam. Langer seva by the sangat and managent committee.

**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.

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Jacqueline Fernandez Slays At 2025 Cannes In A Red Velvet Corset Gown; Fans Call Her ‘Laal Pari Jacqueeen’

Bollywood beauty Jacqueline Fernandez has been the talk of the town since the first track of Housefull 5, titled Laal Pari, released. Her sexy belly-dance and sizzling moves set the dance floor on fire! Well, soaring high on the love received by the song and her performance, Jacqueline reached the French Riviera this week to attend the Red Sea Film Festival, held in collaboration with the 78th Cannes Film Festival. Her first few looks were

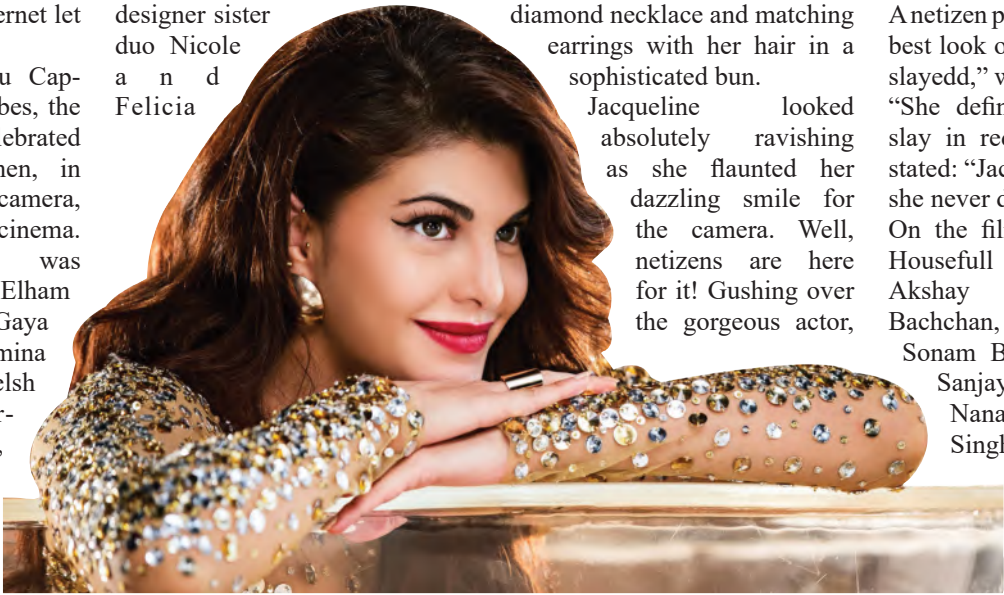
graceful and won hearts. But last night, when Jacqueline walked the red carpet looking like a true ‘Laal Pari’, the entire internet let out a sigh of awe. Hosted at the Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Cap d’Antibes, the Red Sea Film Festival celebrated careers of seven women, in front of and behind the camera, making waves in cinema. Jacqueline Fernandez was joined by Saudi actor Elham Ali, Syrian filmmaker Gaya Jiji, Egyptian actor Amina Khalil, Zambian-Welsh director-screenwriter-actor Rungano Nyoni, Saudi artist and filmmaker Sarah Taibah and Thai actor Engfa Waraha. For

the special evening, Jacqueline opted for a red velvet corset gown by Nicole + Felicia, designer sister duo Nicole and Felicia

Chang. She completed the look with voluminous puff sleeves featuring roses, a delicate diamond necklace and matching earrings with her hair in a sophisticated bun.

Jacqueline looked absolutely ravishing as she flaunted her dazzling smile for the camera. Well, netizens are here for it! Gushing over the gorgeous actor,

a social media user called her, “Jacqueeen,” whereas another called Jacqueline: “Laal pari ♥.” A netizen pointed out, “One of the best look of the Cannes 2025 she slayed,” whereas another wrote, “She definitely knows how to slay in redcarpet.” A fan even stated: “Jacqueline is always best she never disappoint.” On the film front, Jacqueline’s Housefull 5, which also stars Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chitrangda Singh, Fardeen Khan, Chunky Panday and Soundarya Sharma, is all set to arrive in theatres on June 6.



Diljit Dosanjh Reveals Shakira’s Last-Minute Wardrobe Disaster Before Met Gala Debut



Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh is spilling some tea on his MET Gala prep drama, revealing Shakira’s wardrobe went rogue in the hotel dressing room, sparking a last-minute fashion emergency that got him late. Shakira’s malfunction delays Diljit’s MET Gala walk. Diljit has shared a behind-the-scenes video showcasing his preparation for the MET Gala event, from workouts to final fitting frenzies in the hotel, capturing the chaos leading up to his red carpet appearance. In the over 13-minute behind-the-scenes video, Diljit gives a glimpse into the chaos unfolding next door, revealing that Shakira is dealing with a wardrobe emergency - a broken zipper - as he gets ready for the Met Gala in his own room. “Shakira ki emergency ki wajah se sada kaam suffer hogaya (We are suffering because of Shakira’s emergency). But it is okay... Hips don’t lie and she doesn’t lie,” joked Diljit with a reference to Shakira’s hit song Hips Don’t Lie. Later, the clip shows that Diljit was all set to hit the red carpet, but his exit from the hotel was delayed. He was scheduled to pose for photos with Shakira, who was running behind schedule due to a last-minute wardrobe emergency: a broken zipper that left her team scrambling for a quick fix. Diljit said, “They are not taking us to the main area, all the action is happening at the backstage itself. Takes us to the stage. I guess the zipper of Shakira’s broke, that’s why we are late. I knew we would be late because of Shakira.” The video also shows Diljit trying on his attire, saying he is proud to represent his roots and Punjab on the global stage, mentioning, “I am trying to bring Punjab to the Met Gala red carpet”.

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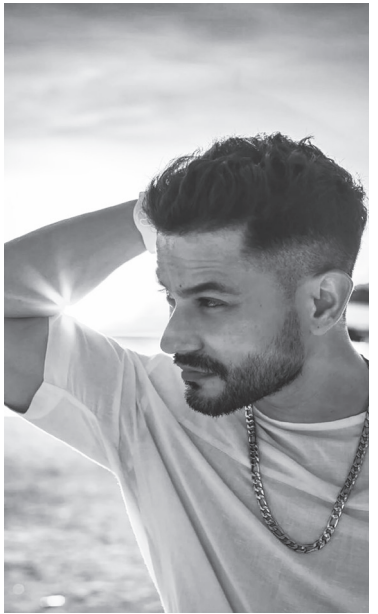
Kunal Kemmu Shares Post On India-Pakistan Tension, Gets Slammed By Social Media Users: ‘Too Little, Too Late’

As things slowly find their way back to normalcy following the high tension between India and Pakistan, actor Kunal Kemmu has come forward to express his anguish about the conflict, lauding India’s Operation Sindoor. But social media users are not amused and are slamming him for the late post. Kunal posts a note on Instagram On Friday, Kunal, who hails from Srinagar, Kashmir, took to Instagram to share a note about the conflict. He said that things might be normal today, but “nothing can replace the loss of

lives and the effect of the fear this has left on many”. In his note, Kunal wrote, “Fear, heartbreak, anxiety, loss, victory, confusion, a sense of unity, a sense of division, a sense of anger, a sense of sorrow, a sense of power and a sense of powerlessness. A sense of valour, a sense of gratitude, a sense of numbness, a sense of realisation. Things slowly find their way back to normalcy or somewhere close to it. We went through testing times as individuals, as families and as a nation. We’ve been through some in the past and I’m sure we will go through more in the

future. I say ‘we’ because even if this didn’t directly affect most of us, it did still affect almost all of us. We all dealt with it in our own way”. The actor also lauded India’s successful Operation Sindoor, stressing that there is no place for terror in the world. He added, “But nothing can replace the loss of lives and the effect of the fear this has left on many. Terror should not have a place in this world and the retaliatory response in the form of Operation Sindoor is what it deserves. I’m grateful as a citizen of

India to the leaders of the nation and the might of its armed forces not just for protecting the people and the values of this nation but also showing the entire world that if we can bow our heads in respect we will not tolerate anyone stepping on them and that we possess the power and the resolve to crush the feet of those who threaten us or the lives of our families and fellow citizens”. One wrote, “Too little too late . Seems calculated due to backlash on Bollywood”, while another shared “You are too late sir”.



they started crawling out”, with one questioning, “It’s too late... why even post now?” “I always had so much respect for you since I come from same place like you in Mumbai. But ppl aren’t crazy enough to feel your emotions and acknowledge it now. It’s already done and dusted. So Bollywood should be ashamed of them sometimes. No hard feelings for you will still watch your movies,” one wrote. One social media user shared, “Now why is he even coming out and talking! Where were you when the situation was tensed! Now don’t talk crap be! U being Kashmiri pandit u can’t even talk about your land! Such a shame u are”.

Huma Qureshi Says Casting Agent Told Her To ‘Do Younger Parts’ After Maharani, Tarla: ‘You Are Such A Beautiful Woman’

Actor Huma Qureshi has diverse projects added to her filmography, with projects such as Maharani and Tarla shining bright. But the actor has revealed getting a phone call from a casting agent discouraging her to take on such mature roles, and made a request that left her stunned. Huma looks back

Huma shared her views during a session at a conclave. She was speaking at ‘The Maharani of Reinvention: Breaking Stereotypes, Empowering Women’ session at India Today’s Indo-UAE Conclave.

Huma said, “After the success of Maharani and Tarla, which has got me immense love, one casting director called me and said, ‘You are such a beautiful woman. Why are you ageing yourself by playing these characters? There are so many other makers who want to work. Try to do younger parts.’ I am like, ‘Why does this burden of playing younger parts always fall on girls? Why are we expected to try to look younger than who I am? I have done my fair share of singing and dancing around the trees, but if a great script comes my way, I should say no to it because I am afraid of portraying someone a few years older than me”.

The actor added, “The problem is either I can do multiple cosmetic surgeries and sit at home and wait for certain filmmakers to call me, or I can go and work with those makers who are making all these interesting scripts, and they want to work with me. This has been a huge shift when you start taking control of your own life choices and narratives”.

Huma Qureshi’s upcoming project

Huma will be next seen in Subhash Kapoor’s Jolly LLB 3. The movie also features Akshay Kumar, Arshad Warsi, Amrita Rao and Saurabh Shukla in pivotal characters. The actor will soon be back with the fourth season of her OTT show Maharani, in which she is seen in the role of a politician, Rani Bharati. The first season premiered on SonyLIV in 2021, with the second season released in 2022. The third season was released on SonyLIV on March 7, 2024. The release date of the fourth season is not out yet. Maharani has been created by Subhash Kapoor and is directed by Saurabh Bhav. It also stars Amit Sial, Vineet Kumar, Pramod Pathak, Kani Kusruti, Anuja Sathe, Sushil Pandey, Dibyendu Bhattacharya and Sohumi Shah.



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India-Pakistan Ceasefire: Modi Says...

the prime minister said, “You all (soldiers) have shown the Pakistan Army that there is not a place left in Pakistan where it can shelter terrorists.” “There is no corner left in Pakistan where terrorists can sit in peace. We can hit them no matter where they are in Pakistan,” he added. He went on to say that going forward, “India will not spare even one chance (to Pakistan’s Army) to save the terrorists.” Speaking about the precision strikes that targeted terror camps in Pakistan, PM Modi said, “The thought of our drones and missiles haunt them. They have been having sleepless nights.” Shortly after his visit to the airbase, PM Modi

wrote on X, saying, “Earlier this morning, I went to Air Force Station (AFS) Adampur and met our brave air warriors and soldiers. It was a very special experience to be with those who epitomise courage, determination and fearlessness. India is eternally grateful to our armed forces for everything they do for our nation.” In his nearly-30-minute speech, PM Modi sent several warnings to Pakistan, reiterating the fact that Operation Sindoor marks a shift in India’s doctrine to combat terrorism emanating from Pakistan. Strikes on terror camps located throughout Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir is now “the new normal” he said.

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Celebrating Poet Laureate of...

Nadeem moved to Canada in 1973 and learnt Panjabi script and language from his wife Surjeet Kaur Parmar. He was born in 1936, Layallpur, Punjab. He worked in the CNCP Telecommunication Department, Vancouver, in a managerial position, till his retirement. I remembered that his versatility of intelligence and his mind was so active until the last moment, when I talked to him a few days earlier to his final departure on

April 18; he wanted to live more so can compose more ghazals. which Asha Parmar, the daughter-in-law of Nadeem, thanked both organizations for arranging the most unforgettable event. Seema Malik, treasurer of Hindi Society thanked all the participants and recited a befitting song on the lovely memories of Nadeem ji. The guests were profusely entertained with snacks and sweets.



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