Federal Judges Block
President Trump's
Revised Executive Order
on Travel Ban

WASHINGTON (TIP): Hours before it was to take effect, President Donald Trump's revised travel ban was put on hold March 15 by a federal judge in Hawaii after hearing arguments that the executive order discriminates on the basis of nationality.
District Judge Derrick Watson in Hawaii issued a temporary restraining order followed by District Judge Theodore Chuang in Maryland.
Both judges attacked the executive order in part by analyzing intent. They found Trump's actions were based on the motive of targeting Muslims, and they reached their conclusions by examining the record of what he and others

Indian American Professor from Texas
Honored with Fulbright Distinguished Chair

DALLAS, TX (TIP): Dr. Bani K. Mallick, distinguished professor of statistics at Texas A&M University, has been selected to receive a Fulbright Distinguished Chair for 2017-2018. Awards from the Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Although some 800 faculty and professionals earn Fulbright Scholar grants annually, Distinguished Chairs are only awarded to approximately 40 individuals worldwide each year.
Mallick has been recognized with the Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair, named to honor his host country, India, and its first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. He will spend four months later this year conducting research and lecturing at institutes across India on his chosen topic, big data cancer research. "Cancer is one of the deadliest diseases in the world," Mallick said. "According to the World Health Organization, I estimated on page 20

DCG of India Dr. Mohapatra hails
Indian American community for
their ‘Enormous Support’

President Trump displays the travel ban order after signing it

BIDISHA ROY
NEW YORK (TIP)
A career diplomat, Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, Deputy Consul General of India in New York, who is returning to New Delhi end of this month after serving in New York for almost three years, says whatever good job he has done here is because of the “enormous support of the Indian community”. He was speaking with Bidisha Roy, assistant Editor of The Indian Panorama in an exclusive interview which he said was his last interview to The Indian Panorama and recalled his first interview to a newspaper in New York, was also with The Indian Panorama. contd on page 10

Captain Amarinder Singh takes over as the 26th Chief Minister of Punjab

CHANDIGARH (TIP): Capt. Amarinder Singh was on March 16 sworn-in, at a simple ceremony as the Punjab Chief Minister for the second time with nine ministers, including Navjot Singh Sidhu also taking the oath. Earlier, he had led the Congress government from 2002 to 2007.

Traditional Sikh Ardas marked Captain Amarinder Singh's taking charge as the Punjab chief minister in Chandigarh on Thursday, March 16

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Manohar Parrikar wins floor test in Goa assembly, 22 votes to 16

PANAJI (TIP): The Manohar Parrikar-led coalition government in Goa won the floor test in the legislative assembly on Thursday, March 16, by getting 22 votes to 16 in the 40-member Goa assembly, one more than the simple majority figure of 21. One MLA was made the speaker for the trust vote and did not vote while one Congress legislator

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Manohar Parrikar won the trust vote on the floor of the House on Thursday, March 16.
Indian American wins top science prize

WASHINGTON (TIP): Indian-American healthcare consultant Seema Verma, on March 14, was sworn in as the head of a key healthcare agency in the Donald Trump administration. The Senate on March 13 confirmed Verma as administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in a 55-43 vote. She was sworn in by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence as administrator of CMMS, which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services and oversees the Obamacare insurance markets, Medicare, and Medicaid.

"President Donald Trump has chosen one of the leading experts in America on state-based healthcare solutions to lead this important agency," Vice President Pence said at the swearing-in ceremony at the White House on 11 November 2016. President-elect Donald Trump nominated Verma to serve as administrator of the CMMS.

Verma is chief executive officer of SVC Inc., a health policy consulting firm. She is president and CEO of the company, which has worked with the states of Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. In preparation for the implementation of Obamacare, Verma and SVC Inc. have worked with state insurance agencies and public health agencies to redesign their Medicaid programs. She developed Medicaid reform policies, including waivers, for Ohio, Kentucky, and Iowa. Her firm provided technical assistance to the state of Michigan in the implementation of their Section 1115 Medicaid waiver. SVC also assisted Tennessee in their coverage expansion proposal and supported Iowa's Medicaid transition to managed care.

Following the passage of Obamacare, Verma worked with Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels on health care policy. She was the architect of the Healthy Indiana Plan. The health insurance program, designed for people with low income, requires participants to pay into a health savings account and has high deductibles.[3] According to Verma, "We believe that every American should have health insurance and that means every month, with a 60-day grace period. If you don't make the contribution, you're out of the program for 12 months. It's a strong personal responsibility mechanism."

The Healthy Indiana Plan received the support from the Indiana legislature and passed into law in January 2008. She later created the related "HIP 2.0" under the former Mitt Romney. Prior to consulting, Ms. Verma served as Vice President of Planning for the Health & Hospital Corporation of Metropolitan Indianapolis, and as a Director with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in Washington D.C.

Indian American lawmakers express concern regarding Hate Crimes against Indian Americans in Bay Area

NEW YORK (TIP): Two Indian Americans—Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee and late Stanford neurosurgeon Dr. Paul Kalanithi were among those shortlisted for 2017 Wellcome Book Prize.

Siddhartha Mukherjee is a cancer physician and researcher, a stem cell biologist, and a cancer geneticist. He is the author of "The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer," which won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction and the Guardian First Book Award.

Siddhartha Mukherjee was shortlisted for his non-fictional work "The Gene: An Intimate History," which was published in May 2016. The Gene is an epic, moving history of a scientific idea coming to life. The story of the gene begins in an obscure Augustinian abbey in Moravia in 1896, where a monk stumbled on the idea of a 'unit of heredity.' It intersects with Darwin's theory of evolution, and collides with the horrors of Nazi eugenics in the 1940s.

Paul Sudhir Arul Kalanithi, who died of lung cancer in March 2015, was named to the list for his memoir, "When Breath Becomes Air," which was released posthumously in February 2016.

Indian American Group launches Campaign against Hate Crimes

CHICAGO, IL (TIP): Chicago-based Indian-American Public Affairs Committee (IAPAC) has launched a campaign across the US to spread awareness about hate crimes against the community. The committee plans to organize a series of grass root events and town halls across the country. "There is a need to bring understanding about the people of Indian-American and represent their interests," Ashwani Dhall, one of the founding members of IAPAC, said in a statement.

The committee plans to highlight how Indian-Americans have been an intrinsic part of the American fabric and will also ask different state governments and cities to announce Indian-American awareness month. "By bringing together elected officials, local and business leaders and the media, the aim is to assure Indian-American community that incidents like the hate-crime in Kansas City are not tolerated or repeated," the statement read.

IAPAC will also organize events in San Francisco Bay Area, New York, New Jersey, Chicago, Dallas and Seattle as part of the campaign. It wants to ensure that correct information, not xenophobic policies are disseminated to people, according to the statement. "It was heartening to hear [President] Trump denounce the Kansas City incident right at the start of his address to the Congress." Indian-American Group president Vinesh Virani said. "We have hope that the current administration will work to bring everyone together," he added.
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Lawmakers introduce resolution for Department of Justice to investigate recent attacks as hate crime

WASHINGTON (TIP): In the wake of recent attacks on South Asians, vandalism at Jewish centers and a rise in hate-fueled violence across the nation, Rep. Pramila Jayapal and House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley introduced H.R. 192 in the House on March 10. The resolution urges the Department of Justice to investigate these attacks as hate crimes. The lawmakers also expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of victims of hate crime throughout the United States.

“This resolution is an act of resistance to Donald Trump's hateful vilification and othering of immigrants and communities of color,” said Rep. Jayapal. “Acts of violence rooted in racism have spiked since his campaign. From day one, Trump has used fringe extremist rhetoric to paint immigrant communities as criminals and terrorists, spurring senseless acts of violence that have no place in America. The DOJ must act, because no one should have to live in fear of racism-fueled violence.”

“We today call on the Department of Justice to perceive these acts to be foreign and a slew of anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies coming out of the White House. That toxic mix is causing a palpable level of fear in the Indian-American and broader South Asian community. I’m committed to doing anything within my power to stop these acts of violence,” said Chairman Crowley.

On February 22, Srinivas Kuchibhotla was fatally shot at a local bar in Olathe, Kansas by a patron who reportedly shouted, “Get out of my country,” before opening fire. Two others were injured in the shooting. On March 3, a Sikh-American man was shot and injured in Kent, Washington by a gunman who reportedly told him to “Go back to your own country” South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) reports that levels of xenophobic rhetoric by political figures and hate violence aimed at South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Middle Eastern communities rose more than 30 percent in 2016 compared with a combined three-year period between 2011-2014.

Sanjay Puri of US India Political Action Committee (USINPAC) said, “We support Rep. Jayapal on introducing H.R. 192. We will be closely watching its progress and request the White House to fully support the Department of Justice during this investigation.”

COLUMBUS, OH (TIP): Dr. V.K. Raju, MD, FRCS, FACS, the Founder and Medical Director of the Eye Foundation of America, who is on a crusade to eliminate avoidable blindness around the world, has been selected for induction in to the Global Medical Missions Hall of Fame at University of Toledo, OH.

Eye Foundation of America began its work in 1979 in Morgantown, West Virginia. USA. EFA grew out of his earlier work providing services and treatment near his birthplace in Rajahamundry, a town in Southeast India's Andhra Pradesh. Raju organized traveling clinics to go to remote areas and deliver eye care in areas where there otherwise would be none. These traveling clinics were known as “eye camps.” (Eye camps remain a standard part of the Foundation's services today).

Raju dedicated virtually all the spare time he had outside his busy ophthalmological practice in West Virginia and used his own funds to cover many of his expenses. Eventually it became apparent that the lack of accessible, affordable eye care was very large and shared by an enormous number of people worldwide. In order to battle avoidable blindness on a global scale and to gain strength by partnering with other organizations, Raju created the 501 © 3 nonprofit organization that we know today as the Eye Foundation of America.

Today, Foundation has grown far beyond its original size and scope but never outgrew the vision of its founder, who continues to look ahead. EFA has built modern eye hospitals and trained ophthalmic assistants and other personnel to carry on our work. We provide workshops and fellowships for physicians and medical students throughout the world. We also conduct research to find better ways of preventing blindness, to learn how to distribute our products.

His team has done wonders, considering the tremendous work done by them.

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- 25 thousand+ on children

This is completed by the Eye Foundation of America team since 1977 in India and 21 other developing countries. Additionally, the Eye Foundation of America lays great emphasis on engaging health professionals who receive the Foundation’s support at every level.

The induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 11th at the Howard L. Collier Building on the UT Health Science Campus. Following the induction ceremony, which begins promptly at 7:30 p.m., there will be a plaque unveiling and reception in the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center Atrium.

Dr. V.K. Raju has been working for three decades now to eliminate avoidable blindness around the world and has been selected for induction in to the Global Medical Missions Hall of Fame at University of Toledo, OH.

Tulsi Gabbard elected co-chair of Congressional Caucus on India

WASHINGTON (TIP): Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu lawmaker from Hawaii, has been elected as the co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans. She succeeds her Democratic congressional colleague Indian-American Dr Ami Bera.

Tulsi was elected in 2012 to the United States House of Representatives, serving Hawaii’s 2nd District. She is one of the first two female combat veterans to ever serve in the U.S. Congress, and its first and only Hindu member.

An advocate for environmental policy, Tulsi was elected to the Hawaii State Legislature in 2002 when she was just 21 years old, becoming the youngest person ever elected in the state. A year later, she joined the Hawaii Army National Guard to serve Hawaii and our country. In 2004, Tulsi volunteered to deploy with her fellow soldiers, becoming the first state official to voluntarily step down from public office to serve in a war zone.

Tulsi served in the U.S. Senate as a legislative aide to Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI), where she advised him on energy independence, homeland security, the environment, and veteran issues. Tulsi serves on the House Armed Services Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee where she is a strong advocate for veterans.

Key chairman says House will take its time on ‘sanctuary’ legislation

DALLAS, TX (TIP): A day after hearing from peace officers largely opposed to the state’s current proposal to outlaw “sanctuary cities,” the chairman of the House committee that controls the proposal’s future said he’d like to see some significant changes.

The chairman of the powerful committee that determines whether immigration proposals will move forward in the Texas House said Thursday, March 16, he’d like to see the current proposal to outlaw sanctuary jurisdictions scaled back.

A “sanctuary” jurisdiction is the common term for government entities and college campuses that refuse to honor federal detainer requests, known as detainers, from federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers to hand over undocumented immigrants in custody for deportation. Known as “sanctuary” jurisdictions a priority for Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, a Democrat, announced following her 2016 election victory that she would only honor detainer requests on a very limited basis. As punishment, Abbott yanked state grant-funding for all county programs.

Cook said Thursday he thinks the bill could be consolidated to only include the detainer provision. Testimony from hundreds of witnesses at Wednesday's hearing reflected a sentiment that allowing officers to question a person’s immigration status without arresting them would create a chilling effect that would undermine the public’s confidence in law enforcement. Cook took note of those concerns, he said. “If you look at this on the big picture [level], all we're really needing to do, all that’s really been said is that local jurisdictions need to honor federal detainer requests,” he said, noting Hernandez was the only outlier. “And what the testimony indicated once again last night is that though one sheriff defied for a short period of time, all our law enforcement agencies across the state are in fact honoring detainer requests, as they’re supposed to.”

The current proposal would punish police chiefs, constables and sheriffs for violating the provision of the bill, making them subject to a criminal class A misdemeanor charge and the potential revocation of their law enforcement licenses.

He added that local governments shouldn’t be taxed with paying for the detention of an immigrant who is detained on a state charge, or fined and imprisoned under federal custody. “I can also tell you that any cost associated with honoring a detainer request in detention should be borne 100 percent by the state and not by the local jurisdiction,” he said. (Source: Texas Tribune)
International Women’s Day celebrations hosted by Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (TAGC)

CHICAGO, IL (TIP): Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (TAGC) was overwhelmed by the success of this year’s International Women’s Day celebrations held on March 12th, 2017 at Atlantis Banquets, 1273 N. Rand Road, Arlington Heights, IL. International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated every year on March 8 since 1911. TAGC celebrate women’s day with great dignity & pride to honor women’s rights & celebrate the achievements of women in geo, political, economic and social sectors as well as great enthusiasm to showcase the achievements & issues facing women of their respective cultures and to come up with better solutions for a better tomorrow.

250 plus women participated to celebrate TAGC women’s day event all over from greater Chicago and area. The event had great participation of successful women from all walks of life, all ages, professions, entrepreneurs, and mentors. This event also covered the economic, political and social achievements made by women. The event focused on wellness, education, empowerment by global energy & social responsibility and several fun filled events.


Key note speakers provided very valuable information and great insight on each of these women’s related topics.

Smt. Haripriya Medikundam educated women on “Retirement & incapacity planning, estate administration”

Dr. Smita Suravaram shared her knowledge on topic “How to read nutrition labels and lead a healthy life style”

Dr. Vinitha Kunchala shared her knowledge on topic “Importance of Calcium & vitamin D for women”

TAGC donated part of participation fee and donated money at the event to Desire Society. Who is Caring for Children Infected & Affected with HIV/AIDS and Mission of DESIRE Society is to improve the lives of children struggling with the impact of HIV/AIDS by providing Shelter, Nutritious Diet, Health Care, Education and Psychosocial support.

Several fun filled activities were meticulously planned and executed to create joyful atmosphere in the event that were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The winners from the activities were awarded by Shireesha Ade exciting gifts (thread bangles) from INDIA.

The members enjoyed the sumptuous snacks and dinner sponsored by the renowned restaurant, Cool Mirchi Roselle, IL.

TAGC Women’s day committee chair Uma Avadhuta, Vijay Bheeram for coordinating with Banquet hall management and Cool Mirchi restaurant.

Mansa Lattupally and Mamatha Lankala worked hard for several weeks in event planning and execution. On behalf TAGC President, Board & Executive committee Women’s day committee chair Vani thanked registration committee chair Mamatha Lankala and her team. Treasurer Venkat Gunugunti for flawless registration and smooth check-in of guests & welcoming guest with help of youth volunteers. Decoration committee chair Smt. Swetha & her team Bindhu, Pradeep & Deepthi for beautiful front entrance & stage decoration. Special thanks to Cool Mirchi owner Anitha for sponsoring the food for the event and Food committee chair Uma Avadhuta, Vijay Bheeram for coordinating with Banquet hall management.

First Minister level interaction between India and US, under new administration, focuses on energy cooperation

HOUSTON (TIP): A high level delegation led by Minister of State (Independent Charge), Dharmendra Pradhan had organized a promotion event for India's new Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP) at CERA Week 2017 in Houston, World's energy capital on March 06, 2017. The aim was to encourage active global participation in upcoming investment opportunities in India which has one of the world's fastest growing oil and gas industry.

The promotion event was participated by global energy leaders, government dignitaries, policy makers, innovators and industry professionals. During the event, Shri Pradhan spoke about the transformative and proactive policy reforms undertaken by the Government of India in the areas of Indian hydrocarbon exploration and licensing, One Stop Shop for investors, EODB initiative in India, Ease of Doing Business, Skill India, and Startup India. On the margins of CERA Week, the Minister met with corporate leaders from Saudi Arabia, Russia, Ukraine, Canada, and CEO of ADNOC (State company of UAE). He also met several industry leaders and experts like Bob Dudley (CEO, BP) and Faith Birol (Executive Director, IEA). He also met Governor of Texas Mr Greg Abbott.

Later Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan met the newly appointed US Energy Secretary Mr Rick Perry in Washington on March 8. This was the first Minister level interaction between India and US under the new administration.

Pradhan and Perry discussed energy cooperation between India and the US, India’s growing energy needs and the export of LNG to India from early 2018. Indian investments in LNG and shale sector in the US were also discussed. Pradhan’s visit was part of his three-city visit during which he also traveled to Boston. During his visit to Boston, Mr Pradhan addressed students and faculty of three leading academic institutions, namely MIT, Harvard Kennedy School and Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University. In MIT he had a meeting with Prof Ernest Muniz, former US Energy Secretary.

He also met Indian community at both Boston and Houston including with Scientists of Indian origin. ONGC and Oil India have already started engaging Indian origin oil scientists and during this visit Oil India signed a MoU with Houston University to work on CO2 injection technology to enhance production in Assam.

Upset Hindu Americans criticize CNN’s portrayal of Hinduism

WASHINGTON (TIP): A number of Hindu Americans, including the first and only Hindu lawmaker in the U.S. Congress, Tulsi Gabbard strongly condemned CNN for airing a show which they alleged portrayed the religion in a negative manner.

"Believer with Reza Aslan", a six-episode "spiritual adventures series", was premiered on Sunday, March 5. The show explores the facts and myths behind the Aghori, a mystical Hindu faction known for extreme rituals.

"CNN on Sunday aired the first episode of a new series called 'Believer' hosted by Reza Aslan. For this episode, Aslan apparently sought to find sensationalist and absurd ways to portray Hinduism," Gabbard wrote on a Facebook post. "CNN promotional materials and trailers that included a scene showing a group of Hindus under a caption "CANNIBALS", perpetuated bizarre and ugly impressions of Hindus and their religion," she said.

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In a statement, US India Political Action Committee (USINPAC) strongly condemned the airing of the show. With multiple reports of hate-fuelled attacks against people of Indian origin from across the US, the show characterizes Hinduism as cannibalistic, which is a bizarre way of looking at the religion," it said.

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Na baithunga, na baithne dunga: With new challenge, Modi keeps BJP MPs on their toes

NEW DELHI (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is challenging BJP leaders to spread the party’s ideology to the farthest corners of the country. And he is doing it with a directive cloaked as a caution – “na baithunga, na baithne dunga” (Neither will I rest nor will let you).

Modi’s exhortation, at a meeting of BJP parliamentarians in New Delhi on Thursday, was on the lines of a similar statement he had made just after he was installed as the Prime Minister in 2014.

Then it was targeted at corruption, one his key election planks. “Na khunga, na khanna dunga,” Modi had said, warning people that neither he will accept bribes, nor allow anyone to do so.

The Prime Minister’s new goal for BJP leaders was aimed at ensuring the party’s victories in the upcoming assembly polls, said party sources who attended the meeting.

Modi led the BJP to spectacular victories in the recent five-state assembly polls, winning Uttar Pradesh and Uttarkhand with overwhelming majorities. The BJP also managed to form the governments in Manipur and Goa despite ending up as the second-largest party. The only black spot was the defeat in Punjab where its ally government with the Shiromoni Akali Dal was ousted by the Congress.

At the BJP parliamentary party meeting, the sources quoted Modi as telling MPs that after nearly three years in office, people have started believing that this government was “performing”. And the party must now explore new options to reach out to more people.

“Get an untapped area is traffic. Before May 26 (the government’s third anniversary), you should come out with suggestions to make youth the brand ambassadors of the BJpinstitution should be left out,” he said.

Modi also set out another target for party leaders between April 6 and 14, between the party’s foundation day and BR Ambedkar’s birth anniversary. And that is to promote the government’s ambitious plan of making India free from open defecation under the Swachhata Mission. He also asked MPs to promote the BHIM app among street vendors, part of the government’s mission to create a cashless economy.

“Become vistarak (campaigner) for the party for at least 72 hours during this period,” Modi said.

“Bhim is a new currency. It will transform lives of people of lower strata,” Modi said, hinting the more it was used there could be incentive through banks. “It will bring them out from the clutches of money lenders.”

The PM’s speech was greeted with a standing ovation at the meeting.

Parliamentarians also adopted a resolution hailing Modi for leading the party to the historic victory. Sweets from the Tirupati Venkateswara Temple, arranged by parliamentary party secretary Balasubramaniam Kamarsu, were distributed to all MPs.

In his speech, Shah said the result of the 2017 assembly elections has unshackled democracy from three ills – casteism, nepotism and appeasement.

Maintaining that a new order of politics is emerging, Shah said the Vikas Yatra that started from Gujarat has been ratified by the people.

“2014 victory was historic. People attached significance to the 2017 elections as well. Victory should not make you complacent. 2019 should be the target now,” Shah said.

Earlier during the day, MPs greeted Modi with a slogan when he walked into the Rajya Sabha.

“Dekho dehko kaun aya, Gujarat ka sher aya (See who has come, the lion of Gujarat has arrived)”. Opposition MPs, however, taunted BJP for its loss in Punjab.

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Security agencies say about 75 Indians have joined the IS. This includes 45 who went from India, mostly from Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka, while the remainder were Indians living abroad. About 37 more were apprehended while they were making their way from India to territories controlled by IS. Security agencies have stepped up efforts to prevent the radicalisation and recruitment of youngsters via the internet and communication apps, which are extensively used by the IS. The US state department too has noted the threat to India from IS.

Manoj Sinha in contention for UP CM’s post, Rawat front runner in Uttarakhand

NEW DELHI (TIP): Trivendr Singh Rawat, a leader with RSS background, has finally joined the race for the coveted chief minister’s post in Uttarakhand. He is likely to be elected the leader of the BJP legislature party in the hill state. The swearing-in ceremony will take place in Dehradun on Saturday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP chief Amit Shah.

BJP MLAs in Uttar Pradesh will also meet on Saturday to elect their leader, who will take over as the chief minister.

Union minister M Venkaiah Naidu and BJP general secretary Bhupendra Yadav will attend the legislature party meeting in Lucknow to brief the MLAs of Delhi’s choice. State BJP chief Bhupendra Yadav, who was admitted to the ICU at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital here after falling ill. He had fever and high blood pressure when admitted. Doctors have placed him under observation.

Uttar Pradesh CM to be decided on March 16

The suspense over the new chief minister of Uttar Pradesh is expected to end at the BJp legislature party (BJPLP) meeting to be held in Lucknow on Saturday.

The declaration of a new leader, in the presence of Union minister Venkataiah Naidu and party general secretary Bhupendra Yadav, will coincide with the party’s victory day celebrations on that day. The BJP’s incumbent legislature party leader, Suresh Khanna, on Thursday confirmed the news about Saturday’s meeting of the party’s newly-elected lawmakers.
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Justice Karnan demands Rs 14 crore relief from SC

NEW DELHI (TIP): Facing arrest warrant for defying Supreme Court orders in a contempt case against him, Calcutta High Court’s Justice C S Karnan has passed a no-moot order, despite being divested by the SC of judicial powers, directing the CJI and six senior-most SC judges to pay him Rs 14 crore in compensation.

He also ordered the CBI to probe and report to Parliament on his complaint of corruption against 20 sitting and retired SC and HC judges.

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EVMs tamper-proof, says EC

NEW DELHI (TIP): With losing parties alleging rigging of results in the recently concluded Assembly elections by tampering with electronic voting machines (EVMs), the Election Commission of India (EC) on Thursday reiterated these were tamper-proof, as ever, and the integrity of poll process was preserved.

“ECI unequivocally reiterate that given the effective technical and administrative safeguards, EVMs are not tamperable and integrity of the electoral process is preserved,” the EC said in a statement.

Strongly rejecting the charges levied by BSP leader Mayawati and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, the EC said, “At this stage, baseless, speculative and wild allegations are being made which deserves to be rejected.”

The commission said it did not receive specific complaints or concrete material from political parties and candidates about alleged tampering with EVMs during the elections and went on to add: “BSF’s representation on EVM tampering was without any specific allegation and it had already rejected the claim of the party”.

“Such concerns about alleged tamperability of ECI-EVM have been raised earlier also since their introduction, including before the high court and the Supreme Court,” it said.

Since 2000, EVMs had been used in 107 elections to state legislative assemblies and three Lok Sabha elections held in 2004, 2009 and 2014, the EC said. But in 2009, in a case before the Delhi High Court, all earlier allegations about EVM tamperability were raised. The court then satisfied itself with a detailed reply of the EC as to why EVM cannot be rigged.

It was then decided that the EC would put in efforts to develop Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and thus the court disposed of the case in 2012. Sources in the EC, however, said, the panel would need Rs 0.174 crore for introducing VVPATs for the General Elections in 2019, as about 15.5 lakh machines would need to be enabled. The manufacturers BPL and ECIL would require 30 months to deliver needed VVPATs.
Guest Comment

Capt Amarinder Singh has team in place: Time to bat for Punjab

Capt Amarinder Singh, the new Chief Minister of Punjab, has put together a Cabinet that represents a selection of veterans which, if tea leaves are to be read, portends well for the upcoming elections. He has managed a delicate balancing act. Although there are some who have been ministers before, many are new to a ministerial assignment. Brahman Mohindra, Mamprit Singh Badal and Tripat Rajinder Singh Bajwa, who have just joined as state ministers, having been independent MLAs in the last term as Congress ministers, are the ministers from various castes and communities, and two of the Cabinet members are women.

The new Chief Minister needs to be complimented for weaving together a team of capable individuals who may do justice to the responsibilities assigned. Change is expected by the voters, and those who entrusted with delivering it must keep their focus on the larger interests of Punjab, not just political gymnastics that have long been the bane of the state.

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Put foreign policy in place: Elections done, Modi must get down to some serious governing

March 16 marked a significant landmark for Modi’s evolution as a dominant national political force, the future of AAP and its leader Arvind Kejriwal and the fate of young’ leaders, 43-year-old Akhilesh Yadav and 64-year-old Rahul Gandhi.

The murmurs are the loudest in the Congress against leadership, development in particular, particularly in sectors winning more seats than the BJP in Goa and Manipur, the governments have been formed by the latter.

Now that Capt Amarinder Singh’s core team is in place, the pressure would be on him from Day 1 to deliver on the promises, which would, of course, include those made behind closed doors as well as to the public. If he concentrates on the latter, he will be able to ignore the puerile. The relatively simple swearing in ceremony should set the tone. Punjab has had to bear the burden of ‘adjusting political and other leaders in public, in favor of rather than appointing capable individuals who may do justice to the responsibilities assigned. Change is expected by the voters, and those who entrusted with delivering it must keep their focus on the larger interests of Punjab, not just political gymnastics that have long been the bane of the state.

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The April-end municipal elections in Delhi are now critical for the Congress, and even more so for the AAP. Gujarat, where the Patet agitation and poor governance post-Modi has created political uncertainty, looms next and there is talk of election, due later this year, being advanced to keep opponents from regrouping. Gujarati is literally the last hurdle beyond which Modi’s path to re-election in 2019 should be clear.

He is now Indira Gandhi in her prime, the 64-year-old figure to beat. But strange are the ways of the Indian masses as they both feed the rise of a strong leader and then resist power accumulation. The AAP in Delhi or the Janata Dal in Bihar benefited from this counter urge. Henry Kissinger in his book ‘On China’, comparing India and China, writes that the latter has a counter urge. Henry Kissinger in his book ‘On China’, comparing India and China, writes that the latter has a counter urge. Henry Kissinger in his book ‘On China’, comparing India and China, writes that the latter has a counter urge. Henry Kissinger in his book ‘On China’, comparing India and China, writes that the latter has a counter urge. Henry Kissinger in his book ‘On China’, comparing India and China, writes that the latter has a counter urge.

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By BC Singh

Muni’s preoccupation with domestic politics may continue through the Delhi municipal elections or even till elections in Gujarat. But he must not let foreign policy issues adrift.

On the other hand, Pakistan in the last few months has been sending subtle signals. A new army chief, handpicked by PM Nawaz Sharif, appears in line with him. The detention of Hafiz Saeed and some associates may be a beginning that can be reversed or sharpened.

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Titans clash: Serious differences remain over the supremacy of adjudicative power

T hose made more anxious by the Supreme Court’s decision invalidating the constitutional amendment and the law in the NJAC (National Judicial Appointment Commission) case may find no solace in the American constitutional alternative of the Senate confirmation method. Last year, a Republican 54-46 seat majority refused to consider President Obama’s nomination (upon Justice Scalia’s death) of Judge Merrick Garland for 293 days, lest it may swing the delicate balance of judicial vote towards a liberal direction.

Senator Merkley (Oregon) was described as the vacant seat on the SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) as a ‘stolen seat’. It was, however, insisted that the Senate was within its rights to refuse to consider a nominee until the inauguration of a new President.

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He also told his almost 24 million Twitter followers that he, ‘Just cannot believe a judge would put our country in such peril. If something happens blame him and court system. People pouring in. Bad!’ Apparently, the President overlooked that Judge Robart (who stayed his order) was an appointee of Republican President George W Bush and won Senate confirmation in 2004 by a vote of 99 to zero!

Incidentally, it must be said no Indian political incumbent has gone so far as Trump despite deep differences over the supremacy of adjudicative power. There is a grudging respect, even political grace, in the Indian acceptance of robust judicial independence as a constitutional virtue.

Justice Gorsuch is reported to have critiqued the action of the President as ‘disproportionate and demagoguering’. He may certainly be probed to enunciate further his perspectives on judicial independence, so far taken for granted in the US. The majority NJAC discourse of the Supreme Court of India may well be meaningful for the Supreme Court of the US.

(The author is a jurist and a legal luminary)
DCG of India Dr. Mohapatra hails Indian American community for their ‘Enormous Support’

Dr. Mohapatra, who assumed the office as DCG (Economic, Political, Consular & Women’s Affairs) on 31 July 2014, has served in a variety of positions with the Indian Foreign Service. He has served as third secretary in the Embassy of India in Berlin; at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi as the desk officer for India’s bilateral relations with Bangladesh; and as the first secretary and counselor in the Indian diplomatic missions in Budapest, Hungary, and Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he was in charge of political and commercial relations between India and those countries.

He has successfully coordinated many historic events in New York area such as the reception to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Madison Square Garden in September 2014, a little after he joined as DCG in New York; International Yoga Day Celebrations in 2015 and 2016, and visits of many Chief Ministers from India which included Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Dr. Mohapatra played a significant role in bringing together people of a State to form a group named “Friends of…” Thus, people here belonging to Madhya Pradesh formed a group called ‘Friends of Madhya Pradesh’. Similarly, with other States. The net result was a better coordination in extending reception to the visiting Chief Ministers by the people belonging to that State. At each of these visits, cooperation of Indian Americans with the State to which they belonged was the major issue of discussion. How people of a State could contribute to the Consulate and how could the Consulate help the State? The development was an issue which remained the focus of all meetings. Reports from various States in India have suggested that, as a result of these visits by the Chief Ministers of some States and their interaction here with Indian American community which was facilitated by the Consulate here with Dr. Mohapatra leading and coordinating, great enthusiasm was evinced by investors to invest in various States. So much had been a single man’s contribution.

But this humble person gives all credit to the Indian American community. “Community has been an asset. They have always supported us. The events like PM’s reception at Madison Square Garden could not have been so successful without their help. It was made possible because of the tremendous support we got from the community.” Dr. Mohapatra told The Indian Panorama.

Dr. Mohapatra, who is credited with bringing efficiency and transparency in the functioning of the Consulate General of India, also shares the credit with the media. “I could excel because of the great help from media. The media was so helpful that in a very short period the Consulate was able to change its image. The perception of people (about Consulate) changed because of media.” He was particularly appreciative of ‘The Indian Panorama and its editor-publisher Prof. Indrajit S Saluja who he said, "was my guruji and guided me on many issues.”

Dr. Mohapatra takes pride in the success of Outreach program of the Consulate. “We conducted community outreach programs in all ten states (under the jurisdiction of NY Consulate) and met eight governors out of ten in a short period of time. It feels good that the Consulate played an important role in strengthening bilateral relationship.” Dr. Mohapatra believes that as a result of contact with the State governors and administration officials there was a growing desire among almost all States to have a closer relationship with the States in India.

And finally, he is confident that the bonhomie between the consulate and the community will continue. “I would request the community to give the same love and support to the Consulate and my successor that I got from them. The Consulate is for the community and vice versa. Our relationship should touch the sky.”

Indian Americans on March 21 will host a reception at Royal Albert’s Palace in Fords, New Jersey to bid farewell to their beloved outgoing Deputy Consul General of India. The Indian Panorama family spread over the US and India, looks upon Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra as a worthy son of India who has done his best to keep the flag of India flying high here in the US, and wishes him all success and happiness wherever he goes on his next assignment.

Also, The Indian Panorama is happy to let him carry with him the warm appreciation coming from some community representatives who, in turn, represent adequately, the Indian community in the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

From Connecticut, Mr. Andy Bhatia, President, Federation of Indian Associations, NY/NJ/CT says in appreciation of Dr. Mohapatra:-

“Dr. Manoj Mohapatra, Dy . CG has been a true friend of the Indian American community and it has been my privilege to have known him and work with him. He has been tireless in his efforts to help the community and has always made himself available to us any day of the week. He is credited for putting in systems in place in bringing efficiency and transparency in the Consulate. He is a clear thinker and knows how to structure his thoughts to get his point across.

We will miss him and wish him lots of success in his new assignment in New Delhi.”

One of the senior community leaders, who is credited with having founded some of the first and the oldest organizations of Indians in the US, and presently, Chairman of GOPIO International, Dr. Thomas Abraham, from Connecticut writes: “Dr. Mohapatra has been one of the most sincere and dynamic Deputy Consul General who also served as Acting Consul General during the absence of the Consul General. He has been on the top of most of the Consulate activities and has been performing very well with the outreach and resolving issue of the Indian community He provided leadership in sorting out many of the consular issues and has been instrumental in organizing Open House meeting with the community every week. He had expanded the outreach to American political leaders by utilizing the Indian American community contacts. Community organizations found a good friend in him to promote common goals of our community and India. We will miss him in New York and wish him all success in his new assignment.”

And, Dr. Navin Mehta, who has for long been associated with Bharatiya Vidyas Bhavan says of Dr. Mohapatra: “Silent worker: “When I am silent, I fall into that place where everything is MUSIC - Rumi”

Dr. Mohapatra works silently and has observed that his work is his music. Very few people can be this dedicated and still smile. As Chanakya says about a diplomat “सत्स विद्धत द्रवित, वासा न करकररेम्य.”

People of Indian origin, who are living in USA on refugee status, will soon be able to travel to India with a valid travel visa. The Government of India has decided to grant visa to applicants with refugee status living in USA.

This issue was handled by Manoj Mohapatra.

Pioneer and initiator of Outreach program where consulate for the first time reached door steps of common people. One of the most excellent organizers… be it outreach program, Visa and Passport facility or PM visiting Madison Square Garden.

We will surely miss him but wish Dr. Mohapatra the best in life and wish that he continues to serve the Nation’s cause.”

And here is a comment from Ranjeet Singh, Manager at CKGS who worked under the watchful eye of Dr. Mohapatra.

“DCG Dr Mohapatra has been an inspiring diplomat who has always put community interests on top of his priorities.

Working with him was an exhilarating experience. He went out of his way on many occasions to streamline things and make the consular services accessible to Indian diaspora in the best possible way. He tirelessly worked on reducing the gap between Indian-American diaspora and the Indian government represented by its mission in NY through his innovative ideas and extraordinary execution of day to day work at NY Consulate. CKGS family joins me in wishing him a great life and an extraordinary career ahead!!!”

And, the last comment which proves the saying “brevity is the soul of wit” comes from Mr. Rajiv Khanna, President of India America Chamber of Commerce: “It was a great pleasure to work with Dr. Mohapatra. He is an outstanding foreign service officer who is dedicated to furthering India’s interest.”

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Queen signs Brexit trigger bill into law

LONDON: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II on March 16 gave her Royal Assent to the Brexit trigger bill, authorizing Prime Minister Theresa May to invoke Article 50 to begin the country's exit negotiations from the European Union.

The European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill had been passed by MPs and Lords in Parliament earlier this week and the monarch's signature means May will be able to keep to her declared March-end timetable of informing the EU that Britain has invoked Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, which relates to leaving the 28-member economic bloc.

"This will be a defining moment for our whole country as we begin to forge a new relationship with Europe but also a new role for ourselves in the world. We will be a strong, self-governing, global Britain with control once again over our borders and our laws," May had told the House of Commons earlier this week at the passage of the Brexit bill.

She had indicated that after a "number of processes that will take place", she will return to the Commons before the end of the month to inform Parliament that she has invoked Article 50, after which a two-year negotiation time-frame is triggered for Britain to leave and strike a new deal with Europe as a non-member state.

May is believed to be planning a tour of the UK - covering Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - in an attempt to forge a united front around Britain's exit from the EU.

The move follows Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's announcement that she would be seeking parliamentary approval for a second independence referendum in Scotland, to be held next year.

"This is not a moment to play politics, or create uncertainty or division. It is a moment to bring our country together, to honour the will of the British people and to shape for them a brighter future and a better Britain," May had said in response.

However, Sturgeon has attacked her for ignoring the Scottish voice within the broader Brexit debate.

"I think people should be worried about how the Prime Minister has dealt with Scotland ahead of the Article 50 negotiations. If she treats other European countries with the same inflexibility as she's treated Scotland then I think this process is heading for the rocks," she warned.

Meanwhile, Brexit minister David Davis admitted to the Parliament's Exiting the European Union Committee on Wednesday that the government has not carried out a full assessment of the potential economic impact of Britain leaving the EU without a trade deal.

"The Prime Minister said no deal is better than a bad deal. Why did she say that? She said that because in the emotional aftermath of the referendum, with lots of threats of punishment deals and all the rest of it, I made it clear that actually we could manage this in such a way as to be better than a bad deal. And this is true," he said. (PTI)

British PM May rejects call for Scottish independence vote

LONDON: British Prime Minister Theresa May has rejected a call from Scotland's leader for a referendum on Scottish independence before Britain leaves the European Union.

May said Thursday that 'now is not the time' to reopen Scotland's independence debate, though she did not rule out a referendum in the future. Britain is due to begin the two-year exit process from the 28-nation bloc by the end of this month.

The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The country as a whole decided in a June 23 referendum to leave the EU, but in that ballot Scots voted 62 to 38 percent to remain.

Scottish Nicola Sturgeon announced earlier this week that she will seek a referendum on Scottish independence between the fall of 2018 and spring 2019, so voters can decide whether to leave the EU with the rest of the United Kingdom or to go it alone.

The British government must agree to a legally binding referendum and May said "now is not the time!"

"All our energies should be focused on our negotiations with the European Union," May said, adding that holding a referendum while EU exit talks are still underway would make it much more difficult for us to get the right deal for Scotland and the right deal for the UK."

A bill authorizing the British government to begin divorce proceedings became law Thursday. House of Commons Speaker John Bercow said that the European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Act had received the assent of Queen Elizabeth II.

The bill was passed by Parliament on Monday but needed royal assent to become a law. A non-member state cannot decline agencies' requests, in contravening procedures required by law, the London-based Privacy International said in a report released Wednesday.

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Suicide attack kills 25 in Damascus court house

BEIRUT: At least 25 people were killed in a suicide bomb attack at a court house in Damascus on Wednesday, state media reported, the second bomb attack in the Syrian capital in five days.

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MOSUL: Iraqi forces have retaken more than a third of west Mosul from the Islamic State group since launching an assault on the area last month, a commander said today. "Around more than a third of the right bank (west Mosul) is under the control of our units," Staff Major General Maan al-Saadi told AFP.

Mosul's right bank, which is the city's eastern side, is referred to as the left bank, while the western is known as the right bank. Iraqi forces launched the operation to retake west Mosul - the most populated urban area still under IS control - on February 19, pushing the group out of the city.

IS overrun large areas north and west of Baghdad in 2014, but Iraqi forces backed by US-led air strikes and other support have since retaken most of the territory they lost. (APP)

Kenya counter-terror work creates abuses, rights group says

NAIROBI (KENYA) (TIP): Kenya's security agencies are violating privacy rights in counter-terrorism operations and the information obtained is used to commit human rights abuses, including targeted killings, an international human rights group says.

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REVIEW: Badrinath Ki Dulhania is a rucksack full of radioactive social issues handled cautiously with bedazzled Dharma gloves. But ‘handled’ is the operative word here.

Set in small towns like Jhansi and Kota where patriarchy is as evident as daylight, the movie focuses on Badrinath (Varun Dhawan), a sahukar’s son in pursuit of a bride. He spots Vaidehi (Alia Bhatt) at a wedding and starts wooing her. But Vaidehi refuses to bow down to social pressure and succumb to a marriage nurtured by an IV drip of dowry. Turns out she’s that mutant small-town girl with actual opinions and ambitions and most importantly, a spine.

And her character is the backbone of this story, too. She’s fierce and real; she’s pushed down but gets back up; she protects her dreams and for once, doesn’t get emotionally manipulated. Her father’s heart condition be damned!

Through Vaidehi, the movie checks all the important boxes: gender issues, feminism, consent, etc. But the actress says she was comfortable with that as it was the demand of the character.

The runtime doesn’t help either. This is a story with an obvious climax, so sitting through two and a half hours of back-to-back hilarious lines should get you through it. But the breezy vibe of the movie and back-to-back hilarious lines should get you through it.

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RPSV Yes to this wedding; it’s grand, with good music, people always encourage talents.

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Bollywood:

vidya balan: No apprehensions in mouthing expletives onscreen

vidya balan will be seen mouthing expletives in her upcoming film 'begum jaan', but the actress says she was comfortable with that as it was the demand of the character.

"The make-up and hairstylist then gave me a unibrow. I feel fortunate to work with a team where I didn’t have to worry about the look. It is all of the team and their work, very little of me," she says.

Produced by Mukesh Bhatt, Vishesh Bhatt and Play Entertainment, the film is scheduled for release on April 14. Mukesh Bhatt told reporters the film didn’t have any problems with the censor board and he was very happy with it.

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EMMA WATSON TAKES LEGAL ACTION FOR HER PHOTOS BEING LEAKED

Sex tape, rumoured to be featuring actress Mischa Barton, is being circulated around Hollywood and online porn companies are bidding for it. The X-rated footage reportedly shows the ‘Notting Hill’ actress having sex with a man wearing just a grey hoodie, and the content comes with a price tag of $500,000.

Kevin Blatt, who is Hollywood’s sex-tape broker, says he was approached by a third party with the video and it’s currently being shopped around “porn valley”.

“I know that at least three large online porn sites have reviewed it and they’re all seriously considering the offer. I’ve seen stills from the video, it’s clearly Mischa in my opinion. She’s seen performing a sex act on a guy,” he said.

If the footage becomes public, it could affect Barton’s emotional health, said a source. Source: IANS

MISCHA BARTON’S SEX TAPE FOR $500,000?

The ‘Beauty and the Beast’ actress has been highly upset with her private photos being leaked online. Emma is pursuing a legal action against the invasion of her privacy.

Apalled by the audacity of the hacker, Emma is adamant on taking an action.

Emma’s spokesperson confirmed that the photos weren’t nudes but of her trying on clothes.

Emma Watson despite being a UN Women goodwill ambassador, was threatened earlier in 2014 too regarding leaking of some of other explicit photos. Emma received flak from critics saying that by exposing her breasts, she’s acting against her feminist values when she posed semi-topless for a shoot for the cover of the magazine Vanity fair.

Controversies aside, the beautiful actress will be seen acing the role of Belle in her upcoming movie ‘Beauty and the Beast’.

MOVIE REVIEW

Kong: Skull Island (3D)

CAST: Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson, John C. Reilly, John Goodman
DIRECTION: Jordan Vogt-Roberts
GENRE: Action
DURATION: 2 hours

STORY: A bunch of scientists accompanied by a tracker (Tom Hiddleston), photo-journalist (Brie Larson) and army soldiers, infiltrate a mysterious, uncharted territory (Skull Island) to examine it, without realising they have entered the land of King Kong. While a few seek revenge from the mighty ape for killing their compatriots, they soon discover he is not the enemy.

REVIEW: You know exactly what to expect from this film before walking into it and it doesn’t let you down. Given the genre, it’s no surprise that this monster movie is immensely formulaic but in its defence, it doesn’t have one dull moment. Fast-paced and gripping, this reboot of the franchise is a taut survival drama that gives you the chills.

Sadly, no matter how talented, since Kong is the king, he renders the A-list cast redundant. His only competition is the monstrous lizards aka skull crawlers and the two giants pretty much rule the roost and hog the screen space, literally and figuratively.

Despite being clichéd, you enjoy the two species slug it out in the jungle as the humans run helter-skelter, becoming the mere spectators. The CGI-fuelled action in 3D keeps you on the edge of your seat. Watching Kong smash a fleet of helicopters to the ground as we tend to crush mosquitoes is oddly entertaining. The witty repartee between characters makes up for the lack of depth and drama in the screenplay.

While this instalment tries to match up to Peter Jackson’s 2005 adventure, it lacks its epic cinematic moments, like Kong scaling the Empire State building. Though British actor Tom Hiddleston and Oscar winner Brie Larson have nothing much to do here except for gawking at the giants and running for their lives, they add credibility to this otherwise stereotypical franchise.

Leading to the big Kong vs Godzilla (2020) clash, if you don’t mind some shallow, video game-esque entertainment, this one doesn’t disappoint.

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Europe is sitting on a time bomb and any small spark could ignite it. Remember that all conflicts in the last 2000 years have started in Europe and became ‘world’ conflicts. India has already given $10 billion or Rs 56,000 crore - nearly one per cent of GDP to help Europe. Not a single European paper or leader has thanked us openly. One can only hope that we need not give more of our GDP or become cannon fodder in Anglo-Saxon conflicts”, says the author.

**Quote**

“The European economic and social crisis is becoming worse with each passing day. One business channel asked me in 2008 how long it might take to recover and I responded saying 40 quarters - they never came back to interview. But now I forecast it may never recover.

Sri Aurobindo seems to have said that India will rise on the ashes of western civilization and it seems to be coming true. It is important to note that the dominion of the West has been there only for last 200 odd years. According to Angus Maddison’s pioneering OECD study, India and China had more than 50 per cent of global GDP as late as the 1820s. Hence India and China are not emerging or rising powers. They are retrieving their original position. In 1990, the share of the G-7 in world GDP (on a purchasing power parity basis) was 51 per cent and that of emerging markets 26 per cent. But in 2012, it is the reverse. So, the dominant west is a myth.

Europe is facing three types of crisis - economic, demographic, civilizational and it is not in a position to come out of these. All these are not recent ones; they were developing over a period and are now culminating into a catastrophe.

The debt to GDP ratio of most of Europe is at unsustainable levels with our own Britain having over 500 per cent - I say our own since we are going to have to help them run their country sooner than later. There are three major constituents of debt - Government debt, corporate debt and household debt. Of the three, we find household debt has reached nearly 80 to 100 per cent of GDP in most of these countries. The reason is simple - unlike India, households in Europe and USA have forgotten one simple word - savings. They live on debt and are interned by debt.

The situation is made worse by the unemployment situation. Youth unemployment has reached 55 per cent in Spain and hovering above 30 per cent in most of the other countries. Youth is defined as being between the ages of 16 to 24, unlike in India, where being under 18 is a ‘youth icon’. The Herculean unemployment is at more than 25 per cent in most countries and it is creating social turmoil. Along with this is the demographic crisis. The population of Europe during the First World War was nearly 25 per cent. Today it is around 11 per cent and is expected to become 3 per cent in another 20 years. This is mainly due to low reproductive rates and in some countries, is as low as 1 when 2.1 is considered as equilibrating rate. Europe will disappear from the world map unless migrants from Africa and Asia take it over. That is why Europe is being referred to as Eurobies and London as Lendinstan.

The root cause of the issue is the attempt in Europe to nationalize families and privatize business. Old age issues/health issues/child care issues are all normal family activities that have been taken over by the state and the state is finding it difficult to manage them. Funded security schemes are facing crisis since not enough numbers are getting into to labor force due to low reproductive rates and unemployment. This is in difficulty since taxes are not adequate due to low population growth.

Coupled with economic and demographic crisis is the crisis of civilization in Europe. It has renounced the Church and has become secular. Church attendance has fallen significantly and churches have become tourist attractions rather than places of worship.

Most of the migrants, particularly those doing ‘brown color work’ - like garbage removal, cleaning plates in restaurant, porter jobs, and grape-picking - are people from Mauritania/Somalia/Algeria etc. and most are Muslims by faith. Due to a high degree of unemployment, there is resentment against migrants and this anger is turning into anger against Muslims. Added to this is the new front started by France in Mali to fight Islamic fundamentalists. Africa may become a new Vietnam for Europe.

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KASOL: TAKE A BREAK, GET CLOSE TO NATURE

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of taking a break or holiday? Mountains, valleys, rivers and greenery, I guess. Being out there in wild and amidst ‘nature’ on your own? Well, if this is your idea of ideal vacation then Kasol is perfect retreat for you. This little Himachal hamlet is no less heaven on earth as it is full of natural surprises. Though this village is small but there are many places to visit in Kasol which are so much full of beauty that they will make you hold your breath for a while with their splendour. From the gushing Parvati River and the mystic Kheer Ganga Peak to paradise-splendour. From the gushing Parvati River and the mystic Kheer Ganga Peak to paradise-splendour in Kasol, the Parvati River flows through the Parvati Valley. The sound of running river will surely make you miss a heart beat as its so thunderous and extremely breathtaking. It is quite a sight, the river, the valley and the mountains; so relaxing and so rejuvenating. Though, you cannot enjoy any adventure activity here as the flow of this river is quite scary and dangerous, you can still sit somewhere close to it and listen to the music it creates. You can just lay back, look at the stars and relish each and every second with nature.

KHEER GANGA

If you wish to test the adventurous side of yours, then a trek to Kheer Ganga is the best thing to do when in Kasol. Though Kheer Ganga is touted as one of the easiest treks in Himachal, it is fun for beginners. This around nine kilometres long path leads to uphill where to everyone’s surprise awaits a hot water spring magically. You simply cannot miss out on a trek that leads to somewhere magical! Trekkers generally stay on the hilltop for the night and come back later the other day and there are several beautiful villages offering accommodations to the visitors.

PARVATI RIVER

Not exactly a place to visit but an unmapped part of the already mesmerising Kasol, the Parvati River flows through the Parvati Valley. The sound of running river will surely make you miss a heart beat as its so thunderous and extremely breathtaking. It is quite a sight, the river, the valley and the mountains; so relaxing and so rejuvenating. Though, you cannot enjoy any adventure activity here as the flow of this river is quite scary and dangerous, you can still sit somewhere close to it and listen to the music it creates. You can just lay back, look at the stars and relish each and every second with nature.

CHALAL

When in Kasol, you simply cannot tick off this amazingly beautiful quaint little Chalal village. You will meet a lot of Israeli tourists here who come in search of peace, which has also influenced the culture of this place. Blending the beauty of nature and Israeli culture, this village is picturesque and perfect place to spend a day. Tourists generally prefer to trek to Chalal taking in mystical views en route which is an experience in its own. Once here, there are various small and colourful cafes here, where Israeli cuisine can be relished. There’s a lot more to do once you are here, you can party hard or if you are just a quiet person, you can have some peace time watching the sunset and stargazing later.

NAGGAR

The former capital of Kullu, this town lies on the left bank of River Beas, 21 kilometres from Manali. It was founded by Raja Vira Sudhpal and remained the political centre until the capital was shifted to Sultanpur in 1460 AD. Its major attraction is a beautiful castle, which has now been converted into a heritage hotel operated by the Himalachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. The building was once the residence of the rulers of Kullu, and is an excellent example of western Himalayan architecture. It is made of wood and stone, and has carved doors and windows. There is a small museum, a temple and a nice restaurant within the premises. Naggar was also the home of Russian painter Nicholas Roerich, who lived here from 1929 till his death in 1947. His house has been converted into an art gallery, which exhibits his colourful paintings of the surrounding Himalayan ranges.

MANIKARAN

Located on the right bank of River Parvati, Manikaran is popular for its hot sulphur springs. It attracts Hindu and Sikh pilgrims, who come here to take a dip in the water which is considered to have healing properties. According to legend, the springs were created when a giant snake stole goddess Parvati’s earrings and then threw them out on the ground here. The town also contains the huge Sri Guru Nanak Ji Gurudwara, which was constructed in 1940 by Sant Baba Narain Har Ji. It is located near the river, and offers bathing facilities for men and women. There are also a couple of temples including the Raghunath Mandir and Naini Devi Mandir in the vicinity.

MALANA

Malana is an ancient village in the Kullu Valley and is considered as one of the oldest democracies in the world. It is perched on a treacherous cliff at 3000 m, and until very recently the only way to reach it was on foot. It is isolated from the rest of the world and is located near Malana River.

Malana is also known as the village of taboos as outsiders are not allowed to touch anyone or anything. Malana overlooks the Deo Tibba and Chandrakhani Peaks. It can also be reached from Parvati valley across the Chandrakhani pass and Rashol Pass. The easiest way to reach Malana is from Jari till the last road head, from where it is a 2-3 hour trek to reach the village.

The Malanese have a unique culture, a different language called Kanashi and a system of governance that sets them apart from the rest of the valley. For visitors, it is advisable not to touch anything in Malana as you will have to pay a fine if you touch anything! The language, Kanashi, does not sound like any of the dialects spoken elsewhere and the language is also considered to be one of the secrets of Malana.

There are no guest stays and guesthouses in Malana, located before the village and on top of the village. Recent developments have been due to the hydroelectric power plant on Malana river. Although it is an ancient village, most houses appear new because the old village was destroyed in a fire in 2008. There is also a wooden temple of Jamlu Devta in Malana and visitors are restricted from entering the precincts; breaching of the rule attracts a fine of INR 2500.

TOSH

Tosh is located at the far end of Parvati Valley near the last road head of Barshaini. Barshaini (also Barsheni) is the last point for the buses. In the past, Tosh was only accessible through an uphill walk but a recent bumpy road has meant that the 3 km distance between Barshaini and Tosh can be covered in a taxi. Tosh is located at approximately 2400 m above sea level.

It is one of the most popular destinations in Parvati Valley and has an out of the world feel. The road development has meant that there are more guest houses and hotels than elsewhere and the local homes and an endless soundtrack of trance music dominates the scene. Still, the feel is energetic and the air is clean under the gaze of mighty Himalayan peaks. There are many hippie cafes serving food from around the world in Tosh with the interiors decorated with psychedelic graffiti and paintings. Tosh is also famous for trance festivals that are conducted in high season of June-July.

Views from the far end of Tosh are best and stretch across the valley and the guest houses on that side are among the better ones too, albeit costly! There is a temple of Jamdagni Rishi, located in a courtyard in the centre of Tosh and surrounded by a placard suggests fine of up to INR 5000 for visitors who enter. Interested folks can also find their way to the enigmatic village of Kutla, close to Tosh.
MUTTON YAKHNI

INGREDIENTS

- 500 gm chopped mutton
- 4 green cardamom
- 1/2 inch Cinnamon stick
- 1 1/2 tablespoon powdered aniseed
- 2 pinches salt
- 400 gm yoghurt (curd)
- 2 clove
- 1/3 teaspoon dried ginger powder
- 2 tablespoons Mint Leaves

Method

Pressure cook the mutton with 1 1/2 cups of water and a pinch of salt for 20 to 30 minutes or until 3/4ths cooked. Reserve the water and keep the mutton pieces aside.

Heat curd in a pan and stir continuously to prevent it from splitting. Add the cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, and stir for another 10 minutes.

Add the ginger powder and stir a minute or two more. Add the mint and stir for another 10 minutes. Add the water back to the pan and stir well.

Add the garlic paste and stir for a minute. Add the cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, and stir for another 10 minutes.

Add the mutton pieces and the reserved water. Cover and cook for 3 hours. Serve hot with rice.

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- 1/2 inch Cinnamon stick
- 4 green cardamom
- Grapefruit, Vetiver, Oak-moss, Geranium and Neroli sprinkle positivity to them.

GEMINI: Gemini’s are versatile, witty, intellectual, lively, curious, and likes to be noticed. Accordingly, citrus, jasmine, bergamot, jasmine sambac and ambrette seed enlighten their personalities.

CANCER: People who are cancerians are emotional, imaginative, cautious, protective, moody, clingy, and creative. Mild fragrances with a classic, feminine touch are the notes which tempt them the best. Jasmine, honey, magnolia, Tahitian vanilla with a dose of amber or leather, white lily of the valley are some of the most loved fragrances by them.

LEO: Leos are generous, creative, faithful, enthusiastic, bossy, self-obsessed and arrogant. Shades of neroli, lemon, rose, cardamom, jasmine, bergamot, jasmine sambac and ambrëtè seed enlighten their personalities.

VIRGO: People under this zodiac sign are immensely shy, meticulous, reliable, analytical, perfectionist and nurturing. The fragrances matching their traits are fresh shades of rose, neroli, lily and mandarin. Any mild and classic shade is suitable and perfect for Virgos.

LIBRA: Librans are found to be very diplomatic, romantic, charming, self-indulgent, intellectual and jealous. Joyful and bubbly shades of fragrances like fruity-floral, a mix of grapefruit, iris, and rose and any other playful shade of perfume is considered to be appropriate for Librans.

SCORPIO: People falling under this zodiac are determined, emotional, magnetic and secretive in nature. Sensual, passionate, mischievous, attractive floral and musk perfumes like woody notes, spicy black pepper, musk and chocolate are the fragrance notes which are most chosen for Scorpios.

ARIES: Aries are generally adventurous, energetic, confident, quick-witted, impulsive, aggressive, and passionate. The best well-matched perfumes for the people falling under this zodiac sign are the notes of rose, angelica, mild cinnamon, sandalwood, benzoin, soft lavender and other spicy and oriental fragrances. Musk, pepper and myrrh impress them a lot.

TAURUS: Taurus are known for their loyalty, reliability, patience, love and self-indulgence. They love earthy fragrances, floral scents, rose, amber, jasmine, sandalwood, and bergamot.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR ORGASM LAST LONGER

Make your bedroom a hotel room

Everything starts by setting up the mood. You can play some romantic music and light a candle, this will help calm your central nervous system. You can ask your partner for a back massage to get you into a more laid-back state or give him one. The more tuned in you are, the better your chances are of having a long, intense climax.

Shower each other with compliments

Get the compliment game started. Tell your partner how much he turns you on and tell him what you like the most of all he does in bed. And then he’ll surely pull you towards him eagerly and prove you right. This compliment game can help you experience deeper orgasms.

Dirty talk

Start messaging him dirty even before he reaches back home, this will set the mood as soon as he will see you. Dirty talk can help keep your attention focused on the erotic sensations.

Don’t underestimate foreplay

Coming to the brink of orgasm repeatedly will cause your arousal to spread throughout the whole body and which will eventually result in a bigger, longer and better climax. When you feel you are about to reach climax, tell your partner to stop-pause and start again. Do this for four-five times and then finish big.

Try oral

There must be something special about it, otherwise why would guys be so crazy for oral sex. So it surely deserves a try? Oral needs the mastery on lips and tongue and the art of keeping it slow so that the sensation is prolonged. You should know when to hold, when to withdraw and when to go crazy with your mouth. Also, it is important to know the sensitive areas of your partner where it would work best.

Ways to reach sexual nirvana

While for some, sex might be an overrated thought, but most people would agree that not having enough sex can actually kill a relationship and if you have a dismal sex life, then it’s time to try out ways to reach sexual nirvana! Well, if you’re wondering what sexual nirvana means, it’s simply the point of extreme sexual satisfaction and/or gratification which leaves you unable to react and express yourself. And, here are 5 ways you could attain the same.

Go dancing together

Chances are mundanity and distance have taken over your relationship and to get rid of this friction, it’s time to dance away the blues. Just turn on some romantic music and dance, until the two of you are totally into each other. Dancing flushes the human system with dopamine, which means you feel happier and the happiness is further carried to the bedroom.

Get touchy

No one can deny the fact that there isn’t a greater thing than a sensual touch or a massage for a couple to get back to each other. A sensual touch of your loved one can unlock your body of sexual tensions and result in some serious orgasms.

Indulge in role play

Sex isn’t a daily chore and shouldn’t be treated like one. Catch the train to fantasy land and indulge in role plays. Choose a wild role for yourself and a wilder one for your lover. Let imagination take over and enjoy the heat between the sheets.
THE RIGHT WAY TO EAT FRUITS

Losed with nutrients and fibre, fruits protect us against many health conditions. But how to include these fresh fruits in our daily diet is often misunderstood. There is no right or wrong way to eat fruits but consuming them in an effective way can definitely provide a number of health benefits.

The best time to eat fruits

The first thing you should do in the morning is eating one fruit before anything else. As our stomach is empty, this practice helps in absorbing its nutrients in the body. Our body can easily digest the fruit eaten empty stomach and allows the stomach to easily process it.

THE RULE

There applies a rule of eating a fruit empty stomach early in the morning. People who have stomach ulcers or acid reflux should not adapt this practice. Also, people with weak stomach functions like toddlers and elderly people should not consume fruits empty stomach. It is because some fruits like citrus fruits, pineapples, cranberries, grapefruits etc. contain acetic acid. This increases the production of gastric acid and can worsen the condition.

Can you eat fruits between the meals?

Definitely yes. Fruits are a great snack when eaten between two meals. This increases the metabolism rate and maintains blood sugar levels. When you consume healthy snack between meals, your body doesn’t store fat or starve.

Wrong time to consume fruits

It is never recommended to consume fruits right after a meal. It is a wrong belief that eating fruits right after a meal helps in digesting food and breaking down calories. This is not true. Fruits contain natural sweeteners and calories too. So instead of breaking the calories, they only add up to the number.

Eat these fruits in moderation

Fruits that contain a high amount of natural sweetness like pomegranate, mangoes, grapes, fig, lychee and watermelon should be consumed in a moderate amount, especially for those who have high blood sugar levels.

Fruits for people with high sugar levels

Eat papaya, passion fruit, pineapple, plums, raspberry, pears, strawberries, peach and apples.

Before you go off to sleep

Choose the right type of fruits if you feel hungry and want to eat a snack before sleeping. The good choices of food before you go to sleep are apple, bananas, kiwi and cherries. They contain natural serotonin, melatonin and tryptophan that calms us down and help in a good night sleep. Avoid fruits like mangoes, grapes as they might keep brain active and disturb your sleep.

HIGH-INTENSITY AEROBIC TRAINING MAY HELP REVERSE AGEING

High-intensity aerobic exercise may be the best type of training for people over 65, as it can reverse some cellular aspects of ageing, an Indian-origin researcher has found.

The findings showed that high-intensity interval training (or cardio) like running and walking, improved muscle protein content enhancing energetic functions and causing muscle enlargement, especially in older adults.

"We encourage everyone to exercise regularly, but the take-home message for ageing adults is that supervised high-intensity training is probably best," said K. Sreekumaran Nair, Indian-origin endocrinologist at the Mayo Clinic, a non-profit health care research organisation.

Nair explained that this kind of training helped both metabolically and at the molecular level, conferring the most benefits.

Decline in mitochondrial content and function are common in older adults.

The high-intensity exercise regimen significantly enhanced the cellular machinery responsible for making new proteins, contributing to synthesis, thus reversing a major adverse effect of ageing. While high-intensity training reversed some manifestations of ageing in the body's protein function, adding resistance training may also help achieve significant muscle strength, Nair added.

In the study, appearing in the journal Cell Metabolism, the team compared high-intensity interval training, resistance training and combined training. Researchers tracked metabolic and molecular changes in a group of young and older adults over 12 weeks, gathering data 72 hours after individuals in randomised groups completed each type of exercise.

All training types improved lean body mass and insulin sensitivity but only high-intensity and combined training improved aerobic capacity and mitochondrial function for skeletal muscle.

NON-INVASIVE IMAGING CAN PREDICT FUTURE HEART ATTACKS

Now you can protect your family and friends from heart attacks as a study reveals that noninvasive CT angiography and stress tests can help predicting it. The study appeared online in the journal Radiology.

According to researchers, a combination of invasive coronary angiography (ICA) and stress tests with single photon emission tomography (SPECT) myocardial imaging has been the gold standard for making these determinations, with ICA showing the blockages and SPECT the perfusion, or penetration of the blood into the tissue.

"Previous studies show that a lesion is hemodynamically significant if there is a noteworthy blood pressure drop corresponding to a big reduction in blood flow across the stenosis," said study author Joao A.C. Lima.

"If plaque has those characteristics, the patient should be targeted for intervention, be it with a stent or downstream bypass surgery.

The researchers set out to determine if combined CT angiography (CTA) and CT myocardial stress perfusion imaging (CTP) could demonstrate similar or superior ability to ICA/SPECT in predicting future adverse events.

"Invasive angiography is generally safe, but it can cause vascular problems in a significant number of patients, most commonly at site of the puncture," Lima said.

"With just one noninvasive test we can get two important but different pieces of information about the coronary arteries," said co-author Marcus Chen.

They compared the invasive and noninvasive approaches on 379 patients, who were referred for ICA, from November 2009 to July 2011.

The researchers looked at the ability of both techniques to predict whether or not a future major adverse cardiac event (MACR) such as a heart attack, revascularisation, arrhythmia or hospitalisation for chest pain or congestive heart failure would occur.

The results indicated that 51 patients experienced one or more major adverse cardiac events, including 49 revascularisations, five myocardial infarctions - a heart attack, one cardiac death, nine hospitalisations for chest pain or congestive heart failure and one arrhythmia - a condition in which the heart beats with an irregular or abnormal rhythm.

"The noninvasive option should be a preferred or at least strongly considered option by cardiologists and radiologists managing these patients because it is safer and less expensive, and patients like it better," Chen stated.

Source: ANI
TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PHONE FROM HACKERS

Take a deep breath and then think about how much time you spend on your smartphone everyday. On an average an adult spends more than four hours using the smartphone. From making a call to the dry cleaners and downloading your favourite grocery app to shopping for home supplies and purchasing your next party dress, these smart devices are used for just about everything now. We click pictures, save important documents and sometimes our ATM/Web banking pins are on it as well.

The smartphone has become an essential daily device in our lives. The very thought of losing our smartphone is enough to send chills down our spine. Our lives are connected to our smartphones, most of our data and sometimes our ATM/Web banking pins are on it as well.

Here are some tips to protect your smartphone from hackers:

1. **Connect to a trusted Wi-Fi network.**
   - Do not use unknown Wi-Fi networks on your smartphone. Instead, invest in a good data pack from your mobile network service provider. The cost of a data pack may be high, but at least you are safer.

2. **Use a password manager.**
   - Use a strong password for all your accounts and devices. Consider using a password manager to keep track of your passwords.

3. **Keep your software updated.**
   - Make sure your smartphone’s operating system and all its applications are updated regularly. Keep your device’s software up to date to ensure that the latest security patches and fixes are applied.

4. **Use two-factor authentication.**
   - Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) for your accounts whenever it is available. This adds an extra layer of security to your accounts.

5. **Avoid downloading apps from unknown sources.**
   - If you need to download an application, only do so from the official app store of the device. Avoid third-party app stores or downloading apps directly from web links.

6. **Enable encryption.**
   - Use encryption to protect your data. Many smartphones come with built-in encryption features that can be enabled to secure your data.

7. **Use a document locker.**
   - Install an app like Document Locker (Android) or Signal (iOS) to lock your documents and hide specific files.

8. **Enable call forwarding.**
   - If you lose your smartphone, enable call forwarding to a secure number to ensure that you can still receive incoming calls.

9. **Use a mobile data plan.**
   - If you’re not on a data plan, consider subscribing to one. This will allow you to stay connected even if you’re out of range of Wi-Fi networks.

10. **Enable location services.**
    - Enable location services to help find your smartphone if it gets lost or stolen.

11. **Use a bucket list app.**
    - The Android operating system allows you to encrypt all the data on your device. Your data will be encrypted if you lose your smartphone, making it unreadable to anyone who finds it.

12. **Consider using a SIM lock.**
    - If you have a SIM lock, it will prevent unauthorized access to your smartphone even if someone steals it.

13. **Report the loss immediately.**
    - If you lose your smartphone, report it immediately to your service provider. They can block your SIM card to prevent unauthorized access.

By following these tips, you can protect your smartphone from hackers and ensure that your data remains safe.

**Facebook launches ‘disputed’ tag to help fight fake news**

**NEW YORK (TIP):** Social media giant Facebook has launched its much hyped "fake news" crackdown initiative in the US, tagging as "disputed" the stories that are deemed false by fact checking organisations. The new feature uses non-partisan third-party organisations like Snopes and PolitiFact to assess the factual accuracy of stories reported as fake by users.

On its help centre page, Facebook has added a question "How is news marked as disputed on Facebook?" However, the section noted that this feature is not yet available to everyone.

It is unclear how many people currently have access to the "fake news" debunking feature, rt.com reported. The new tool was first revealed by users on Twitter, who shared screenshots which identified links to sites known to produce misinformation.

Facebook had introduced a solution to false stories last December amid outcries that so-called fake news influenced the outcome of the US presidential election. Stories flagged by Facebook users as fake news are passed on to these fact checkers for verification. If the fact checkers agree that the story is not factual, it appears in News Feed with a "disputed" tag, along with a link to a corresponding article explaining why it might be false.

These posts then appear lower in the news feed and users will receive a warning before sharing the story.

**UN studies ancient Maya structure for hurricane prediction**

**NEW DELHI (TIP):** A hurricane prediction tool from the ancient Maya civilisation of Mexico has captured the imagination of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

The UNISDR is organising a global platform, a multilateral forum for addressing disaster risk, in Cancun, Mexico next May, which has assumed a leadership role in the Asia Pacific region on disaster mitigation efforts, will be represented by a six-member strong delegation led by minister of state for home Kiren Rijiju. The minister has recently been conferred the Asia Champion for disaster risk reduction (DRR) by UNISDR.

Brigitte Leoni, senior communication officer of the UNISDR, writes about the importance of Maya’s hurricane early warning system that has not only helped in averting severe disaster casualties but also helped in development of modern tools. The Maya early warning system, says Leoni, is housed in the clifftop Templo Dios del Viento, or Temple of the God of the Wind, in Tulun, a Maya site that had its heyday in the years 1200 to 1400. "The temple contains an intricate web of holes that cause an extremely loud whistling sound when early hurricane-force winds blow in from the Caribbean sea towards Tulun," she explains. The whistling sound at the temple even today serves as a warning for approaching hurricane for local residents in Tulun. The God of Wind temple is 130 km south of Cancun, which is hosting the UN’s biggest event on DRR with thousands of delegates from across the world participating including senior government officials, ministers, scientists and experts on disaster mitigation.
M&M-FORD PACT TO FOCUS ON JOINT TECH

CHENNAI: The contours of the proposed partnership between M&M and Ford go much beyond capacity sharing alone. While car and auto majors are talking about a global alliance that would focus on joint technology, product and component development, experts said that the talks are at a very preliminary stage and the contours of the discussion are still hazy.

The talks are focused around technology and product development with Mahindra’s Detroit tech centre, M&M North American Technical Centre (MNATC), playing a critical role. If the alliance does fructify, it could spawn a whole new range of global utility and sports utility vehicles as well as electric vehicles, said two people with direct knowledge of the matter.

When contacted, a Ford & Mahindra spokesperson said in an email reply, “As a matter of policy, we do not comment on speculation.” The Ford India spokesperson added, “We don’t comment on conjectures.” Sources, however, say that the global alliance talks with Ford—which also includes sharing of excess production capacity—will primarily focus on joint development of products and platforms and next-generation technology. “For now, what’s being discussed is a pure technology arrangement with no equity involved,” said a source in the company.

Sources say the tech talk with Ford Motor Company is part of Group Mahindra’s global ambitions. The company has been focusing on global Compensation Law will go on to find farm equipment sectors. In auto, it is planning a fresh foray into the US market through both Mahindra-badged road-rider developed by MNATC as well as a US debut for Korean group company Ssangyong. In tractor and farm equipment, it went in for the global deals first with Mitsubishi Agricultural Machinry in 2015, then with Finland’s Sampo Rosenlew Oy in 2016 and most recently Turkey’s Hisarlar Makina Sanayi ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi. In two-wheelers, the Peugeot range is being lined up targeting South East Asian markets.

All of which point to a global focus, sources said that the alliance could be part of that larger global focus of the group, say sources. As for Ford, a partnership with Mahindra could help it tap frugal technology arrangement with no equity, say sources. The Mahindra-Ford alliance could be part of that larger global focus after the Tata Motors-Volkswagen announcement and will follow a similar pattern of tech focus.

Source: TOI

GST Council caps cess on demerit goods at 15% 

NEW DELHI (TIP): With the Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council on Thursday approving the remaining two draft bills—UTGST (Union Territory GST) and SGST (State GST)—all the enabling draft bills stand approved to enable a likely rollout of the new indirect tax regime by July 1.

The draft bills now need to be approved by the Cabinet and tabled in Parliament’s ongoing budget session. A maximum of 15 per cent cess on top of the peak GST rate of 28 per cent will be levied on luxury goods and aerated drinks after the Council approved a cap on cess along with supporting legislations.

The actual cess on demerit goods, which will help create a concessive states for any loss of revenue from GST implementation in the first five years, may be lower than the cap as the Council has kept a “little” headroom for future exigencies, finance minister Arun Jaitley said.

Giving a hint about the cap, Jaitley said if a luxury car at present commands a total tax of 40 per cent, under the new indirect tax regime, a GST of 28 per cent plus 12 per cent cess would be levied to keep the tax incidence at the same level. The 15 per cent cess cap would apply on luxury cars and aerated drinks. On pan masala, the cess has been capped at 15 per cent ad valorem.

Tobacco cess will be capped at a mixture of Rs 4,170 per 1,000 sticks or ad valorem of 280 per cent. Cess on coal would be at Rs 490 per ton. No decision has been taken to levy cess on bids as of now, an official said.

The panel today also cleared the State-GST (S-GST) and Union Territory GST (UT-GST) legislations, Jaitley said while briefing reporters on the deliberations at the 12th meeting of the all-powerful GST Council.

The panel’s latest meeting approved the final draft of central GST (CGST) and integrated GST (IGST) laws. The supporting S-GST and UT-GST legislations together with the GST Compensation Law will go to the Cabinet for a formal nod before they are presented in Parliament in the ongoing Budget session that ends on April 12.

Experts are sounding a warning about lack of preparedness for the GST rollout. Sachin Memon, national head, indirect tax of audit firm RPMG said: “Clearance of the model GST law is warning bell for those who have not yet commenced their preparations for introduction of GST. It will be too short a time for the industry for preparation if the states are not passing GST law latest by second half of April.”

Source: TOI

WhatsApp, Telegram patch flaws in instant messaging apps

SAN FRANCISCO (TIP): WhatsApp and Telegram patched flaws in their popular instant messaging applications after security researchers showed that they could seize control of user accounts.

Researchers with Check Point Software Technologies Inc discovered problems with the way the two apps process some types of files without verifying that they do not contain active code that could be malicious.

Flaws in popular instant messaging applications are less common than traditional desktop software. The apps are often used because of their heavy encryption, which has been criticized by some in laws enforcement.

“They were able to send files to the web-based versions of the products with malicious code while making it seem to be something else, such as a picture. In WhatsApp’s case, once opened by the recipient, the code allowed the researchers to get into the local storage of the user and then access the user’s account. From there, they could have sent the same malicious attack to all of the user’s contacts.”

Telegram’s flaw was much more subtle and required “very unusual” behaviour by the victim, such as right-clicking on a video and opening a new tab, said spokesman Markus Ra.

Source: TOI

RENAULT CEO CARLOS GHOSON TARGETED IN FRENCH DIESEL PROBE

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Federal Judges Block President...

connected to him had said. Both judges cited Trump's statements about Muslims during the presidential campaign as part of their rulings.

Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI-02) released a statement after U.S. District Court Judge Derrick Watson in Honolulu issued a nationwide stay temporarily preventing the Trump Administration’s travel ban from going into effect:

"Hawaii is a place where people with different ideas, backgrounds, religions, and ethnicities feel welcomed and respected. It’s only right that our Attorney General Doug Chin represent those values in working to stop this blanket travel ban from going into effect. This travel ban is bad policy, plain and simple.”

The Justice Department said it will defend the new travel ban. "The Department of Justice strongly disagrees with the federal district court's ruling, which is flawed both in reasoning and in scope. The President's Executive Order falls squarely within his lawful authority in seeking to protect our nation's security, and the Department will continue to defend this Executive Order in the courts," DOJ said in a statement.

Captain Amarinder Singh takes...

Singh and Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi. The ceremony was held at the Raj Bhawan here and the oath was administered by governor VP Singh Badnore.

Sporting a black sleeveless jacket adorned with army medals, Amarinder took the oath in English.

Besides Sidhu those sworn in were Manpreet Singh Badal, estranged nephew of former chief minister Parkash Singh Badal, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, Rana Gurjit Singh and Charanjit Singh Channi. Two women MLAs Aruna Chaudhary and Razia Sultana were sworn in as Ministers of State (Independent Charge).

The Council of Ministers has representation from different castes, regions and religious faiths.

While Mohindra, the senior-most minister after Amarinder, is a Hindu face in the cabinet hailing from the CM’s home district Patiala, the rest of the cabinet ministers are Sikhs which include Charanjit Singh Channi and Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, both from the Dalit community.

Manohar Parrikar wins floor test...

walked out during the floor test against his own party. Congress MLA Vishwajeet Rane walked out during the floor test and later submitted his resignation to the proton speaker. Rane, son of Congress veteran Pratapsinh Rane who himself won his 11th term as an MLA in the Goa assembly elections, also resigned as a Congress member. He said he would re-contest from Valpoi constituency.

Apart from the Bharatiya Janata Party’s 13 MLAs, Parrikar also got support from three legislators of Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP), three legislators of Goa Forward party (GFP), two independents, and Nationalist Congress Party’s lone member Churchill Alemao.

Before the floor test began, Rane told reporters that the delay caused by the Congress leadership in staking claim to form the government had demoralized the people of Goa. "They have lost the trust of voters in Goa," he said. Hours after the Goa governor appointed Parrikar as the chief minister, Rane had said that as many as 13 of the 17 Congress legislators were angry that the party leadership could not elect a legislative party leader. Later, Rane and other Congress legislator Jennifer Monserrate blamed All India Congress Committee general secretary and Goa observer Digvijay Singh for this delay. Singh hit back on Wednesday with a tweet asking Rane "what he was doing with Parrikar in a Goa hotel".

A triumphant Parrikar told reporters at a press conference later that the BJP was always confident of winning the trust vote. "The Congress did not have the numbers ever. Today’s floor test was a voluntary vote for us. No MLA was hidden in a hotel or anything," Parrikar said. "The trust vote that portfolios would be announced on 13 March challenging Goa governor Mrudula Sinha’s decision to appoint a BJP-led government.

Parrikar was sworn in on 14 March along with eight other ministers. The chief minister said after winning the trust vote that portfolios would be announced on 18 March. Ministers from MGP and GFP are likely to get important portfolios. In the 40-member Goa assembly, the BJP won 13 seats in the recent elections and later received support from 9 others.

The Congress went 17 seats and emerged the single largest party but never staked claim to form the government. On Thursday morning itself, it became clear that the BJP would sail through the trust vote as the MGP and GFP leaders reiterated their support to the BJP.

Indian American...

8.8 million people worldwide died from cancer in 2015. In India, the estimated number of people living with this disease is 2.5 million, with cancer-related deaths at half a million each year.

In addition to being one of the world’s primary causes of death, cancer is one of its biggest data-generating problems. Mallick, a distinguished professor and holder of the Susan M. Arseven 75 Chair in Data Science and Computational Statistics in the Texas A&M Department of Statistics, currently is using his extensive expertise in Bayesian statistics and a $2.3 million National Institutes of Health grant to develop new statistical models and methods designed to merge two vital informational areas: cancer-related data and analysis.

"The world of bioinformatics and big data are joining together to discover innovative ways to integrate knowledge for cancer treatments," Mallick said. "This project will create a wide assortment of novel methods for better integrating large cancer data across platforms so that we can effectively obtain a much more complete understanding of cancer characteristics and behavior and thereby improve its prevention, prediction and treatment.”

Globally renowned as a pioneer in Bayesian nonparametric regression and classification research, Mallick is considered one of today’s most influential and productive statisticians. He is director of both the Center for Statistical Bioinformatics and the Bayesian Bioinformatics Laboratory and has developed novel methodology and theory that has become the foundation for interdisciplinary research in myriad fields, from bioinformatics and veterinary medicine to engineering and traffic mapping.

As the Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair, Mallick will be hosted by the National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG), established as an autonomous institution by the Government of India under the Department of Biotechnology and explicitly devoted to research, training, translation and service, and capacity-building in biomedical genomics.

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Cultural Beliefs

 Burning some oil deepam in temple, some make lightFind wick lamp, some gingerly oil deepam and such, burning those deepam’s actually will generate some positive energy up and touches your body, it gives good vibes and health. More than what it should benefits your prayers, its more beneficial for your own self, and body.

Ghee lamp has more capacity to attract the satvik vibrations present in the surrounding atmosphere as compared to oil lamp.

The oil lamp can attract the satvik vibrations spread over a maximum distance of 1 meter while the ghee lamp can attract satvik vibrations spread over till Swarglo Lok (heaven).

The best oil to light up lamp before god is cow ghee. Next comes ordinary oil. “Mahua flower oil” or “ippa oil” might be extraordinary. The benefits of lighting up the deepam with ghee oil are ultimate. We get ‘ashta aishwarya’ and ‘ashta bhoga’ (great knowledge, which dispels the darkness of ignorance. It shines itself and causes the destruction of the intellect’s enemy.

For life partner

If you are looking at getting married or if you want to improve your married life, then lighting a diya in front of a picture of Radha Krishna every evening will help you.

For nightmares

If you suffer from recurring nightmares, then lighting a diya in front of the “Panchmukhi” version of Lord Hanuman will help you sleep peacefully every night, without any fear.

For money

If you are suffering from financial woes, then lighting a lamp in front of Lord Kuber in the North direction of your house everyday will solve all your problems. Keep doing so till your finances improve.

At workplace

At your home and your workplace, place an idol of Ganesh. Everyday, just before you reach work or head out of home, light a diya in front of the Lord. This will bring peace and prosperity in your house and office.

For domestic bliss

If you want peace in your house and want to end all domestic disputes, then light a diya everyday in front of Ram Darbar.

Wicks

When lighting a lamp, always use a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 wicks. The three wicks symbolise the holy Trinity-Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati.

WICKS FOR LIGHTING DEEPAM

Cotton Wicks (vottu in Telugu) are used. We must light a minimum of two wicks in the deepam, one to represent the woman and the other to represent the man, thus symbolizing the family unit which is fundamental in spirituality. The Significance of Wicks:

Single wick (Eka Mukha Deepam) for normal benefit.

Two wicks (Dwimukha deepam) brings harmony and peace in the family and relatives.

Three wicks (Trimukha Deepam) Blesses with progeny.

Four wicks (Chathurmukha deepam) brings allround prosperity and sumptuous food.
India v Australia: Recovering Virat Kohli does not take field on day two

RANCHI (TIP): Injured India captain Virat Kohli did not come out to field when the second day's play in the third Test against Australia began on March 17.

The penultimate contest of the four-Test series was into its 49th over on March 16 when a tumbling Kohli hurt his right shoulder trying to save a boundary.

The hosts were left to wonder if it was worth the effort as Kohli immediately left the ground, with deputy Ajinkya Rahane leading the side in his absence.

The Indian board (BCCI) said in a statement there were “no serious concerns” and that India’s batting mainstay would be able to participate in the ongoing contest which marks Ranchi’s debut as a Test venue.

Kohli did come out before Friday’s warm-up, with the BCCI sharing the footage and tweeting “Captain returns. Game on” (Reuters).

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Predictions for the month of FEBRUARY, 2017

Aries
Ganesha says recreation, winning and dining, being entertained, extending hospitality - having a rare o’l time is what I see you doing now. Joy that is boundless and deep comes to you in the love / marriage angle. There could be both love and marriage happening now, too. Sometimes love preoccupies a person so that friendship gets excluded.

Taurus
You may not want to, but you’ll still have to focus very strongly on the finances now. You have to make some bold moves and decisions, the right choices according to your own conviction of where money and security lie. It won’t be a time for boldness, though, on the family scene. There could be disputes and problems to sort out, feelings of real or imagined neglect to take things easy. Maybe the allegations of neglect have rankled, even if they are not true. You will be relaxed, comfortable, at ease, continuing with your devotion to family and loved ones, confidence to hold your own. It also makes it easier to continue with your devotion to family and loved ones, to older people and to those who depend on you.

Gemini
You will consciously slow down the pace at which you’re living and make an effort to take things easy. Maybe the allegations of neglect have rankled, even if they are not true. You bring a sense of style and lots of flair to your work at which you’re truly directed to your work at which you’re truly brilliant without being self-centered. It is another matter entirely that you are equally brilliant at fun, socializing, pleasurable activities. You aim to please - in both work and pleasure.

Libra
You will be relaxed, comfortable, at ease, easygoing. All this is especially good considering that you’re now hobnobbing with the rich and the famous, rubbing shoulders with the top brass, with people of distinction. You have the confidence to hold your own. It also makes it easier to continue with your devotion to family and loved ones, to older people and to those who depend on you.

Sagittarius
Something will transpire to make you take a very different line, a new modus operandi. It will be mental shift, not an action that makes you withdraw. What is hidden, mysterious, unrevealed will appeal to you. Parapsychology, metaphysics, little known sciences, exploration and archaeology, exploration of the mind, of genes, of cosmic truths - all or any of these could be drawing and beckoning you now.

Capricorn
If you analytical, you look back on the success and glory of the past period, you will feel thankful, of course, but will also seek to analyze, search for reasons for it. You will realize now that you get your power, strength, motives - all of them - from your joy in family, domesticity; the bonds of matrimony, love, kindship. You will renew your faith in them this period and give not only of yourself but also seek to repay them for all that they give you.

Virgo
Your expenses will be something else - they’re so high. You’ve spent generously on all fronts; in fact money was burning a hole in your pockets. Now you have the money to make sure that you don’t let anyone down, or renege on promises, deals, payments. If you have the income to cope - and you do; Ganesha ensures it - you’re willing to spend some more.

Scorpio
Skill, efficiency, single-minded concentration and of course, efficiency - these are what you get now. They’re all directed to your work at which you’re truly brilliant without being self-centered. It is another matter entirely that you are equally brilliant at fun, socializing, pleasurable activities. You aim to please - in both work and pleasure.

Aquarius
Power: one word sums up the heightened awareness and activity of this phase in your sign. Many benefits in store for you now. You may have a wish fulfillment, the realization of a dream. Relationships and ties, bonds and tie-ups are what matter most from the personal bonds of love and matrimony to the profession partnerships, collaborations that lead to future gain.

Cancer
Now that your personal equations are ticking over so smoothly - to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned, I must add - your public persona has to live up to the gloss and glamour. Let me assure you that it does. You are gracious, warm, human yet so brilliant and impressive that people are floored by it! Like Tendulkar attacking a bowler and hoisting the ball right into the stands, you may just be making people stand up and applaud!

Leo
No one can ever be in doubt of the fact that you approach to work is so committed that it’s almost perfect! Your work angle is in focus now, and the results of your own willing, determined efforts. Your publicity will be so good that you might not believe in it. You will be genuinely helpful, sharing, sincere with your co-workers and colleagues, efficient with bosses, humane and fair to employees, even enemies / rivals.

Pisces
All the power - plays of last period will show some fast, and glorious results. Rewards, recognition, all the parameters of success are yours once more. When I say all, though, I mean all. More money, more perks, more benefits add up to a fine financial angle, too. I must also enumerate (a) your own confidence and self-esteem and (b) the perception that others have of you in terms of being an achiever; success at whatever you do.
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