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Emotions Stir As India And Canada Take Steps To Rebuild Fractured Diplomatic And Trade Relations

ny new development Abetween India and Canada can never go without evoking multiple emotions amongst the Indian diaspora in Canada.

A recent phone call between India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Canada's new Foreign Minister Anita Anand sparked optimism but reignited old tensions within the Indian diaspora and political circles alike.

The call, announced by both ministers on social media, marked the first highlevel political engagement between New Delhi and Ottawa since Mark Carney took office as Canada's Prime Minister. "Thank you Minister S. Jaishankar for the productive discussion today on strengthening Canada-India



ties, deepening our economic cooperation, and advancing priorities," Anand shared posted.

Jaishankar, in turn, expressed appreciation and wished Anand a successful tenure, "Appreciate the saying, telecon with FM Anita Anand of Canada. Discussed the prospects of India-Canada ties. Wished her a very successful

tenure."

While the tone symbolized a possible thaw after months of diplomatic deep freeze, reactions to the exchange have been mixed. The World Sikh Organization (WSO) criticized Anand for calling the discussion "productive," accusing her of sidelining human rights concerns and focusing narrowly on

trade. WSO President Danish Singh said: "It is deeply troubling that, despite clear evidence of targeted killings, organized crime collaboration, and ongoing foreign interference by the Government of India, Minister Anand would describe her conversation with Minister Jaishankar as 'productive' and focus solely on economic cooperation. This sends a dangerous message to the Sikh community — that trade takes precedence over justice, human rights, and the safety of Canadian citizens. To trade away Canadian sovereignty and the rule of law for economic interests is a disgraceful and unacceptable approach to foreign policy."

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ing Charles III delivered the speech from the throne K this week, laying out the agenda for Prime Minister Mark Carney's government. From speaking about Canada's sovereignty, saying the "True North is indeed strong and free," to Carney's plan to have Canada join the ReArm Europe defence program, the King also laid out Carney's economic MORTGAGES No Worries... We Can Help! asily available Private Mortgage ould be just what you ne * Up to \$5 million available \$10,000 to^{\$}1 million in just 24 Hours **Residential Mortgages** Commercial Mortgages **Construction Mortgages** New Immigrants Second Mortgages **First Time Home Buyers** Call today to get started **SANJEEV KATYAL** invis 604.767.5194

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Man Who Killed UBC Okanagan Security Guard Harmandeep Kaur Gets 15 Years In Prison

The judge called killing another example of extreme violence the courts are seeing by someone in drug psychosis.

B.C. Supreme Court judge Ahas sentenced a Kelowna man to 15 years in prison for killing a female security guard on UBC's Okanagan campus in 2022.

Dante Ognibenne-Hebbourn, 24, pleaded guilty to manslaughter for killing 24-yearold Harmandeep Kaur when she was working on campus during an early morning shift.

According to CBC, "The court heard details of the attack, which happened in three intense acts of violence over a 10-minute period. The accused kicked Kaur nearly two dozen times in the head while she was lying on the ground. In delivering the sentence, Associate Chief Justice Heather Holmes said Ognibenne-Hebbourn had a long history of mental health issues and was in a drug-induced psychosis when he killed Kaur.

The judge said the killing was unsettling because it was "almost random and senseless," and called it another example of extreme violence the courts are seeing by someone in drug psychosis.

Drug psychosis is a mental health condition induced by drugs characterized



Harmandeep Kaur

by a distorted perception of reality, which can include hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that aren't there) and delusions (fixed, false beliefs).

Court also heard that Ognibene-Hebbourn had been admitted to hospital numerous times over the years and that he had stopped taking his anti-psychosis medication in the months leading up to the deadly attack, turning instead to illicit drugs.

The judge called the attack utterly meaningless with no motive other than Ognibene-Hebbourn's "distorted

thoughts."

"Offences of this nature cause immediate harm to the victims and their families and friends, but they also reduce the quality of life in the community as a whole, leaving all of us in a constant state of distrust and watchfulness," Holmes said.

Ognibenne-Hebbourn was arrested on April 5, 2022.

Ognibene-Hebbourn was working at the university and assaulted Kaur in one of the campus buildings. She later died of her injuries.

He's faced a second-degree murder charge, which was approved by the B.C. Prosecution Service after a Kelowna RCMP serious crimes unit investigation. "This has been a difficult few weeks for the community in the aftermath of the

tragic events of Feb. 26. The response in support to the woman's family has been remarkable," Insp. Beth McAndie, of Kelowna RCMP, said in the release.

Kaur was 24 years old when she died in Kelowna, where she worked for Paladin Security. Kaur immigrated to Canada from India in 2015 and had received her permanent residency just one month prior



Accuse Dante Ognibenne-Hebbourn to the attack.

Ognibene-Hebbourn was working at the university for janitorial company Best Service.

He was arrested under the mental health act the night of the incident. On February 26, 2022 the RCMP reported that "a security guard had been assaulted while working on the campus.

The victim, a 24-year-old woman, has succumbed to her injuries sustained as a result of this incident."

"Shortly after the incident occurred, the suspect was identified and he was apprehended under the Mental Health Act. He remains in hospital and is possibly facing murder charges," said Cpl. Tammy Lobb, Kelowna RCMP.

Partial Remains of Missing Wo man Shalini Singh Found in Ontario Landfill

ongoing search of the Glanbrook landfill for the body of Shalini Singh, who has been missing since December.

Hamilton Police continue to investigate the disappearance of Shalini Singh, reported missing on December 10, 2024. The last confirmed contact with her occurred at 7:10 p.m. on December

The case was assigned to the

Hamilton police have found Homicide Unit on December 12. CCTV footage revealed no evidence of Shalini leaving her residence, and investigators began exploring the possibility she may have been removed from the building through the garbage disposal system.

With the cooperation of staff at the Glanbrook Landfill, a search area containing approximately 5,000 cubic metres of waste was identified. The search began on February 24, 2025.

On Wednesday, May 21, partial

human remains were located within the targeted area.

Hamilton Police are working closely with the Office of the Coroner, the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, and the Centre of Forensic Sciences to examine the remains. DNA testing is underway, and results are pending to assist in confirming identification.

The search continues at the landfill site, and a revised completion date will be determined based on ongoing findings.

The police said that Singh's family has been made aware of this development and is being supported by our Victim Services Unit.

Anyone with information that may assist the investigation is asked to contact Detective Adam Baglieri at 905-546-3859.

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glorifying violence in their music videos. She said, "Today several prominent pro-Kalistani figures were welcomed in the BC Legislature by MLAs of both the BC Conservatives and NDP. Some of those individuals have openly celebrated violent extremists and murderers in their music videos. This is an insult to our Legislature." She shared video of Richmond-



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Conservative MLA Queensborough Steve Kooner, whose father K.S. Kooner was a popular Punjabi singer in the 1980s, praising the singers. "I come from a singing family myself, and Jazzy B did sing part of my dad's song about thirty years ago. I really appreciated that. And, so I wanna just welcome Jazzy B and also Sabi Gunnar, Inderpal Moga, Chani Nattan, who I know from the community, Marco, Mander."

Hpowever the visit was praised overall, with BC Premier saying, "Our province is home to some incredible talent, such as Junonominated Punjabi artists JazzyB, Chani Nattan, GMinxr and Inderpal_Moga. These incredibly talented people are putting BC on the map. Thanks for stopping by the legislature!"

Jazzy B shared a picture on his Instagram and said, "I am deeply honoured, humbled, and grateful to have been invited to attend The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia 1st Session 43rd Parliament, hosted by The Premier Hon. David Eby, K.C., Speaker of the House Hon. Raj Chouhan, and Hon. Spencer Chandra Herbert.

It was a privilege to be recognized by the Legislature as a Southeast Asian/ Punjabi music artist. I greatly appreciate the respect extended to me and the chance to be a part of such a significant event highlighting the contribution of Southeast Asian/Punjabi music to the cultural fabric of British Columbia. Thank you for the warm hospitality and the opportunity to engage with The Members of the Legislative Assembly. Special thank you again to The Speaker Hon. Raj Chouhan for hosting a spectacular lunch and to Hon. Ravi Kahlon and staff for hosting our team."

Jas Johal, the famous Radio host, took a dig at the MLA criticizing Jazzy B. Johal shared pictures of Jazzy B where he has been invited by Canucks to perform and was also inducted in BC Hall of Fame. "Jazzy B started as a roofer. Someone heard him singing on a job site and told him to chase his dream. He did and is now a BC success story," Johal said.

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Human Smugglers Get 10 Years In Prison In Case Of Frozen To Death Gujrati Family

More than three years after a family of four from India froze to death while trying to enter the U.S. along a remote stretch of the Canadian border in a blizzard, the alleged ringleader of an international human smuggling plot was sentenced in Minnesota to 10 years in prison. Harshkumar Patel, an Indian national living in the U.S. who

was convicted of organizing the logistics of smuggling trips from Canada, was given 10 years.

Steve Shand, a longtime taxi driver from Florida who picked up migrants on the U.S. side in rented vehicles, was handed 6 1/2 years.

"The crime in many respects is extraordinarily serious," U.S. District Judge John Tunheim said in his decision in Fergus Falls, Minn. The victims, Jagdish Patel, 39; his wife, Vaishaliben, who was in her mid-30s; their 11-year-old

daughter, Vihangi; and 3-yearold son, Dharmik, froze to death. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police found their bodies just north of the border between Manitoba and Minnesota on Jan. 19, 2022.

"These were deaths that were clearly avoidable. It came as a result of pushing to get people across the border as quickly as possible."

A jury found the two men guilty last fall on four charges related to the smuggling operation.

According to Canadian Press, the trial heard Patel and Shand were involved in several smuggling trips between Manitoba and Minnesota in December 2021 and January 2022, in which people from India were brought to Canada on student visas then sent on foot across the border to the U.S.

During one trip in 2022, 11 migrants were dropped off on the Canadian side and told to walk in an overnight blizzard on the open prairie until they came to a van on the American side, where Shand was waiting.

The temperature was -23 C and the wind chill had dipped below -35. There were no buildings or trees to provide shelter. The trial was told smugglers had given the migrants jeans, thin jackets and hats and mitts designed for warmer weather.

The group got separated in the blowing snow. Some made it to the van after walking for hours, including one woman whose hypothermia was so bad she was flown to Minneapolis for treatment. A family of four from India didn't make it. The frozen bodies of Jagdish Patel, 39; his wife Vaishaliben Patel, 37; their 11-year-old daughter, Vihangi; and their three-year-old son, Dharmik, were found metres from the border. The boy was still in his father's arms. Vaishaliben Patel was found away from her family, up against a chain-link fence near an unmanned natural gas facility. Prosecutors said it appears she left the others to try to find help at the only building



in sight.

Patel is a common name in India, and the family was not related to Harshkumar Patel.

Hours before the bodies were found, the van had become stuck in snow. A border patrol agent found Shand along with a few migrants in the van. The agent asked Shand whether any more people were still wandering in the cold, but he lied and said no, court was told.

"With the lengthy sentences

imposed today, we can send a strong message, a message that human life does not have a price tag, that human smugglers are callous and indifferent and have no regard for the safety of the people in their care," Lisa Kirkpatrick, acting U.S. attorney for the District of Minnesota, told reporters outside court.

Special agent Jamie Holt with Homeland Security said the victims had hopes of a better life. "This was not just a case of smuggling. This was a case of profound human suffering," Holt said.

"An entire family perished in sub-zero temperatures trying to reach what they thought would be safety. Instead, they were betrayed by individuals motivated by profit."

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Controversial B.C. Bill 15 Fast-Tracking Infrastructure Projects Passes Narrowly

projects by a single vote this week.

All NDP MLAs voted for the legislation, while all 41 Conservatives, both B.C. Greens, and the three Independents opposed Bill 15.

House Speaker Raj Chouhan cast the deciding vote, bringing it into law. But since its inception, the bill has been facing opposition. Indigenous groups, municipal officials, environmentalists and some business leaders say the legislation gives cabinet too much power when it comes to designating provincially significant projects.

The BC Greens said they used every tool available to stop Bill 15. "It's clear this is a deeply flawed bill," Rob Botterell, MLA for North Saanich and the Islands, said in a statement.

The BC Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) is urging Premier David Eby, Minister of Infrastructure Bowinn Ma, and the BC NDP Government to immediately withdraw Bill 15, the Infrastructure Projects Act. The proposed legislation betrays the Province's

B^C NDP passed a controversial bill commitment to recognize and respect the rights of First Nations, and was drafted in violation of BC's own Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA), said BCLA in a press release.

Bill 15 would give the Minister of Infrastructure broad powers to acquire land and allow Cabinet to fasttrack infrastructure projects deemed "provincially significant" - powers that risk bypassing Indigenous rights, local input, and environmental oversight.

In an open letter, BCLA said, "Bill 15 is a triple threat: A threat to building right relations with First Nations; a threat to our democratic processes; and a threat to the health of the lands and peoples of 'British Columbia."

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Questions BC on Bill 15 and asked "What happened to free, prior and informed consent?" President Judith Sayers said, "B.C. knows how to put in place legislation that is Indigenous co-developed, as they are doing so with the Heritage Conservation Act. Why not this Act? Things done in a rush will backfire on provincial governmentFirst Nation relationships, reconciliation and all the work done to date on UNDRIP. They cannot pick and choose when to engage meaningfully with First Nations and when they won't, as they have now adopted a high standard for

adopting legislation." Sierra Club BC Director of Campaigns and Programs Shelley Luce, said in a statement, "Bill 15 is an example of government moving too fast. We do not need to sacrifice public input, the environment, and First Nations consultation to react to US tariff threats. Instead, we can uphold our values of reconciliation and environmental protection while moving to streamline projects that are important to

British Columbians. As written, Bill 15 provides very broad powers to the provincial government to expedite large projects - regardless of



who is in power. But the bill does not define what constitutes a "provincially significant' project, nor does it include any language stating it won't be used to fasttrack LNG and pipeline projects. Recent statements by the Premier also hint at an intention to use the bill to expedite mining projects.

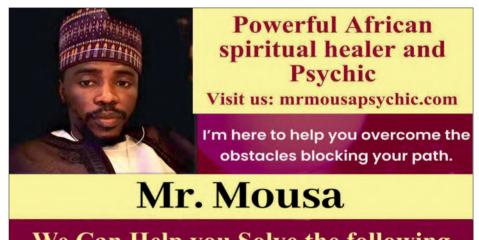
Sierra Club BC is calling on the B.C. government to amend Bill 15 in the next legislative session, so that Indigenous consultation, due process, and adequate environmental assessments are enshrined in law and not vulnerable to weakening in the future.

Consulate General of India Vancouver issues advisory against scammers calling people on behalf of Consulate

↑onsulate General of India, Vancouver has issued an advisory for people against scammers calling on behalf of the Consulate and cheating people. "It has been brought to the notice of the Consulate that some fraudsters are spoofing Consulate General of India telephone lines to make calls aimed at cheating people," the advisory said.

Some of these calls are shown as being from the Consulate telephone numbers (+1-604-662-8811) while others use identity of Consulate officials. These fraudsters either try to threaten them or extort money.

"This is to inform members of the public that officials from the Consulate make no such calls seeking personal information from any Indian or foreign nationals. In case any additional documentation is required from an existing applicant, it is sought only through email(s) originating from the email domain or by providing his/ her application details," read the advisory. The Consulate General of India hereby advises members of the public to neither entertain such calls nor reveal any personal information or transfer any money. Such matter should immediately be reported to the concerned law and order authorities.



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Temporary Lockdown In Two Delta Schools Due To Youth Altercation



Monday, May 26th, 2025, just before 2:00 p.m., Delta Police received a report of a possible planned fight in the area of Seaquam Secondary School. 5 youth males were observed wearing ski masks on school property who fled when observed by school staff.

Shortly afterwards, a Delta

fleeing from police. Due to the possibility of a weapon, Seaquam Secondary

School and Cougar Canyon Elementary were placed into a hold and secure until police could determine the nature of the incident. The schools have since been released from

group of youth in the area.

One of the males was seen

discarding a weapon before

the hold and secure, and a coordinated release of the students took place.

A K-9 search of the area located an airsoft pistol in the bushes. Delta Optimist reported that this was the second time in a few days that police and school officials have been involved in investigating possible planned flights between students. In an email notice to parents from Seaquam Secondary School, a school official said on Saturday night (May 24) that they had received word from Delta police that there may be a number of students from the school who may have planned, or planning to attend, a physical fight later that evening around Delta Secondary School and near the May Days festival grounds in Memorial Park.



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Vancouver Man Arrested For Exporting Fentanyl Cross Border

ordan Tanner Dakota Treleaven, a was arrested in Alberta and charged by the Public Prosecution Service for being involved in cross-border fentanyl trafficking operation.

Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) began investigating a male suspect believed to be importing illegal firearms into Canada. During the execution of a search warrant in Vancouver, investigators seized an illegal firearm and approximately six-hundred (600) grams of fentanyl.

Subsequent investigation revealed four (4) outgoing shipments of fentanyl originating from Vancouver and destined for the United States – containing a total of approximately fifteen hundred (1,500) grams of fentanyl. These shipments were intercepted by United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP).

On May 22, 2025 Treleaven was arrested in Alberta.

The investigation into the illegal importation of firearms that prompted the

original search warrant remains ongoing and involves a separate suspect.

"This investigation led to the disruption and charges against an individual involved in a cross-border fentanyl trafficking operation," says Assistant Commissioner Manny Mann, Chief Officer of the CFSEU-BC. "Fentanyl continues to cause significant harm to our communities



and we are committed to targeting those responsible while working with our partners to reduce its devastating impact." "Canada Border Services Agency officers and investigators work day in and day out to protect our communities and prevent criminals from exploiting our borders," says Harald Wuigk, Assistant Director for the CBSA Criminal Investigations Section. "We will continue to work with law enforcement partners to disrupt the supply chain for fentanyl through interception of contraband as part of Canada's efforts to strengthen border security and combat organized crime."

"This interception of narcotics and an illegal firearm underscores the critical importance of international collaboration and partnerships in keeping our communities safe," says Stephen Maloney, Executive Director of USCBP's "The National Targeting Center. coordinated information sharing between the Canada Border Services Agency, the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) are a great example of how we disrupt cross-border criminal activities when we work together."

"Tackling transnational criminals involved in fentanyl trafficking is an HSI priority and we will continue to work with our Canadian law enforcement partners to dismantle organized criminal groups that threaten our safety and security," says Attaché, Magdalena Sigur for ICE-Homeland Security Investigations at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa.

Ledoux Stabbed To Death At Abbotsford's At Larch Park **15-Year-Old Billy**

bbotsford Police Department Patrol A officers responded to a report of a stabbing at Larch Park, located in the 2600 block of Beck Road.

Upon arrival, officers located a male youth suffering from critical, life-threatening injuries. Despite the immediate efforts of bystanders and first responders, the youth tragically succumbed to his injuries.

IHIT identified the 15-year-old victim as Billy Ledoux in hopes of advancing the investigation. "Billy was only 15 years old and had his whole life ahead of him," said Sgt. Freda Fong of IHIT.

"Our thoughts are with his family, friends and classmates. As the community mourns the loss of Billy, his family asks

that all come together to remember and celebrate his life. They are encouraging the community to seek peace, not revenge."

the During initial investigation, police arrested two youths near the scene. However, after further investigation, the police informed that those youths have since been cleared of their involvement. They were not responsible for the stabbing and have been released to their parents. "We believe there are



individuals who know what happened to Billy and we are asking them to do the right thing by contacting IHIT," Fong said.

Anyone who was in the vicinity of Larch Park between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., or who may have dashcam footage from the area is urged to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihitinfo@ rcmp-grc.gc.ca.



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Ties between India and Canada were were shut because of lack of Canadian severely hit following Trudeau's allegation of potential involvement of Indian government agents in the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023. India rejected the allegation as "politically motivated" and "absurd".

This tension led to downgrading of ties, withdrawal of diplomats, visa services being impacted, and trade not achieving its potential. Last October, after Indian envoy Sanjay Verma was expelled along with more diplomats, India too expelled Canadian diplomats. Canadian consulates

officials.

Now Anand's outreach is seen by many as the Carney government's first step toward repairing what experts have called one of the darkest chapters in India-Canada relations. The Hindu Canada Foundation quickly came to her defence, accusing the WSO of politicizing the conversation and asserting that the organization does not represent the broader Sikh community.

"WSO is bullying Anand for merely trying to improve relations with Indiaan economic powerhouse in Asia," the Foundation said in a statement. "A Canadafirst approach is essential. Strengthening ties with India can help boost trade and economic growth at a time when Canada faces mounting geopolitical challenges." Carney's administration has signalled a shift toward pragmatism-diversifying trade beyond the United States and tapping into high-growth markets like India, now the world's fifth-largest economy. With a billion-strong consumer base and an expanding middle class, India offers fertile ground for Canadian exports and investment.

Still, questions loom large. Can Canada move past unproven yet serious allegations of foreign-sponsored violence on its soil? The balancing act between principle and pragmatism is delicate. Neither trade nor trust can thrive in isolation. All eyes now turn to the upcoming G7 Summit, hosted by Canada next month. Since 2019, India has received an invitation from the host nation each year. Whether Ottawa extends the same courtesy to Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be a telling signal of how far this diplomatic reset is willing to go.

Veteran Akali Leader Sukhdev Dhindsa Cremated At Native Village In Punjab's Sangrur

Teteran Akali leader and former Union minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa was cremated with full state honours at his native Ubhawal village in Punjab's Sangrur district.

Dhindsa died on Wednesday evening following age-related health issues at a private hospital in Mohali at the age of 89.

His mortal remains were kept at his residence in Chandigarh to allow people to pay their last respects after which they were brought to Sangrur on Friday where people turned out in numbers to pay their homage to the departed leader.

Political leaders cutting across party lines paid tribute to veteran Akali leader. Among these included SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Punjab Minister and AAP state unit chief Aman Arora, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia, JJP chief Ajay Singh Chautala, Akali leader Prem Singh Chandumajra and former



Punjab Minister Manpreet Singh Badal.

Dhindsa became Shiromani Akali Dal's Lok Sabha MP from Sangrur in 2004. He was the Union minister of sports, chemicals and fertilisers in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. He was a Rajya Sabha MP from 1998 to 2004 and from 2010 to 2022.

He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2019, but he then announced that he would return it in solidarity with farmers who were on protest against the nowrepealed three farm laws. His son Parminder Singh

Dhindsa was a Finance Minister in the Parkash Singh Badalled SAD-BJP government in Punjab.

In March last year, Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa merged his faction, SAD (Sanyukt), with the Sukhbir Singh Badal-led SAD.

The merger came nearly four years after Dhindsa and his son were expelled from the party in February 2020 over alleged antiparty activities. Following their expulsion, the father-son duo had launched SAD (Sanyukt). Dhindsa Sr once held the influential position of secretary general in the SAD and was widely regarded as the party's second-in-command after patriarch Parkash Singh Badal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday condoled his death. Modi said that his death is a major loss to the nation. "He always had a grassroots level connect with Punjab, its people

and culture. He championed issues like rural development, social justice and all-round growth. He always worked to make our social fabric even stronger," the prime minister said in a post on X. Modi said he knew Dhindsa for many years, and they interacted closely on various issues.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann also mourned the sad demise of Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, who is survived by his wife, son, and two daughters.

In his condolence message, the Chief Minister expressed deep sorrow over the passing of the senior Akali leader and former union minister, acknowledging his tireless efforts for the welfare of the people. Extending his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family, relatives, and friends, the Chief Minister prayed for the departed soul's eternal peace and for the family members to find strength in this irreparable loss.



Minimum Wage In BC Increases To \$17.85 On June 1

Employers and workers are reminded that on Sunday, June 1, 2025, B.C.'s general minimum wage increases from \$17.40 to \$17.85 an hour.

The 2.6% increase on June 1 also applies to minimumwage rates for resident caretakers, live-in homesupport workers, live-in camp leaders and app-based delivery and ride-hail services workers.

The minimum agricultural piece rates for hand harvesters will increase by 2.6% on Dec.

31, 2025. The Dec. 31 annual increase to the minimum piece rates ensures crop producers will not need to adjust wages in the middle of the harvesting season.

Government has made regular, gradual increases to the minimum



wage to provide certainty for workers and predictability for businesses. This is the fourth year of the government's ongoing commitment to tie annual minimumwage increases to inflation.

In February 2024, government amended the Employment Standards

Minimum wage goes up to \$17.85 on June 1

> Act so annual increases to minimum rates happen automatically, based on the previous year's average inflation rate for B.C.

In 2024, approximately 130,000 employees in B.C. earned minimum wage or less, according to labourforce data from Statistics Canada.

Colleagues Renew Reward In 2019 Richmond Homicide

The Society of Notaries Public of BC is appealing for the public's help to identify those responsible for Stephen Chong's murder. The Society is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information provided to IHIT that leads to the arrest and charge of the individual individuals or responsible for the murder of Stephen. On October 18, 2019 at around 5:30 p.m., 58-year-old Stephen

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Stephen Chong

Chong was found dead inside his business in the 8200-block of Granville Avenue in Richmond, B.C. After an assessment of the scene by the Richmond RCMP, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in as the circumstances surrounding Mr. Chong's death appeared suspicious.

Chong was a notary public in Richmond with no record of criminality. His death had a profound impact amongst his professional community. IHIT still needs anyone with information to come forward.

The Society of Notaries Public of BC is also making a public plea. The Society said in a statement, "Stephen Sing Wai Chong was a member of the Society of Notaries Public and a proud notary public since 2008, his notary office was in Richmond, BC. Stephen was fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin and was able to serve his clients in all three languages. He took special pride in the services that he provided to clients building strong relationships with his clients and community.

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BC Conservative MLA Calls For Immediate Action Against Increasing Hate Incidents Including Antisemitism

eresa Wat, BC Conservative MLA for Richmond-Bridgeport and Shadow Minister for BC's Anti-Racism Strategy, urged immediate action against racism at the BC Legislature, emphasizing the urgent need to address discrimination across the province.

As part of Anti-Racism Awareness Week, MLA Wat reflected on years of advocacy, including her proposal to designate May 29th as Anti-Racism Education Day.

"This week is not just symbolic—it is the result of years of advocacy, including my call for an annual Anti-Racism Education Day on May 29th," said MLA Wat. "As former Minister responsible for the Multiculturalism, that call was driven by the heartbreaking rise in racism and hate

during the pandemic, particularly anti-Asian hate, which surged by over 700% in Vancouver alone amid the pandemic."

MLA Wat called on British Columbians to combat all forms of racism, emphasizing its detrimental impact on communities.

"We have seen increasing incidents of racism against Indigenous and South Asian communities. We must not ignore the surge of antisemitism-what many historians rightly call the oldest and most enduring form of hate in the world. This historic hatred has taken on new and dangerous forms, and it must be named, confronted, and condemned without hesitation.'

In 2021, MLA Wat launched a petition advocating for the proclamation of Anti-



Teresa Wat, BC Conservative MLA Racism Education Day, a campaign that received overwhelming support across British Columbia. More than 11,000 British Columbians signed the petition, alongside over 170 organizations calling for action.

"Fighting racism isn't a partisan cause. It's a human one. It's about standing shoulder to shoulder with every British Columbian-no matter their faith, background, or language-and saying: you belong, and we will fight for you. I call on my colleagues and community members to commit-not just this week, but every day-to the fight against hate."

The BC Conservative caucus remains committed to standing alongside British Columbians in the fight against racism. We will continue working to foster social harmony and strengthen multiculturalism, ensuring that every individual feels safe, respected, and valued in this province.

Racism Erodes Trust In Systems And In One's Sense Of Belonging

essie Sunner, parliamentary secretary J for anti-racism initiatives, has released the following statement in recognition of Anti-Racism Awareness Week, May 26 to June 1, 2025:

"Today marks the beginning of Anti-Racism Awareness Week in British Columbia - an important time to reflect on the work we have done and what we

"As government, we are committed to fighting racism in all its forms and have taken significant strides to dismantle it. We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of the launch of the Racist Incident Helpline, and we have already seen it have a tremendous impact, with 94% of callers saying their needs have been met.



Jessie Sunner



is still much work ahead to dismantle the deep-rooted systems of racism and build a just, inclusive and safe province for everyone.

"Being anti-racist is a year-round commitment, not just something confined to one week. I encourage everyone to explore how they can be anti-racist, whether that's by attending cultural events, learning through workshops, or having honest and open discussions with your loved ones and colleagues. By marking Anti-Racism Awareness Week in our own meaningful ways, we take steps together toward building a province where everyone feels valued, respected and seen."



BC Premier Eby Outlines \$30 Billion Mining Investment Plan with First Nations

VANCOUVER - In a speech to the business community, mining industry, First Nations and conservation organizations, Premier David Eby outlined an approach to mining development in the northwest that combines economic growth, reconciliation and conservation to realize an opportunity for tens of billions of dollars in investment and thousands of good paying jobs to support families throughout the province.

"Here in British Columbia, economic development, conservation of precious water and land, and partnership with First Nations go hand-in-hand," Premier Eby said. "Our approach makes B.C. a world-class place to invest, and our province has all it takes to succeed in the face of global challenges. By working together to seize the potential in the northwest,

we can also drive private-sector investment that will benefit all British Columbians for



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Province will support the strategy through a range of measures. In the coming weeks the province will provide additional details on how the plan will be executed, including consent-based agreements with First Nations, an inclusive expedited process to protect important lands and watersheds, Building out B.C.'s clean electricity grid etc.

According to the International Energy Agency, global demand for some critical minerals is expected to increase five-fold by 2040, including for some clean energy technology minerals B.C. produces. B.C. currently produces or has the potential to produce 19 of Canada's 34 critical minerals (like nickel, rare earth elements and antimony), essential to Canada's economic independence and national security.

To drive B.C. becoming the economic engine of Canada's new economy, the Province will support the strategy through a range of measures. In the coming weeks the province will provide additional details on how the plan will be executed"We are taking steps to cement the northwest as a key economic driver for Canada., while also protecting the waters and lands we all love, and working toward reconciliation" said Jagrup Brar, Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals. "I look forward to continuing our work with First Nations, industry, and local communities to deliver this vision for the benefit of everyone in the northwest and across British Columbia."

B.C. is uniquely positioned with port access to growing and emerging markets in Asia where critical minerals are in high demand. Unlocking these jobs through the critical minerals vision creates generational opportunities for long-term jobs and economic

prosperity. "By supporting the responsible stewardship of B.C.'s natural resources while encouraging sustainable economic growth, we are creating more opportunities for everyone," said Randene Neill, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. "In partnership with First Nations, we have a generational opportunity to protect important lands and waters and to open economic prospects for the benefit all British Columbians."

Christine Boyle, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, said: "Through our critical minerals vision, we're growing B.C.'s economy in partnership with First Nations, guided by B.C.'s Declaration Act. Together, we're building a future in our province where growing the economy and reconciliation can advance together so that all people can thrive for generations to come."

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King Charles Opens Canada's Parliament With Throne Speech

K ing Charles gave a rare throne speech in the Canadian parliament this week. The speech from the throne is typically given by the governor general and is meant to outline the government's plans for the next session. The speech is written by the prime minister's office in consultation with staff at the king's office. But Prime Minister Mark Carney invited Charles to visit Canada to give the speech amid sovereignty threats from U.S. President Donald Trump. It's the third time the monarch has read the throne speech. His mother, Queen Elizabeth II, delivered the speech in Parliament in 1957 and 1977.

In a speech attended by lawmakers, Indigenous leaders and dignitaries, Charles, on his 20th visit, praised a country he said he loved "so much".

"The True North is indeed strong and free," he said – a reference to both the Canadian national anthem and recent threats from Trump to make Canada the 51st state.

"Democracy, pluralism, the rule of law, self-determination and freedom

are values which Canadians hold dear, and ones which the government is determined to protect," said Charles, telling attenders, that by "staying true to Canadian values", the country could "build new alliances and a new economy that serves all Canadians".

The king alluded to efforts to ease tensions with the US. "The prime minister and the president of the United States, for example, have begun defining a new economic and security relationship between Canada and the US, rooted in mutual respect and founded on common interests, to deliver transformational benefits for both sovereign nations."

Sitting next to Queen Camilla, the king also alluded to the last time a monarch opened a new parliament nearly seven decades earlier, when his late mother visited Ottawa.

Queen Elizabeth said during her 1957 speech that "against the backdrop of international affairs, no nation could live unto itself". Charles said that he took great pride in the way in which "Canada has continued to set an example to the world in her conduct and values, as a force for good."

The King said the Canadian government will be reducing taxes for the middle class and cutting the GST on homes under \$1 million for firsttime homebuyers, reiterating Carney's campaign promises. He said the government will lower the GST on homes between \$1 million and \$1.5 million. The King also said the government will double the rate of housing construction and create Build Canada Homes, a new government agency that will act as a developer for affordable housing. "It will invest in the growth of the prefabricated and modular housing industry. And it will provide significant financing to affordable home builders," he said.



also cut development charges for multiunit builds in half, the King said. "The government will drive supply up to

bring housing costs down," he said. The King said the federal government will cap the total number of temporary foreign workers and international students at less than five per cent of Canada's population by 2027.

"By doing this, the government will attract the best talent in the world to





build our economy, while sending a clear message to Canadians working abroad that there is no better time to come home," he said.

The King said the government aims to make Canada the strongest economy in the G7.

"That starts with creating one Canadian economy out of 13. Internal barriers to trade and labour mobility cost Canada as much as \$200 billion each year," he said.



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Over 500 Nurses, Allied Health-Care Workers Rally In After A Series Of Violent Attacks On Nurses In BC

Nurses from across the province are being joined by allied health-care workers at a lunch-hour march and rally in Vancouver today to denounce the alarming rise in workplace violence.

The rally, held under the banner "Violence. Not Part of the Job" was organized by the BC Nurses' Union to draw attention to the growing crisis of violence in health care – a systemic issue fuelled by chronic understaffing and inadequate security measures in hospitals and care facilities. The event features

a powerful first-hand account from an emergency room nurse from Surrey Memorial Hospital who was violently assaulted by a patient last year.

Representatives from the BC General Employees' Union, Health Sciences Association, Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions, and National Nurses United (California) are also in attendance



to show solidarity with nurses on the front lines.

"We've seen an escalation in disturbing incidents where nurses have been choked unconscious and threatened with weapons," says BCNU President Adriane Gear. "No one should have to fear for their safety at work. Yet every day, nurses face physical and verbal assaults while doing their jobs – caring for others. Enough is enough."

Besides addressing critical staffing shortages across the health-care system, BCNU is calling for additional relational security officers in all facilities, and the continued implementation of minimum nurseto-patient ratios. Evidence shows that safer staffing levels not only improve the quality of patient care, but they also reduce workplace violence.

WorkSafeBC data paints a stark picture of a worsening crisis. Timeloss claims related to workplace

violence among nurses across the profession have nearly doubled—rising from an average of 25 per month in 2014 to 46 per month in 2023.

"Violence is not part of the job, and we refuse to let it become the norm," says Gear. "We are calling on this government to treat this crisis with the urgency it demands—because our safety should never be negotiable."



4-Year-Old Boy Killed, Mother In Critical Condition After Horseshoe Bay Bus Crash



West Vancouver Police are investigating an incident involving a Translink bus near the Horseshoe Bay Ferry terminal that left one dead and two injured.

At approximately 3:29 PM May 28 afternoon, the West Vancouver Police

Department responded to a tragic incident at the intersection of Keith Road and Bay Street in Horseshoe Bay, where pedestrians were reported to be pinned beneath a transit bus.

Upon arrival, WVPD officers found West Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services and BC Emergency Health Services on scene and engaged in life-saving efforts for three individuals. Despite these efforts, a four-year-old boy was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene. His mother was transported to Lions Gate Hospital in critical condition. A second woman, believed to be a family friend, was taken to the same hospital and is currently in stable condition.

"Next-of-kin notifications have been completed, and we wish to take this opportunity to express our deepest condolences to the family during this incredibly difficult time," said police in a press release.

The driver of the bus, identified as a TransLink employee, is cooperating fully with investigators and is currently being interviewed by police. The bus involved in the incident has been seized for mechanical inspection.

While the investigation is still in its early stages, preliminary findings suggest that speed was not a contributing factor. The West Vancouver Police Department is working in collaboration with the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) and the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) branch to determine the full circumstances surrounding this tragic event. The West Vancouver Police Department is appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have dashcam or other video footage from the area of Keith Road and Bay Street around 3:30 PM on Wednesday, May 28. Anyone with relevant information is urged to contact WVPD's non-emergency line at 604-925-7300, quoting file number 25-5042.

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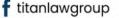
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New Research Shows More Anti-Racism Work Needed

TICTORIA - Key findings from three research priorities identified by B.C.'s Anti-Racism Data Committee reveal the need for greater equity and diversity within the BC Public Service, some progress has been made in representation to appointments on B.C.'s agencies, boards and commissions, and pay differences between racialized and white workers in B.C.'s private and public sectors.

"To address systemic racism in provincial government policies, programs and services, it's crucial that we focus on research areas that matter most to Indigenous Peoples and racialized communities," said George Chow, Minister of Citizens' Services. "I would like to thank

Indigenous partners and the Anti-Racism Data Committee (ARDC) for their tireless work to help the Province identify and understand where people are experiencing barriers accessing services - in partnership with them, we can meaningfully tackle issues of systemic racism with active solutions."

The Anti-Racism Data Act came into effect in 2022 and requires the Province to publish statistics and other information regarding systemic racism and racial equity by June 1 each year. The act also requires the Province to identify research priorities every two years. Research priorities were set in 2023 and updated priorities were released on Friday, May 30, 2025.

"In these challenging times where other governments are removing diversity initiatives, British Columbia remains committed to doing what's right and working to level the playing field for racialized and Indigenous people," said



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Jessie Sunner, parliamentary secretary for anti-racism initiatives. "The findings of this research are essential to that work and will influence the development of the Anti-Racism Action Plan that is currently underway. We will continue to lift people up so they can build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities.'

This is the third release under the act. This year's key findings include research on Racial diversity and equity in the BC Public Service, Representation on provincial boards and economic inclusion. The research points Indigenous and racialized employees continue to be under-represented in the BC Public Service in leadership roles and overall and many racialized groups are also over-represented in lower-level and nonpermanent positions.

Some Indigenous and racialized communities, along with other equitydeserving groups, continue to face barriers

to civic participation, and those living in rural and remote areas may still be underrepresented.

In six occupations, racialized people with the same education level as white workers did not see higher levels of education linked to higher earnings. These findings challenge a common assumption that more education will always translate into more pay. It's important to note that not all occupations have similar earnings gaps and to look at each occupation individually.

Government is addressing these challenges by conducting research with Indigenous and racialized employees within BC Public Service to understand their lived experience and inform actions to remove barriers to hiring and career growth;

The Province worked in collaboration with the Anti-Racism Data Committee and in consultation with Indigenous Peoples to set research priorities for 2025-27. Priorities are meant to help steer the Province toward research that identifies

systemic barriers and requires action to advance racial equity. Priorities also help focus research on the areas that matter most to Indigenous Peoples and racialized communities.

Themes of the 2025-27 priorities include: health and wellness, education, housing, racial equity within the BC Public Service, justice system and community safety, sports and economic inclusion.

June Francis, chair, Anti-Racism Data Committee, said, "We cannot fix what we do not understand. Dismantling systemic racism requires us to truly understand the barriers that Indigenous, Black and racialized people face. By working with communities to understand their experiences and to put research behind it allows us to advocate

and amplify our voices - data and research supports community empowerment. With the release of updated research priorities, we are steering the B.C. government to take a deeper dive into health, education and justice, yet we also expect these will trigger an all-of-government approach, as we know inequities remain in many other areas. We trust these data and the research priorities will catalyze the B.C. government to take urgent and intentional actions to address the inequities that are being made transparent, and to focus more research in priority areas to deliver real and lasting change for the many people in British Columbia who face racism and discrimination each and every day. This new release of research findings increases the Province's understanding of what Indigenous and racialized people have been saying for many years - government programs are not serving people equitably."







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All- New 2025 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV: Noir Edition

Auto Review by Veeno Dewan

The very popular Mitsubishi Outlander SUV receives a refresh for 2025 with updated styling and several new features. The SUV is available in both gas engine and hybrid PHEV versions. A Yamaha audio system is a new addition to the standard-features list, while Mitsubishi also revamped the center console for additional storage. There are also changes to the suspension and sound proofing for a smother, quieter cabin. Mitsubishi says the Outlander is Canada's best-selling allwheel drive plug-in hybrid electric with an estimated 60 kilometres on EV mode.

The new Outlander PHEV looks great with its confident and aggressive front end and smart chrome trim. Power

provided courtesy is specifically of а tuned, Atkinson 2.4-litre cycle combustion engine paired to the more powerful integrated new twin electric motors. The front axle

motor generates 114hp from 80hp, while the rear motor offers 134 horsepower up from 90hp previously. The rear motor features a new integrated motor control unit occupying a smaller space than before, enabling the new Outlander PHEV to offer a three-row seating configuration for the first time – a class leading attribute. The power is transmitted via Mitsubishi's famed Super-All Wheel Control (S-AWC), all-wheel drive system. At 20 kWh, the new battery's storage capacity is 45 percent larger than the previous version's 13.8 kWh system and can offer an electric only driving range of 61 km, well up from the 39 km the previous Outlander offered before.

In terms of charging, Mitsubishi uses the faster, more efficient PHEV: Level 3 charging system that can charge the Outlander PHEV to an 80 percent state of charge in just 38 minutes at 50 kW. The onboard gasoline engine takes about 90-95 minutes to charge the battery. Total range is 61 km (all-electric), and 687 km (total). The Mitsubishi Outlander price starts from a very reasonable \$46,438 for the ES version with the bonus of a sliding third row rear bench for a total of seven seats. Once again - a huge advantage over other PHEV SUVs. Plus, every Outlander PHEV comes with the S-AWC AWD system as standard, as well as: 12.3 inch configurable digital instrument panel, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, 120V/1,500W electrical

outlet, comprehensive safety and driver assistance systems and a DC fast-charging port. Moving up, the SEL trim line has leather seats and 20- inch wheels, while the GT Edition brings additional safety systems and Bose premium audio. The fully loaded range topping GT-Premium, S-AWC – \$59,598 adds upscale luxurious quilted semi-aniline leather seats, diamond stitched trim and a front-seat massage function.

We tested the new "Noir Edition" which adds such extras as: 20" black-painted alloy wheels, gloss black skid plate style, black-painted dynamic shield hood emblem, a" noir" badge, auto led high beams, black side-view mirrors powerfolding side-view mirrors, gloss black window accent and more. Interior Noir Edition upgrades include: include: silver and black interior with stitch accents, front seat massage function, black headliner, leather-wrapped steering wheel, laser etched shifter panel and other niceties. The Mitsubishi Outlander has a large comfortable high-quality cabin with impressive materials, ergonomic design,

and finishing. There is excellent attention to detail and wonderful upscale touches like the exquisite quilted and embossed leather seat trim. Rear cargo volume is rated at: 950 litres behind the second row. On the road, the new Outlander PHEV model drives impressively thanks to its twin-motor AWD set up.

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Retired Justice Sureshwar Thakur Appointed Chairman Of Punjab State Commission For NRIs

A former Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Sureshwar Thakur was appointed as the Chairman of the Punjab State Commission for NRIs.

Justice Thakur, scheduled to assume charge on May 29, is known for dispensing valueoriented justice since the commencement of his judicial career in 2001. Over the years, Justice Thakur was known for his clarity in reasoning and his firm grasp of constitutional principles.

Born in Shimla on May 18, 1963, Justice Thakur hails from a distinguished legal and literary family.

His father, late Justice Hira Singh Thakur, served as a judge High Court.



of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, while his mother, Nirmala Thakur, is a renowned English poet.

He studied at St. Edward's School, Shimla, completed his law degree from Himachal Pradesh University, and began practicing in the Himachal Pradesh High Court in 1987. He was appointed Additional District & Sessions Judge in 2001. He went on to hold several key judicial and administrative posts across Himachal Pradesh and was elevated as a judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in May 2014. On October 25, 2021, he took oath as Judge of the Punjab and Haryana

Court.

Wall Street Goes Desi! 400-Person Indian Baraat Takes Over New York City, Video Goes Viral

Aslice of India landed in the heart of Manhattan as a 400-person baraat—the traditional Indian groom's wedding procession—took over Wall Street in a dazzling display of music, dance, and desi flair.

The now-viral video shows guests in vibrant traditional attire dancing joyously to dhol beats and DJ tracks, temporarily transforming the financial hub into a full-blown wedding celebration.

The surreal contrast of desi festivities against the backdrop of towering skyscrapers and the iconic New York Stock Exchange left social media buzzing.

Passersby also stopped to film, and the video quickly spread across Instagram and TikTok.

"We shut down Wall Street for a 400 person Baraat - who would've ever thought?!" wrote DJ AJ, who performed at the event. "Definitely a once-in-a-lifetime kind of magic."



While many praised the cultural spectacle, social media reactions were sharply divided.

"Never thought I would be hearing empire state of mind's dhol version, that's wild," one user wrote on Instagram.

Another user wrote, "When dude is done shattering glass ceilings at every party he plays, he now turns the wall street into a dance floor!"

"You can take an Indian out of India, but you can never take India out of an Indian," a user commented.

But criticism poured in as well. "Shame," one comment read. "Such an embarrassment to Indian Diaspora," wrote another user. Even with criticism, the celebration brought tradition to the heart of New York.

US Officials Arrest Indian Citizen Gurdev Singh Wanted On Child Predator Charges

 $U_{\text{and}}^{.\text{S.}}$ Customs Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Port of Champlain border crossing, arrested a citizen of India who was encountered with an active felony arrest warrant from Indiana. On May 28, CBP officers encountered Gurdev Singh, a 42-year-old-male citizen of India, after being refused entry into Canada. During his primary inspection, the National Information Crime (NCIC) Center indicated that Singh was wanted in Indiana for Child Solicitation, Solicitation for Sexual Intercourse, a level 4 felony.

Singh was taken into custody by CBP officers and escorted the secondary to examination area for further investigation. CBP officers verified the identity of Singh and confirmed the Plainfield Police Department arrest warrant. Additionally, upon inspection of the man's possessions, CBP officers discovered several bladed weapons consisting of a sword and a hatchet. Further investigation revealed that Singh was also an illegal alien, who had overstayed his visitor's visa dating back to 2016.

Singh was processed by CBP officers and turned over to the New York State Police, as a Fugitive from Justice. He is currently being held by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office and awaiting extradition.

Champlain Port Director Steve Bronson lauded the CBP officers for identifying and arresting Singh, "a known child predator". "Effectively leveraging

"Effectively leveraging our national law enforcement resources in combination with our officer's unique skillset and experience led to the apprehension of this wanted fugitive," Bronson said, adding that those living illegally in the US will be held accountable, "especially those who prey upon our children".





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Staying Cool During Extreme Heat

Nity of Surrey offers tips to identify Cand prevent heat-related illnesses to protect yourself and others.

HEAT WARNING

A heat warning is when daytime and overnight temperatures are higher than usual, but are not getting hotter every day. The threshold is set by Environment Canada and is specific for our region.

A warning will be issued when conditions reach daytime temperatures of 33°C (91.4°F) and a nighttime low of 17 °C (62.6°F) followed by a forecast of 33°C (91.4°F) for the following daytime temperature.

EXTREME HEAT EMERGENCY

An extreme heat emergency is when daytime and overnight temperatures increase above the warning threshold for 3 consecutive days or more.

AVOID HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

High heat can pose an immediate danger to your health, so do what you can to stay cool:

Drink water

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Acceleration is fast and power delivery smooth. The transition from hybrid electric power to the gas engine is seamless. Seven drive modes can be selected depending on road surface conditions and driving style. Normal is the basic mode, Tarmac mode adds more acceleration response and high-cornering performance. Gravel, Mud and Snow mode deliver optimum performance on those slippery unstable terrains. Drivers also have modes such as Power mode, which delivers more urgent acceleration when needed, and Eco mode which emphasizes economy and green driving. Battery modes include an EV Select button, EV Priority mode, for just battery power, plus Battery Save mode, which maintains the current battery charge while driving. Meanwhile Battery Charge mode

actually charges the battery as long as the gas engine is working whether on the move or stationery.

• Stay hydrated with plenty of water and

· Avoid things like alcohol and caffeine,

• Wear lightweight, lightly coloured cotton

• Wear long sleeves to protect from the sun.

• Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.

• Drink water before you are thirsty.

which can dehydrate you.

Dress for the weather

other fluids.

clothing.

Overall, the driving in this new generation is much improved with an extremely quiet feel in EV mode and a nice one pedal brake feature for driver convenience. Let's not forget the excellent Mitsubishi warrantees for powertrain, body, and the roadside assistance service, Expect a long line of pre-orders for this very impressive PHEV. A great buy for Canadian families everywhere. The Noir Edition meanwhile adds that little extra flair and distinction that for some buyers may be well worthwhile.

2025 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV Priced from \$48,188 - \$59,598 Noir Edition as tested - \$62,828





Be aware of heat-related illness

· Symptoms include thirst, dizziness, confusion, weakness and fainting or collapsing. See a full list of symptoms from Fraser Health.

· Check yourself, family members, and neighbors.

Seek medical attention if sweating heavily, pale, cramping, fatigued, dizzy or having headaches/nausea.

Never leave children or pets alone in a parked car!

Temperatures can rise to 52°C (125°F) within 20 minutes in an enclosed vehicle when the outside temperature is $34^{\circ}C$ (93°F). Leaving the car windows slightly open or "cracked" will not keep the inside of the vehicle at a safe temperature.

For medical attention

- Phone 9-1-1 for emergencies
- Phone 8-1-1 for health-related illnesses

• Phone 2-1-1 to connect with other services

More tips

• Wear sunscreen: Remember to reapply as needed

• Find shade: Parks with tree shade are a good option Stay out of the sun as much as possible.

• Find shelter: Libraries, shopping malls, and recreation and community centres are cool places to take a break from the heat.

• Plan ahead: Knowing how to prepare for a heat wave ahead of time will help keep you safe during high heat.

Applications Open For 2025 French-Language Funding In BC

VICTORIA - Applications are being accepted for French-language funding to support projects that enhance services and promote linguistic vitality.

The Province is investing \$250,000 to support non-profit organizations in delivering initiatives that reflect the needs and priorities of B.C.'s francophone communities.

Administered by Francophone Affairs, the funding was announced in Budget 2018. Since then, \$1.25 million has supported 23 projects in areas such as health, early learning and child care, violence prevention, historical preservation, access to French-language resources, support for young families, and strengthening African cultural foundation and heritage.

"I encourage francophone organizations to consider how they can help their communities grow and thrive, including in smaller and more remote areas," said Adrian Dix, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs. "While funding for projects in large urban centres benefits francophones provincewide, for 2025, we are setting aside up to \$50,000 specifically for proposals from smaller hubs to ensure these communities receive dedicated support."

Non-profit organizations have until June 20, 2025, to submit their application.

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UBC Website Helps Youth Identify Abnormal Period Pain

For too many young people, period pain is a serious and overlooked health issue that keeps them from fully participating in school, work and everyday activities. But a team of UBC researchers wants youth to know they aren't alone—and that help is available.

That's the message behind Period Pain is Real Pain, a UBC project raising awareness about period pain and empowering young people to seek medical care when appropriate. Developed by UBC PhD student Zeba Khan together with youth partners, medical professionals and researchers at UBC's Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Laboratory, the website includes an easy-to-use selfassessment tool to help youth determine if they should speak with a healthcare provider.

In an interview, Khan (ZK) and Dr. Catherine Allaire (CA), a clinical professor in UBC's department of obstetrics and gynaecology, speak about how they hope to break the silence around period pain.

What inspired you to create this website?

ZK: Period pain is one of the



most common gynecological conditions, impacting over 60 per cent of females of reproductive age. Yet, there is a frequent and harmful narrative that period pain is 'just part of being a woman,' which normalizes severe pain and makes it difficult for people to talk about it or seek care.

CA: We created this campaign to validate period pain experiences and empower youth with the latest evidence-based information. Period pain is most intense during adolescence, and for many young people, it holds them back from fully participating in day-to-day activities. We want youth to know they are not alone in their period pain and there are options that can help them manage it. What will people find on the

website? ZK: The website has a period pain quiz that was developed by Australian researchers at the Canberra Endometriosis Centre. This two-minute quiz provides a period pain score between zero and five and suggests helpful next steps. We also included painrelief suggestions, and resources about period pain and related conditions like endometriosis.

We collaborated with eight youth partners with lived experiences of period pain to develop the website. The campaign title, "Period Pain is Real Pain," was identified by youth as it encapsulates how they feel about painful periods—period pain is invisible, but it is very real and impossible to ignore.

So, how can people recognize if their period pain is normal?

ZK: Some discomfort during periods is common and normal. However, the pain is not normal if it impacts day-to-day function and prevents someone from participating in social activities, school, work and sports. If this is the case, we encourage youth to talk to a healthcare provider, such as a family physician or a nurse practitioner.

CA: Severe and persistent period pain may indicate an underlying gynecological or pelvic condition, such as endometriosis. A healthcare provider will be able to formally assess and explore options for treatment. Period pain that interferes with daily functioning should not be ignored, as it would delay access to treatment and pain relief.

What options are available to relieve period pain?

ZK: Over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen can

improve period pain. Hormonal contraceptives are also known to help with period pain. Complementary interventions, such as applying heat to the affected area and using a transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) device, can be helpful, in addition to self-care activities, such as exercise, mindfulness and eating nourishing food.

What research is your team leading to address period pain? ZK: This campaign is part of a research project I'm leading to better understand Canadian youth's experiences of period pain and how they access care. As a next step, I'll be conducting interviews with youth and healthcare providers to help create additional resources for the website.

CA: Another project we're leading from the UBC Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Laboratory is looking at how some adolescents with period pain can begin to develop chronic pain. The goal is to recognize period pain early, allowing earlier treatment and therefore preventing chronic pain in the future.

King's Counsel Nominations Open

VICTORIA - Nominations for the honorary designation of King's Counsel (KC) for 2025 opened on Monday, May 26, 2025, and will be accepted until July 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

The KC designation recognizes lawyers throughout British Columbia for exceptional merit and contributions to the legal profession. Beyond demonstrating excellence in the practice of law, candidates must be recognized by their peers as having displayed professional integrity and good character. Candidates must have been a member of the B.C. bar for at least five years.

The designation is governed by the

King's Counsel Act and bestowed annually by the lieutenant governor upon the endorsement of the attorney general.

No more than 7% of practising B.C. lawyers can be appointed as King's Counsel. There are 14,689 practising lawyers in B.C. of whom 458 have received the KC designation. All applications are reviewed by an advisory committee in consultation with the attorney general. The committee includes: the chief justice of B.C.; the chief justice of the Supreme Court of B.C.; the chief judge of the Provincial Court of B.C.; two members of the Law Society of BC appointed by the benchers; the president of

the Canadian Bar Association, British Columbia Branch; and B.C.'s deputy attorney general. Learn More:

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LOOKING FOR BRIDE

Well Settled Jat Sikh Family from Vancouver Canada Seeks Matrimonial Alliance for their Son India Born OCT 87, 5'9" Commerce Graduate from Universaity BC. Employed as OFFICER with Canadian Federal Govt. Father Runs the Business Owns Residentials & Commercial Properties in Vancouver, Parents Also have Urban Rural Properties in Delhi & Haryana. Family is Looking for Nice Beautiful Educated Girl from a Decent Cultured Reputed Family. Please Contact & send Details along with Recent Photographs to **1(604) 649-6109 Or email at:**

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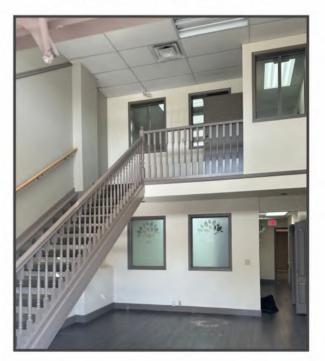
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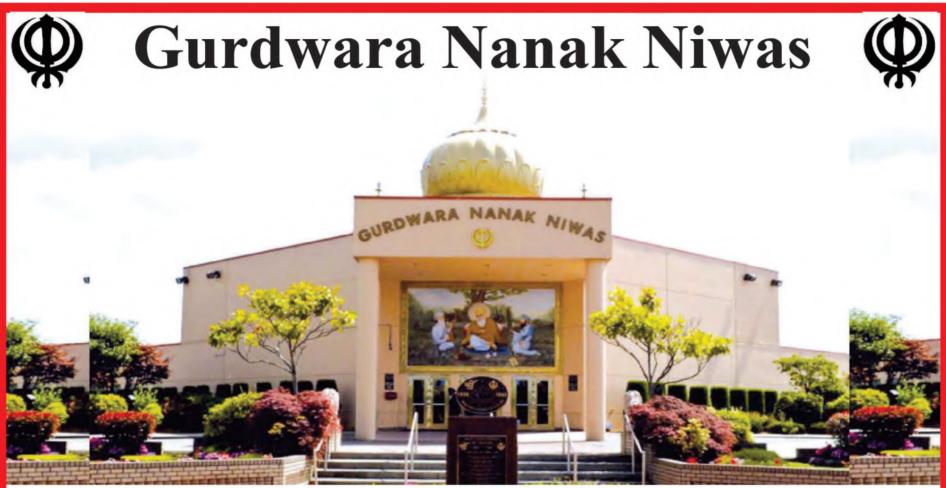








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7th June, Saturday 8th June, Sunday

12th June, Thursday

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Ravinder Singh Sooch family. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Manjit Gill family. at 5:00 pm, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib, Gurbani kirtan, Katha and Langer seva by the Sanjeev Prihar family. at 9:30 am, Weekly Diwan, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib, Gurbani kirtan, Katha and Langer seva by the Kuldeep Singh family. at 4:30 pm, Bhog Sri Sehaj path and antim ardas for late Mangal Kandola by the Kandola family. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Gurmit Singh Sandhu family.

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Pardhan Singh Chandi family.

at 10:00 am, Shri Akhand Path Sahib dedicated to the martyrdom anniversary of

Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji will be started.

at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Onkar Singh Malhi family. at 10:00 am, In the weekly Diwan, the Bhog of Shri Akhand Path Sahib Ji, dedicated to the martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Arjan Dev Ji, followed by Gurbani Kirtan, and Katha Vichar on the life of Guru Arjan Dev Ji, followed by Langar service with the support of the Gurdwara Management Committee and the Sangat. at 10:00 am, Anand Karj ceremony will be performed by the Gurmel Singh Bassi family.

Special Program

As follows every year, Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji seva in memory of the martyrs of Gurdwara Talhan, Baba Nihal Singh Ji and Baba Harnam Singh Ji, by the sangat of village Talhan, District Jalandhar, BC (Canada).

13th June, Friday at 10:00 am, Parkash Sri Akhand Path Sahib ji.

14th June, Saturday at 5:00 pm, Seva for change the chola of Nishan Sahib, followed by a kirtan ceremony. 15th June, Sunday at 10:00 am, Bhog Sri Kirtan, Katha Vichar and weekly smagam.

3 July (Thursday), 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.

Akhand Path Sahib Ji, followed by Gurbani *Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM, Path Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji by the Bibian and the Langer seva by the group of Sukhmani Sahib Walian Bibian

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For more information, log in to the Gurdwara Sahib website! www.nanakniwas.ca

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Aditya Roy Kapur Makes Singing Debut In Metro In Dino

A ctor Aditya Roy Kapur, who has already garnered a strong fan base with his performances in movies and series such as Aashiqui 2, Ludo, and The Night Manager is now set to surprise his fans with his musical skills in the upcoming movie Metro...In Dino.

Pritam on Aditya's singing debut

At the recent musical launch of Metro...In Dino's soulful track Zamaana Lage, music composer Pritam revealed that the actor Aditya Roy Kapur has lent his voice to the songs in the film. Pritam lauded Aditya Kapur for his musical skills and said that the 'Aashiqui 2' actor has given his voice to multiple songs in the movie, as seen in several musical films.

At the Zamaana Lage song launch event in Mumbai, Pritam said, "Musical-based stars sing their own songs, and in this too ('Metro...In Dino'), the musicals that have been filmed on Adi have been sung by him. He is sounding amazing."

This revelation has only amplified the anticipation for the film's soundtrack, which features a total of ten songs.

Aditya says, "It's very special for me"

Speaking at the event, Aditya Roy Kapur expressed his admiration for the original film and how meaningful this project has been for him.

"It's very special for me. I was a big fan of the first film and love the movie and feel absolutely honoured to be part of the film and you know .. as an actor so when you are shooting the songs you have this beautiful words that you have to kind of act like you are singing them but it adds so much depth to everything and the songs always kind of take the story forward and I'm looking forward to hearing all 10 ..I haven't heard all of them. But I am sure it's gonna be amazing," said Aditya Roy Kapur at the song launch of the film Metro...In Dino event in Mumbai on Wednesday.

Zamaana Lage song has been sung by Arijit Singh and Shashwat Singh, composed by Pritam, and the lyrics are by poet Qaisar Ul Jafri and Sandeep Shrivastava. The song is all about love and complex urban relationships.

After Life in a... Metro and Ludo, Metro...In Dino is the final chapter of Anurag Basu's trilogy of hyperlinked cinema. Backed by producer Bhushan Kumar, the film introduces a world of modern love and relationships.

The songs are composed by Pritam and bring back the creative c oll a b o r a t i o n between him and director Anurag Basu, known for crafting memorable musical narratives such as 'Ludo', 'Lie In A Metro', 'Gangster', and 'Barfi'.

Bharti Singh, Haarsh Reveal 'Surviving On Loans'



The television industry appears to be facing a crisis, with many shows going off air just months after their release. In their podcast, Haarsh Limbachiyaa and Bharti Singh spoke about surviving on loans and discussed the television industry's struggles with Reem Shaikh.

Haarsh feels the "television industry is struggling" as budgets have been reduced and very few big shows like Laughter Chef are being made today that are able to sustain. Reem talked about her struggles and revealed that she thought, after doing Raabta and two more popular shows back to back, she would get paid $\gtrless1.5-2$ lakhs. However, due to the budgets being reduced, she hasn't been earning equal to what she has been delivering over the years.

Haarsh and Bharti says they are

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Haarsh added, "We face a similar problem. People see me host a show on one channel and Bharti hosting a show on another channel, people think I would be charging ₹20 lakhs per day, Bharti would be getting ₹50 lakhs per day. That's not true. We are surviving on loans, and if we don't take the work that comes to us, somebody else will." Bharti quipped, "We are so much on loans that even when the milkman comes, we think an agent has come to take the loan back." They further talked about how he once saw a report claiming that Krushna Abhishek is earning ₹35 lakh for Laughter Chef and he called him to ask for some money.

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Sooraj Pancholi Reacts To Mom Zarina Wahab Not Divorcing His Father Despite Extramarital Affairs



A ctor Sooraj Pancholi opened up about the relationship between his parents Zarina Wahab and Aditya Pancholi, and shared why he thinks she did not divorce Aditya despite so many linkups after marriage. In an interview with Hindi Rush, Sooraj candidly opened up about his family and said that his mother really 'holds the whole family together.'

What Sooraj said

During the interview, Sooraj said, "She holds the entire family together, and she has really been through a lot because of us. I have never, ever seen her break down. She has never complained about anything." 'She could have left any time'

He went on to add, "She has been acting since the age of 16. She almost 65 now. She is self-made. She has four homes of her own. She doesn't come from money. If she wanted to leave, she could have done it long back. Sometimes, women don't leave

because they don't have a backup... My father never stopped her working. from He never questioned her about the work. If she had a route to go back to Hyderabad; she has a home in Bandra also... She has her mother's home in Bandra. She has four sisters, one of them is in America. She has four brothers. She could have left any time, but it's her decision to stay. I am nobody to judge

this, its an understanding between them and I am in no position to comment on their arrangement."

Zarina and Aditya married in 1986. They are parents to actor Sooraj Pancholi and Sana Pancholi. Aditya has been rumoured to have affairs with actor Pooja Bedi in the 1990s and with Kangana Ranaut.

On the work front, Sooraj was last seen in Kesari Veer. The film released in theatres on May 23.

Johnny Lever Says Paresh Rawal Should Reconsider His Exit From Hera Pheri 3

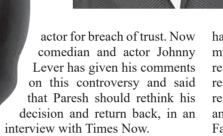
A ctor Paresh Rawal shocked many when it was announced that he was no longer a part of Hera Pheri 3. It was then revealed that Akshay Kumar, the film's other lead and producer, was set to sue the veteran

yahi sahi hai (I feel that he should do the film. He can sit and talk, and then solve the matter because fans will miss Paresh ji a lot in the film, and it will not be the same fun without him. So they should talk and solve the matter)."

About Paresh Rawal's exit

There were rumours that Paresh left Hera Pheri 3 over creative differences. But Paresh squashed those reports. On May 25, Paresh Rawal himself tweeted an update about the case. "My lawyer, Ameet Naik,





What Johnny Lever said

During the interaction, Johnny Lever said, "Mujhe lagta hai ki kar lena chahiye unko film, baithke baat karein, matter solve karein kyunki fans bohut miss karenge Paresh ji ko film mein, maza nahi aayega na waisa unke bina. To baat karke solve karlena chahiye, meri nazar mein to has sent an appropriate response regarding my rightful termination and exit. Once they read my response, all issues will be laid to rest," the rather non-confrontational tweet read. The actor also returned his signing amount, with 15% interest.

Fans will see Johnny in Housefull 5 next, which also stars Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Nana Patekar, Riteish Deshmukh, Jacqueline Fernandez, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Fardeen Khan, Sonam Bajwa, and Nargis Fakhri in key roles. Helmed by Tarun Mansukhani, the film is scheduled to release in theatres on 6 June.

Did Janhvi Kapoor Throw Shade At Madhuri Dixit? 'Like' On Insta Post On 'Vulgar Dance' Sparks Speculation

Actor Janhvi Kapoor has sparked a stir on social media after 'liking' a reel on Instagram that claimed actor Madhuri Dixit won an award for her "vulgar step" in a song, while her mother Sridevi's performance in Khuda Gawah was ignored.

Janhvi Kapoor likes a reel criticising Madhuri Dixit

Janhvi recently liked an Instagram Reel that drew a comparison between her mother, Sridevi, and Madhuri Dixit. The reel in question split the screen, juxtaposing two performances - one by Madhuri Dixit and the other by Sridevi. On one side, Madhuri Dixit's iconic dance sequence Dhak Dhak Karne Laga from the film Beta plays, with overlaid text reading, "Madhuri in Beta - Did vulgar step song and did nothing in the movie and won Filmfare Best Actress award". On the other side, Sridevi is shown in Khuda Gawah, which was also released in 1992, where she is seen giving an emotional speech. It came with text which read, "Did double role with landmark acting that carried whole movie on her shoulder still Filmfare ignored her for Best Actress".



Gumrah, Judaai, English Vinglish. And unfortunately in 1986 and 1987 filmfare function was not happened, sri lost award for Mr. India and Nagina," read one comment. One fan shared, "Are we really

Notably, both films were released

around the same time in 1992 – Beta starring Madhuri Dixit hit theatres on April 3, while Sridevi's film was released on May 8.

Fans react

A screenshot of Janhvi's like on the reel has emerged on social media, especially on Reddit, sparking a debate among fans. One wrote, "This is not the first time Sridevi was ignored ! She has given many powerful award winning performances".

The comments section is divided, with some users defending Madhuri's performances, while others feel Sridevi was under-appreciated.

"Not only this, Sridevi didn't get award talent". for her Splendid performance in Laadla,

surprised? This is Bollywood it values dance,

appearances, and glamour. No one cares about acting skills or



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