

'Seriously looking' to end birthright citizenship, says President Trump



President Donald Trump File photo

WASHINGTON (TIP): US President Donald Trump on Wednesday, August 21, said he is "seriously looking" at ending the right of citizenship for America-born children of non-citizens. "We are looking at birthright citizenship very seriously. It's frankly ridiculous,"

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Court sends Chidambaram to CBI custody till Aug 26 in INX Media case

In 10 years, role reversal for Shah, Chidambaram; Shah was arrested by CBI when Chidambaram was the Home Minister

NEW DELHI / NEW YORK (TIP): After the high drama that followed former Finance and Home Minister of India P Chidambaram on August 21 and a night Chidambaram spent in CBI custody, a Delhi court on Thursday, August 22, sent him to CBI custody till August 26 in the INX Media case.

The CBI produced Chidambaram before the court and sought his five-day custodial interrogation saying there was a need to unearth a larger conspiracy.

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Role reversal. The hounded Shah of 2010 is now the hounder of Chidambaram



PILOT BLAMES BAD GAS IN CALIFORNIA SMALL PLANE CRASH



LOS ANGELES, CA (TIP): A pilot who said on Wednesday he was forced to ditch his newly purchased aircraft in the ocean off California during a photo shoot believes bad gasoline caused the plane to malfunction.

Pilot David Lesh said he had siphoned particulate matter out of the gas but doesn't think he got all of it.

"This definitely was more stuff than I was used to seeing," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating. FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said investigators had not yet spoken to Lesh.

The 34-year-old pilot said he had taken his single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza propeller plane out on Tuesday for an aerial photo shoot over Half Moon Bay, south of San Francisco, when it lost power.

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US to allow indefinite detention of migrant children



WASHINGTON (TIP): President Donald Trump's administration has announced that it would remove tough legal limits on how long migrant children can be detained as part of its broader crackdown on undocumented immigrants.

The Department of Homeland Security said it was terminating the 1997 Flores Settlement Agreement, a binding legal ruling that said the government could not hold migrant children in detention for more than 20 days.

A new policy, to be implemented in 60 days, will not limit how long children or their families can be detained.

The move is aimed at deterring migrant expectations that they will be released after being arrested by the US border authorities and able to disappear into the US population.

"To protect these children from abuse, and stop this illegal flow, we must close these loopholes. This is an urgent humanitarian necessity," Trump said in a statement.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting DHS secretary, cited the challenge of "an unprecedented flow of family units" crossing the southern US border this year, most of them from Central America.

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TRUMP 'VERY FOCUSED' ON SITUATION IN KASHMIR: US OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON (TIP): Donald Trump is "ready to assist" India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue if both sides ask for it, a top White House official has said, underlining that the US President is "very focused" on the situation in the Valley in view of its "broader implications".

Tensions between India and Pakistan spiked after New Delhi abrogated provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories on August 5.

"The United States is watching the situation in Kashmir very closely. We are continuing to call for calm and restraint, including on rhetoric," a senior administration official said on Thursday ahead of the bilateral meeting between Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in France over the weekend.

India has categorically told the international community that the scrapping of Article 370 to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was an internal matter and also advised Pakistan to accept the reality.

According to the official, Trump is "very focused" on the situation in Kashmir.

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Indian Independence Day celebrated in Dallas

DALLAS, TEXAS (TIP): A jubilant crowd of over 1000 non-resident Indians (NRIs) and some Americans, including children, from all walks of life gathered to celebrate India's 73rd Independence Day August 15 at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza in Irving, Texas.

Thotakura, in his address, said that the history of India's Independence is laced with many struggles and sacrifices. Crowd cheering during the flag hosting ceremony.



Rao Kalvala, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial of North Texas (MGMNT) secretary, welcomed those attending and introduced the guests. In his opening remarks, Rao thanked the community and city of Irving officials for their support in building the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza. The Indian flag was hoisted amid thunderous applause from the crowd by Dr Prasad Thotakura and the MGMNT team

Irving City Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Ward attended the event as the chief guest of honour. Gopal Ponangi, Frisco ISD Board of Trustees, Manish Sethi of Coppell ISD Board of Trustees, Vatsa Ramanathan of the Allen ISD Board of Trustees, Raj Menon of the Collin

Community College District Board of Trustees, and Ty Bledsoe, AT&T AVP (External & Legislative Affairs), graced the event as special guests. Local musical teacher Swathi presented patriotic songs with her students.

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"We are all gathered here at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza, the largest Gandhi memorial in the USA to pay our rich tribute to all freedom fighters and many national leaders, especially Mahatma Gandhi, who initiated methods like non-violent resistance, civil disobedience, Dandi March, Salt Sathyagraha that resulted in freedom for India from British rule," he said.

John Hammond, MGMNT co-chair

thanked the chief guest, all special guests, TV5 Media, TV9 Media, and TV Asia for their media coverage, Bombay studio for photography, DJ Manesh for audio and video arrangements, Radio Caravan for promoting the event and scores of volunteers. The MGMNT Board distributed Indian and American flags and refreshments at the event.

Source : India Post News Service

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The Flores Settlement "has generally forced the government to release families into the country after just 20 days, incentivizing illegal entry," he said.

"Human smugglers advertise, and intending migrants know well, that even if they cross the border illegally, arriving at our border with a child has meant that they will be released into the United States to wait for court proceedings that could take five years or more."

Trump told reporters at the White House he was also considering ending birthright citizenship, repeating a previous administration pledge to end the policy of automatically designating babies born in the United States as American nationals.

"We're looking at that very seriously, birthright citizenship. Where you have a baby on our land-you walk over the border, have a baby. Congratulations, the baby is now a US citizen," Trump said.

He dismissed the process-guaranteed under the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution-as "frankly ridiculous." The Flores rule was the result of a lawsuit citing chronic abuse of migrants in detention.

It required they receive adequate, humane care and that migrant children be released within 20 days and placed in the custody of their parents or relatives.

(Source: Agencies)

Pilot blames bad gas in California small plane crash

"I just did everything I could to get the motor going again," he said. "Nothing was working." Lesh said the plane "skipped along the water" for a few hundred feet without much of an impact before he and his passenger, a friend, grabbed anything they could use to float.

A man in another plane piloted by Owen Leipelt had been taking photos of his friend's aircraft when it went down.

"David radios to me that he's lost engine power," Leipelt said. "When you hear that, you think 'whoa, whoa, whoa, what did I just hear, say that again.'" Leipelt, 20, of San Jose called air traffic control for help and circled over the two people in the water.

Meanwhile, Lesh filmed himself and his friend with his water-resistant cellphone as their plane quickly sank.

"We got lucky with the conditions," he said. "The seas were very calm, it was daytime." The Coast Guard dispatched two aircraft, a cutter and a patrol boat. A helicopter hoisted the two men out of the chilly water that was teeming with jellyfish.

Lesh, the founder of Denver-based outerwear company Virtika, said he bought the plane nearly three months ago for more than \$2,00,000 and spent about \$40,000 for upgrades. He said Tuesday's flight was its first real trip.

Addressing online speculation that he had staged the water landing, Lesh said anyone who believed he would spend so much money on a plane only to sink it

must have "lost their mind."

Lesh is described on Virtika's website as a thrill-seeker and skier who lived in Chicago, India and Wisconsin before moving to Colorado.

His Instagram profile shows him flying, skiing and snowmobiling in picturesque locations across the globe.

Lesh said he plans to leave Friday on a cross-country flight to deliver his other plane to a buyer on the East Coast. He said he's not worried about the trip. "I'll always fly," he said. (Source: Agencies)

Trump 'very focused' on situation in Kashmir: US official

"We note the broader implications of the developments in Kashmir and the potential for increased instability in the region. So the president is very focused on this situation," the official said.

"What he (Trump) has indicated that he is ready to assist if both sides are interested in helping to reduce their tension. But we just know that India has not requested any formal mediation," the official said, requesting anonymity.

The official said that President Trump, during his meeting with Modi in France will likely want to hear how he intends to calm regional tensions in the aftermath of his decisions on Kashmir.

"The president will likely want to hear from Prime Minister Modi on how he plans to reduce regional tensions and uphold respect for human rights in Kashmir, as part of India's role as the world's largest democracy," he said.

Trump on Tuesday said that he was

willing to either mediate or do something to resolve the Kashmir issue between India and Pakistan. But New Delhi has made it clear to the US that Kashmir is a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan and there was no role for a third party.

According to the official, in light of this significant move by Modi on Kashmir, the president is likely to stress the need for dialogue among all sides of the conflict and he hopes that India will lift communication and movement restrictions in Kashmir and exercise utmost restraint in dealing with potential protests.

Trump has said that he is friends with both the leaders of India and Pakistan and "stands ready to assist if they both would like him to do so", the official said.

"Certainly, president Trump is also calling on Pakistan to prevent infiltration of militants across the Line of Control and to crackdown on groups on its territory that have attacked India in the past," said the official.

Trump, the official said, is very much looking forward to his meetings with Prime Minister Modi where they will discuss the strategic partnership and how they can cooperate more closely on issues like defense cooperation, counterterrorism and trade.

"We expect the two leaders to build on a very productive discussion they had in Osaka at the G-20 as well as the phone call that they held earlier this week. They will look for solutions on the trade front. The US is looking to India to reduce tariffs and open its market," said the official. (Source: PTI)

Indian Student from New Jersey wins 2019 South Asian Spelling Bee

EDISON, NJ (TIP): Navneeth Murali, 13 of Edison, New Jersey correctly spelled the word "flipe" meaning, to strip off by or as if by peeling," during the 2019 South Asian Spelling Bee finals to clinch the title of national champion and took home a cash prize of \$3,000.

Hephzibah Sujoe, 13 of Fort Worth Texas along with Pranav Nandakumar, 13 of Austin Texas, and Vayun Krishna, 12 of Sunnyvale, California tied for National Runner-Up position.

The initiative was organized by leading multicultural advertising firm, Touchdown Media Inc. Sony Entertainment Television Asia will broadcast the initiative across the globe in over 120 countries, Kawan Foods returned as the powered by sponsor for the initiative which is now in its 12th year.

"It fills my heart to see such talented young spellers from across the country who make us proud as a community. The initiative is unique in its reach and engagement and with the help of the SAS-Bee program, we were able to give even more spellers the opportunity to win it all and raise the bar even higher. My heartiest congratulations to the winner," said Rahul Walia, Founder.

The initiative was open to children up to 14 years of age and was held in 5 regional centers across the United States. These areas included, New Jersey, DC Metro area, Dallas, Bay Area, and Charlotte.

Over 600 spellers from these centers participated from which 15 finalists took the stage at the Finals.

"We are extremely happy with Navneeth's win at the Bee as it goes to



Jaideep Janakiram, Head of North America, Sony Entertainment Television-Asia, Navneeth Murali (National Champion), and Rahul Walia, Founder of the South Asian Spelling Bee

show that today's South Asian kids are all well-rounded and highly dedicated to their craft. We produced a special section called "Meet the Spellers where the viewers will have an opportunity to get to know some of the spellers better," said Tim Tan, Managing Director, Kawan Food, makers of the world's most popular Roti Paratha Brand in the world

- Kawan Paratha. "It's amazing to see the pool of talent from our community and am happy for Navneeth Murali's win and excited to get to know him and some of the other spellers better in the "Meet the Speller" series airing shortly on Sony," said Jaideep Janakiram, Head of North America, Sony Entertainment Television-Asia.

Indian American Doctors Appointed to Florida Board of Medicine

TAMPA, FL (TIP): Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently announced the appointments of two Indian American doctors to Florida Board of Medicine

On Aug 20 he announced appointment of Dr. Shailesh Gupta.

Dr. Shailesh Gupta of Coral Springs is the founder and CEO of Specialty Retina Center. He is a vitreo-retinal surgeon and provides treatment to patients with a variety of diseases including age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the Broward and Palm Beach County Ophthalmology Societies. He has been a member of the faculty at the University of Florida in Jacksonville, where he was co-director of the vitreo-retinal surgery fellowship training program. He earned his bachelor's from the University of Miami and his doctorate in medicine from the University of Miami School of Medicine. He completed his residency in ophthalmology and fellowship in retina surgery at the University of Florida. Dr.



Dr. Shailesh Gupta and Dr. Zachariah Zachariah

Gupta is appointed to a four-year term.

On Aug 8 Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Dr. Zachariah to the Florida Board of Medicine. Zachariah, of Fort Lauderdale, is a cardiologist and internal medicine doctor. He is the Medical Director at UHealth Cardiology, Fort Lauderdale and a member

of the clinical faculty at the University of Miami. He received his medical degree from the Armed Forces Medical College in India and completed his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He served as Chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine from 1990-1992, 2000-2001 and 2013-2014. Zachariah is appointed to a four-year term.

Indian American Anusha Venkataraman Named New NYC Chief Service Officer



Venkataraman brings extensive programmatic experience to NYC Service
Picture / Courtesy Twitter

NEW YORK (TIP): Mayor Bill de Blasio announced August 12 Anusha Venkataraman as the new NYC Chief Service Officer. Venkataraman will assume the role effective October 9th.

"Anusha is a dynamic leader with the skills and grassroots experience necessary to further the great work of NYC Service citywide," said Mayor de Blasio. "With her at the helm, we'll be able to inspire more New Yorkers than ever before to get involved and help build a fairer city for all."

Venkataraman brings extensive programmatic experience to NYC Service. She is currently a Senior Advisor in the NYC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Economic Development, and prior to her role at City Hall she worked at the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development as Senior Director of Neighborhood Planning & Preservation, and as Director of the Green Light District with the community organization El Puente in Brooklyn.

(Read full story on www.theindianpanorama.news)

Indian Student drowns at Crater Lake



Sumedh Mannar was a Graduate student in Robotics at Oregon State University

OREGON (TIP): Sumedh Mannar a 27-year-old Oregon State University graduate student from India drowned after jumping off a rock cliff into Crater Lake Sunday, August 18 afternoon.

According to media reports, Mannar jumped from a spot known as "Jumping Rock" at Cleetwood Cove around 4:40 p.m. Sunday and did not resurface.

(Read full story on www.theindianpanorama.news)

US deficit to exceed \$1 trillion next year: Report

WASHINGTON (TIP): The federal budget deficit is expected to balloon to more than USD 1 trillion in the next fiscal year under the first projections taking into account the big budget deal that President Donald Trump and Congress reached this summer, the Congressional Budget Office reported on Wednesday, August 21.

The return of USD 1 trillion annual deficits comes despite Trump's vow when running for office that he would not just balance the budget but pay down the entire national debt.

"The nation's fiscal outlook is challenging," said Phillip Swagel, director of the nonpartisan CBO. "Federal debt, which is already high by historical standards, is on an unsustainable course."

The office upped this year's deficit projection by USD 63 billion and the cumulative deficit projection for the next decade by USD 809 billion. The higher deficit projections come even as the CBO reduced its estimate for interest rates, which lowers borrowing costs, and as it raised projections for economic growth in the near term.

The number crunchers at CBO projected that the deficit for the current fiscal year will come to USD 960 billion. In the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, it will exceed USD 1 trillion.

The CBO said the budget deal signed into law earlier this month, which took away the prospect of a government shutdown in October and the threat of deep automatic spending cuts, would boost deficits by USD 1.7 trillion over the coming decade.

Increased spending on disaster relief and border security would add USD 255 billion. Downward revisions to the forecast for interest rates will help the picture, trimming USD 1.4 trillion.

Swagel said the federal debt will rise even higher after the coming decade because of the nation's aging population and higher spending on health care.

To put the country on sustainable footing, Swagel said, lawmakers will have to increase taxes, cut spending or combine the two approaches.

The CBO projects that the economy will expand more slowly, from 2.3 per cent this year to 1.8 per cent on average in the next four years. The assumption reflects slower growth in consumer spending and government purchases, as well as the effect of trade policies on business investment.

It also projects the unemployment rate will remain close to its current level of 3.7 per cent through the end of 2020 and then rises to 4.6 per cent by the end of 2023.

The CBO's estimate is the first to reflect the hard-won budget and debt deal signed into law earlier this month.

"The recent budget deal was a budget buster, and now we have further proof. Both parties took an already unsustainable situation and made it much worse," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the private Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. MacGuineas said lawmakers should ensure the legislation they enact is paid for and redouble efforts to control the growth in health care costs and restore the solvency of the Social Security program. Her organization is focused on educating the public on issues with significant fiscal policy impact.

Senior White House adviser Kellyanne Conway pivoted to the president's desire to fund the military and other programs when asked about the report. "We're always concerned about the deficit," Conway said. "We also need to fund a lot of the projects and programs that are important to this country." (Source: Agencies)

Strong U.S Partnership Critical Element in Andhra Pradesh's Future Growth: Andhra CM

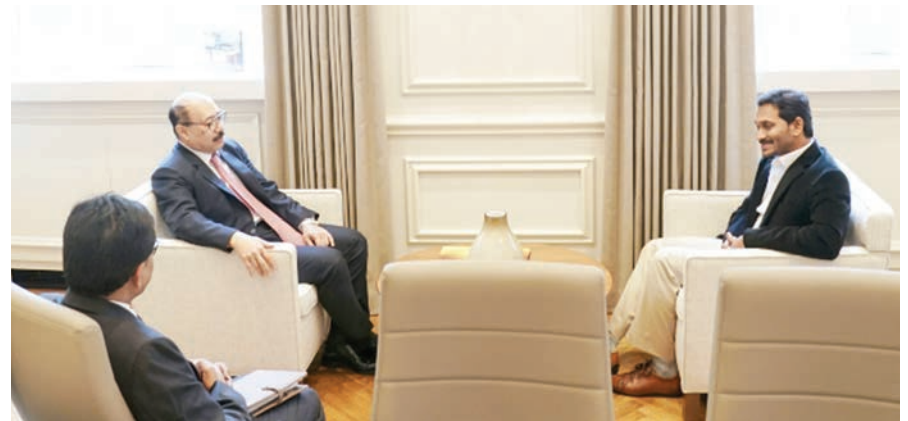
WASHINGTON (TIP): Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy says a strong U.S partnership is a critical element in Andhra Pradesh's future growth.

The visiting chief minister held an exclusive business roundtable discussion in Washington, D.C with the U.S. - India Business Council and the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center on August 16.

This exclusive business roundtable in collaboration with Georgetown University focused on opportunities to strengthen connectivity between United States and Andhra Pradesh and laid the foundation for investment and trade opportunities between Andhra Pradesh and United States. Ambassador of India to the United States Harsh V Shringla set the context for the engaging discussions and introduced the Chief Minister and his vision to an audience comprising of leading business houses, educational institutions and think tanks.

Leading companies were upbeat on Andhra Pradesh's promise of rapid economic growth and appreciated Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's impressive mandate for unlocking the expansive growth potential of Andhra Pradesh. With a strong mandate from the people of Andhra Pradesh, Reddy will have an opportunity to usher in an era of inclusive growth, rapid development and strategic leadership for Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking at the business roundtable, Jagan Mohan Reddy "complemented the USIBC for working with the Government of India to identify the '5 big ideas' that will catalyze the US-India Economic Partnership and welcomed the USIBC to work with Government of Andhra Pradesh to also identify '5 big ideas' to catalyze the US - Andhra



Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla held a discussion with the visiting Chief Minister Reddy
Picture / Courtesy Indian Embassy

Pradesh Economic Partnership".

"Andhra Pradesh is poised to catalyze investments, capital and partnerships owing to robust infrastructure for connectivity, enabling policies, integration with global value chains, shifting demographic dividend and a ready work force" the Chief Minister added.

Reddy said that the Government of Andhra Pradesh and USIBC can prepare a roadmap to achieve investment and trade targets especially in the areas of agriculture and food security, healthcare, education, infrastructure and manufacturing. The Chief Minister also welcomed U.S companies to expand meaningfully their CSR activities in India.

The audience were introduced to the Government of Andhra Pradesh's governance and development model, built on nine assurances called 'Navaratnalu' namely support to farmers (Rythu Bharosa), irrigation development (Jala Yagnam), incentives to mother for child education (Ammu Vodi), scholarship for higher education, women empowerment (YSR Asara/YSR Cheyutha), social safety

net through pensions (Pensionla Pempu), housing for poor (Pedalandariki Illu), quality healthcare for all (Arogyasri) and ban of alcohol.

Speaking to global investors, Reddy laid his emphasis on delivery of corruption free governance, bringing transparency in procurement and contract management and providing investor-friendly experience through one-stop handholding of investors across the implementation lifecycle.

The Chief Minister renewed focus on the economy includes Improving productivity, bringing value addition & innovation in the agriculture sector, doubling the manufacturing growth, enhancing trade through strong infrastructure - ports, airports, and industrial corridors, providing universal health care, ensuring education for all, building a pool of skilled workforce, decentralized people-centric governance - village secretariat and volunteers, building a transparent government procurement system, and facilitating low cost of doing business.

Mr. Reddy also held discussions with India's Ambassador to the US Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

ICCR President Visits US, Exchanges Views with US Think-Tank

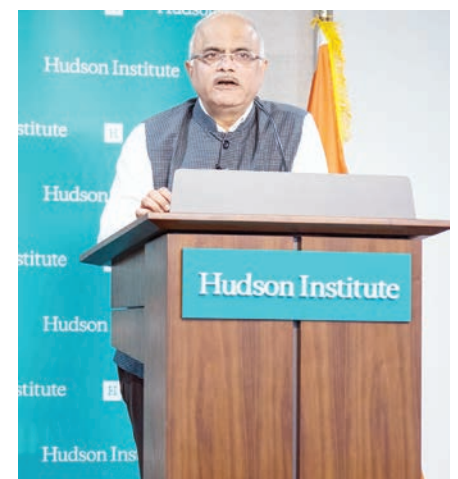
WASHINGTON (TIP): Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, National Vice President of BJP and President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) visited Atlanta and Washington D.C. from 08-12 August.

In Washington D.C., Dr. Sahasrabudhe delivered remarks on the topic "Prospects and challenges for an emerging New India" at a well-attended event held on 12 August at the prestigious think-tank, Hudson Institute. During his address, he dwelt on the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, following a renewed mandate in the 2019 elections, for a New India characterized by 'politics of performance'; good governance and development as drivers of democracy and tools of social integration;

cooperative federalism; women empowerment and welfare measures for the disadvantaged sections of society. He also touched upon the recent decision of the Government of India to reorganize the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Separately, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe attended a round table interaction hosted by Ambassador Harsh Vardhan Shringla in Washington D.C. with members of the US Administration, Congress, academia and think tanks.

Dr. Sahasrabudhe's engagements in Atlanta included a meeting with US Congressman John Lewis and unveiling of a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the Consulate General of India, Atlanta. (Read full story on www.theindianpanorama.news)



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Chicago Celebrates Indian Independence Day at Iconic Preston Bradley Hall



Consul General Sudhakar Dalela thanked the audience for their participation and support to India US partnership



Natya Dance Theatre Chicago and Mandala South Asian Performing Arts enthralled the audience with their excellent musical and dance performances

CHICAGO (TIP): The iconic Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center provided a wonderful setting for India's 73rd Independence Day reception hosted by Consul General Mr. Sudhakar Dalela.

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Deputy Mayor of Chicago Mr. Samir Mayekar, Cook County Board President, Ms. Toni Preckwinkle, Mayor of Schaumburg Mr. Tom Dailly, Mayor of Oakbrook Dr. Gopal Lalmalani, Mayor of Carmel (IN) Mr. James Brainard, President of World Business Chicago Ms. Andrea Zopp and Chair of the Delhi Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities

International Ms. Smita Shah were among the dignitaries who graced the event.

Consul General Sudhakar Dalela thanked them for their participation and support to India US partnership. "It was a privilege to welcome fellow citizens, members of Indian American Community & Friends of India from the mid-west region", he said.

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A view of the gathering

WHC to Hold 3-Day Conference 'THREADS 2019' in Boston

BOSTON, MA(TIP): The World Hindu Council of America has announced that it will hold a three-day conference here from November 1-3, 2019. The purpose of the event is two-fold: exploring and chronicling the contributions of Hindus to America and, paying tribute to the largesse of America and its warm embrace of Hindus.

WHC's conference "Threads 2019: Share, Appreciate and Engage-To Shape a Collective Future" will bring together a community that is maturing and making its mark every day in America. Speakers who are leaders, scholars and leading lights in various aspects of life - philanthropy, science, technology, media, business, medicine and academia - will narrate their story so each thread can be picked up and woven into a fabric that tells the larger tale of the impact of Hindus on American society.

Conference Convener Dr. Jai Bansal said, "The aim is also to look forward. We are bringing together people in one place so they can meet and engage in a way that ideas for a roadmap for the community, on how to keep gainfully contributing to America will emerge."

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details which will inform, empower and nurture. The conference will cover a broad range of topics: Science and Technology, Arts and Literature, Holistic Living, Education, Medicine, Industry and Commerce, Public Service and Advocacy, Service and Philanthropy. There will also be lightning talks on unique ideas, projects and poster presentations.

The three-day conference welcomes people from all disciplines, denominations and cultures who seek a deeper understanding of the Hindu-American narrative. Registration is open at: www.threads2019.org.

The World Hindu Council of America is an independent, nonprofit and volunteer-based charitable organization serving the needs of the Hindu community in the US since 1970.

SALDEF speaks at the 70th International Association of Human Right Agencies



SALDEF Regional Director Navtej S. Khalsa highlighting increase in hate crimes against members of the Sikh community

ORLANDO, FL(TIP): SALDEF participated on a panel at the 70th International Association of Human Right Agencies event held Tuesday, August 20th. The panel entitled "Empowered and undivided by our different religious beliefs," discussed pressing community issues, hate crimes based on religious beliefs and against minorities, and mass shootings.

The panel began with a historical overview of the use of the term "hate crime" and the history of legislating these crimes. The discussion then moved to the sociological effects of hate crimes on communities and what

has been the faith-based resistance to these hate movements. The panel then examined the context in which hate movements are emerging now and what communities could do to stop them. SALDEF Regional Director Navtej S. Khalsa highlighted the increase of hate crimes against members of the Sikh community and what SALDEF has been doing to help bring about change through education and Seva (community service). According to government statistics, since 2016, there has been an overall increase in hate crimes by 17 percent.

(Read full story on www.theindianpanorama.news)

IMRAN SHUTS DOOR ON TALKS WITH INDIA

NEW DELHI (TIP): In a hardening of stance, Pakistan PM Imran Khan has ruled out any more overtures to India for a dialogue even as five UN rapporteurs described the blackout in Kashmir as “a form of collective punishment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, without even the pretext of a precipitating offence”. The Pakistan PM told the New York Times that “there is no point in talking to them (India). Unfortunately, all the overtures that I was making for peace and dialogue, I think they took it for appeasement. There is nothing more we can do.”

Two days after PM Modi and Khan spoke with US President Donald Trump, Khan raised the spectre of a nuclear exchange, which was rejected by the Indian envoy.

Pak ‘plans’ to push afghan ultras at LoC

Pakistan plans to push 100 terrorists from Afghanistan into Kashmir in the next few weeks, security sources said on Thursday. At least 15 Jaish terrorists are waiting at terror launch pads in Lipa valley along the LoC, they said citing Intelligence reports. Mufti Rauf Asghar, brother of JeM chief Maulana Masood Azhar, held meetings with outfit commanders at its Bahawalpur HQ on August 19 and 20 on pushing terrorists into Kashmir, sources said.

Ready to open Kartarpur Corridor, says Pakistan



NEW DELHI (TIP): Pakistan on Friday said that despite tensions with India, it stands ready to open the Kartarpur Corridor and welcome the Sikh pilgrims to take part in celebrations in connection with the 550th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak.

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said this while speaking to a delegation of civil society and parliamentarians of Afghanistan, which is currently visiting Pakistan for the ‘Track-II dialogue, Beyond Boundaries’ Tension between India and Pakistan has escalated after New Delhi revoked Article 370 of the Constitution which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories on August 5. “Despite our tensions with India, we have decided go ahead with Kartarpur Corridor and we stand ready to welcome the Sikh pilgrims for the 550th anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak,” Qureshi told the delegation.

French prez supports India on Kashmir after talks with Modi

EMMANUEL MACRON SAYS WILL TELL IMRAN TO SETTLE ISSUE BILATERALLY

CHANTILLY (TIP): Echoing India's stand on Jammu and Kashmir, French President Emmanuel Macron Thursday said India and Pakistan should resolve the Kashmir issue bilaterally and no third party should “interfere or incite” violence in the region, after his marathon one-on-one talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The two leaders reviewed the entire gamut of the dynamic and multi-faceted bilateral relationship during their more than 90-minute long one-on-one meeting at Chateau de Chantilly, one of the finest jewels of French cultural heritage, located about 50 kms north of Paris. The one-on-one interaction was followed by the delegation-level talks. After the talks, the two countries signed four MoUs.

In a joint press statement after the talks, Macron said that he had discussed Kashmir with Modi, and called for stability while stressing that no one should incite violence over this issue. He also called for the rights of people to be maintained. “I told him that India and Pakistan will have to find a solution to the issue and no third party should interfere or incite violence in the region,” Macron said.

He said that peace should be maintained in the region and peoples' rights should be protected. “I will also speak to Pakistan Prime Minister after a few days and tell him that the talks should be held bilaterally,” the French president said.

He also said that France will deliver 1st of the 36 Rafale fighter jets to India next month.

Speaking after Macron, Prime Minister Modi said the relationship between India and France is not based on any selfishness, but on solid ideals of ‘Liberty, Equality and Fraternity’.

He said India and France will expand cooperation in counter terrorism and security. “Both our countries are constantly facing terrorism. We thank President



PM Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron speak at the Chateau de Chantilly on Thursday.

Macron for the valuable support that France has received in combating cross-border terrorism. We intend to broaden cooperation on security and counter-terrorism,” Modi added.

He said France and India stand firm together to meet the challenges of climate change, environment, and technology inclusive development. “Together we can pave the way for a safe and prosperous world,” Modi said.

In a joint statement issued after the talks, the two leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism and terror-related incidents in France and India.

“Both leaders reaffirmed that terrorism cannot be justified on any grounds whatsoever and it should not be associated with any religion, creed, nationality and ethnicity,” it said.

Recalling the joint statement on terrorism adopted by the two countries in January 2016, the two leaders reaffirmed their strong determination to eliminate terrorism wherever it is to be found

and urged the international community to strengthen the efforts to counter and prevent terrorist financing.

“Both the leaders agreed to work for early convening of the Global Conference, proposed by India, to tackle the threat of terrorism around the world,” the statement said.

They called upon all UN member countries to implement the UNSC Resolution 1267 and other relevant resolutions designating terrorist entities. The leaders also agreed to work together on early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) in the UN.

The two leaders also agreed to enhance their operational cooperation and launch fresh efforts to prevent and fight radicalisation, especially online radicalisation.

Identifying defence industrial cooperation as one of the mainstays of the strategic partnership between India and France, the two leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen cooperation in this field.

Hackers ‘steal’ health data of 68 lakh Indians

NEW DELHI (TIP): In a startling revelation, US-based cyber security firm FireEye said on Thursday that China-based hackers broke into a leading Indian healthcare website, stealing 68 lakh records containing key patient and doctor information and credentials.

Without naming the portal, FireEye said cyber criminals are directly selling data stolen from healthcare organisations and web portals globally, including in India, in the underground markets for under \$2,000.

“In February, a bad actor that goes by the name “fallensky519” stole 6,800,000 records associated with an India-based healthcare website that contains patient information and personally identifiable



information, doctor information and PII and credentials,” FireEye said in its report. Cyber espionage actors can leverage this data for intelligence collection purposes, to further target high-profile individuals or those who may have access to valuable information, cautioned the report.

Between October 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019, FireEye Threat Intelligence observed multiple healthcare-associated databases for sale on underground forums, many for under \$2,000.

According to Luke McNamara, Principal Analyst at FireEye Intelligence, healthcare-focused Internet of Things (IoT) devices such as inventory-tracking “smart” storage,

remote patient monitoring and tracking systems, and remote data access devices similarly increase the theoretical attack surface for healthcare organisations.

“Compromise of these devices could be used for a variety of purposes, such as to sow confusion by creating false patient alerts, facilitate theft by changing inventory data,” McNamara said.

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Restrictions in Srinagar after march call to UN office

SRINAGAR (TIP): Restrictions were imposed in Srinagar city on Friday after posters issued by the separatists called on people to march to the local United Nations military observer group office, officials said.

Restrictions were eased in most areas of Kashmir this week, with barricades being lifted and the movement of people and traffic increasing gradually, but markets remained shut and mobile and Internet services suspended for the 18th day on Thursday.

Posters had appeared in certain localities of the city, in which the Joint Resistance Leadership (JLR) conglomerate have asked people to march to the UN military observer group to protest against the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status. The separatists have claimed that the Centre's move to scrap Article 370 was an attempt to change the demography of the Muslim-majority state.

Barricades and concertina wires were



erected at many places to prevent people from marching to Lal Chowk and Sonawar, where the UN office is located, the officials said, adding that the security forces had been deployed at strength at many places to maintain law

and order. Several leaders in the Valley have been kept in preventive custody after the Centre had on August 5 revoked almost all the provisions of Article 370, which gave special status to the state, and bifurcated it into Union territories.

Indigenous light combat aircraft Tejas Mk II targeted by 2022



NEW DELHI (TIP): The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will unveil the Tejas Mark II with a heavier stand-off weapon capacity in the 75th year of India's independence, in 2022, and the long-awaited indigenous fighter, which will be manufactured by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), will go into production by 2025-2026, two senior defence officials said on condition of anonymity.

DRDO's ADA finalised the design of the 17.5 ton Tejas Mark II (Mk-II) in December 2018, and is expected to lock in the design of the fifth generation twin-engine stealth fighter for Indian Air Force (IAF) by the end of the year. ADA officials said the Mk II will have the same weight as the Mirage, Jaguar and Grippen but with a heavier GE 414 engine. The qualitative requirements were frozen in late 2018, in full consultation and with the approval of the IAF, two years after the project was redesigned. The 4.5 generation fighter will go into production after the Tejas LCA (light combat aircraft) order of 123 aircraft to replace the air force's ageing MiG-21s is completed.

Sanctioned by the government in 2009, the Mk II will be equipped with state-of-the-art AESA radar with the indigenously developed air-to-air missile Astra, which has a range of 70km. The beyond visual range missile is currently being tested on the IAF's Su-30 MKI fighters.

ADA and IAF are also moving rapidly on the development of the advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA). The 25-ton fighter will have all weapons in its belly and be powered by two engines capable of super-cruise speeds. AMCA will have complex S-shaped serpentine intakes. These hide the spinning turbine blades in the engine and are a key stealth feature. The super cruise feature allows the aircraft to accelerate without the use of after burners. Both features ensure minimum radar signatures. *Source: HT*

NSA AJIT DOVAL VISITS MOSCOW, INDIA-RUSSIA TO INTENSIFY COUNTER TERRORISM COOPERATION

NEW DELHI (TIP): NSA Ajit Doval visited Moscow on August 21, 2019 after being invited by Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Russian National Security Council.

NSA's talks with his Russian counterpart covered preparations for PM's visit to Vladivostok for the Eastern Economic Forum in early September, bilateral cooperation between the two National Security Councils (NSCs) as well as regional and international issues.

The discussions based on mutual trust and confidence showed identical or close positions on various issues characteristic of the special and privileged strategic partnership between the two countries. Both sides reaffirmed their intention to intensify counter terrorism cooperation.

The longstanding position of both sides on importance of their bilateral consultations and mutual support for principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference of third parties was reiterated.

Doval also met Director of ROSCOSMOS Dmitry Rogozin to review ongoing cooperation in the space field and the Gaganyaan programme.



ECONOMY IN ICU, GOVT ISSUES 'LOOKOUT NOTICE' FOR THOSE DEFENDING CIVIL LIBERTIES, SAYS SIBAL

NEW DELHI (TIP): Senior Congress leader Kapil Sibal on Friday took a swipe at the government, saying the "economy is in ICU" and the Modi dispensation had issued a "lookout notice" for all those defending civil liberties.



His jibe of government issuing lookout notice was an obvious reference to the probe agencies issuing such a notice for party colleague P Chidambaram and arresting him.

The special CBI court on Thursday sent former finance minister Chidambaram to the CBI custody till August 26 in the INX Media corruption case.

"The events of the last few weeks have shown that both the economy and the cause of liberty need a stimulus package," said Sibal, who also represented Chidambaram in court.

"The economy is in ICU and government has issued a 'lookout notice' for all those defending civil liberties," he said in a tweet.

Always said demonising Modi wrong, says Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi

NEW DELHI (TIP): Senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi on Friday backed party leader Jairam Ramesh's remarks on Narendra Modi, saying demonising the Prime Minister was "wrong" and acts must be judged issue-wise, not person-wise.



Speaking at a book launch on Wednesday, former Union minister Ramesh had said Modi's governance model was "not a complete negative story", adding that not recognising his work and demonising him all the time was not going to help.

Echoing Ramesh's views, Singhvi tweeted: "Always said demonising Modi wrong. Not only is he PM of nation, a one way opposition actually helps him."

"Acts are always good, bad and indifferent—they must be judged issue wise and not person wise. Certainly, Ujjawala scheme is only one amongst other good deeds," he said.

Ramesh had also cited how successful the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUJ) had turned out for Modi.

6 LeT terrorists enter Tamil Nadu through Sri Lanka: Intel

NEW DELHI (TIP): An alert has been issued in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu after a group of six Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists have entered Tamil Nadu through Sri Lanka, according to an intel report.

The alert, which has been issued in the city, says that the group consists of one Pakistan national and five Sri Lankan Tamils.

Based on this alert, Chennai has also increased its patrolling forces.

The Chennai Commissioner of Police has said that based on this alert, patrolling forces have been increased and necessary precautions have been put in place. The DGP has instructed that in the entire state, storming operations should be conducted.

Earlier, intelligence reports had suggested that Pakistan was planning to deploy Afghan terrorists in Kashmir. After the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, intelligence reports suggested that these terrorists are ready to infiltrate Kashmir from terror launchpads in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK).



GUEST COMMENT

The right call: Modi-Trump conversation can reduce tension

Good diplomacy is extreme flexibility. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after smarting from US President Donald Trump's offer of mediation, took a big step forward by talking to the White House. This was his first interaction with Trump after the abrogation of Article 370. China's move at the United Nation's Security Council last Friday had cornered India. After over 50 years, the two countries that had carved up a disputed territory were using the United Nations forum to embarrass India over an internal

legislative and administrative measure. The new status of Jammu and Kashmir does not alter the Line of Control or the Line of Actual Control, yet Pakistan and China have decided to internationalize it, virtually making a claim for Pakistan as a spokesperson for J&K, simply because of the state's religious composition. The United Kingdom still has not officially denied the allegation that it had helped China call for the UN consultative meeting.

It was in this context that Modi spoke to Trump about 'the extreme rhetoric and incitement to anti-India violence' being done by Pakistan Prime Minister

Imran Khan, who has been labelling India 'fascist and racist' and using terms like 'ethnic cleansing, genocide and Nazi ideology'. In fact, this sort of incitement is the prime reason for the lockdown in J&K. Soon after talking to Modi, Trump asked Khan to moderate the rhetoric. And tweeted later: 'A tough situation, but good conversations!' For a change, it sounded truly Presidential and has the potential to normalize the situation.

This crisis is an opportunity for India to have a relook at the way it has been conducting business and diplomacy. After India's liberalization we had thrown open our economy for foreign

companies - private and state-run - to make billions, without getting any R&D or manufacturing facilities in return. Now, a beneficiary nation has dragged us to the UNSC for repealing our own laws through Parliament - democratically. India needs to leverage its domestic market and external buying power to safeguard its national interests. A closed-door, consultative meeting of the UNSC does not cause irreparable damage if it ends with just that. But it has definitely dented our relationship with China.

(Tribune, India)

AS I SEE IT

Reignite the growth story

India will have to step up its game to matter in an emerging global order



By G Parthasarathy

The advent of the 21st century marked the turning point in India's economic growth. The end of Western sanctions, imposed after our nuclear tests in 1998, led to an economic boom, triggered by the economic liberalization ushered in by the then PM Narasimha Rao. The economy experienced an over 9% rate of growth during three consecutive years: 9.48% in 2005-2006, 9.57% in 2006-2007 and 9.32% in 2007-2008. The rate of growth, thereafter, reached 8.59% in 2009-2010. The growth rate has been lower in the present decade, varying between 6.7% and 7.4%, with an unusual fall to a mere 3.2% in 2013. While they are relatively high by global standards, they do not match the levels China continuously achieved for over two decades, when Deng Xiaoping's reforms began paying rich dividends.

The growth in India's global merchandise trade during the first decade of the present century far exceeded the country's domestic growth figures. Merchandise exports expanded significantly in the first decade, rising from \$44.2 billion in 2001-2002 to \$306 billion in 2011-2012. The same can't be said of our exports of goods in the second decade. Merchandise exports remained almost stagnant in this period, at around \$300 billion annually, while our annual imports have now gone past \$500 billion. Service exports, spearheaded by information technology, however, rose from \$137 billion in 2011-2012 to \$205 billion in 2018-2019. But, continually high deficits in world trade of goods and services are neither desirable nor sustainable.

PM Modi has set an ambitious goal of building a \$5-trillion economy by 2025. This will necessitate an economic growth of over 8% per annum - a target we have achieved for a few years during the past two decades. Modi recently alluded to initiatives to boost the capital

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of public sector banks, promote productivity and exports of agricultural products, boost industrial production and incentivize the services sector, while fostering the ease of doing business. He expressed understanding of concerns of the business community and assured that honest taxpayers would not be harassed. Foreign investors, however, note that setting up new industries in India is often frustrating.

The external challenges in promoting trade and industry today are more formidable. Globalization is now virtually a swear word in the US and parts of the EU, where industries, unable to face foreign competition, especially from China, are crying foul. India is losing its competitive edge in traditional industries like textiles to countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam. President Trump's protectionist policies have hurt America's friends, allies and foes alike. His moves against globalization commenced as soon as he assumed office by US withdrawal from participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership. This grouping linked major economies across the Asia-Pacific, from the US, Canada and Mexico to Australia, Japan and members of ASEAN. He

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The US has also clamped additional duties on a wide range of products from allies. The most wide-ranging trade sanctions have been imposed on China, though Chinese trade practices have not exactly been ethical. China had a massive trade surplus with the US - \$420 billion last year. Trump's actions have triggered the biggest trade war in contemporary history, with China retaliating on some US exports, with little or no impact. While the US trade deficit has reduced after the imposition of sanctions, China is already feeling the impact on its economic growth. This dispute has global repercussions.

India, like many others, has been hit hard by enhanced US duties on a range of products like aluminum and steel, and measures to end trade preferences it enjoyed as a developing country. India has retaliated, with its own sanctions on a number of US products. Trump has indicated that like China, India will get no benefits available traditionally to developing countries. New Delhi also recognizes that its own trade practices are now seen as being excessively protectionist, with a large number of countries prepared to seek remedial measures by reference to the WTO. Negotiations have commenced with the US, which remains concerned by existing and new Indian protectionist tariffs/restrictions on items like medical devices, apart from electronics and telecom products. There is going to be serious bargaining ahead, before we can conclude a satisfactory trade pact. India must realize that it can't become a significant, modern economic power unless it develops a vibrant electronics industry, with an indigenous capability for research and development, and a substantial manufacturing capability to produce crucial items like semi-conductors and computer chips.

India's 'Act East' policy has included Free Trade Agreements with ASEAN, Japan and South Korea. These

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agreements have brought us trade benefits. We need to improve our use of these arrangements. We face difficult choices in dealing with negotiations, now underway, for an Indo-Pacific economic community labelled as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), which includes ASEAN members, together with Japan, China, South Korea, New Zealand and Australia. There are serious misgivings about joining the RCEP, given our concerns about China's trade practices and our huge trade deficit with Beijing. These challenges have to be faced and overcome.

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In Quest of Indian Dream



By Ven Parameswaran

On August 15, 2019 India celebrated its 73rd year of independence from Britain. The British ruled India from 1858 to 1947. The East India Company ruled India from 1757 to 1858. Therefore, the East India Company and the British government together colonized and ruled India for 190 years. Failure of Indians (mostly Hindus) to defend India against Muslim terrorism and invasion resulted in Muslim rule for approximately 300 years prior to the British rule.

India should be thankful to the United Kingdom for two gifts it gave to India:

1. English language 2. The U.K. got rid of Muslim rule of India

Today, India is the largest English-speaking country in the world with 400 million Indians speaking English. Because of this advantage, Indians earn leadership positions overseas. There are more C.E.O.'s of Indian origin than any other national origin in the U.S.A. Indian Americans are leaders and dominate in American colleges and universities. To cite some examples, Harvard, Cornell, MIT, Carnegie Mellon, University of Chicago, Kellogg School of Business, Northwestern U, have selected Indian Americans as their dean.

The Prime Minister of Ireland and the President of Portugal are of Indian origin. The new Prime Minister of the U.K. has appointed several Indians for important portfolios of his cabinet. Similarly, Canada has several Indians in the cabinet including the Defense Minister. President Trump has appointed several Indian Americans to important positions in the U.S.government.

On Independence Day, we can be proud that the Indian Americans are the highest educated and they make the highest income. Indian Americans rank No.1 in both. Indian Americans started immigrating to the USA in big numbers only from 1965, but their leadership is outstanding in every level of American society.

Like Americans, India should be most optimistic. Like American dream, India should have Indian dream. India has the capability and the capacity to achieve anything it wants. Let us not forget that once upon a time, India was the most civilized, educated and affluent country in the world. The proof of it is in the Mohenjo Daro and Harappa civilizations we all have studied about.

Consider the inventions and the achievements of India.

- India invented the Number System. Zero was invented by Aryabhata.
- The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 B.C.
- Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus came from India.
- The value of pi was first calculated by

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Romain Rolland, French Philosopher (1886-1944)



Budhayana, and he explained the concept of what is now known as the Pythagorean Theorem. British scholars have officially published in 1999 that Budhayana's works dates back to the 6th century, which is long before the European mathematicians.

- Bhaskaracharya calculated the time taken by the earth to orbit the sun hundreds of years before the astronomer Smart. Time taken by earth to orbit the sun (5th century) 365.258756484 days

- According to the Forbes magazine, Sanskrit is the most suitable language for computer software.

- Navigation was born in the ancient India 6000 years ago. The word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATI. Navy is also derived from Sanskrit word.

- Chess (Shataranja or AshtaPada) was invented in India. It is mentioned in the Mahabharata.

- Sushruta is the father of surgery. In the ancient India, he and health scientists of his time performed surgeries like cesareans, cataract, brain, urinary stones and even plastic surgery and usage of anesthesia was well known in the ancient India. Over 125 surgical equipment were used by Sushruta.

- Ayurveda was invented 2500 years ago
- The world's first university was established in Takshila in 700 B.C. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects.

- The University of Nalanda built in the 4th century B.C. was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.

- Kautilya wrote the first book on Arthashastra (Science of Polity). His book was followed by Aristotle's The Politics. It is possible Aristotle got all the ideas for his book from Chanakya (Kautilya) thru Emperor Alexander on his return from India.

Indian Dream, like American Dream is possible because India has made many achievements already.

To reinforce my thesis, I am giving below comments of some of the world-renowned leaders and philosophers on India.

“Many of the advances in the sciences that we consider today to have been made in Europe were in fact made in India, centuries ago”.

Grant Duff British Historian of India

“We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made.” Albert Einstein-Scientist

“India was the motherland of our race and Sanskrit the mother of Europe's languages. India was the mother of our philosophy, of much of our mathematics, of the ideas embodied in Christianity...of self-government and democracy. In many ways, Mother India is the mother of us all.” Will Durant - American Historian 1885-1981.

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“India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and most constructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only.” Mark Twain American novelist

“India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border.” Hu Shih, former Ambassador of China to the USA

India and Indians should be rightfully proud of their inventions. What is more, they should be proud of what the world-renowned philosophers and scientists have recognized- the wisdom of India. It may be a good idea for India to advertise India's inventions and the quotes of world philosophers at India's international airports and the public places of India. All students should be taught about India's inventions.

WHAT SHOULD BE THE "INDIAN DREAM"? JOBS, JOBS, JOBS.

1. Every Indian should be employed. Holding a job creates respect, dignity of labor, and of course income. Prime Minister Modi must move the earth and the heaven to create 20 million new jobs. Modernizing India will create millions of jobs.
2. Every Indian should be able to own his own shelter. This requires India builds millions of apartments and houses. This will create millions of jobs.
3. Clean drinking water should be available 24/7 to all Indians. Creating this should create millions of jobs.
4. Garbage must be removed and treated on a systematic basis throughout India.

This should create millions of jobs.
5. Every household must have toilets. This should be supported by modern sewerage systems to eliminate and treat waste. This will create jobs.

6. Every village/town must have schools of learning - Elementary; High School. This will create jobs.

7. Every village/town must have medical clinic. This will create jobs.

8. Every village/town must have minimum facilities to play sports - cricket, soccer (football), badminton, volleyball, field hockey, swimming, etc. This is very necessary to qualify Indians for international tournaments. India has been unable to qualify for World Cup Soccer due to lack of training and organization. This will create jobs.

9. India needs to build largescale factories to manufacture millions of pieces of consumer products for export to the USA and the world. India does not have to invent a new wheel. Just emulate what China has done. Even Vietnam is catching up fast. India has 500 million unskilled labor looking for jobs. The factories can absorb them by creating millions of jobs.

10. Indians living metropolitan cities must have efficient and fastest mass transit system. For example, the mass suburban railroads in Mumbai built during the British must be modernized in a hurry. This activity will also create millions of jobs in various cities of India.

11. Presently in India, there are several million qualified professionals - engineers, managers, technologists looking for jobs. India's modernizing process will create plenty of jobs for all these professionals.

This is not the time to criticize past administrations. India cannot afford to miss the bus because time is of essence. Once India formulates a new bold policy to modernize India and deliver the INDIAN DREAM to every Indian, the execution will create millions of jobs year after year. India is the youngest country in the world because half of its population is under 25, two thirds under 35. No other country can match this great advantage India has. India is overpopulated with 1.2 billion. But a developed population is a great asset.

By embarking aggressively on the economic revolution to modernize India, India should be able to wipe out its poverty of 300 million living in villages. Once they are employed, they will be an asset.

India can raise financial resources by privatizing 150 public sector corporations, maybe to the tune of over a trillion dollars. India's credit is good. Therefore, India can float 50 or even 100-year Development Bonds that could be traded 24/7 in all leading financial markets of the world. Prime Minister Modi has been re-elected with a huge majority. He has the extraordinary mandate to transform India into a modern nation. India has the potential to become the third big economic power in the short span of time, and the second big by 2035. Will Prime Minister Modi start the economic revolution based on capitalism to deliver Indian dream to every Indian?

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Jaishankar calls on Nepal PM

KATHMANDU (TIP): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on August 20 called on Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli here ahead of the 5th Joint Commission Meeting between India and Nepal.

"A warm and in-depth conversation with PM @kpsharmaoli. Really appreciate his receiving me amidst his many preoccupations," Jaishankar tweeted after his meeting with the Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, the 5th Meeting of the Nepal-India Joint Commission started here this afternoon. Jaishankar co-chaired the meeting along with his Nepalese counterpart Pradeep Gyawali.

The meeting will review the overall state of bilateral relations, and various areas of cooperation such as connectivity, trade and transit, power and water resources, culture, education and other matters. — PTI

Maryam Nawaz's remand extended by 14 days in Chaudhry Sugar Mills case

LAHORE (TIP): An accountability court here on August 20 extended Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz vice president Maryam Nawaz's remand by 14 days in the alleged money laundering and income beyond means case.

Maryam, 45, and her cousin Yousuf Abbashad appeared before the accountability court in connection with the Chaudhry Sugar Mills case, where she is a major stakeholder.

The duo, arrested on August 8, was presented in the court, where judge Naeem Arshad heard the National Accountability Bureau's (NAB) request for a 15-day extension in their physical remand, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Both Maryam and Abbashad have been ordered to appear before the court on September 4.

NAB's lawyer said the investigations with Maryam had not yet been completed and requested an extension in remand, the report said.

Maryam had appeared before the NAB on July 31 to record her statement in the Chaudhry Sugar Mills (CSM) case.

The statement was regarding "dubious" business transactions of the CSM of which she was one of the major shareholders.

On August 8, she was taken into custody by the NAB authorities from the Kot Lakhpat Jail, where she was visiting her jailed father and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Sharif, 69, has been serving a seven-year prison term at the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore since December 24, 2018 when an accountability court convicted him in one of the three corruption cases filed in the wake of the apex court's July 28, 2017 order in the Panama Papers case.

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Nepal bans single-use plastics in Everest region

KATHMANDU (TIP): Nepal will make the Everest region a plastic-free zone by 2020 by banning single-use plastics, a move that will curb excessive pollution on the highest point of the Earth's surface.

The executive council of Khumbu Pasang Lhamu Rural Municipality in Solukhumbu district reached this decision on Wednesday, the Efe news reported.

The new rule will come into effect from January 1, 2020.

Nepal is also marking the "Visit Nepal" campaign next year which aims to draw 2 million foreign visitors.

International environmentalists have expressed their concern that Nepal has not done enough to protect the fragile environment of the world's highest peak.

Ganesh Ghimire, the Chief Administrative Officer of the rural municipality, said that plastic items fewer than 30 microns thickness had been banned.

These items include plastic bags, straws, soda and water bottles and most food packaging.

"Popular soft drink items like Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Mirinda and other beverages in plastic bottles will not be allowed," he said. "But beverages in metal cans will be allowed." Ghimire said that no penalty had been agreed on for people violating the rule yet.

"We will be working with the local body, trekking companies and the Mountaineering Association of Nepal to enforce the ban," he said, adding that awareness would be created among locals and foreign visitors about the negative effects of plastic on the environment.

Local households residing in the Khumbu region will be provided with five plastic bags of different types and sizes which they can use for daily activities, said Ghimire.



Last year, 56,303 foreign trekkers and mountaineers visited the Everest region.

Hundreds of foreign mountaineers spend thousands of dollars to conquer the world's tallest peak every spring season, which normally begins in early April and lasts until May.

As they go on the treacherous climb they leave behind a stream of litter.

In 2014, the government introduced a rule forcing each member of an expedition to bring back at least 8 kilograms (17.6 pounds) of collected garbage, in addition to the trash they generate themselves.

Each expedition team has to make a \$4,000 deposit which is refunded if each climber returns with the 8 kg of waste.

But there are no such rules for trekkers.

The deposit is refunded only if the Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee certifies that they have collected all their trash and brought it back down with them.

But many commercial expeditions still

end up leaving trash scattered among the gelid snow.

"As the trekker numbers in the Everest region has been growing each passing year, it's a good move from the local authority to impose a ban on the use of plastic," Sitaram Sapkota, former President of Trekking Agencies Association of Nepal said.

In recent times, Everest has often earned the moniker of the world's highest garbage dump.

Several tonnes of old equipment, oxygen cylinders, rubbish and human waste litter the iconic mountain.

Last May, the Nepal government concluded a clean-up drive of Everest collecting nearly 11 tons of trash that had piled up for decades.

The clean-up initiative, the first of its kind since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa conquered the summit 66 years ago, was launched in mid-April and involved an elite team of 12 high-altitude Sherpa climbers who spent over a month collecting the waste. — IANS

Qureshi dials French counterpart over Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi held a telephonic conversation with his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian and discussed the situation in Kashmir on August 19. "Foreign Minister Drian stated that France was extremely concerned at the situation and urged both sides to engage in a bilateral dialogue. He emphasised the need to ensure that there was no further escalation," the Foreign Office said in a statement.

"The French Foreign Minister underscored that they would have the same message for India," it claimed. Tensions between India and Pakistan spiked after India abrogated provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated it into two Union Territories. India has categorically told the international community that the scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution to revoke

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the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was an internal matter and also advised Pakistan to accept the reality.

Qureshi hoped that France, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, would play its due role to ensure peace and stability in the region. "The two leaders agreed to remain in contact and continue to work together for peace and stability in the region," the FO said. Qureshi made contact after reports France was not supportive of Pakistan during UN Security Council meeting on Kashmir. — PTI

Death toll from Afghan wedding blast rises to 80

KABUL (TIP): The death toll from a suicide bomb attack on a wedding reception in Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, has risen to 80, two senior officials said on August 20.

The initial death toll after the Saturday night blast was 63, but some of the wounded had died in hospital, said Nasrat Rahimi, a spokesman at the interior ministry.

"Seventeen others have succumbed to their injuries in hospital and over 160 are still being treated either in hospitals or at home," Rahimi said.

The Islamic State militant group claimed responsibility for the attack. — Reuters

'N Korea says US cruise missile test, military moves 'dangerous', still committed to dialogue'

SEOUL (TIP): A North Korean spokesman said on August 22 the United States' recent mid-range cruise missile test and plans to deploy F-35 jets and offensive military equipment around the Korean peninsula were "dangerous" moves that would "trigger a new cold war" in the region.

North Korea remains unchanged in its position to resolve all issues through dialogue and negotiation, a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said, but "dialogue accompanied by military threats is of no interest to us," according to state media KCNA.

"Dangerous and unusual military moves are now on the horizon, which would trigger a new cold war on the Korean peninsula and in the region," the statement added.

Working-level talks between the United States and North Korea have yet to restart since they were stalled by the failed second summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Hanoi in February.

Trump and Kim met again in June at the inter-Korean border and agreed to reopen negotiations.

U.S. envoy Stephen Biegun, who leads working-level talks with North Korea, has been in Seoul since Tuesday after a stop



in Japan to discuss the denuclearisation of North Korea.

"We are prepared to engage as soon as we hear from our counterparts in North Korea," Biegun said on Wednesday.

The KCNA statement also echoed North Korea's repeated protest against high-tech weapons being imported by South Korea such as F-35 stealth jets, calling them "grave provocations." The Pentagon

said on Monday it tested a ground-launched cruise missile with a range of more than 500 km (310 miles), the first such test since the United States pulled out of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF).

North Korea has fired several short-range missiles in recent weeks, citing the need to strengthen its own security. Reuters

Vietnam says 'deeply concerned' about developments in South China Sea

HANOI (TIP): Vietnam is "deeply concerned" about recent developments in the South China Sea, the Southeast Asian country's prime minister, Nguyen Xuan Phuc, said on August 23.

Vietnamese and Chinese vessels have since early July been locked in a tense standoff in Vietnamese-controlled waters in the South China Sea, where a Chinese vessel appeared to have been conducting a seismic survey.

The United States also said on Thursday it was deeply concerned about China's interference in oil and gas activities in waters claimed by Vietnam, and that the deployment of the vessels was "an escalation by Beijing in its efforts to intimidate other claimants out of developing resources in the South China Sea."

Phuc was speaking at a press conference alongside his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison, who is in Hanoi for a three-day visit. —Reuters

Students in HK to boycott new term

HONG KONG (TIP): Hong Kong student leaders on August 22 announced a two-week boycott of lectures from the upcoming start of term, as they seek to keep protesters on the streets and pressure on the government. The financial hub has been rocked by three months of unrest, with students making up a large number of the pro-democracy protesters taking to the streets almost daily.

Leaders said students will miss lectures between September 2 — the planned start of the new term — and September 13. They threatened further action if the government does not adequately respond to the protesters' five demands, which include spiking a controversial extradition bill, universal suffrage and an independent inquiry into alleged police abuses during the protests.

"Two weeks should be enough for the government to really think through how to respond," said Davin Wong, acting president of the Hong Kong University Students' Union. "As the situation has gotten more intense, we believe the social situation will bring more students into the boycott." —AFP

Trudeau's comments infuriate China

BEIJING (TIP): China has accused Ottawa of worsening bilateral relations after Canadian PM Justin Trudeau vowed to stand up to China amid disputes. Both have been locked in a feud since Canada detained Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou and — in apparent retaliation — China detained two Canadians over espionage-linked accusations. AFP

UK, France discuss Brexit

PARIS (TIP): French leader Emmanuel Macron backed the idea of a month of further talks to find a solution to Brexit while ruling out major compromises as he met British PM Boris Johnson for talks on August 22.

"We need to try to have a useful month," Macron said alongside Johnson who insisted that solutions were "readily available" to prevent checkpoints returning in divided Ireland. But Macron has rejected Johnson's calls to scrap a key arrangement for Ireland negotiated between the EU and British ex-premier Theresa May. — AFP

China launches unmanned warship

BEIJING (TIP): China has launched an unmanned warship, which, its developer claims, is combat-ready.

The warship, jointly developed by No. 716 and No. 702 research institutes under China's state-owned China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC), has a length of about only 15m and a displacement of 20 tonne.

The JARI multi-purpose unmanned combat vessel held its launch ceremony on Wednesday at an undisclosed location, state-run Global Times reported on Thursday, quoting a statement issued by the CSIC. — PTI

As Amazon fires rage, Brazil's President Bolsonaro blames NGOs

SALVADOR (TIP): Wildfires in the Amazon rainforest in northern Brazil have ignited a firestorm on social media, with President Jair Bolsonaro on August 20 suggesting green groups started the blazes.

Images of fires purportedly devouring sections of the world's largest rainforest have gone viral on Twitter. #PrayforAmazonas is the top trending hashtag in the world on Wednesday, with more than 249,000 tweets.

"No matter how successful we are, if our Earth dies, we all die," posted one Twitter user.

Another wrote: "Send your prayers to the Amazon and to the planet, we will need it."

Some of the images, however, showed fires in the Amazon dating as far back as 1989 or even in other countries such as the United States or India, AFP's fact-check service found.

Official figures show nearly 73,000 forest fires were recorded in Brazil in the first eight months of the year—the highest number for any year since 2013. Most were in the Amazon.

That compares with 39,759 in all of 2018, according to the embattled National Institute for Space Research (INPE), which has been in Bolsonaro's cross-hairs since it released data

showing a surge in deforestation in recent months.

The head of INPE, the agency tasked with monitoring forest clearing, was sacked over the figures.

While it was not possible Wednesday to measure the size of the area affected by fires, thick smoke in recent days has blanketed several cities, including Sao Paulo, and caused a commercial flight to be diverted.

Forest fires tend to intensify during the dry season, which usually ends in late October or early November, as land is cleared to make way for crops or grazing.

But the WWF has blamed this year's sharp increase on accelerating deforestation in the Amazon, which is seen as crucial to keeping climate change in check.

"Historically, in this region, the use of fire is directly linked to deforestation as it is one of the techniques for tree clearing," WWF said in a statement.

Bolsonaro hit back Wednesday, saying "criminal action by those NGOs, to call attention against me, against the Brazilian government" following funding cuts may be the reason for the forest fires.

"This is the war that we are facing," Bolsonaro told reporters. — AFP



Anushka Sharma's 'sunkissed' picture leaves Virat Kohli spellbound

Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma's photograph from a beach here in West Indies has left her star cricketer husband Virat Kohli at a loss of words.

The 'Phillauri' actress is currently in West Indies with Kohli, who is leading the Indian cricket team in a series against West Indies.

She took to Instagram, where she shared a flirty photograph of herself in an orange and white bikini. Anushka also sports a pair of sunglasses and her hair seems to be in a small bun.

The 31-year-old actress is sitting on the sands as the gentle waves of the sea spread around her.

Anushka captioned the image: "Sun kissed & blessed." Kohli left red-heart and heart eyes emojis in the comments section.

On the work front, Anushka was last seen on screen in 'Zero' alongside Shah Rukh Khan and Katrina Kaif.

KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN MAY MAKE DIGITAL DEBUT WITH A CHAT SHOW

Kareena Kapoor Khan is taking up interesting projects after Veere Di Wedding. It is known that the actress will soon make her digital debut. While there are speculations about it being a web show, it is being learnt that the actress will make her digital debut with a chat show.

According to a source, "Kareena Kapoor Khan is currently a judge on the dance reality show, Dance India Dance 7. After much speculations, it has been learnt that her digital debut will reportedly be with a chat show featuring some of the known Bollywood stars. The show is in pre-production, Kareena Kapoor Khan has given her nod to the show. She is yet to sign on the dotted line."

Last year, Kareena Kapoor Khan had her own radio show What Women What in which she talked about several aspects of women issues. Now, after her husband's success on digital, she is also taking the plunge. We can't wait to see what would the show be like.



TAAPSEE PANNU NAMES KANGANA RANAUT AS AN INSPIRING FEMALE ICON OF BOLLYWOOD



Taapsee Pannu who is currently basking in the success of her latest release Mission Mangal named Kangana Ranaut as one of the women in Bollywood who inspire her. This came as a surprise considering a recent feud between the two. Kangana does not have an account on Twitter, but her sister Rangoli Chandel's Twitter account becomes a platform to voice both their opinions. Recently, Rangoli took a dig at the Manmarziyaan actor by calling her the sasti copy of Kangana Ranaut.

While talking to a magazine about female icons in Bollywood who inspire her, Taapsee appreciated some of her colleagues. Appreciating Priyanka Chopra, she said that she had outdone her herself and that is brilliant. Talking about why Kangana inspires her, Taapsee said that it is because she voices what she

wants to without bothering. She also said that Anushka inspires her because of her honesty.

The Naam Shabana actress also spoke about her views on feminism. She said that feminism for her means getting equal opportunity. She feels that if she wants to be a good feminist, she would want to contribute to society in such a way that all get an equal opportunity to show their talent. The actress shared the video and tweeted, "Feminism and me."

On the other hand, reacting to the sasti copy comment, Pannu had said that she will not apologise for her honest opinion. She also said that if she is a copy of a good actress she will take it as a compliment. She also said that since she is not the highest-paid actress like Kangana Ranaut, she can be called as sasti.



Emma Watson, Tom Felton's new pic fuels dating rumours

A new Instagram picture of former Harry Potter stars Emma Watson and Tom Felton has got fans speculating about whether the two are dating. The picture was shared by Felton on Monday, and shows the two actors playing a guitar.

"Quick learner," he captioned the picture, which has been geo-tagged to South Africa. This is not the first time that the two have sparked dating rumours.

"Brad & Gaga, make room!" one person wrote in the comments section, possibly referring to actors Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga, whose chemistry in the recent film *A Star is Born* also fuelled speculation that the two were an item. One fan even came up with a perfect celebrity name for them. "DRAMIONE," they wrote, making a reference to the characters that they played in the Harry Potter series.

KIRSTEN DUNST: NOT DIRECTING 'THE BELL JAR' ADAPTATION

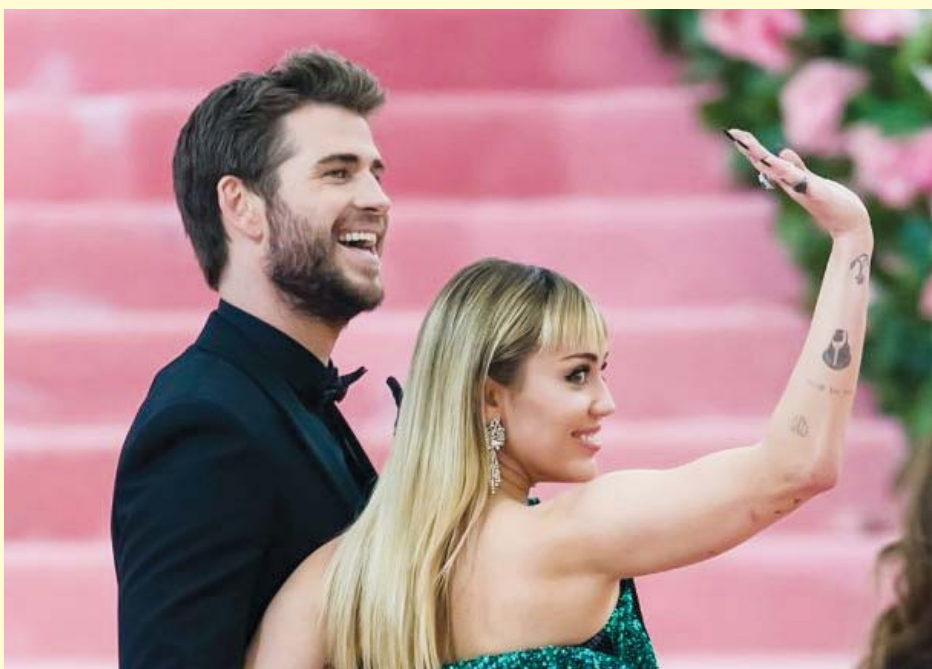
Kirsten Dunst is no longer attached to direct the big-screen adaptation of Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar*. The 37-year-old actor, who was set to make her feature film directorial debut with the project, said the film had now changed hands.

"I never owned (the rights), so it went away for me. It went to other hands. That's not in my hands anymore," Dunst told an American entertainment magazine. However, a source close to the project has confirmed that Dakota Fanning is still involved in a version of the 1963 novel, currently in development as a Showtime limited series without Dunst.

Dunst was announced to direct the film in July 2016 from a screenplay she co-wrote with Nellie Kim. Fanning was attached to lead the cast. *The Bell Jar* is Plath's only novel written just before she committed suicide in 1963. The story, written by Plath under pseudonym Victoria Lucas, revolves around a young woman called Esther Greenwood, who used to work as a magazine intern in New York City before having a mental breakdown upon traveling home to Boston.



Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth split turns ugly



Miley Cyrus tried 'valiantly' to save her marriage to actor Liam Hemsworth, a new report says, but his alleged 'use of certain drugs' and drinking got in the way of their relationship. According to a new TMZ report, Miley struggled with this behaviour.

The singer/actor was spotted kissing a longtime friend, Kaitlynn Carter, at a hotel recently, mere days after announcing her split from Hemsworth, whom she married in December 2018. A source from Hemsworth's camp called the

allegations 'bulls**t'. "This is another attempt by Miley to distract from her infidelity and recent outrageous public behaviour," the source was quoted as saying.

Another report, on Page Six, says that while Hemsworth wanted to 'settle down', Miley seemed to be headed back to her partying days. The report denied that she had been unfaithful. "She never hooked up with girls while she was married. It wasn't a part of the relationship," it said. "There was no hooking up behind his back or with his knowledge."



DWAYNE JOHNSON MARRIES PARTNER LAUREN HASHIAN

Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson has married longtime partner Lauren Hashian in a surprise ceremony in Hawaii. The actor shared images from the beachside wedding on Instagram on Monday. "We do. August 18th, 2019. Hawaii. Pomaika'i (blessed)," he wrote in the caption.

The first picture shows The Rock and Hashian celebrating their wedding, and the second one shows them kissing each other with the setting sun in the background. The Rock was previously married to Dany Garcia from 1997-2007, and has a daughter with her. He has two daughters with Hashian - Jasmine, three, and Tiana, 15 months.

The couple was due to tie the knot in the spring of 2018, but delayed the wedding after Hashian got pregnant with their second child. "Then we got pregnant," he told Rolling Stone about why they delayed the nuptials. "And Mama don't wanna take wedding pictures with a big belly - Mama wanna look good."

Several of The Rock's celebrity friends wished him well in the comments section of the Instagram post. "Congrats man," wrote frequent co-star Kevin Hart. "Congrats!!!" wrote football star Tom Brady. His *Jumanji* co-star Karen Gillan also offered her congratulations to the couple.

PERU, India of South America



By Prabhjot Singh

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is amazing. Blessed with abundance of natural resources, including precious metals and natural gas, it has long sprawling fields of fertile lands. Its rich and nourishing basket of fruits, food grains, chocolate and coffee satiates healthy nourishment requirements of not only rest of Americas but also the global market. Unlike neighboring South American nations reeling under rapidly deteriorating fiscal health - Argentina being the latest - Peru is a sound economic power. It is perhaps one of few South American nations that has maintained the strength of its currency.

Peru may not be a part of BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - yet its fiscal credentials give it a respectable position in the group of

emerging economic powers.

If one compares it with other fast emerging economies, Peru looks more closer to India than any other nation of Latin America. Peru is Latin America not only because of its geographical location or its Spanish heritage but also the role it has been playing as a helping brother of neighboring nations. Of a total population of nearly 31 million, nearly nine million live in the capital city of Lima. And these figures include citizens of other Pan American nations who have moved out in search of jobs, health care and other basic civic amenities to Lima or Peru.

There are not many who speak English. A strong similarity with India is its status as a developing nation. Civic amenities are almost as good as in India. And Peruvians have special affinity for India for its rich history and cultural heritage. It may be the reason for the popularity of not only Indian cinema but also movements like Rama Krishna.

To accelerate its economic growth further, Peru needs infrastructure, machinery, manpower and technology. True to the adage "gold mine of natural resources", Peru has abundance of gold, silver, other precious metals and natural gas. Going by the size and magnitude of the nation, it has tremendous potential for solar energy.

Holding of Pan Am Games has brought Peru to limelight. It is not only Its fiscal health is better than most of the South American countries, it has the ability and nearly stable political system to sustain such global challenges where it can successfully showcase its potential. It has become the third South American nation after Brazil and Argentina to hold a major sporting event in the past three years.

Brazil earned the distinction of becoming the first South American nation to hold summer Olympics in 2016. And Argentina held the Youth Olympic Games in 2018. Peru is now playing host to the world's third largest sporting event, Pan Am Games.

More than 6000 athletes from 40-odd



The Mascot of the Games

nations of North, South and Central America besides the Caribbean competed in what are being described as "most successful Pan Am Games". The games went without a glitch.

And Peru set an example for the rest of the world. It decided to allot an apartment to each of its winners of gold, silver and bronze medals in the Games. Peru started the Games with a "double gold" by winning the grueling marathon event, both for men and women. In all there were more than 20 Peruvian athletes who got the apartments in the Games village allotted to them.

Peru was successful in showcasing its progress through opening and closing ceremony. The closing ceremony was specially designed to depict "Dance in Diversity".

Three things about Peru surprises everyone most. Bars in most of the hotels here remain open for 24 hours. The capital city is also dotted with 24-hour

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Casinos. Other than three main recognized Casinos, there are 40 others operating in different parts of the city and attract not only expatriates but also affluent tourists and the local business leaders.

Speed breakers, too, are common. Every km you have a speed breaker. Roadside vendors selling eatables, daily use items are equally common. At major traffic intersections, you have young and old people swarming with eatables, soft drinks and other daily use products, exactly the way you find them in India.

Those who are into small trade and practices are from Venezuela or Colombia. There are nearly 2 million immigrants from other South American countries trying to settle down in Peru.

Holding of games gave Peru a great opportunity to develop infrastructure, especially roads, bridges, motorways, hotels, stadiums and convention centers. While the Games were in progress, lot of construction activity was going on in the streets, towns, cities and districts of the capital Lima. Interestingly, among the major engineering companies engaged in infrastructure development are from India.

Other than construction companies, Indian business houses holding expertise in mining, oil and natural gas exploration and solar energy have got a big market share. Besides, leaders of India auto industry, including Bajaj,



Athletics Stadium



The Athletes Village at Lima

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Canadian contingent at the march past

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Hero Honda, Hyundai and others too enjoy a big market share. Infosys, Mahendra Tech and other IT companies too have bagged big contracts in Peru.

Other parameter is gauge Indian dominance is the virtual monopoly of cinema business in Peru. One Punjabi Kapoor family of Delhi owns not only more than 200 cinema screens but also runs a chain of hotels in Lima and other parts of Peru. Now the family plans to take its cinema trade to neighboring Bolivia.

Of all Bollywood stars, Shah Rukh Khan is a big craze in Peru. Indian films as and when screened get huge public response.

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Peru also encountered some of the problems facing the rest of the world. It witnessed a major terrorist attack in 1992 in which several people were killed. The attackers had planned to bomb off two major international banks in the area. Luckily, the



VIP dignitaries, including Heads of States, at the opening ceremony



The flag-bearer of Sikhism in Peru, Pratap Singh, at an official function



Peruvian athletes who won gold medals in marathon event for men and women, respectively



Display of Peruvian culture at Athletes Village.

Photos / Prabhjot and the Organizing Committee of Lima 2019

bank towers escaped any damage.

Like any other developing economy, Peru is grappling with various problems, including provision of basic civic amenities. Solid waste and garbage disposal are the main problems. Garbage dumps are at street corners. The garbage is then carefully scanned for organic and inorganic waste, plastics, metals and paper as is being done by rag pickers, garbage collectors or junk or Kabarri merchants in India.

In the absence of public transport, private operators, with vehicles similar to Maruti or slightly bigger vans, take care of needs of commuters. The conductor of the vehicle hangs out making shouts to attract commuters for destinations his vehicle touches.

And in Lima you have localities, avenues, towns and major roads named after all American nations, cities and even provinces. While in Lima you can travel to Canada, Brazil, Mexico, and El Salvador in a van or a bus. Each local public carrier carries on its sides the names of localities or avenues it touches. You do not have to remember the route number to go to a particular destination.

Sun is a rarity. There is a common saying that there is a fold of clouds between Sun and Peru. Only lucky few see sunlight here. Most of the time weather remains overcast with chilly breeze blowing throughout the day. In summer months, temperature touches past 30 degrees Celsius while in winter the maximum is around 19 degrees Celsius.

India's interest in Peru is significant. It is seventh largest trade partner from

South America. Lots of Indian companies trading in precious metals, especially gold and silver, frequent Peru. Balance of trade lies in favor of Peru.

India and Peru hope to sign Free Trade Agreement any time though many have doubts about it. Of late, Indian Vice-President V. Naidu visited Peru last year.

Another common feature of India and Peru has been immigrant destination. While India continues to grapple with the problem of refugees or illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, Peru has been a signatory to an agreement where anyone from the signatory seven nations can go to any member country with legal travel documents, including passport, to settle there. This has brought influx of Venezuelans and Columbians to Peru.

Though bilateral relations between India and Peru were established in early 60s, Peru has been supporter of not only for India's seat in Security Council but also on Kashmir issue.

As of now there are about 500 Indians in Peru and nearly 200 Peruvians living permanently in India. Indians in Peru are into business, especially export and import of minerals, autos and auto parts.

There is a lot of potential for strengthening the bilateral trade further and a Free Trade Agreement may act as a catalyst. It also holds the potential for hardworking Punjabi youth looking for green pastures overseas.

(The author was recently in Lima for Pan Am Games. A longtime friend from my Ludhiana days, dating back to early eighties, Prabhjot very kindly acceded to my request to write his impression of Peru for the readers of The Indian Panorama. Thank you, Prabhjot)

STRAWBERRY FACE MASKS FOR GLOWING SKIN

Give your skin a fruity treat by availing numerous beauty benefits of the delicious strawberries. While you can continue devouring their berrylicious flavor, you can also use strawberries to achieve a luminous and clear skin by inducing the fruit's goodness in various face packs. With their anti-oxidant properties and an abundance of vitamin C, strawberries offer you with scientific reasoning for being ideal skin-treatment agents. Here are 5 strawberry face packs that should be included in your daily beauty regime.

Strawberries and Yogurt Mask

This mask is for those who have an oily and acne-prone skin. Mix strawberry puree with yogurt and a tablespoon of honey. Apply it on your face and leave it to dry for ten minutes. Once dried, wash your face with warm water. This mask will leave you with gradual results of reduced acne and a healthier skin.

Strawberry and Coco Powder Mask

Want to achieve that gorgeous inner glow to your skin? Look no further than this strawberry and coco powder mask. Mix two tablespoons of coco powder with crushed strawberries. Add a tablespoon of honey and mix well. Apply the mask all over your face and leave it to dry for 15 minutes. Rinse your face with luke warm water and you'll experience immediate results. Furthermore, your skin will feel supple and you'll notice an improved texture by the day.

Milk, Cornstarch, Honey and Strawberry

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup of ripe strawberries
- 1/4 cup of cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon of organic honey
- 1/4 cup of low-fat milk

Mix all the ingredients in a blender until you derive a thick paste from the products. Apply it on your face and relax until the mask dries. It is necessary to let the mask stay put for at least twenty minutes. Wash your face with fresh cold water and pat it dry with a clean towel. This mask is ideal to maintain a younger looking skin and reduce signs of ageing.



Rice and Strawberry Face Pack

Applying this face pack has proven to be the perfect remedy to deep cleanse the skin, get rid of dead cells, dirt and impurities. All one needs to do is take 1 tablespoon of uncooked rice soaked in water and blend it with 3 strawberries in a blender. Once a uniform paste is attained, apply it to your face and leave it on for 30 minutes. Wash your face with cold water and pat it dry. Follow this remedy two times in a week and that would be enough to gain brilliant results.

Almond Oil, Lemon Juice and Strawberry

Mash 3 fresh strawberries in a bowl

until smooth. Add one tablespoon of almond oil and 5 drops of lemon juice to the strawberries. Mix well and apply the mixture with a sanitized brush all over your face and neck. Leave the mask on for not more than ten minutes. Wash your face with warm water and pat dry with a clean towel. Follow up with a suitable skin toner or moisturizer for your skin. This will achieve you an even skin-tone and a better texture. A face pack that is suitable to your skin from the ones mentioned above can be made a part of your daily or weekly beauty regime and we can assure you it would fail you.



GOOD FOR SKIN

Rich in vitamin C, these fruits can be used to make excellent face masks to fight oily skin, as well as nourish and revitalize your skin. Strawberries are acidic in nature and this is effective to remove the excess sebum on skin. Skin lightening. The juice is very efficient in lightening blemishes and acne scars.



A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP MAY BE THE SECRET TO A HAPPIER MARRIAGE

A study suggests yet another reason to get some shut-eye, finding that husbands and wives who get a good night's sleep are more satisfied with their marriage the next day.

Conducted by researchers from Florida State University, the study looked at the importance of sleep on self-regulation, which is the ability to move focus away from undesirable experiences when making an evaluation of a relationship, and can influence how satisfied couples are with their partner.

Self-regulation requires energy, which can be replenished when our bodies sleep, with previous studies showing that even just partial sleep deprivation can have a negative effect on processes that require self-regulation. The researchers commented in their paper that "Up to one-third of married or cohabiting adults report that sleep problems burden their relationship."

The study looked at 68 newlywed couples over a seven-day period. Each day couples were asked to record the number of hours they slept and then answer two sets of questions.

The first set measured overall relationship satisfaction with questions such as, "How satisfied were you with your marriage today?"

The second set looked at relationship experiences in nine areas including chores, the amount of time spent together and how the couple resolved conflict.

Participants rated their answers using a scale of 1



(not satisfied at all) to 7 (extremely satisfied).

The results showed that couples were more satisfied with their relationship on the days after which they had slept for a longer period of time.

In addition, the team also found that husbands, although not wives, were less negatively affected by bad experiences in the nine areas assessed, and better able to remain satisfied with their relationship, when they got more sleep.

FOOD CORNER

CHEESY POTATO WEDGES

INGREDIENTS

6 potato, 2 teaspoon mixed herbs, 2 teaspoon chilli flakes, 1 cup chopped onion, 1 tablespoon dijon mustard, 1/2 cup fresh cream, 4 teaspoon butter, 1/2 teaspoon salt, water as required

Method

- Wash potatoes, peel and slice them into thick wedges. Then, add the potatoes in a deep-bottomed pan and pour water in it, put this pan on high flame and boil the potato slices in it. Once the wedges turn tender, drain the water and keep them aside.
- Next, put a non-stick pan on medium flame and melt butter in it, and quickly add the chopped onions and saute till they get translucent and pink.
- To the sauteed onions, add the boiled potato wedges and stir once. Then, add chili flakes in the pan followed by adding fresh cream, mustard sauce, mixed herbs, and salt. Mix well all the ingredients and cook for another two minutes.



NICOTINE-FREE E-CIGARETTES MAY DAMAGE BLOOD VESSELS

A single dose of e-cigarettes may be harmful to the body's blood vessels—even when the vapour is entirely nicotine-free, a study claims.

Smoking e-cigarettes, also called vaping, has been marketed as a safe alternative to tobacco cigarettes and is rising in popularity among non-smoking adolescents, researchers said.

To study the short-term impacts of vaping, the researchers at the University of Pennsylvania in the US performed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams on 31 healthy, non-smoking adults before and after vaping a nicotine-free e-cigarette.

Comparing the pre- and post-MRI data, the single episode of vaping resulted in reduced blood flow and impaired endothelial function in the large (femoral) artery that supplies blood to the thigh and leg, according to the study published in the journal *Radiology*.

The endothelium, which lines the inside surface of blood vessels, is essential to proper blood circulation.

Once the endothelium is damaged, arteries thicken and blood flow to the heart and the brain can be cut off, resulting in heart attack or stroke.

"While e-cigarette liquid may be relatively harmless, the vaporisation process can transform the molecules—primarily propylene glycol and glycerol—into toxic substances," said Felix W Wehrli, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Beyond the harmful effects of nicotine, we've shown that vaping has a sudden, immediate effect on the body's vascular function, and could potentially lead to long-term harmful consequences," said Wehrli.

E-cigarettes are battery-operated devices that convert liquid into aerosol, which is inhaled into the



user's lungs. Typically, the liquid contains addictive nicotine, as well as flavours.

More than 10 million adults in the US use e-cigarettes, and vaping has become especially popular among teenagers, researchers said.

They examined the impact of an e-cigarette that contained propylene glycol and glycerol with tobacco flavouring, but no nicotine, which study participants took 16, three-second puffs from.

To evaluate vascular reactivity, the group constricted the vessels of the thigh with a cuff and then measured how quickly the blood flowed after its release.

Using a multi-parametric MRI procedure, researchers scanned the femoral artery and vein in the leg before and after each vaping episode to see how vascular function changed.

They then performed a statistical analysis to determine group differences in vascular function before and after vaping.

The team observed, on average, a 34 per cent reduction in the femoral artery's dilation.

E-cigarettes exposure also led to a 17.5 per cent reduction in peak blood flow, a 20 per cent reduction in

venous oxygen, and a 25.8 per cent reduction in blood acceleration after the cuff release—the speed at which the blood returned to the normal flow after being constricted.

These findings suggest that vaping can cause significant changes to the inner lining of blood vessels, said study lead author Alessandra Caporale, a post-doctoral researcher at University of Pennsylvania.

"E-cigarettes are advertised as not harmful, and many e-cigarette users are convinced that they are just inhaling water vapour," Caporale said.

"But the solvents, flavourings and additives in the liquid base, after vaporisation, expose users to multiple insults to the respiratory tract and blood vessels," he said.

Wehrli noted that they observed these striking changes after the participants (all of whom never smoked previously) used an e-cigarette a single time.

More research is needed to address the potential long-term adverse effects of vaping on vascular health, but he predicts that e-cigarettes are potentially much more hazardous than previously assumed.



WOMEN WITH SLEEP APNEA AT INCREASED RISK OF CANCER: STUDY

Women with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) appear to be at an elevated risk of getting cancer than men with the condition, warn researchers.

The study, published in the *European Respiratory Journal*, is based on analyses of registry data, collected in the European database ESADA, on a total of some 20,000 adult patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). About 2 per cent of them also had a cancer diagnosis.

"It's reasonable to assume that sleep apnea is a risk factor for cancer or that both conditions have common risk factors, such as overweight. On the other hand, it is less likely that cancer leads to sleep apnea," said Ludger Grote, Professor at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden.

According to the researchers, advanced age was associated with elevated cancer risk, but adjusting the data for age, gender, body mass index (BMI), smoking and alcohol consumption nevertheless showed a possible link between intermittent hypoxia at night and higher cancer prevalence.

The connection applied mainly to women and was weaker in men.

AIR POLLUTION LINKED WITH RISK OF MENTAL DISORDERS

Exposure to air pollution may be associated with an increased risk of developing bipolar disorder and depression, according to a study.

Researchers at the University of Chicago in the US suggest a significant link between exposure to environmental pollution and an increase in the prevalence of neuropsychiatric disorders.

"Our studies in the US and Denmark show that living in polluted areas, especially early in life, is predictive of mental disorders," said computational biologist Atif Khan, the first author of the new study published in the journal *PLoS Biology*.

"These neurological and psychiatric diseases -- so costly in both financial and social terms -- appear linked to the physical environment, particularly air quality," Khan said.

Khan and Andrey Rzhetsky, a professor at Chicago used a US health insurance database of 151 million individuals with 11 years of inpatient and outpatient claims for neuropsychiatric diseases.

They compared the geo-incidence of claims to measurements of 87 potential air pollutants from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

New drug to treat TB approved by US regulator

The US drug regulator has approved a new tuberculosis (TB) drug for treating hard-to-treat drug-resistant TB that makes the treatment regimen shorter and simpler.

Pretomanid, a novel compound developed by the non-profit organization TB Alliance, was approved by the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) on August 14.

TB is the leading infectious cause of death worldwide, killing at least 1.6 million people annually. There are more than half a million cases of multi drug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) annually, with about 6% of those cases being extensively drug-resistant TB (XDR-TB) cases. India accounts for nearly a quarter of the global TB cases.

The new drug was approved under the Limited Population Pathway for Antibacterial and Antifungal Drugs (LPAD pathway) as part of a three-drug, six-month, all-oral regimen for the treatment of people with XDR-TB or MDR-TB, who are treatment-intolerant or non-responsive.



The LPAD pathway was established by FDA as a tool to encourage further development of antibacterial and antifungal drugs to treat serious, life-threatening infections that affect a limited population of patients with unmet needs.

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APPLE 'BUG' PUTS IPHONES WITH IOS TO HACKING RISK

Apple has reportedly unpatched a bug in the latest iOS update 12.4 that it had fixed in the earlier iOS 12.3 update -- leaving its most up-to-date iPhones vulnerable to hacking risk.

According to Motherboard, security researchers have already exploited the vulnerability in iOS 12.4 and released a public "jailbreak" on open-sourced software development platform Github -- the first free public jailbreak for a fully-updated iPhone that's been released in years.

As a result of the mistake, all iPhones running iOS 12.4 can now be jailbroken and several iPhone users have already tweeted that they are successfully running the "jailbreak".

Jailbreaking an iPhone lets people customise their iOS devices and run unsupported apps.

Apple never allows unsupported apps on its iOS platform, which makes its devices extra secure.

The Cupertino-based tech giant was yet to respond to this.

Apple had fixed this flaw, found by a Google hacker, in the earlier iOS 12.3 version.

"Due to 12.4 being the latest version of iOS currently available and the only one which Apple allows upgrading to, for the next couple of days (till 12.4.1 comes out), all devices of this version are jail breakable and vulnerable to what is effectively a 100+ day exploit, a Jonathan Levin, a security researcher was quoted as saying.



TWITTER TO REMOVE SPAM, ABUSE FROM YOUR DIRECT MESSAGE INBOX

Micro-blogging platform Twitter is testing a new feature to filter spam and abusive messages from your Direct Message (DM) inbox.

"Unwanted messages aren't fun. So we're testing a filter in your DM requests to keep those out of sight, out of mind," Twitter Support posted on Friday.

Currently, Twitter allows users to set their DM inbox open to receive messages from anyone.

"This new experiment will test a filter that will move unwanted messages, including those with offensive content or spam, to a separate tab," reports TechCrunch.

Twitter this week announced several changes coming to its platform, including a way to follow topics, a search tool for the Direct Message inbox, as well as support for iOS Live Photos as GIFs.

The new option would allow users search for a particular message by a specific person through a dedicated tab in their DM inbox.

LIFE MAY HAVE EXISTED ON WARM, RAINY ANCIENT MARS

Mars was once warm enough to host pouring rainstorms and flowing water, which would have created an environment that could support simple life, according to a study.

The study compared Earth data to Martian minerals detected using the NASA CRISM spectrometer, currently orbiting Mars, which can remotely identify surface chemicals where water once existed.

The researchers from Purdue University in the US also took data from the Mars Curiosity rover.

They suggest that the climate on the Red Planet 3 to 4 billion years ago was warm enough to provoke substantial rainstorms and flowing water, followed by a longer cold period where the water froze.

This may have implications on the conditions for the development of life on Mars, according to the findings presented at the Goldschmidt Geochemistry Conference in Barcelona, Spain.

Scientists have long known that water was abundant on ancient Mars, but there has been no consensus on whether liquid water was common, or whether it was largely frozen in ice.

Warm conditions make it much more likely that life would have developed independently on the surface of ancient Mars, researchers said.

Now, a new comparison of patterns of mineral deposition on the Red Planet with similar depositions on Earth lends weight to the idea that early Mars had one or more long periods dominated by rainstorms and flowing water, with the water later freezing.

"We know there were periods when the surface of Mars was frozen; we know there were periods when water flowed freely," said Professor Briony Horgan from Purdue University.



"But we don't know exactly when these periods were, and how long they lasted. We have never sent unmanned missions to areas of Mars which can show us these earliest rocks, so we need to use Earth-bound science to understand the geochemistry of what may have happened there.

"Our study of weathering in radically different climate conditions such as the Oregon Cascades, Hawaii, Iceland, and other places on Earth, can show us how climate affects pattern of mineral deposition, like we see on Mars," said Horgan.

On Earth, silica deposition is found in glaciers which are characteristic of melting water.

On Mars, similar silica deposits can be identified in younger areas, but older areas can also be seen which are similar to deep soils from warm climates on Earth.

"This leads us to believe that on Mars 3 to 4 billion years ago, we had a general slow trend from warm to cold, with periods of thawing and

freezing," Horgan said.

If this is so, it is important in the search for possible life on Mars, researchers said.

The building blocks of life on Earth developed very soon after the Earth's formation, and that flowing water is essential for life's development.

The evidence that we had early, flowing water on Mars, will increase the chances that simple life may have developed at around the same time as it did on Earth, according to the researchers.

Analysis of the surface geology of Mars supports a trend from a warm to a cold climate, but the climate models themselves don't support this, due to the limited heat arriving from the young Sun, they said.

"If our findings are correct, then we need to keep working on the Mars climate models, possibly to include some chemical or geological, or other process which might have warmed the young planet," said Horgan.

FACEBOOK LAUNCHES TOOL TO LET USERS CONTROL DATA FLOW

Facebook, under pressure to ramp up privacy rules across its platform, said on Tuesday it was rolling out a tool allowing users to control data that it receives from other apps and websites about their online activity.

The new tool is to give clients access to their so-called "off-Facebook activity"—fed back to Facebook with the aim of targeting advertisements—and give them the option of deleting it.

"Off-Facebook Activity lets you see a summary of the apps and websites that send us information about your activity, and clear this information from your account if you want to," it said in a statement.

"This is another way to give people more transparency and control on Facebook," it said.

Currently, commercial websites visited by a customer who also has a Facebook account may send Facebook details of that visit, prompting the social network to show that person ads related to any product they may have searched for.

With the new Facebook tool, users will be able to see a summary of information that other apps and websites have sent Facebook through business tools such as



Facebook Pixel or Facebook Login.

They then have the option of disconnecting this information, or all future off-Facebook activity, from their account. The new feature will be rolled out first in Ireland, South Korea and Spain, and then everywhere else over the coming months, Facebook said.

"We expect this could have some impact on our business, but we believe giving people control over their data is more important," it said.

Donald Trump 'not ready' for China trade deal, dismisses recession fears

WASHINGTON (TIP): U.S. President Donald Trump and top White House officials dismissed concerns that economic growth may be faltering, saying on Sunday they saw little risk of recession despite a volatile week on global bond markets, and insisting their trade war with China was doing no damage to the United States.

"We're doing tremendously well, our consumers are rich, I gave a tremendous tax cut, and they're loaded up with money," Trump said on Sunday.

But he was less optimistic than his aides on striking a trade deal with China, saying that while he believed China was ready to come to an agreement, "I'm not ready to make a deal yet."

He hinted that the White House would like to see Beijing resolve ongoing protests in Hong Kong first.

"I would like to see Hong Kong worked out in a very humanitarian fashion," Trump said. "I think it would be very good for the trade



deal." White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said trade deputies from the two countries would speak within 10 days and "if those deputies' meetings pan out... we are planning to have China come to the USA" to advance negotiations over ending a trade battle that has emerged as a potential risk to global economic growth.

Even with the talks stalled for

now and the threat of greater tariffs and other trade restrictions hanging over the world economy, Kudlow said on "Fox News Sunday" the United States remained "in pretty good shape."

"There is no recession in sight," Kudlow said. "Consumers are working. Their wages are rising. They are spending and they are saving."



Amazon opens biggest global campus in Hyderabad

Amazon.com Inc. today opened its largest campus building globally in the south Indian city of Hyderabad as it prepares for a furious expansion and battle with nemesis Walmart Inc. in one of the world's fastest-growing retail markets.

The Seattle-headquartered company is making an ambitious push in India, the last major retail frontier still primarily reliant on small-scale neighborhood and mom-and-pop stores. "E-commerce is so small in India relative to the total consumption, less than 3%," said Amit Agarwal, Amazon's country manager for India.

The largely untapped country is critical to the global domination plans of both Amazon and Walmart, the latter of which spent \$16 billion last year to buy India's biggest startup, retailer Flipkart Online Services Pvt. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has so far pledged \$5.5 billion for its India operations.

Built in Hyderabad over three years, the new campus is Amazon's first owned building outside of the United States, spans 1.8 million square feet of office space and will accommodate 15,000 workers. "The largest buildings in Seattle house about 5,000 employees," remarked John Schoettler, vice president of Amazon's Global Real Estate and Facilities. He said the campus was Amazon's largest in the world but has plenty more room to grow.

Maruti sees new launches, govt steps putting sales back on track

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd expects vehicle sales to recover in the forthcoming festival season buoyed by new product introductions and expectations of some favourable government decisions.

"At this stage, everybody is hoping that this festive season will be better than last year and at this stage, one can only hope. The new launches will not be able to turn the market around but will be able to make some changes," said R.C. Bhargava, chairman, Maruti Suzuki. "How the festive season turns out will also depend on some measures taken by the centre and state governments."

A roll back of the proposal of the Union government to raise registration charges of new vehicles within a few days will be a boost to the industry, Bhargava said. "The bigger challenge is the road taxes being imposed by state governments and that needs to be reviewed," he added.

India's largest passenger vehicle maker on Wednesday launched new multipurpose vehicle XL6—a six-seater premium version of its existing Ertiga model. XL6 will be sold through Maruti's Nexa chain of premium dealerships.



India complying with Iran sanctions, says US

WASHINGTON (TIP): The US has no evidence that India is running afoul of American sanctions on Iran through the Chabahar port, a top US diplomat said yesterday. India said it stopped importing oil from Iran after American waivers granted to eight buyers expired in May. India at that time had hoped that US sanctions would not affect its partnership in developing Iran's Chabahar port.

The Trump administration in April decided not to renew waiver that let countries like India buy Iranian oil without facing US sanctions

"We have no evidence that India is running afoul of US sanctions," Special US Representative to Iran, Brian Hook, told reporters at the Foreign Press Centre.

Hook was responding to a reporter's questions alleging that India is violating the US sanctions through the Chabahar port which it is building in Iran for the purpose of Afghanistan.

"I'm not familiar with the evidence that you are citing," Hook said, adding India was not violating the US sanctions. US President Donald Trump last year withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and revived a range of sanctions against the Persian Gulf nation. It, however, granted a six-month waiver from sanctions to eight countries — China, India, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Italy and Greece, but with a condition that they would reduce their purchases of Iranian oil. The Trump administration in April decided not to renew waiver that let countries like India buy Iranian oil without facing US sanctions.

India had agreed to restrict its monthly purchase to 1.25 million tonne (300,000 barrels per day), down from 452,000 barrels per day bought in 2017-18 financial year.

Biscuit maker Parle may lay off 10,000 workers amid economic slowdown



MUMBAI (TIP): Popular Indian biscuit maker Parle Products may cut up to 10,000 jobs owing to the prevailing macro-economic situation, according to a company executive.

Rural distress has taken a heavy toll on fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sales for the past few quarters. Companies like Hindustan Unilever and Nestle have reported weak growth owing to the slowdown in consumption.

According to reports, Mayank Shah, category head at Parle Products, has said that if there is no tax relief in the form of a GST rate cut, the company may have to lay off 8,000 to 10,000 people.

Apart from the auto sector, FMCG companies are also facing strong headwinds. Hindustan Unilever, which saw a significant decline in its sales volumes during the June quarter, had said that "the near-term demand will remain subdued given the macroeconomic conditions."

The stressed rural sector, which comprises one-third of the company's market, is the key factor behind the company's tepid performance. The revival of the distressed agriculture sector would be a positive for the FMCG industry.

Announcing its latest quarterly results, ITC had said: "The FMCG-Others segment delivered a resilient performance during the quarter amidst a marked slowdown in the FMCG industry across urban and rural markets".

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Court sends Chidambaram to CBI custody till Aug 26 in INX Media case

He was produced before Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar where Chidambaram's advocates opposed the CBI plea on the ground that all the other accused, including his son Karti, have already been granted bail in the case.

Pronouncing the order, the court said medical test of Chidambaram has to be conducted in accordance with law.

"Considering all facts and circumstances, I am of view that police custody of Chidambaram is justified," the judge said. Lawyers and family of Chidambaram will be allowed to meet him for half-an-hour every day, the court added.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Chidambaram, argued that the first arrest in the case was of Bhaskar Raman, chartered accountant of Karti, who is presently out on bail.

Besides, Peter and Indrani Mukherjea, also accused in the case, are out on default bail as they are in jail in connection with another matter, Sibal said.

He contended that grant of bail was a rule and the issue before the court was of personal liberty.

Sibal was countering the 5-day custodial interrogation of Chidambaram sought by CBI which said it needed to unearth the larger conspiracy.

Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta, appearing for CBI, told the court that the agency was not extorting confession but it had the right to reach the root of the case.

Sibal, senior advocate Abhishek M Singhvi also appeared for Chidambaram and opposed CBI's plea by saying that the former Union Minister was not a flight risk.

Singhvi said the entire CBI case was based on the statement of Indrani Mukherjea, who has turned approver in the case.

He said Chidambaram cannot answer what CBI wants to hear and added that the agency cannot seek remand on the ground of evasive replies.

He also argued that there was no allegation of tampering of evidence by CBI.

Singhvi further contended that police remand can only be granted in special circumstances and this was a case where there was no new development.

He said the agency was asking Chidambaram only old questions since his arrest on Wednesday night.

Mehta countered the arguments made on behalf of Chidambaram, saying that everybody was equal before the court.

He said certain facts about the case

cannot be narrated in an open court and also opposed the plea that Chidambaram be allowed to argue for himself, saying he has able lawyers representing him.

Mehta, during his initial arguments, said Chidambaram entered into a criminal conspiracy with others in the scam.

"He is not cooperating in the investigation," Mehta said, adding that he has been evasive in replies and grave offence was committed.

Mehta said it is a serious and monumental case of money laundering.

He also said Chidambaram's custodial interrogation was necessary to unearth the "quid pro quo and larger conspiracy" and he is required to be confronted with documents.

Opposing CBI's arguments, Sibal contended that what the agency has said should not be taken as "gospel truth".

He said Chidambaram was asked 12 questions and he had already answered six of them previously.

Investigators don't know what to ask and they don't have questions ready with them, Sibal told the court, adding that after his arrest on Wednesday night, Chidambaram was interrogated only on Thursday morning at 11 am.

During the arguments, Chidambaram said he has not slept for the last 24 hours.

Sibal further argued that CBI could have written a letter to Chidambaram for producing the documents alleged to be in his possession and the agency cannot say he was evasive during the investigation.

He also contended that what has been stated in the CBI case diary was not the truth and cannot be considered as evidence.

Mehta, during his arguments, placed the Delhi High Court's judgement dismissing Chidambaram's anticipatory bail plea and also referred to the observations made in it.

He said charge sheet has not been filed in the case yet and the case is at pre-charge sheet stage, therefore, "we need material which Chidambaram is holding".

"Effective investigation is possible only in custodial interrogation," he argued.

Mehta contended that serious, active and informed role of the accused is made out and money trail is made out and has to be probed.

Chidambaram's custodial interrogation required to get answer to certain questions for effective probe, he said.

Soon after entering the courtroom, 73-year-old Chidambaram was seen having discussion with his party leaders and senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Vivek Tankha.

Chidambaram's family members, including his wife Nalini and son Karti, were also in the courtroom along with other senior advocates, including Dayan

Krishnan.

The CBI had registered an FIR on May 15, 2017, alleging irregularities in the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) clearance granted to the INX Media group for receiving overseas funds of Rs 305 crore in 2007 during Chidambaram's tenure as the Finance Minister.

Thereafter, the ED lodged a money laundering case in this regard in 2018.

Life has come full circle for Congress leader P Chidambaram and that too in less than 10 years.

The Congress-led UPA-II was in power at the Centre and Chidambaram was the Union home minister.

Investigating agency CBI had alleged that the then Gujarat home minister Amit Shah was evading arrest in the encounter case of Sohrabuddin Sheikh. Shiekh was a criminal, who had several pending cases against him, and had been killed in police custody in an alleged encounter in 2005.

Allegations against Shah included that the encounter had been staged at his behest.

After lying low, in 2010, Shah made a dramatic entry at the State BJP headquarters for a press conference where he claimed innocence and political vendetta against him. He slammed the Congress and the CBI and called all charges against him "fabricated".

At this point, he was whisked away to the residence of a CBI judge, who remanded him to judicial custody for 13 days. Earlier, he had submitted his resignation as home minister from the Cabinet of then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi.

Shah is now the Union Home Minister-in charge of the key North Block ministry.

The Congress called Chidambaram's arrest a political vendetta. This is the same charge the BJP had levelled against the Manmohan Singh government when Shah was investigated in the Sohrabuddin case.

On the direction of the Supreme

Court, the case was transferred to the CBI in January 2010. In July 2010, Shah was arrested by the CBI on the charges of murder, extortion and kidnapping.

When he applied for bail, the CBI opposed the move in the Gujarat High Court arguing that he would use political influence to tamper with the evidence and threaten witnesses. Three months later Shah was granted bail and subsequently externed from Gujarat, barred from entering the State where he had been home minister for two years.

Though the BJP declared that Shah was innocent and was being harassed by the Congress-led government to hit back at the saffron party, he did not have many people he could turn to in those days," says a political analyst.

Shah was cleared of all charges after the Narendra Modi government swept to power in 2014. (With input from Agencies)

'Seriously looking' to end birthright citizenship, says President Trump

Trump said responding to a question on the birthright citizenship, which grants automatic citizenship to those born in the US.

"Birthright citizenship where you have a baby on our land, you walk over the border, have a baby, congratulations, the baby is now a US citizen. We're looking at it very, very seriously," Trump said.

During his 2016 presidential campaign, Trump had said that he would end the birthright citizenship.

The 14th Amendment of the US Constitution guarantees birthright citizenship and states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

The move is likely to invite legal challenges.

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Sri Krishna Janmashtami also referred as Gokulashtami, is one such festival that marks the celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna in full fervor and enthusiasm by the devotees all over the country. The incarnation of Lord Krishna signifies the end of all darkness and the eradication of the evil from the earth. Celebrated mostly by Hindus worldwide, Krishna Janmashtami observes a large conflux of people from all walks of life engaging themselves in the jubilation of the festival. As per Hindu calendar or Panchanga, the festival falls on the eighth day of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) in the month of Shrawan.

Legend

The legend behind Krishna's birth is as intriguing as the occurrences during his lifetime. As per the Hindu mythology, when sinful and unscrupulous forces unleashed havoc over the world, Mother Earth requested Lord Brahma to put an end to the rampant conditions. Lord Brahma took this concern of Mother Earth to Lord Vishnu, who in turn reassured him of his birth on earth to purge it from all prevailing evils.

As promised, Lord Vishnu took birth as Krishna on Earth at midnight on the 8th day (Ashtami) of the month of Shrawan. Krishna, the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu, was born to Devaki and Vasudev in Mathura in a prison. Krishna was born at a time of turmoil, raging persecution, lack of freedom, and when evil forces were reigning on the earth. His own life was at risk from his uncle King Kansa due to the prophecy that proclaimed his death at the hands of his nephew, Krishna. Knowing of the dangers that hovered over the life of Krishna, his father, Vasudeva, immediately handed him over to Yashoda and Nanda in Gokul to keep him away from King Kansa. This folklore is celebrated as the festival of Janmashtami by the devotees who keep fast, sing devotional songs of Krishna, and visit Krishna temples.

Significance

The festival of Janmashtami is celebrated with great fun and gaiety all over the world by the Hindus owing to the fact that Sri Krishna was one of the most forceful human incarnations of Lord Vishnu. Krishna is one such God in Hindu mythology, about whose birth and death, a lot has been written. Ever since he took birth on earth in human form, he is worshipped by the people as a god-child, an adorable prankster, a charming lover, a spiritual guide, and the principal power. The prime motive of his birth on Earth is to end all the darkness prevailing at that time, eliminate all the evil forces from Earth, and restore 'Dharma' in times when his uncle, Kansa, was making lives of the people miserable. There is a popular saying in Bhagavad Gita- "Whenever there will be a predominance of evil and decline of religion, I will reincarnate to kill the evil and to save the good." The festival of Janmashtami encourages goodwill and to dissuade malice. The day is observed as a sacred occasion that celebrates togetherness and faith.

Celebrations across India

The birth of Krishna is celebrated with great enthusiasm, devotion, and warmth by everyone in the county. The cities across the country get overwhelmed with a feeling of exaltation. The devotees keep fast for the whole day. The folklore of Krishna's birth is narrated in temples and

SRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI



households. The energetic youth of the country, completely immersed in exhilaration, actively participate in the dahi handi festival. At some places, people perform raslilas to recreate occurrences from the life of Lord Krishna. Plays and dance performances based on Krishna's life are also organized.

On this auspicious occasion, the idol of Krishna is placed in the cradle and bathed with panchamrit which is made from ghee, milk, gangajal, honey, and tulsi leaves. This panchamrit is also distributed among the devotees as prasad. Devotees joyously swing the cradle and welcome the blessings of Krishna in their lives.

Celebrations in temples

The Krishna temples are beautifully decked up with lights and flowers which is an awesome scene in the night. People wear new clothes and visit temples to pay respect and perform pujas of their beloved God. The priests in temples sing hymns and chant mantras. Some temples in India also perform readings of Bhagavad Gita. The beautiful fragrance of the flowers, soothing odor of burning camphor, and the sound of the ringing bells in the temples captures the entire atmosphere with sanctity.

Celebrations in Mathura and Vrindavan

The Janmashtami celebrations in the Mathura and Brindavan is often praised by everyone. The festival is celebrated with a great pomp and show in these places where Lord Krishna spent most of his life. The temples of Mathura and Vrindavan come to life at night with jagrans, plays, dance performances, all based on Krishna's childhood.



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"If Hindus don't maintain Hinduism, who shall save it?"

"If India's own children don't cling to their faith, who shall guard it?"

"Indians alone can save India, and India and Hinduism are one."

Rahane's 81 saves India the blues after top-order collapse

NORTH SOUND (TIP): Ajinkya Rahane battled his way through a shaky start to score a fighting half-century taking India to 190/6 in 61 overs on the opening day of their inaugural World Test Championship encounter against the West Indies.

The Indian vice-captain scored the 18th half-century of his career and was out on 81. Rishabh Pant (9) and Ravindra Jadeja (1) held fort for India.

Rahane and Hanuma Vihari added 41 runs for the unbroken fifth wicket stand before umpires called for an early tea after heavens opened up. The other significant contribution came from opener KL Rahul (44), who did all the hardwork before frittering it away after the lunch session. Wicketkeeper Shai Hope took a smart catch down the leg-side off Roston Chase's bowling to dismiss the opener. This was after Rahul along with Rahane added 68 runs for the fourth wicket.

Earlier, Rahul looked composed in the first session after India were reduced to 25/3 inside the first eight overs on a track that offered bounce and lateral movement for new ball bowlers Roach (2/24) and Gabriel (1/38). Mayank Agarwal (5), Cheteshwar Pujara (2) and skipper Virat Kohli (9) were back in the pavilion in the first hour after Jason Holder put the visitors in on a bouncy track. Rahul and Rahane added 42 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket and stemmed the rot after 24 overs were bowled during the opening session.

Agarwal got one from Roach that held its line and the opener didn't fully commit forward with resultant nick being gobbled by Shai Hope behind the stumps. Pujara did not last long as he got a delivery from Roach that moved a shade away after pitching with India's No. 3 lunging forward. The edge was



taken low down by Hope. But it wasn't his day despite a promising start that included a drive past point and another past mid-on.

Shanon Gabriel made the fifth

ball of the eighth over climb at Kohli from short of a length, and the Indian captain fended it off awkwardly, only to be caught at gully by Shamarh Brooks.



ASHES 3RD TEST

Archer takes 6, Oz out for 179

LEEDS (TIP): Jofra Archer's first five-wicket haul in Test cricket put England in command on a weather-affected opening day of the third Ashes test at Headingley on Thursday as they bowled Australia out for 179.

Only four overs were possible in the morning session, but there was time for Australia opener Marcus Harris to fall to Archer for eight and Usman Khawaja was out shortly after lunch.

David Warner (61), who played and missed at 16 of his first 30 balls faced, settled to lead the Australia recovery after another break in play before falling to Archer and Travis Head and Matthew Wade departed for ducks.

Tim Paine and James Pattinson were dismissed cheaply and Pat Cummins became Archer's fifth victim. Marnus Labuschagne was out for 74 and Nathan Lyon was trapped lbw by Archer in the last over of the day. Archer completed figures of 6/45 in his second Test match.

RATHOUR TO REPLACE BANGAR AS BATTING COACH; ARUN, SRIDHAR STAY

NEW DELHI (TIP): Former Punjab captain Vikram Rathour, who played six Tests and seven ODIs for India, is set to become India's batting coach. Rathour, who has been a national selector in the past, is set to replace Sanjay Bangar, the incumbent.

But the current bowling coach Bharat Arun and fielding coach R Sridhar are set to retain their positions for more years.

The Indian nation team's selection panel, headed by MSK Prasad, has shortlisted three candidates each for all the positions for which interviews have been held in the recent days. Rathour heads the list for the batting coach's job, followed by Bangar and former England batsman Mark Ramprakash.

Prasad said that his panel was looking for 'freshness' in the batting department.

"In the last five years, there is definitely some amount of improvement. Looking ahead, with the Test Championship coming up and two T20 World Cups, we thought that there should be freshness in the department," he said. "That's the reason why we went ahead with Vikram Rathour as first choice. He was the director of HPCA (Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association), he was also the coach of Punjab Cricket Association, he was also an assistant coach with Kings XI Punjab, so he's got enough experience behind him. Apart from that, he has been doing a lot of assignments with the National Cricket Academy so we are convinced with his skill-sets and we thought that he'd be our first preference."

Rathour is the brother-in-law of Aashish Kapoor, an Under-19 selector, and a possible conflict of interest possibility was discussed. However, BCCI CEO Rahul Johri said there was no possibility of a conflict of interest. "This was discussed at the CoA meeting also because the CoA was presented with the shortlist," Johri said.

Shubman Gill reveals advice from Dravid which he never forgot

NEW DELHI (TIP): His strokes bear a striking resemblance to Virat Kohli but Shubman Gill's approach to cricket is influenced by Rahul Dravid, who has asked the youngster to stick to his natural game come what may.

Just two weeks shy of his 20th birthday, Gill is making waves despite having played just two ODIs with former captain Sourav Ganguly among those left surprised by his omission from the senior team's ongoing tour of the West Indies.

The youngster spoke to PTI about handling the limelight, the comparisons, "that cover drive" where he looks like Kohli and pro-tips from the likes of Dravid and



Yuvraj Singh in dealing with the hype surrounding him.

"Rahul sir has been my coach

since the India U-19 days and then India A. There is one basic advice from him which I always keep in mind. He would tell me that come what may, never change your basic game that got you success," said Gill, who became the youngest Indian to score a first-class double hundred earlier this month.

"I would certainly rate my double hundred against the West Indies A as one of my best knocks in red ball (cricket) considering the opposition, surface and match situation," Gill said.

Gill also top-scored for India A in the unofficial one-day series against the same opposition, accumulating 218 runs, including three half-centuries.



Shree Ganeshaya Namah

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Weekly Horoscope - August 26 - September 1

Aries:

It's time now to push with all you've got. It's time to exercise your skills at wheeling and dealing, diplomacy, even be devious and crafty if the occasion demands it. You will certainly need to be a tough negotiator to outwit your enemies / rivals who are waiting for you to slip up. The thrust of all this will naturally, be money.

Taurus:

You will experience a release from tensions, relief from care, under the influence of Venus. Your work, actions, emotions will be benefit. Better health, too and more rest. You will be able to deal better with added responsibilities and more fun and games, more laughter, more love. PR exercises, meets, conferences, seminars, will be handled with confidence and panache.

Gemini:

Courage and resourcefulness will be your middle names this period. Ambition to the extent of being an obsession will be yours, too. You must take care not to let it degenerate into mere aggression. Ganesha advises you to soften up a little, be less pushy or less demanding, especially with family and loved ones, subordinates and colleagues. Parents and elderly relatives have an important role.

Cancer:

A pole - vault in your career / business / profession is almost definite. What's to be controlled is how you handle it. Once again, a tendency to aggression has to be curbed. Soft - pedalling, particularly with children, will stand you in good stead.

Leo:

You will be on the fast track. Wish - fulfilment and truly getting places are foretold. Also, the birth or conception of a child is a definite possibility (I may be wrong there - the ultimate decision is yours!) New ventures will be successfully launched, existing ones will bring gains. Opposition to plans will dwindle away.

Virgo:

Matters of the spirit, the other world, of higher learning and metaphysics, even tantra and mantra, if so inclined, will draw you. Also, a good time for innovations, inventions, electronics and super - computers. You may take on extra work. Journeys and travel are a result of work or could be triggered off by your inner restlessness.

Libra:

Once again you are searching within for spiritual riches even as you go all out to cope with and win in the material world. Communication will be the buzzword at this point. Anything to do with house / home right from buying to redoing will claim your attention. Supernatural forces seem to control you at this time.

Scorpio:

The inner world is reconciled with the outer now. You seem to be receiving divine guidance as you make the right moves, get things done, handle people with finesse and sympathy. Your status and prestige will register and increase.

Sagittarius:

Management will be your forte now - investing new techniques and skills, perhaps even organising meets and functions. You will be more productive, more hard working, with infinitely better health. Sport, outings, hobbies and children all keep you busy but happily so. Ties, bonds, relationships and marriage are all favoured, too. A good phase, comments Ganesha.

Capricorn:

You will learn to manoeuvre and negotiate to get to the heap, even use secret contacts and connections. It's a good time for journeys and collaboration, and surprisingly, also for conspiracies, behind - the - scene activities and string pulling. Projects started at the beginning of the period are happily concluded and personal affairs come full circle.

Aquarius:

Once again travel and journeys are favoured. They may even be journeys of the mind. Religious rites, ceremonies, education and research, foreign connections, are all favoured. It is a fun time to interface with others. My pet phrase - "reaching out to people and places" sums it all up. Neptune finds out fulfilled in several ways.

Pisces:

Children and home, amusements and recreation. Hobbies and money - generating activities all come together and blend into a beautiful whole for you. You are in a phase that yields not only profit but much pleasure, with the grace of Ganesha and that's a wonderful feeling. It is, therefore, in any upbeat mood that you look at the period.

Birthday Horoscope August 26 - September 1, 2019

AUG 26: Ganesha says be careful not to let yourself be easily swayed, especially if that involves expenditures on your part.

Believing all that you're told now has an implication of foolishness; don't be gullible.

AUG 27: Involvements with other people show definite improvement. It's safe - more than that, beneficial - to let yourself be guided by the actions or ideas of other people.

AUG 28: Stubborn ideas or, on the other

hand, the inability to make decisions makes for a day that can be frustrating if you let it. Allow yourself extra time to get to destinations.

AUG 29: The planets support you if you're in the mood to let your mind wander and escape. Feed your imagination by reading a book, watching a movie, or visiting a museum. Express your creativity through a craft.

AUG 30: You can profit from getting

yourself in the mindset of a student and seeing what you can learn. Share what you know with those who are younger and less experienced, too.

AUG 31: It's possible you'll begin the year with your head in the clouds. Even if some mildly pressing matters bring you back down to earth, you'll probably be more content contemplating than acting.

SEPT 1: Moon can bring the need to make a weighty decision or choice, necessitating that you be more aware of wider, long - range issues and less concerned with immediate desires.

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