



DIWALI CELEBRATION 2024

Diwali Celebrations Light Up Victoria: A Vibrant Showcase of Culture and Unity at UVic and Saanich

Victoria experienced an unforgettable celebration of unity, culture, and joy as the Victoria Hindu Parishad & Cultural Center and the Punjabi Cultural Community Association of Victoria hosted vibrant Diwali events at two iconic venues: the UVic Farquhar Auditorium and the Saanich Commonwealth Recreation Centre. With over 1,000 attendees, these events highlighted the rich diversity of Indian traditions, bringing together shared communities in a colorful and harmonious celebration of the Festival of Lights. A Cultural Masterpiece at UVic Farquhar Auditorium The Victoria Hindu Parishad & Cultural Center inaugurated the Diwali celebrations with a spectacular event at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium, offering a vibrant and dynamic display of India's rich cultural heritage. The evening featured classical dances such as Bharatanatyam and Kathak, which transported the audience to India's spiritual and historical roots through their intricate movements and storytelling. The program gracefully transitioned into folk dances, including Garba and Dandiya from Gujarat, katputli dance from Rajasthan, enthraling the audience with their vibrant energy, colorful costumes, and lively rhythms. Performers of all ages and backgrounds showcased these traditional dances with remarkable skill, emphasizing the inclusivity and unity that Diwali inspires. Adding to the richness of the evening, Bollywood performances brought contemporary charm, while traditional South Indian dances and Bhangra highlighted the cultural diversity across India's regions. The event also featured soulful musical performances of Hindi and Punjabi songs, weaving together a melodious journey that celebrated



India's linguistic and cultural diversity. The evening's success lay not only in the breathtaking performances but also in the enthusiastic participation of performers and audience members from various ethnicities and age groups, reflecting the shared joy and unity that Diwali brings to the community. Punjabi Cultural Celebration at Saanich Commonwealth Recreation Centre the Punjabi Cultural Community Association of Victoria continued the celebrations with their signature Diwali event at the Saanich Commonwealth Recreation Centre. This gathering embraced the spirit of Punjabi traditions, offering attendees a high-energy experience filled with music, dance, and community connection. The centerpiece of the evening was, once again, the electrifying Punjabi Bhangra performances, which had the audience clapping along and participating enthusiastically. The event also featured traditional folk music, interactive cultural activities, and a variety of engaging performances that showcased the vibrancy of Punjabi heritage.

Attendees enjoyed authentic Indian cuisine and immersed themselves in a warm, festive atmosphere that celebrated the light and hope Diwali brings. The sense of belonging and camaraderie was palpable as people from diverse backgrounds came together to embrace and honor Indian culture. A special moment of the evening was the recognition of Fateh Care Times, a community-driven, multilingual newspaper that celebrates cultural diversity while connecting communities across Victoria. The acknowledgment of Fateh Care Times underscored its contribution to fostering inclusivity and promoting the values of unity and mutual respect. The newspaper was honored in the presence of notable guests, including MLA Lana Popham, Saanich Mayor Dean Murdock, Jagir Singh Virk, Parminder Kaur Virk, Massa Singh, and Kartar Singh Sidhu, who commended the initiative for its dedication to community building and cultural preservation. Their words of support highlighted the significance of Fateh Care Times as a platform that amplifies diverse voices and strengthens community bonds. A Celebration of Shared Communities The Diwali events in Victoria this year underscored the festival's universal message of unity, diversity, and harmony. The meticulously planned performances, cultural displays, and interactive segments offered attendees a rare opportunity to experience the vast richness of Indian traditions, while the joyous atmosphere strengthened bonds across different communities. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is not only about the triumph of light over darkness but also about spreading love and unity. These celebrations in Victoria reflected this beautifully, serving as a beacon of multiculturalism and togetherness. From the intricate artistry of classical dance to the unbridled energy of Bhangra and the soulful melodies of Indian music, the events brought the essence of Diwali to life, leaving attendees inspired and enriched. Fateh Care Times extends heartfelt congratulations to the organizers and performers who made these events possible. By celebrating Diwali in such spectacular fashion, they have once again proven that when communities come together to share their cultures, the light of understanding, respect, and joy shines brightest.



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100+ MEN WHO CARE VICTORIA: A NIGHT OF GENEROSITY, COMMUNITY, AND IMPACT



On the evening of **November 21st**, the spirit of giving filled the air as **100+ Men Who Care Victoria** gathered to support local charities and make a meaningful impact in the community. This remarkable event brought together over 100 men with a shared mission: to empower grassroots organizations by pooling their resources and amplifying their reach. The event was held with the perfect blend of purpose and camaraderie, creating an atmosphere that was both uplifting and inspiring. Eight outstanding charities were in the spotlight, each representing vital causes that strengthen the fabric of our community. The organizations included:

- **Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria**
- **Building4thearts**
- **Legion Manor Victoria**
- **Victoria Young Moms Program**
- **NEED2 Suicide Prevention Education & Support**
- **Citizens' Counselling Centre**
- **Victoria Youth Empowerment Society**
- **Fateh Care Charity**

In an exciting turn, three charities were **selected through a lucky draw** to pitch their work to the attendees. This unique selection method added an element of anticipation and excitement, with every organization eagerly awaiting their chance to share their story. The lucky draw ensured fairness and kept the audience engaged throughout the process. The selected charities then delivered compelling presentations, highlighting the remarkable work they do to uplift and support the community. Their stories of perseverance, impact, and dedication left a lasting impression on everyone in the room. After the pitches, the attendees cast their votes for the charity they felt most aligned with their mission of giving back. Following the voting process, **Legion Manor Victoria** was chosen as the recipient of up to **\$10,000** in donations. The funding will significantly contribute to their mission of providing a safe and supportive environment for veterans and seniors—a cause that resonated deeply with the audience. Adding to the evening's vibrancy was the participation of **100 Women Who Care Westshore**, whose dynamic team brought energy and enthusiasm to the event. Their collaboration with the men's group exemplified the power of collective giving and showcased the strength of community partnerships. The event was more than just a fundraising initiative; it was a celebration of community, collaboration, and compassion. It provided a platform for networking and meaningful connections, where attendees could engage with like-minded individuals and be inspired by the incredible work happening locally. For those inspired by this extraordinary event and looking to join the movement, registration is open for future gatherings:

<https://www.100menvictoria.org/> & <http://www.100womenwestshore.com/>

This night was a beautiful reminder of what can be achieved when communities come together to support those in need. Let's continue to make a difference, one gathering at a time.



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Dr. Sudhakar Ganti, representing the Victoria Hindu Temple, played a significant role in this year's Remembrance Day ceremony, offering a heartfelt prayer to honor those who served and sacrificed. This moment marked a proud occasion for the Indian community in Victoria, highlighting their ongoing contributions to the city's cultural and civic life. Through their time, service, and generosity, the community continues to exemplify the values of unity, gratitude, and giving. Their active participation not only enriches local traditions but also serves as an inspiring example for future generations, demonstrating how diverse communities can come together to honor shared history and values.

Fateh Care Times celebrates the Victoria Hindu Temple and Dr. Ganti for their meaningful contribution to this solemn and important occasion.

“2024 Ecostar Awards Honour Vancouver Island Trailblazers” **SYNERGY FOUNDATION**

About Synergy Foundation:

The Vancouver Island Ecostar Awards is hosted by Synergy Foundation, a Victoria-based non-profit. Since its inception in 2013, Synergy Foundation has focused on innovative projects and programs that have pushed the envelope, supported hundreds of businesses, and turned great ideas into action. Synergy focuses its programs on green business (www.bcgreenbusiness.ca), circular economy (www.project-zero.ca), and food security (www.get-fed.ca). Their mission is to share ideas, spark innovation and activate change to steer our economy and communities towards a more regenerative future.

On the evening of Thursday, November 14, 2024, business leaders from across Vancouver Island gathered at the Inn at Laurel Point’s Terrace Ballroom to celebrate their significant environmental and social achievements as part of the ninth annual Ecostar Awards Gala, hosted by Synergy Foundation with support from Gold Sponsors Vancity Credit Union and Destination Greater Victoria. This year, 15 awards were presented to winners from various industries. As each winner was announced, they came on stage to accept awards made from recycled chopsticks and 3D printed recycled plastic, provided by ChopValue and Travtron 3D Printing.

Other unique sustainability and social highlights from the event include:

- o Lanyards borrowed through Lanyard Lending Library
- o Low-carbon menu provided by Inn at Laurel Point
- o Locally-made beverages provided by Spinnakers
- o \$5 per ticket purchased donated to the South Island Indigenous Reciprocity Trusts

The 2024 Ecostar Award Winners:

Award Category	Winner	Sponsor
Clean Oceans	Rugged Coast Research Society	Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Climate Action	4VI Social Enterprise Group	District of Saanich
Community Leadership	The Den Refillery	
Design and Construction	Wescon Cedar Products Ltd	ANCORD Design Co
Ecological Stewardship	QENTOL, YEN/ WSÁNEĆ Marine Guardians Program	Capital Regional District
Ecopreneur of the Year	Sadie Fox of The Sustainable Fox	Centre for Social and Sustainable Innovation
Experiential Tourism	Malahat SkyWalk	Destination Greater Victoria
Greenest Retailer	Grove Outdoors	Bay Centre
Innovation	Clean Air Yard Care	Camosun College
Inspirational New Venture	Wireless PnC Inc.	City of Victoria
Leadership in Hospitality	Pendray Inn and Tea House	Big Wheel Burger
Local Food	Victoria Community Food Hub Society	Schneider Electric
Social Impact	Reciprocity Trusts Society	The Parkside Hotel & Spa
Sustainable Workplace	Prince of Whales - Whale and Marine Wildlife Adventures	Monk Office
Waste to Resource	I Used to Be A Pallet	Capital Regional District

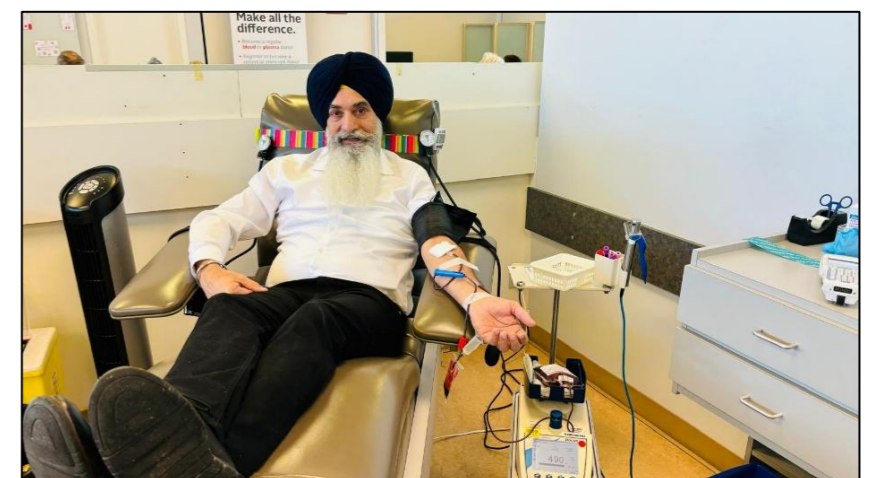


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"SIKH NATION BLOOD DONATION DRIVE HONORS VICTIMS OF 1984 GENOCIDE WHILE SAVING LIVES IN VICTORIA"

Dated: 20th November, 2024

"Over 30 donors participated in a life-saving campaign on November 20th, turning remembrance into a powerful act of compassion." **Victoria, BC** — On November 20th, the Sikh community in Victoria came together for a remarkable act of compassion and resilience: a blood donation drive to honor the memory of the victims of the 1984 Sikh Genocide. Organized by the Sikh Nation in collaboration with local blood donation centers, this annual event aims to transform the pain of loss into a force for saving lives. More than 30 donors participated in this year’s campaign, which served not only as a tribute to those who lost their lives during the tragic events of 1984 but also as a demonstration of the enduring Sikh values of service (seva) and humanity. The event was held at **Canadian Blood Services, 3449 Saanich Rd, Victoria**. The blood donation drive is part of a global movement led by the Sikh Nation, which has been recognized internationally for its life-saving impact. To date, the initiative has contributed to saving countless lives by collecting hundreds of thousands of blood units worldwide. This selfless act embodies the Sikh principles of chardi kala (eternal optimism) and sarbat da bhala (welfare of all). "From Tragedy to Triumph" The 1984 Sikh Genocide remains a dark chapter in modern history, with thousands of Sikhs killed in a series of violent attacks in India. The wounds of that period run deep, but initiatives like the Sikh Nation’s blood donation campaign turn grief into hope, transforming a painful legacy into an enduring commitment to save lives. Speaking at the event, Didar Singh said, “While we can never undo the pain of the past, we can honor the memory of those we lost by helping others. Donating blood is a simple but profound way to save lives and bring communities together.” "Every Drop Counts" Participants in the drive reflected on the significance of their contribution. Donors who have participated for several years, shared, “This is my way of remembering the victims and ensuring their sacrifices are not forgotten. At the same time, it’s an opportunity to give life to someone in need.” As the Fateh Care Times, we celebrate the Sikh Nation’s initiative as a reminder that even in the face of historical injustices, the human spirit can rise above hate and violence. This campaign exemplifies the power of collective action and how communities can channel their strength to heal and save lives. The Sikh Nation's campaign is not only about remembrance but also about creating a future where compassion triumphs over tragedy. With each pint of blood donated, the Sikh community reinforces the enduring truth: the best way to fight injustice is by upholding the sanctity of life.



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Canada Post Workers Strike for Fairness and the Future of Public Services

By Harjas Singh Popli, Editor-in-Chief



In the early hours of Friday, November 15th, over 55,000 postal workers across Canada walked off the job, initiating a nationwide strike led by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW). This difficult decision comes after more than a year of exhaustive negotiations with Canada Post failed to produce a fair collective agreement. The union accuses Canada Post of acting in bad faith by changing working conditions, halting health and disability benefits, and threatening layoffs. CUPW has made it clear that this strike is about more than wages—it is about protecting the rights and dignity of workers and ensuring the sustainability of Canada's public postal service. Postal workers are demanding safe working conditions, fair pay, and the preservation of full-time jobs while advocating for the expansion of public services such as postal banking.

Canada Post maintains it has made offers that enhance worker benefits, but CUPW sees these as rollbacks that compromise the hard-won rights of generations of postal workers. The union asserts that the proposals would pave the way for part-time, low-wage, and precarious jobs, eroding the quality of life for future employees and the quality of service for Canadians.

The strike has disrupted operations at a critical time, with Black Friday and the holiday season fast approaching. Families and children awaiting letters to Santa have also been affected. While CUPW expresses regret over the disruption, they emphasize that this action is necessary to safeguard the future of a vital public service that delivers to every address in the country, regardless of profitability—a role no private courier service fulfills.

CUPW also calls attention to Canada Post's financial priorities, questioning why the corporation invests heavily in infrastructure and executive bonuses while cutting back on workers. Despite reported financial losses, labour costs have decreased, leading the union to argue that Canada Post's spending should support its workforce rather than undermine it.

The postal workers' fight is rooted in a broader concern about the privatization and "gigification" of public services. CUPW warns that once rights are lost, they are difficult to regain, which is why they are standing firm against proposals that compromise worker protections.

CUPW reiterates its commitment to reaching a negotiated settlement that benefits workers, the corporation, and the citizens who rely on Canada Post every day. As the strike continues, Canadians are reminded of the critical role this public service plays in connecting communities across the country.

Fateh Care Times Exclusive: Trudeau Announces GST Holiday and \$250 Rebates to Ease Cost of Living Burden

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced a series of measures aimed at alleviating the financial strain Canadians face due to rising costs of living in the post-COVID era. These measures include a two-month GST holiday on specific goods and services, as well as \$250 rebate cheques for millions of Canadians. The government hopes these initiatives will provide immediate relief to middle-class families grappling with inflation and affordability issues.

Two-Month GST/HST Holiday

The GST/HST holiday will take effect from **December 14, 2024**, to **February 15, 2025**, offering significant savings on various everyday items. Canadians will be able to purchase certain goods GST-free, including:

- **Prepared foods:** Vegetable trays, pre-made meals, salads, and sandwiches.
- **Restaurant meals:** Whether dine-in, takeout, or delivery.
- **Snacks:** Chips, candy, and granola bars.
- **Alcoholic beverages:** Beer, wine, cider, and pre-mixed drinks below 7% ABV.
- **Children's necessities:** Clothing, footwear, car seats, and diapers.
- **Toys:** Board games, dolls, and video game consoles.
- **Reading materials:** Books, print newspapers, and puzzles.
- **Seasonal items:** Christmas trees.

With these exemptions, all food in Canada will essentially be tax-free during the two-month period. Families spending \$2,000 on eligible items can save approximately \$100, while savings in HST provinces like Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador could reach \$260, according to government estimates.

Trudeau touted the initiative as a necessary step to provide Canadians with financial relief. "For two months, Canadians are going to get a real break on everything they do. Our government can't set prices at the checkout, but we can put more money in people's pockets," he said during an event in Newmarket, Ontario.

"Working Canadians Rebate"

In addition to the tax holiday, the government will issue **\$250 rebate cheques** to **18.7 million Canadians** who earned \$150,000 or less in 2023. Dubbed the "Working Canadians Rebate," these cheques will be distributed in **early spring 2025**. The program is expected to cost the federal treasury **\$4.68 billion**, while the GST holiday will result in **\$1.6 billion** in foregone revenue.

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The announcement has not been without controversy. Critics, including **Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre**, have expressed concerns that these measures could reignite inflation. Poilievre accused the government of implementing short-term fixes without addressing underlying affordability challenges. "On Trudeau's watch, housing costs have doubled, food bank use has skyrocketed, and the federal carbon tax is making it more expensive to heat homes," Poilievre said, adding that his party would focus on scrapping the carbon tax and GST on new home sales.

Trudeau and **Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland** have sought to downplay inflation fears, pointing to the Bank of Canada's recent rate hikes, which have brought inflation closer to the target of 2%. Freeland stated, "We've done the hard work needed to get inflation down. Canada is on a more solid footing now."

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NDP Support and Calls for Permanent Measures

The NDP, led by Jagmeet Singh, has thrown its support behind the measures, vowing to fast-track their passage in Parliament. Jagmeet Singh, however, criticized the temporary nature of the GST holiday and called for permanent exemptions on essentials such as grocery store meals, snacks, diapers, children's clothing, and home heating.

Jagmeet Singh also proposed extending the GST exemption to internet and cell phone bills, a move that would cost the government an estimated \$5 billion annually. He argued that this could be offset by a tax on excessive corporate profits. "Middle-class families need a break, and we're not going to oppose getting people some help," Jagmeet Singh said.

The NDP has promised to campaign on permanently scrapping GST on daily essentials and utility bills, framing it as a key component of their affordability platform.

Political Implications

The affordability measures come as Trudeau's government faces declining popularity and recent by-election defeats. The Liberal Party is seeking to regain support among middle-class Canadians feeling the squeeze from rising prices, even as the federal debt has doubled to \$1.4 trillion in the past nine years. The cost to service this debt is projected to reach \$54.1 billion in 2024-25.

Meanwhile, Parliament remains gridlocked over a standoff regarding documents related to a green technology program scandal. The NDP has pledged to temporarily lift this logjam to expedite the passage of Trudeau's affordability bill before allowing the ongoing filibuster to resume.

Public Reaction and Next Steps

Canadians are divided over the measures, with some expressing gratitude for the temporary relief and others questioning the long-term impact on the economy. Many are asking whether these initiatives will genuinely alleviate financial pressure or contribute to renewed inflationary pressures.

What do you think of this GST holiday and rebate program? Share your thoughts with Fateh Care Times, and your comments may be featured in our next edition!

INDIA NEWS

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ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਨਿਵਾਸੀਆਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਖੁਸ਼ਖਬਰੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਕਰਨ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਹਰਜਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੋਪਲੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੇ ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਫਤਿਹ ਕੇਅਰ ਟਾਈਮਜ਼ (Fatehcaretimes) ਅਖਬਾਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਕੇ ਇੱਕ ਮੀਲ ਪੱਥਰ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ, ਹਿੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਛਪੇਗਾ। ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਨਿਵੇਕਲਾ ਕਦਮ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਹ ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਨਿਵਾਸੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਸੀ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨ, ਵਪਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਫੁੱਲਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਜੜਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਸਿੱਧ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਲੋੜ ਮਹਿਸੂਸ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਸੀ।

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ਹਰਜਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੋਪਲੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਫਤਿਹ ਕੇਅਰ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਚਲਾਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਗਰੀਬਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜਵੰਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਇਸ ਸਾਲ ਕਿੰਗ ਚਾਰਲਸ ਤੀਜਾ ਕੋਰੋਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਵਾਰਡ ਵੀ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਸੀ। ਪੋਪਲੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ 5 ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਆਏ ਸਨ। ਉਹ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਐਮ. ਬੀ. ਏ. ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਆਈ. ਬੀ. ਐਮ. ਨਾਲ ਕੰਮ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਧਰਮ ਪਤਨੀ ਡਾਕਟਰ ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪੋਪਲੀ ਜੀ ਕੰਪਿਊਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੀ. ਐਚ. ਡੀ. ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਆਫ ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਿਸਟੈਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰ ਹਨ।

ਅਸੀਂ ਪੋਪਲੀ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਸ਼ਲਾਘਾ ਯੋਗ ਕਦਮ ਲਈ ਮੁਬਾਰਕਬਾਦ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਤ ਅੱਗੇ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੰਮੀ ਉਮਰ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਲ ਬਖਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਏਸੇ ਤਰਾਂ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹਿਣ।

ਜਗੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਿਰਕ, ਵਿਕਟੋਰੀਆ



"भारतीय उद्योगपति गौतम अडानी पर अमेरिका में धोखाधड़ी और रिश्वतखोरी का आरोप, \$265 मिलियन घोटाले में फंसे"

भारतीय अरबपति गौतम अडानी और उनके कई सहयोगियों, जिनमें उनके भतीजे सागर अडानी भी शामिल हैं, पर अमेरिका के अभियोजकों ने भारत में लाभदायक पावर-स्प्लाई अनुबंधों को हासिल करने के लिए \$265 मिलियन की रिश्वतखोरी योजना में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया है। ब्रुकलिन की एक संघीय अदालत में इन आरोपों का खुलासा हुआ है, जिसमें गौतम अडानी, सागर अडानी और वीनेट जेन, जो एक प्रमुख भारतीय अक्षय ऊर्जा कंपनी के कार्यकारी हैं, पर प्रतिभूति और वायर धोखाधड़ी की साजिश का आरोप लगाया गया है। अमेरिकी अधिकारियों का कहना है कि इस समूह ने भारतीय अधिकारियों को रिश्वत देने की योजना बनाई, जिससे 20 वर्षों में \$2 बिलियन का मुनाफा होने की उम्मीद थी, और अमेरिकी निवेशकों और अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्थानों से धन जुटाने के लिए झूठी और भ्रामक जानकारी का सहारा लिया।

इस मामले में न्यूयॉर्क स्टॉक एक्सचेंज में सूचीबद्ध एक अक्षय ऊर्जा कंपनी के पूर्व कार्यकारी और एक कनाडाई संस्थागत निवेशक के तीन कर्मचारियों को भी शामिल किया गया है। इन पर विदेशी भ्रष्टाचार रोकथाम अधिनियम (FCPA) का उल्लंघन करने की साजिश रचने का आरोप है। अमेरिकी अभियोजकों का कहना है कि गौतम अडानी और उनके सहयोगियों ने निवेशकों को गुमराह करके दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी सौर ऊर्जा परियोजनाओं में से एक के लिए वित्त जुटाया, जिससे अमेरिकी कानूनों का उल्लंघन हुआ, जो विदेशी कंपनियों को भ्रष्ट प्रथाओं में शामिल होने से रोकते हैं।

इन आरोपों के खुलासे के बाद तुरंत प्रभाव देखा गया है। अडानी ग्रुप की कंपनियों के बाजार मूल्य में अरबों डॉलर की गिरावट आई है, और केन्या की सरकार ने समूह के साथ एक बड़े हवाई अड्डे की परियोजना को रद्द कर दिया है। फोर्ब्स के अनुसार, \$69.8 बिलियन की संपत्ति के साथ दुनिया के 22वें सबसे अमीर व्यक्ति गौतम अडानी अब एक ऐसे कानूनी संघर्ष का सामना कर रहे हैं, जो उनके व्यावसायिक साम्राज्य और व्यक्तिगत विरासत पर गहरा प्रभाव डाल सकता है। अमेरिकी प्रतिभूति और विनियम आयोग (SEC) ने एक समान नागरिक मामले में अडानी और उनके सहयोगियों पर "विशाल रिश्वत योजना" में शामिल होने का आरोप लगाया है, जिसमें कथित तौर पर अमेरिकी निवेशकों के \$175 मिलियन का दुरुपयोग किया गया।

एक बयान में, अडानी ग्रुप ने इन आरोपों को "आधारहीन" बताते हुए खारिज किया और कहा कि वह सभी कानूनी उपायों का सहारा लेगा। अमेरिकी अटॉर्नी ब्रेओन पीस ने इस मामले को "एक जटिल साजिश" बताया, जिसमें अरबों के मुनाफे और वैश्विक निवेशकों को आकर्षित करने के लिए रिश्वतखोरी और झूठे बयान शामिल थे। हालांकि अभियोग किसी के दोषी होने की घोषणा नहीं है, लेकिन यह कानूनी प्रक्रिया की शुरुआत का प्रतीक है, जिसका अडानी ग्रुप की संचालन प्रणाली और प्रतिष्ठा पर बड़ा प्रभाव पड़ सकता है।

यह कानूनी चुनौती पारदर्शिता और अंतरराष्ट्रीय व्यापार प्रथाओं में जवाबदेही की भूमिका पर बढ़ते ध्यान के बीच आई है। दुनिया भर के पर्यवेक्षक इस मामले पर बारीकी से नजर रख रहे हैं, जो अक्षय ऊर्जा क्षेत्र में जवाबदेही और वैश्विक बाजारों के लिए व्यापक प्रभावों के बारे में सवाल उठाता है। अडानी ग्रुप का भविष्य अब इन उच्च-दांव कानूनी कार्यवाहियों के परिणामों पर निर्भर करता है।

IPL Mega Auction: दो दिन...182 खिलाड़ी...639.15 करोड़ हुए खर्च, ऋषभ पंत रहे सबसे मंहगे, डालें सभी 10 टीमों पर नजर

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वहीं बिहार के 13 साल के वैभव सूर्यवंशी पर राजस्थान रॉयल्स ने एक करोड़ 10 लाख रुपये खर्च किए. वैभव सूर्यवंशी आईपीएल इतिहास में नीलामी में बिकने वाले सबसे कम उम्र के खिलाड़ी हैं. नीलामी के पहले दिन जहां बल्लेबाजों का बोलबाला रहा तो दूसरे दिन गेंदबाजों का जलवा देखने को मिला. इसके अलावा, इस बार नीलामी में सबसे मंहगे खिलाड़ी, भारतीय रहे, वहीं कई विदेशी स्टार, जिनकी ब्रांड वैल्यू अधिक है, उन्हें अपनी बेस प्राइस से अधिक पैसा नहीं मिला. बता दें, इस नीलामी में सबसे अधिक पर्स के साथ पंजाब किंग्स उतरी थी, जिसने नीलामी में सबसे पहले बिके अर्शदीप सिंह को 18 करोड़ में रिटेन किया. यहां देखें सभी टीमों के चेन्नई सुपरकिंग्स: रवींद्र जडेजा, रतुराज गायकवाड़, मथीश पथिराना, शिवम दुबे, नूर अहमद, रविचंद्रन अश्विन, डेवेन कॉन्वे, खलील अहमद, एमएस धोनी, राहुल त्रिपाठी, रचिन रवींद्र, अंशुल कंबोज, सैम करन, गुरजापनीत सिंह, नाथन एलिस, दीपक हुड्डा, जेमी ओवरटन, विजय शंकर, वंश बेदी, मुकेश चौधरी, शेख रशीद, आंद्रे सिद्धार्थ, रामकृष्ण घोष, कमलेश नागरकोटी, श्रेयस गोपाल

मुंबई इंडियन्स: जसप्रीत बुमराह, सूर्यकुमार यादव, हार्दिक पंड्या, रोहित शर्मा, तिलक वर्मा, टेंट बोल्ट, नमन धीर, रॉबिन मिंज, कर्ण शर्मा, रयान रिक्लेटन, दीपक चाहर, अल्लाह गजांफर, विल जैक्स, अश्विनी कुमार, मिशेल सेंटनर, रीस टॉपले, कृष्णन श्रीजीत, राज अंगद बावा, सत्यनारायण राजू, बेर्वांन जैकब्स, अर्जुन तेंदुलकर.

रॉयल चैलेंजर्स बेंगलुरु: विराट कोहली, रजत पाटीदार, यश दयाल, लियाम लिविंगस्टोन, फिल साल्ट, जितेश शर्मा, जोश हेजलवुड, रसिख डार, सुयश शर्मा, कृणाल पंड्या, भुवनेश्वर कुमार, स्वप्निल सिंह, टिम डेविड, रोमारियो शेफर्ड, नुवान तुषारा, मनोज भंडागे, जैकब बेथेल, देवदत्त पडिक्कल, स्वास्तिक चिकारा

कोलकाता नाइट राइडर्स: रिंकू सिंह, वरुण चक्रवर्ती, सुनील नरेन, आंद्रे रसेल, हर्षित राणा, रमनदीप सिंह, वेंकटेश अय्यर, किटन डी कॉक, रहमानुल्लाह गुरबाज़, एनरिक नॉर्टजे, अंगकृष रघुवंशी, वैभव अरोड़ा, मयंक मार्कडेय, रोवमैन पॉवेल, मनीष पांडे, स्पेंसर जॉनसन, लवनिथ सिसौदिया, अजिंक्य रहाणे, अनुकूल रॉय, मोईन अली, उमरान मलिक

सनराइजर्स हैदराबाद : पैट कमिंस, अभिषेक शर्मा, नितीश रेड्डी, हेनरिक क्लासेन, ट्रेविस हेड, मोहम्मद शमी, हर्षल पटेल, इशान किशन, राहुल चाहर, एडम ज़म्पा, अथर्व ताइडे, अभिनव मनोहर, सिमरजीत सिंह, जीशान अंसारी, जयदेव उनादकट, ब्रायडन कार्से, कामिंडु मेंडिस, अनिकेत वर्मा, ईशान मलिंगा, सचिन बेबी

राजस्थान रॉयल्स : संजू सैमसन, यशस्वी जयसवाल, रियान पराग, ध्रुव जुरेल, शिमरोन हेटमायर, संदीप शर्मा, जोफ्रा आर्चर, महेश धीक्षाना, वानिंदु हसरंगा, आकाश मधवाल, कुमार कार्तिकेय, नितीश राणा, तुषार देशपांडे, शुभम दुबे, युद्धवीर सिंह, फजलहक फारूकी, वैभव सूर्यवंशी, केना मफाका

पंजाब किंग्स : शशांक सिंह, प्रभसिमरन सिंह, अर्शदीप सिंह, श्रेयस अय्यर, युजवेंद्र चहल, मार्कस स्टोइनिंस, ग्लेन मैक्सवेल, नेहल वढेरा, हरप्रीत बरार, विष्णु विनोद, विजयकुमार विशक, यश ठाकुर, मार्को यानसन, जोश इंगलिस, लॉकी फर्ग्युसन, अजमतुल्लाह उमरजई, हरनूर पत्रू, कुलदीप सेन, प्रियांश आर्य, एरोन हार्डी, मुशीर खान, सूर्याश शोडगे, जेवियर बार्टलेट, पाइला अविनाश, प्रवीण दुबे

दिल्ली कैपिटल्स: अक्षर पटेल, कुलदीप यादव, ट्रिस्टन स्टब्स, अभिषेक पोरेल, मिशेल स्टार्क, केएल राहुल, हैरी ब्रूक, जेक फ्रेजर-मैकगर्क, टी. नटराजन, करुण नायर, समीर रिजवी, आशुतोष शर्मा, मोहित शर्मा, फाफ डु प्लेसिस, मुकेश कुमार, दर्शन नालकांडे, वी. निगम, दुष्मंथा चमीरा, डोवोन फरेरा, अजय मंडल, मनवंत कुमार, त्रिपुराना विजय, माधव तिवारी

गुजरात टाइटंस : राशिद खान, शुभमन गिल, साई सुदर्शन, राहुल तेवतिया, शाहरुख खान, कैगिसो रबाडा, जोस बटलर, मोहम्मद सिराज, प्रसिद्ध कृष्णा, निशांत सिंधु, महिपाल लोमरोर, कुमार कुशाग्र, अनुज रावत, मानव सुथार, वाशिगटन सुंदर, गेराल्ड कोएल्जी, अरशद खान, गुरनूर बरार, शेरफेन रदरफोर्ड, साई किशोर, ईशांत शर्मा, जयंत यादव, ग्लेन फिलिप्स, करीम जनत.

लखनऊ सुपर जायंट्स: ऋषभ पंत, निकोलस पूरन, रवि बिश्रॉई, मयंक यादव, मोहसिन खान, आयुष बडोनी, ऋषभ पंत, डेविड मिलर, एडेन मारक्रम, मिशेल मार्श, अवेश खान, अब्दुल समद, आर्यन जुयाल, आकाश दीप, हिममत सिंह, एम. सिद्धार्थ, दिग्वेश सिंह, शाहबाज अहमद, आकाश सिंह, शमर जोसेफ, प्रिंस यादव, युवराज चौधरी, राजवर्धन हंगरगेकर, अर्शिन कुलकर्णी, मैथ्यू ब्रीट्जके.

बड़े-बड़े डॉक्टरों ने कहा कैंसर के लिए कोई एक जादुई फार्मूला नहीं, बोले सिद्धू की बातों में न आएं, ठहराया गलत

कैंसर विशेषज्ञों ने राज्यसभा के पूर्व सदस्य सिद्धू पर सनसनी फैलाने और लोगों को गुमराह करने का आरोप लगाया है. मैक्स इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ कैंसर केयर के चेयरमैन डॉ. हरित चतुर्वेदी ने बताया "कैंसर कोई ऐसी बीमारी नहीं है जिसका इलाज किसी एक जादुई नुस्खे से किया सके.



Oncologists Have Raised Concerns: कैंसर विशेषज्ञों ने हाल ही में पूर्व क्रिकेटर और कांग्रेस नेता नवजोत सिंह सिद्धू (Navjot Singh Sidhu) की पत्नी के कैंसर से ठीक होने के दावों पर सवाल उठाए हैं. विशेषज्ञों ने कहा कि कीमोथेरेपी, सर्जरी या रेडिएशन ही कैंसर के इलाज का आधार है. इस बीमारी पर कोई और जादुई फार्मूला काम नहीं करता. बता दें कि कांग्रेस नेता नवजोत सिंह सिद्धू ने एक बयान जारी करते हुए कहा था कि कैंसर से पीड़ित उनकी पत्नी बेहतर डाइट (Cancer Diet) लेकर इस घातक बीमारी से ठीक हो गई हैं.

प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस में सिद्धू ने खुलासा किया कि उनकी पत्नी के बचने की संभावना 5 प्रतिशत बताई गई थी. हालांकि, उन्होंने साधारण आहार और जीवनशैली के नियमों का पालन करके स्टेज 4 कैंसर पर काबू पा लिया. सिद्धू के वायरल वीडियो (Navjot Singh Sidhu) के बाद ऑन्कोलॉजिस्ट (Oncologists) ने दावा किया कि उन्होंने इस बीमारी के बारे में लोगों को गुमराह करके समाज को बहुत नुकसान पहुंचाया है, जो भारत में हर साल 9 लाख से अधिक लोगों की जान लेती है.

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MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024 NOTICE OF SERVICES

Dec. 1 st . Sunday	Sukhmani Sahib Paath & Kirtan – 9:00am – 12:00pm Langar Seva by Victoria Saadh Sangat
Dec. 7 th . Saturday	Sukhmani Sahib Paath & Kirtan – 9:00am – 12:00pm Langar Seva by Girm & Dhindsa Family
Dec. 8 th . Sunday	Sukhmani Sahib Paath & Kirtan – 9:00am – 12:00pm Langar Seva by Jasvir Chohan & Chohan Family
Dec. 14 th . Saturday	Sangrad Poh – Sukhmani Sahib Paath Bhog Shri Sehaj Paath – 9:00am – 12:00pm In Honour of Late John Joseph Horgan, the former MLA for Langford – Juan de Fuca and Premier of British Columbia. Langar Seva by Victoria Saadh Sangat
Dec. 15 th . Sunday	Sukhmani Sahib Paath & Kirtan – 9:00am – 12:00pm Bhog Shri Sehaj Paath – In memory of Late Gurcharn K. Sidhu Langar Seva by Dhaliwal, Gill & Sidhu Family
Dec. 20 th . Friday	Seniors Activity Group Luncheon – 11:30am – 1:30pm
Dec. 22 nd . Sunday	Sukhmani Sahib Paath & Kirtan – 9:00am – 12:00pm Langar Seva by Jaswant K. Takhar
Dec. 27 th . Friday	Shaheedi Purab of Sahibzaade & Mata Gujri Ji Aarambh of Shri Akhand Paath Sahib – 10:00am Evening Kirtan Darbar – 5pm – 7pm Langar Seva by Victoria Saadh Sangat
Dec. 28 th . Saturday	Evening Kirtan Darbar – 5pm – 7pm Langar Seva by Victoria Saadh Sangat
Dec. 29 th . Sunday	Shaheedi Purab of Sahibzaade & Mata Gujri Ji Bhog Shri Akhand Paath Sahib – 9:00am – 12:00pm Langar Seva by Gian K. Saroya & Sevdar Bibian
Dec. 31 st . Tuesday	New Year's Eve – Kirtan Darbar – 10pm – 12am
Jan. 1 st . Wednesday	Happy New Year – New Year 2025 Celebration Kirtan Darbar – 10:00am – 12:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:00pm Langar Seva all day by Jaspal S. Sahota & Sahota Family

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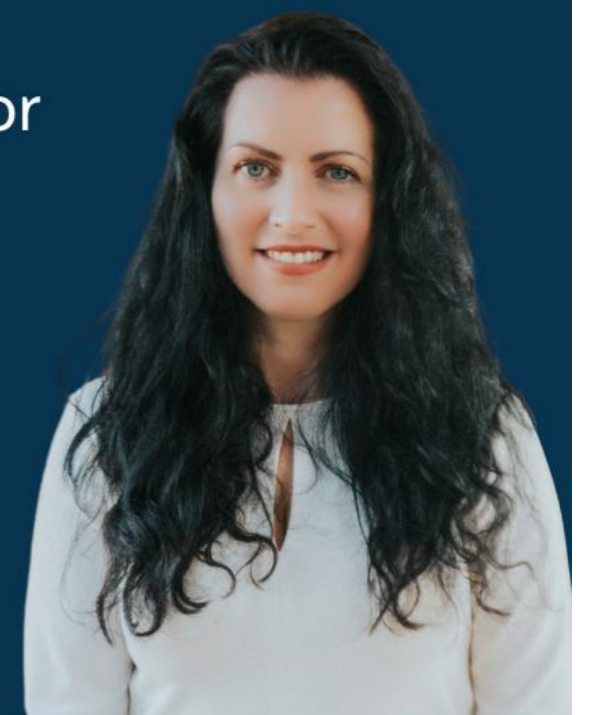
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