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China will have to play by rules; US to rejoin Paris Climate Accord & WHO: Biden



US President-elect Joe Biden.- File photo

WASHINGTON (TIP): US President-elect Joe Biden said, November 19 that he wants to make sure that China plays by the rules, and announced that his administration will rejoin the Paris Climate Accord and the World Health Organisation.

Biden was responding to a question on Thursday, November 19, about his remarks during the presidential debates that he wanted to punish China over the way Beijing has been behaving. He was asked if that could include economic sanctions or tariffs on China, the world's second largest economy.

In April, President Donald Trump announced that the US would withdraw from the WHO, accusing the UN

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President-elect Biden is a friend of India: Padma Bhushan Sant Chatwal

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NEW YORK (TIP): Padma Bhushan Sant Chatwal, one of the Indian Americans who was instrumental in US signing a nuclear deal with India, recalled the great contribution of Joe Biden in sealing the deal.

Speaking with The Indian Panorama editor Prof. Indrajit S Saluja over phone, November 19, Mr. Chatwal said Joe Biden as President will prove to be a great friend of India. He recalled Biden's keen interest in growing ties with India back in 2006 when the nuclear deal between US and India was being finalized. Mr. Chatwal also mentioned the great understanding between the then Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh and Joe Biden who was the Vice President.

"I remember, Biden was the first one who came forward to ink the nuclear power deal with India because he said the deal was in the interest of both the US and India. contd on page 2



L to R: Sant Chatwal Chairman Indo American Democrats, Congressman Joe Crowley, Senator Chuck Schumer with then vice President Joe Biden on capitol Hill in Washington DC to lobby with lawmakers to ratify Congressional legislation on the US-India civil nuclear deal on May 17th, 2006.- Photo / Mohammed Jaffer-SnapsIndia

Punjab reaches out to US Investors : Organizes Investors' Roundtable



Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu addressed the USA-Punjab Investors' Roundtable 2020

WASHINGTON (TIP): Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu delivered a special address at the inaugural session of USA-Punjab Investors' Roundtable 2020 on 17 November 2020.

Chief Minister of Punjab, Capt. Amarinder Singh delivered the Presidential address and highlighted the expanding investment opportunities in Punjab in conversation with President & CEO of Mastercard Dr. Ajay Banga. Senior officials of Government of Punjab, prominent industry representatives, contd on page 2



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China will have to play by rules...

organization for failing to oversee the onset of the coronavirus as it began to spread in China.

"It's not so much about punishing China, it's about making sure China understands they've got to play by the rules. It's a simple proposition," Biden said during a meeting with a bipartisan group of governors in his hometown in Wilmington, Delaware.

He said that is one of the reasons why his administration is going to rejoin the World Health Organisation.

"We're going to rejoin on day one as well and it needs reform, acknowledge, and rejoin the Paris Climate Accord. And we have to make sure that the rest of the world and we get together and make sure there are certain right lines the Chinese understand," Bidensaid.

President Trump's four years in power were the worst phase in China-US relations as the ruling Communist Party of China headed by President Xi Jinping struggled to deal with what Chinese officials say is the most elusive and unpredictable American leader ever since former US president Richard Nixon in 1972 established ties with the Communist nation.

During his tenure, Trump, a Republican, pushed aggressively on all aspects of US-China ties, including with his relentless trade war, challenging China's military hold on the disputed South China Sea, its constant threats to Taiwan and branding coronavirus as "China virus" after it emerged from Wuhan in December last year.

Chinese strategic experts said Biden entering the White House is expected to provide an opportunity for breakthroughs in resuming high-level communication and rebuilding mutual strategic trust between the two major countries.

A day earlier, Senator Jim Risch, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, published a majority report entitled "The United States and Europe: A Concrete Agenda for Transatlantic Cooperation on China," to advance greater collaboration between the US and Europe on the challenges posed by China. "We must be prepared to work with our trusted allies and partners to counter an increasingly confrontational China that attempts to undermine prosperity, security and good governance in every region of the globe," Risch said.

According to the report, the US and Europe increasingly agree that China poses significant political, economic, and even security challenges. Legislators and parliamentarians on both sides of the Atlantic have played an active and leading role in shifting approaches to meet these challenges.

The next step is to turn this growing agreement into a constructive and concrete transatlantic agenda to defend shared interests and values.

he report puts forward concrete ideas for collaboration in six key fending off malign political influence, protecting the integrity of international organizations, addressing anti-competitive trade and economic practices, investing in future technologies and shaping how they are used, confronting the security implications of China's strategic investments in energy, transport, and digital infrastructure through "One Belt, One Road" (OBOR), and invigorating partnerships in Africa and the Indo-Pacific. The Chinese military has been flexing its muscles in the strategically vital Indo-Pacific region and is also engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea. Beijing claims almost all of the 1.3 million square mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. (Source: PTI)

President-elect Biden is a friend of...

Mr. Chatwal said that India will have a much closer relationship with Biden and Harris, which will usher a big change all over the world. Chatwal also described Biden as a good friend of himself, India, and the Indian-Americans.

"At this stage, we needed peace, we don't want a war, and Joe Biden is a person who will bring peace all over the world. He will bring great trade agreements. He will bring COVID-19 under control, and he can revive economy and take it to the top.

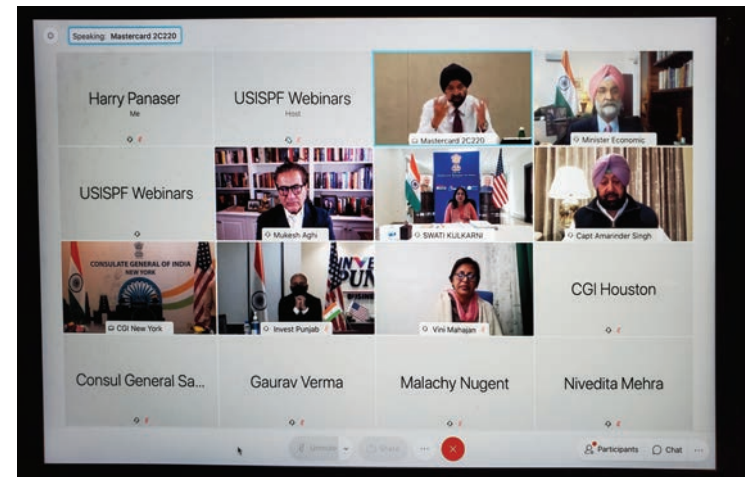
He said that Biden was looking forward to a great relationship with current Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as he had with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"I am so proud of him and Kamala Harris, who are a great team. Harris is the first woman to become the Vice President,

and the first woman who is of Indian origin, as her mother is from India," Mr. Chatwal, a prominent hotelier of America said. The Democratic presidential candidate defeated President Donald Trump in a closely contested election and will be the 46th president of the United States, come January 20, 2021.

Punjab reaches out to US Investors..

and eminent members of the Indian-American community in the US attended the Roundtable.



Screen shot of participants

Addressing a virtual USA-Punjab Investors Roundtable 2020 on Tuesday, he said that after months of lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Punjab's economy is coming back on track, industry is back on its feet and migrant laborers have started returning. Punjab's industries have opened up again, Singh said, adding that his government offers industry-friendly and investor-friendly policies. Inviting the investors to enjoy the state's unique business-friendly culture that promoted entrepreneurship, Singh highlighted the followings:

1. US is the top export destination for companies from Punjab. In 2019-20, Punjab's export to the US was to the tune of USD 685 million amounting to approximately 12 percent of the state's total exports.

2. Asserting that Punjab is the preferred landing destination for overseas companies, Singh said that there are a number of industrial units which are coming from the US and different parts of the world.

3. Pepsi and Walmart started their Indian operations in Punjab, he said, adding that more than 30 American firms including Amazon, Walmart, Quark, Cargill, Tyson, Schreiber, Pepsi, Coca Cola currently have operations in the state.

Responding to Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga's question, the chief minister acknowledged that he has differences with the Center on the agricultural bills. We are not against corporates but there has to be a regulation to protect the farmers and the long-standing relationship they have with the Arhtiyas (commission agents), he said, asserting that any attempt to do away with this system will not work. Singh said that his government had brought in bills in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha to negate the impact of the central farm laws and had also taken up the issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In his remarks Ambassador Sandhu noted the opportunities that investors could utilize in Punjab, laying emphasis on the strong network of educational, vocational and scientific institutions in Punjab. "Punjab and the US can explore complementarities in many sectors such as agriculture & food processing, education, textile & garment, renewable energy, light engineering, pharma and IT," he said.

While urging investors to consider Punjab as a major investment destination, he lauded the strength of Punjab's economy and its role in India's economic growth. "For years, Punjab's industries have proven to be reliable partners, and suppliers, to US giants like Walmart, New Balance, and even food chains, like KFC, Burger King, and McDonalds," he said. Ambassador Sandhu applauded the Punjabi community in the US for acting as a bridge between India and the US, and reiterated the support of the Embassy in facilitating investments.

The USA-Punjab Investors' Roundtable 2020, held on 17-18 November 2020 was organized by the Government of Punjab in coordination with Embassy of India, Washington D.C. and US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) to showcase Punjab to prospective investors in the US. During the Roundtable, there was a focus on five areas: Agriculture & Food Processing; Pharma & Medical Devices; Engineering & Manufacturing; IT & Startup; and Education.

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Tom Suozzi wins reelection on the strength of absentee ballots

LONG ISLAND, NY (TIP): A friend to the Indian American community among whom he has a lot many personal friends, Rep. Tom Suozzi has won a third term in Congress after reversing a roughly 4,000-vote Election Day deficit following a count of absentee ballots.

Suozzi, a Democrat, declared victory Tuesday, November 17, after his Republican opponent George Santos called him to concede defeat. Suozzi has represented New York's 3rd Congressional District since 2017. The district covers much of Nassau County, as well as a chunk of Northeast Queens.

"I will work to try and bridge the divide and address the COVID pandemic, our unstable economy, the climate crisis and the need to rebuild our middle class," Suozzi said in a statement. "I will never stop fighting for Long Island and Queens and the people of our state and country."

Suozzi led by more than 10,000 votes Tuesday, November 17 after initially trailing by about 4,000 in-person ballots on Election Day. He had 51 percent of the vote when Santos conceded.

He performed far better in Queens on Election Day than he did in the Nassau County portion of the district, according to Board of Elections results. He received 3,300 more votes than Santos in Queens County - picking up 20,131 votes



Rep. Tom Suozzi defeated his Republican challenger George Santos following a tally of absentee votes

in Queens compared to Santos' 16,828 on Election Day.

Santos led Suozzi in Nassau County 68,991 votes to 67,522 on Election Day.

Suozzi is the second Democratic lawmaker in Northeast Queens to erase an Election Day deficit following the absentee ballot tally. Assemblymember Edward Braunstein defeated challenger John-Alexander Sakelos Monday, November 16.

The phenomenon has been characterized as a "red mirage" by political observers to describe how a Republican leads - depicted as red on election maps - evaporated as more votes were tallied.

Long Island Sen. Kevin Thomas declares victory in reelection bid

LONG ISLAND, NY (TIP): Sen. Kevin Thomas declared victory on Monday, November 16.

Thomas was down by more than 7,000 votes on Election Day as Republican challenger Dennis Dunne pulled more in-person votes than the sitting senator.

Jay Jacobs, Chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee and Nassau County Democratic Committee, said Thomas surged ahead as mail-in ballots were tallied and took an insurmountable lead.

"Based on the results of the absentee ballots opened so far and the Democratic enrollment advantage in the ballots yet to be opened, I am now happy to congratulate Kevin Thomas on his re-election to the Senate," Jacobs said in a statement.

Thomas was one of several vulnerable Senate Democrats who trailed a Republican opponent on Election Day, giving Republicans hope they could gain several seats and whittle away the Dems' 43-member majority. Despite a dearth of funds, the GOP slammed sitting Dems over bail reforms and other criminal justice legislation passed since the party took over control of the 63-seat chamber in 2018.

Along with several Dems, Thomas was also targeted by the city Police Benevolent Association, which used its Political Action Committee to buy \$1 million in ads and mailers attacking the senator. Many of



Republican Dennis Dunne (left) who NY State Senator Kevin Thomas defeated - Photo / Facebook

the ads accused the politician of being "pro-criminal" or tied him to Mayor de Blasio, who is considered deeply unpopular in the Nassau suburbs.

Thomas, whose 2018 win was part of the blue wave that gave Dems control of the Senate, said he defeated Dunne by a larger percentage than he earned when he unseated longtime Republican senator Kemp Hannon two years ago.

"Following a very close election in 2018, I am thrilled to have won a larger margin this year, and I know that is because of my hard work fighting for this community, Long Island, and all of New York State," he said. "I look forward to continuing my efforts to build a stronger, fairer, more prosperous Long Island and New York State, and I thank the voters for their support."

Diwali at Times Square Goes Digital in 2020



NEW YORK CITY, NY (TIP): Even Covid-19 couldn't put a damper on one of the biggest celebrations in New York City's iconic Times square where on Thursday, November 12th, Diwali was celebrated with pomp and festivity albeit in a slightly different format. Diwali at Times Square, by some accounts the largest celebration outside of India, has been increasing its audience since its inception in 2013. This New York city Diwali celebration usually draws a big crowd and features a

'Diya (lamp) Lighting' ceremony accompanied by a New Year's Eve style countdown featured on the tallest Times Square digital screens, followed by a host of rousing concerts. This year, though we could not gather in person, Diwali was still celebrated with as much gusto

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Nassau County hosts Diwali Celebration : Event held via Zoom

MINEOLA, NY (TIP): Nassau County Office of Asian Americans organized a Diwali celebration via Zoom on November 18.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Farrah Mozawalla, Executive Director Asian American Affairs, and Chair Indian American Forum, Indu Jaiswal, were among those who participated.

On the occasion, a few Indian Americans were recognized for their contribution to community. They included Dr Kusum Sinha, Dr Sandeep Jauhar, Shefali Karkare, Mr Babu Kudaravalli, Mrs. Sonia Anand, and Mrs. Neelema Srivastava.

Indian American Jeremy Cooney becomes the second to enter New York State Senate



Cooney received 56 percent of the votes, while his opponent Barry got 44 percent.

NEW YORK (TIP): Indian American Jeremy Cooney has been elected to the New York State Senate from the state's open 56th district.

Cooney, a Democrat, had a lead of fewer than 900 votes over his Republican rival Mike

Barry on the night of November 3. After the absentee and military ballots were counted that lead has been swelled to close to 14,500 votes.

According to the reports, Cooney received 56 percent of the votes, while Barry got 44 percent.

"We knew that we would do really well in the absentee count, and the results showed we were up by 10 points," the media quoted Cooney as saying. According to the news outlet, Barry conceded the race on Wednesday on a live Facebook video post. "We came up short at the end, but I am proud of the race that we ran," he said.

In a tweet, Cooney thanked the district's voters.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Forsyth Indian Dance Festival: Virtual event to be live streamed on Nov 21 and 22



ATLANTA, GA (TIP): In recent years, Forsyth County has seen tremendous growth in the local Indian population. A testament to the fact, Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts, in association with Forsyth County Arts Alliance are slated to host "UTSAV 2020", Forsyth Indian Dance Festival, featuring traditional Indian dances.

The virtual event is slated to be streamed live on Facebook on November 21st at 6.30 pm and November 22nd at 11.30 am and 6.30 pm.

First of its kind, UTSAV 2020 will feature award winning, Indian traditional dancers from Forsyth, St. Louis, and India, along with five dance schools from the Forsyth neighborhood. The event will be telecast live on



www.facebook.com/sooryafoundation.

The festival features performances from award winning dance gurus Sushma Mohan, Prasanna Kasthuri, Pulikeshi Kasthuri, Forsyth Indian dance schools and gurus including Naada Arts Academy, Darshini Natyalaya, Samyuktam Natya Academy and Bharatha Darshana, Soorya Performing Arts from St.Louis, and Shantala Dance Ensemble from Bangalore.

"I wanted to do a festival and create a platform that features young talent specially in the US. There are so many kids that learn dance but with zero opportunities. I got in touch with the Forsyth County Arts Alliance to ask for assistance and we were awarded a grant to undertake this event," said Sushma Mohan, Artistic Director- Secretary,

Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts. Mohan will be performing 'SRICHAKRA-the holy geometry' at the festival.

Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts was one of the recipients of the grant presented by The Forsyth County Arts Alliance (FCAA) this year to thirteen different Forsyth County arts organizations, projects, or entities. The Forsyth County Arts Alliance was created in 2005 by proceeds from the sale of the Sawnee Arts Center. Since 2008, the FCAA has awarded about \$550,000 in grants and scholarships.

You may contact sooryafoundationla@gmail.com for more information.

The lineup includes:

November 21st 6.30 pm

Prajna Balaji - Soorya Arts Academy GA

Varsha Jinka Ashok - Naada Arts Academy, GA

Guru Gayathri Sheshadri - Darshini Natyalaya, GA

Guru Prasanna Kasthuri - Soorya Performing Arts St.Louis

November 22nd Sunday 11.30 am

Guru Pulikeshi Kasthuri - Bangalore

Shantala Dance Ensemble - Bangalore

November 22nd Sunday 6.30 pm

Preetha Subramanyam - Samyuktam Natya Academy, GA

Soujanya Madhusudan - Bharatha Darshana, GA

Sushma Mohan - Soorya Arts Academy, GA

INDIAN AMERICAN DEVISES COLLAPSIBLE CHAMBER TO MANAGE PANIC ATTACKS

Reboot is a collapsible chamber that can be used by survivors of PTSD in moments of panic



Kartikaye Mittal has designed and fabricated a sanctuary that one can retreat into during moments of panic

The Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a mental health condition, can develop after a person is exposed to a traumatic event. It could cause significant issues in the social life of a person and interfere with the ability to perform daily tasks.

Kartikaye Mittal, 32, who holds a master's degree in Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in New York, has created the prototype called Reboot, employing his knowledge of design and engineering, and combining it with his research in psychotherapy and wellness, according to a statement issued on Monday.

Reboot is a collapsible chamber that can be used by survivors of PTSD in moments of panic and is intended to be installed in university campuses, hospitals, airports, malls and other crowded places.

The chamber alters sensory stimuli and creates an environment in which the person can manage one's emotions without disturbance, distraction or aggravation. It gives the user a personal space to retreat into when needed, to practice the therapeutic exercise prescribed by his or her therapist, to meditate, or just be, it said.

Kartikaye visited PTSD support groups in New York City and consulted psychotherapists as part of his research for Reboot. He discovered that in a trauma-survivor, panic may be triggered at any point

in time, especially when in a public place, where one doesn't have immediate access to his or her therapist.

The drive to empower the user made him build several models, experimenting with material, size, shape and color.

The telescoped space is 5 feet wide, 7.5 feet high, and depth extendable to 4 feet. The chamber collapses to merely 15 inches and can be instantly extended when necessary. The internal surface is designed to absorb sound, the statement said. The primary objectives of this space are dampening the noise from the surrounding environment, spatial comfort, collapsibility and adaptability to available space in the buildings.

With inputs from clinical psychologists, Mittal was able to keep the look and feel of the structure benign and non-evocative. Neutral grey was the overall color chosen for a muted look, it said. Reboot is Phase 1 of Kartikaye's initiative to create an aid for trauma survivors. Phase 2 is scheduled to commence soon under his STEAMplant residency at Pratt's Math & Science department, it said.

Mittal, an alumnus of Delhi's College of Art, has studied the effects of auditory, tactile and visual stimuli on the human mind using brain-computer interfaces. The data from these experiments inform his research and prototypes. (Source: PTI)

WASHINGTON (TIP): An Indian in the US has designed and fabricated a sanctuary that one can retreat into during moments of panic, in a bid to address Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a widespread condition in America and the world over.

Indian American Vivek Murthy, Arun Majumdar Potential Cabinet Picks for Biden- Harris Administration



Vivek Murthy (left) and Arun Majumdar (right) are potential cabinet picks in Biden-Harris administration

WASHINGTON (TIP): Two eminent India-Americans, including former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, are among the potential Cabinet picks in the next Biden-Harris Administration, according to media reports.

Mr Murthy, who currently is the top Indian-American advisor to President-elect Joe Biden on COVID-19, is a potential pick for the post of Secretary of Health and Human Services, while Stanford University Professor Arun Majumdar may get the post of Secretary of Energy, The Washington Post and Politico said in their reports on Tuesday that mentions a list of potential picks for various Cabinet-level positions in the Biden administration.

Mr Murthy, 43, is currently one of the co-chairs of the COVID-19 advisory board of the transition. He has been a close associate of Mr Biden on coronavirus issues.

Similarly, Mr Majumdar, a professor of mechanical engineering at Stanford who served as the first director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, has been a top advisor to Mr Biden on energy related issues, the

reports said.

"The office, which is an incubator for nascent energy technologies, has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress, which may bode well for his chances of being confirmed by the Senate," as reported the media.

Among other potential names for energy secretary are Ernest Moniz, former secretary of energy; Dan Reicher, Stanford University scholar and Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, former deputy secretary of energy.

For replacing Alex Azar as Secretary of Health and Human Services, two other potential names are Mandy Cohen, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Michelle Lujan Grisham, New Mexico governor.

Mr Murthy was one of the public health experts who briefed Biden frequently about the pandemic during the campaign, the reports said.

Mr Murthy became the 19th US Surgeon General at the end of 2014, slightly more than a year after his nomination by President Barack Obama.

His nomination had been held up in

the Senate for just over a year, largely because of his view that gun violence poses a public health threat.

During his tenure, he issued a landmark report on drug and alcohol addiction, calling it "a moral test for America" and placing it among reports his predecessors had produced to draw attention to other major public health threats, such as tobacco use, AIDS, the need for physical activity.

Since leaving the government, he has written and spoken out about loneliness.

He was a vice admiral in the US Public Health Service's commissioned corps and is trained in internal medicine.

Mr Majumdar is the Jay Precourt Provostial Chair Professor at Stanford University, a faculty member of the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering (by courtesy) and co-Director of the Precourt Institute for Energy, which integrates and coordinates research and education activities across all seven Schools and the Hoover Institution at Stanford.

He is also a faculty in Department of Photon Science at SLAC.

In October 2009, Mr Majumdar was nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate to become the Founding Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E), where he served till June 2012 and helped ARPA-E become a model of excellence and innovation for the government with bipartisan support from Congress and other stakeholders.

After leaving Washington, DC and before joining Stanford, Mr Majumdar was the Vice President for Energy at Google, where he created several energy technology initiatives, especially at the intersection of data, computing and electricity grid.

President-elect Joe Biden has said that his Cabinet would be the most diverse ever.

Indian American Chitra Wadhvani named editorial director of Washington Post Live

WASHINGTON (TIP): Veteran Indian American broadcast producer Chitra Wadhvani has been named editorial director of Washington Post Live where she will oversee and drive the strategy for the "Race in America" series.



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Announcing Wadhvani's

appointment, The Washington Post described "Race in America" as "one of our most important initiatives."

The series examines the movement to end systemic racism and police brutality, and more broadly how race and identity affect the lives of people in a myriad of ways.

Wadhvani will also support executive producer Katherine O'Hearn in guiding the overall editorial direction of Live programming, the Post said. "Washington Post Live is producing more digital programming than ever before, with nearly 200 programs since April," said O'Hearn.

"We launched in June in the wake of protests over the killing of George Floyd and quickly expanded to a weekly series featuring significant voices leading the fight for equality," she said "Throughout her career, Chitra has given voice to the individuals and ideas shaping the future, creating powerful conversations that richly inform," O'Hearn said. "We are thrilled to add her exceptional news judgement and deep experience to our team, which will only enhance our coverage of this moment of national reckoning."

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Indian American comedian, actress, producer Mindy Kaling's 'Never Have I Ever' wins People's Choice Award

NEW YORK (TIP): 'Never Have I Ever', the hit Netflix coming of age comedy-drama television series created by Indian American Mindy Kaling and Lang Fisher has won the People's Choice Award (PCA) for the Best Comedy Show of 2020.

Breakout star Maitreyi Ramakrishnan and Indian American comedian, actress, producer Kaling accepted the award for the series about an Indian American high school student dealing with the death of her father.

"I can't believe we were nominated in such an amazing company. We feel so grateful just to be with that group of shows. Thank you so much for this award and a huge thank you to Netflix and Universal TV," said Kaling

accepting the award.

"This means the world to us because it is coming from you, the fans. We set out to tell a funny story about an Indian American girl and her family and had no idea that we would get this response,"

Ramakrishnan, an Indo-Canadian, thanked her show's audience for believing in them.

"It has been amazing to see how our show has connected with people of color, LGBTQIA+, immigrant communities and more from all around the world," she said

Partially based on Kaling's childhood in the Boston area, the series has been described as a watershed moment for South Asian representation in Hollywood and has

been praised for breaking Asian stereotypes

Premiering on Netflix on May 21, 2020, it was renewed for a second season on July 1.

The story centers around Devi Vishwakumar (Maitreyi Ramakrishnan), a 15-year-old girl from Sherman Oaks, Los Angeles. After a socially horrible freshman year, Devi wants to change her social status, but friends, family, and feelings do not make it easy for her.

After Devi's father, Mohan (Sendhil Ramamurthy) passes away, Devi loses the use of her legs for three months.

The following year, she tries to deal with her grief, Indian identity and school life, also struggling with her relationship with her mother, Nalini (Poorna Jagannathan),



Thank you so much for this award and a huge thank you to Netflix and Universal TV," said Kaling accepting the award.

her beautiful cousin, Kamala (Richa Moorjani), her two best friends, Eleanor (Ramona Young) and Fabiola (Lee Rodriguez), her high school crush, Paxton (Darren Barnet), and her nemesis, Ben (Jaren Lewison).

The series is mostly narrated by professional tennis player John McEnroe, with one of the episodes narrated by Andy Samberg.

New York City schools close through Thanksgiving; move to remote learning as city reaches 3% positivity rate threshold



We must fight back the second wave of COVID-19 - Mayor Bill de Blasio (@NYCMayor) November 18, 2020

NEW YORK(TIP): - New York City's entire public school system will close for in-person learning starting Thursday, November 19 and through Thanksgiving, Mayor Bill de Blasio said, while also warning about additional restrictions coming soon across the board.

"Beginning Thursday, November 19, all school buildings will be closed, and all learning will proceed remotely for all students, until further notice," Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza said in a letter to parents. "You will hear from your principal shortly about next steps for you and your student. Please note that this is a temporary closure, and school buildings will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so."

Mayor de Blasio also confirmed the temporarily closing of public schools via Twitter -- private schools will not be impacted.

New York City has reached the 3% testing positivity 7-day average threshold. Unfortunately, this means public school buildings will be closed as of tomorrow, Thursday Nov. 19, out an abundance of caution.

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During his daily briefing Wednesday, the mayor said the positivity rate is "exactly on the nose" of three percent on the seven-day rolling average.

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"We all are in fact are feeling very sad about this decision because so much work has been put into keeping the schools open and opening them up to begin with," he said. "We intend to come back and come back as quickly as possible." The mayor said "the week after Thanksgiving is the earliest" schools could reopen, but they "can't say for sure" because they still have to figure out the standards for reopening.

De Blasio said the city is working with the state by having a number of conversations with the governor on what it would take to bring schools back.

"I want that to be clear," he said. "We have stringent health and safety standard right now. We have to raise that even higher to be able to bring our schools back, but that is exactly what we are going to do."

The mayor also urged for more testing and implored parents to return the parental consent form for students to be tested.

He said the plan to bring students back will be announced in the coming days.

Parents of the 300,000 New York City public school students currently learning in-person were left in a state of

confusion Wednesday that Gov. Andrew Cuomo insisted did not exist.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo reacts to the news that New York City exceeded a 3% COVID-19 test positivity rate and will close schools to in-person learning.

"They're not confused," a combative Cuomo said of parents. "You're confused."

In fact, there is quite a bit of confusion, in no small part because the state and the city use different metrics to measure the coronavirus infection rate.

By state measure, the city's seven-day rolling average is 2.5%.

"The City reports results from the day tests are taken," the spokesperson for the mayor said. "The State reports results the day the results come in. Reporting on tests from the day they are taken is the general epidemiological consensus. It gives the city the most accurate view on the levels of COVID on a given day."

As Cuomo was speaking in Albany, New York City public school principals were notified schools would close beginning Thursday because the city's seven-day rolling average had exceeded three percent.

However, there have been some reports that this letter was followed up by a call that stated it was still being discussed.

United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew responded to the move by de Blasio.

"The city established the three percent infection rate threshold to make sure that schools did not become centers to spread the coronavirus," Mulgrew said. "Since the three percent rate has been reached, education will continue but all students will be learning remotely. Now it's the job of all New Yorkers to maintain social distance, wear masks

and take all other steps to substantially lower the infection rate so school buildings can re-open for in-person instruction."

Mulgrew reiterated the UFT wants schools to be open again. He says he needs the public's help to "put this virus at bay" by lowering the citywide positivity rate.

Conversely, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran "strongly" disagreed with the mayor's decision to close schools.

"As Nassau County Executive, I want to make clear to residents that I will do everything I can to keep our schools open," she said. "Thanks to the hard work of school administrators, school buildings have not been a major vector of transmission in Nassau. Our contact tracers have found that the virus is primarily spreading at social gatherings where little to no precautions are taken. Closing schools should be the absolute last resort. Isolating children from teachers and classmates is detrimental to young people's mental health and educational and emotional growth. Closing schools causes further economic devastation, and disproportionately harms families in lower-income communities. If we all do our part, we have the tools and know-how to get through this winter without a complete shutdown. Let's continue to wear our masks, practice social distancing, and avoid unsafe gatherings to save lives, keep kids in school, and ensure businesses can stay open."

New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams criticized the leadership of the de Blasio administration.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Diwali at Times Square Goes Digital in 2020

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in spirit with the Digital Diya Lighting with Countdown, a live feed for global viewers and Virtual Online Colors of India and Light Up Times Square concert on Diwali at Times Square Social Media platforms featuring some renowned musicians from the USA and India.

The wholesome spirit of Diwali prevailed even more this year than in years past with the community battling the evil pandemic. As Neeta Bhasin, President of the event management company, EventGuru Inc. and the mastermind behind Diwali At Times Square Festival, said in her opening remarks before commencing the event this year on the

eve of Nov. 12th, "You have witnessed a whole new version of Diwali at Times Square this year. The ongoing Pandemic has made us all realize that certain things can be felt and enjoyed even while being at home. With your support, we still managed to light up a Diya on the tallest screen in Times Square and are celebrating Diwali with viewers from not only the USA but around the world!"

This year as well, this auspicious event was attended in-person by several dignitaries in New York including

the inauguration by Mr. Randhir Jaiswal, Consul General of India, New York. Other dignitaries who joined the event were Mr. Kamal Raul, Regional Manager, Air India, Mr. V. Senthur Kumaran, Assistant Director, India Tourism, community supporters and the media. Diwali Greetings and Message from Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narinder Modi were also shared to the world straight from the center of the universe, Times Square, NY. Congratulatory and Diwali wishes to Vice-President Elect, Kamala Harris were followed by Diwali greetings from the Consulate of India, NY, Air India, Eye Foundation of America, Celebrities and various other community organizations were proudly displayed on the tallest tower of Times Square, the tower where the December 31st New Year's ball drop ceremony takes place.

This Diwali celebration did not stop there; the festival continued on Diwali at Times Square Social Media platforms till November 14th, the day of Diwali, including a beautiful, virtual, musical concert on November 13th titled 'Colorsof India' - a coming together of Indian talent representing American Indians living in various parts of the USA.

Finally, on November 14th, the celebration

culminated with a virtual 'Light-Up Times Square' concert with renowned Indian performers who have won millions of hearts with their magical voices and melodies. Padma Shri Usha Uthup, HamsikaIyer, Merlin D'Souza, Pritha Majumder, Jankee and Sunita Bhuyan put together a special show to entertain us in this difficult time. We salute them for uplifting our spirit when we needed it the most. Now

it is our turn! Diwali at Times Square is contributing 10% of the proceeds of the 'Diya Lighting' sponsorship to the musicians of India who are going through a difficult time due to the pandemic. It is our hope that with our contribution we can help them keep the lights on in their homes and hearts just as they helped us light up ours this Diwali.

Diwali at Times Square s can be watched at various social media handles:
Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/DiwaliTimesSquare/>
Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/diwalitimesquare/>
'Neeta Bhasin Show' YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxOgeG8CPnZPd6y02Wwqfg>

(BASED ON A PRESS RELEASE)

AIA Celebrates Diwali at Time Square, New York City

NEW YORK CITY (TIP): Under COVID conditions, not being able to organize their iconic Diwali festival at South Street Seaport, the AIA chose the center of the universe -the Times Square- to celebrate one of the most colorful and much celebrated festivals of India- the festival of lights-

AIA NY, Inaugurated the Deepavali 2020 with a Diya-lighting ceremony on Friday, November 13th at Times Square, (43rd Street & Broadway) opposite Nasdaq stock exchange, and prayed for the end of covid-19 suffering.

The Diya-lighting ceremony was performed by Consul General of India in New York Randhir Jaiswal who was the chief guest at the AIA Diwali celebrations. Others at hand to light the lamp were Special guests NY State Senator John Liu and Deputy Consul General, Shatrughna Sinha. Because of social distancing measures, the event capacity was limited to 25 people.

Harish Thakkar, president of AIA- NY said this Diwali is going to be very different from all the others we have ever witnessed. Deepavali festival is one of the landmark events of AIA-NY and is enjoyed by over 50,000 spectators every year. Considered by far the largest attraction for Indian Americans from all over the tri-state area, but due to COVID-19 -19, Diwali festival didn't take place at South Street Seaport this year. Instead, AIA NY did Diya lighting at Times Square, NYC.. Also AIA felicitated the first celebration of Deepavali at the White House in 2005. In recognition of Diwali, alternate street parking in the city of New York is suspended, he said.



Lighting the Lamp: L to R: NY State Senator John Liu, Consul General of India, India's Consul General Randhir Jaiswal & Harish Thakkar AIA President,

NY State Senator John Liu said Diwali is the celebration of light and so, coming at a time of

darkness, when there seem to be many sad stories of bereavement, sickness and financial hardship all caused by a virus, we need to ensure that our inner light stays ignited. Instead of thinking of 'Corona.', it's a time to share compassion, love and care with everyone around us. He also said he attended many AIA Diwali festival events at South Street Seaport and thanked AIA president Harish Thakkar for organizing the Diya lighting event at time square.

Consul General of India, Ambassador Randhir Jaiswal extended his warmest wishes to everyone and said that Diwali truly brightens our evenings. As we unite to celebrate the festival of lights, we mark the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness. Diwali's central message of openness, peace and mutual respect is one we can all learn from. He also mentioned that AIA is a grass-roots national organization of Asian-immigrants in the U.S, is well known for its social, cultural and educational activities and is the organizer of the largest Deepavali festival in NYC for the past 32 years. The festivities in Times Square are always a joy to attend. He thanked AIA president, Harish Thakkar for organizing the Diya lighting event at Times Square and wished everyone Happy Diwali and a prosperous new year.

A.I.A president Harish Thakkar thanked the all media ITV, TV Asia, Jus Punjabi, PTC News, The Indian Panorama, South Asian Times, Desi talk, News India, Parikh Worldwide media and Hum Hindustani "We are grateful to all our media who made this event a big success," he said.

Baps Hindu Temple In Melville, Long Island celebrates Diwali Festival Online



MELVILLE, NY (TIP): Amid the COVID-19 global pandemic, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Melville, NY focused on bringing together the Hindu community through five days of virtual

Diwali celebrations. During this period, the traditions celebrated present an opportunity to reflect and introspect on one's personal, professional, and spiritual growth.

Many families would generally gather at the BAPS Mandir to celebrate this festival. However, due to all of the health and safety concerns this year, the BAPS organization provided live, interactive programs throughout the holiday season to bring the community together while suggesting activities that each family can partake in and share with others online. One such activity was the observation of New Year's Day which occurs the day after Diwali. BAPS mandirs the world over celebrate this day by offering Annakut (meaning of "Mountains of Food") to the sacred images within the shrines of the mandir. The 100s of food items are generally made by followers of the faith in their homes and brought to the mandir. This year, however, families were encouraged to make fresh vegetarian delicacies and offer them to the images that are kept at home, with the same spirit and to share pictures of this and other Diwali activities online.

Although no grand celebrations were held at the mandir this year, BAPS did offer limited viewings of the sacred images, during the Diwali season. Due to the auspiciousness of the holiday, many Hindus come to view and pray before the images on these days. As a part of its ongoing COVID-19 response efforts, the organization's humanitarian arm - BAPS Charities - organized a Food Drive and requested all who come to the mandir to bring non-perishable food items to help those most affected by the pandemic.

Long Island Indo American Lions Club celebrates Diwali

HICKSVILLE, NY (TIP): The Motto of Long Island Indo American Lions Club is community service. The club also respectfully celebrates all the festivals and organizes the events which brings the community together. Diwali was celebrated on November 6th, 2020. Diwali is the festival of lights which symbolizes victory of light over darkness. After a very long gap any event was celebrated and it strengthens the hope and faith that the darkness eventually will be replaced by light. The life will be back to normal again.



The celebration started with seeking blessings from Lord Ganesha the removal of obstacles. Ganesh Vandana was sung by Vijay Banjaraji in his melodious voice. The guests were welcomed by President Indu Gajwani, she also introduced the officers and team. It was an evening filled with fun, joy, happiness and above all hope. Vijay Banjara a versatile singer entertained the guest with melodious songs and gazals. The dance numbers sung by him kept people on the dance floor. The Raffle draw was a big excitement and fun. The raffle prizes were donated by Lion Krishna Maddipatla & Lion KanakGolia, Mint Restaurant Mr. Gary Sikka and Madhu Pareekh of Navika Group. We are grateful to them for their generosity.

The celebration was graced by President Indu Gajwani, Vice Presidents-Dr. Sunil Mehra & KanakGolia, Secretary GovindOja, Event Chair Anju Sharma, Admin- Vandana Kumar, Membership Chair Dr. Kalpesh Amin, Board of Director Mr. NandPanjwani, Dr. AbhayMalhotra, Social Chair Sanju Sharma, District Governor Terry Oyster & Past District governor Jose Pastrana also joined the celebration. We appreciate all the guests who joined and celebrated Diwali with us. (Based on a press release)

Deepak and Reshma Patel organize Aankut at home with 161 home made vegetarian items of prasad

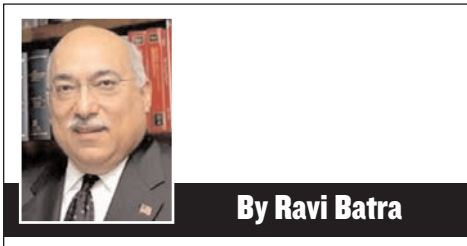


FARMINGDALE, NY (TIP): Long Island Diwali Aankut 2020 was organized by Deepak and Reshma Patel at their residence in Farmingdale.

The family prepared 161 vegetarian items for offering to Swaminarayan, Pramukh Swami and Mahant Swami Maharaj.

AS I SEE IT

"Our Nation Is like None Other; President Trump Is like None Other; Our Election Was like None Other; and 2020 Civil War Continues, As China Grabs Lands and Assets."



By Ravi Batra

“ But, I write to issue a "Surgeon General's Warning" to the body politic here at home, and across the world: Donald J. Trump may have come down the escalator almost alone on June 15, 2015 to throw his hat in the ring to be POTUS 45, but on January 20, 2021 he takes with him almost 75 million Trump Voters, and 88.9 million Twitter followers. Poetically, I note that Trump-the-POTUS has 32.8 million Twitter followers. All prior Presidents over last 50 years or more, have largely remained silent and kept quiet after leaving the White House, and declining, in the main, to opine on their successor. "Normalcy," at Least Political and Geopolitical, is Now Consigned to History. Well I hate to say this, but President-Elect Joe Biden and leaders across the world, buckle up!"



The land of the free and the home of the brave

American Leaders, like the Evil Queen in "Snow White" asking the "mirror," "who is the fairest of them all," these new Leaders - elected or community loud mouths - fancy themselves "perfect," and issue mandates for removal of Monuments - even of George Washington; my favorite, Thomas Jefferson; the scoundrel, Alexander Hamilton; and even Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator. And then there are folks who have no chance like General Robert E. Lee, who honorably accepted defeat in our great Civil War, or John Newtown, a slave-trader, who found God, became a Preacher, authored "Amazing Grace," and helped cause slavery to be outlawed in Great Britain. Amazing Grace today defines hope itself.

You need not be a devout Christian to know that Judas, who in a singular act of betrayal, gave up Jesus to the Romans and caused Him to be crucified, and, later became the well-loved "Saint Jude" - the Saint, who helps you find things you lost. Indeed, we are lost - in materiality, ego and self, which Mother Nature, heated up by global warming, is ready to eradicate humanity to save the planet - which many leaders fight about what started the fire, when every firefighter knows first "put out the fire," then look for arsonists.

I know that hubris comes easily to the ignorant or the wicked. For our cherished Republic, a gift from Founders like Ben Franklin, either do harm; both together, are an existential threat - which about eighty (80) million Biden Voters and seventy-four (74) million Trump Voters have tasted together. It is now the American Spring, in full blossom - in ways similar to the Arab Spring, and yet, in answer to it.



President Donald J. Trump at a MAGA Rally

The Presidential Election on November 3, 2020 between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, in a perverse way, was somewhat akin to 9/11 - albeit, the conflict was internal - as our Republic was convulsing, our divisions deep and open, and the very fabric of our nation laid bare and in conflict.

Despite being the preeminent nation of laws in human history, Law & Order was unwelcome to too many of our neighbors and fellow Americans. And a nation that was inhabited by those who abandoned a society encrusted with landed gentry for one that defined "fate" and "destiny" on the wings of "merit" alone - and called it the American Dream - was now seriously flirting with Communism's more appealing sibling, Socialism - where all get what they need and want, by just taking it from those who got ahead. Sweet and Godly "compassion," however, is not Socialism.

Thrown in the dustbin created by hubris, these new

The Great Disrupter - has achieved much good, from Criminal Justice Reform to kick-starting Middle East Peace to Warp Speed Vaccine for a battle-weary population, and our fiscal house anemic and bleeding jobs and souls. But his cadre of disruption-amplifiers, from Steve Bannon, Steve Miller, and our own Rudy Giuliani, are headed for positions - personal and policy - that are more distant from "honor" and "truth," but closer to the always sought-after "loyalty," which weaves a path to the ever-attractive "consolidated power" - the very concept, and a goal - our cherished and honorable Founders deemed un-American, as it devalues American Exceptionalism - built, as it is, on the genius of purposefully separating "power," by constitutional design, at every turn, and then again for benefits of redundancy - so as to deny "tyranny" a residence in these united States of America ("united," being the humble lower case, yet more

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powerful, as an "adjective" always is over the proud and useless "noun." Our original name was lower-case; our current, a noun).

To not concede the election, and to even block the Biden Transition from full access to government resources, as federal law mandates, is pure Trumpian joy to his base. By that simple statement, we have upon us a new Civil War, where slavery is not the bone of contention - for there can be no proponents of that economic model, even as slavery was not originally racist, but an aftermath of victory in war: pillage & plunder. As slaves could be of the same race. It is later, about 500 years ago that slave-trading, like Blood Diamonds, became an evil enterprise in, and with, Africa. Indeed, the bronze door knocker to my office in Manhattan is of William Wilberforce - the enlightened soul who successfully campaigned to abolish the African Slave Trade in England, supported as he was, by John Newton. Sadly, not a single person has recognized that Great Abolitionist door-knocker in my office.

This 2020 Civil War - is about Law & Order, and keeping the American Dream. They say, "[p]olitics makes strange bedfellows." Well, no one can truly argue that Joe Biden is against Law & Order, or isn't a great supporter of the American Dream, even as New York State Attorney General Tish James and New York County District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. appear to not only argue, but are in court dealing with President Trump, for his actions as a civilian. Of course, POTUS' Attorney General Bill Barr has until 11:59a.m. January 20, 2021 to do likewise to President Barack Obama and inter alia, then-Vice President Joe Biden, for their official acts, etc. We are in a Twilight Zone, in more ways that desirable.



President-elect Joe Biden at a campaign rally

There is no doubt that Joe Biden will be sworn in on January 20, 2021, and Kamala Harris, as an African-American woman (and situationally, also Indian-American) as our President and Vice President, respectively. The world leadership has collectively let go and breathe deeply - independent of Eric garner and

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George Floyd who made that act famous, as each came loaded with baggage - as normalcy, defined by centuries of wisdom embedded in protocols, will re-emerge, an state secrets will again separate policy errors from policymakers, and leave public "respect," at maximum strength as a calibrated tool, all the way to public "insult," leaving "private insult" to be candidly used, with the percussion effect of a table smacked in anger for emphasis.

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As Donald J. Trump, to the great delight of his large and effusive base, will not go quietly into the night and instead, will opine even more freely on matters big and small, public and private. Republicans, let alone Mitch McConnell and Kevin McCarthy, also are not free to go back to "normalcy," as Trump "owns" the Republican party's base.

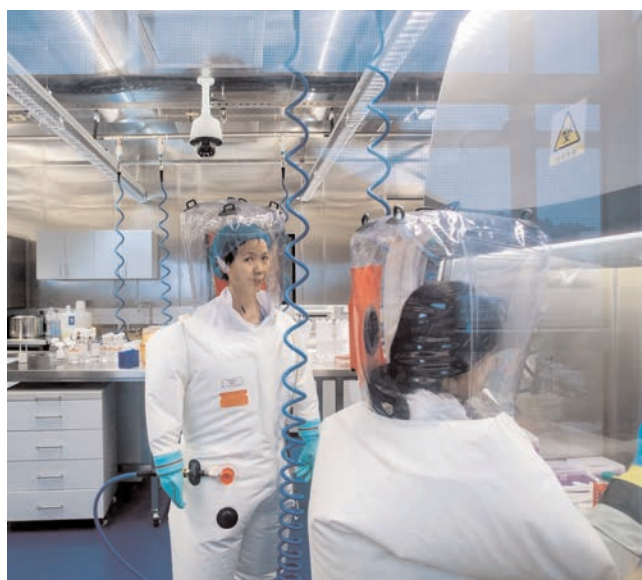
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We are now blessed with an activated citizenry, which makes governance more transparent, and responsive. That, used to be good. It still will be, not because we, as Americans are better than other human beings, but because we live in a nation that our Founders created with an architectural design that exceeds the Pyramids, Parthenon, Colosseum, Great Wall of China, and the Taj Mahal. America is designed to harness competing and ambition-driven energy for self-gain, and turn it into enhancing the public good. Pure alchemy.

Politicians who wish to be shepherds of quiet and distracted sheep, as before, will have to be on top of their game, to figure out where the public wants to go, and then get there first, so as to lead. Perhaps, Lincoln's Gettysburg recipe, Government of, by and for the people, will finally pay dividends to the most elusive of that trilogy: "for the people."

The great battle upon us is: Can Americans be safe without the Police, and can the merit-based American Dream co-exist with Socialism? And, in addition, another battle rages: Social Media, be it Big Tech or individual users, will they destroy representative democracy, as they did the media, and render it into merely Mob Rule, aka direct democracy - the one that killed the great Socrates in Athens for being a "nag" and

asking the question, "why." And, then, there is yet another battle that will render the above two irrelevant: the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Chairman Mao, a mastermind and globally under-estimated, created a 100 year plan, that included their "Golan Heights" (well before Golda Meir, born in Kyiv, seized it in 1973, and Bibi Netanyahu recently renamed, Trump Heights), with the secret 1949 Karachi Agreement land acquisition, the size of which would leave one breathless; followed up, by swallowing Tibet in 1958, etc.; and reviving Chinese's Ming Dynasty's Tribute System - as opposed to Western Nations' Feudalism - is Commercial favoritism and tributes paid to China, the superior nation. Their OBOR, BRI, and inter alia, AIIB, has weaponized money-giving into land-grabbing in exchange for non-payment of debt - converting unpaid loans to seizure of land and assets that a traditional war could not achieve for China. Having weaponized debt, they weaponized reefs, as in Mischief Reef, and since late last year, they weaponized Viruses by lab-engineering them to bypass human auto-immune system with a "master key," the spike glycoprotein, a Trojan Horse, and gave it a deceptively harmless name of coronavirus or Covid-19, and used it to start an undeclared war against us, and the rest of the world.



The lab of global suffering -The Wuhan Lab

Unleashing this Virus is a crime against humanity. It's like a Bond movie, where they are playing for the world. Well, sadly and infuriatingly, 250,000 Americans have died, and more will in CCP's Undeclared War on all of us. And yet, we do nothing, other than try to find a vaccine and accuse each other of not fighting the virus correctly. Leaving China unpunished and worse, un-stopped. I tried, and failed, to get Trump as president to cancel China's debt here, as well as globally, just to offset, in part, the damage and injury China caused. War reparations can only occur - if we are willing to stand up - or will we profit our way into slavery, Ming Style?

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Hat tip to Marcus Aurelius: Neville Chamberlain Was an Honorable and Reasonable Man.

Finally, Neville Chamberlain was the epitome of normal leadership, and saw in Hitler, our own mistakes that created the disastrous Weimar Republic and gave birth to the Third Reich. He dealt with him, in a calibrated way. He lost. Churchill begged FDR to get involved, joined up with Stalin, no angel, and faced Hitler down. Chairman Mao, and his hand-picked successors, an unbroken line of the faithful High Priests of Maoism, with President Xi Jinping being an exceptional leader worthy of not only rejuvenating the Ming Tribute system, but a reincarnation of Chairman Mao in a Brooks Brothers Business Suit.

POTUS Must Do More.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP - will you ignore the Trademarks given to you and the lovely Ivanka - and use your remaining days as America's fiduciary and defend us - as FDR did after Pearl harbor - when we have now suffered more deaths than 100 Pearl Harbors?

Wolf Warriors Stay at Home and Safe, While Virus Kills Relentlessly.

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN - will you stand up and defend us from the Wolf Warriors that stay comfortably at home, as their Virus does its damage unrelentingly, including, Denmark's recent discovery of a mutant strain, Cluster 5, which the WHO says is drug resistant. That means the current vaccines - Pfizer's and Moderna's 95% effective - are not effective against it.

We are on the precipice of an Armageddon, death-by-virus and starvation-by-lockdown, while China seizes property and assets in exchange of "debt" for "equity." Exactly what we didn't teach the Russians after the Berlin Wall came down, which our CPAs and Attorneys know so well to keep the capital markets robust for capitalism to work, China created a different system, just as they are creating at every level, including, making our use of sanction-capacity as a punishment irrelevant. Just ask Russia, Iran and China how they do business, and settle the



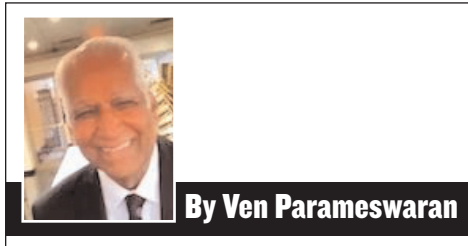
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Overseas Indians can be rightfully proud of their leadership achievements. Can they make an impact on India?



By Ven Parameswaran

I came to the USA in 1954 on Vijayalakshmi Pandit scholarship awarded by Fairleigh Dickinson U in N.J. for 4-year undergraduate study. After that, I graduated from Columbia U Graduate School of Business.

In 1954, that is 66 years ago, in the tristate area we had only 250 Indians. This included 150 students and 100 employees of the Indian Consulate, Indian Mission to the U.N., and the U.N. In the USA we had 3000 Indian students. The Indian American population was 4 million according to the 2010 census. I estimate it could be 6 million according to 2020 census.

In 1976, the Indian American population had grown to 250,000. I recall publishing an article in India Abroad predicting the future of Indian Americans. In that article, I highlighted how the Jewish community had grown and become most influential in politics, technology, and communications. The Jewish came to the USA without education. They went thru hell but they attached importance to religion and education. In a few generations they were able to establish themselves as the highest educated. They were the top intellectuals in education, communications, and politics and Wall Street. They were the advisers to the occupants in the White House. In that article I asked where will be the Indian Americans 50 years from then? Will they emulate the Jewish Americans?

THE ELECTION OF KAMALA HARRIS, THE FIRST WOMAN VICE PRESIDENT HAS MADE HISTORY FOR INDIA, 30 MILLION OVERSEAS INDIANS, AND INDIAN AMERICANS



Kamala Harris who has been elected Vice President of America. She is the first woman, the first black woman, and the first Indian origin woman to be elected Vice President of America. What an honor to India and Indians!

Indians everywhere are really proud that the oldest Democracy has elected an Indian American woman as its Vice President. Kamala's mother Shyamala Gopalan, a Brahmin was born in Chennai, Tamilnadu.

Indian Americans have been building political clout, slowly but steadily. As the population of Indian Americans have grown so also their political clout. Of course their quality of representation is quite disproportionate to its small population.

The Americans have elected one Vice President, two Governors, one U.S. Senator, 10 Congressmen, approximately 20

members to State Legislatures, several State Attorney Generals, several Mayors of cities and towns, several Councilmen to large cities, several Federal and District Judges, 2 Appellate Court Judges. Two hundred Indian Americans contested in 2020 elections beginning with the Primary. Out of this, a net of 30 competed finally and approximately 20 were elected. This a very impressive performance by a very young community within such a short time. They have come from second and third generation Indians.

In the November 2020 elections, a number of India Americans have won in State legislatures. Here is a partial list.

Connecticut State Rep. Raghiv Allie-Brennan (D), CT 2nd District
Ohio State Rep. Niraj Antani (R) Ohio Senate District 6
Connecticut State Rep. Harry Arora, (R) CT 151st District
North Carolina State Senator Jay Chaudhuri (D), NC State Senate District 15
Jeremy Cooney (D), Rochester, New York, NY State Senate District 56
California State Rep. Ash Kalra (D), CA 27th District
Kentucky State Rep. Nima Kulkarni (D), KY 40th District
Tennessee State Rep. Dr. Sabi Kumar (R), TN 66th District
Michigan State Rep. Padma Kuppa (D), MI 41st District
Zohran Mamdani (D), NY State Assembly 36th District
New Hampshire State Rep. Latha Mangipudi (D), NH 35th District
NC State Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed (D), NC State Senate District 38
Ranjeev Puri (D), Winner of MI House of Representatives 21st District
Jenifer Rajkumar (D), Winner of NY State Assembly 38th District
Kesha Ram (D), Burlington, Vermont, VT State Senate Chittenden District
Dr. Nikil Saval (D), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Winner of PA State Senate 1st District
Arizona State Rep. Dr. Amish Shah (D), AZ 24th District
Washington State Rep. Vandana Slatter (D), WA 48th District
Shri Thanedar (D), MI State House of Representatives 3rd District
Senator Kevin Thomas (D), NY State Senate District 56



Winners all . Top Row: Raghiv Allie-Brennan, Niraj Antani, Harry Arora, Jay Chaudhuri, Jeremy Cooney, Nima Kulkarni, Padma Kuppa; Bottom Row: Latha Mangipudi, Ranjeev Puri, Jenifer Jaikumar, Kesha Ram, Dr. Nikil Saval, Dr. Amish Shah and Vandana Slatter

Indian Americans have demonstrated that their character, values, education, religion, and work ethics will contribute to keep on building political clout at local, state, and national levels.

WHO ARE THESE INDIAN AMERICANS?

Spelling B Contestants, high achieving students in high school, college, universities, faculty members of universities, Deans, high tech professionals, CEO's of top corporations and others.

Indian Americans are the highest educated in the U.S.A. They also earn the highest, with average income of a little over 100,000. The median income for the Americans is \$50,000. The Jewish when they came were the underdogs. But they beat the White Anglo-Saxon Protestants. For a long time, nobody could beat the Jewish.

BUT INDIAN AMERICANS BEAT THE JEWISH AND HAVE BEEN LEADING CONSISTENTLY YEAR AFTER YEAR IN EDUCATION AND INCOME. THIS IS A GREAT SUCCESS STORY NOT TOLD TO THE WORLD OR EVEN TO INDIANS IN INDIA.

Let me cite some examples of topnotch successful Indians:

There are only four trillion-dollar corporations. Indians are CEO's of two: Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft. Sunder Pichai of Google/Alphabet. Indra Nooyi is a member of the Board of Directors of Amazon, another trillion-dollar corporation.

Rajat Gupta was the first Indian CEO of McKinsey

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Management Consulting firm. Dutta was CEO of United Airlines. Lounjewar was CEO of U.S.Air. Indra Nooyi was CEO of PepsiCo. Ajay Ganga is the CEO of Mastercard. Vikram Pandit was CEO of Citigroup. Warren Buffet is grooming Ajit Jain to succeed him. Laxmi Mittal is the steel king of the world.

Zubin Mehta was conductor at the Philharmonic Opera of the NYC. Malhotra played ice hockey as member of the National Hockey League. Vivek Murthy was Surgeon General. Nikki Haley was American Ambassador to the U.N. Verma was ambassador to India.

Two thirds of all the hotels are owned by Indians. 40% of all high-techstartup firms in the Silicon Valley are by Indians.

Harvard School of Business elected an Indian American Dean more than a decade ago. He has been succeeded by another Indian American.

There are 25000 Faculty members of Indian origin in colleges and universities. Several are Chairman and Dean of Departments and Schools.

50% of all Ph.D.'s are earned by the Indian Americans. **FROM SPELLING B TO PH.D. INDIANS LEAD IN EDUCATION. BY ELECTING KAMALA HARRIS AS VICE PRESIDENT THE INDIAN AMERICANS HAVE BROKEN ALL GLASS CEILINGS BASED ON INTRINSIC ABILITIES AND POLITICAL SMART. IF INDIANS ARE THE SMARTEST, PEOPLE ASK, WHY INDIA IS NOT MODERN LIKE CHINA, USA, JAPAN? IF INDIANS CAN BE THE LEADERS IN USA WHY DON'T THEY LEAD INDIA? WHO CAN ANSWER THIS 64000 DOLLAR QUESTION?**

30 Million Indians live overseas - Canada, USA, U.K., Germany, Western Europe, Middle East, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Fiji, Guyana, Trinidad,

Sri Lanka and others. Ireland elected an Indian Prime Minister. Portugal elected an Indian President. The U.K. has several cabinet ministers of Indian origin. Canada has several cabinet ministers. New Zealand has a cabinet minister. Singapore has elected Deputy Prime Minister and Prime Minister.

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Singapore PM's sis-in-law suspended from practising law over improper handling of family will

SINGAPORE (TIP): Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's sister-in-law was on Friday barred from practising law for 15 months over professional misconduct in her handling of the final will of Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of modern Singapore and the patriarch of the Lee family.

The Court of Three Judges, the highest disciplinary body for the legal profession, found senior lawyer Lee Suet Fern, 62, guilty of "misconduct unbecoming an advocate and solicitor", for preparing and executing the will which is seen as a gain for her husband, Lee Hsien Yang, the Prime Minister's younger brother.

Following the death of Lee Kuan, the Prime Minister and his brother are disputing the status of the family property at Oxley Rise on the outskirts of the central business district and hotel belt of Orchard Road.

A disciplinary tribunal (DT) had found Lee Suet guilty of grossly improper professional conduct in February this year.

The court held a virtual hearing in August, where the Law Society set out its arguments for why Lee Suet should be disbarred over her handling of the will. Her lawyers called for all charges to be dropped, according to a report by The Straits Times.

The court, comprising Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Judge of Appeal Judith Prakash and Justice Woo Bih Li, said it did not agree with some of the tribunal's findings, in particular that there was an implied retainer between Lee Suet and the senior Lee and that they were in a solicitor-client relationship.

The court also said she did not receive instructions or directions directly from the senior Lee.

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The case centred on the role Lee Suet played in the preparation and execution of the last will of the late Singapore leader that was signed on December 17, 2013. He died on March 23, 2015, at the age of 91.

His last will differed from his sixth and penultimate will in significant ways, and did not contain some changes he had wanted and discussed with his lawyer Kwa Kim Li four days earlier.

Among the differences was a demolition clause — relating to the demolition of his 38 Oxley Road house after his death — which had not been in the sixth or penultimate will but was in the last.

The share of the estate bequeathed to each of his three children was also different, with Dr Lee Wei Ling (The Prime Minister's sister), Lee Hsien Yang (brother) and their elder brother, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, given equal shares. In the sixth will, Dr Lee was to receive a bigger share.

Lee Suet role in the handling of the last will had triggered a complaint by the

Attorney-General's Chambers to the Law Society in January last year about possible professional misconduct.

Deputy Attorney-General Lionel Yee had asked that the case be referred to a disciplinary tribunal and a two-man tribunal, comprising Senior Counsel Sarjit Singh Gill and lawyer Leon Yee Kee Shian, was appointed by CJ Menon.

The tribunal had said in its 206-page grounds of decision that the facts exposed an "unsavoury tale" of how she and her husband had misled the senior Lee to sign a new will without the advice of his usual lawyer Kwa (a relative for the Lee family), who had prepared all six of his previous wills.

The senior Lee, architect of modern Singapore and the Asian financial hub, was then aged 90 and in poor health.

In a statement posted on Facebook by her husband Lee Hsien on Friday, she said she disagreed with the decision.

"There was no basis for this case to have even been initiated. This was a private will," The Straits Times quoted her as saying. PTI

Ancient temple found in Pakistan

PESHAWAR (TIP): A Hindu temple, believed to have been constructed 1,300 years ago, has been discovered by Pakistani and Italian archaeological experts at a mountain in Swat district of northwest Pakistan.

The discovery was made during an excavation at Barikot Ghundai.

Announcing the discovery on Thursday, Fazle Khaliq of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Department of Archaeology said that the temple discovered is of God Vishnu.

It was built by the Hindus 1,300 years ago during the Hindu Shahi period, he said.

The Hindu Shahis or Kabul Shahis (850–1026 CE) was a Hindu dynasty that ruled the Kabul Valley (eastern Afghanistan), Gandhara (modern-day Pakistan), and present-day northwestern India.

During their excavation, the archaeologists also found traces of cantonment and watchtowers near the temple site. The experts also found a water tank near the temple site which they believed used by the Hindus for bathing before worship.

Khaliq said that Swat district is home to thousand-year-old archaeology sites and the traces of the Hindu Shahi period have been found for the first time in the area.

Dr Luka, the head of the Italian archaeological mission, said this the first temple of the Gandhara civilisation discovered in Swat district.

Swat district is among the top 20 sites in Pakistan which is home to every kind of tourism like natural beauty, religious tourism, cultural tourism and archaeological sites.

Several worship places of Buddhism are also situated in Swat district. PTI

In Afghanistan, Australian special forces 'unlawfully killed' 39 civilians

MELBOURNE / KABUL (TIP): There is "credible information" that at least 19 serving and former Australian special forces allegedly committed up to 39 unlawful murders during the conflict in Afghanistan, according to a long-awaited military report into war crimes released on Nov 19.

Australia launched the inquiry in 2016 amid reports from whistleblowers and in the local media of the alleged killing of unarmed men and children in Afghanistan. The four-year inquiry by NSW Court Of Appeal Justice Paul Brereton found there was "credible information" of 23 incidents where Australian Defence Force personnel were involved in the serious crimes, either carrying out the offences or at least being "accessories" to the incidents.

Serious Violation of military ethics

These findings allege the most serious breaches of military conduct and professional values. The unlawful killing of civilians and prisoners is not acceptable. I apologise for any wrongdoing by the forces. -Angus Campbell, Chief of Defence Force

There was "credible information" that 39 Afghans were allegedly murdered by Australian special forces in 23 incidents. Two incidents could be classified as the war crime of "cruel treatment", the report said.

— PTI

Pakistan reports 2,500 new cases of coronavirus: Health Ministry

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan has reported over 2,500 new cases of coronavirus, taking the total number of infections in the country to 365,927, the health ministry said on Thursday.

The Ministry of National Health Services said a total of 2,547 new infections were reported and a total of 18 people had died due to the coronavirus in the last 24 hours.

"The new coronavirus toll stands at 7,248 while infections at 3,65,927," the health ministry said in a statement.

Some 886 people recovered in the last one day and with it the number of total recuperated people reached 326,674. Another 1,535 were in critical conditions.

Sindh recorded a total of 158,559 cases, Punjab 112,284, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa 43,052, Islamabad 25,278, Balochistan 16,582, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir 5,690 and Gilgit-Baltistan 4,482 cases.

The authorities performed 36,899 tests in the last 24 hours and the positivity rate remained 6.9 percent. PTI



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made a call to US President-elect Joe Biden : Congratulated him and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and US President-elect Joe Biden - File photo

WASHINGTON (TIP): Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi made a call to US President-elect Joe Biden and congratulated him and the Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, a PIB report said.

The leaders agreed to work closely to further advance the India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, built on shared values and common interests

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation on November 20 with Joseph R. Biden, President-elect of the United States of America.

Prime Minister Modi warmly congratulated President-elect Biden on his election, describing it as a testament to the strength and resilience of democratic traditions in the United States.

The Prime Minister also extended his heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Vice President-elect Senator Kamala Harris.

The Prime Minister warmly recalled his earlier interactions with Joseph R. Biden, including during his official visits to the United States in 2014 and in 2016. Mr. Biden had chaired the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress that was addressed by the Prime Minister during his 2016 visit.

The leaders agreed to work closely to further advance the India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, built on shared values and common interests. The leaders also discussed their priorities, including containing the Covid-19 pandemic, promoting access to affordable vaccines, tackling climate change, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific Region (Source: PIB)

Trump's actions sending 'incredibly damaging' message to world, says Biden

WASHINGTON (TIP): U.S. President-elect Joe Biden confirmed that he was not planning a nationwide economic shutdown to control the pandemic.

President Elect Joe Biden said incumbent Donald Trump's refusal to concede the election and cooperate with the Biden-Harris transition team was sending a very wrong message to the world.

"I think they're [Americans are] witnessing incredible irresponsibility. Incredibly damaging messages being sent to the rest of the world about how democracy functions," Mr. Biden told reporters after a COVID-19 response meeting he and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris held with a bipartisan group of State governors.

Mr. Biden and his team are seeking access to the current administration's pandemic and vaccination plans (titled, 'Operation Warp Speed') so they are prepared on day 1 (January 20) of the new administration to coordinate a national response to the pandemic. However the General Services Administration (GSA) of the Federal Government needs to provide an "ascertainment" that Mr. Biden won the elections and this has not happened.

Mr. Biden said that for now he preferred to work with Republican Governors and those in the House and Senate directly instead of taking legal action - but had not ruled out taking the Trump administration and GSA to court.



U.S. President-elect Joe Biden

Mr. Trump has reportedly invited leading State lawmakers from Michigan to the White House on Friday to discuss ways to overturn the certification process that is progressing in the state which Mr. Biden won by over 150,000 votes.

Mr. Biden was confident the results would not be overturned.

"We won Michigan. It's going to be certified," Mr. Biden said. "It's hard to fathom how this man [Mr. Trump] thinks."

Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris' discussion with 10 State governors included the implementation of a national mask mandate, federal government financial assistance and the distribution of the vaccine.

Mr. Biden also said categorically that while there may be constraints to the degree to which business can be open depending on the prevailing viral conditions, he was not planning a nationwide economic shutdown. "I'll say it

again. No national shutdown. No national shutdown...so there's no circumstances that I can see that would require total national shutdown," he said.

The President-elect, who has announced several cabinet picks, announced that he had made a decision on who would be his Treasury Secretary and that it was a choice which progressive and moderate Democrats would accept. He planned to announce the name just before or after Thanksgiving (next Thursday).

ON CHINA : In response to a question on whether, after becoming President, he would want to "punish" China with tariffs or economic sanctions, Mr. Biden said, "It's not so much about punishing China. It's about making sure China understands that they got to play by the rules. It's a simple proposition."

He said this was one of the reasons the U.S. was going to rejoin the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the first day of his administration (he acknowledged it needed to be reformed). Mr. Biden also reiterated that the U.S. would rejoin the Paris Climate Accord.

The coronavirus death toll in the country has just crossed the quarter of a million mark. The White House held its first coronavirus briefing in months on Thursday and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) urged Americans not to travel and gather with their families over the Thanksgiving holiday. (Agencies)

Biden wins Georgia by 12,670 Votes:governor certifies presidential electors for Biden

ATLANTA (TIP): Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia on Friday, November 20, certified 16 presidential electors for Joseph R. Biden, Jr., after his office accepted the certification of the results showing that the former vice president won the state by 12,670 votes.

The formality, which the governor announced he would do in a speech broadcast virtually at 5 p.m., most likely seals Mr. Biden's victory in the southern state, although President Trump may still demand a recount.

It was an early milestone in the state-by-state process of finalizing Mr. Biden's victory, a process that is set to unfold in the coming days as Mr. Trump continues to deny his defeat and cry fraud and his campaign and its surrogates inundate the courts with largely baseless lawsuits that have so far been unsuccessful.

The governor's move came after Georgia's secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, announced Friday afternoon that his office had certified the election results.

State law mandates that the governor then take the step of certifying the selection of the state's 16 electors.

"I live by the motto that numbers don't lie," the secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger, Georgia's top election official and a Republican, said at a Friday morning news conference.

But Mr. Kemp, a Republican who was elected to office in 2018 with the backing of President Trump, did not declare Mr. Biden the winner of the election in his brief speech. Rather, he focused on a hand-recount of the state's five million ballots, which had been completed earlier in the week, found that several hundred of them had been erroneously left out of the first count - discoveries that slightly reduced Mr. Biden's margin of victory.

"This is simply unacceptable," Mr. Kemp said. Indeed, much of Mr. Kemp's speech was given over to concerns about the integrity of the election in Georgia, which President Trump has repeatedly claimed was rife with fraud, without presenting evidence. Mr. Raffensperger has maintained that the results of the election were valid. Mr. Kemp noted that Georgia was facing competitive runoff elections for its two Senate seats, which are currently held by Republicans Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue. He said that Georgia needed to solve the problems with uncounted ballots that the hand-recount identified.

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CDC pleads with Americans to avoid Thanksgiving travel

California sets curfew

WASHINGTON (TIP): In a plaintive call, the United States' top public health agency has pleaded with Americans to avoid traveling for Thanksgiving or spending it with people with whom they do not currently live as the apprehensive countdown to a pandemic holiday continues.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the recommendations one week before the traditional family gathering celebration, report Mike Stobbe and Heather Hollingsworth. The pleas came at a time when diagnosed coronavirus infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are skyrocketing across the U.S. The CDC says gatherings should be outdoors if possible, with people staying 6 feet apart, wearing masks and just one person serving food.

California Curfew

An overnight curfew on most residents was announced as the most populous state tries to head off a virus case surge. Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a limited stay-at-home order in 41 counties that account for nearly the entire state population of just under 40 million people. Starting Saturday, all nonessential work, movement and gatherings must cease between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.. But sheriffs and some lawmakers in some counties say they won't enforce the curfew, Don Thompson and Elliot Spagat report. (Agencies)

Washington Aligarh Alumni Mushaira goes International

"Jo abr yahañ se uTThega vo saare jahañ par barsega"



A screen shot of the participating poets from across the world - Picture / Courtesy Dr. Zafar Iqbal

ZAFAR IQBAL

WASHINGTON (TIP): The Aligarh Alumni Association, Washington DC (AAA-DC) organized an international mushaira of legendary poets to celebrate the centenary of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on 31st October 2020.

The Mushaira is a literary symposium where poets gather to recite their poetry and it is part of the culture of the Subcontinent. The AAA-DC started the tradition of holding Mushaira more than four decades ago and it is the oldest South-Asian cultural event in Washington. Starting with a humble beginning, it has achieved international fame. As the Tarana of the AMU, written by the famous poet Majaz Lakhnavi, says "Jo abr yah?ñ se uTThega? vo saare jah?ñ par barseg?," har shahr-e-tarab par garjeg? har qasr-e-tarab par ka?keg?," this mushaira tradition initiated by the AAA-DC has now become the most sought after annual literary event in North America.

During the last four decades, almost all renowned and stalwart poets from the Subcontinent have participated in this annual event organized by the AAA-DC. Every year 5-6 poets from India, Pakistan, and other countries are invited to participate in the mushaira. A significant virtue of this year's mushaira was the cooperation of 25 Aligarh Alumni and AMU Old Boys Associations (Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Chicago, Chicago, IL; Cleveland, OH; Delhi, Dubai, Karachi; Kuwait; Qatar; Riyadh; Northern California; and Washington DC) and Urdu literary organizations around the globe (APPNA, Cincinnati, OH; Mohibban-e-Urdu, NA; Jashn-e-Urdu, Dubai; Bazm-e-Alig, Qatar; Urdu Academy MD; Taqdees-e-Adab, Houston; Urdu Markaz, FL; Urdu Markaz Int, LA; Ashiyana Contracting, Dubai; Hindustanyat Int, UK; MNK Interiors, Dubai; Aligarh Education Endowment Fund, CA; and Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, DC.) cooperated in it.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, this program was conducted using Jashn-e-Urdu StreamYard live streaming technology and it was simultaneously broadcast on YouTube, and Facebook. Despite it being an online Mushaira, the program did not err on the usual formalities, grace, and adaab of a traditional Mushaira, which is much appreciated.

This year's program was unique as six stalwart poets (Amjad Islam Amjad, Javed Akhtar, Iftikhar Arif, Zehra

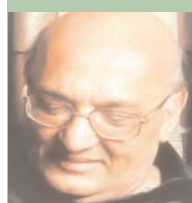
Nigah, Pirzada Qasim, and Munibur Rahman) with many decades of literary experience participated in it. Famous TV programs writer Anwar Maqsood also recited a couplet from Daagh Dehlvi. The nizammat was done by Dr. A. Abdullah in his usual marvelous professional style. Several thousand literary enthusiasts enjoyed the event, and many encouraging and positive comments were posted on the media.

Samples of the poetry recited by poets:



Professor Pirzada Qasim is a neuroscientist by training who became an educationist and a vice-chancellor of 3 different universities.

ye asr-e-nau ki chitaoñ meñ aag kaisi hai
ki ruuh raakh hui aur badan jala bhi nahiñ
tamam umr ajab vaz.a-dariyoñ meñ kaTi
use aziiz rakha jo hamara tha bhi nahiñ



Amjad Islam Amjad. In addition to his poetry, he is well-known as a writer of dramas and serial plays for Pakistan TV.

Kuchh vazahat na iltijaa keejiye Sach kaha hai to hausla keejiye
Hum ne mana ki moatbar hai dimagh Dil na maane agar to kiya keejiye
Aeene TooT kar nahiñ juRte DostoN ko yun na khafa keejiye
JhooT se bhi bura hai aadha sach Is se behtar hai chup raha keejiye



Iftikhar Husain Arif, scholar, litterateur and former head Pakistan Academy of Letters and National Language Authority. He emotionally reminiscent the early life he spent at Lucknow.

inhiñ meñ jiite, inhiñ bastiyoñ meñ mar rahte ;
ye chahte the magar kis ke naam par rahte
payambaroñ se zamaney vafa nahiñ kartiñ ;
ham aise kaun khuda the ki apne ghar rahte



Javed Akhtar is a political activist, poet, lyricist, and screenwriter. He is a recipient of the Padma Bhushan Award, Sahitya Akademi Award as well as five National Film Awards. He was also a member of Rajya Sabha. Recently he was chosen as a recipient for the Richard Dawkins Award.

ye naya shahar to hai khuub basaya tum ne
kyuun purani hui viran zara dekh to lo

kal jahañ divar thi hai aaj ik dar dekhiye ,
kya sama.i thi bhala divane ke sar dekhiye
pur-sukuñ lagta hai kitna jhiil ke paani pe bat
pairoñ ki be-tabiyiñ paani ke andar dekhiye



Zehra Nigah is a poet and scriptwriter and is one of two female poets to gain prominence in the 1950s when the scene was dominated by men. She was the Guest of Honor at this event.

sunha hai jañgaloñ ki bhi koi dastur hota hai
sunha hai sher ki jab peT bhar jaa.e to vo hamla nahiñ karta
darakhtoñ ki ghani chhaiv meñ ja kar leT jaata hai
hava ke tez jhoñke jab darakhtoñ ko hilate haiñ
to maina apne bachche chhoD kar
kavve ke anDoñ ko paroñ se thaam leti hai
khudavanda! jaliñ o mo'tabar! daana o biina munsiñ o akbar!
mire is shahr meñ ab jañgaloñ hi ki koi qanan nafiz kar!
koi dastur nafiz kar!



Prominent modernist poet and a celebrated scholar of Persian, Professor Munibur Rahman presided over the event. He is deeply interested in the classical literature of Persian and is the modernist voice of Persian poetry. His books of Urdu poetry that bear his modernist mark include Baazdeed, Shahr-e-Gumnaam, and Nuqta-i-Mauhoom.

Timtimate haiN teri yaad mein yun dil ke chiragh;
Jaise basti ka nishaN dete haiN ssahil ke chiragh
Pehle se hi dilkash hai tasavur tera
Door se kitne bhale lagte haiN chiraagh
Us se milne ki kashish baad muddat mujhe laee thi
Lekin aah mujhe ehsaas na tha beech mein waqt ki khaee thi.

A recording of the event is now available on
YouTube channel -- <https://youtu.be/i3p388-UcSA> and Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/AligarhAlumniAssociationOfDC/videos/2487046914930672/?vh=e>.

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4 Jaish terrorists killed in Nagrota got orders from Masood Azhar's brother

NEW DELHI (TIP): Early Thursday, Nov 19, morning, an encounter between a group of terrorists and security forces happened at the Ban toll plaza near Nagrota. By the end of it, four terrorists were dead, but it wasn't just a chance encounter. This was an intelligence-based operation that was aimed at blocking what security forces believed could be a major attack, being planned from across the border.

According to people familiar with the matter, initial data from a global positioning system (GPS) device and mobile phones carried by the four terrorists shows that they were in touch with Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed's (JeM) operational commanders Mufti Rauf Asghar and Qari Zarar with the objective of wreaking havoc in the Valley.

Mufti Asghar is the younger brother of JeM chief and UN designated global terrorist Masood Azhar.

On Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was briefed about the entire operation by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in the presence of Home Minister Amit Shah, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla and the two intelligence chiefs. (Source: HT)

ED registers money laundering charges in TRP manipulation case

MUMBAI (TIP): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) registered a money laundering case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in the Television Rating Points (TRP) manipulation case.

ED's case is based on Mumbai police's FIR that is being investigated by a special investigation team (SIT) of Mumbai Crime branch. SIT officials previously claimed that Republic TV's distribution head paid Rs15 lakh a month for seven months to a fixer to boost the viewership of the channel.

SIT officials also suspected some Hawala transactions took place between the executives of some channels and vendors to boost the viewership of their channels illegally. ED may look into these suspicious financial transactions.

ED is the second central agency to get involved in a case concerning TRPs. Interestingly, soon after the Mumbai Police launched its investigation, the Central Bureau of Investigation registered a case on a TRP racket in Uttar Pradesh.

A senior ED officer confirmed to HT that an EICR has been registered in the TRP manipulation matter and the probe has begun. HT learns that the probe will cover all the channels named in the original FIR and not just Republic TV. ED officials said senior executives of all these channels will be summoned for questioning by ED officials.

(Source: HT)

'Love jihad': BJP states turn focus to laws based on Hindutva conspiracy theory

NEW DELHI (TIP): Amidst the numerous crises India is facing, five Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled states have decided that one of their top priorities is to pass a law based on a Hindutva conspiracy theory aimed at preventing inter-faith marriage.

The leaders of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Assam have promised to introduce strict legal provisions to prevent "love jihad", a conspiratorial delusion that imagines a vast, country-wide plot by Muslim men to dupe unsuspecting Hindu women into marriage with the aim of converting them to Islam.

Every aspect of these laws and the conversation around them is deeply problematic.

The idea of "love jihad" itself comes from what was once a fringe conspiracy theory among Christian and Hindu groups in Kerala that spread around the country thanks to misinformation in Hindutva networks, often picking stray incidents and weaving them into a grand narrative. The theory plays into older right-wing Hindu anxieties about the virility of Muslim men, the purported susceptibility of Hindu women and baseless fears about wholesale demographic change that will result



from inter-faith marriages.

"It is impossible for Hindu groups to conceive that Hindu women can voluntarily elope or convert," noted historian Charu Gupta, whose research unearthed similar conspiracy theories North India in the 1920s. "Thus every romance, love, elopement and marriage between a Hindu woman and a Muslim man is rewritten by Hindu organisations as forcible conversion. Hindu organisations are deeply troubled with fantasies about possible relations between Hindu women and Muslim men. Portrayal of Hindu women as victims of false love shows the need felt not so much to protect them but to discipline and control them."

In fact, BJP leaders have made it clear that their problem is ultimately with inter-faith marriage itself, rather than any perceived criminal activity. That is a

position that is both bigoted and anti-constitutional, yet becoming remarkably acceptable in the mainstream.

Besides, multiple official bodies have found no evidence of any grand plot to secretly convert Hindu women. In February, for example, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs told the Lok Sabha that no "case of 'love jihad' has been reported by any of the central agencies". Investigations by the National Investigation Agency, the Karnataka Criminal Investigation Department, the Uttar Pradesh Special Investigation Team and others have turned up no evidence for this alleged conspiracy. The National Commission for Women maintains no data about 'love jihad'.

In the most famous alleged case, involving a 24-year-old woman named Hadiya who had been born into a Hindu family, the Kerala High Court even annulled her marriage with a Muslim man, despite the woman insisting that it was a decision she had made of her own free choice. In March 2018, the Supreme Court ultimately overturned that decision. In its judgment, it raised questions about whether the courts can intervene in consensual relationships between consenting adults.

After Kapil Sibal's Remarks, Sonia Gandhi Names 4 'Dissenters' To Panels

NEW DELHI (TIP): Days after Kapil Sibal's comments about the Congress' decline sparked another bout of infighting, party chief Sonia Gandhi has included four members of the dissenting camp in three committees set up to keep her informed on matters relating to national security, foreign affairs and the economy.

Announced Friday, just before Gandhi leaves for Goa to escape Delhi pollution, the appointments are being seen as a move to ward off further public embarrassment - such as that caused by Mr Sibal's interview to the Indian Express or the letter by 23 leaders challenging the Gandhi family's control.

The committee on economic affairs includes former Finance Minister P Chidambaram. The second committee (on foreign affairs) has both Anand Sharma and Shashi Tharoor, and Ghulam Nabi Azad and Veerappa Moily have been named to the third.

Chidambaram, a Rajya Sabha MP from Maharashtra, was not initially placed in the dissenting camp, but appears to have been moved there after his support of Sibal. He had criticised the party's on-ground



presence in the light of its performance in the Bihar election and bypolls in other states.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is a member of all three committees.

The very public breaking-of-ranks over a perceived lack of leadership and dismal electoral results extended Tuesday to questions over economic policies.

Anand Sharma, a former Union Minister for Commerce, criticised the decision to stay away from the RCEP (regional comprehensive economic partnership) - a free trade deal promoted by China.

The Congress had been the first to red-flag India's potential membership. The Narendra Modi government subsequently skipped the deal citing concerns over its impact on small manufacturers.

Tainted Bihar minister Mewalal Chaudhary quits hours after taking charge

PATNA (TIP): Bihar Education Minister Mewalal Chaudhary on Thursday, Nov 19, resigned from the post after being slammed for corruption charges.

Mewalal Chaudhary has been facing flak from the opposition parties, especially the RJD, ever since he took oath as the cabinet minister along with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on November 16. Speaking on the issue of his resignation, Chaudhary said, "Accusations can only be proved either after a charge sheet is filed or the court passes an order and in my case, nothing has happened. The matter is still under investigation".

He also slammed Tejashwi Yadav, for raising questions against him and said that "he has no right to point fingers at me as he himself is facing a series of corruption charges".

In a series of tweets earlier Tejashwi Yadav had blamed Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of appointing ministers who have corruption and criminal cases pending against them.

A case was filed against Mewalal Chaudhary in 2017 on the basis of reports that highlighted irregularities in the appointment of assistant professors and junior scientists during his tenure as the Vice-Chancellor of Bihar Agriculture University, Sabour in Bhagalpur district.

Reports suggest that the case is still pending against him in the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge - I Bhagalpur and matter is being investigated by the vigilance department. After an FIR was filed against him the JD(U) had suspended him for a brief period, however, he was made the party candidate from Tarapur assembly seat during the state elections this year.

While attacking Bihar CM Nitish Kumar after Mr. Chaudhary's resignation on Thursday, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav in a tweet said that "we have got the mandate to warn you about your corrupt policies, intentions and rules. One resignation is not enough."

India's coronavirus cases go beyond 90 lakh

NEW DELHI (TIP): India's Covid-19 caseload surpassed the 90-lakh mark on Friday with 45,882 new cases, while the recoveries surged to 84.28 lakh pushing the national recovery rate to 93.6 per cent, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

The total coronavirus cases mounted to 90,04,365 and the death toll climbed to 1,32,162 with the novel coronavirus virus claiming 584 lives in a span of 24 hours in the country, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The Covid case fatality rate has further declined to 1.46 per cent.

There are 4,43,794 active cases of coronavirus infection in the country which comprises 4.92 per cent of the total caseload, the data stated.

According to the ICMR, a cumulative total of 12,95,91,786 samples have been tested up to November 20 with 10,83,397 samples being tested on Thursday.

India's Covid tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23 and 40 lakh on September 5.

It went past 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11 and crossed 80 lakh on October 29. The 584 new fatalities include 154 from Maharashtra, 98 from Delhi, 53 from West Bengal, 39 from Uttar Pradesh, 26 each from Kerala, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka, 20 from Haryana, 19 from Tamil Nadu and 15 from Punjab.

A total of 1,32,162 deaths have been reported so far in the country, including 46,356 from Maharashtra, followed by 11,604 from Karnataka, 11,550 from Tamil Nadu, 8,041 from Delhi, 7,873 from West Bengal, 7,480 from Uttar Pradesh, 6,910 from Andhra Pradesh, 4,556 from Punjab and 3,830 from Gujarat.

Rs 2,000 Fine For Not Wearing Mask In Delhi

NEW DELHI (TIP): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced a steep Rs 2,000 fine -- up from the current Rs 500 -- for those caught without masks, to help control the coronavirus surge that's in its third week. The Chief Minister also appealed to all political parties and social organisations to distribute masks at public places in Delhi.

The hard line by the government came after days of pleas. As the virus rampaged across a city weakened by sliding mercury and an envelope of smoke, Kejriwal had repeatedly appealed to people with folded hands to wear masks and maintain safety norms.

But the mad rush of the festive season had prevailed, pushing the daily tally of fresh cases and fatalities to record highs each week since the beginning of November. Over the last weeks, to grapple with the surge that had once crossed the 8,000 mark, the Centre has flown in para-medical personnel and increased the number of beds in hospitals.

At the press conference this afternoon, Kejriwal said arrangements are being made for over 1,400 ICU beds, "including 663 in Delhi government hospitals and 750 at Centre-run facilities".

At Rs 1,000, India could get Covid vaccine by April next year, says Serum Institute CEO

NEW DELHI (TIP): Vaccine maker Serum Institute of India's CEO Adar Poonawalla on Thursday, Nov 19, said the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine should be available for healthcare workers and elderly people by around February 2021 and by April for the general public, and will be priced at a maximum of Rs 1,000 for two necessary doses for the public, depending on the final trial results and regulatory approvals.

Probably by 2024, every Indian will get vaccinated, he said at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit (HTLS), 2020.

"It will probably take two or three years for every Indian to get inoculated, not just because of the supply constraints but because you need the budget, the vaccine, logistics, infrastructure and then, people should be willing to take the vaccine. So these are the factors that lead up to being able to vaccinate 80-90 per cent of the population.

"It will be 2024 for everybody, if willing to take a two-dose vaccine, to be vaccinated," Poonawalla said. Asked at what price the public will get it, he said it will be around USD 5-6 per dose with an MRP of around Rs 1,000 for the two necessary doses.

"The government of India will be getting it at a far cheaper price at around USD 3-4, because it will be buying in a large volume and get access to the price that is similar to what COVAX has got. We are still pricing it far cheaper and more affordable than other vaccines we have in the market



today," Poonawalla said.

Asked about the efficacy of the vaccine, he said the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine is so far proving to work very well even in elderly people, which was a concern earlier.

"It has induced a good T-cell response, which is an indicator for your long-term immunity and antibody response but then again, time will only tell if these vaccines are going to protect you in the long term. Nobody can answer that for any of the vaccines today," Poonawalla said.

Responding to a question on the safety aspect, he said there has been no major complaints, reactions or adverse events, adding, "We would need to wait and see. The efficacy and immunogenicity results from the Indian trials will come out in about a month-and-a-half." Asked when the SII will apply for an emergency authorisation, Poonawalla said as soon as the UK authorities and the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (EMA) approve it for emergency use, it will apply

to the drug controller for emergency use authorisation in India.

"But that will be for a limited use for frontline workers, healthcare workers and elderly people," he added.

Children would have to wait a little longer till the safety data is out, but the good news is that COVID-19 is not so bad and serious for them, Poonawalla said.

"Unlike measles pneumonia, which is deadly, this disease is seeming to be less of a nuisance for children but then, they can be carriers and can give the infection to others.

"We want to vaccinate the elderly people and others who are the most vulnerable first. Once we have enough safety data to go in on children, we can recommend it for children too," he said.

Poonawalla said the Oxford vaccine is affordable, safe and stored at a temperature of two to eight degrees Celsius, which is an ideal temperature for it to be stored in the cold storages of India.

He said the SII plans to make about 10 crore doses per month from February.

As regards how many doses would be provided to India, Poonawalla said talks are still going on and no agreement has been arrived at in this regard.

"India wants around 400 million doses by July. I do not know if it will take all from the Serum Institute. We are gearing up to offer that kind of volume to India and still have a few 100 million to offer to COVAX by July and August. No agreement so far," he said.

NATIONS SUPPORTING TERRORISTS SHOULD BE HELD GUILTY: PM AT BRICS MEET

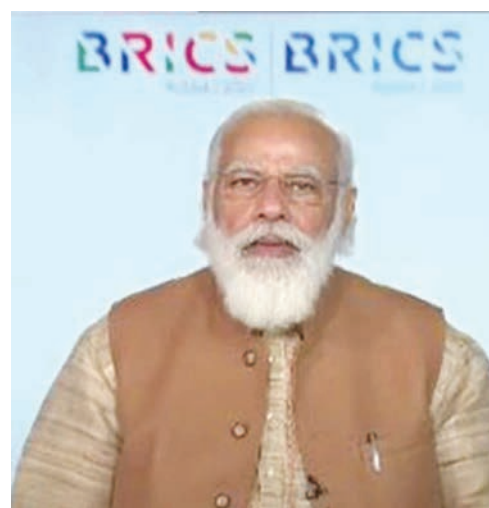
NEW DELHI (TIP): Asserting that terrorism is the "biggest problem" facing the world, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, Nov 17, said there is a need to ensure that countries supporting and assisting terrorists are held guilty, in an oblique reference to Pakistan. Addressing a summit of the Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping via videoconferencing, Modi also said there was a need to tackle the problem of terrorism in an organised manner.

The 12th BRICS summit, hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin, was also attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

"Terrorism is the biggest problem the world is facing. We have to ensure that the countries that support and assist the terrorists are also held guilty," Modi said. Although Modi did not name any country, his reference is seen as directed at Pakistan.

BRICS is known as an influential bloc that represents over 3.6 billion people, or half of the world's population. The BRICS countries have a combined GDP of \$16.6 trillion.

In his address, Modi also underlined the need for reform of the United Nations Security Council as well as multilateral bodies like the World Trade Organisation



and the International Monetary Fund.

Talking about the COVID-19 crisis, Modi said India's vaccine production and delivery capabilities will work in the interest of humanity. The Prime Minister also highlighted reform initiatives undertaken by his government under the 'self-reliant India' campaign.

"We have started a comprehensive reform process under the 'Self-reliant India' campaign. The campaign is based on the belief that a self-reliant and resilient India post-COVID can be a force multiplier for the global economy and make a strong contribution to the global value chains," he said.

Special Sikh jatha to Pakistan on Gurburb: MEA

NEW DELHI (TIP): India will send a special Sikh jatha to Gurdwara Janam Asthan in Nankana Sahib (Nov 27- Dec 1) on the occasion of the 551st birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Anurag Srivastava announced here on Thursday. However, there is no move yet to reopen the Kartarpur Corridor, he indicated.

The visit of a truncated jatha will be as per the 1974 bilateral protocol between India and Pakistan. There is, no confirmation yet from the Pakistan side. Pakistan had in June unilaterally reopened the Kartarpur Corridor to commemorate Maharaja Ranjit Singh's death anniversary, but India had rejected the offer owing to the pandemic.

Officials say it has been over a year but Pakistan is yet to construct a bridge over the Budhi Ravi channel.



Gurdwara Janam Asthan in Nankana Sahib.

Pfizer asks for emergency use of its coronavirus vaccine

US drugmaker Pfizer Inc, which has developed a 95% effective vaccine against coronavirus, is now seeking the emergency use tag from the US government for its dosage. Pfizer has said the emergency use tag could start the process early and the coronavirus vaccine doses could be available as early as next month.

Now its on the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to decide if there's enough evidence to allow emergency vaccinations. If so, first supplies will be scarce and rationed. Experts warn it likely will be spring before there's enough for everyone.

On Wednesday, Pfizer said the final results of its ongoing coronavirus vaccine trials have suggested that the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine shots are 95% effective, a month after the first dose was administered.

Pfizer said on Friday it is asking US regulators to allow emergency use of its Covid-19 vaccine.

The application to the FDA comes just days after Pfizer and German partner BioNTech SE reported final trial results that showed the vaccine was 95% effective in preventing Covid-19 with no major safety concerns.

In addition to Friday's FDA submission, Pfizer has also started "rolling" applications in Europe and the UK and intend to submit similar information soon.

Global Covid-19 cases surpass 57mn mark: Johns Hopkins

The overall number of global coronavirus cases has surpassed the 57 million mark, while the deaths have surged to more than 1.36 million, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

In its latest update on Saturday, Nov 21, the University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) revealed that the current global caseload and death toll stood at 57,441,503 and 1,371,241, respectively.

The US is the worst-hit country with the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 11,908,395 and 254,383, respectively, according to the CSSE.

India comes in second place in terms of cases at 9,004,365, while the country's death toll soared to 132,162.

The other countries with more than a million confirmed cases are Brazil (6,020,164), France (2,160,343), Russia (2,023,025), Spain (1,556,730), the UK (1,477,214), Argentina (1,359,042), Italy (1,345,767), Colombia (1,233,444) and Mexico (1,025,969), the CSSE figures showed.

Brazil currently accounts for the second highest number of fatalities at 168,613.

The countries with a death toll above 20,000 are Mexico (100,823), the UK (54,381), Italy (48,569), France (48,341), Iran (43,896), Spain (42,619), Argentina (36,790), Peru (35,446), Russia (34,980), Colombia (34,929) and South Africa (20,759).

TRACKING THE VIRUS

GLOBAL

Cases **57,441,503** | Deaths **1,371,241**

INDIA

Cases **9,004,365** | Deaths **132,162**



Europe's painful second coronavirus wave may be starting to ease, a top World Health Organization official said Thursday, though its toll continues to be staggering, with someone on the continent dying every 17 seconds from the virus this past week.

The cautious assessment came after new diagnoses of the novel coronavirus slowed across Europe to 1.8 million cases, compared with 2 million the week before. Some of the worst-hit countries — including Belgium, France and the Czech Republic — have seen significant declines, while in Germany and elsewhere the curve is just beginning to bend.

But hospitals remain packed, and deaths across the WHO's 51-nation European region have been rising.

"There is good news and not so good news," Hans Kluge, the WHO's regional director for Europe, said at a news conference, describing the drop in new diagnoses as "a small signal, but it's a signal nevertheless."

He attributed the decline to national lockdowns and other restrictions imposed across much of Europe this past month. But he urged nations not to lift restrictions too quickly, warning the small gains could vanish if they threw open doors as rapidly as they did in the summer.

"Too often we have seen the negative impact of easing too quickly following an understandable will from policymakers to free the public from periods of stringency," he said. "Too often as well, we have also seen how much these short

Someone in Europe is dying every 17 seconds from covid-19, WHO says



political gains are quickly offset by the devastating impact of having to reinstall mandates shortly after they are eased."

Meanwhile, more than 29,000 people died of the virus in WHO's 51-nation European region this past week, an 18 percent increase over the week before.

Global coronavirus infections may be six times higher than reported: Study

At a time when the world continues to reel under the coronavirus pandemic, researchers from the Australian National University (ANU) and the University of Melbourne have found that the actual number of global coronavirus infections could be up to six times higher than the reported number of cases.

According to a modelling study, the researchers found the number of

coronavirus infection rates between March 2020 and August 2020 across 15 countries were on average 6.2 times greater than reported cases.

The data was published in a journal named Royal Society Open Science, which shows coronavirus infection rates in the UK, France, Belgium and Italy are much higher than reported and in the case of Italy as high as up to 17-times.

According to the data, Australia had the best level of detection among the 15 countries by the end of April, but the rate of infection may still have been five times higher than what has been officially reported at the end of August, as reported by news agency PTI.

The study estimated the true number of infections across a combined population of over 800 million people in 11 European countries, as well as Australia, Canada, South Korea and the US, PTI quoted the researchers.

"We found Covid-19 infections are much higher than confirmed cases across many countries, and this has important implications for both control and the probability of infection. For example, our analysis has found more than 5.4 million in the UK, 8 per cent of the population, are or have been infected with the coronavirus," PTI quoted study co-author Professor Quentin Grafton, from ANU.

FALL FILMS

HUNGER WARD - The Last Hope
Between War and Starvation



A refugee child. - Photo Credit/ Spin Films, et al

"I believe that if we can generate empathy for others it becomes exceedingly difficult to create barriers. I call this approach 'Humanitarian Cinema' and focused my next two films on studying the global refugee and displaced persons crisis with a cinematic eye and rendering films capable of eliciting empathy for the burgeoning refugee and IDP (internally displaced person) community." - Skye Fitzgerald, Director

"HUNGER WARD", filmed from inside two of the most active therapeutic feeding centers in Yemen, documents two women health care workers fighting to thwart the spread of starvation against the backdrop of a forgotten war. The film provides an unflinching portrait of Dr. Aida Alsadeeq and Nurse Mekkia Mahdi as they try to save the lives of hunger-stricken children within a population on the brink of famine.

THE HUMANITARIAN TRILOGY

"50 Feet from Syria" and "LIFEBOAT" were the first two films of this Humanitarian Cinema trilogy.

In 2015 the film team produced "50 Feet from Syria" - focused on the civilian impact of the Syrian conflict. This, the first of a trilogy of films focused on one of the great humanitarian crises of our time - the plight of refugees and IDPs (internally displaced persons) in a global and interconnected world. They embraced a small-team, nimble production paradigm designed to prioritize intimate access from the heart of a crisis.

The second film of the trilogy, "LIFEBOAT" bears witness to refugees and migrants desperate enough to risk their lives in rubber boats leaving Libya in the middle of the night, despite a high probability of drowning. "LIFEBOAT" puts a human face on the refugee crisis and provides a spark of hope surrounding how civil society can intervene in a meaningful way.

The third film of the trilogy is "HUNGER WARD". Focused on the plight of starving and displaced civilians at the mercy of a forgotten war in Yemen, the film utilizes the same, nimble production paradigm to create an intimate, yet cinematic film intended to engender empathy for those most deeply impacted by the world's greatest humanitarian crisis.

Key Credits

Director/Co-Producer: Skye Fitzgerald

Editor: Dan Sadowsky

Director of Photography: Jeffrey Ball

Original Score: William Campbell

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SAUL & RUBY'S HOLOCAUST
SURVIVOR BAND

DIR/PROD/WRIT: TOD LENDING | 2020 | USA |
Eng | Doc | 1h 21m

ON VOD AND STREAMING PLATFORMS
NOVEMBER 24, 2020

"Saul & Ruby's Holocaust Survivor Band" is a unique and compelling story about having the courage to live one's dreams, finding purpose and meaning in life at any age, the transcendent power of music, and the importance of speaking out against anti-Semitism and bigotry.



Holocaust Survivor Band - Photo Credit / Samuel Goldwyn Films

The film is about a klezmer band started by Saul Dreier & Ruby Sosnowicz. Like many survivors of the Holocaust, after World War II, Saul and Ruby moved to America, started families and careers, grew old, and retired to South Florida.

For them, retirement could have been the last chapter in their story. But then they decided to start a klezmer band, named the "Holocaust Survivor Band". The band summons the bittersweet memories of childhood in Poland, but more than that, it is a celebration of life.

In this utterly heart-affecting and enthralling film, we follow Saul and Ruby's musical journey, which begins in total obscurity, playing in residential homes for the elderly and small Jewish community organizations, to being invited to perform at venues across the country, including a coveted performance at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage.

Films on VOD, DVD and other
Streaming Platforms

REPRESENT: Democracy On Her Terms
DIR/CINE/EDIT: HILLARY BACHELDER | 2020 |
USA | Doc | 1h 34m

These women are connected in their desires to change their communities and restore faith in democracy...what "Represent" does make clear is that without firm reinforcements, the system will continue celebrating cliches, like 'Year of the Woman,' instead of permanently changing." - The New York Times

"With a film titled 'Represent,' it felt like my responsibility to ask big questions about the true power of representation. Yes, the demographics of elected officials are important, and gender identity, race, and sexual orientation on their own can be powerful symbols. But even more significant is a candidate stepping into a space that wasn't built for them and still unapologetically bringing their whole selves into the spotlight with them."

HILLARY BACHELDER

DIRECTOR/CINEMATOGRAPHER/EDITOR

"REPRESENT" follows three women on both sides of the aisle who share the singular goal of improving their community through public service. Myya Jones

attempts to spark a youth movement and unseat the incumbent mayor of Detroit; Bryn Bird, a farmer and working mother in Granville, OH, runs for township trustee; and Julie Cho walks a tightrope between her identities as a Korean immigrant and Republican candidate for State Representative in a liberal Chicago suburb. To learn more, visit thefilmrepresent.com

SIBYL

DIR: JUSTINE TRIET | 2019 | France, Belgium |
Dramedy | 1h 41m



"Sibyl" poster. - Photo Credit/ Music Box Films

"SIBYL" is a sly, sultry character study from filmmaker Justine Triet. The film follows a psychotherapist (Virginie Efira) who decides to quit her practice and return to writing instead. As Sibyl starts dropping patients, she begins to struggle with excess time and a lack of inspiration - until she gets a call from Margot (Adèle Exarchopoulos), a young actress wrapped up in a dramatic affair with her costar, Igor (Gaspard Ulliel), who happens to be married to the film's director (Sandra Hüller). Becoming further enmeshed in Margot's life, Sibyl starts to blur past and present, fiction with reality, and the personal with the professional, as she begins to use Margot's life as source material for her novel. To learn more, visit musicboxfilms.com/film/sibyl

NOMAD: In The Footsteps Of
Bruce Chatwin

DIR/WRIT/NARR: WERNER HERZOG | 2019 |
Doc, Bio | 1h 25m

"All my life, I have searched for the nature of human restlessness." - Bruce Chatwin

"A poignant testament to two friends' shared curiosity about the world" - The Hollywood Reporter

"NOMAD" tells about director Werner Herzog's decades-long friendship with the late travel writer Bruce Chatwin, a kindred spirit whose quest for ecstatic truth carried him to all corners of the globe. Herzog's deeply personal portrait of Chatwin, illustrated with archival discoveries, film clips, and a mound of "brontosaurus skin," encompasses their shared interest in aboriginal cultures, ancient rituals, and the mysteries stitching together life on earth. To learn more, visit musicboxfilms.com/film/nomad-in-the-footsteps-of-bruce-chatwin

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RAKUL PREET TO PLAY PILOT IN AJAY DEVGN, AMITABH BACHCHAN'S MAYDAY



I don't spend big amounts of money on clothes, says Sushmita Sen

Actress Sushmita Sen says she cannot live with the idea of spending big amounts of money on clothes or shoes just to be photographed once in it, and that is why she likes to repeat what she wears.

"As many have come to see the way I dress, I am hardly conscious about the fashion critics while picking my outfits. Whether it is with heels or clothing, comfort is my top priority," Sushmita told IANS, while talking about how fashion has evolved for her.

"I may not always get the praise from the fashion police, but my fashion is for me and I am very comfortable with it. I also repeat my clothes and my shoes as I cannot live with the idea of spending big amounts of money just to be photographed once in it," she added.

After her appearance in the 2015 Bengali film "Nirbaak", Sushmita made a comeback earlier this year in the web series "Aarya". At the moment, she is judging a digital reality fashion show.

Ajay Devgn will once again go behind the camera as a director for a film titled 'Mayday' co-starring megastar Amitabh Bachchan. The film will bring together the senior star and Ajay after many years. And now, a latest report confirms that Rakul Preet Singh also has come on board to play an important role in the film. The actress reportedly will play the role of Ajay's co-pilot in the film.

Confirming the news, Rakul told Mid-day that when she became an actor, she also had a dream like all other actors to work with Amitabh Bachchan someday. She claimed that Mayday will make this dream come true. Further, she was excited to work with Ajay in the film again. She mentioned that she is 'thrilled' to have him as her co-actor as well as the director this time. The report further claimed that Ajay may kick off shoot in December in Hyderabad in a start to finish schedule.

Talking about coming on board, Rakul said, "When I decided to be an actor, I — like all other aspiring actors — dreamt of working with Mr Bachchan some day. I am glad that this film will help me realise my dream. I am thrilled to work with Ajay sir again, who will not only be my co-star but also my director."



Varun and Kiara Advani are husband-wife in Jug Jugg Jeeyo

Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani will play lead roles in Karan Johar's Jug Jugg Jeeyo. The actors shared their first look from the film today. In the pictures, Kiara and Varun are seen twinning in shirts and blue jeans.

The two are playing husband and wife in the film. Varun shared their first look saying, "#JUGJUGGJEEYO. Happy Wife Happy Life! 2021."

Kiara shared the same pictures and wrote, "#JUGJUGGJEEYO. Happy Husband, Happy Life!"

Jug Jugg Jeeyo also stars Neetu Kapoor and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. Earlier, Neetu shared a picture of herself from the sets of the film. In the caption, Neetu mentioned that she misses Rishi Kapoor as she begins shooting after a long gap.



Chitrangda Singh lost modelling assignments because of skin color

Actress Chitrangda Singh has revealed that she has faced discrimination in the industry owing to her skin colour. In an interview with Bombay Times, Chitrangda said that she "faced biases" while growing up and also when she entered showbiz as she lost out on modelling assignments due to her complexion.

"I know the feeling of living life as a girl with dusky complexion. This is not something that people will say directly to your face. You can only sense it. I have been through the biases, especially while growing up in the north," she said.

Of her recent Instagram post in which she mentioned about being "brown and happy", the 44-year-old actress said, "With my post, I just wanted to say that one needs to feel beautiful in their own skin."

Furthermore, Chitrangda



spoke about the struggles in her early years in the industry. "I did lose out on modelling assignments. In fact, when I lost out on one ad in the initial days of my career, I was specifically told the reason as it had come down to selecting

between two people for the part. Luckily, the audition that I did for a product was seen by Gulzar saab, who got me on board for his music video. I realised that not everybody goes out looking for white-skinned people here," she said.

ANGELINA JOLIE LOSES BATTLE TO REMOVE JUDGE IN BRAD PITT DIVORCE CASE



Katie Price selling clothes on Depop

The 42-year-old former glamour model - who was declared bankrupt in November 2019 - is clearing out her home and will be selling a host of unwanted items on the fashion marketplace site.

Katie has opening up a new Instagram account called 'KP_depop' dedicated to her planned sales and announced the venture to her 2.3 million followers on her main Instagram account.

She said: "Guess what? It's that time. I'm up with the times. Depop! I've started a Depop and we've been going through my clothes today, look!

"So look forward to the Depop coming up on The Price and everything else. Woo!"

Katie captioned the post: "My new Depop page is @kp_depop things for sale very soon."

Meanwhile, the TV star has opened up about how worried she is about her oldest son Harvey's eating habits.

Actor Angelina Jolie has lost her battle to have Judge John W Ouder Kirk removed from her bitter divorce proceedings with ex-husband Brad Pitt. Ouder Kirk is the same judge who married the actor couple in 2014.

Jolie had previously claimed that Ouder Kirk failed to disclose 'ongoing business and professional relationships' that he had with Pitt's legal team, thereby causing a conflict of interest. She had said that it wasn't 'fair' for him to preside over the divorce proceedings.

Court documents obtained by the Daily Mail show that Ouder Kirk will remain on the case. The report quoted a source as saying, "This was the judge who was originally brought in by Angie's team. He married them, for heaven's sake. It's a prime example of someone who tried to get the referee removed late in the game because they weren't going to like the outcome."

The former couple is also involved in a custody battle over their kids -- Maddox, 19, Pax, 16, Zahara, 15, Shiloh, 14, and twins Knox and Vivienne, 12.

The court documents reveal that the judge had disclosed his ties to Pitt's legal team previously, and that Jolie has been aware of Ouder Kirk's appointment and connections to Pitt's legal team since 2018. Earlier this year, Pitt's legal team had accused her of attempting to delay the proceedings. Her team had responded by noting that she wanted a 'fair' trial.



Jennifer Aniston partners with collagen and wellness brand Vital Proteins

Jennifer Aniston has partnered with collagen and wellness brand Vital Proteins. The 'Friends' star has been named as the Chief Creative Officer and also the face of the brand's new campaign, which is due for release next month.

Speaking to People magazine, she said: "Our strength starts from within, so I choose good nutrition and the right supplements to start off my day ... Collagen is the glue that holds everything together. I've always been an advocate for nourishing your wellness from within, which is why I started using Vital Proteins so many years ago. Now to have the opportunity to be a part of the brand in a bigger way, as Chief Creative Officer, is very exciting to me."

And Vital Proteins' CEO Kurt Seidensticker added: "We're really excited to welcome Jen and her valued perspective to the Vital team. We've all watched Jen live a life that prioritises wellness from the inside-out, which she attributes in part to her belief in Vital Proteins, making this partnership so unique and, more importantly, authentic. We are teaming up together to inspire the world to live healthy, and more vibrant lives."



MARIAH CAREY'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL TO DEBUT ON DECEMBER 4

The 'All I Want For Christmas Is You' hitmaker's one-off special, titled 'Mariah Carey's Magical Christmas Special', will premiere on December 4 and will feature a number of special guests including the likes of Tiffany Haddish, Billy Eichner and Ariana Grande. Jennifer Hudson, Snoop Dogg, Jermaine Dupri, Misty Copeland, Mykal-Michelle Harris and even Mariah's twins, Moroccan and Monroe will also appear.

The Apple TV+ special follows the story of a crisis at the North Pole, which can only be helped by Santa's favourite Christmas helper - Mariah Carey herself. The "undisputed Queen of Christmas" must jump in in order to save the day, with the help of her special guests.



THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2020 occurs on Thursday, November 26.

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Thanksgiving at Plymouth

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Native American who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days.

Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or

Thanksgiving Day bears its origin from the harvest festival. Generally, Americans give thanks to God for their autumn harvest and every other success they have achieved in the year. The Day in the US is observed on the fourth Thursday in November. This year, it falls on November 26



A time of festivities post-harvest, Thanksgiving Day is the beginning of holiday season in America.

other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations. Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well.

During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition.

In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians, earning her the nickname the "Mother of Thanksgiving."

Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil



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War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of the nation.” He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt’s plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

Traditions

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may or may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the inaugural feast in 1621.

Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.

Parades have also become an integral part of the holiday in cities and towns across the United States. Presented by Macy’s department store since 1924, New York City’s Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and most famous, attracting some 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route and drawing an enormous television audience. It typically features marching bands, performers, elaborate floats conveying various celebrities and giant balloons shaped like cartoon characters.

Beginning in the mid-20th century and perhaps even earlier, the president of the United States has “pardoned” one or two Thanksgiving turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter and sending them to a farm for retirement. A number of U.S. governors also perform the annual turkey pardoning ritual.

Ancient Origins

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with



The First Thanksgiving in 1621.

feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

Thanksgiving in Covid shadow

Thanksgiving Day this year will be missing the usual visits of families and friends to celebrate the occasion due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Amid a massive surge of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations across the U.S., gathering for Thanksgiving is not safe this year, public health experts say.

Till Thursday (Nov. 19), the U.S. reported 11,873,863 cases and 256,262. For the past two weeks, more than 100,000 people have been infected every day as the country has seen huge rises in positive cases in almost every state.

“Most experts would agree that we’re expecting to see a spike after Thanksgiving and that’s a spike on top of already very discouraging and very scary numbers,” said Dr. Iahn Gonsenhaus, chief quality and patient safety officer at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. “By far the safest choice that anybody can make this Thanksgiving holiday and likely stretching into the other winter holidays that are coming up is to host your celebration virtually.”

In other words, celebrate in-person only with people in your own household and invite everyone else virtually, he said. This is in line with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC also recommends limiting the number of people attending, though they don’t specify numbers; The California Department of Health, for example, requires that no more than three households should get together in general. The CDC also recommends wearing masks whenever possible, staying at least 6 feet from people who are not part of your household, washing your hands frequently, avoiding having guests near where the food is being prepared and asking people to bring their own food, drinks, plates, cups and utensils.

“Celebrating holidays alone or with your immediate household members can sound rather dreary,” Dr. Francis



Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health wrote in a blog post. “But, if you look at it another way, the pandemic does offer opportunities to make this holiday a season to remember in new and different ways.” Collins also recommended a virtual Thanksgiving and other ideas such as sending gifts to people, making videos to send around and taking a post-turkey

dinner virtual group walk.

“Based on the current trajectory” and the spike that occurred in Canada after their Thanksgiving in early October, “we have every reason to believe that as we approach the December holidays, the situation is going to be even worse,” Gonsenhaus said. Our “best chance” of having December holidays is to be “extremely strict with Thanksgiving.”

Lord Desai quits Labour Party over racism

LONDON (TIP): Indian-origin economist, author and peer Lord Meghnad Desai has resigned as a member of the UK's opposition Labour Party over its failure to effectively tackle anti-semitic racism within its ranks. The 80-year-old said he was forced to take the decision after former party leader Jeremy Corbyn was readmitted after just 19 days of suspension despite findings of "unlawful acts" by the country's human rights watchdog.

"It was a very peculiar decision to allow him back without any apology. He has been refused the party whip in the House of Commons for a few months, but that is a very lame response to a very big crisis," he said. "I have been very uncomfortable and slightly ashamed that the party has been injected with this sort of racism. Jewish MPs were abused openly, and female members were trolled. It is out and out racism," said Desai. — PTI

Douglas Stuart wins Booker for debut novel

LONDON (TIP): New York-based Scottish writer Douglas Stuart has won the prestigious 50,000-pound Booker Prize for his autobiographical debut novel 'Shuggie Bain', beating Indian-origin author Avni Doshi's 'Burnt Sugar'.

'Shuggie Bain' is tale of love and alcoholism set in 1980s Glasgow. Stuart, 44, dedicated the book to his mother, who died of alcoholism when he was 16-year-old. "I cannot believe this. Shuggie is a work of fiction but writing the book was extremely healing for me; hugely cathartic," Stuart said.

"I always wanted to be a writer so this is fulfilling a dream. This has changed my entire life," he said in his acceptance speech. After graduating from the Royal College of Art in London, he moved to New York to start a career in fashion design. — PTI

Curbs spark protests in Berlin

BERLIN (TIP): The German police unleashed water cannon and pepper spray to scatter thousands of protesters angry about Chancellor Angela Merkel's plans to set a legal framework for enforcing Covid restrictions. Protesters near Berlin's landmark Brandenburg Gate threw bottles at the police and set off smoke bombs, witnesses reported. The riot police detained some protesters while firing volleys of water and urging crowds by loudspeaker to disperse. The police detained 190 persons and nine officers were injured. — Reuters

At least 37 killed in Uganda protests after presidential candidate Wine's arrest

KAMPALA (TIP): At least 37 people have died and hundreds have been detained in unrest in Uganda triggered by the arrest of presidential candidate and pop star Bobi Wine, police said on Friday, as the East African country gears up for elections in January.

Authorities have deployed the military across the capital Kampala and surrounding areas to help police forces disperse protesters. They have used live bullets, tear gas and water cannon in efforts to quell the unrest.

Wine, whose real name is Robert Kyagulanyi, was arrested on Wednesday while campaigning in eastern Uganda for allegedly holding mass rallies in violation of restrictions on gatherings imposed by the government to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

"Thirty-seven bodies have been counted so far," police pathologist Moses Byaruhanga told Reuters.

Police spokesman Fred Enanga said detained protesters were involved in violence including targeting members of the public who do not support Wine's National Unity Platform (NUP) party.

"What we have seen in the last few days, that is violence, vandalism, looting, intimidation and threats, are crimes that were being committed (against) people who are not pro-NUP. This is not



something that we can tolerate."

Wine, 38, was due to appear in court on Friday to be formally charged, judicial officials said.

Uganda, a nation of 42 million people, is due to hold presidential and parliamentary elections on Jan. 14, with Wine emerging as a serious threat to veteran President Yoweri Museveni, 76, who aims to extend his rule to at least 40 years.

Wine has amassed a large following among Ugandan youth, attracted by his bold criticism of the government, often in his song lyrics.

His arrest triggered immediate protests in Kampala and other major towns across the East African country. Youths have burnt tyres and other material on roads and erected barriers to block traffic, demanding his release. — Reuters

Japan, New Zealand press for open markets to boost recovery

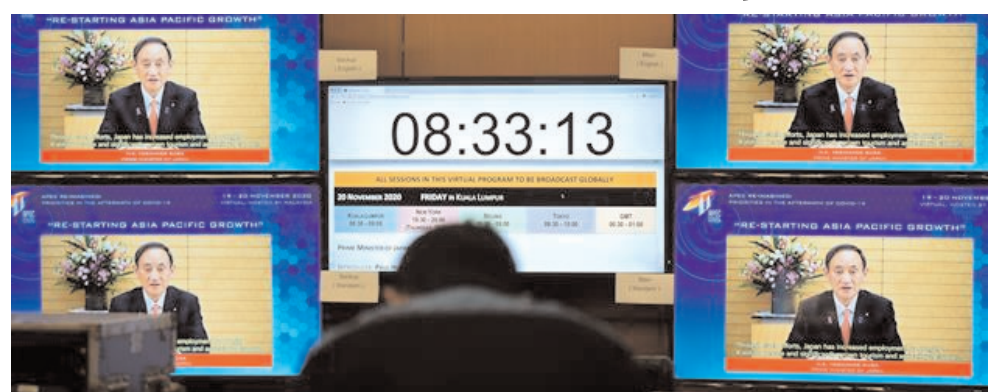
KUALA LUMPUR (TIP): Leaders from Japan and New Zealand on Friday warned countries against the temptation of retreating into trade protectionism, saying that keeping markets open is the way to restore a global economy battered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaking by video link from Tokyo to a meeting of Asia-Pacific CEOs, Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said a "free and open Indo-Pacific will be the cornerstone for the prosperity of this region."

Japan and 14 other Asian neighbours on Sunday signed the world's largest free trade agreement, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. Suga, who took office in September, said Japan will next push for a wider free trade pact among the 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.

"Amidst a risk of inward-looking temptations in the face of the slump of the global economy, making rules for a free and fair global economy is critically important," he said, adding: "While continuing to promote WTO reform, Japan will aspire for the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific."

The event came ahead of a meeting late Friday of APEC leaders hosted by Malaysia that will be conducted via video conference due to the pandemic.



Malaysian officials said US President Donald Trump, who is busy challenging the outcome of the recent presidential election, will participate.

Trump last participated in the APEC forum in 2017 and last weekend skipped the East Asia Summits, also held online. Trump, or his representative, was initially due to speak to the CEOs Friday morning but that was cancelled, with no reasons given.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who spoke to the CEOs after Suga, voiced hope that APEC leaders will agree at their meeting on new development goals for the next 20 years that focus on free trade, digital innovation, and sustainability and inclusion. "As we confront this generation's biggest economic challenge,

we must not repeat the mistakes of history by retreating into protectionism. The APEC must continue to commit to keeping markets open and trade flowing," she said.

As the APEC chair for next year, Ardern urged the APEC economies to work together to "reignite growth and plan for a long-lasting economic recovery" that is sustainable, inclusive and digitally enabled. New Zealand will also host APEC meetings virtually due to the pandemic.

The APEC's 21 member economies are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the US. AP

UK PM Johnson backs Priti Patel as minister despite bullying claims



LONDON (TIP): UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Nov 20 backed his Cabinet Minister Priti Patel, despite a Cabinet Office inquiry into allegations of bullying concluding that she had breached the Ministerial Code, albeit “unintentionally”.

While ministers are usually expected to resign if they breach the code, it ultimately rests with the Prime Minister on whether to take any action on the independent Ministerial Code adviser’s findings.

Johnson, who has consistently supported Patel ever since the allegations first emerged earlier this year, declared that he still has “full confidence” in the 48-year-old Indian-origin minister, who holds one of the UK’s highest political offices as Home Secretary.

It has, however, led to the resignation of Alex Allan, the independent adviser on the Ministerial Code, as the decision seems to go against the findings of his report.

“My advice is that the Home Secretary has not consistently met the high

standards required by the Ministerial Code of treating her civil servants with consideration and respect. Her approach on occasions has amounted to behaviour that can be described as bullying in terms of the impact felt by individuals,” his report notes.

“To that extent, her behaviour has been in breach of the Ministerial Code, even if unintentionally. This conclusion needs to be seen in context. There is no evidence that she was aware of the impact of her behaviour, and no feedback was given to her at the time,” it reads.

The report takes note of the high pressure and demands of the UK Home Office role and the need for more supportive leadership from the top of the department as a “contributory factor”.

“In particular, I note the finding of different and more positive behaviour since these issues were raised with her,” it adds.

Patel, seen as a close and loyal ally of Johnson, released a statement saying she was sorry “that my behaviour in the past has upset people”.

And, a Cabinet Office statement said the UK prime minister has “full confidence” in his Home Secretary and considers “this matter now closed”.

“He [Johnson] is reassured that the Home Secretary is sorry for inadvertently upsetting those with whom she was working. He is also reassured that relationships, practices and culture in the Home Office are much improved,” reads the government statement.

However, the issue is likely to continue to play out for some time, especially after Allan’s resignation.

“I recognise that it is for the Prime Minister to make a judgement on whether actions by a minister amount to a breach of the Ministerial Code. But I feel that it is right that I should now resign from my position as the Prime Minister’s independent adviser on the Code,” reads Allan’s statement.

The developments on Friday follow an eight-month-long saga, during which Johnson was accused of deliberately delaying action on the results of the internal inquiry which concluded a few months ago.

An investigation into bullying allegations against Patel was launched in March, with the Cabinet Office asked by the Prime Minister to “establish the facts” over whether the Home Secretary breached the Ministerial Code.

It followed the dramatic resignation of the UK Home Office’s most senior civil servant, Sir Philip Rutnam, amid allegations of bullying.

His departure as the Home Office’s Permanent Secretary is still the subject of an employment tribunal, with Rutnam pursuing a claim for constructive dismissal against the government department.

PTI

Russia jails man for 13 years for trying to pass military secrets to CIA

MOSCOW (TIP): Russia has sentenced a man to 13 years in prison for trying to pass military secrets about Russia’s Northern Fleet to the US Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Security Service (FSB) said on Nov 20. The FSB said in a statement that a court in Bryansk, southwest of Moscow, had found Yuri Eschenko guilty of state treason on November 17 and sentenced him to 13 years in a high-security facility.

Eschenko pleaded guilty and said he regretted what he had done, the FSB said. Reuters could not immediately reach a lawyer for him.

Eschenko, working in the town of Severomorsk, had a job servicing radio-electronic systems used by the Northern Fleet’s ships.

The FSB said he had copied secret documents related to weapons systems used by the Northern Fleet. He had done the copying from 2015 to 2017 with a view to selling the information on to a third party, it said.

In 2019, the FSB said he had made contact with the CIA. He was arrested in July by the FSB in the Bryansk region trying to hand over the state secrets, it said. Reuters

Mother-of-five steers new course as Gaza’s first woman taxi driver

GAZA (TIP): For Naela Abu Jibba, a mother of five who lives and works in the Gaza Strip, taking the road less travelled has become a way of life.

The first woman taxi driver in the Islamist-run Palestinian territory, the 39-year-old has become a target of sexist jibes about her abilities behind the wheel—but they pale into irrelevance beside the gratitude of her all-female clientele.

“I get lots of offensive (social media) comments, but the encouraging comments are far greater,” she said. “Some say this is a job for men, others say we (women) cause accidents, when the fact is, women are calmer and more careful drivers than men.”

Many of her passengers, who must book her service in advance, feel calmer too being driven by her than by men. “When a woman exits a hair-dresser shop, going to a party dressed and wearing makeup she feels better riding with a woman,” Abu Jibba said. Client Sousan Abu Ateila, 28, agreed. “We feel more comfortable,” she told Reuters. Abu Jibba, who has a degree in community service, started her taxi business after failing to find work. Gaza’s unemployment rate stands at 49%, with hardship deepened by border restrictions that Israel and Egypt, citing security concerns, have long maintained. Reuters

Spain to channel \$1.8 bn in EU rescue funds to 'green' hydrogen

MADRID (TIP): Spain will spend 1.5 billion euros (\$1.8 billion) from a European economic recovery fund over the next three years in developing “green” hydrogen production, which will use renewable power, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said on Thursday.

With its sunny plains, windy hillsides and gas infrastructure, Spain is keen to lead production of hydrogen using renewable resources, a process seen as key to meeting carbon emissions targets provided costs can be brought down.

Hydrogen, which is now mostly produced from fossil fuels, can be made from water using electrolysis but the process is expensive and only avoids emissions if renewable power is used.

Madrid has set a target to encourage 8.9 billion euros (\$10.5 billion) of investment, mainly from the private sector, to build electrolyzers with a total 4 gigawatt capacity by 2030.

This would give Spain 10 per cent of the EU’s hydrogen production target.



Spanish energy firm Iberdrola has applied for EU funds to expand a project spanning two sites in Spain it says will need investment worth 1.8 billion euros and could create 4,000 jobs.

Energy Minister Teresa Ribera called on Thursday for people working in green hydrogen supply chain, from researchers to potential end users, to submit details of their projects. Reuters

BEST INGREDIENTS FOR DRY SKIN

Dry skin—whether it's hereditary, caused by the environment, or is the result of some not-so-great skincare products—may seem like it would be an easy fix, but that's often not the case. You want emollient, hydrating ingredients to replenish skin, but you don't want something that's too slick or greasy. Following ingredients can be amazingly helpful for dry skin.

Hyaluronic Acid

A trending ingredient in the skincare sphere, hyaluronic acid actually occurs naturally in the body. Popularly called HA, it hydrates the skin so it appears plump with diminished lines. As it is a humectant, it draws moisture from its surroundings to deliver it to the cells. Hence one must use it in tandem with a nourishing moisturiser or an emollient like a facial oil to create a barrier on the skin.

Glycerin

Glycerin is a colourless and odourless humectant which lends itself beautifully to skincare products, especially those which promise to moisturise. It secures moisture within the cells to keep it hydrated. It is also a great ingredient to heal wounds and soothe inflammation.

Shea Butter

Shea butter has found fame in the skincare sphere for being particularly rich and nourishing. Even in its raw form, shea butter



can tame frizz and calm skin. It is an emollient which gets absorbed very easily into the skin and helps skin retain moisture so that it stays smooth and hydrated.

Vitamin E

Vitamin E is present in many different substances such as almond oil, sunflower seeds and avocados. Hence consuming them is another great way to get more benefit of it. Vitamin E is also present in skincare products because of how it protects from the drying effects of free radicals and boosts moisture levels of the skin.

Jjoba Oil

Jjoba oil makes it to our list because of how unique it is. Dry skin may bear majority of the brunt

of winter skincare problems but that doesn't mean every skin type doesn't. Jjoba oil mimics naturally produced sebum so it suits even oily and combination skin types. It nourishes naturally and is lightweight on the skin's surface without any residual greasiness.

Ceramides

Ceramides are fatty molecules located within the skin itself. They form part of the barrier so as to prevent transepidermal water loss. Hence adding ceramides to your beauty routine can do a world of good. Ceramides make skin supple and soft by keeping hydration securely within itself. They also reduce the effect of inflammation and irritation seen in conditions like eczema, flaking and peeling.

Things women need in a relationship

To Feel Loved

When women feel loved, they relax and open to us. The arguments dissipate, the sex is abundant, and their nurturing feminine energy flows throughout our lives.

Not feeling loved is the subtext of every argument that you and your partner have.

If she is unhappy that you are going out with your friends, or she's upset about her day at work, or she is only responding to you with brief snippets of sentences, then the cause is most likely her not feeling loved enough.

To Feel Safe

There is a war being waged on women's self-esteem, sexuality, and safety from a very young age.

Because of the barrage of disempowering messages being sent to women regarding their sexuality, women need to have a safe space where they feel that they can trust their partners.

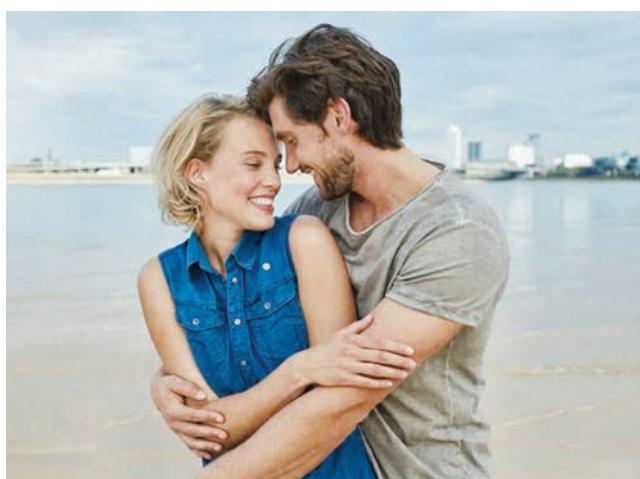
She wants to trust your strength. She wants to feel like you can handle whatever she shows you. Especially the more vulnerable things.

She wants to feel like you will not judge her if she asks for something risqué. She wants to know you won't collapse in defeat if she tells you to do it "This way" instead.

To Feel Seen

Women want to feel seen. She wants to feel you hearing her, and being aware of her emotional state.

She doesn't necessarily want you to be affected by her



emotional state, but she does want you to be witness to it.

If she is sitting across the room from you and you aren't picking up on the fact that she is suffering emotionally and on the verge of tears, she will begin to trust you less. She will think, "If he can't see that I am hurting now, how long will it take him to figure it out? Will I be suffering for days or weeks before he is aware of it or cares enough to help me through this? I guess I have to rely on myself for my own emotional support."

Life can seem extremely lonely, even within a relationship. You have to constantly show your partner that at least one person will be witness to her and her journey through life. (Hint: that person is you.)



By Tript Arora

CONNOISSEUR'S CHOICE



MALAI KOFTA

Malai Kofta is a vegetarian dish made on special occasions. There are so many recipes for this lip smacking dish. But the authentic one is fried cottage cheese dumplings in rich onion, tomato and cashew gravy finished with cream. The cottage cheese is crushed with the palm of a hand till it achieves a creamy smooth texture just like malai. The gravy is also silky smooth. Both koftas and gravy melt in the mouth. The dumplings are fried on a slow flame so that they are cooked well from inside but should not get brown from outside.

We Need

200 gm Cottage Cheese, 2 Tsp All purpose Flour, 1 Tsp Corn flour, 2 Tsp Milk Powder/ Khoya, 6 pieces Cashew Nuts, 8 pieces Raisins, ½ Tsp Salt, Oil for frying

For Gravy

1 Big Onion, 4 Tomatoes, 8 pods Garlic, 1" Ginger piece, 1 Green Chilli, 12 pieces Cashew Nut, 2 Green Cardamom, 2" Piece Cinnamon, 2 Tbsp Butter, 2 Tbsp Cooking Oil, ½ Tsp Turmeric Powder, ½ Tsp Red Chilli Powder, 1 Tsp Kashmiri Red Chilli Powder, 1 Tbsp Kasuri Methi, 1 Tsp Sugar, Salt to taste, 100 gm Cream.

Here We Go

- Grate or crumble Cottage cheese in a wide bowl. Add all purpose flour, corn flour & milk powder or khoya. Now with the help of your palm mash and mix everything till smooth. The whole dough should be very smooth just like malai. Add a little salt.
- Chop cashew nuts and raisins finely. Set aside.
- Now grease your hands with oil and take a small ball out of the dough. Flatten it. Put a small amount of cashew and raisin mix. Now cover the mix with the dough shaping it like a ball. Prepare all the koftas like this. This mix will approximately make 10 koftas .
- Heat oil in a pan. Keep the flame to low and fry all koftas till they are fully cooked and are of golden brown colour. Set aside.
- For the gravy roughly chop onions, ginger ,tomatoes, green chilli and garlic.
- Heat oil in a pan and add onions. When these are transparent add ginger, garlic, cashews and tomatoes. Add salt, turmeric and red chilli powder. Saute till the tomatoes are mushy. Add 1 cup water and cover the pan. Cook for ten minutes turning it in between. After ten minutes, switch off the flame and let it cool.
- When the masala is cooled completely add it to a grinder jar and grind to a smooth paste.
- Heat a pan , add butter and oil. When heated add green cardamom and cinnamon. Roast for ten seconds till the flavours are incorporated in the butter.
- Take out the masala from the mixer jar and add it to the pan. Adjust the consistency with milk or water. I prefer milk. Crush kasoori methi in your palms and add this to the gravy. Cover the pan and let it simmer for five minutes on low flame or till the gravy leaves oil.
- Finish the gravy with cream and switch off the flame.
- To serve line up koftas in a pan and pour hot gravy on it. For garnish pour some fresh cream over it. Serve hot with garlic naan for awesome results.

Tips: Add cream after Switching off the flame otherwise it will curdle. The Cottage cheese should be mashed vigorously to achieve a perfect smooth texture of the Koftas. Don't Brown the Koftas.



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'SINGH THATTHA' TO PROTECT BEARDED DOCTORS ON COVID DUTY

A UK research team's innovative beard covering technique, dubbed as the 'Singh Thattha', which enables bearded medics to wear a well-fitting respirator mask while on frontline COVID-19 duties without the need for shaving has proved effective in initial trials.

The team, led by Professor Gurch Randhawa from University of Bedfordshire and Dr Rajinder Pal Singh, sought to work on a solution following numerous calls by Public Health England (PHE) to protect doctors from ethnic minorities, including Sikh, Jewish and Muslim communities, who tend to have beards for religious reasons.

"Because shaving was a mandatory pre-requisite for wearing respirator masks, many members of the faith-observant bearded community, such as Sikh, Jewish and Muslim, have been affected and have had to face the dilemma of redeployment from frontline healthcare jobs involving exposure to COVID-19," said Randhawa, Professor of Diversity in Public Health at the University of Bedfordshire and Director of the university's Institute for Health Research.

"Redeployment to other areas



incurs a loss of skillset and need for re-training, and junior doctors have had their training impacted," he said.

Randhawa recalls a similar situation in the US from back in 2005, when a faith-observant bearded Sikh man was denied the position of a corrections officer in California as the job required staff to occasionally wear a respirator mask. 'NBC News' reported at the time that Kamala Harris, the then Attorney-General and now Vice

President-elect, was unable to support the appointment as the beard would pose a problem as the policy mandated gas-mask fitting.

"In both of these scenarios, the common theme was that the beard was considered to be an impediment to the wearing of a respirator mask. The other common principle was the concern for the health and safety of the employee. There was no alternative choice, or maybe, it was unexplored," recalls Randhawa.

Masks don't impair lung function during physical activity

Wearing a facemask helps limit the spread of Covid-19 by reducing respiratory droplets and aerosols spewed into the air when people breathe, talk, laugh, sneeze, or cough, a new study suggests.

But the physical barrier created by masks has prompted concerns that they might impair the cardiopulmonary system by making it harder to breathe, by altering the flow of inhaled oxygen and exhaled carbon dioxide, and by increasing dyspnea -- a medical term that describes shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, especially during physical activity.

In a new study, published in the Annals of the American Thoracic Society, a team of American and Canadian researchers concluded that while sensations of dyspnea might increase, there is little empirical evidence that wearing a facemask significantly diminishes lung function, even when worn during heavy exercise.

"There might be a perceived greater effort with activity, but the effects of wearing a mask on the work of breathing, on gases like oxygen and CO2 in blood or other physiological parameters are small, often too small to be detected," said the study's first author Susan Hopkins, MD, PhD, professor of medicine and radiology at University of California San Diego School of Medicine.

"There's also no evidence to support any differences by sex or age in physiological responses to exercise while wearing a facemask," added Hopkins,



who specializes in exercise physiology and the study of lungs under stress.

The single exception, the authors note, maybe persons with a severe cardiopulmonary disease in which any added resistance to breathing or minor changes in blood gases could prompt dyspnea great enough to affect exercise capacity.

KEEP YOUR LEGS STRONG

When we are old, our feet must always remain strong. As we age, we should not be afraid of our hair turning grey or skin sagging or wrinkles appearing.

Among the signs of longevity, as summarized by the US Magazine "Prevention", strong leg muscles are listed right on top, as they hold the rest of the body.

If you do not move your legs for two weeks, your legs will lose strength which will decrease your age by 10 years.

A study from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark found that for both old and young, during the two weeks of inactivity, the legs muscle strength got weakened by a third which is equivalent to 20-30 years of aging.

As our leg muscles weaken, it will take a long time to recover, even if we do rehabilitation exercises later. Therefore, regular exercise like walking, is very important.

The whole body weight/load falls on the legs. The feet are kind of pillars, bearing the weight of the human body. Interestingly, 50% of a person's bones and 50% of the muscles, are in the legs.

The largest and strongest joints and bones of the human body are also in the legs. "Strong bones, strong muscles, and flexible joints form the "Iron Triangle" that carries the most important load on the human body." 70% of human activity and burning of energy in one's life, is done by the two feet.

Do you know this?

When a person is young, his thighs have enough strength to lift a small car! The foot is the center of body locomotion.

Both the legs together have 50% of the nerves of the human body, 50% of the blood vessels and 50% of the blood flowing through them.

It is the large circulatory network that connects the body.

It's only when the feet are healthy that the convention current of blood flows smoothly, so people who have strong leg muscles will definitely have a strong heart.

Aging starts from the feet upwards. As a person gets older, the accuracy and speed of transmission of instructions between the brain and the legs decreases, unlike when a person is young.

In addition, the so-called "Bone Fertilizer Calcium" will sooner or later be lost with the passage of time, making the elderly more prone to bone fractures.

Fractures in the elderly easily trigger series of complications, especially fatal diseases such as brain thrombosis.

Do you know that 15% of elderly patients die within a year of a thigh-bone fracture.

Exercising the legs, is never too late, even after the age of 60 years.

Although our feet gradually age with time, exercising our feet is a life-long task.

Only by strengthening the legs, can one prevent further aging.

Please walk for at least 30-40 minutes daily to ensure that your legs receive sufficient exercise and to ensure that your leg muscles remain healthy.

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Opera Integrates Player Feature on Browser

Opera is integrating a Player feature on its desktop browser that will give users quick access to music streaming platforms like Apple Music, Spotify, and YouTube Music. The new Player feature can be accessed in the browser's sidebar, below the Messengers section. Playback can be controlled with standard playback buttons on the keyboard or by hovering over the Player icon in the sidebar, where a mini playback control menu will appear. Users can remain logged in to all three music streaming platforms and alternate between them.

The Player in Opera will pause whenever you start streaming an audio file or a video in a tab, and automatically resume music playback once it's over. Users will be able to stream songs from Apple Music, Spotify, and YouTube Music, and browse without having to juggle tabs, apps, or devices. If you don't want this feature to appear on your Opera sidebar, you can switch it off in the browser settings.

Google Home App Gets Intuitive Multi-Speaker UI

Google Home app gets a new update, bringing along a more intuitive UI that allows for ease in controls for multi-room or multi-speaker playback. The new update also reinstates Assistant Routine triggers via the app. Each Routine inside the app now has a play button next to it, and you can even choose the device on which the routine should be started on. The latest Google Home app update also brings new Preferred activities feature that allows you to ramp up Wi-Fi performance on specific chosen activities. The latest Google Home update bumps version to 2.31 and it brings along a host of new features. The most notable is a new intuitive UI for music controls for multi-room and multi-speaker setup. This new UI lets you easily decide which speaker should be playing the music and the app also allows for volume control for that speaker. You can easily play music on multiple speakers at once, and control their volume individually.

Dropbox Spaces Gets New Features

Dropbox Spaces has added new features and improvements to help make collaborations better. Dropbox Spaces was launched as a virtual collaborative workspace last year. The new Spaces features several sections that are interlinked. Teams can use Dropbox Spaces to collaborate on content, communicate with each other, and coordinate projects. With everything accessible on one platform, users won't have to jump between apps to access files. The enhanced Dropbox Spaces is available in private beta right now but is expected to have a wider rollout soon.

Microsoft unveils highly-secure Pluton chip for Windows PCs

Microsoft has unveiled a new security chip called Pluton that has been designed to protect the future Windows PCs. The Pluton security processor will provide next-generation hardware security protection to Windows PCs through future chips from AMD, Intel and Qualcomm, the tech giant said in a statement late on Tuesday.

"In collaboration with leading silicon partners AMD, Intel, and Qualcomm Technologies, we are announcing the Microsoft Pluton security processor," said David Weston, Director of Enterprise and OS Security.

"This chip-to-cloud security technology, pioneered in Xbox and Azure Sphere, will bring even more security advancements to future Windows PCs and signals the beginning of a journey with ecosystem and OEM partners," he added.

Microsoft Pluton is built directly into future CPUs and will replace the existing Trusted Platform Module (TPM), a chip used to secure hardware and cryptographic keys.

"This revolutionary security processor design will make it significantly more difficult for attackers to hide beneath the operating system, and improve our ability to guard against physical attacks, prevent the theft of credential and encryption keys, and provide the ability to recover from software bugs," Weston elaborated.

The TPM is a hardware component which is used to help securely store keys and measurements that verify the integrity of the system.

TPMs have been supported in Windows for more than 10 years and power many critical technologies such as Windows Hello and BitLocker.



The Pluton design removes the potential for that communication channel to be attacked by building security directly into the CPU.

"Windows PCs using the Pluton architecture will first emulate a TPM that works with the existing TPM specifications and APIs, which will allow customers to immediately benefit from enhanced security for Windows features that rely on TPMs like BitLocker and System Guard," Microsoft explained.

Windows devices with Pluton will use the Pluton security processor to protect credentials, user identities, encryption keys, and personal data.

SpaceX capsule, carrying 4 astronauts, docks with International Space Station



Four astronauts riding a newly designed spacecraft from Elon Musk's SpaceX docked with the International Space Station Monday night, in the first crewed mission on a privately built space capsule purchased by NASA.

SpaceX's Crew Dragon capsule, dubbed Resilience by its crew of three Americans and one Japanese astronaut, docked at 11:01 pm EST (7:01 GMT), 27 hours after launching atop a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The space station, an orbital laboratory about 250 miles (400 km) above Earth, will be their home for the next six months. After that, another set of astronauts on a Crew Dragon capsule will replace them. That rotation will continue until Boeing joins the program with its own spacecraft late next year.

The Resilience crew includes

Crew Dragon commander Mike Hopkins and two fellow NASA astronauts — mission pilot Victor Glover and physicist Shannon Walker. They are joined by Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi, making his third trip to space after previously flying on the US shuttle in 2005 and Soyuz in 2009.

Another US astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts are aboard the space station from a previous mission.

"Welcome to the ISS. We can't wait to have you onboard," said Kate Rubins, a US astronaut already on the space station.

Before receiving its flight certification from NASA last week, SpaceX's Crew Dragon had been under development for roughly a decade under a public-private NASA program started in 2011 to revive the agency's human spaceflight capability.

TikTok expands parental controls, adds new search restrictions

Chinese short-video making app TikTok has expanded a privacy feature where parents will have more options over what their children can see and restrict comments on their content.

Parents will now be able to restrict who can comment on their kids' videos, who can view their account and who can see what videos they've liked.

Parents will also be able to stop their kids from searching for videos, users, hashtags or sounds.

TikTok already offers the ability for parents to turn off or limit direct messages, reports The Verge.

The new options are all part of TikTok's Family Pairing feature. The update is a big step from TikTok.

In February 2019, the company paid \$5.7 million to the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) over alleged violations of a children's privacy law.

In April this year, the short video-sharing platform announced to introduce 'Family Pairing' which gives parents more control over their children, by linking their own account with their kids, with a caveat that children have to approve this.

The move gives parents more control over the user activity of their kids as they can set controls on 'Screen Time Management', 'Direct Messages' and 'Restricted Mode'.

However, parents still need to get their kids' approval to agree to have their accounts linked under the new system.



Indian drug firms recall various products in US market

Indian drug firms like Marksans Pharma, Aurobindo Pharma, Zydus and Jubilant are recalling products in the US market, as per the latest enforcement report by the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA). While Marksans's Pharma is recalling diabetes drug, Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) is recalling drug which is used to reduce stomach acid. Similarly, Aurobindo Pharma (USA) is recalling pain-relieving drug, while Jubilant Cadista is recalling a medication used to treat schizophrenia.

As per the USFDA, Marksans Pharma is recalling close to six lakh bottles of diabetes drug Metformin Hydrochloride extended-release tablets in strengths of 500 mg and 750 mg in the US market.

Britain's Lloyds resumes plan to close 56 branches

Lloyds Banking Group has resumed plans to shutter 56 branches across its own, Halifax and Bank of Scotland brands, impacting 160 jobs, union Unite said in a statement on Wednesday, November 18. Lloyds had shelved the 56 branch closures earlier in the Covid-19 pandemic to focus resources on helping staff and consumers cope with the fallout from the crisis.

"We paused these closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic and, after careful consideration, these planned closures will take place in March and April 2021," a Lloyds spokeswoman said, adding there would be no compulsory redundancies.

Unite criticised the move, which comes after Lloyds cut more than 1,000 jobs earlier this month.

Oil rises on hopes for delay to OPEC+ supply increase

Oil prices firmed on Wednesday as hopes that producer group OPEC and its allies will delay a planned increase in oil output to offset a bigger than expected build in US crude inventories.

Brent crude futures rose 53 cents, or 1.2%, to \$44.28 a barrel by 1046 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude gained 44 cents, or 1.1%, to \$41.87. "Oil prices today are modestly rising on hopes that OPEC+ will decide to postpone its planned production increase in January and on the latest vaccine euphoria," said Rystad Energy's head of oil markets, Bjornar Tonhaugen. US companies Pfizer and Moderna have raised hopes of containing the Covid-19 pandemic with reports of high success rates for their coronavirus vaccines.

FAA clears the decks for Boeing Maxaircraft

NEW DELHI (TIP): India's aviation regulator said on Wednesday, November 18, it is awaiting formal communication on the decision of the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to allow Boeing Co.'s 737 Max planes to resume flights after a prolonged grounding.

Arun Kumar, who heads the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), did not elaborate.

FAA approved the "return to service" of 737 Max with extensive fixes. The US aviation regulator grounded the aircraft in March 2019, which was followed suit by DGCA, after the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max near Addis Ababa on March 10, killing 157 people, including four Indians, and another Lion Air crash in October 2018 that killed 180 people in Indonesia.

"FAA has identified the required return-to-service activities for operators of the 737 MAX and heightened surveillance and tracking of those related activities for aviation safety inspectors," FAA said in a notice on its website on Wednesday.

The new airworthiness directive issued by FAA for 737 Max aircraft operators requires the installation of new flight control computer software, revising the existing aeroplane flight manual to incorporate new and revised flight crew procedures, installing new



Max display system software and performing an operational readiness flight, among others.

Following the FAA decision, aviation regulators worldwide, including DGCA, are expected to shortly begin steps to permit the operation of the 737 Max.

Currently, SpiceJet Ltd is the only Indian airline operating the aircraft with 13 737 Max planes in its fleet, according to

data from the airline's website.

"The FAA today rescinded the order that halted commercial operations of Boeing 737-8s and 737-9s. The move will allow airlines that are under the FAA's jurisdiction to take the steps necessary to resume service and Boeing to begin making deliveries," Boeing said in a statement.

(Source: Livemint)

Reliance's retail arm acquires 96 percent stake in Urban Ladder for Rs 182 crore

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Industries' retail arm has picked up 96 per cent stake in online furniture retailer Urban Ladder for over Rs 182 crore.

"Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries (RIL), has acquired equity shares of Urban Ladder Home Decor Solutions Pvt Ltd for a cash consideration of Rs 182.12 crore," RIL said in a statement on Saturday.

The investment represents 96 per cent holding in the equity share capital of Urban Ladder, it added.

"RRVL has a further option of acquiring the balance stake, taking its shareholding to 100 per cent of the equity share capital of Urban Ladder," it said.

Besides, RRVL has proposed to make a further investment of up to Rs 75 crore in Urban Ladder.

"The further investment is expected to be completed by December 2023," it said.

This acquisition will help RIL in bolstering its presence in the fast-growing e-commerce segment and widening the bouquet of consumer products provided by it as it looks to compete with e-commerce majors as Amazon and Flipkart.

"The aforesaid investment will further enable the group's digital and new commerce initiatives and widen the bouquet of consumer products provided by the group, while enhancing user engagement and experience across its retail offerings," the statement said.

According to RIL, no governmental or regulatory approvals were required for the investment.



Apple leads US smartphone market in Q3, Samsung 2nd

While Apple's share of the market in the US, the continued success of the iPhone 11 series and the iPhone SE 2020 helped Apple maintain its position as the market leader.

Samsung with 30 per cent share witnessed double-digit year-on-year (YoY) growth as the A-series and the premium Galaxy Note 20 and Galaxy S20 series devices all performed well against other Android competition, according to a new report from Counterpoint Research.

South Korean company LG trailed at the third position with 13 per cent market share.

Apple has been the US smartphone market leader since Q3 2017. iPhone sales remained strong in the September quarter despite the delayed launch of the iPhone 12.

"Quarter-on-quarter, Apple had a good rebound due to strong sales of the iPhone 11 and the iPhone SE 2020 in July and August," said Research Director Jeff Fieldhack.

"These were the last months that many received extra unemployment benefits and stimulus check money, which helped grow sales due to pent up demand," he said in a statement.

Consumers did delay their iPhone purchase in September, but the demand for iPhones in the first two months of the quarter outweighed this decrease.

"Q4 will likely see Apple's sell-in share rise even higher as all iPhone 12 variants will be available for purchase and carriers are already giving customers better deals than last year's iPhone 11 launch promos," Fieldhack said.



Shree Ganeshaya Namah



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE NOV 23-26, 2020

ARIES: Peace and calm now descend on you and yours. It had to come. There was nothing left for Ganesha to give you, and He had a mind to be generous. Work, strife, confrontations are all handled with this new mind - set and nothing can upset you. Success comes to you no matter what you turn to. A truly enviable state of being, and richly deserved. Once again, what more can I add?

TAURUS: "All people matter to you now," as Kipling said - and highly. Family, children, loved ones, spouse / partner, parents, in - laws, extended family, neighbors, colleagues - receive help, love, support in your new, caring avatar. New ventures, projects, proposals, partnerships (fine P's, all of them) take off smoothly and existing ones are revamped or speeded up. In turn, you yourself feel cherished, loved, cared for, as never before.

GEMINI: Power and glory, not only from your inner strengths, but in this material world we live in - from money! And this trend will last through the year and spill over into this period as well. Joint - funds, loans, capital, trusts, family income, even domestic expenses - you attend to all and seek to improve and enhance them. Likewise, leases, legal matters and issues. If you are to reckon the profits, accruals, benefits, they are emotional as well as financial. Greater contentment, great spirituality, too.

CANCER: Contacts, communications, reaching out by all possible means and media - that's the theme now. Opportunities for travel, too, in this theme, naturally. If you work in the arts, the media, in publicity related fields, you now excel at what you're doing, and gain well - deserved plaudits, glory recognition. Ganesha's generosity knows no bounds, does it?

LEO: It's back to money matters once again. You really need to swing back and forth, coping with the cornucopia of plenty that Ganesha sends you! And that means hard work, but you're not shy of that. Stocks, shares, mutual and marital funds, profits, capital formation - the possibilities are endless. So also, almost the rewards that come your way thick and fast. Esteem, respect, social standing and status, above all, your own greatly enhanced self - image. But some caution will be necessary, too.

VIRGO: Once again, hard work and matching rewards. So, says Ganesha, you really have no cause to complain. Exciting possibilities, equally exciting success in your ventures. Once again, though, Ganesha advises caution, restraint, care in negotiations. Don't make rash or hasty commitments or investments. Read the fine print, study the hidden clauses. You may be riding the crest of a wave, but you have to ensure you don't come crashing down.

LIBRA: Accomplishments, targets, achievements, success by whatever name you choose to call it. And lots of possessions, acquisitions, luxuries, assets that are objects of beauty as well as wise investments. The rewards come in all shapes, sizes, hues and textures. The details I can only leave to your imagination, and your individual horoscope. All I can say is, you've worked hard for them.

SCORPIO: Glory, growth, and of course, Ganesha. Nothing could be more awesome in splendor than these great G's. Your cup of happiness, fulfilment, joy, truly, runneth over, as it says in the Bible. Truly, the Good Book has it all in terms of expression. At least for you, Scorpios, as you stand on the threshold of this period.

SAGITTARIUS: The vital role that relationships and good communication play will be very obvious to you now. Interactions in the family circle with friends, and also with colleagues and superiors may see a few clashes/stand-offs, though they are cordial and pleasant for the most part. Also, a desire to enhance your skills/expertise/knowledge, acquire greater learning both as an asset and for the sheer joy and satisfaction of it!

CAPRICORN:- Targets and goals are what you will be focused on, in a very big way, as you go into over-drive in the work scenario. It may be linked to a new or changed job, a promotion, or even a more profitable line of work. Property and home issues, too, along with loans, funds, enhancement of these two, and your other assets, on the financial scene, all come together to keep you busy indeed. I can foresee your determination and dedication!

AQUARIUS:- In your own birth sign, you surge ahead in the 2 D's I've mentioned last week, along with the 3 D's of demands - that you make on yourself, and those that others make on you, so that you are more than ever aware of the need to earn more, to provide more, to invest more.

PISCES:- The kind of flat-out slogging you've embarked on since the new moon phase is difficult to sustain indefinitely, so you decide to relax, have a bit of fun. Love and romance, parties, the social circuit, all these and leisure pursuits/hobbies/recreation, too, acquire a touch of glamour and glitz. To round it all off, Ganesha's luck at wins, windfalls, legacies, clever investments, too, comes your way.

Birthday Horoscope November 23 - November 29, 2020

NOV 23: A partner's optimism and inventiveness come in handy when conflicts (young vs. old?) arise, so don't feel you have to face them alone. Try not to let minor annoyances stand in the way.

NOV 24: Even if someone you know is adept at pulling your strings, that doesn't mean you have to give up control. Still, consider the possibility that someone may know what's best for you.

NOV 25: Lucky encounters or exchanges can have a positive effect on your life. At any rate, be open to bright new ideas about what to do next.

NOV 26: The Sun Ganesha say is the prelude to an active if not hectic period concerning your love and social life, children, self-expression, recreation, and travel. But the stepped-up pace can be agreeable and fun.

NOV 27: Mercury generates not only talk, but also plenty of activity in regards to friends,

goals, children, creativity, love, travel, and recreation. But be careful not to be too "pie in the sky" in your thinking.

NOV 28: Though something feels right to you, it may not be evident to others. Try not to resent the tendency of others to resist change in favor of defending the status quo.

NOV 29: The outlook is clouded for the advancement of work and service matters and health. You may have to contend with distractions and will wonder at times where the truth lies.

The festival, majorly celebrated in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh, began on November 18

The auspicious four-day long Chhath festival began on November 18. Chhath Puja is majorly celebrated in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. However, now, devotees from other places too mark the festival with much fervour. The festivities begin with Nahay Khay, followed by Kharna on Day 2. The main puja revolves around the Sun God and devotees worship him during sunset and sunrise.

To thank the Sun Lord for sustaining life on Earth, devotees observe fast, offer their prayers and conclude the puja by worshipping Chhathi Maiya. Chhath Puja is believed to be the only Vedic festival dedicated to Surya (the Sun God).

This festival begins on the Chaturthi of Shukla Paksha and is celebrated till Saptami Tithi. While Chhath Puja starts with Nahay Khay, it ends with Usha Arghya. Chhath will be celebrated from November 18 to November 21.

November 18: Nahay Khay

On this day, devotees wake up early, take a bath and wear new clothes. People prefer to take a dip in the rivers to begin their vrat and do sankalpa to observe the vrat with utmost devotion. Then, they take the blessings of Chhathi Maiya and begin the puja.

The meal consists of curry prepared with bottle guard (Lauki) and chana daal and rice. The food prepared for Nahay Khay is satvik. Those devotees performing Chhath Puja eat the meal cooked by them and others are offered it in the form of prasad. That's the first and last meal for the devotees for the day.

November 19: Kharna

On the second day, Kharna is celebrated. Devotees observe Nirjala vrat from sunrise to sunset. They break their fast only after offering prayers to the Sun God during sunset. On this day, devotees prepare kheer as prasad.

November 20: Sandhya Arghya

The main day of Chhath Puja is on the Shashthi of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month. On this day, people observing the festival offer Sandhya Arghya to Sun God.

November 21: Usha Arghya

The last day of Chhath Puja is observed on the seventh day of Shukla Paksha of Kartik month. Devotees break their fast (do the Parana) on this day after offering their prayers and arghya to the rising sun.

Interestingly, sunrise and sunset timings are of great significance because they represent the cycle of birth and death.

Devotees offer their prayers to Surya Devta to thank the Lord for sustaining life on Earth. Women observing Chhath Puja are known as the Parvaitin. They pray from the happiness, prosperity and well-being of their families.

People light lamps with pure ghee and offer flowers and fruits to the Sun God. The prasad includes kheer, sweets, Thekua, rice laddoos, fruits (sugarcane, sweet lime and banana) is offered in a small bamboo soop winnows.

Legend of Chhath Puja

According to a legend, there was a king



named Priyabrat and his wife Malini. They were unhappy because they had no child. So they decided to perform a special sacrifice (Yagya) under the guidance of Maharishi Kashyap. As a result of the sacrifice, Queen Malini got pregnant, but unfortunately she delivered a dead child.

The king became very upset and he decided to sacrifice his life. Suddenly, the goddess Manas Kanya "Devsena" appeared before the king and said: "Oh King, I am Goddess Khashti. I am the incarnation of the sixth part of the universe. Worship me sincerely for six days with pure mind and soul, and you will be blessed with a child." The king and the queen worshipped the goddess and they were subsequently blessed with a very beautiful child. From then onwards people began the worship of Chhathi Maiya (Shashti Goddess) and celebrating Chhath Puja festival.

Story of Pandavas

Another story is from Mahabharata. Pandavas faced a lot of troubles during their exile in the forest and one day Draupadi started crying. Seeing this, Yudhishthira approached Sage Dhoomya and sought his advice to find a solution to their problems.

Dhoomya Muni advised Yudhishthira: "Listen to my words, Yudhishthira. The food grains essential for preserving life on earth are the form of Sun God and hence Sun God is regarded as their father. People who worship Sun god with pure heart on the sixth and seventh day

of Shukla Paksha in the Kartik Month and chant the 108 names of Surya will be blessed with power, prosperity and wisdom."

Enlightened by hearing the wise words of Sage Dhoomya, Yudhishthira started worshipping the Sun God with sincere devotion. Pleased by his devotions, the Sun god appeared before Yudhishthira and gave him a copper vessel having magical power. The vessel would prepare four types of food for them and it will last till Draupadi took her meal. Thus their problems were sorted out. Hence, it is believed that if the Sun god is worshipped during Chhath Puja, our desires will be fulfilled and we will be relieved from all our sufferings.



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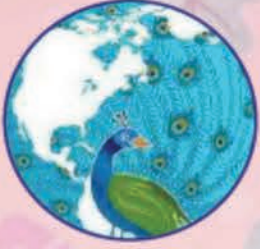
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EXPLORE KERALA, THE JEWEL OF SOUTH INDIA

The multicultural state of Kerala along India's southwestern coast is a land of sandy beaches, sleepy backwaters, rolling tea plantations, pristine wildlife preserves and a calendar packed with colorful festivals.

Chinese fishing nets of Kochi

The giant cantilevered fishing nets you'll see along the coast near Fort Kochi were likely brought to Kerala by Chinese explorer Zheng He during the 14th and 15th centuries. These nets, silhouetted against the sunset, have become one of the most recognizable images of Kochi.

A melting pot of religions

Hinduism ranks as the largest religion in Kerala, practiced by some 54 percent of the population. The state is one of only a few places where all major religions have coexisted peacefully for centuries. You'll find Hindu temples, as well as churches, mosques, Jain temples, Buddhist monasteries and synagogues.

Aanayootu, feeding of elephants

During July and August each year, devotees crowd the grounds of Vadakkumathan Temple for the Aanayootu festival. It is believed that by feeding elephants an Ayurvedic meal of sugarcane, rice, coconut, ghee, jaggery and medicines, worshippers will please Lord Ganesha, the elephant-faced Hindu God known to remove obstacles.

Village of metal mirrors

The village of Aranmula is known for its fine metallurgy. The Aranmula Kannadi, a metal mirror handmade in the village, is believed to bring prosperity into the home. It's one of eight auspicious items typically displayed at important functions, like weddings.

Forts and palaces of Kerala

Kerala's long line of rulers have led to the construction of numerous forts and palaces over the centuries. Bekal Fort, among the biggest in the states, rises 130 feet above the sea. The fort was built between 1645 and 1660 from laterite bricks.

Kerala cashews

Cashews have been a commercial export from Kerala for centuries. Cashew nut trees, likely brought to Kerala by Portuguese traders, thrive in Kerala's tropical climate. You'll find the heaviest concentration of cashew processing facilities in the Kollam district. Here, the nuts are roasted, shelled, peeled and packed to ship around India and the world.

The beaches of Kerala

Beaches line the Kerala coast from top to bottom, each offering a place to go for a swim or soak up the sun. The waters of Varkala Beach are believed to purge the body and soul of impurities. This is one of the only beaches in Kerala with cliffs towering over it.

Kozhikode Beach

Walk along Kozhikode Beach, and you'll likely find vendors selling tea, snacks, ice cream, fresh fruits and seafood. The beach gets busy in the evening hours, when Keralites come to watch the sunset from the sand.

Judaism in Kerala

Kerala has been home to a Jewish community for as long as 2,000 years. The first Jewish traders likely came to the region during the time of King Solomon. Chendamangalam Synagogue was built



by Kerala's Malabari Jews; some of the oldest surviving tombstones in the synagogue cemetery date back to 1269.

A land of waterfalls

Kerala's hilly landscape and abundant rainfall give it some of the most stunning waterfalls in India, 27 of them in total. Many of them, like this waterfall in Gavi, make an ideal setting for a picnic lunch.

Kerala's backwaters

Visitors from around India and the globe come to Kerala to explore its serene backwaters. Board a traditional houseboat – a thatched-roofed, wooden-hulled barge once used to carry rice and spices. Some 500 of these houseboats ply the backwaters of Alappuzha alone.

Lighthouse Beach

A candy-striped lighthouse stands 118 feet above the rocky beach in Kovalam. The Vizhinjam Lighthouse, built in 1972, ranks among the area's most popular attractions. Visitors can climb the spiral staircase or ride an elevator to the top for sweeping coastal views.

The art of Kathakali

As Kerala has gained international prominence in recent decades, the performance art known as Kathakali has become a symbol of the state. This 300-year-old tradition combines drama, dance, music and costumes to retell stories from Indian epics. The makeup is just as important as the costume.

Munnar

The hills of Munnar, set 5,200 feet above sea level, have served as a cooling summer resort dating back before the British Raj. The hill station is known for its tea plantations and variety of resorts favored by honeymooners.



Rafael Nadal overpowers Tsitsipas to reach ATP semis

Rafa Nadal's hopes of winning the year-ending ATP Finals for the first time live on after the Spaniard beat defending champion Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4 4-6 6-2 on Thursday, Nov 19.

The last round-robin match in the London Group had become a straight knockout with both men having lost to Dominic Thiem and beaten Andrey Rublev earlier in the week.

But it was Spaniard Nadal who always appeared the more likely winner despite a lapse which allowed Tsitsipas to extend the contest into a decider at a near-deserted O2 Arena.

After a flurry of service breaks at the start of the third set, the 34-year-old Nadal showed all his experience to pull away and reach the semi-finals for the first time in five years.

As group runner-up behind Austrian Thiem, he will face Daniil Medvedev for a place in the final with the Russian already assured of top spot in the Tokyo Group.

World number one Novak Djokovic plays Alexander Zverev on Friday with the winner to play Thiem in the other semi-final.

New FIFA rules to protect female players' maternity rights

Female soccer players should soon get their maternity rights protected under new employment rules announced Thursday by FIFA. The governing body of soccer is preparing to mandate clubs to allow at least 14 weeks of maternity leave paid at a minimum two-thirds of a player's full salary. National soccer bodies can insist on more generous terms.

"Her club will be under an obligation to reintegrate her into football activity and provide adequate ongoing medical support," FIFA said.

Any club that ended a player's contract for becoming pregnant faces having to pay compensation and a fine, and being banned from the transfer market for one year.

"The idea is to protect female players before, during and after childbirth," FIFA chief legal officer Emilio Garcia said on a conference call.

The move is seen as a key step in professionalizing women's soccer — and respecting players' family lives — after a successful 2019 World Cup and more investment by elite clubs in having a women's team.

United States forward Alex Morgan, a World Cup winner last year, signed with Tottenham in September, four months after giving birth to her first child. She played her first game this month.

The rules, created with help from world players' union FIFPro, are expected to be approved by the FIFA Council next month and would take effect on Jan. 1.

'Bumrah, Shami good but we too have Starc, Hazlewood and Cummins'

The build-up to an India-Australia series is incomplete without some verbal warnings. India's first-ever unbeaten run — In their 2018-19 tour, India won the Test and ODI series and drew the T20Is — may have levelled things up a bit from being overwhelmingly in favour of the hosts but Australia wicket-keeper batsman Alex Carey gave a glimpse of the past while discussing the pace attacks of both the sides.

Carey understands 'how good' Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami can be but he also wants India to understand the quality of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood.

"We understand how good Bumrah and Shami are but we also understand how good and quality players we have in the Australian side," said Carey replying to a Hindustan Times question during a selected media interaction ahead of the three-match ODI series starting on November 27.

"David Warner and Aaron Finch at the top have had some success against the Indian seamers. We'll discuss Bumrah and Shami... also Chahal and Jadeja and all the Indian bowlers but I'm also very excited about seeing Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc run in. We've got Adam Zampa and Josh Hazlewood too," Carey's words and tone not downplaying the



threat of Bumrah and Shami by any means but striving to put the Starcs and Hazlewoods in the similar league if not at a higher pedestal.

Carey is not far from reality. In fact, his assessment of India and Australia bowling attacks being one of the best match-ups in the world currently is pretty apt.

Bumrah, Hazlewood and Cummins sit handsomely among the top 10 ODI bowlers according to the current

rankings. And one obviously doesn't need the assistance of rankings or even stats to know what damage Starc and Shami can inflict.

"When you line-up both teams head to head you've got some serious players. We have regular meetings on what our strengths are and the areas that maybe we are exposed. India have got some real strength in the bowling department it should really lead to an exciting game one," Carey said. (Source: HT)

Lewis Hamilton sees bright and diverse future for changing F1

Seven times Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton says he is confident his sport has a bright and more diverse future but he will not take his foot off the accelerator in pushing for change. The Mercedes racer, Formula One's first Black driver and champion, told Reuters Television in an interview that he also looked forward to more success with a team that has dominated the past seven years.

The Briton is Formula One's most successful driver, equalling Ferrari great Michael Schumacher's record seven titles and smashing the German's records for most career wins, with the Briton now on 94.

"This year there has been this awakening," said the 35-year-old, who sealed his seventh title, and sixth with Mercedes, after winning in Turkey last weekend. "Already it has sparked a change but it's really important that it's not just symbolism, it's important that it's not just words... that we take real action to make change, to make this a more diverse sport."



ICC tweaks Test championship rules, shifts women's T20 World Cup

DUBAI (TIP): Teams will be ranked based on the percentage of points earned from completed matches to determine the finalists of the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC) next year, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Thursday, Nov 19.

The sport's global governing body also decided at its board meeting to shift the women's T20 World Cup, originally scheduled for 2022 in South Africa, to 2023.

The change in WTC rule, prompted by the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, allowed Australia (82.22%) to leapfrog India (75) to the top of the standings even though Virat Kohli's men had accumulated more points.

England (60.83) are third, followed by New Zealand (50).

ICC chief executive Manu Sawhney said ranking teams based on points earned from completed matches reflected their performance and "doesn't disadvantage teams that have been unable to compete all of their matches through no fault of their own".

The ICC board also decided against extending the WTC cycle to allow teams complete their quota of matches.

"We explored a whole range of options, but our members felt strongly that we should proceed as planned with the first ever World Test Championship Final in June next year," said Sawhney.

Six Test series, including four involving Bangladesh, have been postponed or cancelled because of the pandemic.

The nine top Test teams were originally scheduled to play six series each over two years in the WTC, with the top two making the showcase final in London.

The ICC also decided against putting three major women's events in 2022, shifting the T20 World Cup in South Africa to 2023.

Next year's 50-overs World Cup in New Zealand had already been postponed to 2022 following the COVID-19 crisis.



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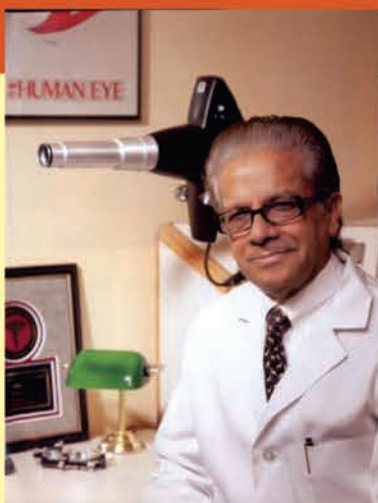
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